

event: this increases rather than diminishes as the distance becomes shorter, and the happy moment approaches.

Influenced by such feelings, how necessary, too frequently, are prudence and reflection to regulate and control the violence of the emotions of the mind, and prepare it for any unexpected change in the existing auspicious appearances! I was, upon this occasion, again taught this lesson.—About twelve o'clock, while indulging the fond idea of soon reaching home, which, from the appearances of the moment, I considered must be realized, the wind being quite favourable, the weather particularly fine, the entrance of the harbour but a short distance from us, and two pilots on board, who entertained no doubt of the vessel reaching Warren Point with the tide that was then flowing, I went below for a little, and on returning upon deck, to my great surprise, and perhaps disappointment, found the vessel enveloped in a thick fog. This circumstance rendered our arrival in