

# JOURNEY TO THE SHORES

OF

## THE POLAR SEA.

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### CHAPTER VIII.

Transactions at Fort Enterprise—Mr. Back's Narrative of his Journey to Chipewyan and Return.

1820.  
September. DURING our little expedition to the Copper-Mine River, Mr. Wentzel had made great progress in the erection of our winter-house, having nearly roofed it in. But before proceeding to give an account of a ten months' residence at this place, henceforth designated Fort Enterprise, I may premise, that I shall omit many of the ordinary occurrences of a North American winter, as they have been already detailed in so able and interesting a manner by Ellis\*, and confine myself principally to the cir-

\*Voyage to Hudson's Bay in the Dobbs and California.