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6.	View of THREE KINGS island,	from VALENTYN.		3	3
7.	Views of PYLSTAART, MIDDLEBURG, and AMSTERDAM islands	Ditto.	}	4	4
8.	AMSTERDAM, and natives,	Ditto.		6	6
9.	ROTTERDAM, and natives,	Ditto.		5	5
10.	Cocos, and TRAITOR'S islands,	from SCHOUTEN.		3	3
11.	Bark of the Indians, LEMAIRE, and Ditto, (estimated)			3	3
12.	HORNE island,	-	Ditto.	5	5
13.	Inhabitants of HORNE island,	-	Ditto.	4	4
14.	ONTHONG JAVA,	from VALENTYN.		2	2
I have added a copy of DAMPIER's chart of NEW-GUINEA, and NEW-BRITAIN, and my alterations of				1	16
it to explain the Essay on the SALOMON islands.					

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Of these plates, all but the 12th are already engraved.

The map of the world is on a new projection. The objects of *general maps* are "to describe the several countries of the world, in their *true situations, comparative magnitude, and natural figure.*" The impossibility of describing the surface of a *sphere* on a *plain*, has induced the *ingenious* to many projections of the sphere *in plano*, scientifically, though not *apparently* true: approximations to truth have been devised, which describe small portions of the surface of the *sphere*, very accurately on a *plane*, but every attempt hitherto to describe the *whole globe* has greatly failed in one or more of the objects essentially requisite in geography.

Speculative geography requires also a comparative view of the *land* in the *north* and *south* hemispheres.

In the investigation of the relative quantity of land and water on the surface of the globe in different latitudes, it