



Inquiry Into the Means of Establishing a Ship Navigation: Between the Mediterranean and Red Seas (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Inquiry Into the Means of Establishing a Ship Navigation: Between the Mediterranean and Red Seas We learn also from the accurate levellings made by the French engineers that the mean height of the surface of the Red Sea is 2957 English feet above the mean height of the surface of the Mediterranean Sea near Tineh. Between the two seas the land of the Isthmus is stated to be remarkably flat with the exception of some scattered hillocks of drifted sand. For two or three miles from the Gulph, northwards, the ground is only elevated three feet above the high-water-mark of the Bed Sea and from thence it is said to decline gradually to the Mediterranean shore. The general character of the soil near the surface is stated to consist of a hard compact gravelly but the limit to which this kind of soil extends has not been very fully ascertained. Proceeding north from the head of the Gulph the direct line across the Isthmus passes for twelve miles through a valley or narrow plain confined...



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