## PREFACE TO ELDRIDGE'S COAST PILOT,

No. 2.

AFTER an experience of more than thirty years in surveying and compiling Charts of different parts of the Coast of the United States for the use of Mariners, and also obtaining information from every known source of marine intelligence which the country at the present time affords, the author is confident that this work will meet the wants of a large class of seamen who have heretofore given his publications the preference. His aim has not been beauty of style or language, but clearness and accuracy. The shifting nature of certain parts of the Coast, together with the change in Buoys, Lights, etc., may occasionally present deviations from the present directions. With these imperfections, he presents "Pilot, No. 2" to the public, hoping that it may long prove a safe and unerring guide to those who navigate within its limits.

In a work of this kind absolute accuracy is nearly impossible. Mariners are therefore carnestly requested to note all errors or omissions which they may discover, and forward the same to the author.

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