

A VOYAGE for the

February. and the Earth round the Bushes and Trees to thaw. The Snow in the Paths melted. Where the Snow was a Yard or more deep on the Sides of the Banks, that nearest the Bank for a foot or more was like shingly Pieces of Glass, having been thaw'd and froze again, though there was no Alteration as to the upper or outer Snow. The Earth might be pierced with a Knife a small Way in, and would crumble. Upon putting your Hand close upon, or into the Snow, there was not that intense Coldness as was to be felt in *November* and *December*. If Snow fell upon your Hands, it immediately melted, not becoming Ice as formerly.

Upon the Eighth, there came several large Flocks of what they call Spring-Birds, as they always come in the Beginning of this Season. They are the Size of a Hedge-Sparrow, the Feathers of their Back and Breast brown like a Sparrow's, black under their Beak, but the Feathers of their Belly of a faint Red.

Upon the Thirteenth, at Night, we had a total Eclipse of the Moon, the Sky clear; but there was no Observation made for want of Instruments: And whatsoever may be pretended by the *Mineralist* and *Draughtsman*, he could not be able to fix the Longitude, as he had no other Instrument than a common three Foot Spying-Glass, and had made no preceeding or succeeding,