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those of others ; more especially if he has them to seek, compare, and correct, from a large Variety of Authors in different Languages. This has been my Task. And I wish my Performance may be looked on like the Bee's Industry ; as Honey will not lose its Taste, or Virtue, by reflecting that that Insect was only a Collector, not Author, of its Sweetness.

The present Edition appears with added Improvements ; so that every Act of Parliament passed since the Publication of the last Edition, relating to any of the Subjects herein treated of, has been properly noticed, and no Alterations regarding Trade and Commerce, to the present Time, have been unremarked for the Reader's Benefit : Therefore the enquiring Merchant or Trader will be at no Loss for any Particular he would consult, either for his full Satisfaction in his Business, or of his Curiosity. I believe, also, that Care has been taken to send it correct from the Press. I have some Hope, on these Accounts, that I shall not lose any Part of the Reputation I have acquired by the Work.

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