



AFFECTING NARRATIVE, &c.

HAVING been frequently asked what part of the kingdom I belong to, and other particulars respecting my life and parentage, I think it proper here to state, that I was born at Lochgilphead, Argyllshire, in the year 1793. My father was a wright to trade, and chiefly in the employment of Mr. M'Neill of Oakfield. After having received the usual education of a tradesman's son in Scotland, my father, when I was about twelve years of age, intended to teach me his own trade, but after a few months, I thought of trying the sea, and bound myself an apprentice with Captain M'Lachlan of the brig Lord Collingwood, belonging to Greenock. Having served my apprenticeship, I engaged in the Robust, Captain Landales, for Jamaica, at which place I was impressed into the Navy, and put on board the Cleopatra frigate, Captain Gill, where I continued three years cruising off the Spanish Main. This frigate was ordered home, and for two years after I served in several