

OF EUROPE, a brief DESCRIPTION.

EUROPE is the least of the Four parts of the World, yet nothing inferiour in Goodness to the rest, in the Generosity of People, Riches, Worth and Vertue, and exceeding them, if we consider the Flourishing of the True Religion; and is said to take its Name from *Europa* the Daughter of *Agenor* King of *Phœnicia*; containing many Flourishing Kingdoms and Provinces; as will appear in the sequel. And is accounted in length 2800 miles; In breadth 1200; bounded on the West, with the main Ocean; on the East, with the *Ægean* Sea, *Pontus Euxinus*, the Fens of *Maxis*, and the River *Tanaïs*; from which a right Line conjecturally drawn from the Bay of *Granvicus*, it is dis-joined from *Asia*; In the North, it is bounded with the *Hyperborean* Sea; and on the South, with the *Mediterranean*, divided into Continent, and Islands, the Continent Intire, and the Islands dispersed, In the *Greek*, *Ionian*, *Ægean*, *Adriatick*, *Mediterranean*, *Cretan*, and Northern Seas; divided chiefly into *France*, *Spain*, *Italy*, the *Alps*, *Germany*, *Britain*, *Denmark*, *Swedeland*, *Hungary*, *Sclavonia*, *Russia*, *Poland*, *Dacia*, and *Greece*; with the dispersed Islands. And in *Europe*, beside the Latin Tongue, which is now rather Scholastical, than National, there are other diversities of Language, besides the *Italian* and *French*, supposed to be corruptly derived from the Latin; and has been Famous by twice giving Laws to the World, during the flourishing of the *Greek* and *Roman* Empires; and at this day, though the least of the four parts, it excels, in what may be called solid good, the other Three, &c.

*A Queen she Reigns, upheld by strictest Fate,
Whilst th'other Three, on her as Hand-Maids wait,
With Tribute Glories, to enrich her State.*