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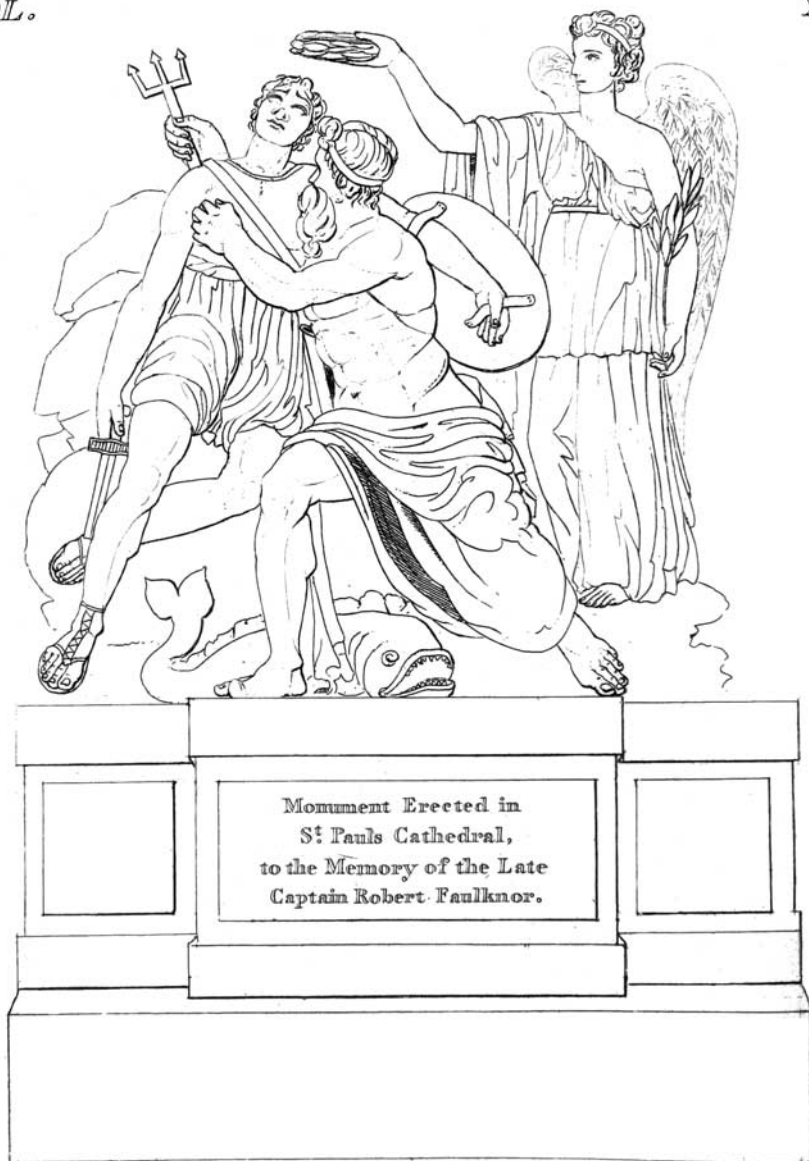
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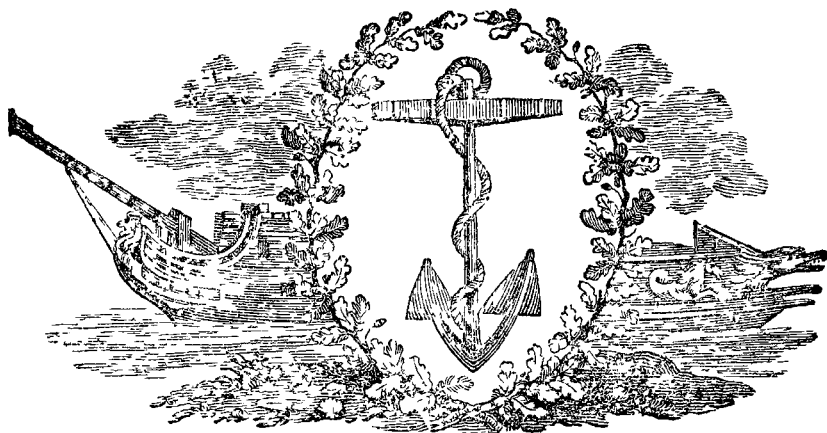
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TO THE SIXTEENTH VOLUME.

THE present Volume, in recording the brilliant achievements of the present age, has not, like too many of the present day, been un mindful of former Heroes; amongst whom the name of Faulknor must ever claim its due pre-eminence.

In our painful and laborious task of writing the biographical Memoirs of living Officers, we have sometimes drawn on us, and very undeservedly, that angry spirit of party, which still preserves its wonted ascendancy in the Naval Profession. The pages of our Chronicle are open to every one: if we have now inadvertently offended, or should at any future time offend this too irritable disposition, we shall be at all times ready fairly to publish any detection of our partialities, or any accusation of our judices, that may even be suspected.

We have been led into this declaration from some circumstances that have arisen since the publication of our memoirs of Sir Home Popham; which were merely brought forward in consequence of his capture of Buenos Ayres. As a faithful Chronicle of Naval Events, however imperfect, a certain degree of independence must be allowed us. We respect, as much

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as any one, the Herculean Arm that has attempted to cleanse the Augean Stable of the British Navy; yet, with that respect, we wish to preserve our candour and impartiality.

The Memoirs of Admirals Mitchell, and Louis, which are inserted in this Volume, have been drawn up on the same principles, and published with the same intentions; and these will be succeeded in our next Volume by the Memoirs of Sir Samuel Hood, Sir Robert Calder, and the intrepid Commander of the Arrow sloop, Captain Vincent.

Our thanks in this Volume are principally due for the communications of *Mr. C. C. Crooke's Letter to Earl St. Vincent*, (page 53,) respecting an improved mode of fitting and placing the rigging on masts.—To signature ——— B, for his information respecting a new invention to preserve ships from decay, &c. (page 60)—To Messrs. W. and T. Hore, Throgmorton Street, for their obliging Letter, (page 61.)—To an anonymous Correspondent, for his *Queries in Navigation*, the plan of which we much approve, (page 63.)—To the Correspondent who favoured us with a *Journal of the proceedings of His Majesty's Ship Melpomene*, after she had lost her rudder, and had fitted one according to Captain Pakenham's plan, (page 121.)—To Neptune, for his supplement to our *List of Ships building*, (page 126.)—In addition to which we have to add, that before Lord Howick left the Board of Admiralty, he gave directions for the building of a seventy-four at Deptford, to be called *La Hogue*, and also for two others of the same force, to be built in the Merchants' Yards, and to be called the *Poitiers* and *Cressy*. Besides these, six frigates, and ten sloops, were ordered to be built; and the Board has directed a ship to be laid down, which will be called the *St. Vincent*. We thus at last seem to be getting rid of *all* the birds in the air, and all the gods, goddesses, and monsters in the sea: an improvement which we have repeatedly and anxiously enforced. The noblest monument that can be raised to the memory of a British Seaman, is to have a ship of the line dedicated to record his exploits.

To Mr. W. Westall, the brother of the Academician, we

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In our collection of LETTERS ON SERVICE, the attention of our readers should be directed; amongst others—**I.** To the gallant manner in which the Spanish armed schooner *Santa Clara* was boarded and captured by Lieutenant Ward, and Mr. Eveleigh, Midshipman, in boats from His Majesty's ship *Pique*, Captain C. B. H. Ross, (page 78.)—**II.** To the gallant encounter of Captain Prowse, off the Tiber, with a very formidable flotilla of the enemy, in which the Commander was captured, (page 80.)—**III.** To a very noble exploit conducted by Lieutenant Mulcaster, an Elève of Lord St. Vincent, first of the *Minerva*, Captain G. R. Collier, in cutting out five Spanish *Luggers and Chasse Marees*, from under the Fort in *Finisterre Bay*, (page 83.)—**IV.** Sir Sidney Smith's Letter relative to his Proceedings off *Gaieta and Naples*, (page 163;) and Captain Richardson's, of the *Juno*, respecting the sortie made by the brave Prince of Hesse, (page 166.)—**V.** Sir Samuel Hood's, and Captain Rodd's Letters, detailing a very gallant

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In NAVAL LITERATURE many works have appeared, which the press of other papers, and in particular the very interesting Report of the Commissioners of Naval Inquiry, have prevented us from considering as we could have wished. We therefore shall here insert the titles of such as we particularly recommend to the notice of our professional readers.

1. A complete collection of Tables of Naval and Nautical Astronomy, with simple, concise, and accurate methods for all the calculations useful at sea: particularly for deducing the longitude from lunar distances, and the latitude from two altitudes of the Sun, and the interval of time between the observations. By Joseph Mendoza Rios, Esq. F.R.S. 4to.

2. Annals of Commerce, Manufactories, Fisheries, and Navigation, with brief notices of the Arts and Sciences connected with them, &c. &c. &c. From the year 1402, to the meeting of the Union Parliament in January, 1801. By David Macpherson-4 vols. 4to.

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3. Dr. Vincent's *Periplus of the Erythrean Sea*, Part the second.

4. *Chronological History of Discoveries in the Pacific Ocean*, by Captain Burney, R.N. Part the second.

5. *A Treatise on Practical Navigation and Seamanship*, with directions for the management of a ship in all situations; and also a full and accurate description of the English Channel; with distinct and clear directions for its navigation, from the Downs westward, and from its entrance to the Downs: the result of actual and laborious surveys, during sixty-four years of constant service. By the late William Nicholson, Esq. Master Attendant of Chatham Dock Yard, &c. with plates.

6. Rev. J. S. Clarke's *Naufragia; or, Memoirs of Shipwrecks: the second Volume*. 8vo. With a Chart, by Arrowsmith, of the Coast of the North Polar Regions.

7. *Memoirs of the Rise and Progress of the Royal Navy*. By Charles Derrick, Esq. of the Navy Office. 4to.

8. *A Voyage to Cochin China in the years 1792, and 1793*, by John Barrow, Esq. with twenty Engravings.

9. A new Edition, much enlarged, of Lord Sheffield's *Strictures on the necessity of inviolably maintaining the Navigation and Colonial System of Great Britain*.—The whole of this work, as his Lordship informs us in the advertisement, is newly arranged, and much new matter introduced. "The great object of the Navigation Laws of this Country is Maritime strength; and, in this respect, they have lately been counteracted in their operation, not merely by suspending Acts, but by discretionary orders of various denominations, and by dangerous concessions in favour of neutral carriage in time of war. The doctrine and the exercise of discretionary powers have been particularly noticed; and the recent innovations on the Maritime Jurisprudence of Great Britain; the consequent frauds of neutrals, in all their mischievous effects on this Nation, and all their beneficial consequences to the enemy; the pretensions and claims which have been advanced in support of what is termed the freedom, but what in reality is the licentiousness of neutral flags, as it relates to a belligerent; the doctrines maintained, during the late and the present war, on the important rules of contraband and search; and the principles laid down on the subject by the best writers on the Law of Nations, have been here detailed and examined, copiously and freely, and with the care which they merited."

10. *The Navy Pocket Paymaster and Prize Agent*, containing

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the most clear and accurate information relative to Officer's Pay; Seamen's Wages, Seamen's Wills, Allotments, Sick Quarters, Provisions, Greenwich Hospital, Chest at Greenwich, Prizes, &c.— New Regulations for Medical Officers, Hospital Surgeons, Assistants, &c. With Tables of Pay, per week, per month, and per day, in every rate in the Navy, according to the late increase, accurately corrected by the pay books at the Navy Office. Scale of Pensionable Hurts. Admission to Greenwich Hospital, Chest, School, &c. Comprising the most interesting information to Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, &c. or their Representatives. By the Author of the Spirit of Marine Law, &c.

In attending to another division of our Chronicle, styled PHILOSOPHICAL PAPERS, we have lately examined the progress of a very important discovery to the British Nation, that has been made by a Mr. Smart. This gentleman, who resides on the Surry side of Westminster Bridge, has found out a most scientific and simple mode of making hollow masts and yards, greatly superior in point of strength to solid ones; and which on many accounts possess advantages above those now in use. Mr. Smart's masts and yards have been tried, with great success, in the Merchant Service: in consequence of which the Patentee has been ordered by the Navy Board to give in an estimate of the expense of fitting out a seventy-four, after the same mode. The saving is almost incredible. We intended to have given our readers a more circumstantial account of this valuable discovery: but for the present have refrained from doing it, in consequence of the correspondence now carrying on between Mr. Smart and the Board. He ingenuously acknowledges, that the first thing which led his mind to the subject of hollow masts, was a letter sent some time since by the present Lord Barham, to the Society for the Improvement of Naval Architecture; in which his Lordship lamented the impossibility of adding more strength to a mast, without too much increasing its weight.

Respecting the NAVAL HISTORY of the present day; the prospect of a Peace, if it ever were more than a vision, or a mere deception of that prince of robbers, Buonaparté, seems entirely to have vanished. There is a satisfaction, however, in being assured, from the documents before the public, that the

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first proposition came from the Usurper; who now declares against any Peace, until we shall be obliged to renounce the *scheme of disturbing the Continent, and the Tyranny of the Seas*. All that he has done seems not to be called disturbance. Of this most false, and impudent denunciation, it has been well observed—"As to the disturbance of the Continent, we know of no scheme which Britain can be said to have had for that purpose, except a disposition to aid, to the utmost of her power, the resistance of independent nations to all attempts at the violation of their rights; we know of no peace of the Continent which France can mean to establish, except it be the peace of unconditional submission to her own will. How France will be able to compel us to renounce this *disturbance*, or to establish such a *Peace* on the Continent, we know not; unless it be by the annihilation of every germe of liberty and independence with which we could form an association. To reduce our means, or to limit our disposition to assist the exertion of the spirit of independence, is, we trust, beyond the power of the Tyrant. To compel us to renounce what he calls the *Tyranny of the Seas*, is a gasconade that does not deserve any serious notice. Our Maritime Power will, we trust, be always equally stable and just; and at present we see not the smallest room to question either its justice or its stability."

May the descendant of the great Frederick, though overwhelmed by

"The innumerable force of *Devils* armed,"

remember the language of one, who may claim an affinity with the Dynasty of Napoleon; and who, when vanquished by that irresistible Power, which we trust will ere long arrest the mad progress of this vindictive Corsican, thus addressed his discomfited followers:—

—————"What though the field be lost?

All is not lost; th' unconquerable will,
And study of revenge, immortal hate,
And courage never to submit or yield,
And what is else not to be overcome;
That glory never shall his wrath or might
Extort from me."

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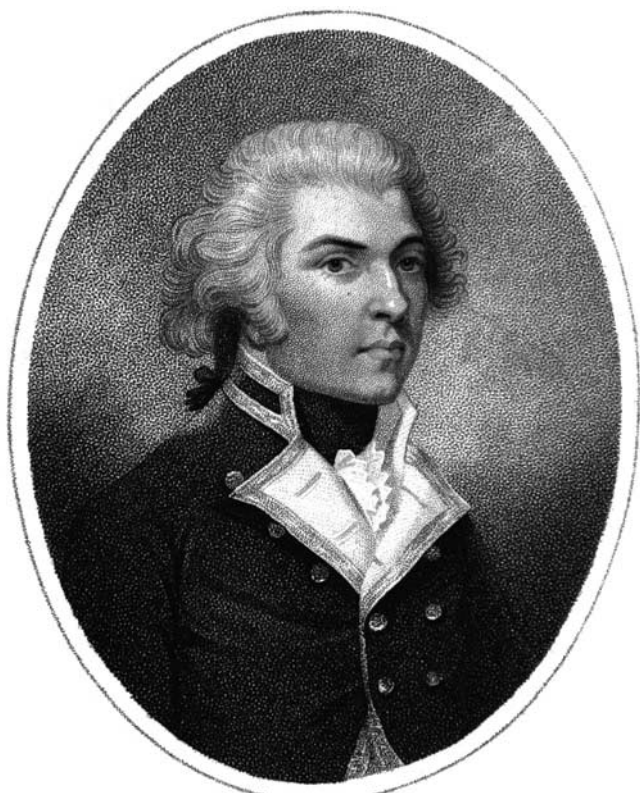
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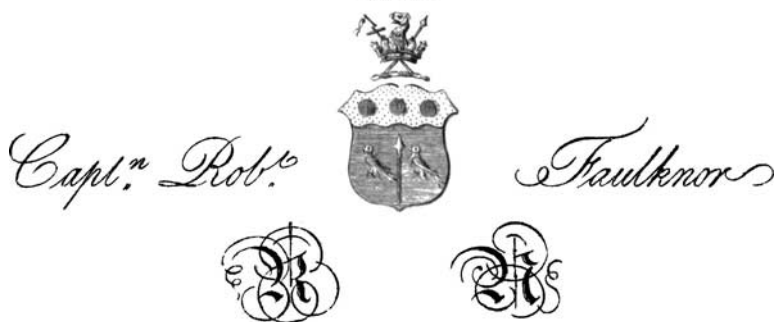
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