

To the Reader.

and Apostles, and of our Blessed Saviour himself. By the help of this are we enabled to understand Antient and Modern History, and may observe those places which were the stages where the many Bloody Battles have been fought in the several Ages of the World. The time would fail me to enumerate those vast advantages that attend this excellent and most admirable Science; only this I must add, that among all other parts of ingenious Learning, Geography hath this peculiar property and excellency, that it is easily attainable by persons of any Age or Sex, and no less useful to persons in all stations, and of all professions; insomuch that no person whatsoever can be said to be completely accomplish'd without some competent knowledge and understanding of it. But leaving this,

I come now to discourse a little of the following Treatise, whose design (in short) is a true and plain Introduction to the great and most useful Science of Modern Geography: I term it an Introduction, because drawn up in such a Natural Method as is most proper for a beginner who designs to make any considerable progress in that great Study. For this end I have given it the Title of Grammar, having reduc'd the whole body of Modern Geography to a true Grammatical Method; this Science being as capable of being taught by Grammar as any Tongue whatsoever. In the composing of it I have carefully endeavour'd to descend from Generals to Particulars; and I hope the whole undertaking is so perform'd that the Impartial Reader will find the Title made good in every respect. But to descend to the particular Contents of the whole Treatise.

These following Sheets being divided into three Parts. In the first of them [after some necessities premised, by way of Introduction] I have taken a general view of

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