

The PREFACE.

Character either of a People or Country, when I found it succinctly worded by a credible Pen. Here the Reader may be pleas'd to know, that in treating of all Countries, I've made their Situation my only Rule, beginning still with those towards the North, excepting North America, where I thought good to end at the Pole. But, as touching the Analytical Tables of this Treatise, (the main Business of the Book) their Design and Use in short, is, To present to the Eye at one view, a compleat Prospect of a Country in all its remarkable Divisions, Subdivisions, and Chief Towns, with the manner how all these are most readily found. The Letters of the N. S. W. E. [signifying the four Cardinal, and N. W. N. E. S. W. S. E. the four Intermediate Points of the Compass] being affixt to the outside of the various Braces in the aforesaid Tables, do express the Situation of the Parts of any Country there mention'd; as (page 45) where the Divisions of Africa are said to be found from N. to S. If only Cities and Towns, and no Divisions of a Country are set down, then these Letters have the same Relation to them, shewing their Situation in respect of one another. If a little Brace fall within a greater [as page 45. where Egypt and Barbary have their peculiar Brace] this is to show, that those two Countries are taken together, and consider'd as one Division, when reckon'd with the following Countries, in respect of their Situation, express'd on the backside of the outmost Brace, the same is to be said of Cities and Towns, if only such are set down. But finally, if neither Divisions nor Towns can be so order'd, as to have their

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