
TO THE
MOST ILLVSTRIOVS
AND MOST EXCELLENT
Prince CHARLES, Prince of Wales,
DVKE of CORNEWALL, EARLE
of CHESTER, &c.



Mongst other Neglects preiudiciall to this State, I haue obserued, that many the worthy and Heroique Acts of our Nation, haue beene buried and forgotten: The Actors themselues being desirous to shunne emulation in publishing them, and those which ouerlived them, fearefull to adde, or to dimnish from the Actors worth, Iudgement, and valour; haue forborne to write them: By which, succeeding ages haue beene deprived of the Fruits, which might haue beene gathered out of their Experience, had they beene committed to Record. To avoyd this Neglect, and for the Good of my Country, I haue thought it my duty to publish the Observations of my South-sea-Voyage; and for that vnto your Highnesse, you Heires, and Successors, it is most likely to be advantagious, (hauing brought on me nothing but losse and misery) I am bold to vse your Name, a protection vnto it, and to offer it with all humblenes and duty to your Highnesse approbation, which if it purchase, I haue attained my desire, which shall ever ayme to performe dutie.

*Your Highnesse humble
and devoted servant,*

RICHARD HAVKINS