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THE Author of these
Travels, Mr. Lemuel
Gulliver, is my antient
and intimate Friend ;
there is likewise some Relation be-
tween us by the Mother's Side.
About three years ago, Mr. Gulliver
growing weary of the Concourse of
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curious People coming to him at his House in *Redriff*, made a small Purchase of Land, with a convenient House, near *Newark* in *Nottinghamshire*, his native Country; where he now lives retired, yet in good esteem among his Neighbours.

ALTHOUGH Mr. *Gulliver* was born in *Nottinghamshire*, where his Father dwelt, yet I have heard him say his Family came from *Oxfordshire*; to confirm which, I have observed in the Church-yard at *Banbury*, in that County, several Tombs and Monuments of the *Gullivers*.

BEFORE he quitted *Redriff*, he left the Custody of the following Papers in my Hands, with the liberty to

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dispose of them as I should think fit. I have carefully perused them three times: The Style is very plain and simple; and the only Fault I find is, that the Author, after the manner of Travellers, is a little too circumstantial. There is an Air of Truth apparent through the Whole; and indeed, the Author was so distinguished for his Veracity, that it became a sort of Proverb among his Neighbours at Redriff, when any one affirm'd a thing, to say it was as true as if Mr. Gulliver had spoke it.

By the Advice of several worthy Persons, to whom, with the Author's Permission, I communicated these Papers, I now venture to send them
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into the World, hoping they may be, at least for some time, a better Entertainment to our young Noblemen, than the common Scriblers of Politicks and Party.

THIS Volume would have been at least twice as large, if I had not made bold to strike out innumerable Passages relating to the Winds and Tides, as well as to the Variations and Bearings in the several Voyages; together with the minute Descriptions of the Management of the Ship in Storms, in the Style of Sailors: Likewise the account of the Longitudes and Latitudes; wherein I have Reason to apprehend that Mr. *Gulliver* may be a little dissatisfied: But I was resolv'd to fit the Work

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as much as possible to the general Capacity of Readers. However, if my own Ignorance in Sea-Affairs shall have led me to commit some Mistakes, I alone am answerable for them: And if any Traveller hath a Curiosity to see the whole Work at large, as it came from the Hand of the Author, I shall be ready to gratify him.

As for any further Particulars relating to the Author, the Reader will receive Satisfaction from the first Pages of the Book.

RICHARD SYMPSON.

