

The PREFACE.

Order and Method, are of so little use to the Reader that his Pains are still the same as before, to find out those Names in the Map : Whereas the Tables of the following Treatise are so contriv'd, by particular Directions on the out-side of their respective Braces, that he may point at those various Countries and Towns in the Map (almost) as fast as he can read their Names in the Table. And as touching the Descriptions of those Countries and their Inhabitants ; 'twere indeed most unreasonable to expect a Narrative of them compleatly new, unless it be in those Countries, which have undergone such wonderful Changes, that the very face of Things is compleatly New ; or some remote Parts of the World, where later Intelligence hath rectify'd former Mistakes. Besides, 'tis not so much my present Design in the following Tract, to present the Reader with perfectly new Relations, (except in such Cases abovemention'd) as to Abridge and Methodize those already known. And this sufficiently answers the proposed End of the Treatise, being calculated (as I already hinted) for those, who are mere Strangers to Geography, or [at least] but young Proficients in that excellent Science ; I mean the generality of them, who either attend our Publick Schools, or Study under the Care and Conduct of Private Tutors. And so much for the Second Part.

To these Two parts is annexed an Appendix comprehending, (1.) A Short View of the chief European Plantations abroad, whether Countries, Towns, or Factories, (2.) Some Reasonable Proposals for the Propagation of the Blessed Gospel in all Pagan Countries.

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