

ripen well, apples pulled in proper time, withered afterwards, and all fruits even not house ones were without their usual favour.

The consequence of this deplorable state of the weather has been more extended distress than I believe this country ever knew, and it is to be feared that we are not at the end of our miseries, as all history shows great sickness and mortality is an unavoidable consequence of scarcity and dearth of good provisions.

I must now acknowledge that I fear we have not come to the end as yet of this distempered state of the Atmosphere? but as this idea depends upon a surmise that is originally caused by the chemical action of the amazing quantity of gunpowder that has been exploded during the last 25 years;

As I am mentioning gunpowder, I shall just say that I believe it to be like the Croesus ignis of Antiquity. Take that celebrated composition as given by Gancivollus in his second book, page 288, rerum memorabilium sec. deperitarum, from Robertus Valturius, who ascribes it to the emperor Leo, which of them is not mentioned, but we know that it was used against the Mahometans before the year 675.

As I have several Hygrometers, which give me satisfaction I beg leave to describe those which seem to me the most accurate. These are two different ones, placed close together. The first is the common circular one, with the satin board Index, which is usually affixed to wheel Barometers.

An under current in the straits of Gibraltar being denied by many, I beg leave to mention the following fact which seems to support it. In any room where there is a fire, if a door be opened the flame of a candle placed in the doorway; if near the top, goes outward; if in the middle, ascends perpendicularly; if near the bottom, comes inward.

of the nearest headlands, where the current must be strongest; the spot being accurately marked out by the headland when the cord is all run off, the wooden frame and vane is then to be gently launched into the sea, and its course to be distinctly marked by as many boats as possible can.

I hope I shall not be accounted too presuming if I venture to give an occurrence which happened to myself, and which seems to call in question the received theory of the tides. In August 1792 when at Venice I took some pains to examine the tides there. It was at the time of their smallest rise, which are called neap tides.

Unpublished MS. by the late Dr. Sims, of Bath.

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Table with columns: Names, Agents, For, To Sail. Lists various ships and their destinations.

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