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PROOF OF THE THEORY OF THE EARTH.

ARTICLE XI.

OF SEAS AND LAKES.

THE ocean surrounds the earth on all sides, and penetrates into the interior parts of different countries, often by large openings, and frequently by small straits; it forms mediterranean seas, some of which participate of its motions of flux and reflux, and others seem to have nothing in common with it except the continuity of water. We shall follow the ocean through all its extent and windings, enuwol. II. B. merating