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VICE ADMIRAL OF THE BLUE SQUADRON,  
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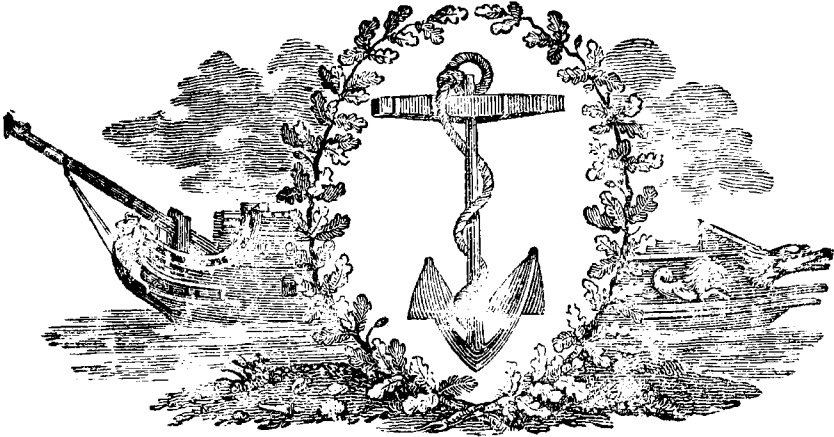


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## P R E F A C E

TO THE EIGHTEENTH VOLUME.

**E**VERY Englishman will feel the powerful appeal to his heart, which has been made to the Declaration of Russia,\* and, we trust, will shew that he feels it. This is not the first time that the little island has been left alone to chasten the overweening insolence and calumnies of France: and, whatever our forefathers accomplished, we trust their posterity, with such an example before them, and such ample resources in their possession, will not fail, with the blessing of Heaven, to do likewise.

We dread only the violence of party, and that inclination which so many of our countrymen indulge, to attach themselves rather to particular men, and the support of particular opinions, than to the general cause which calls so loudly for unanimity. It is in vain that our naval heroes strive to exceed each other in zealous and patient service, for the good old ship the *BRITANNIA*, if the different admirals and captains cannot agree among themselves: and cheerfully agree, to take *a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether*. And then, my masters, what signifies argufying and dealing out speeches a fathom long, when the boatswain pipes all hands, and whistles till his lungs are ready to crack? Methinks ye want the mate of the watch among ye; for it is coming on to blow, and if your time is occupied in making speeches, and attacking each other, some surly old seaman will exclaim, as he turns his quid, “ here’s hell to *pay*, and no pitch hot!”

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The strange conduct of Russia is highly derogatory from the character of its Emperor, and will occasion a considerable change in the naval war we are carrying on with so much energy. Of all the ambassadors which were sent to Petersburg from this country, we know, from good authority, that no one ever possessed the confidence of the Sovereign more than Admiral Sir John B. Warren did that of Alexander; and it is to be lamented he was not at Petersburg when the late events took place. French manners and French influence are paramount in that metropolis; and the plain open character of a British seaman was alone able occasionally to counteract the calumnies which the emissaries of the French circulated in an astonishing manner. To him the Emperor constantly unbosomed himself, and was in the habits of attending to the admiral's advice, when new and unforeseen events required that monarch to deviate from the wonted policy of his ancestors.

We are sorry to find that some of our friends have lately entertained an idea, that the CHRONICLE is become the decided partizan of the present ministers: it is the duty of a work purposely established for the use and recreation of his Majesty's Navy, to direct its endeavours, however feeble, towards the support of government, and those servants whom our Sovereign has selected to conduct it: but, as we have elsewhere observed in the present Volume, we deprecate all idea of undue or prejudiced attachment to any set of men whatever. The pages of the CHRONICLE have been, and ever will be open, to all who honour them with their remarks, whether they belong to ministers or their opponents.

We also beg leave to remind our numerous readers, that a periodical work, from its very nature, will not every month be equally interesting, or valuable. We cannot look into the list of admirals, and captains, and lieutenants, and give what memoirs we please. From the natural shyness and modesty of naval men, we sometimes find it a very arduous task to prepare this portion of the CHRONICLE, and to render it as interesting and important as we could wish: frequently, when, owing to the promises of the relatives or friends of officers, we expect to be enabled to gratify the public in this respect, *time* and the *press*

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like the tide, make us hasten on board, and put to sea with whatever cargo is ready: and, when too late, we find that the purser has shipped bad tobacco, yellow tallow candles, and worse slops.—We mention this, because much fault has been found, and sometimes very deservedly, with our engravings; and although those persons who blame us do not seem to recollect the price at which our numbers continue to be published, we still so much wish to preserve their good opinion, that we have given a great many of the beautiful designs that have lately been got ready for the *CHRONICLE*, to Mr. Bennet, a pupil of Mr. Westall's, who has already engraved some in a new and excellent manner.

The Biography of the present Volume illustrates the important services and professional characters of Vice-Admiral Sir T. Duckworth, K. B.—of Rear-Admiral George Murray (page 177); of Captain William Johnstone Hope (page 269); of Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Trollope (page 353); and of Rear-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. (page 441). As a contrast between the exploits of these officers, and those of former times, we gave, from no common sources, at page 89, a memoir of the celebrated Earl of Nottingham, Lord High Admiral in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

In addition to these, we are endeavouring to collect materials for a biographical memoir of Admiral Holloway, Sir Thomas Troubridge, and other distinguished naval officers. We should feel ourselves greatly obliged, if any of our friends would also assist us with the professional lives of Admiral Keates, Admiral Montague, Captain Sir T. M. Hardy, Bart. the Hon. Captain C. Boyle, Captain J. Foote, and that young officer, of whom Lord Nelson had so high an opinion, Captain Host, of his Majesty's ship *Amphion*. It is at least of service to mention these names, that even thus far, we may mark the reputation and high character of these distinguished seamen.

The limits of a preface will not allow us to notice the whole of the favours we have received in this Volume. Our memoir of Admiral Russell has received an interesting addition by the favour of C. D. L. (page 45). The "Poetical Sketches of various Parts of the World," by an officer in the navy, are inserted at

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In Naval Literature we can only notice the outline of a Plan for the better Security and Defence of the British West Indies, by Captain Layman, of the royal navy, 8vo.

We lament exceedingly that so injudicious and intemperate a paper, as the preface to Sir Home Popham's trial, should have been laid before the public : especially as, to every candid and unprejudiced mind, it must be evident that the elements of a spirit, of which the said preface affects to accuse the officers who remonstrated against ceding their rank to him, are more strongly shewn by dangerous and unfounded reflections on as respectable and honourable a court martial as ever was assembled.

At the moment when this sheet went to press, the public mind was much divided respecting the news that had arrived from Portugal ; and an idea seemed to prevail, but on what authority we could not discover, " that by evacuating Portugal, the wishes of the usurper have been gratified, who may now immediately give the vacant kingdom to one of his minions ; and was only afraid, that the Brazils would have been taken possession of by the English." This probably is merely the language of party, and, if true, may easily be answered. The plunder of the country, and its ships, are out of the power of the Corsican chief ; and a new market in South America is opened to our manufactories. In the midst of all these events, the rumour of peace prevails : but we fear the rumour is treacherous, and that we must prepare our good old ship, the BRITANNIA, against a hurricane. However, we all know our stations, and our duty ; and rely on that good Providence, which has hitherto in so wonderful a manner upheld the independence and renown of the united kingdom.

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