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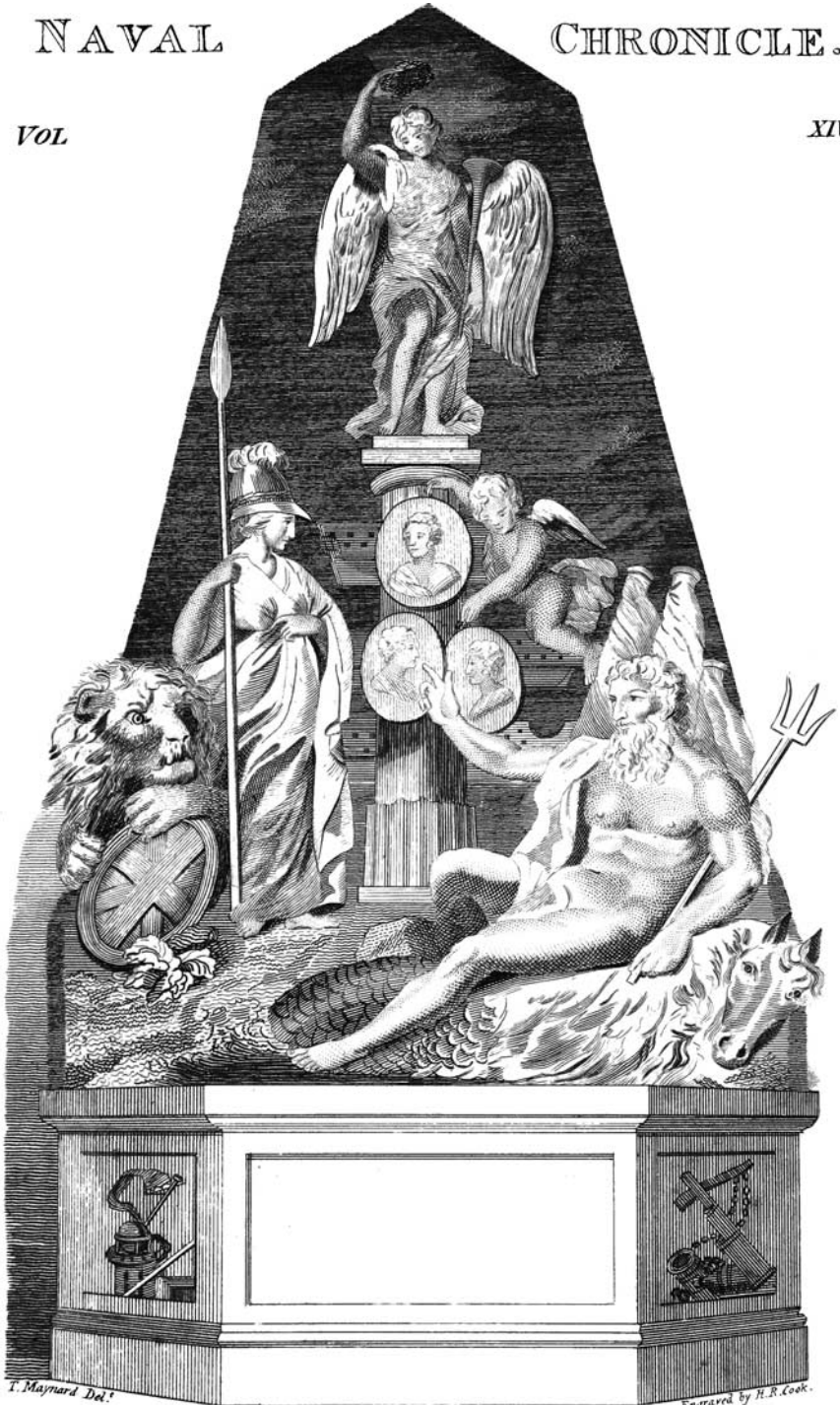
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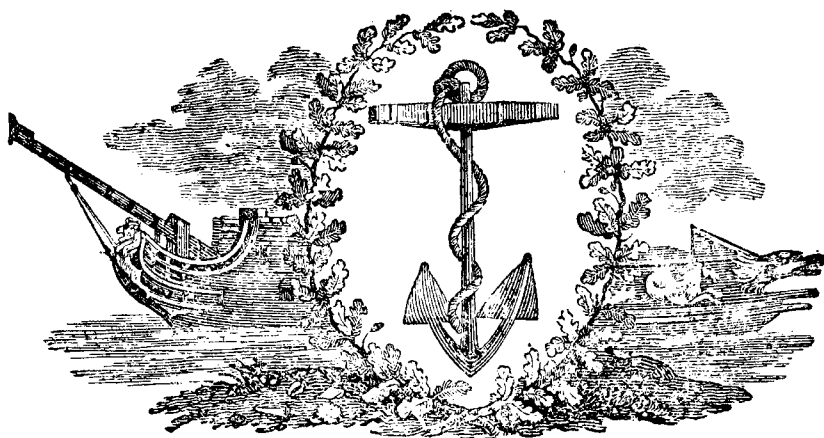
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TO THE FOURTEENTH VOLUME.

*T*HE thirteen Columns we have raised, will hereafter be often pilfered, to set off the works of those, who would otherwise search in vain for such materials. Such were the words with which we concluded our last Preface, and very fully has the truth of them been confirmed, by what has since taken place; for never was any poor devil so plucked, and pulled, and gutted, as our Chronicle has been, since the lamented death of our illustrious Hero, Lord Nelson. Some of the public Prints, particularly the *Oracle* and *The London Chronicle*, were liberal enough to acknowledge the source, whence they had derived the only authentic materials that exist respecting this renowned Officer. At our request, which Mr. M'Arthur communicated to his Lordship, he was pleased to send us a Memoir of his professional life, in his own hand writing, on three sheets of letter

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paper—an invaluable relic, which is still in Mr. M^cArthur's possession; and from this document Lord Nelson's biographical memoir was composed by the Rev. J. S. Clarke, conjointly with the above gentleman. The whole of what has appeared since, as far as relates to the period which our memoir embraced, whether published in separate Volumes, or in the public prints, has been pilfered from the Naval Chronicle.

Such being the fact, the utility of our labours, and the interest of our respective Volumes, cannot be denied: But besides the above biographical Memoir, we have at different times published various papers relative to Lord Nelson; and to which our Readers may possibly now wish to have one general reference:

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It frequently occurs, that whilst we are waiting in order to procure authentic biographical memoirs of Naval Officers, and have actually made application to the Officers themselves; some of the periodical works will publish an hasty and imperfect sketch of the very characters we had selected. This has lately happened, both with Sir C. Pole, and Sir Home Popham; and it is a duty we owe ourselves to assert, that if any original documents had been sent from those Officers, the NAVAL CHRONICLE would have had a preference. Our memoir of Admiral Milbanke, which was ready for publication, has been delivered to a friend of his family, with the hope of rendering it as complete as possible. We also request communications from professional men who were acquainted with that worthy Admiral; and also from those who either knew, or served with the late Sir Richard Pearson, Lieutenant Governor of Greenwich Hospital, and the gallant Captain Faulknor, who preceded Lord Nelson in the path of glory, during the year 1795. We return our respectful thanks to Lady Pearson, for the papers we have received: and are happy to inform our Readers, that previous to Mrs. Faulknor's recent death, she had given every paper

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The length of this Preface will not allow us to add some other remarks which we had reserved for this occasion. In Naval Literature we particularly recommend "The Naval and Military Memoirs of Great Britain, by Beatson, from 1727 to 1783," in six Volumes; the three last were published in 1804: and, as we have sometimes noticed the respective value of the public Prints, (Vol. 12, page 411), from a knowledge of their value on board, after a long cruise; we shall also mark with approbation, as an independent and well-written history of the times, "Mr. Readhead Yorke's Weekly Political Review."

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*** From the information we have just received, by Officer who were on board the Temeraire, during the late glorious action, that Ship was never boarded.

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