engaged his notice, as well as of adding to the whole the result of inquiries and observations made on the spot.

The formation of a great number of facts into a system, may, it is presumed, prove of use in impressing those facts on the mind more strongly than if they were left to operate independently of each other. For oftentimes a fact makes less impression, when standing naked and alone, than when it makes a part of a system, which operates like a band to keep the parts together in their proper places, when they may happen to explain and illustrate each other.

The present work is confined to the principal streams of current in the North and South Atlantic Oceans; and those which pass between the Indian and South Atlantic Oceans, round the Cape of Good Hope: together with the regions of the trade-winds in the two Atlanties; showing the changes that take place in the different parallels and seasons; a most important point of knowledge to such as are strangers to that navigation, and may expect to find the trade-winds more regular.

An attempt to describe the currents of the whole circumambient ocean would have been too great an undertaking for any individual advanced in life, even if proper materials could have been found: and, therefore, it was supposed that, since no greater scope could be taken than that which the Atlantic presented, it was, of all others, taken singly, of the most immediate use to navigation. Besides,