

the *Ægyptian*, is known, by every common Sailor in the Navy, to reign three successive Months in the Year, in one of which the *French* Fleet must have pass'd these Parts of the Seas; where Fogs that conceal more effectually than the darkeſt Night all Objects which pass within the Length of a Ship, must have saved the greatest Part of that Fleet which they were sent to destroy? A Place to which they never might arrive, or never be seen if they did. The Consequence of their being sent has evidently proved the Truth of this Observation.

WHAT shall then be said in Favour of that Man, who ordered the *English* Navy from those Parts where the Enemies Fleet must inevitably pass, to one where they might not have been ordered to sail? To desert a Part in which they must be visible to all the Squadron, for one in which they would probably be enveloped in a Cloud, like *Æneas* secured from the Eyes of all Beholders? What is this but sending Ships the long Voyage to *America*, with the greatest Risque of missing in those Seas that which they must have met in the *British* Channel? Is not this the first Instance of an Understanding that has presided over Fleets and Armies, that preferred a *may be*