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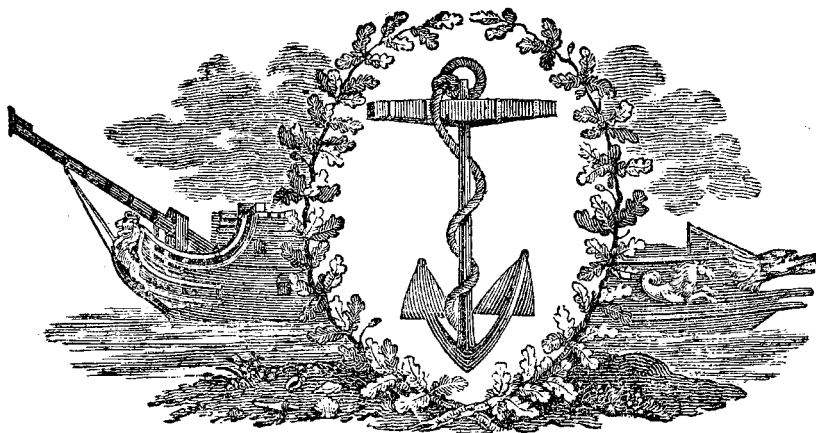
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respondents. If we sometimes fall into errors, we must assure our readers, it is not for want of care, diligence, and attention ; but owing to circumstances against which it is impossible for us in all cases to provide.

To our Correspondents we have to express our warmest thanks for their valuable Communications, and to solicit a continuance of their favours. Since the commencement of the war we have been promised the assistance of some eminent Naval Characters, whose contributions would at any time excite interest, but must be particularly estimable when they relate to scenes and occurrences in which they themselves are the principal actors. With the aid of such co-adjutors, and the assistance that may be afforded us from other quarters, we trust that the NAVAL CHRONICLE will continue to be found not only the most interesting and useful Register of Maritime Events that has hitherto appeared ; but, at this crisis, when the safety of the kingdom depends in a peculiar manner on her *wooden bulwarks*, a Work acceptable to every class of Readers.

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