

emigrations going on, and representations of a spirit, from which the immediate and total devastation of the country is predicted \*. The discussions contained in the preceding parts of these remarks, render it unnecessary to enter into any particular refutation of this assertion. It must, however, be observed, that this representation (as well as the particulars that are given of the artifices of individuals to delude the people) appears to have been transmitted from the Island of Benbocula, one of the principal stations of the kelp manufacture †. No reference is given in the Report, to the authority on which the facts are stated; and the tenor of the accompanying remarks may at least give room to doubt the candour and moderation of the narrator, a circumstance of no less importance than his veracity, for ascertaining the credibility of his information.

\* Third Report—page 1 and 2.

† This island is a part of the Long Island, concerning which some particulars are stated in page 119; sufficient to enable the reader to judge what grounds there are for apprehending a total devastation.