

Needle touch'd with the Loadstone departs from the true North a certain number of Degrees to the right and left; and Mariners compute the Degrees of its departure by the means of an Albidada, and a thread which divides the Glass of the Compass into two equal parts, and so shews the Variation of the Needle at Sun-set, that being the true proper time for making the Observation; for at Sun-rising, and at Noon, one may be deceiv'd by Refractions, &c.

Coueurs de Bois, i. e. Forest Rangers, are French or Canadese, so call'd from employing their whole Life in the rough Exercise of transporting Merchandize Goods to the Lakes of Canada, and to all the other Countries of that Continent, in order to Trade with the Savages: And in regard that they run in Canows a thousand Leagues up the Country, notwithstanding the danger of the Sea and Enemies, I take it, they should rather be called Coueurs de Risques, than Coueurs de Bois.

E.

Eddy, or boyling Water, is little Watery Mountains that rise at the foot of Water-falls or Cataracts, just as we see the Water plays in the Cisterns of Water-works.

Edge of a Bank, is the shelving part of it that runs steep like a Wall.

F.

Fathom, among the French is the measure of six foot.

Feast of Union, a Term us'd by the Iroquese to signify the renewing of the Alliance between the five Iroquele Nations.

Flats are a ridge of Rocks running under Water from one Station to another, and rising within five or six foot at least of the Surface of that Element, so as to hinder Ships, Barques, &c. to float upon 'em.

Freight, signifies in this Book the Cargo, tho' in other Cases it signifies likewise the Hire or Fare.

Furl the Sails, signifies the drawing them up to a heap towards