

PREFACE.

AMONG the various literary productions which are continually offered for public information and patronage, none are so much sought after, or read with so much interest, as authentic narratives of the navigator and traveller. The mind of the reader, not being confined to explore any particular abstruse science, pursues them in their journey, and, with a fellow-feeling enters into their circumstances, when presented with the incidents and adventures, to which they have been subject. That pleasure and utility are afforded by perusing works of this kind, is generally acknowledged; the author, therefore, is of opinion that this little book will not be unacceptable, as the events therein narrated are conceived to be interesting, and suitable to all descriptions of readers.

This compilation, which, for the most part, was made from actual observation and experience, is respectfully presented, unadorned with studied elegance of language; it is therefore hoped that the reader, being only desirous of information, will also possess the candour to overlook the defects, in this respect, of which the writer is fully sensible; or the inaccuracies which may have escaped his notice.