

# T H E INTRODUCTION.

**T**HE Advantages of keeping judicious and accurate Journals in Voyages and Itineries, are so many and great, in the Improvement of Geography, Hydography, Astronomy, Natural and Moral History, Antiquity, Trade, Empire, &c. that few Books can compare with them either for Profit or Pleasure. Therefore Ramusio, the De Brys, Hackluit, Purchas, John de Laet, Thevenot, &c. have begun a very commendable Design, and their Works are like to be always useful.

The Collection now publish'd containing some curious Voyages, and exact Journals both to the South and North, beyond and through the Magellan Straights; as also to Greenland or Spitsberg, Nova Zembla, and Groneland or Groyne-land; 'twill be necessary to premise in general, what other Navigators have gone before to those Parts, and what Additional Knowledge may be reap'd from the ensuing Work; in doing of which we shall observe Order of Place and Time.

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