

inaccessible, has been resorted to by epistolary correspondence, expensive journeys, and unwearied application. As the fruit of his labours, it is now the happiness of the Editor to present to the maritime and commercial public the fourth edition of his AMERICAN COAST PILOT, exhibiting a perfectly accurate compendium of the American Coast Navigation, and combining all the information on this subject, which skillful experience and modern discovery have collected.

The general accuracy of the last edition, as tested by the careful revision of the most skillful and scientific navigators, and the repeated experience of masters and mariners, who have had occasion to follow its directions, left but few errors to be corrected in the present volume. The most important of these are in the directions for the harbour of *Salem*, and several of the West-India Islands, particularly that of *St. Domingo*. Many others, more unimportant and trivial, will be found minutely revised in different parts of the work. With a determination that this impression should be as perfect as possible, the Editor has had it carefully examined by several gentlemen of much nautical skill and experience, since it came from the press; and the reader will find several corrections, which before escaped notice, now made with the pen.

A very large portion of the information in this volume, has never been in print, in any former edition. The directions and descriptions contained in the first 116 pages, are entirely new, and derived from the most authentic sources. They embrace a part of the coast which has of late years become frequented by a great portion of the American shipping in the fishing trade; and will form an important accession to the work, in its utility to this branch of our commerce. The coasts of *Newfoundland* and *Labrador*, from whence individuals derive so much of their wealth, and the United States so much of its revenue, are described with the most elaborate precision; and the bearings, distances and directions for navigating every part of it, including all the bays, harbours, streights and passages, which the adventurous mariner may have occasion to visit, in any voyage, will be found noticed with accuracy. The difficulty of procuring these valuable additions to the work, induced the Editor to be the more careful that they should hereafter need as little amendment as possible. Every aid which the importance of the subject could suggest, has been procured to divest it of every species of error.

The most important improvements which has been made, is contained in the plans of several of the principal harbours in the United States. These have been taken from actual surveys, and engraved with care and attention, under the immediate direction of the Editor. The courses and