

P R E F A C E.

IN order that the object, and a few other particulars, of my voyage towards Repulse Bay, may be fully understood to my readers, I venture to solicit their attention to a short preface, which is intended to explain such circumstances as are essential to those who do me the honour of perusing my journal.

It may be remembered that in Captain Parry's second, or last, voyage, sufficient reasons are advanced, to favour the supposition that a Western portion of the Polar Sea, lies at no great distance across Melville Peninsula from Repulse Bay, and that