

ceeding from Kampschatka, up the Northern Archipelago, and by the island of Alaschka into the Northern Ocean ; that he *undoubtedly found it practicable* to pass the straits ; though, as I have just mentioned, it might be late in the summer before he could accomplish it. I make no doubt, but those straits are navigable every year ; sometimes sooner, sometimes later in the summer, according to the variable courses of the ice, the winds, &c. Should our navigator have been wintering in Siberia, or Nova Zembla, he may probably not clear the ice on those coasts till May or June ; and consequently, in this case, we should not expect him in England till August or September next. — I will now consider his passage to England the other way. Provided he left Kampschatka by the end of June last, and comes home by the way of China and the Cape of Good Hope, without attempting the North East Pas-