

## The P R E F A C E.

*Good Hope*. But if the Name must be appropriated, why to this on the West of *Africa*? why not rather to that on its E. Coast? which lies nearer the *Inward* or more proper *Aethiopia*, now the *Abissine* Empire; and consequently might better be call'd the *Aethiopick* Sea. Accordingly I have ventured to call it so, Vol. I. page 289, making it there the same as the *Indian*; which I also make to be all the Ocean from the East Coast of *Africa* to the remotest of the *E. India* Islands, *New Holland*, and *New Guinea*: tho' this Name also of *Indian* Sea has been understood, usually, of narrower bounds. But be that as it will, I was for using comprehensive Names: and therefore these three Names of *Atlantick*, *Indian*, and *South* Seas or Oceans, serve me for the whole Ambit of the *Torrid Zone*, and what else I have occasion to speak of.

To these three Parts is added a General *Index* of both Volumes. The *first* Volume should not have been publish'd without one, but that 'twas reserv'd to be annex'd to *this*; that the *Reader* might not have the trouble of turning over two Alphabets.

Thus what I design'd as an *Appendix* to the former Volume, is grown to be itself a Volume answerable to the other. And I am sensible there is one part of the intended *Appendix* yet behind, viz. The Description of the *South Sea* Coasts of *America*, from the *Spanish* Pilot-Books, &c. I confess I had thoughts of crowding it into this Volume: but besides the dryness and fatigue of such a Work, and the small leisure I had for it, I was quite discouraged from attempting it; when upon nearer View of the Matter I found in those Descriptions and Charts a repugnance with each other in many particulars; and some things which from my own experience I knew to be erroneous. Indeed as they are they may be very useful to Sailors in those Parts, being generally right enough in the Main: but I was loth to undertake a work, much of which must have consisted in correcting Mistakes, and yet have left unavoidably many more to be rectified. Others may have Time and Helps for this affair; and future Discoveries may give greater Light to direct them. To me it shall suffice, that bating this one particular, I have here endeavour'd to perform what I had made the Publick expect from me.