

The Preface.

described, than of a Polite and Rhetorical Narrative : I hope all the Defects in my Stile, will meet with an easy and ready Pardon.

Others have taxed me with borrowing from other Men's Journals ; and with Insufficiency, as if I was not my self the Author of what I write, but published Things digested and drawn up by others. As to the first Part of this Objection, I assure the Reader, I have taken nothing from any Man without mentioning his Name, except some very few Relations and particular Observations received from credible Persons who desired not to be named ; and these I have always expressly distinguished in my Books, from what I relate as of my own observing. And as to the latter ; I think it so far from being a Diminution to one of my Education and Employment, to have what I write, Revised and Corrected by Friends ; that on the
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