

TO  
 His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, &c.

**THE PRINCE.**

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YET I had, also, SIR, other reasons for thus presuming to draw your attention towards the present Work: With the rest of my countrymen I not only regarded you as the PRINCE of THE BRITISH ISLES, but as the Heir Apparent of a Monarch, during whose Reign the progress of Maritime Discovery has been extended to the most distant regions, and the commercial interests of the United Kingdom have been proportionably