

*In the relating of our transactions at sea all technical terms have been avoided as far as possible; yet on some occasions they could not be wholly dispensed with. The frequent use of egotism will be excused by those who consider its necessity, from the nature of the subject.*

*Though in narratives of this kind there are sometimes considerable embellishments and exaggerations, yet the authenticity of the facts here related cannot so reasonably be called in question as those of an anonymous production: for it will not appear probable to any thinking person, that I should put my name to a relation either exceeding or short of the truth, when it is considered, that there are several persons living, who would be ready to contradict my assertions.*

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