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THE Historian who endeavours to record the splendid Successes, and the commercial Discoveries of the Naval Armaments of *England*, is not under the least Necessity of expatiating on the obvious Use and Consequence of his Writings. The intrepid Patriotism, the unremitting Zeal, and the attentive Policy of Those who have at once maintained the Glory of our Flag, and the Freedom of our Trade, are Points which must be interesting to every Lover of his Country. I will not do the Reader so much Injustice as to suppose that any Arguments can be requisite to allure his Attention towards Subjects which so forcibly demand it. Should He properly feel his own Weight as a Member of the Community, He will be pleased to countenance a Detail of Facts glowing with the Public Virtue of his