

to the *Moone* and her *motions*. This (as I remember) is *Aristotles* definition of a *Meteore*, That it is, *An* *Aristoteles, I. Meteor. I.* *imperfect mixt body, generated out of an infirme and inconstant concretion of the Elements; which therefore cannot be durable.* Now the *Monson*, is both constant in his continuance this yeere, and in his returne next yeere; most constantly keeping his seasons halfe yeere one way, and halfe yeere another way, for all ages: nothing more constantly or durably; and therefore nothing like *Aristotles Meteore*. And so for the *Thunder* vpon the *Andes*: it is first perpetuall; secondly, not caused by a *dry exhalation*, (as *Aristotle* wills) but hanging ouer such hils as are couered with snow and a perpetuall winter. Witnesse the *Thunder* on the *Alpes* also: yea and that in the middle of the Sea, 500. leagues from shoare, or any thing that is dry. Yea, it frequently both *Snoves* and *Thunders* vpon the *Andes*, at one instant: and in *dry* places that are hard by, scarce euer *Thundering*.

But not to passe the *Line* for it; You see in this little Booke, how *Charlton Island*, which is no more Northerly then your *Cambridge*; is yet so vn-sufferably cold, that it is not habitable: and that there encounter so many different, (at least so seeming) occurrences of nature, as were well worth the disquisition of a *Philosopher*. I could, (in my smal reading) instance in many many other particulars: which I had rather should be found out by some industrious searchers after *Nature*, in the *Moderne Relations* of our *Discoverers*, then in this my short *Proposition*. Tis not to be doubted, but that the carefull reading of our *Books of Voyages*, would more elucidate the *History of Nature*, and more conduce to the improuement of