

The P R E F A C E.

who in their Printed Books and Accounts thereof, assume to themselves the Honour of both; Providence seeming to reserve the Glory of succeeding in so noble an Enterprize, to the Zeal and Industry of a Private Subject of England, which was Twice in vain attempted by Louis XIV. of France, the most ambitious and powerful Monarch of Europe.

BUT as the perfect Discovery of that great River, its Seven Mouths, and all the Coast of Carolana, on the Bay of Mexico, for at least 14 Degrees of Longitude, was then effected, and most of the Persons who were actually upon it, with their Journals, Drafts and Charts, return'd safe to England, the Proprietor presented a Memorial thereof to his then Majesty King William of Glorious Memory, wherewith He was so well pleas'd and satisfy'd, that in a General Council call'd for that Purpose, he order'd it to be read, and taken into Consideration, Himself, and above Twenty of the Council, who were then present,