

## ADVERTISEMENT.

*IF a genuine and authentic narrative of events, which may be reckoned extraordinary, though they come not up to the standard of adventures, be thought equally interesting with a fictitious Novel or an improbable Romance, no apology will be requisite for the present publication. Indeed, to apologize for so innocent and even laudable an attempt as that to entertain the Public, by any species of composition, sanctified as it is by custom, should always be thought superfluous; and though that end should not be attained by the following narration, yet at least it may be interesting to professional men, who are continually exposed to the same disasters. Like the draughts of rocks and quicksands in their charts, it may serve to direct them how to avoid the danger, or, when once involved in it, how to conduct themselves through it.*