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The Voyage of JAMES LE MAIR and WILLIAM
SCHOUTEN, 1616.

ALTHOUGH there are many relations published
of this voyage, the authorities here followed are
SCHOUTEN's Journal, printed by JANSON at AM-
STERDAM, in 1618, 4to. and LE MAIRE's relation, published
by BARLEUS, folio, 1622. These made publick so soon after
the expedition have a much better claim to confidence than sub-
sequent compilations from uncertain authority; I have, how-
ever, examined the journal of Arris Claessen, purser of the
yacht, published in the Collection of Voyages for the Establish-
ment of the Dutch East-India Company *, and have added some
notes from it: these relations are very circumstantial, though
facts are inserted in each omitted in the other, it would have

1616.

* Amsterdam, 1754.—2d Edit. 12mo. Vol. IV. p. 533, &c.