

BOOK II.

OF METEOROLOGY:

COMPREHENDING A GENERAL SKETCH OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GLOBE; AND OF THE DISTRIBUTION AND MUTUAL INFLUENCE OF THE AGENTS AND ELEMENTS OF CHEMISTRY IN THE ECONOMY OF NATURE.

IN the First Book, we have endeavoured to convey some notion of the “limits which the Deity has been pleased to prescribe to his own power;” or in other words, to briefly describe the properties of the different subordinate agents and elements of our globe; and their laws of operation. We come now, to consider a little more closely, the general distribution of these agents and elements; and the principles upon which this distribution is regulated; so as to produce all the wonderful results, which we see constantly going on around us, in nature.

In the present state of the world, as we have already observed, the general tendency of its constituent principles, seems to be toward a state of equilibrium, or repose. But a very super-