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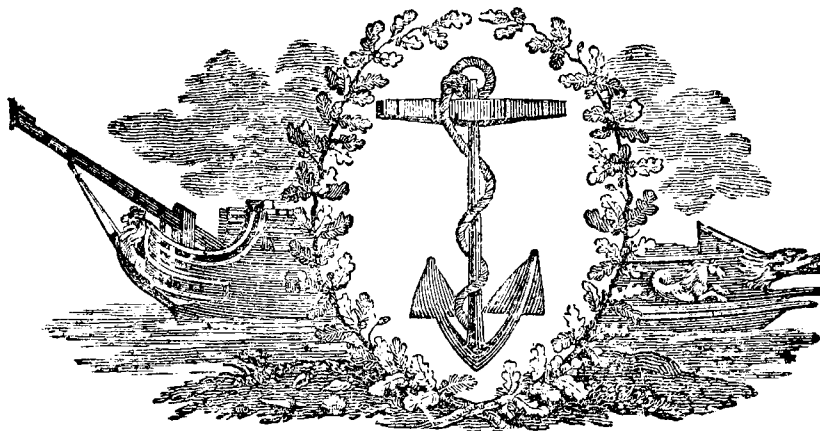


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TO THE THIRTEENTH VOLUME.

NEVER, since we first went out of Dock, in the year 1799, have we witnessed so tremendous a Gale, as that which has continued, nearly throughout the whole of our thirteenth Cruise; and, as the old song says,

HARDER YET, IT YET BLOWS HARDER!

Now again the BOATSWAIN calls.

It has indeed been dirty weather: but we have endeavoured that it should not blind our eyes: whilst the good old Ship the BRITANNIA strained in every timber, and gave some awkward rolls, we strove to keep our little Packet *steady*, and to preserve whatever of value was thrown out, during the Tempest. Our Vessel was hardly large enough to stow it all away, though we removed many of our Bulk-heads; which brought on us angry and threatening words from some of our Passengers. Who must forgive us, if amidst the bustle and anxiety that has prevailed, we have lost something of our usual courtesy and condescension.

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The NAVAL CHRONICLE, like all other Periodical Works, that have the smallest connection with the Political World, must sometimes vary the limits of the different subjects it embraces. And as, from its very name, it undertakes to chronicle the Naval Events of the Year, it must have a reference to the Naval Columns of the Public Prints, and to the Naval Debates of the British Senate. Nor does it follow from this, that we are negligent in procuring Philosophical Papers, Naval Literature, or Hydrographical Information. All of these in their turn, and due season, have their proper place allotted: if they occasionally are passed by, their omission arises from the Tide of historical Events; many of which, if not noticed in our pages, may probably never reach the future Historian: for as we have already said, on our Wrapper, we must, in some respects, *look towards Posterity*.

In a former Preface we promised to insert the late “Admiral Knowles’s Correspondence on Ship Building.” This, with some other similar declarations, may seem to have been neglected: but our Readers shall eventually find us as good as our word. We have lately reprinted Admiral Sir C. Knowles’s Memoir for the fifth time, and with considerable additions. That of Lord Howe has gone through many impressions, and is again out of print: we request, that such additions may be sent to us, as may have offered themselves to our Subscribers.—Though we wish not to run into the egotism of the age, it is a duty we owe ourselves, to declare; that we have often kept back

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Our thanks, for assistance in the following pages, are principally due, among others, to the Gentleman who sent us the *Robinson Crusoe* Life of Lieutenant Hunter; to Mr. G. Matthew, for his Letter from Llwyn (page 51).—To the Gentleman who sent the Letter, that was written by an Officer on board the Fury, (page 53).—To our old Correspondent, who dates from Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, (page 116: In answer to whose queries, we have to mention *Pepys' List of the Royal Navy.*)—To Mr. Gibson, (page 117), for his account, and view of Dunkirk; for a Paragraph relative to Sir Home Popham, (page 137).—For a Letter from Mr. E. Hoppe, maker of the new Sextant and Compass, (page 196.) To *Amor*, for his View of Marston Rock, (page 200.) For Hints for Improving the Navy, by a Well-wisher (page 268).—For the justification of a brave Man's Character, by himself, (page 272).—For the origin of the Infernal, as used in the Expedition against the Enemy in the autumn of last year, (page 275.)—For

the State of the efficient Force of the British Navy by F. F., at Upper Clapton, (page 365.)—And for Mr. Tucker's Letter, however long, (page 368.)—The third Number of *Spanish Naval State Papers* was not inserted in the Appendix, owing to the great press of other Articles.

They who sometimes too hastily condemn us, and who scruple not to pester us with Letters, either complaining of the arrangement of our Pages, or urging, with too much impatience, an immediate attention to such particular Articles, as appear the most interesting to themselves; have little idea of the difficulty and anxiety of our labours. The NAVAL CHRONICLE, without any exception, is the cheapest Periodical Work, for its Size, Paper, and Embellishments, that ever appeared in Europe. We have found it extremely difficult to continue it at its present low price, when so many others are vended at the same, though on a smaller Paper, and without Engravings. Nor do we insert this with any idea of advantage to ourselves; but to silence, a little, that spleen, or discontent, which, as we have not merited, we are sorry to draw upon us.—The thirteen Columns we have raised, if they are not always of the *Corinthian* Order, will serve to increase the stability of more splendid Monuments; and will hereafter be often pilfered, as they have been, to set off the works of those, who would otherwise search in vain for such Materials.

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