

T O T H E
R E A D E R.

THE Ingenious Author (whose great Abilities for these sorts of Performances, are sufficiently known to the World) having received express Orders from King *Charles II.* for Surveying the Principal Roads of the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, put them in Execution, with indefatigable Pains and Industry: Afterwards having compleated the several Descriptions, he Dedicated them to that Judicious Prince, and Published them in a large Folio, A. D. 1674.

'Twere needless to insist on the Usefulness of Works of this Nature; since 'tis apparent, that they have met with good reception in all Ages: For, not to mention the Precedents Establish'd by Divine Authority; the *Persian* Monarchs commanded an exact Register to be made of the Stationary Distances throughout their vast Dominions: In like manner, the *Macedonian* Conqueror (who founded the Third Monarchy of the World) had his *Mensores Itinerum Alexandri*, and *Julius Caesar* the Illustrious Founder of the *Roman* Empire Compos'd an Universal Itinerary. As for those of our Nation, the most accurate of this kind, hitherto extant, even the famous Itinerary of Great *Britain* by *Antoninus*, and the no less celebrated *Peutingerian* Tables, fall very much short of our Author's Book of Roads; in which all the Distances are exactly adjusted by an actual Dimensuration, and the Principal Places are Illustrated with an Historical and Geographical Description.

In this Edition, care has been taken, not only to revise and correct the Text, but also to render the Style more concise and intelligible, and in order to bring the whole matter within its due bounds; 'twas requisite to make use of a few Abbreviations here subjoin'd.

The Abbreviations in this W O R K.

Afc. for Ascant.	P. for Park.
Br. for Bridg.	Par. for Parish.
C. or Com. for Common.	Parl. for Parliament.
Ch. for Church.	R. for Road.
Chap. for Chappell.	Riv. for River.
Corp. for Corporation.	V. or Vill. for Village.
D. for Down.	W. for Wood.
Desc. for Descant.	N. for North.
F. for Furlong.	S. for South.
Stv. or Riv. for River.	E. for East.
Fl. for Forest.	W. for West.
Gr. for Green.	N.E. for North-East.
H. for Heath.	S.E. for South-East.
K. for King.	N.W. for North-West.
M. for Mile.	S.W. for South-West.
Mt. for Market.	

The Gentlemen may be pleas'd to take Notice, That besides Mr. Ogilby's Book of Roads, they have also his Britannia, with the entire Descriptions of the Cities, Principal Towns, Remarkable Places, Ancient Monuments, &c. which were not promised in the Proposals.