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BRITISH MARS.

C H A P. I.

*Of the Construction of reconnoitring Boats.*



**B**OATS for this Service should have much the same Length as a Man of War's twelve oar'd Barge; but should be at least a Foot broader, with a flatter Bottom, and of a very light built, so as to carry Ballast enough to make them bear a larger Sail than common, at a very small Draught of Water. The Thickness of the Keel should be such as to admit of two Mortises through it, from the upper to the under Side, the one forward, the other aft, each about the quarter of her Length from the Midships; but the forward one rather more so than the other. These Openings to be each between three and four Feet long, and about an Inch and three quarters wide; and should be continued as high as the Thwarts, by making a strong Case, to contain a Plank or Lee-board (well secured with Iron) to be let down or hawled up at pleasure,

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