

TO THE
K I N G.

S I R,

IESTEEM myself highly honoured in being permitted to dedicate and present the Life of CAPTAIN JAMES COOK to Your Majesty. It was owing to Your Majesty's Royal patronage and bounty, that this illustrious Navigator was enabled to execute those vast undertakings, and to make those extraordinary discoveries, which have contributed so much to the reputation of the British empire, and have reflected such peculiar glory on Your Majesty's reign. Without Your Majesty's munificence and encouragement, the world would have remained destitute of that immense light which has been thrown on geography, navigation, and the most important sciences. To Your Majesty, therefore, a Narrative of