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THE Faroe Islands, situated between 61°.26 and 62°.25 N. latitude, and 6°.17 and 7°.43 longitude west from Greenwich, are twenty-twoin number, of which seventeen are inhabited.

Most of them may be compared to the summits of mountain ridges, rising out of the ocean, and generally running in a direction from north-west to south east, attaining an elevation of nearly 3000 feet, and usually with deep water close to the land, which often rises in perpendicular cliffs to a height of 1200 and 1500, and in one instance to above 2000 feet ².

The soil is principally composed of vegetable earth, mixed with the decomposed matter and debris of different varieties of trap-rocks, of which (excepting Suderoe, Myggenæs, and Tindholm, where there occur beds of coal and clay) these islands consist.

Some of the mountains are covered with grass, but most of them towards their summits produce only mosses and lichens, particularly *Trichostomum lanuginosum* and *canescens*, which attain above one foot in length.³

1 Read (in part) in the Natural History Section of the British Association at Ediaburgh, September 11. 1824; and published in the Ediu. New Phil. Jour. for Jan. 1835, in which, owing to a proof not being received in time, several errors escaped which are here corrected. — Jan. 1. 1835. — I have lately revised the calculations, and edded some more tables regarding the weather etc. W. C. T. Florence, June 1837,

2 For a description of this last mentioned cliff, as seen under circumstances of peculiar interest, see Scoresby's Journal of a Voyage to the Northern Whale Fishery, p. 368.

3 The following is a note of the elevation at which some plants occur on the south-

The climate is generally mild, but damp, frequently visited by fogs and stormy winds, though not so subject to rain ' as might have been expected. The extremes of heat or cold are seldom felt in these islands, as is well shewn by the annexed thermometrical tables, which I have drawn up from observation made at Thorshavn, in Faroe, during the years 1781, 1782, 1798, and 1799, from which it appears that the mean annual temperature of that place is $(44^\circ c + 36)^2$ and that of the months of June, July, August and September (...)

It may be interesting to remark, that the observatious which I made during part of the year 1821, afford nearly the same results, though they were taken in various parts of the islands, not at very regular hours, and at elevations varying from the level of the sea to 70 feet above it.

With so low a temperature in summer, it cannot be supposed that many exotic species of corn or fruit can flourish; in fact, the only grain which is generally cultivated is a hardy variety of barley (the Scotch Big), and that does not always ripen ³. Oats and rye

east side of the mountain Mallingsfiall, in the island of Videroe, as observed by Dr Forchhammer and myself, on July 18.1821. -

Feet 1088 Salix herbacea (first plant).

1382 Dryas octopetala (one plant only), Botrychium lunaria, Thalictrum alpinum, Azalea procumbens, Veronica alpina.

1530 Dryas octopetala (frequent), Papaver nudicaule (one plant), Salix arctica. 1950 Papaver nudicaule (frequent). Arabis petræa.

2000 Sibbaldia procumbens, Azalea procumbens.

2300 to the summit 2366 Salix herbacea and arctica, Empetrum nigrum, Rhodiola rosea, Silene acaulis, Cerastium alpinum, Vaccinium myrtillus. Polygonum viviparum, Oxyria reniformis, Saxifraga oppositifolia and palmata, Armeria vulgaris, Sibbaldia procumbens, Alchemilla alpina, argentea and vulgaris, β pubescens.

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I am not aware of any observations having been made regarding the *quantity* of rain which falls in these islands. I have added to this reprint a table of the wind and weather from observations kept in Thorshavn during several years. — June 1837.

2 This temperature which appears high for the latitude of Thorshavn is probably influenced by the Gulf Stream which occasionally brings tropical seeds and other productions to the shores of these islands.

3 In 1821, the corn harvest commenced on September 10. According to Dr Forch-

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have been tried, but seldom with success. Turnips and potatoes thrive well.

Frosts, which are not frequent, and seldom severe, are occasionally of long duration. About the middle of December 1815, one commenced, which lasted till April 1816, and having come when the ground was covered with snow some inches deep, the surface of which had thawed, the freezing of this prevented the sheep, one of the most important productions of the islands, from obtaining their food, so that a very large number of them perished, as many, it is said, as 30,000. In the island of Stromoe, out of 16,517, there were lost 7870, or nearly onehalf.

The coal and fossil wood occurring in it and in the clay which accompanies it, are evidence, but probably in a very different state of things, of the former existence of timber here; ² although it may, indeed, have been floated into this locality, and subsequently elevated into its present situation, as appears to have been the case with regard to the surturbrand of Iceland, and in other parts of the globe.

In the peat-bogs occur the remains of birch trees, which do not now grow in these islands, having probably been extirpated by being used as fuel.

The Flora contains (as far as hitherto ascertained) 583 plants ³, viz.

hammer 's observations, cultivation of corn extends in a southern exposure to a height of 200 feet, and in a northern, to 100 feet above the sea. See a Danish periodical entitled, "For Histoire og Statistik," 1822, p. 170-

1 Lyngbye, in "For Histoire og Statistik, " 1822, vol. i. p. 133.

2 Of the fossil wood I had some thin sections made which were examined by Mr. Macgillivray of Edinburgh, who considered it as belonging to the *Coniferæ* and having the characters of the genus *Peuce*, but differing from any species which had been published, he proposed naming it *Peuce ferroensis*; I regret that having lost the notes which Mr. M. gave me regarding it, I am not able here to mention its specific characters.

3 Among the above are not reckoned *varieties*, which would increase the number to 593.

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The numbers and proportions of the principal families of the phenogamous plants are as follow:

Number of Species.	Proportion to whole Phenogamo Vegetation,		Proportion to whole Phenogamous Vegetation.
24	Cyperaceæ,	20 Compositæ,	· · · · · · · · 3
27	Gramineze, 9	3 Umbelliferæ,	: <u>9</u> 0
14	Junccæ,	9 Saxifrageæ, .	. · 30
- 6	Orchideæ, 45	12 Rosaceæ, .	22
6	Amentaceze, 45	4 Leguminosæ,	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
10	Polygoneæ, 27	17 Caryophyllacea	e, 15
6	Plantagineze, 45	16 Cruciferæ, .	ı 6
6	Labiatæ, 45	10 Rannnculaceæ	, 2 7 .
11	Scrophularineæ, 24		
N	IONOCOTYLEDONES.	CYPERACEAE.	
PISTIACE	AE.	Eriophorum vagin	atum
Lem	na polyrhiza	angus	stifolium
Турнаси	AE.	polys	itachy on
Spai	ganium nalans	Scirpus maritimus	3
ALISMAC	EAE.	Eleocharis palustr	
Pota	mogeton pusillus, L. 1	cæspite	5 3

lucens acicularis natans fluitans Zostera marina Carex dioica

perfoliatus

1 Those plants after which the lettler L. is placed, are given on the authority of Lyngbye, those marked H. on that of Horneman, the remainder were chiefly gather ed by myself in 1821.

pauciflora, L.

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Cares pulicaris incurva, L. arenaria stellulata pallescens flava. L. panicea recurva cæspitosa rigida stricta acuta riparia, L. Elyna scirpina GRAMINEAE. Anthoxanthum odoratum Nardus stricta Alopecurus pratensis geniculatus Phalaris arundinacea Phalaris arundinacea Phleum pratense Agrostis canina. vulgaris alba Aira cæspitosa alpina flcxuosa Melica cœrulea Holcus lanatus mollis Poa fluitans alpina - B. vivipara trivialis annua cæsia of Eng. Bot. 1. 1719. Dactylis glomerata Festuca ovina

Festuca ovina β . vivipara rubra, L. pratensis Bromus arvensis Elymus arenarius Triticum repens JUNCEAE. Juncus effusus conglomeratus uliginosus trifidus bufonius squarrosus triglumis biglumis Luzula sylvatica pilosa $--\beta$. maxima campestris spicata Narthecium ossifragum 1 JUNCAGINEAE. Triglochin maritimum palustre LILIACEAE Scilla verna 2 IBIDEAE. Iris pseudacorus. ORCHIDEAE. Orchis morio, L. mascula latifolia maculata Habenaria viridis albida DICOTYLEDONES. CONIFERAE. Juniperus communis

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1 Generally in flower about the last week in July 1821.

2 About three miles north of Waii, on the west coast of Suderce, at an elevation of about 300 feet. This plant is published in Flor. Dan. t. 568, as Scilla bifolia,

A MENTACE SE. Salix capræa radicans hastata r lanata arctica 2 herbacea ³ URTICEAE Urtica dioica EMPETREAE. Empetrum nigrum 4 POLYGONER. Rumex crispus aculus , acetosa acetosella Oxyria reniformis 5 Polygonum viviparum hydropiper persicaria aviculare Kœnigia Islandica 6 CHENOPODEAE. Atriplex laciniata hastata, Fl. Dan. 1286. patula Chenopodium album y viride PLANTAGINENE. Plantago major media lanceolata maritima ---- B. alpine .

coronopus

Littorella lacustris PLUMBAGINEAE. Armeria vulgaris PRIMULACEAE. Anagallis tenella Primula vulgaris LENTIBULARIAE. Pinguicula vulgaris LABIATAE. Mentha arvensis Lamium purpureum Galeopsis ladanum tetrahit Thymus serpyllum Prunella vulgaris SCROPHULARINE Veronica serpyllifolia $---\beta$. alpina, reptans alpina saxatilis anagallis beccabunga officinalis Limosella aquatica Euphrasia officinalis Bartsia alpina Rhinanthus crista-galli Pedicularis palustris BORAGINEAE. Myosotis arvensis collina palustris

Lithospermum maritimum

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1 On the lever of the sea.

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2 On Mallingsfiall, Videroe, at 2300-2366 feet.

3 Generally growing at an elevation of above 1000 feet; one plant only found at about 50 feet, of which the leaves were much larger than in more elevated situations. In all the specimens which I have, the footstalks, midribs, and edges of the leaves, which are generally described as smooth, are very hairy.

4 In fruit in the island of Waagoe on 4th of August 1821.

5 Occurs at all elevations.

6 Occurs at all elevations, but is most abundant at the highest.

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GENTIANE. Vaccinium vitis-Idæa . uliginosum myrtillus Azalea procumbens Erica cinerea Calluna vulgaris) MONOTROPESE. Pyrola minor rotundifolia, H. CAMPANULACEAE. Campanula rotundifolia ---- var. uniflora · COMPOSITAE. Leontodon palustre taraxacum Apargia autumnalis Taraxaci Hieracium alpinum pilosella Lawsoni murorum Carduns acanthoides, H. **Cnicus** lanceolatus palustris, L. Tanaeetum vulgare COMPOSITAE. Gnaphalium supinum var. nan. uniflor. Tussilago farfara Senecio vulgaris **Bellis** perennis Pyrethrum maritimum inodorum Achillea ptarmica millefolium DIPSACEAE. Scabiosa succisa

RUBIACENE. Galium boreale saxatile uliginosum CAPRIFOLIACEAE. Cornus suecica 3 UMBELLIFERAE. Ligusticum Scoticum Angelica archangelica sylvestris HALORAGEAE. Callitriche verna autumnalis Myriophyllum verticillatum CERATOPHYLLENE. Ceratophyllum demersum ONAGRARIAE Epilobium angustifolium montanum tetragonum, L. roseum palustre alsinifolium alpinum --- B. nutans, Fl. Dan. 1387. SAXIFRAGEAE: Saxifraga stellaris nivalis oppositifolia rivularis cæspitosa, var. a grænlandica ---- B. decipiens hypnoides a.

 $---\beta$. hirta, E. B. tricuspidata, F. D. 976, L.

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1 In fruit on Waagoe, August 4. 1821.

a In flower, August 4. 1821, on Waagoe.

3 Most abundant about 200 feet above the sca.

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CRASSULACEAR	HYPERICINEAE.
Sedum villosum	Hypericuns perforatum, L.
Rhodiola rosea 1	dubium _
PORTULACEAE.	pulchrum
Montia fontana	GERANIACEAE.
Rosace <i>n</i> e.	Geranium sylvaticum
Spiræa ulmaria	• OXALIDEAE.
Dryas octopetala »	Oxalis acelosella
Geum rivale	LINEAE.
Robus, saxatilis.	Linum catharticum
. Comarum palustre	CARYOPHYLLACE Æ.
P otentilla anserina	Silene acaulis 6
Tormentilla officinalis	Stellaria uliginosa
Sibbaldia procumbens	graminea
Alcbemilla vulgaris	cerastoides 7
β . pubescens	media
alpina 3	Arenaria peploides
• argentea 4	Lychnis dioica
· Rosa 5	flos-cuculi
LEGUMINOS AE.	Sagina procumbens
Lathyrus pratensis	CARYOPHYLLACEAE.
Vicia cracca	Cerastium alpinum
Trifolium repens	β . glabratum,
Lotus corniculatus	Fl Dan. 979

1 At all elevations, but largest in clefts of rocks near the sea; on summits of mountains very dwarf, plants in flower sometimes not more than one inch in height.

2 Gathered in flower on 18th July, in seed August 22. 1821.

3 At all elevations.

4 In all the specimens of Alchemilla alpina in the Linnaean and Smith's herbaria, the leaflets are divided to the base, but, in this plant, which is not in those collections⁶, they are divided only about half way, and are also wider towards the point, and serrated rather lower down. In Faroe, where it grows in similar situations to A. alpina, I frequently found it in abundance where that plant did not occur. I am informed by Mr D. Don, that the same plant was gathered by his father in the Island of Skye, and that he considered it a good species, naming it A. argentea: under which name it is occasionally to be found in gardens, though it is often confounded with the true A. alpina, for which plant it is published in Fl. Dan. T. 49.

5 A rose is mentioned by Landt as growing in Faroe, but I had not an opportunity of visiting its locality. I am, however, in hopes of obtaining a specimen of it from a friend there.

6 At all heights. In flower, August 4: 1821, on the summit of Reinsatind, in Waagoe; at lower elevations in seed.

7 July 25. 1821. On Kaeungafiall, at 1850 feet, among Bartramia fontana, in springs of the temperature of 36° F.



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RANUNCULACEAE. Cerastium latifolium Thalictrum alpinum vulgatum Ranunculus glacialis # 7 viscosum acris 6 semidecandrum Spergula saginoides $--\beta$. pygmæa arvensis flammula, var. repens auricomus nodosa hirsutus VIOLACEAE. repens Viola canina nivalis L., palustris Ficaria ranımculoides tricolor Caltha palustris POLYGALENE Polygala vulgaris ACOTYLEDONES. CRUCIFER AE. Draba incana Equisetum arvense rupestris fluviatile, L. verna hyemale, L. lapponica, De Candolle. palustre Capsella bursa sylvaticum Cochlearia anglica MARSILIACEAE. danica 1 Isoetes lacustris • officinalis Cardamine amara LYCOPODINE AE. Lycopodium clavatum pratensis alpinum hirsuta selago Arabis petræa 2 selaginoides alpina. Fl. Dan. 62. 3 Nasturtium officinale FILICES. Brassica campestris Botrychium lunaria Cakile maritima Blechnum boreale Polypodium vulgare PAPAVERACEAR. phegopteris Papaver nudicaule 4

(1) Generally at the summits of mountaius.

(s) Common among the fine debris on the sides of mountains.

(3) On Kunoe, at 2100 feet.

(4) From the elevation at which this plant occurs in Farce (nearly 2000 feet), it would appear that Professor Giesecké was in error, in thinking that he had discovered it at Achilhead, in the north-west of Ireland, at a considerably lower elevation, (see Eng. Bot. Sup. pl. 2681,) where he probably mistook for it stunted plants of *P. cambricum*, which is, I believe, abundant in that locality. *P. nudicaule*, if growing in Ireland, we should expect to find at a higher altitude than in Farce, The specimen sent to Dr Hooker, and figured in E: B., is certainly *P. nudicaule*, but probably from Greenland.

(5) On the summits and sides of most mountains, above 1500 feet.

(6) At all heights, at the greatest elevations assuming the form of R. pygmaa.



Polytricham piliferum

Aspidium loncbitis filix-mas. Cistopteris fragilis Asplenium trichomanes filix fæmina Hymenophyllum VVilsoni

CHARACEAE

Chara vulgaris

HEPATICAE.

Marchantia polymorpha

JUNGERMANNICAE.

Jungermannia tamarisci barbata furcata scalaris emarginata ventricosa nivalis, L. bidentata minuta nndulata complanata serpyllifolia concinnala cordifolia epiphylla asplenioides tridentata ciliaris resupinata dilatata

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Andræa alpina rupestris Sphagnum obtusifolium acutifolium squarrosum, L: Gymnostomum ovatum truncatulum Splachnum mnioides ampullaceum Phascum subulatum Conostomum horeale

juniperinum, L. aloides -- B Dicksoni alpinum septentrionale urnigerum, L. nanum commune --- a yuccæfolium Tortula snbulata rigida tortuosa Encalypta ciliata Grimmia maritima ovata apocarpa pulvinata Weissia crispula acuta Dicranum taxifolium bryoides longifolium flexuosum falcatum scoparium Starkii pellucidum heteromallum Trichostomum lanuginosum heterostichum aciculare fasciculare ellipticum canescens -- B ericoides, L: Didymodon purpureum Orthotrichum Hutchinsii anomalum Fontinalis antipyretica squamosa, L. Bartramia fontana gracilis, L. pomiformis ithyphylla

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Hypnum dendroides

loreum crista castrensis purum untinatum cuspidatum velutinum denticulatum, L. àduucum splendens lutescens undulatum cupressiforme prælongum filicinum squarrosum scorpioides revolutum proliferum L. **Š**chrebe**r**i sericeum triquetrum plumosum Hookeria lucens Bryum cæspiticium ventricosum nutans argenteum roseum

hornum ligulatum

ALGAE

In number 127, being published in Lynghye's valuable work " Tentamen Hydrophytologiæ Danicæ, " 1819, need not be repeated here. LICHENES. Lecidea confluens

geograhica viridescens fuscolutea Gyrophora cylindrica proboscidea Endocarpon miniatum Urceolaria calcarea Lecanora muscorum tarlarea gelida

Lecanora parella atra Parmelia aquila parietina, L. omphalodes, L. olivacea saxatilis stellaris physodes encausia Borrera ciliaris furfuracea, L. Cetraria Islandica Solorina crocea Peltidea polydactyla venosa canina aphthosa Cenomyce pyxidata coccifera uncialis gracilis rangiferina cornula vermicularis Stereocaulon paschale Sphærophoron fragile coralloides Alectoria jubata, & chalybeiformis Usnea hirta Ramalina scopulorum farinacea fastigiata, & calicaris Cornicularia aculeata lanata Collema lacerum spongiosa flaccidum Lepraria flava FUNGI. Agaricus infundibuliformis campestris muscarius fimetarius AEcidium thalictri

Uredo saxifragarum Tremella nostoc.

TABLE OF WIND AND WEATHER

Date	North	N.W.	West	s. w.	South	S. E.	East	N. E.	Rain	Hail	Snow Sleet'	Frost	Fog	Thund.	Auror
1781			2			0		.3	3		-	_	1.3	-	-
June		I	3	4 8	3	8	9	2	17		-		5	-	-
July		5	7		-	3	2	10	19		-		10		4
August	-	2	-	2		2.			19		-	1	- 5	1	3
September,	-	4	5	13	1	3		2	16	5	5	4		-	1
October,	_	. 7	3	10		3		15			1	8			4
November	1	3	1-	11	2	6	5		14	2	12		4	-	
December	-	-	=	. 7		15	4	4	19	1	1	-	- 1		
1782 · January	I	6	16	8	-	7	-	I 1	12	4	14	15		2	4
February	I	3	2	10	-	6	-	5	.14	2	12	10	2	1	- 5
March	5	. 7	3	-	-	6	1	14	7	-	23	25	1		
April	2	-	-	-	-	12	-	14	.9	1	7	7	1		
May	3	-	T	-	- 1	12	1	14	9	1.	11		. 2	-	-
Total for one Year	13	3.8	30	76	6	83	25 -	96	157	17	85	70	44	6	27
1798 January	8	10	3	11	11	2	. 2	8	13	-	5	13	1	-	
February	9	12	5	7	6	3	1	8	13		6	10	- I	- 1	-
March	10	13	4	8	6	6		11	20		- 0 I	- 3	10	- 1	-
April	2	2	.3	13	8	10	6	8	10	-	-	1	- 8		-
May	3	7	4	11	3	10	2	4	14	-			- 9	-	
June	2	10	9	8	-	11	5	7	15		-		- 8	-	- 1
July	I	4	4	13	8	8	4	11	.6		+		- 1	-	-
August	2	12	6	26	6	2		-	16			-	- 2	-	
September	3	11	2	16	5	2	2	8	15		2		- 4		
October.	4	3.	4	9	7	11	1	7	19		- 1	1 12		1	
November	4	8	-	2	2	9	10	7	13		4	-			-
December	3	5	2	7	7	13	2	4	6		- 4			10.1	
Total 1798	51	97	46	130	69	87	35	83	162	I.	27	32	53	0	0

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TABULAR ARRANGEMENT OF THERMOMETRICAL OBSERVATIONS.

		······································	1	·
DATE	Morning.	Noon.	Evening.	Mean
January, 1782 1799	31.8005 43.5947	34.1592	32.7075 · 42.1430	32.8890
	37.6976		37.4252	
February, ¹⁷⁸² / ₁₇₉₉	35.4352 39.0911	36.6197	34.5308 38.6897	35.5285
	37.2631		36.6102	
March, 1782 1799	31.7098 43.4669	36.2633	31.9276 43.0502	33.3002
	37.5883		37.4889	
April, 1782 1799	38.6375 44.9375	43.4759	38.8247 44.8623	40.3127
	41.7875	•	41.8435	-
May, 1782 1799	41.4716 50.1813	44.5559	40.745 3 49.0925	42.2576
	45.8264		44.9189	
June, 1781 1782 1798 1799	55.3249 50.5437 53.8592 54.8535	57.0499 53.4686 55.8311	54.1249 50.6183 53.6000 53.6936	55.4999 51.5435 54.4301
100	53.6458	55.4498	53.0092	53.8245
July, 1781 1782 1798 1799	60.5241 51.9593 56.0417 56.2595	61.1048 55.3703 60.4328	59.000 52.8665 55.2983 55.1525	60.2096 53.3987 57.2576
	56.1961	58.9693	55.5793	56.9553
August, 1781 1782 1798 1799	57.3306 51.9233 55.2794 54.9716	58.2008 53.9555 58.8956	55.2254 52.3220 55.3883 54.4271	56.9189 52.7336 56.5211
	54.8762	57.0173	54.3407	55.3912
Septemb, 1781 1798	50.9000 52.4372	51.6499 55.6250	49.8497 53.0186	50 •7960 53.6936
	51.6686	53.6374	51.4341	52.2448
October, 1781 1798	4 3 .97 58 49.3097	44.8104 50.7272	42.5241 48.0497	43.7696 49.3622
	46 6 4 27	47.7688	45.2869	46.5659
Novemb, 1781	38.5624 45.8744	39.6874	37.6250 44.7206	38.6249
·	42.2184		41.1728	
Decemb, 1781	42.3788	42,8324	41.0180 43.3400	42.0764
	43.4493		42.1790	
Mean of Year	45. ₇ 383	45.869 7	45.1073	44.1642

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DATE.	Morn.	Noon.	Even.	Mean.
1821 June	51. 3541	54. 0134	49. 3409	51. 5694
July.	53. 3500	53. 9100	50. 5086	52. 5095
August	52. 7307	54. 529+	51. 7000	5 2. 986
September	50. 8365	53. 5800	51. 3913	51. 9359
October	47. 0294	49. 2500	48. 3593	48. 212

Mean of one year,	Morning	Noon.	Even.	Mean	
lune 1781 to May 1782 Sept. 1781 to August, 1782	44. 0042 42. 4414 43. 2228	44. 7373	43. 1025	43. 4271	
. •	40. 222 5	1401 01024	. 1.00 , 20,0	[44	

Mean Temperature of January and July, the coolest and warmest months in 1782,	43.1438
Mean Temperature of June, July, August, (1781, and September (1798, (1821,	55, 8561 55, 4981 52, 2703
Mean of three years,	54.5415
Mean Temperature of January, February, and March, in 1782	33.9059

NOTES.

The sources from which I have compiled the foregoing Tables, were, Ist. A collection of observations made during part of the years 1781-82, which I transcribed from the MS. of Svabo's Account of Faroe, vol. iii. in the Royal Library, Copenhagen, in 1822: 2d, A collection of observations made at Thorshavn during the years $1795-6-7\cdot8-9$, chiefly by Captain Kuhn, Commandant in Faroe, which I copied from the originals there preserved, in 1821. Thermometrical observations were only made during that period, for which I have here given the results: the remaining observations on the barometer and weather I hope to be able to make use of at a future time. The house in which the latter observations were made, is about 30 feet above the level of the sea, and they were taken at 8 A. M², noon, and 8 P. M. The particulars of those of 1781-82 are not given, but they were probably made in the same or a similar situation.

My own observations in 1821 were made in various parts of the islands, and at elevations varying from 0 to 70 feet above the sea. The morning observations were principally made at 8 A. M.; the evening at various hours, between 9 and 12, but chiefly between 9 and 10 P. M.

N. B. - Thorshavn is most exposed to winds from the S. E. and. N. E.

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