

Winterton Ness, in the county of Norfolk, until I had been in the latitude of 82; and had made so much **E**asting, as to be come to my desired meridian for a Southerly course. *Ever avoid the land, my polar navigator*, beyond the lat. of 74, *if you mean to avoid your enemy the ice*. —Our great and lamented discoverer, Capt. Cook, when he went on his expedition towards the South pole, could not get within 18 degrees, or 1080 miles, of it. In the latitude of 71, he found the ice like a floating continent;—it totally stopped his progress to the Southward;—he coasted it, but could find no fair openings: whereas, in the same parallel of latitude of 71 North, nay to 74, there are no such interruptions in the summer. This is a convincing proof to me, that there is more land towards the South than towards the North Pole; for it is the land and fresh water, not the sea, that produces the ice. I do suppose,
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