

have been carried many trees, and whole skeletons of sea animals, to the height of 30 fathoms, or more, above the surface of the sea [above the common water mark, or level]: from which our author judges, that, in the year 1737, there happened, likewise, here [in this island] such an inundation as that at Kamtchatka.

Earthquakes happen [here] several times in the year. The most violent, that was observed, was in the beginning of February, which, during a westerly wind, lasted exactly six minutes; and before it was heard a noise, and a strong wind, under ground, with a hissing, which went from south to north.

Among mineral things, which are found in that island, one may reckon, as the most remarkable, the fine waters, which, upon account of their pureness and lightness, are very wholesome: and this virtue of them was observed upon sick people, with advantage, and the desired satisfaction. With regard to the plentifulness of them, there is not a valley but what has a stream running through it; and the number of them all together exceeds sixty; among which there are some, which are from 8 to 12 fathoms broad; and some are two, and some even 5 fathoms deep, when the water is high; but there are few such, and the greater part of them is extremely shallow at the mouth; because that they have a very rapid course, on account of the steep slopes of the vallies, and that near the sea they divide into many rivulets.