

those of the same kind before described, would probably have been oftener seen, but for the glare of the sun upon the eyes in viewing an object so near it. Perhaps it has also been seen in other climates; here it is, I believe, most frequent in the spring, and I have never noticed it after the summer temperature has commenced.

Shortly after the sun's re-appearance, it not unfrequently happened about noon, that a part of the low shore to the southward of the ships appeared, by the effect of refraction, to be raised and separated, forming a long narrow streak of a dark colour, like a cloud, suspended for a few minutes above the land, in a position nearly horizontal.

In this case the land, or other distant objects, may be seen over them, though there is near them always a mistiness, to which they perhaps owe their origin. Although, however, the winter atmosphere of these regions is seldom free from numberless minute particles of snow, which are abundantly deposited upon anything left in the open