

soundings of the different channels ; the rocks, shoals, flats, and every minutia which can be serviceable to the mariner, are faithfully and distinctly laid down, and will be found strictly to compare with the printed directions. There is likewise added a new and correct plan of the *Isle of Sable*, with the soundings.

To the compendium of the United States' laws relating to seamen, the statute regulations of the fisheries ; the provisions against enticing away soldiers, apprentices, and debtors, and importing convict aliens, &c. and to the laws regulating quarantine, beside being carefully revised, have been made very copious additions. Not only the statute laws, but many common laws, rules and maxims relating to masters and seamen, are inserted under several distinct heads. It has been the care of the Editor in this part of the work to present a general transcript of the rights, duties and obligations of sea-faring people, in their several relations of masters, officers, mariners, &c.

In the present much enlarged edition the list of Custom-house Duties, many of which have been altered, has been thoroughly revised. The forms of papers required in the Custom-house, have been made to compare with those now in use ; and several others, as well those there used, as of a general nature, and important to seamen, have been annexed. Nearly double the matter in the last edition is compressed into this, and every error or mistake, however trifling, carefully excluded.

With such pretensions to public patronage, the Editor is not reluctant in meeting the public scrutiny. The merits of his work are grounded on the best science in the country, and every exertion of long and laborious industry has been employed in executing its pages with the strictest accuracy and fidelity, that were due to its high promise of usefulness and emolument.

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