

## CHAPTER IX.

Increased Extent of open Water in the Offing.—A Travelling Party despatched to the Northward.—Unsuccessful attempt to raise Vegetables on shore.—Decease of James Pringle.—A Party of Esquimaux build Huts near the Ships.—Return of the Travellers, and account of their Journey.—First Appearance of the Plants.—Birds become numerous.—Commence cutting a Canal through the Ice for liberating the Ships.—Illness and Decease of John Reid and William Souther.—Breaking up of the Ice in the Bay.—Account of Winter Island.—Abstract of Observations made there . Page 309