

this description, accompanied with remarks on the depth, temperature, and saltness of the sea, and with a meteorological journal, would contain much interesting and valuable information, and throw great light on the natural phenomena of these unexplored regions.

The depth of the sea in Baffin's Bay has been determined beyond doubt by Brown to be more than a mile. It is not unusual in April (the time the Greenland vessels arrive in Davis's Straits) for Fahrenheit's thermometer to stand at 10° or 22° below freezing.

Considerable diversity of opinion prevails respecting the form of Greenland, which is conjectured by some to bend to the Westward, and, joining the continent of America, to form the vast and supposed gulf of Baffin's Bay; by others, to be one large island; and by a third class, to be a cluster of islands intersected by a variety of channels running from sea to sea, but so blocked up with ice as to render the passage between them impracticable. In a journal before me it is mentioned that a strong current