

consequences demands the utmost deliberation and also liberal provision for the persons engaged in the expedition. It may therefore appear trivial, and probably be received as an unnecessary hint, that, independently of the comforts of warm clothing, double or even greater stock of provisions, and such other indispensable articles as experience or prudence may suggest, a supply of oil of turpentine should be given to each vessel, as the application of that liquid to any part of the body in a frozen state, will prevent inflammation and its miserable consequences. Parties going ashore, on the investigation of natural objects, or making astronomical observations, should be provided with a quantity of the same material, and they will recollect this advice with satisfaction; and, this object in view, I have little doubt of being excused for intruding a gratuitous opinion.

From a desire that the reader should form correct notions of this part of our subject, I have subjoined a sketch of the countries around the North Pole, see Chart I., which, although done on a small scale, will convey a tolerably exact view of the state of the north polar regions. The Polar Chart is not intended to display more than the outlines, and a few leading circumstances, and for particulars the reader is referred to the respective charts of those countries.