

too, precisely where their infringement, both in kind and degree, is indispensably necessary to organic existence. Now, we appeal to the most inflexible sceptic regarding the argument of design and ask him, on what other principle, unless that of express adaptation and design, can two such general laws have been infringed, exactly in those instances in which their infringement is wanted, and no where else? Of the sophistry by which the evasion of this plain question may be attempted, we are quite ignorant. But we cannot resist the conviction, that one purpose of the arrangement has been to confound the presumptuous sceptic; who is thus perpetually reminded of the infringement of his boasted "laws of nature," by the very water he drinks, and by the very air he breathes.

With respect to the foreign bodies in the atmosphere, which have been treated of in the last section, it remains to observe, that though of very opposite characters, they have yet this resemblance; that they all apparently exist less on their own account, than as being the inevitable results of general laws established for a higher purpose. Such results of general laws, may be considered as analogous to the coldness and darkness, which necessarily prevail around the poles, from the earth's position in relation to the sun: and they have been alike