

What we have now said on the great eminences of the earth, may also be observed on the greatest depths of the sea. The vast and highest seas are nearer the equator than the poles ; and there results from this observation, that the greatest inequalities of the globe are in the southern climate. These irregularities on the surface of the earth, are the causes of an infinity of extraordinary effects : for example, between the Indus and the Ganges, there is a large peninsula, which is divided through its middle by a chain of high mountains called the Gate, and which extends from north to south, from the extremities of Mount Caucasus to Cape Comorin ; on one is the coast of Malabar, and the other Coromandel ; on the side of Malabar, between this chain of mountains and the sea, the summer season lasts from September to April, during which the sky is serene and dry ; on the other side the Coromandel the above period is their winter, and it rains every day plentifully ; and from the month of April to the month of September is their summer, whereas it is winter in Malabar ; inso-much, that in many places, which are scarcely 20 miles distant, we may, by crossing the mountains, change seasons. It is said that the same