

Horn. The author of Anson's voyage, however, from fatal experience, advises mariners to keep clear of these freights and islands, by running down to 61 or 62 deg. south lat. before they attempt to set their face westward, towards the South-Seas; but the extreme long nights and intense cold in those latitudes, render that passage practicable only in the months of January and February, which there is the middle of summer.

I N A S I A.

TOWARDS the north-east, are Yesso, Kamtschatska, and other countries or islands, which the Russians are daily discovering, but are imperfectly known even to that court, and supposed to be joined to North-America, or very near that part of the globe.

Below the Molucca isles, in the East-Indies, are New-Guinea, Carpentaria, New Holland, Dieman's Land, and, a little farther, New Zealand; regions discovered by the Dutch and English about the middle of the last century, and are supposed to be a vast continent, entirely separated from Asia or America; but our knowledge of them, even at this time, is very imperfect, our navigators having only sailed along the coasts, which stretch from the equator to 44 deg. of south lat. by whom we learn that the natives are black, go naked, and in some places are very numerous.

Besides these countries, the Europeans are daily making discoveries of islands that are scattered up and down the Pacific ocean; and it is generally believed that there are many large tracts of land towards the south-pole, of which at present we know nothing.