

views and combinations of the Macedonian monarch—that military meteor, whose course, though occasionally eccentric, was yet constantly regulated by the preponderating attraction of his original design; and whose plans, though marked by temporary and local devastation, yet secured the foundation of the durable and general prosperity of future generations. The theme is too vast and too sublime for the present effort, even had it never been before attempted; but the genius of the learned author of the “Commerce and Navigation of the Ancients^a” has admirably developed the great and profound views of Alexander, ignorantly described by Pope as the reveries of insane ambition; and has significantly alluded to the successful accomplishment of his wonderful attempt, in that beautifully appropriate legend placed under the engraving of the head of his hero,

“Aperiam terras gentibus^b.”

Or let us investigate the career of the equally extraordinary conqueror of the present century. View him overcoming every moral and physical difficulty in the pursuit of his gigantic and fearful project of universal empire; uniting distant and hostile nations in confederacies against their own liberties; changing their long established

^a The very reverend W. Vincent, D. D. late dean of Westminster.

^b Q. Curt. lib. ix. cap. 6.