

harbour during that interval; but his stay was too short, and his time too much occupied, to permit his compliance with their request, that, in like manner as he had given them such an interesting account of Arctic discoveries by sea, he would also communicate to them the result of those land expeditions, which were sent out at different times, to explore the northern parts of the North American Continent, to ascertain, by another mode, where the northern shore of that vast region, was washed by a sea, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

At length, however, the time came, when the boys were to have their laudable curiosity gratified. Captain Mackey, about the middle of September, making for the harbour of Waterford, had met the equinoctial gales, which, blowing with the fierceness of a hurricane, had carried away his main-yard, unshipped and washed away part of his rudder; and, whilst the ship was no longer under the guidance of the helm, had driven it ashore in Tramore Bay, happily without the loss of life or limb to any one aboard. The loss of the cargo would have been a serious injury to her owners. By the good seamanship, however, of Captain Mackey, and the weather becoming moderate, she was got off the next tide, and towed, in this crippled state, to her old birth at the quay, where she was unloaded and laid down for repairs.