



THE CATARACT OF NIAGARA,

IN CANADA.

THIS amazing fall of water is made by the river St. Lawrence, in its passage from Lake Erie into the Lake Ontario. The St. Lawrence is one of the largest rivers in the world, and yet the whole of its waters are discharged in this place by a fall of a hundred and fifty feet perpendicular. It is not easy to bring the imagination to correspond with the greatness of the scene. A river extremely deep and rapid, serving to drain the waters of almost all North America, which flow into the Atlantic Ocean, is here poured precipitately down a ledge of rocks, which runs, like a wall, across the whole bed of its stream. The river, a little above, is nearly three quarters of a mile broad ; and the rocks, where it grows narrower, are twelve