

The Preface.

the following Dictionary. Which is therefore in this Edition not only enlarged with the *Antient* Geography, and all such other Descriptions of Places, as occur in the *French* Work, above what : was possible to contain in the Editions of this *Dictionary* in lesser Volumes ; and also with some Improvements made in the Geography of *England* in the like manner : But I have further taken care to supply the Defects of the Descriptions themselves, in those Editions, with whatever accrued that was really necessary to suggest a more perfect knowledge of each Respective Places. The *Duodecimo* ascribed to Monsieur *Du Vall*, (Geographer to the *French* King) and printed the fourth time in *English* 1681. with the Title of a Geographical Dictionary, was rather a Geographical *Nomenclature*, than a *Dictionary*. It was *Begun* to be made properly into a *Dictionary* by Mr. *Edmund Bobun*, at the Perswasion and Charge of the Proprietor of the Copy. And undoubtedly, whatever the Faults of Mr. *Bobun's* Octavo are ; yet it will always remain an useful Book, and a light Companion (as he proposeth), for Travellers : when, such is the Necessity and Pleasure of a piece of this Nature in the hands of all ; that the very *Nomenclature* of *Du Vall* is entertaining still. But the advancing of this Work to an *Absolute Perfection* is a matter of a higher Consideration : which requires the diligence of many Years, and the succession perhaps of many Hands, and must be content to proceed by Degrees. And tho the labour in encountering oftentimes a dry and difficult Soyl is unpleasing and deterring ; which caused Mr. *Bobun* to declare, *he never desired to do it a second time* ; yet as it is like to redound as well to the Honour of the *English* Language, as the Universal benefit of Learning amongst us ; it will abide an encouragement to consider, that every *Mite* bestowed upon this *Corban* is Meritorious ; and every Endeavour towards the Completing so great a Good, in the number of Publick Services ; for which reason, I am not only satisfied with my own contributing a Share thereto ; but am obliged also to tell the World, that the Table of *Measures* was adjusted to my Hand by the Ingenious Mr. *Halley*.

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