

The P R E F A C E.

IN the *Preface* to my former *Volume*, I have accounted for the Design, Method and Stile of those Relations of my Travels: what I have more to say of that kind, is chiefly with reference to what I now offer the Reader. Thus far I have thought fit to change my Method in this *Volume*, as to divide it into distinct Parts, because the Matters it treats of are so different from one another, in point of Time, or other Circumstances: but still in each Part I have taken the same Course of making several Chapters, that this *Volume* might retain some Uniformity with the other.

The *First* of these is that Account I promised of my Voyages from *Achin* in *Sumatra*, to several places in the *E. Indies*; of which I forbore to particularize in the former *Volume*, for Reasons there mentioned. I have now more than discharg'd my self of that Promise: for I have improved my own Observations, especially as to *Tonquin*, by those of some *English* Gentlemen, who made a considerable stay in that Kingdom. I am abundantly satisfied my self of their Ability and Integrity; the proper Qualifications in things of this Nature: and could I have obtained their leave, the Reader also should have had the satisfaction of knowing to whom he was to ascribe several of those Particulars: However, I have taken frequent Occasions to distinguish in general what I saw, from what I was informed of. This Part is the *Supplement* of what is contained in the former *Volume*; and compleats the *Voyage round the World*.

The *Second* Part contains what relates to the time I spent in the Bay of *Campeachy*, either as a *Logwood-Cutter*, or a *Trader* to them. This was before I made my *Voyage round the World*, as the Reader will perceive: and upon this occasion, therefore, I have gone so far back, as to speak of my first Entrance upon this *Rambling* kind of Life. For the Account it gives of *Campeachy*, and the Neighbouring Parts of *Jucatan* and *New Spain*, &c. I refer the Reader to the work itself.

The *Third* Part is an Account of the Winds, and Weather, Storms, Tides, and Currents of the *Torrid Zone*, round the World; which may be of use towards the Improvement of *Navigation*, and that part of *Natural History*. 'Tis the substance of what I have remark'd or learnt, about things of that kind, in so long a Course of
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