

To the Reader.

likewise may find those Divisions, Cities and Towns in the Map, as soon as he reads their names in the Table. Its true some late Authors both English and French, have made and publisht several Tables expressing the chief Towns in most Countries of Europe, yet those Tables (being only a bare Catalogue of Names, confusedly set down without any order) are of so little use to the Reader, that his pains are no less than before to find out those Names in the Map; whereas in the following Treatise those Divisions their Cities and Towns are so laid down before him (with particular Directions how they lye) that without any difficulty he may point out these places in the Map, as fast as he can read their Names in the Table. This new Method being as followeth, of the 32 Points of the Compass, I have made choice of 8, namely, The 4 Cardinal, to wit, East, West, North, South, [expressed by the single Letters of E. W. S. N.] and 4 Intermediate, as North-East, North-West, South-East, South-West, express'd thus, N.E. N.W. S.E. S.W. By those 8 Points, I briefly shew the situation of all Countries in any Kingdom, and that in the following manner. Having reckon'd up the several Divisions of every Country, and the Cities or chief Town in each of those Divisions, I have exactly considered the situation of all those Divisions, in respect of those 8 Points above-mentioned, and as I find a competent number lying in a straight Line, between any two of the aforesaid Points, I have accordingly set them down, expressing their situation, so that those Divisions or Countries can be no sooner seen in the Table, than known how they lye in the Map. e. g. In treating of the Kingdom of Portugal (Pag. 54.) the Reader will find its Divisions thus set down.

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