

Winds in Winter, and the cold Fogs and Mists obstructing the Sun's Beams in the short Summer we have here ; for notwithstanding the Snow and Ice is then dissolved in the Low-lands and Plains, yet the Mountains are perpetually covered with Snow, and incredibly large Bodies of Ice continue in the adjacent Seas. If the Wind blows from the southern Parts, the Air is tolerably warm, but insufferably cold when it comes from the northward, and it seldom blows otherwise than between the north-east and the north-west, except in the two Summer Months, when we have, for the major part, light Gales between the east and the north, and Calms:

The northerly Winds being so extremely cold, is owing to the Neighbourhood of high Mountains, whose Tops are perpetually covered with Snow, which exceedingly chills the Air passing over them. The Fogs and Mists that are brought here from the Polar Parts, in Winter, appear visible to the naked Eye in Icicles innumerable, as small as fine Hairs or Threads, and pointed as sharp as Needles. These Icicles lodge in our Cloaths, and if our Faces or Hands be uncovered, they presently raise Blisters as white as a Linnen Cloth, and as hard as Horn. Yet if we immediately turn our Backs to the Weather, and can bear our Hand out of our Mitten, and with it rub the blistered Part for a small time, we sometimes bring the Skin to its former State: If not, we make the best of our way to a Fire, and get warm Water, wherewith we bathe it, and thereby dissipate the Humours raised by the frozen Air ; otherwise the Skin would be off in a short time, with much hot, serous, watry Matter coming from under along with the Skin ; and this happens to some almost every time they go abroad for five or six Months in the Winter, so extreme cold is the Air when the Wind blows any thing strong.

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