

INTRODUCTORY OBSERVATIONS

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THE TRANSLATOR.

THE Naval power of England being a consideration of such vital importance, any thing connected with the subject must naturally prove interesting to the majority of British readers, and more especially to those who incline to political speculation.

On perusing the original work, the Translator was fully impressed with this consideration; and at the same time forcibly aware that with the *philosophical* reader, the doctrine, that *it is often serviceable to know what our adversaries say of us*, always has its due weight. This operated as an additional inducement with him to offer the work to the public, in the form of a translation, and in that view he has closely adhered to the original, both in the text and in the notes. They are given *purely as a Translation*; and not only as such, but feeling, (as the inimitable STERNE
a , observes)