

they will never require, any kind of corporal punishment.

The perilous incidents and adventures to which many, both officers and men, were necessarily exposed—the hopes and fears by which they were alternately excited—are so well and forcibly described in the several Journals of the former, that I have endeavoured to preserve, as far as it could be done, their own respective statements, in their own words, singly, or interwoven into the text of the present narrative.

The *physical* power of the navy of England has long been duly appreciated at home, also by most foreign nations, and is matter of public record ; its *moral* influence, though less the object of publicity, requires only to be more extensively known to be equally felt and esteemed ; and nothing can be more conducive to this end, than the results to be derived from voyages of discovery, such as those under consideration ; whose great aim has been the acquisition of knowledge, not for England alone, but for the general benefit of mankind.

It may be noticed that the present epitome is meant to convey the substance of six or seven large