

The P R E F A C E.

And thus you see the Design, Method, and Substance of the whole Treatise. One Word now, concerning this Edition, and I have done. The kind Reception of the former Impressions of this Geographical Tract, and its ready admittance into many of our publick Schools, gave me fresh Encouragement to Revise it once more, and to make what farther Improvements as either the Nature of the Subject, or Bigness of the Volume would admit of. Besides a careful Correction of a few Mistakes in the last Impression, I've made in this, some Material additions, and Those dispers'd thro' the Body of the Book, which, I confess, is a loss to the Gentlemen who bought the former Editions, but there is no remedy for it now. In the mean time, if it could any ways atone for what is done; or rather to prevent, at least the fears of any such Thing for the future; I may here adventure to declare once for all, That this is the last Time I ever intend to make any considerable additions to this Treatise; even supposing it should bear a great many Impressions hereafter. I may likewise take this Occasion to declare, That, Health and Opportunity serving, 'tis probable, I may publish, some Years hence, a Compendious Body of Ancient Geography; and that fitted likewise for the Schools, and made much more Methodical and Useful than any as yet extant. A Work extreamly wanted, and may be justly rank'd among the Desideranda of this inquisitive Age. But to return to the present Treatise. As for the Maps belonging to it; I have not augmented the Number of them, because the Analytical Tables of this