

object. The anchoring place in Simon's Bay, is situated in the lat. of 34 deg. 20 min. S. and its long. is 18 deg. 29 min. E. In steering for the harbour, along the western shore, there is a small flat rock, known by the name of Noah's Ark; and about a mile to the N. eastward of it, are others, denominated the Roman Rocks. These are a mile and a half distant from the anchoring place; and either to the northward of them, or between them, there is a safe passage into the bay. When the N. westerly gales are set in, the navigator, by the following bearings, will be directed to a secure and convenient station: Noah's Ark S. 51 deg. E. and the center of the hospital S. 53 deg. W. in 7 fathoms water. But if the S. easterly winds should not have ceased blowing, it is more advisable to remain farther out in 8 or 9 fathoms water. The bottom consists of sand, and the anchors, before they get hold, settle considerably. About two leagues to the eastward of Noah's Ark, stands Seal Island, whose southern part is said to be dangerous, and not to be approached, with safety, nearer than in 22 fathoms water.

On Tuesday the 9th of May, signal was made for unmooring, and, about noon, we took our departure from Simon's Bay. We had now provisions, live stock, water, and naval stores, aboard in great plenty: also healthy crews, in high spirits, wishing for nothing but a fair wind to shorten our passage home. On the 14th, we got into the S. E. trade wind, and stood to the W. of the islands of Ascension and St. Helena. Wednesday, the 31st, we were in lat. 12 deg. 48 min. S. long. 15 deg. 40 min. W. On Saturday the 10th of June, the Discovery's boat brought us word, that, in exercising her great guns, the carpenter's mate had his arm shattered in a shocking manner, by part of the wadding being left in after a former discharge; another man was slightly wounded at the same time. On the 12th, it began to blow very hard; and continued so till the next day, when we crossed the line to the northward, for the fourth time during our voyage, in the long. of 26 deg. 16 min. W.

On Saturday the 12th of August, we descried the

western coast of Ireland, and endeavoured in vain to get into Port Galway, but were compelled by violent southerly winds, to stand to the N. The wind continuing in the same quarter we made the island of Lewis.

On Tuesday, the 22nd, about eleven o'clock A. M. both ships came to anchor at Stromness in Scotland: from whence the Commodore sent Captain King to inform the Lords of the Admiralty of our arrival.

On the 30th, we arrived off Yarmouth, in company with his Majesty's sloops of war the Fly and Alderney. Our boats were immediately sent on shore for provisions, and for a spare cable for our small bower, that we had being nearly worn out.

On the 4th of October, 1780, the Resolution and Discovery reached the Nore in safety; and, on the 6th, dropped anchors at Deptford, having been absent four years, three months, and two days.

It is very extraordinary, that in so long and hazardous a voyage, the two ships never lost sight of each other for a day together except twice; the first time, owing to an accident that happened to the Discovery off the coast of Owhyhee; the second, to the fogs they met with at the entrance of Awatska Bay, a striking proof of the skill and vigilance of the subaltern officers. Another circumstance, no less remarkable, is, the uncommon healthiness of the companies of both ships. When Captain King quitted the Discovery at Stromness, he had the satisfaction of leaving the whole crew in perfect health; and, at the same time, the number of sick persons on board the Resolution did not exceed two or three, only one of whom was incapable of service. In the whole course of the voyage, the Resolution lost no more than five men by sickness, the Discovery not one. A strict attention to the excellent regulations established by Captain Cook, with which our readers have been made acquainted, and the use of that excellent medicine, Peruvian bark, may justly be deemed the chief causes, under the blessing of an all-directing Providence, of this extraordinary success.

