

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS

OF

CAPTAINS PARRY, ROSS,

AND OTHERS.

THE very great interest which the Voyages of Capt Parry have excited in the public mind, cannot but render a narrative of the occurrences valuable to all classes of readers. The journals already published embrace a voluminous account, interesting to nautical and scientific men, but of little importance to the general reader.

The narrative presented in the succeeding pages embraces only those incidents which will lead the reader to appreciate more than ever the blessings he enjoys, under the protection of just laws, mildly and equitably administered. It is said that history is philosophy teaching by examples, when the reader is introduced to a knowledge, that there are many of his fellow men who have a very limited supply even of the necessaries of life, with the almost entire privation of those social and other comforts which are placed within the grasp of almost every individual of the British empire, how will he be led to be satisfied in the station of life assigned him ; and instead of murmuring that he has not *all* he desires, he will feel sentiments of gratitude that his comforts are so numerous as they are. To draw such conclusions is the proper duty of the reader ; and then only education becomes useful to society, when the information