

W A C O U S T A ;

OR,

THE PROPHECY.

CHAPTER I.

THE night passed away without further event on board the schooner, yet in all the anxiety that might be supposed incident to men so perilously situated. Habits of long-since acquired superstition, too powerful to be easily shaken off, moreover contributed to the dejection of the mariners, among whom there were not wanting those who believed the silent steersman was in reality what their comrade had represented, — an immaterial being, sent from the world of spirits to warn them of some impending evil. What principally gave weight