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ARTICLE XV.

OF IRREGULAR WINDS, HURRICANES, AND OTHER  
PHENOMENA, CAUSED BY THE AGITATION OF  
THE SEA AND AIR.

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**T**HE winds are more irregular on the land than on the sea, and in high places than in low. The mountains not only alter the direction of winds, but even produce some which are either constant or variable according to different causes. The melting of snow upon the summits of mountains, generally produces constant winds, which sometimes remain a considerable time; the vapours that are stopt by mountains accumulate there, and produce variable winds, very frequent in all climates: and there are as many variations in the motions of  
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