

wished-for Straits; and, running to the Southward, and leaving the Alaschkan island out of sight *astern*, and bidding farewell to arctic stars and grinding ice, I would anchor him safe in the Kampfchatkan port.—To realize this fond imagination, would be to quench the thirst of a noble ambition, which has reigned in the minds of men, and, at different periods, has perplexed and baffled the skill of the ablest mariners, for upwards of two centuries past. The ships that should perform the arduous task, would be as worthy of renown as those of Columbus and of Magellan; and would deserve as eminent a place in the starry regions of the North, as ARGO NAVIS did in the Southern hemisphere. The BRITISH TARS, who should accomplish this glorious voyage, would be entitled to a more meritorious reward, than those Argonauts who fetched the gold.