

If Capt. Clerke had advanced so far in his passage North-about from Kampschatka, as to have cleared Nova Zembla to the Westward, he must, barring accidents, have arrived in England by the end of November at the latest. There is a possibility, however, nay a probability, that his ships may have received damage in the ice, by being so late in the year in the Northern Ocean : and, in this case, he may be put into Lapland to repair ; and may be compelled to winter there, or in some other Northern parts, from whence no intelligence can be received. Let us hope, that he and his brave crew are in safety somewhere ; and that, if it is their fate to winter in the icy regions, they have found means to build themselves a house, as Barentz and his brave crew did 183 years ago.—Upon the whole, I am of opinion, that, if Capt. Clerke continued in his seeming resolution of proceeding