



*The manner of Torturing & Executing the Eng-  
lish and Japonese. At Amboyna, and the Oran keys  
and Nobles of Idloroone :-*

*Sutton Nicholls sculp.*

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**HISTORY**  
OF THE 115 H 11  
**Barbarous CRUELITIES**  
and **MASSACRES,**  
Committed by the **Dutch**  
IN THE 115 H 11  
**EAST-INDIES.** 164

- I. The Massacre of the *English* at *Amboyna*, *Batavia*, *Macassar*; and the Taking, Burning, and Destroying several *English* Ships in the Streights of *Mallaca*.
- II. The Massacre of the *Oran-keys* and Nobles of *Poloroon*, for a pretended Conspiracy, of Massacreing the *Dutch*.
- III. How the King of *Candi*, being in Confederacy with the *Dutch*, made War with the *Portuguese*, and took the Old and New Cities of *Columbo* from them; and after they had entirely routed them out of those Parts, the *Dutch* pretending to give the King of *Candi*, and his Army a Treat for their good Services, set upon them while they were in the midst of their Jollity, and massacred several Thousands of them, for which inhuman Fact that King is at War with them to this very Day.
- IV. Some Difference happening between the Old and Young Kings of *Bantam*, the *Dutch*, under Pretence of assisting the Young King, destroy'd all the Old King's Forces; then they made him submit himself to them: And so compel'd the Young King to deliver up his Kingdom for a Monthly Pension.

To which is added,  
The Proceedings of the Council of *Amboyna*, which the *Dutch* sent to the *English East-India* Company, in Defence of the Proceedings against the *English* there.

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# THE PREFACE.

**W**ERE it not for a meer Custom, the Reader should turn from the Title Page to the Book, without the Hindrance of a Preface; but in this Age it is so usual, that he who exposes a Book to the World without one, runs the Hazard of being thought a Person that is willing to leave of a good old Fashion.

The Conclusion of a General Peace, which is at this time in Agitation, does not take up the least part of every Body's Discourse: And more especially the unreasonable Demands of the Dutch; notwithstanding the particular Care which her Majesty has express'd for their Interests: in Her Speech on the Sixth of June last, wherein she tells her Parliament, That her best Endeavours should be employ'd, as they had hitherto been, to procure to every one of Her



Confederates, all just and reasonable Satisfaction.

*There is a certain Set of Men among us, who v're always buzzing in our Ears the unjust Dealings of the King of France; and exclaim so bitterly against him, as if he was the greatest Tyrant that ever sat upon a Throne: I cannot say their Exclamations are all together groundless, he is a Prince that for most part of his Life has been at War with most of his Neighbours, but for what Reasons, whether just or unjust, it is not my place to determine. And yet those very Persons who exclaim so much against the Tyranny of this Prince, would very freely consent to betray their own Native Country into the Hands of a cruel and blood-thirsty People, who within these few Years have massacred more Protestants for their own private Interest, than ever the other did, when under zealous Pretences of Religion, they disturb'd the Peace of his Kingdom.*

*What should be their Reasons for such unnatural Kindness to such an Encroaching People? I believe no body can tell, or really imagine, unless it be to bring England under the Subjection of that State; and then compel the rest of their Fellow-Subjects to embrace their own Schismatical and Whimsical Opinions.*

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EAST-INDIES.

**B**EFORE I give a particular Account of the unheard of Barbarities and Cruelties committed by the *Dutch*; I shall give you a short Relation of what Methods they have used, to get those vast Dominions into their Hands, which they now enjoy.

The *Belgick* Provinces being Devol'd to *Philip* the II. of *Spain*, who designing to himself the Western Monarchy, and the best medium to that End, was to Reduce those Provinces into a Kingdom; but they being Fortified with great privileges, and many of them Inconsistent with Monarchy; 'twas adjudg'd by sober Persons, that it wou'd prove a work of great difficulty, and that he cou'd never effect what he aim'd at. And besides this, the Reformation of Religion, which then began to grow to some strength,

oblig'd the King (if he design'd, to gain his Ends) to Reduce them back to the Church of *Rome*, by the Power and Terror of an Inquisition; which when the People violently oppos'd the King then resolv'd to bring them back by *Spanish* Rhetorick, (that is by Sword and Cannon) to their Obedience. To that end, King *Philip* sent the Duke of *Alva*, who was an Expert Commander, with a great Army, to be his Vice-Roy amongst them. No sooner was he settled in his new Government, but he Establish'd the *Bloet-Rod*, as they term it, which was a Council of Blood, consisting chiefly of *Spaniards*.

In the Year 1567, he took of the Heads of the Counts of *Horn*, and *Egmont*, and divers other Persons of Quality, Citidals where Erected, and Taxes impos'd upon the People to support them. The Political Government of the Country in many things alter'd, and that People spoil'd not only of their Priviledges, but of their Liberties also. During these Troubles, *William* the I. Prince of *Orange*, and his Brother Count *Lodowick* were very Active, and gave the Duke of *Alva* full Employment. All *Holland* (except *Amsterdam*) follow'd the Fortune and side of the Prince of *Orange*; together with all the Towns of *Zealand*. except *Midd'e Burgh*. Upon this Turn of Affairs, the King of *Spain* Recall'd the Duke of *Alva*, and appointed *Don Lewis* of *Requijens*, Governour in his stead; and after him, the Prince of *Parma*, who brought the *Hollanders* into a worse Condition than ever. In the Year 1581, the *Hollanders* Declar'd that *Philip* of *Spain* was fallen from his Government; they

they renounce and abjure him for their Sovereign, break his Seals, change the Oath of Allegiance: and take a new Oath of the People, never to return to the Obedience of *Spain*. Having done this, the *States*, (for so they have call'd themselves ever since) chose *Francis* Duke of *Anjou* to be their Prince; during whose unfortunate Government, the Duke of *Parma* prevail'd in all Places: and especially after the Death of the Prince of *Orange*, who was treacherously slain in the Year 1581.

Now were the *Hollanders* truly miserable, despairing of Pardon from their enrag'd Prince, and having no Person of Courage to head them, and none of Power to protect them, but such as were likely to regard their own Profit, more than their Interest. *England* was they only Place they had left for a Sanctuary, whither they sent their Ambassadors, in their Distress, with Offers to Queen *Elizabeth* to accept the Sovereignty of their Provinces; but that Heroick Princess not intending her self any thing, but the Honour of relieving her poor distressed Neighbours, *Anno* 1585. took them into her Protecting upon the following Articles:

- I. That the Queen should send them 5000 Foot, and 1000 Horse into the *Netherlands*, to fight for them.
- II. That they should pay her 10 *per Cent.* for all Sums of Money she lent or disburs'd for them, with Interest upon Interest, and Five Pounds for every *English* Gentleman, or Officer, that should die in their Service. And,

III. For what Money her Majesty should reimburse for them; the *Brille*, *Flushing*, and the Castle of *Ramekins*, were to be deliver'd into her Hands.

The Queen, in Performance of her Agreement, sent them 5000 Foot and 1000 Horse, under the Command of the Earl of *Leicester*, who had the Cautionary Towns deliver'd up to him: and *Casimir*, the Elector *Palatine's* Son, brought down to the Assistance of the States, an Army of 15000 Horse and Foot, which was rais'd at the great Charge and Expences of the *English*.

Queen *Elizabeth*, resolving to shew them the Royal Signitures of Her Favour, gave them several Demonstrations of her Bounty and Kindness. The Staple of *English* Cloth, which was formerly at *Antwerp*, she settled at *Delph*, by reason of the great Concourse of People which that Trade brought with it: *Flushing*, before the *English* came there, was a very poor Town; but by the Countenance of the Queen, the *English* Garison there, and the Trade which the *English* brought thither, flourish'd in a great measure, and by their Means: So also did all their great Towns and Cities there: And yet to give them further Encouragement in their Trade, the Queen protected them in their Navigation, gave them Licenses to fish upon the *British* Seas, which never before was permitted them, by which in small time they gain'd excessive Riches and Wealth.

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Then was the Queen look'd upon as their only Patroness, and the *English* the best Sinews of their Wars. Near *Newport* was fought that memorable Battle, between the Arch-Duke *Albert* and the States, the Victory, next under God, was gain'd for the States, by the Valour of the *English*.

*Ostend*, which was not wall'd till the *Low-Country* Wars, and then with a Mud Wall only, and that not finish'd till the Arch-Duke sat down before it; insomuch, that the Arch-Dutchess, his Wife, made a solemn Oath, that she wou'd not shift herself till the Town was taken; but had her Husband made her keep that Oath, she wou'd have been very l——y, for the Town being garison'd by the *English*, under the Command of Sir *Horatio Vere*, (who was Governour thereof) held out against the Arch-Duke, a Siege of Three Years and Three Months, and at this Siege the *Spaniards* lost 100000 Men.

*Breda*, a Town well-fortify'd, and formerly belonging to the Prince of *Orange*, was taken from him in the beginning of the Wars, by the *Spaniards*; but was recover'd again by the Valour of Seventy *English* Soldiers, who hiding themselves in a Boat, cover'd with Turf, were convey'd into the Castle, which they easily conquer'd, and made that Prince Lord again of all his Dominion there. The particular Actions and noble Attempts of the *English* there wou'd deserve a just Volume of themselves, for by their Valour, most of the *Spanish* Soldiers were so consum'd, that the King of *Spain* was forc'd to send 50000 Vere-

ran Soldiers out of *Spain* and *Italy* into *Flanders*; and the Queen to Supply the *States* with answerable Numbers of Men, maintain'd 40000 Horse and Foot in their Service; besides this, She made several Naval Expeditions into *America*, where She much Infested the King of *Spain*, by sinking his Ships; burning his Towns; battering down his Forts and Castles; Interrupting all his Trade and Commerce in those Parts, on purpose to bring him to a Peace with the Distressed-Provinces. But at length, the Queen finding the *States* (who were now puff'd up with Riches) grown very Insolent, and the Wars in the *Netherlands* had Exhausted Her Treasure, and Destroy'd several of her Brave Subjects: Resolv'd to make a Peace with the *Spaniards*, by Reason the *Dutch* were very backward in Stating their Accompts with Her; notwithstanding, most of their Subjects were grown Rich by the Wars, of which they made a Trade and Merchandize, whereupon, She signify'd her Royal Pleasure to them; and the *States* finding Her Majesty to be in earnest (as She had good Reason) were much perplexed, for if She had Deserted them, they had lost their chief Support. Hereupon, the *States* in a distressed Condition sent their Ambassadors into *England*, and in the most Humble manner that could be, Petition'd Her Majesty, "Not  
 " to cast of the Cause of God and Man, and  
 " leave Sixty Towns, with a Poor Distressed  
 " People, a Prey to the Malice, and Avarice  
 " of the Barbarous *Spaniards*. But yet the Queen earnestly press'd them for the Payment of the Money; adding withal, That if they  
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did not Obay Her therein, She wou'd take such Courses with them, as Her Lenity was not used to be Acquainted with, and so dismiss'd them. Soon after, they sent the Lord *Warmond*, and some other Suppliants unto Her Majesty, who in the lowest Posture of Humility, did acknowledge themselves oblig'd to Her, for the Infinite Benefits She had bestow'd upon them. " And as for the Money which the *States* owed her, they beseech'd her Majesty to consider the Dangers that were daily growing upon them, their Poverty and Disability to Pay; but the Queen understanding their Unjust Dealings with Her, told them, " That She had been often Deluded by their " deceitful Supplications, ungrateful Actions, " and their Frivulous pretences of Poverty, " when their Rich Cities Confuted them. At these Expressions of Her Majesty, the Poor Distressed *States* thought themselves Confounded, yet considering the Name of an Alliance with *England*, was of exceeding advantage to them, they resolv'd to submit to what Conditions Her Majesty wou'd be pleas'd to lay upon them. The principal Debt being Stated, did amount to 8000000 Crowns, besides the Interest upon Interest, and the loss of Her Subjects in the Wars. During the Wars, they agreed to pay Her Majesty 100000 Yearly, and the rest when the Peace was Concluded. The Queen having her Debt Stated began to be more Friendly to them, and permitted them to follow their Trade of Fishing upon the *British* Seas, that they might be the better able to Pay her. And as her Assistance to them was at the first,



first, so it continu'd to the last, that is until the 3d. of *April* 1603, at which time She Died, having lost no less than 100000 of her Subjects in this War; and spent in Navel Expeditions against the King of *Spain* in *America* and elsewhere, above a Million of Money, besides the Debt which the *States* ow'd her.

King *James* the First being Proclaim'd, the *States* sent their Ambassadors to him, thinking to wheedle him into an Alliance with them; but he plainly told them, "That he had no  
" difference with the *Spaniards*; and that King  
" *Philip* had offer'd him his Assistance, if any  
" Dispute shou'd have happen'd concerning  
" his Succession to the Crown of *England*: This highly displeas'd the *Dutch*: But notwithstanding that, King *James* concluded a Peace with the King of *Spain* sometime after, and by his Mediation, a Peace was offer'd the *Dutch* by the King of *Spain*, but they signified to His Majesty, that they wou'd not Treat with the King of *Spain*, till they were Declar'd (by him) Free-states, Abstracted from all Right and Title, unto any of the Provinces that was in their Possession, which he might pretend to: All which (by the Intercession of King *James*) was granted to them, by the King of *Spain*, in the Year 1609.

The *States* being now Absolute, and having obtain'd a Sovereign Dominion, they order'd their Ambassador to wait upon King *James*, to agree with His Majesty about delivering up the Cautionary Towns, who told them; that knowing the *States* to be his good Friends, and Confederates, both in Point of Religion and Policy,

cy, and in Contemplation thereof, if they wou'd have their Towns again, he wou'd willingly surrender them; remitting the Interest upon Interest, and Five Pounds for every Gentleman and Officer that dy'd in their Service.

Whereupon, the States made up the Money immediately, and sent it to the King; and the Cationary Towns were deliver'd to them.

Having their Towns in their own Possession, they presently, from *Poor Distressed People of Holland*, are swell'd up to those spreading and magnificent Titles, of *High and Mighty States*.

Now they make their Naval Expeditions into *America*, and other Parts of the World: And by Leave and Licence of K. *James*, they follow their Fishing-Trade upon the *British* Seas, wherein they did so exceedingly thrive, that, towards the latter end of K. *James's* Reign, they employ'd yearly 8400 Vessels in their Trade of Fishing upon our Seas, which Number since is vastly increas'd. And upon Computation it appear'd, that they made in one Year, of Herrings only, that they caught upon the *British* Seas, the Sum of 5000000 of Money: The Custom and Tenth of Fish advancing to the Publick Treasury, no less than 800000 Pounds: besides, Cod, Ling, Hakes, Pilchard, and other Fish, computed to amount to no less than 2000000 more. By Reason of their Multitude of Ships and Mariners, they have extended their Trade to most Parts of the World, exporting for the most part our Fish and Herrings in all their Voyages, in Exchange

change of which, they return several Commodities of other Countries, and sell the same at their own Prizes. A great part of their Fish they sell for ready Money, which when they bring it home, recoin it of a baser Alloy under their own Stamp, which advances a great profit to them; the Returns which they make for their Fish in other Commodities amount to a vast Sum. And all this Wealth, Riches and Grandeur is deriv'd to them, from the Bounty of the Crown of *Great-Britain*.

They now begin to make a considerable Figure in the World: The *English* and they had several Factories and Places, in the Isles of *Moluccaes*, *Banda*, *Amboyna*, and several other Places in the *East-Indies* (the *English* being there some Years before them) *Anno* 1619. there was a solemn League and Agreement between *K. James* and the States of the United Provinces, in a strickt Alliance between them; and a social Confederacy of the *English East-India* Company and that of the United Provinces, for the better carrying on the Trade and Commerce in those Islands, and elsewhere in the *East-Indies*, which was as follows:

- I. That in regard of the vast Expence of Blood and Treasure, it hath cost the United Provinces, in conquering the Isles of *Molucco's*, *Banda*, *Amboyna*, and several other Places, from the Spaniards and Portuguese, who were before in possession of them; and in building of Forts for the continual securing of the same, the said

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• *said East-India Company of the United Provinces shou'd enjoy two Thirds of that Trade; and the English the other.*

II. *That the Charge of the Forts be maintain'd by Taxes and Impositions to levy'd upon all sorts of Merchandice, rated, at what Prizes the Council of Defence, (which shall consist of several Persons, commission'd by the English and Dutch East India Companies, to redress what Differences may happen between the Subjects of the King of Great-Britain, and those of the States-General) shall think convenient. And,*

III. *That the English Company of Merchants trading to the East-Indies, do plant certain Factories for their Share of this Trade: some at the Molucco's, some at Banda, and some at Amboyna: As shall be agreed upon between the English and Dutch Companies of Merchants, trading to the East-Indies. And, That if any Difference happen, in any of those Places, between the English and Dutch, and it be not agreed upon by said the Council of Defence; it be forthwith sent over into Europe, to be decided by both the Companies, and in Default of their Agreement, by the King of Great-Britain, and the States-General of the United Provinces,*

*As for what Methods which the States have used in India to Inlarge their Dominions, and to exclude others from Trade or Commerce there.*

**T**HEY are in a perpetual State of Hostility, ever Waring upon some Prince or  
C 2 other;

other ; and by that means, gain either Tribute or Dominion. When they have to do with any King or Prince, they order their Affairs so, that he must perform first ; and when he hath done, they are States, and so are free. They encourage the Natives upon every small occasion of Discontent, to Arm against their Prince, promising them their Assistance, which the exactly perform'd. When they have Conquered the King, and taken his Castles and Ports, (which they first secure, making themselves Masters of the Seas and great Rivers) then they subdue the Natives ; and so Vest in themselves Sovereign Dominion, and make both King and Natives their Vassals.

If the Natives take up Arms against their Prince, (as many times they do) then they encourage him against his Rebellious Subjects, and give him their assistance : When the Natives are subdued, then the Conquer the King himself, or else demand so much for their assistance, that he is not able to pay ; and so he must submit himself and his Dominions to their boundless Ambition. If there be any Wars between Prince and Prince, they will be sure to fall in with one of them and give him their Aid, and so make War in the other Princes Dominion. When that Prince is subdued, and themselves settled in his Dominions, then they reduce the other Prince to their Obedience having some Castles or Ports in his Dominions, which do command the whole. If they have any places of Concern, and the Subjects of any Prince in *Europe* have any Factories there, (which they cannot fairly dismiss) then they lay such great

Taxes

Taxes and Impositions upon the Natives, that they are enforced to Arms. When they are subdued, then they charge the Subjects of that Prince as Conspirators and Abettors of the Natives; and so seize upon all their Goods, Factories, and enforce them to quit the Country, or else send them into some of their Islands to be Slaves. If any Prince in *Europe* make any Treaty or League with the *States*, concerning any Affairs in *Indies*, they send to the States of *Batavia* private Instructions, contrary to their publick Agreement: So that all Treaties and Leagues, as to the Affairs of *Indies*, are ineffectual. Where they have footing in any Island or Dominion, they claim by Conquest, and so lay what Taxes they please upon the Natives. And being in by Conquest, they are Proprietors; and so exclude the Subjects of any King or Prince from Trade there. If the Subjects of any King or Prince in *Europe* have Factories in the Dominions of any Prince there, (if they begin to be considerable) they take some occasion to War against that Prince; and upon Treaty, charge those Subjects to be the Cause of the War; so if the Prince will have Peace, he must seize their Factories and Goods, and banish them his Country. They pretend great kindness to their Neighbour Princes, and enter into a League Offensive and Defensive with them: And by that means get the favour of those Princes to have some Ports, or Strong Castles for Defence of their Trade, (as they pretend) in their Territories. When that is done, they either make Wars themselves, (and so those Princes must aid them) or else persuade the Princes

Princes his Allies to make War upon another Prince ; which they do, and so Fight one Prince against another ; and when they are sufficiently weaken'd, then they Conquer them all. If they have any difference with any potent King or Prince, they get time ; if it be for their advantage, they give good words, but part with no Money. That done, they make their Addresses to some Favourite of that Prince, (which do all in the Court of the *Indian* Kings,) and so with small charges they effect great matters.

Anno 1641. there happening some difference betwixt the King and his Parliament, they sent over their Rabbies of Sedition here into *England*, and infus'd their Antimonarchial Principles and dangerous Doctrines into some giddy Heads of the *English* Nation, and thereby a great part of the People became disobedient to the Laws of the Nation, and Rebels to their King. An Army of these Men were raised, they having their chief Officers and Commanders, and all Warlike Provisions out of the United-Provinces, to bring Destruction to the King, and Desolation to the Kingdom. whereby that Great King being reduced to streights, (notwithstanding the many Obligations of the States to his Majesty) they could never be induced to contribute any Aid or Assistance to redeem that Excellent Prince from so great an Abyss of Misery, or to preserve the Kingdom from Ruin and Confusion, (which with their Assistance might have been easily prevented.)

But the States were so far from any Act of Charity or Piety, that *Amsterdam* was made the great *Emporium*, or Market for the Rebels to sell those

those Rich and Costly Goods, which they had plundered from His Majesties best Subjects in *England*, (whereas no King or Prince in *Christendom* would suffer them to make use of any of their Ports to that purpose) and the best Furniture that some of the States have in their Houses at this very day, are many of those stolen Goods.

By these steps and such like, they have clim'd up to those immense Pyramids of Dominion and Power in the *Indies*, that they are become formidable to the greatest Emperors and Princes there; ever making good in their practice that *Lemma* of *Loyola*, (the Apostle of their State) *Carvete vobis Principes*. They have excluded the Subjects of all Kings and Princes in *Europe* from Traffick and Commerce, where they have any Territories or Power. And by reason of the Dominion they have in the *South-Seas*, and the Conquests and Fortifications they make upon the *North-Seas*, all other *Europeans* are finally debarred from any Traffick or Trade there. Of what dangerous Consequence this will prove, it's very well befitting the Wisdom of the greatest Kings and Princes to consider. For they are a Generation which are born to be the Plague, Disquiet, and Scourge of *Europe*; for they gladly sacrifice the Publick Peace of *Christendom* to their own private Interest. If we consider how many brave and large Dominions in the *East-Indies*, were under the Sovereignty of the Kings of *Great Britain*, what flourishing Factories their Subjects had there, how great Kings they might have been in Treasure and Dominion, how Rich their Subjects,



Subjects, and at last be Devested of all their Riches and Factories, by a People who had nothing but the Favour of the King of *Great Britain* to support them, nor no Fortrefs to defend them but that of *Amboyna*, and that Built at the Charge of the *English* Company. By this we may see what Treachery and Perfidiousness can do, being accompanied with Ambition and Industry : But they will e're long find, that slippery are those Foundations of Might and Greatness, which are not laid upon the Principles of Justice, and regulated by the Maxims of Christian Piety. And as *America* was the Theatre where they Acted these Tragedies, and unparallel'd Insolencies. We shall begin with the *Masacre of Amboyna*,

At *Amboyna*, one of the *Scyndæ*, or *Selibe* Islands, lying near *Seran*, and hath many lesser Islands depending upon it, it is of the Circuit of Sixty Leagues, and an Island which bears Cloves and Nutmegs plentifully ; for gathering and buying whereof, the *English* had plac'd Five several Factories: The Chief at the Town of *Amboyna*, so call'd from the Island the chief Town in it ; two at *Hitto*, and *Larica*, in the same Island ; and two others at *Latro*, and *Cambello* in the Island of *Seran*. But the *Hollanders* observing the *English* began highly to improve and Gain by their Trade and Traffick, and hating that any shou'd thrive but themselves, Anno 1622. upon pretence of a Plot, between the *English* and *Japoners*, to betray the Fortrefs of the Town of *Amboyna*, (which was built at the Charge of the *English*, and for the safety of Trade and Commerce)

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But the *Dutch* having 200 Hundred Soldiers there, to the End that they might engross the whole Trade and Traffick of the said Islands to themselves, most treacherously murder'd, and, with Fire and Water, tortur'd the *English* there, far exceeding the Barbarity of any Nation.

The beginning of their Difference was thus: The *English* complaining, that the *Dutch* not only lavish'd away much Money in Building, and unnecessary Expences, and bringing large and unreasonable Reckonings to the common Account: and did also for their part pay the Garisons with Victuals and Clothes from *Coromandel*, which they put off to the Soldiers, at four times the Value it cost them; and at the same time compelling the *English* to pay ready Money, to what their Dividend, of one third, amounted to; upon this and such like Occasions, Complaints were sent to *Jaccatra*, in the Island of *Jova Majora*, to the Council of Defence of both Nations residing there, who, not agreeing among themselves; the same was sent hither into *Europe*, to be decided by the *English* and *Dutch* Companies: and in Default of their Agreement, by the King of *England* and the States General, according to the Treaty of 1619. on this behalf. In the mean time, these, and other Differences daily increas'd, until the *Dutch* had found a way to cut that Knot asunder, which the tedious Disputes of the Council of Defence cou'd not untie, which was contriv'd in the following manner:

About the 11th, of *February* 1622, O. S. A *Japoneſe* Soldier (belonging to the *Dutch* in the Caſtle of *Amboyna*) Walking one Night upon the Wall, came to the Sentinel ( who was a *Dutch* Man) and there, among other Queſtions, ask'd him about the Strength of the Caſtle, and the People that were in it. This *Japoner*, for his Conference with the Centinel, was apprehended upon Suſpicion of Treason, and put to the Torture ; whereby, (as the *Dutch* pretended) he was brought to Confess himſelf, and ſeveral of his Country Men to have contriv'd a Conſpiracy of taking the Caſtle. Upon this, the other *Japoners* were Examin'd and Tortur'd and likewise a *Portugueſe*, who look'd after the *Dutch* Slaves in that Place ; and this Examination laſted about 4 Days ; during which time, the *Engliſh* paſſed to and from the Caſtle, upon ſuch occaſion as their Buſineſs requir'd ; and ſaw the Priſoners, heard their Tortures ; and knew of the Crimes laid to their Charge : But all this while, little ſuſpecting that this Matter did any ways concern them, never having any Converſation with the *Japoners*, nor with the *Portugueſe* aforeſaid.

At the ſame time, there was one *Abel Price* a Surgeon, who was a Priſoner In the Caſtle, for offering, in his Drunkenneſs, to let a *Dutch* Man's Houſe on Fire ; him the *Dutch* fetch'd, and ſhow'd him ſome of the *Japoners* whom they had moſt grievouſly Tortur'd ; and told him they had Confess'd, that the *Engliſh* were Confederates in the Conſpiracy of ſurprizing the Caſtle ; and that if he wou'd not Confess, they

they wou'd use him worse, than they had done the *Japoners*; having given him the Torture, they soon made him confess whatever they ask'd him. This was the 15th, of *Feb. O. S.* And about Nine of the Clock the same Morning, they sent for Captain *Towersen*, and the rest of the *English* that were in the Town, to come to the Governour in the Castle; they all went but One, whom they left behind to keep House: Being come to the Governour, he told Captain *Towersen*, that himself and others of his Nation were Accus'd of a Conspiracy to surprize the Castle; and therefore until further Orders were to remain Prisoners; then they sent for him who was left at Home in the House, and took the Merchandize of the *English* Company into their own Custody, by way of Inventory, and seized all the Chests, Boxes, Books, Writings, and other things in the *English* House, and afterwards committed Captain *Towersen* to his Chamber, under a Guard of *Dutch* Soldiers. *Emanuel Tomson* they kept Prisoner in the Castle and the rest, viz. *John Beament*, *Edward Collins*, *William Webber*, *Ephraim Ramsay*, *Timothy Johnson*, *John Fardo*, and *Robert Brown*; where sent aboard a *Dutch* Ship, then riding in Harbour, and all made fast in Irons. The same day the Governour sent to two other Factories in the same Island, to apprehend the rest of the *English* there; so that, *Samuel Colson*, *John Clark*, *George Sharrock*, that were found in the Factory at *Hitto*, and *Edward Collins*, *William Webber*, and *John Sadler* at *Larica*, were all brought Prisoners at *Ambony*, the 26th of *February*, and upon the same Day, *John Powel*, *John Wisberal*, and *Thomas Ladbrook*

brook, were apprehended at Cambello; who on the 20 of the same Month, *John Beamont*, *William Griggs*, and *Eph. Ramsey* at *Lobo*, who were brought in Irons to *Amboyna*.

Some time after, the Governour and *Fiscal*, went to work with the Prisoners; they First sent for *J. Beamont*, and *T. Johnson*, from A-board the *Unicorn*; when they were brought to the Castle, *Beamont* was left with a Guard in the Hall; *J. Johnson* was taken into another Room, where in a short time after, *Beamont* heard him Cry out very pitifully, and then to be quiet for a little while, and then loud again, after a taste of the Torture; *A. Price* the Surgeon, was brought in to Accuse him; but *Johnson* having not yet confess'd any thing, *Price* was quickly carry'd out, and *Johnson* brought again to the Torture, where *Beamont* heard him sometimes cry aloud, then be quiet again, and after that Roar out more Pitifully than ever he had done before; at last, after he had been about an Hour in his second Examination, he was brought out all Wet, cruelly Wailing, and Lamenting, and burnt in divers parts of his Body; he was then put in one corner of the Hall, with a Soldier to watch, least any body shou'd speak to him.

Then was *E. Tomson* brought to Examination, not in the same Room where *Johnson* was Examined, but in another, something farther from the Hall; but not so far off, but *Beamont* could hear him Roar and Cry out: At last, after an Hour and a Half spent in Torturing him, he was carry'd away into another Room, so he came not through the Hall where *Beamont* was.

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The next that they call'd in was *John Beaumont*, they examin'd him about several things, all which he deny'd with deep Oaths and Protestations; but for all that he was made fast to the Torture, and a Cloath ty'd about his Neck, and two Men ready with their Jarrs of Water to be pour'd upon his Head; but yet, for this time, the Governour order'd him be loosen'd again, telling he wou'd spare him a Day or two longer, because he was an old Man, and this was their whole *Saturday's* Work.

Upon *Sunday* the 26th of *February*. *W. Webber*, *E. Collins*, *E. Ramsey*, and *R. Brown* were fetch'd from on board the *Rotterdam*, to be examin'd: and at the same time came, *S. Colson*, *W. Griggs*, *J. Clark*, *G. Sharrock*, and *J. Sadler*, from *Huto* and *Larica*, and were immediately after Arrival, brought into the Castle Hall:

*R. Brown*, Tailor, was next call'd in, who, being tormented with Fire and Water, confess'd every thing that was ask'd him. Then *E. Collins* was call'd in, they told him, that those which were formerly examin'd had confess'd, that he was accessary to the Plot of taking the Castle, which when he deny'd, with solemn Protestations of his Innocency, they made his Hands and Feet fast to the Rack, bound a Cloath about his Throat, ready to be put to the Torture of Water; thus prepar'd he pray'd to be loosen'd, and he wou'd confess all; but being let down again, he protested his Innocency as before, and withal told them, that because he knew, by Torture, they wou'd make him confess whatever they pleas'd (tho' never so false) he desir'd they

they wou'd tell him what they would have him say, and he wou'd confess it on purpose to avoid the Torture; the Fiscal hereupon said, What do you mock us? and order'd him up again; and then gave him the Torment of Water, which he being not able to endure long, pray'd to be let down again to his Confession: Then he paus'd a little with himself, and told them, That about Ten Weeks ago, himself, *Tomson*, *Brown*, and *Fardo*, had plotted, with the Help of *Japoners*, to surprize the Castle. Here he was interrupted by the Fiscal, who as'd him, if Captain *Towerson* was not of the Conspiracy? He answer'd, No; you lie, said the Fiscal, Did not he call you all to him, and tell you, that the daily Abuses of the *Dutch*, had caus'd him to think of a Plot, and that he wanted nothing but your Consents and Secrecy in it? Then, said one *John Joost* a *Dutch* Merchant, that stood by, Did not you all swear upon the Bible to be secret to him? *Collins*, falling upon his Knees, protested, that he knew nothing of the Matter, upon which they order'd him to be truss'd up again, which made him confess, that all was true which they had ask'd him. Then the Fiscal demanded, whether the *English* in the rest of the Factories were not Confederates in this Plot; to which he answer'd as he had done before, that he knew nothing of it; then they ask'd him, if the President of the *English* at *Jaccatra*, or Mr. *Welden*, the Agent, at *Banda*, were not privy to this Conspiracy; but he solemnly protested, that he knew nothing of the Matter, (and they knowing among themselves, that

1 that the abovesaid *English* President, and Mr.  
Welden, were both of them at *Amboyna*, and in  
Company with the Governour and several o-  
thers that were then present at the very in-  
stant, when they pretended the Plot was pro-  
jected by Captain *Towersson*: so they thought it  
was not convenient to put him to Torture;  
to confess those Persons guilty of the Plot;  
when they were seen by most (if not all) of  
the Inhabitants of *Amboyna*, at the very time  
when they pretended the Combination was  
held.

These Considerations oblig'd them to keep  
to their Old Story; whereupon the Fiscal was  
order'd to finish the Examination, who imme-  
diately proceeded, and ask'd the Prisoner, *By  
what means the Japonese were to put this Design  
in Execution*; but while *Collins* stood pausing to  
devise some probable Fiction, the Fiscal help'd  
him out, saying, *Shou'd not two Japoners have  
gon to each Point of the Castle, and two to the  
Governour's Chamber-door, and while the Hurly-burly  
had been without, and the Governour coming to see  
what was the matter, the Japoners were to have  
kill'd him?* here one that stood by said to the  
Fiscal, *Don't tell him what he shou'd say, but let  
him speak of himself.* But however the Fiscal,  
without staying for an Answer to the former  
Question, ask'd what the *Japoners* were to have  
for their Reward, *Collins* answer'd 1000 Reals  
a piece. Lastly, he ask'd him, when this Plot  
shou'd have been effected; and tho' he an-  
swer'd him nothing (not knowing what to de-  
vise immediately) yet he was dismiss'd, and  
very glad to come clear of the Torture; altho' he



he was sure he shou'd loose his Life for this Confession.

Next *S. Colson* was brought in, being newly arriv'd from *Hitto*, as is before hinted; and was the same Day brought to the Torture, who for fear of the Pain and Anguish, with which he saw *Collins* afflicted when he came out, whose Eyes were almost blown out of his Head with the Torment of Water: the Fiscal asking him, as he did *Collins*, at the latter end he confess'd every thing they ask'd him, rather than endure the Torments; whereupon he was quickly dismiss'd; yet he came out weeping, lamenting, and protesting his Innocence.

Then was *J. Clark* (that came from *Hitto* with *Colson*) fetch'd in, and a little after was heard, by the rest that were in the Hall, to cry out amain, they tortur'd him with Water and Fire for the space of two Hours, the manner of his Torture was as follows: First they hoisted him up by the Hands with a large Cord upon a large Door, where they were fasten'd to two Staples of Iron fix'd on both Sides: At the Top of the Door, hauling his Hands one from the other as wide as they cou'd stretch them, then they fasten'd his Feet, which were about Two Foot from the Ground, towards the Bottom of the Door, they stretcht them asunder as far as they cou'd, and made them fast on each side the Door; then they bound a Cloath about his Neck and Face, that little or no Water cou'd go by; that done they pour'd the Water slowly upon his Head, until the Cloath was full up to the Mouth and Nostrils, and somewhat higher, so that he  
cou'd

cou'd not draw Breath, but he must suck in the Water, which being still continu'd to be pour'd slowly upon him, forc'd all his inward Parts to come out of his Nose, Ears, and Eyes, till at length it took away his Breath, and brought him into a Swoon; then they took him down and made him vomit up the Water again; and when he was come a little to himself, they drew him up again, and pour'd the Water as before, taking him down as often as he seem'd to be stifled. In this manner they handled him, till his Body was swell'd thrice as big as it was before, his Cheeks were like a great pair of Bladders, and his Eyes staring and strutting out beyond his Forehead, yet he bore all this without Confessing any thing, insomuch, that the *Fiscal* and Tormentors Revil'd him; saying, That he was a Devil, or Vizard; wherefore they cut of his Hair very short, supposing that he had some Witchcraft hid among it. Afterwards they hoisted him up again, and then burnt him with lighted Candles in the bottoms of his Feet, until the Moisture thereof, had put out Four Candles one after another; then they Burnt him under the Arm-Pits. till his Intrals might evidently be seen, and after that, below his Elbows and in the Palms of his Hands; at last, when they found he cou'd make no handsome Confession of himself, the *Fiscal* to help him out, rehears'd some particular Circumstances, which he and the Governour had framed for that purpose; to which he for fear of further Torment, answer'd yes, to all their Interrogations. And among the rest of the Questions which they put to him, was this, *Did not I Swear*

upon the Bible, (says the Fiscal) that I wou'd assist Capt. Towerfon, in Delivering the Castle of Amboyna, out of the Hands of the Dutch; Yes you did, (cry'd the Poor Man almost Dead with Torments) Swear upon the Bible that you wou'd Assist him, in Delivering the Castle out of the Hands of the Dutch; which to be sure was as true, as his Answers to any of the other Questions they had ask'd him.

Having thus Martyr'd this poor Man, they sent him out by Four Blacks, who carry'd him to a Dungeon, where he lay Five or Six Days, till great Maggots crept from him in a loathsome manner, thus they finish'd their Sabbath Days Work, and it growing now Dark, they sent the Rest of the English, first to a Smith's Shop, where they were Loaden with Irons, and then to the loathsome Dungeon, where Clark and the rest were lying in the Putrification of their Tortures.

The next Morning being Feb. 27, Griggs, Frido, and some Japoners, were brought into the place of Examination, the Japoners were first cruelly Tortur'd, to accuse Griggs, and Griggs to avoid the Cruel Torments, Confess'd what ever the Fiscal Demanded, then it came to Fardo's turn; he endured the Torments of Water very couragiously, but when he began to feel the Candles, he Confess'd every thing they ask'd him, and so was sent back to Prison, and Griggs was left to Accuse the next.

The same Day, J. Beamont was brought a Second time to the Fiscal's Chamber, where Griggs was left as before mention'd for to Accuse him; who said, that when the Consultation

tion for taking the Castle was held, then he (the said *Beaumont*) was present; *Beaumont* deny'd it with great earnestness, but at last, being Trus'd up, and Tortur'd with Water, till his Intrels was ready to Crack; he answer'd affirmatively to all the *Fiscals* Interrogatives: Yet as soon as he was let down, he clearly Demonstrated that these things could not be so. Nevertheless, he was forc'd to put his Hand to a Confession, or else be Tortur'd again, and then he was Carry'd back again to the Prison.

After this *G. Sherrock* was called in Question, and being brought to the Rack, the Water provided, and the Candles lighted, he was (by the Governour and *Fiscal*) Examin'd and charg'd with the Conspiracy; then they Commanded him to the Rack, and told him, unless he wou'd Confess as the others had done, he should be Tormented with Fire and Water without Mercy; but he still persisting in his Innocency, the *Fiscal* order'd him to be Trussed up; then he craved a little time, and told them, that he was at *Histo*, and not at *Amboyna*, upon *New-Year's Day* when the Consultation was pretended, neither had he been there since the First of *November* last, upon this they Commanded him again to the Rack, but he desiring a little time as before, he told them he had many times heard, *J. Clark* say, that he had spoken with Captain *Towerson* of a Brave Plot, which was to take the Castle of *Amboyna*, and that the said *Clark* ask'd him, if he wou'd enter into a Confederacy with them; then the *Fiscal* ask'd him at what time the Consultation was held, he Answer'd in *November* last; whereupon, the *Fiscal* told

him, it was held on *New-Year's Day*; to which the Prisoner told them, that whatever he had spoken concerning any Treason, was False and Feigned, only to avoid the Torments; then they went out into another Room to the Governour, and immediately after return'd, and sent *Sbarrock* to the Prison again. The next Day he was called again, and a Writing presented him, wherein a formal Confession of his his Conference with *Clark* at *Huto*, touching the Plot to take the Castle of *Amboyna*, which being Read over to him; he (to avoid the Torments) Subscrib'd his Name to it; and he was carry'd back again to the Prison.

*Webber* being to be next Examined, was told by the *Fiscal*, that *J. Clark* had Confess'd that he (the said *Webber*) was at *Amboyna* on *New-Year's Day*, and Sworn to Captain *Towersons* Plot, &c. all which he Denied, alledging he was that Day at *Larica*; yet being brought to the Torture, he confess'd he was at the Consultation at *Amboyna* upon *New-Year's Day*, withal the rest of the Circumstances in order as he was Ask'd: He further told them, that he had receiv'd a Letter from *J. Clark*, after which was A Postscript; excusing his brief Writing at that time, when such a great Business was in Agitation: But one *Renier* a Dutch Merchant then standing by, told the Governour, that upon *New-Year's Day*, (the time of this pretended Consultation,) *Webber* and he were Merry at *Larica*, so the Governour left him and went out, but the *Fiscal* held out upon the other Point, touching the Postscript to *Clarks* Letter, urging to let him see the same, which he

he cou'd not do, tho' often terrified with the Torture; but finding that would not do, he promis'd to save his Life if he would produce the same.

Then was Captain *Towerfon* brought to Examination, and shou'd what others had Confess'd of him; he deeply protested his Innocency, then *S. Colson* was sent for to Accuse him, who being told, that unless he wou'd make good his former Confession against Captain *Towerfon*, he shou'd be put to the Torture again; but he Re-affirm'd the same in such a Trembling condition, that he was sent back. Then they brought *Griggs* and *Fardo*, to justify their former Confession to his Face; but Captain *Towerfon* seriously charg'd them, as they wou'd Answer at the Dreadful Day of Judgment, that they should speak nothing but the Truth. Both of them instantly fell down upon their Knees before him, begging him for God's sake to forgive what they had said against him; and speaking openly before them all, that what they Confess'd against him was very False, and spoke on purpose to avoid the terrible Torments, with which he saw the others Tortur'd; with that the *Fiscal* and the rest order'd them to be put to the Torture again, which they not willing to endure, Re-affirm'd their former Confessions to be true. When they were required to set their Hands to their Confessions; upon whose Head (says one of them to the *Fiscal*) will this Sin lye, whether upon theirs who Constrain'd them to Confess'd what was False, or upon those that are Constrained: Well (continu'd the other Prisoner) you make us Accuse our

[This is the Account which was brought over into *Europe*, by Six of those Persons that were apprehended for the same Conspiracy; but some of them being several Miles from *Amboyna*, when the *Dutch* pretended the Combination was held: so that in Honour they could not pretend to condemn these Persons, and two of them were repriev'd, after they had receiv'd the Sentence of Death. Now that the World may see, that I am as favourable to the *Dutch* as can be expected: I shall add to this Narration (which was deliver'd by the above mention'd Six Persons to the Court of Admiralty:) that which, the *East-India* Company belonging to the United Provinces, deliver'd to the *English East-India* Company, in defence of the Proceedings against their Servants at *Amboyna*; but yet, an ingenious Reader may plainly see, that these Confessions were forc'd from the *English*, by those cruel Torments which the *Dutch* inflicted upon them, it was presented by them to the *English East-India* Company, both in *Dutch* and *English*; the *English* Translation of which is as follows:]

*The Proceedings of the Council of Amboyna.*

**W**Hereas on the 22<sup>d</sup> of February, 1623. by the manifest Grace and Providence of God, it was discover'd: That a certain *Japoneſe*, call'd *Hytieſo*, at Night, and at unlawful Hours at Sermon and Prayers time, contrary to Order, and to his usual Cuſtom, did paſs divers times by the Ramparts, and before the Points; where finding the Soldiers young and unexperien'd, made Enquiry, how many *Dutch* Soldiers there were in the Caſtle; and how many times they chang'd the Watch every Night: The Worſhipful *Harman van Speult*, Councellour of the *Indies*, and Governour of *Amboyna*, having a Suſpicion of him, cauſ'd the ſaid *Japoneſe* to appear before him and the Council, and examining him of the Truth; he confeſs'd as followeth, *Datum ut ſupra*: Being ſign'd

*Harman van Speult,*  
*Laurence de Maſchalk,*  
*Clement Kerſſeboorn,*  
*John Johnson Viſcher,*  
*John van Leeuwen,*  
*John Jacobſon-Wincoop,*  
*Leonard Clocq,*  
*Martin Johnson Vogel,*  
*John Fooſten,*

*Jacob Cooper,*  
*John van Nieuport,*  
*Peter Janſen van Zan-*  
*ten,*  
*Harman Crayevanger,*  
*Rowland Tailer,*  
*Vincent Cortbals Se-*  
*cretary.*



*Hytieso*, a *Japonefe*, aged about Twenty four Years, born at *Ferandò* in *Japan*, deny'd the fame; but the Soldiers being produc'd before him, of whom he had divers Times, and in divers Places ask'd those Questions, he confess'd that he had done it out of a merry Disposition and for Pleasure: whereupon his Worſhip told him, that ſuch things at ſuch unreaſonable times could not be ask'd for Pleaſure, and eſpecially of the younger and more unexperienc'd Soldiers, but that of Neceſſity it muſt be otherwiſe: and in purſuit thereof being of that Opinion, he, with thoſe of his Council, caus'd him to be brought to the Torture: the Priſoner having been tortur'd a while, deſir'd that they would ceaſe, and he would confeſs all that belong'd to the Buſineſs, then he confeſs'd that a certain other *Japoneſe*, being alſo Soldier to the *Dutch* Company in the *East-Indies*, call'd *Sidney Migiell*, (and who had formerly been a Servant to the Honourable *English* Company) had deſir'd him to enquire of the thing aforeſaid; and moreover he confeſs'd, that he had been ask'd by the ſaid *Migiell*, if he would lend his Aſſiſtance with ſome other *Japoners*, to deliver the Caſtle into the Hands of the *English*: to which he answer'd, he would upon Condition of a good Reward, which was offer'd him by the ſaid *Japoneſe*, in the Name of the *English*.

He confeſs'd, that he had communicated and conſulted concerning the Delivery of the Caſtle divers times, as well in the Quarters of *Mardques*, as in the *English* Houſe with divers other *Japoners*, and *Mr. Timothy Johnson* an *Eng-  
liſh*

lish Merchant, and Abel Price an English Surgeon; and that within three Months last past.

He saith, that all the *Japones* Soldiers that were in the Castle, did agree to deliver up the said Castle into the Hands of the *English*, and that they had engag'd themselves to serve them.

Further he confesseth, that they would have put this Explor in execution the first time any *English* Ship did arrive in this Place.

He saith, that the *Japones* did consult to place two Men in every Corner of the Castle, and the rest in the Hall for to seize upon the Governour; and that they were to kill all that made, or offer'd any Resistance: Thus confess'd the 23<sup>d</sup> of February 1623. in the Castle of *Amboyna*, and it was subscrib'd with the Mark of *Hytie'so, Japonesse*.

H. Van Speult,  
L. de Marschaek,  
C. Kerseboom,  
J. Johnson,  
J. Van Leeuwen,  
J. Jacobson,  
L. Clocq,  
M. Johnson,

J. Joosten,  
J. Cooper,  
J. Van Nieupoort,  
P. Van Zanten,  
H. Crayevanger,  
R. Tailler,  
V. Cortbals Sec.

By reason of which Conspiracy and Treason, the Governour *Van Speult* kept the Prisoner by him, and presently caus'd the Gate to be shut and lookt to, and the Points of the Castle with a double Guard, and likewise the Arms of all the *Japones* to be taken away, and themselves to be put in Irons: giving Com-

mand, that none should stir out of the Castle, until such time as he should be better inform'd, and all things were set in Order, knowing well that there was great Danger in Delays, and that for the finding out of such Conspiracies and Offences, he was not to make any Pause, but to search out the end thereof; for which Cause he commanded *Sidney Migiell* to be sent for, and commanded the Advocate *Fiscal de Brune*, with the Council, to take diligent Information, who after some Torture, the said *Migiel* and others made the Confessions following.

Done at the Castle of *Amboyna*, the 23<sup>d</sup> of February, Anno 1623. And it was subscrib'd,

*H. Van Speult,*  
*L. de Marschalck,*  
*G. Kerffseboom,*  
*J. Johnson,*  
*J. Van Leeuwen,*  
*J. Jacobsen,*  
*L. Clocq,*  
*M. Johnson,*

*J. Joosten,*  
*Jacob Cooper,*  
*J. Van Nieuport,*  
*P. Van Zanten,*  
*H. Crayewanger,*  
*R. Tailer,*  
*V. Corbals Sec.*

*Sidney Migiell*, *Japanese*, of the Age of Twenty four Years, born at *Nangasacke*, confesseth that he did enquire of another Soldier, being a *Japanese*, call'd *Peter Conge*, how many *Dutch* Soldiers were in the Castle.

He confesseth, that *Abel Price* an *English* Surgeon, within Two or Three Months since ask'd him, if he knew a way for to get and induce the *Japoners* to deliver the Castle to the *English*.

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He saith, that afterwards he consulted with the *Japoners* about the said Business, and that all of them agreed thereunto.

He saith, that divers times he consulted concerning the Prosecution of the Business, and concerning the Time with Capt. *Towersson*, Mr. *Tompson*, *John Clark*, *Abel Price*, and several other *English Men*.

He confesseth also, that they would have put in Execution this Plot or Treason, when any *English Ship* or *Pink* had arriv'd here, and then, with the Help of the *English*, and their own Slaves, they would have attempted to make themselves Masters of the Castle, and have kill'd all that pretended to make any Resistance.

He saith, that they had appointed two *Japoners* to be in every Point of the Castle, and the rest in the Hall, for to seize upon the Governour *Van Speult*.

He confesseth also, that the *English* did promise to every *Japonesse* 1000 *Reyals* of Eight, over and above their Share in the Booty. Thus confess'd the 24th of February, 1623. *Stilo Novo*, in the Fort of *Amboyna*. And it was subscrib'd,

*Sidney Migiell.*

*H. Van Speult,*  
*L. de Marschalck,*  
*C. Kerffseboom,*  
*J. Johnson,*  
*J. de Leeuwen,*  
*Job Jacobson,*  
*L. Clocq,*  
*M. Johnson,*

*J. Joosten,*  
*J. Cooper,*  
*J. Van Nieupoort,*  
*P. Van Zanten,*  
*H. Crayewanger,*  
*R. Tailler,*  
*V. Cortbals Sec.*

*Peter*

*Peter Congi*, *Japoneſe*, aged Thirty One Years, born at *Mangaſque*, confeſſeth, that the ſaid *Migiell* queſtion'd him concerning the Soldiers of the *Dutch*, how many there were, and that he had enquir'd the ſame of the ſaid *Hytieſo*.

He confeſſeth, that he did conſult as the other *Japoners* did with the *Engliſh*, concerning the Delivery of the Caſtle, and that he promis'd his Aſſiſtance therein. Thus confeſs'd the 24<sup>th</sup> of *February*, 1623. in the Caſtle of *Amboyna*.

The Mark of *Peter Congi*.

*H. Van Speult*,  
*L. de Maſchalck*,  
*C. Kerſſeboom*,  
*J. Johnſon*,  
*J. Van Leeuwen*,  
*J. Jacobſon*,  
*L. Cloeq*,  
*M. Johnſon*,

*J. Joosten*,  
*J. Cooper*,  
*J. Van Nieuport*,  
*P. Van Zanten*,  
*H. Crayevanger*,  
*R. Tailler*,  
*V. Cortbals Sec.*

*Soyſimo*, *Japoneſe*, aged 26 Years, born at *Ferrando*; confeſſeth, that he had likewise Knowledge of the Conſultation of the *Engliſh*, and that he had proffer'd his Service to the *Engliſh* to take the Caſtle.

Confeſs'd and dated in the ſame Place, and ſign'd with the Mark of *Soyſimo*, *Japoner*.

*H. Van Speult*,  
*L. de Maſchalck*,  
*C. Kerſſeboom*,  
*J. Johnſon*,  
*J. Van Leeuwen*,

*J. Jacobſon*,  
*L. Cloeq*,  
*M. Johnſon*,  
*J. Joosten*,  
*J. Cooper*,

*J. Van*

J. Van Nieupoort,  
P. Van Zanten,  
H. Crayevanger,

R. Tailler,  
V. Coribals Sec.

Thome Corea, Japonese, aged Fifty Years, born at Mangasague, confess'd, that he with the rest of the Japoners, had Knowledge of the Consultation of the English, and that he should likewise have been employ'd in their Service.

Thus confess'd, the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, 1623.  
and was sign'd. The Mark of Thome Corea.

H. Van Speult,  
L. de Marschalck,  
C. Kerffeboom,  
J. Johnson,  
J. Van Leeuwen,  
J. Jacobson,  
L. Clocq,  
M. Johnson,

J. Joosten,  
J. Cooper,  
J. Van Nieupoort,  
P. Van Zanten,  
H. Crayevanger,  
R. Tailler,  
V. Coribals Sec.

Tsiosa, a Japonese Soldier, aged Thirty two Years, born at Ferando, confesseth, that he with the rest of the Japoners should have been Assistant in the surprizing of the Castle for the English.

Datum ut supra: and was sign'd with the Mark  
of Tsiosa, Japonese.

H. Van Speult,  
L. de Marschalck,  
C. Kerffeboom,  
J. Johnson,  
J. Van Leeuwen,  
J. Jacobson,

L. Clocq,  
M. Johnson,  
J. Joosten,  
J. Cooper,  
J. Van Nieupoort,  
P. Van Zanten,

H. Crayevanger,  
R. Tailler,

V. Cortbals Sec.

Quiendayo, a *Japonefe* Soldier, aged Thirty two Years, born at *Coreats*, confess'd, that they being Twelve *Japonefes*, thought to have made themselves Masters of the Castle with the Aid of the *English*.

Confess'd and sign'd as aforesaid. Sign'd thus, the Name of *Quiendayo*.

H. Van Speult,  
L. de Marschalok,  
C. Kersseboom,  
J. Johnson,  
J. Van Leeuwen,  
J. Jacobson,  
L. Clocq,  
M. Johnson,

J. Joosten,  
J. Cooper,  
J. Van Nieupoort,  
P. Van Zanten,  
H. Crayevanger,  
R. Tailler,  
V. Cortbals Sec.

Sinsa, a *Japonefe* Soldier aged Thirty two Years, born at *Ferando*, confess'd, that he and Eleven *Japonefes* more, did intend to betray the Castle to the *English*.

Confess'd in the same Place, and on the same Day subscrib'd with the Name of  
*Sinsa, Japonefe.*

H. Van Speult,  
L. de Marschalck,  
C. Kersseboom,  
J. Johnson,  
J. Van Leeuwen,  
J. Jacobson,  
L. Clocq,  
M. Johnson,

J. Joosten,  
J. Cooper,  
J. Van Nieupoort,  
P. Van Zanten,  
H. Crayevanger,  
R. Tailler,  
V. Cortbals Sec.

*Tsaui*

*Sidney*  
*the*

*Tsauinda*, a *Japoneſe* Soldier, aged Thirty two Years, born at *Tioucketge*, confeſſeth (as the reſt) that Twelve of them, with the Aſſiſtance of the *English*, intended to make themſelves Maſters of the Caſtle. Thus confeſſed the 24th of February, 1623. And was ſubſcrib'd with  
The Name of *Tſauinda*.

Th..

H. Van Speult,  
L. de Marſchalck,  
C. Kerſſeboom,  
J. Johnſon,  
J. Van Leeuwen,  
J. Jacobſon,  
L. Clocq,  
M. Johnſon,

J. Fooſten,  
J. Cooper,  
J. Van Nieupoort,  
P. Van Zanten,  
H. Crayevanger,  
R. Tailler,  
V. Cortbals Sec.

*Zanchoo*, a *Japoneſe* Soldier, aged Twenty two Years, born at *Fifien*, confeſſeth as the aforegoing. Dated as the aforeſaid, and was ſubſcrib'd with

The Mark of *Zanchoo*.

H. Van Speult,  
L. de Marſchalck,  
C. Kerſſeboom,  
J. Johnſon,  
J. Van Leeuwen,  
J. Jacobſon,  
L. Clocq,  
M. Johnſon,

John Fooſten,  
J. Cooper,  
J. Van Nieupoort,  
P. Van Zanten,  
H. Crayevanger,  
R. Tailler,  
V. Cortbals Sec.

The underſigned, a *Japoneſe* Soldier, aged Forty Years, he ſaith *Ferando*, confeſſeth, that he had Know-  
ledge of the Conſultation of the *Japoneſe*; but  
being



being old and sick, he did not offer his Assistance. Dated the 25th of February, 1623.

The Mark of Sacoue.

H. Van Speult,  
L. de Marschalck,  
C. Kerckhoffs,  
J. Johnson,  
J. Van Leiden,  
J. Jacobson,  
H. Crayevanger,  
R. Tailler,

L. Clocq,      first  
M. Johnson,  
J. Joosten,  
J. Cooper,  
J. Van Nieupoort,  
P. Van. Zanten,  
V. Conthals Sec.

His Worship understanding, by all the precedent Confessions, the Design of the Agent of the Honourable *English* Company of *Amboyna*, with the Merchants and other Confederates; and altho' that he was sufficiently inform'd, that he might have taken them into Custody; yet first he caus'd *Abel Price* the *English* Surgeon to be brought before him, who for other Offences (as an Incendiary, for using Violence to other Mens Houses) was already in Prison: and after the said Prisoner was told the Place, Persons, and Times where he had consulted with the *Japonesers*, and with the *English* upon the Consultation aforesaid, they understood by him the whole Substance of the Conspiracy; which his as follows:

*Abel Price*, aged Twenty four Years, born at *Neles* in *Wales* in the County of *Pembroke*; after the Torture confessed,

That he, by the Command and C<sup>aptain</sup> *Townson*, had Conference with *Sidney Migiell*, *Japoner*, concerning the taking of the

Castle; promising unto every *Japoner* his Share in the Booty.

Further he confesseth, that he consulted two or three times in the Quarter of *Mandariques*, with Mr. *Thomson*, Mr. *Johnson*, *J. Clark*, and the Twelve *Japoners*, concerning the said *Matt*.

Further he confesseth, that the said *Miguel*, *Th*ese, was three or four times in the *English* House with him, and confer'd with him, and the rest divers times, and they inform'd Captain *Tower*son of their Discourse.

He further confesseth, that the said Treason should have been put in execution when any *English* Ships should arrive there.

Again he confesseth, that all the Merchants of the Factories, resorting to *Amboyna*, had Knowledge of the said Treason.

Further he confesseth, that if they had taken the Castle, they would have done all the Damage that possible could be to the Citizens; if they did not revolt to them. And this he confirm'd with his Name

Feb. 25. 1623.

Abel Price.

His Worship understanding this, he thought convenient to send for Captain *Tower*son to the Castle, which he presently did by a certain Merchant, who went to the *English* House, and presently return'd to the Castle with Mr. *Tower*son, who was much troubled and alter'd: And then his Worship told him, that he was much amaz'd and sorry, for that which he understood by the *Japoners* and the Surgeon; he having many times admonish'd the said *Captain Tower*son, that he should not entertain

or draw unto him (as he did) the *English, Japonese, and Spanish* Prisoners, which were in the Service of him and the *Low Countries*. So that it gave a Suspicion of a Combination before; but *H. Van Spault* thought *Capt. Towerson* did not know any thing: but that now he observ'd in him a great Alteration and Astonishment.

The Governour *Van Spault*, with his Council, thought convenient to detain, by way of Prisoner, the said Captain *Towerson*, and Mr. *Thornson*; and he was told presently, that he should stay there as a Prisoner, and should take a Lodging in one of the Chambers of the Merchants; but the said Mr. *Towerson* desir'd, that by reason of his Quality, they would grant him to be Prisoner in his own Chamber, in the House of the Honourable *English Company*, to which his Worship agreed, upon Condition that first he should cause to come, or send all his Men into the Castle, which was done; and that he should be there Prisoner with some Keepers.

Captain *Towerson* being sent away, his Worship holding a Council thought it convenient to examine all the *English* one after another, and they were examin'd; some before Torture, others after the Torture, and some without Torture, confessing as followeth. Done the 26.<sup>th</sup> of February, 1623. Sign'd by

*H. Van Spault,*  
*L. de Mesballe,*  
*E. Kessboom,*  
*J. Johnson,*

*J. Van Leeuwen,*  
*J. Jacobson,*  
*L. Cloq,*  
*M. Johnson,*

J. Joosten,  
J. Van Nieupoort,  
P. Van Zanten,  
H. Crayewanger,

J. Cooper,  
R. Tailler,  
V. Corthals Sec.

Timothy Johnson Factor, born at New-Castle, aged Twenty nine Years, confesseth, That he was in one of the Houses of the Japoners, in the Quarter of the Mandariques, with Mr. Thomson, J. Clark, and Abel Price, three or four times, to consult about taking of the Castle, and massacring those of the Low Countries, which Consultation was held Six or Seven Days ago.

Further he confesseth, that Captain Towerson on New-Year's-Day last, having all the Merchants assembled with him, propos'd unto them, how the *Hollanders* did great Injuries to the *English*: and ask'd them, If they had not Courage enough to revenge all their Wrongs: for his own part, he knew the Ways and Means, with the Assistance of certain *Japonese* Soldiers, that were lodg'd in the Castle, to make himself Master thereof. And they all answer'd that they had.

And he confesseth, that the Conspiracy should have been put in execution, when the Governour should be out of the Castle upon some extraordinary Business.

And saith, that all the Merchants of other Factories resorting thither, had Knowledg of the said Treason.

And further he saith, That they would have divid'd the Booty with the Japoners; and this is

is confirm'd with the Sign and Name of

*Timothy Johnson.*

*Robert Brown*, born at *Edinburgh* in *Scotland*, aged Twenty four Years, confesseth That *Captain Towerson* about *New-Year's Day* call'd an Assembly of all his Family, and the *English* and foreign Merchants; and told them, that he would have them take an Oath on the Bible for Fidelity and Secrecy, All which they did accordingly.

Further he saith, that afterwards the said *Captain Towerson* propounded, that the *English* had suffer'd great Wrong by the *Hollanders*, asking them, if they had not the Courage to revenge it? To which some of them answer'd, that they were too weak to effect it. But then the said *Captain Towerson* answer'd, That they would wait the Opportunity of the Arrival of some *English* Ships: whereupon all of them agreed to have a Tryal, to make themselves Masters of the Castle.

Also, that *Captain Towerson* reported, that the *Japanese* Soldiers, that were within the Castle, were all consenting to it.

He saith moreover, that *Captain Towerson* at the Arrival of some of their Ships, should cause all their Merchants and Slaves of the other Factory, to come thither for a purpose. And,

That they would have kill'd all that had made any Resistance against them. *They*  
it is subscrib'd by the Mark *R. the*

*John Fardo* the *English* Steward, aged Forty two Years; confesseth, that about two Months since, he was in Conference with others, wherein he took his Oath upon the Bible, to be faithful and secret.

He saith, that Captain *Towers*, with their assistance, intended to make him Master of the Castle.

And further he saith, that some of them answer'd, that had not Men enough; and Captain *Towers* said, that he knew a way to find Men enough, and that they should refer the Business to him; and that they should only do their Endeavour.

Furthermore he saith, that about Fourteen Days since, when he was with Captain *Towers* for Money for the Kitchen Affairs; Captain *Towers* ask'd him the same, and if he would do his best for to take the Castle; to which he answer'd, that he among others would do their best. And it was confirm'd by the Sign of

*John Fardo.*

*Edward Collins*, an *English* Merchant, born at *London*, aged about Twenty five Years, confesseth, that he amongst others was at the aforesaid Consultation, and took his Oath upon the Bible to be faithful and secret.

And further, that he amongst others, did consent to use his utmost Endeavour in the taking of the Castle.

That within three or four Days after the said Consultation, they assembled again: And

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And then Captain *Towerson* told him, that he had at his Devotion Twelve *Japoneſe* Soldiers, and at his Appointment they would make themſelves Maſters of the Caſtle, and that ſome ſhould lie in the Hall for the Governor, and when he ſhould come to ſee what was the matter; they were to have killed him.

*Item*, That they would put their Deſign in execution, when any of their Ships ſhould arrive.

*Item*, he confeſſeth, that if they gain'd the Caſtle, they would have put the Citizens all to the Sword, unleſs they would agree with them. And it was confirm'd, under the Hand of

*Edward Collins.*

*John Beamont*, an *Engliſh* Merchant, born in *Berkſhire*, aged Forty eight Years, confeſſeth, that on *New-Year's-Day* laſt paſt, he was in Conference, and among others took his Oath upon the Bible to be faithful and ſecret.

*Item*, he confeſſeth, that Captain *Towerson* requir'd all their Aſſiſtances in taking the Caſtle. Other Circumſtances at preſent he remembereth not, having been ſick, and having an ill Memory, and growing in Age. And it is confirm'd under the Hand of

*John Beamont.*

*Ephraim Ramſey*, born at *Careſtown* in *Scotland*, aged Twenty one Years, Aſſiſtant the *Engliſh* at *Lobo*: He confeſſeth, upon *New-Years-Day* laſt, he was at

and therefore he could not be at the said Conference with the *English*.

Further he saith, that this is the first time that he ever heard that the *English* did consult, on *New-Years-Day* for the taking of the Castle, of *Ambogna*.

E. Ramo.

The Confession of *John Sadler*, born at *London*, aged Twenty Years, Steward to the *English* at *Larico*, is as followeth: that at the time aforesaid he was at *Larico*, and that he knew not of any Consultation.

*William Griggs*, born at *Dunstable* in the County of *Bedford*, aged Twenty eight Years, an *English* Merchant at *Larico*: He confesseth, that he was present at the Consultation upon *New-Year's-Day* last, and that amongst others he took his Oath upon the Bible to be loyal and secret.

Further he confesseth, that Captain *Tower-son* did make great Complaint of the Wrong which the *English* did receive from the *Hollanders*; and for the Revenge thereof, he with the Assistance of the *Japoneze* Soldiers, Slaves, and some *Spanish* Prisoners, intended to make himself Master of the Castle: if every one of us would aid him, which if we would do, he knew a way to take the Castle in spight of the *Hollanders* Teeth.

Item, he saith, that they would have kill'd all those which should make any Resistance, taken the rest Prisoners.



Further he saith, that within a few Days after they should have had another Consultation; and that then Captain *Towerson* would give Orders for all Things, and have given a Signal to the *Japonesers*, at which they should have gone about the Business within the Castle.

*Item*, he saith, that they would have divided the Goods and Booty among themselves. And it was confirm'd under the Hand of

*William Griggs.*

*John Clark*, aged Thirty six Years, born at *Ordington*, Assistant to the *English*, confesseth, that he treated and spoke with the *Japonesse* Soldiers, concerning the taking of the Castle.

*Item*, he confesseth, that he was in the Consultation on *New-Year's-Day* last past, and that Captain *Towerson* caus'd them to take an Oath upon the Bible to be faithful and secret; saying, that it was necessary so to do, for is that, which he should say unto them; should come to be known, it would cost them their Lives.

He confesseth moreover, that Captain *Towerson* said afterwards, that he intended, with the Help of the *Japonesse* Soldiers, and them, to make himself Master of the Castle.

*Item*, he saith: that Captain *Towerson* said, that when time should be fitting, he would send for all his Men, and Slaves from the other Factories.

He saith moreover, that they resolv'd to kill all those that should resist them; and that



they should have shar'd all the Money and Goods among them. And this was confirm'd under the Hand of *John Clark.*

*William Webber*, born at *Tiverton* in *Devonshire*, aged about Thirty two Years, cōfesseth, that about five Weeks since, he receiv'd a Letter from *John Clark* of *Hitto*, wherein, among other things, it was written, that the *English* in *Amboyna* had consulted concerning the taking of the Castle.

Item, he saith, that he hath no other Knowledge of the Treason, nor he did not consult with any Person concerning the same. And it was confirm'd under the Hand of

*William Webber.*

*George Sharrock*, aged Thirty one Years, born at *Winchester*, Assistant to the *English* at *Hitto*, cōfesseth, that he was not in *Amboyna* since the 1st of *December* last past; and therefore he could not be at the Consultation held there by the *English* on *New Year's-Day* last.

He cōfesseth, that about a Month or five Weeks since, he understood of *John Clark* of *Hitto*, being in the Gallery, that the *English* in *Amboyna* had consulted and resolv'd to take the Castle.

Item, that he promis'd *John Clark* his Assistance, concerning the Conspiracy. And it was confirm'd under the Hand of the said

*George Sharrock.*

*Samuel Colson*, an *English Merchant*, born at *New-Castle*, aged *Thirty nine Years*, confesseth, that he was at the *Conference with the English*, and had taken an Oath upon the *Bible* for to be faithful and secret to them.

Item, he confesseth, that *Captain Towerfon* complain'd of the great Wrongs and Injuries that the *Hollanders* had done them; and if they would assist him, he knew of a Method which, with the Help of the *Japanese Soldiers*, was to take the *Castle*; and that he promis'd them his Assistance when the *Conspiracy* was to be put in execution.

Further he confesseth, that the time of the putting the same in execution was not determin'd, but with Opportunity *Captain Towerfon* would tell them; and if this Plot had taken effect, they resolv'd to kill all that should make any Resistance, and take the rest Prisoners. And this was confirm'd with the Name of

*Samuel Colson.*

*Gabriel Towerfon*, Agent for the *English* in *Ambony*, aged *Forty nine Years*, born in *London*, who after a Taste of the Tortures, confesseth, That he was in Confederacy with the *English*, and the rest, that he took an Oath upon the *Bible* to be faithful and secret. And that he had an Intention, and had divers times consulted with his Men to make himself Master of the *Castle*.

Item, he confesseth, that all his Men were consenting to it, and that he would have put the same in execution the next time the *Governour*, *Van Speult*, was absent from the *Castle* about

about some extraordinary Business; but being ask'd what should move him to such a dangerous Enterprize? he answer'd, the Desire of Honour and Profit.

Being further ask'd from whom he expected to receive that Honour: and for whom he would have kept the Castle? He answer'd, that if his Conspiracy prosper'd, he would have inform'd those of the *English* Nation at *Batavia*, and several other Places, and require their Assistance: which being sent him, he would have kept the Castle for the *English* Company: but if they did not, he would have kept it for himself, and make an Agreement with the Natives; and so by one way or other he would have had his Intent.

He confesseth moreover, that he gave Order to his Men, for to get him Assistance to effect the same; as Mr. *Thomson*, Mr. *Johnson*, *J. Clark*, and *A. Price*; and they had already negotiated with the *Japonese* Soldiers.

He saith that the *Japoners* were twice in his House; but that he himself did not speak with them, but he caus'd them to be treated with by others.

He saith, that he did not appoint the Time because it was too soon.

And further that, when time should be convenient, he would to this Intent have sent for all his Men and Slaves, from the other Factories.

Further he saith, that no Person whatsoever gave him any Order, Instruction, or Charge for the said Business, but that he was the first Inventer

Inventor, and Author of this Enterprize and Plot, for the Reasons aforesaid.

*Item,* he confesseth, that on *New-Year's-day* last he consulted with the Merchants, and those of his Family, concerning the taking of the Castle; and made them all swear upon the Bible to be faithful and secret.

Further he confesseth, that he had not given Orders to any Person whatsoever, to confer with those of *Lobo, Hitto, or Cambello*, concerning this Matter: So far was he from promising them any Powder, Ordnance, Bullets or Muskets, or any other Ammunition of War, at the Arrival of the Ships. Sign'd,

*Gabriel Towerfon.*

*Emanuel Tompson*, an English Merchant at *Amboyna*, born at *Hamburg*, aged Fifty Years, confesseth, that on *New-Year's-Day* last past, or a Day after or before, he, with other English Merchants was sent for to the Chamber of Captain *Towerfon*; and that the said Captain *Towerfon* then said, that he had a Business to impart unto them; but first they must take their Oaths upon the Bible to be faithful and secret to him, which they all did.

Afterwards Captain *Towerfon* told them, in what manner the English were esteem'd in that Country; and that every where they must be the lowest; and that they could not receive Justice in any kind; and that he had found a way to be reveng'd thereof; and that he could be Master of the Castle if they would assist him. Unto which they all agreed.

*Item,*

*Item,* the said Captain *Towerson* said, that those of *Lobo* would come with certain *Curricurrows* to assist him.

*Item,* he saith, that eight Days after the Conference, Captain *Towerson* told him, that he had sent Mr. *Johnson* and Mr. *Price* for to treat with, and get the *Japonesse* Soldiers to consent to the same.

Further he confesseth, that after the Conference, he had sundry times ask'd Captain *Towerson*, how he proceeded in the Business? but he was still answer'd, that he should content himself, and leave the Business to those that were wiser then he was; and that he should take heed, lest, by his Drunkenness, the Business should be discover'd. Sign'd

*Emanuel Tomson.*

*John Wetheral*, an *English* Merchant, dwelling at *Cambello*, born at *Glaston* in the County of *Rutland*, aged Thirty one Years, confesseth, that he was at the Conference with others on *New-Year's-Day*, and took his Oath as others did on the Bible, to be faithful and secret.

That Captain *Towerson*, after he had told them, how that the *English* had endur'd a great deal of Wrong by the *Hollanders*; and that he, with the Assistance of the *Japonesse* Soldiers, and with the *Indians*, knew a Way how to get the *Castle*, if they would all aid and assist him; which they presently promised him.

This Exploit should have been put in execution when their Ships should have arriv'd.

*Item,*

Item, He confesseth, that the next Day they were again-assembled, to animate and encourage one another in the Advancement of their Design. Sign'd with the Name of

*John Wetherall.*

*John Paul*, Assistant to the English at *Cambello*, born at *Bristol*, aged Thirty one Years, confesseth, that he hath not been near the Castle of *Amboyna* these Five Months, and that he knoweth not any thing therein.

*Thomas Sharke*, born at *Colchester*, aged Thirty six Years, saith, that he hath not been in *Amboyna* these Six Months, and that he knew nothing.

*Augustine Peres Marinbo*, Captain of the Slaves, aged Thirty six Years, born in *Bengala*, confesseth, that two Months since, he was ask'd by a *Japonesse* call'd *Hytiso*, in the Name of Captain *Towerson*, if he would, together with the *Japoners*, assist the English in taking the Castle? which he consented to.

Thus confessed in the Castle of *Amboyna*, March the 3d. 1623. and subscrib'd with the Name of

*Augustine Peres Marinbo.*

The Worshipful *Harman Van Speult*, Counsellor in the *Indies*, Governour of *Amboyna*, &c. having seen and understood the Confessions of all the Criminals, who were examin'd at several times, doth not think it any ways necessary,

necessary, by reason of the Enormity of the Offence, that the Cause ought not to suffer any Reference at the present; and especially when they had in their Custody above Forty Prisoners, who lay convicted for other Crimes; and not knowing what Enemies they might have besides. But yet, notwithstanding this, for the Satisfaction of the Honourable English Company, it was thought fit to be debated by Council, whether the Cause could suffer any referring, or no.

Whereupon, by a general Voice, it was judg'd and resolv'd, that the Fact and Crime should be punish'd in the Place, where it was contriv'd and concluded, for Example to others: and the rather because, at the present the *Tarnatans* and *Mores* thereabouts (contrary to their Custom) did a while since, (by the Instigation of the *English*) begin to rebel, and had kill'd several of the *Dutch*, and some Servants belonging to the Company. Therefore his Worship caus'd the Fiscal *Brune* to order some Dispatch against the said Prisoners, as he should think convenient.

Thus resolv'd *March* the 8<sup>th</sup> 1623. and subscrib'd.

*H. Van Speult,*  
*L. d. Marschalek,*  
*J. Kerseboom,*  
*J. Johnson,*  
*J. de Lertoven,*  
*John Jacobson,*  
*L. Cloq,*  
*M. Johnson,*

*J. Joosten,*  
*J. Cooper,*  
*J. Van Nieupoort,*  
*P. Van Zanten,*  
*H. Crayevanger,*  
*R. Tuller,*  
*V. Cathals Sec.*



Whereas by the precedent Acts and Confessions, it plainly appears, that *G. Tower-son* Agent to the Honourable *English Company* in *Amboyna* with his Creatures and Confederates aforesaid hath committed Treason, and sought the Overthrow of the State, of the Priviledg'd Company of the *Low-Countries* in *Amboyna* wherein depends the greatest part of the Prosperity of the said Company: and by a horrible Murder and Effusion of Blood, wholly to ruinate the same. Therefore the Advocate Fiscal *I. de Brune*, *nomine officii*, forming the Sentence of Death, concludes; That the said *G. Tower-son*, with all the Delinquents, as well *English* as *Japoneſe* (except *E. Ramſey*, *J. Paul*, *T. Sharke*, and *John Sadler*) should be carry'd to the Place accustomed for the Execution of the Law and Justice; and that they should there be beheaded, and put to death, with the Confiscation of all their Goods. And that the said *Tower-son*, after his Death, should be cut in four Quarters, and his Head should be set up upon the Gate on a large Pole, and every Quarter should be fix'd upon a Gibbet.

Done at the Castle in *Amboyna*, March the 8th. 1623. And it was sign'd,

*I. de Brune*, Advocate Fiscal.

The Worshipful *H. Van Speult*, Councillor of the *Indies*, Governour of *Amboyna*, &c. with the ordinary Council of his Worship, as also those in the Ships nam'd the *Rotterdam*, *Amsterdam*, *Unicorn*, *Edam*, and the *Little-Hope*, having

having heard the Sentence pass'd upon them by the Advacate Fiscal de Brume, made against the said Criminals, after they had call'd upon the Name of God, *That he would be pleas'd to assist them in their Course during this heavy Assembly, and so inspire into them nothing but Equity and Justice.* After which he made the following Oration to the Prisoners:

To you who have receiv'd the Sentence of Death, as well *English*, as *Japoners*; to wit, Captain G. Towerson, S. Colson, E. Tompson, T. Johnson, William Griggs, J. Clark, A. Price, R. Brown, J. Wetberal, J. Fardo, A. Peres Marinbo; the *Japoners*, Hysio, Sidney Migiel, Pedro Conge, Thome Corea, Tsiosa, Quandao, Sinsa, Isabinda, and Zanchoo. I declare, That you having committed Treason, having conceiv'd and complotted together a horrible Massacre and Treason, to be Masters of the Castle; and so have compass'd not only to overthrow and ruinate the State of the *East-India Company* of the United Provinces of the *Low-Countries*, which the Preservation of this Place much concerneth; but also to ruinate the United *Low-Countries* themselves, and their Prosperities, partly consisting in Navigation and Traffick to the *Indies*, which by this Means would have been undermin'd and weaken'd. In pursuance whereof, and in the Name, and in the Authority of Governour for the High and Mighty Lords the States-General of the United Provinces of the *Low-Country*, have condemn'd the said Delinquents, as by these Presents we condemn them to be carry'd to the Place where Law and Justice are ordinarily

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executed,

executed, and there to be punish'd with the Sword in such sort as Death may ensue; with the Confiscation, according to the Law, of all their Goods proper and in particular: And the Heads of *Gabriel Towerson*, *Sidney Migiell*, *Hytisco*, and *Pedro Conge*. for Example, unto others shall be set upon Poles.

Thus pronounc'd in the Castle of *Amboyna*, March the 9th, 1623. And it was subscrib'd,

*H. Van Speult*,  
*L. de Marschalck*,  
*C. Kerffeboom*,  
*J. Johnson*,  
*J. Van Leeuwen*,  
*J. Jacobson*,  
*L. Clocq*,  
*M. Johnson*,

*J. Joosten*,  
*J. Cooper*,  
*J. Van Nicupoort*,  
*P. Van Zanten*,  
*H. Crayewanger*,  
*R. Tailler*,  
*V. Cortbals Sec.*

Whereas the said Governour *Van Speult*, for the Service of the Honourable English Company, hath thought good to spare Two of the said English Merchants *pro tempore*, for the Grace and Pardon of the Lord Governour General *Peter de Carpuissier*, to the end, that with other Deputies of his Worship, they might look to the Goods of the said Honourable English Company. His Worship for certain Reasons hath chosen for one of them *Beaumont*, an English Merchant in the Factory of *Lobos*; and ordaineth, that *Mr Collins*, *Mr. Thomson*, and *Mr. Colson* should draw Lots between them, which of them should enjoy the like Favour: Declaring, notwithstanding that their

their proper Goods shall be particularly confiscated, according as the others. And his Worship pardon'd *E. Ramsey, J. Paul, J. Sharke,* and *J. Sadler*, as having little and no Knowledge of the said Plot.

Done and resolv'd *March. 8. 1623.*

*Colson, Thomson, and Collins*, being brought in a Place together, and the Lots being presented to them, after a short Prayer which every one made, they drew: First *Mr. Thomson*, next *Mr. Collins*, and last *Mr. Colson*: which being open'd, it fell to *Mr. Collins* to be sav'd.

Done in the Castle of *Amboyna*, the Day aforesaid. And Subscrib'd,

*H. Van Speult,*  
*L. de Marschalck,*  
*C. Kerffchoorn,*  
*J. Johnson,*  
*J. Van Leeuwen,*  
*J. Jacobson,*  
*L. Clocq,*  
*M. Johnson,*

*J. Joosten,*  
*Jacob Cooper,*  
*J. Van Nieupoort,*  
*P. Van Zanten,*  
*H. Crayewanger,*  
*R. Tailler,*  
*V. Cortbals Sec.*

Whereas *Augustine Peres Marinbo*, Captain of the Slaves, had Knowledge of the Treason and Conspiracy aforesaid; and being that he promised his Assistance; it is concluded of him aforesaid: and the Wife of *Augustine Peres* which hath been a Slave of the Honourable Dutch East-India Company, who was given to the said *Augustine*, in hope of his good Behaviour, for the present, she shall return to her ancient Masters of the said Company, until such

such time, that she shall be otherwise dispos'd of by the Governour.

Done in the Castle of *Amboyna*, March the 9th, 1623.

*H. Van Speult,*  
*L. de Marschalck,*  
*C. Kerffboom,*  
*J. Johnson,*  
*J. Van Leeuwen,*  
*J. Jacobsen,*  
*L. Clocq,*  
*M. Johnson,*

*J. Joosten,*  
*J. Cooper,*  
*J. Van Nieupoort,*  
*P. Van Zanten,*  
*H. Crayevanger,*  
*R. Taitler,*  
*V. Cortbals Sec.*

We that are under-nam'd, do declare, for a Truth, instead of an Oath, that *Gabriel Tower-son*, after he was examin'd concerning the said Plot; and the Governour *Van Speult* condoling with him for that which is aforesaid, asking him, if that was the Recompence of his former Friendship shew'd to the said *Tower-son*? The said *Tower-son*, with a deep Sigh, answer'd him and said, alas! if it were to begin again, it should never be done.

Done in the Castle of *Amboyna*, March the 9th. Subscrib'd,

*H. Van Speult,*  
*L. de Marschalck,*  
*C. Kerffboom,*

*H. Crayevanger,*  
*P. Van Zanten,*  
*L. Clocq,*

On the same Day, March the 9th, 1623. in the Castle of *Amboyna*, it was resolv'd, That the English Prisoners that were for the present reserv'd to the Pardon of the Lord General

*de Carpentier*, as *Mr. Beamont*, and *Mr. Collins*: and likewise those that had none or little Knowledge in the said intended Treason, should be again remitted to the *English Lodgings*, with others appointed by the Governour *Van Speult*, to keep and look to the Goods of their Company, until the Arrival of some *English Ship*, for to dispose thereof, as should be found most necessary and profitable for the said Company.

Thus in the Castle of *Amboyna*, done the Day above-written. And Subscrib'd,

*H. Van Speult,*  
*L. de Marschalck,*  
*C. Kerffboom,*  
*J. Johnson,*  
*J. Van Leeuwen,*  
*J. Jacobson,*  
*L. Cloeq,*  
*M. Johnson,*

*John Joosten,*  
*J. Cooper,*  
*J. Van Nieuport,*  
*P. Van Zanten,*  
*H. Crayevanger,*  
*R. Tailler,*  
*V. Corstals Sec.*

When Captain *Towersoh*, and the rest of the Conspirators, came to the Place of Execution, they utterly deny'd that they knew any thing of the Conspiracy; notwithstanding each of them before had accus'd one another: and so they went out of the World with Lies in their Mouths.

And in the Castle of *Amboyna* March the 10th. And subscrib'd,

*H. Van Speult,*  
*L. de Marschalck,*  
*C. Kerffboom,*

*J. Johnson,*  
*J. Van Leeuwen,*  
*J. Jacobson,*

H. Craewanger,

R. Tanjer,

L. Cloet,

M. Jobson,

J. Joosten,

J. Cooper,

J. Van Nieupoort,

P. Van Zanten,

V. Corbals Sec.

We whose Names are here under-written, being Servants unto the Honourable *English* Company in the *East-Indies*, having been requir'd by the Worshipful *H. Van Speult* Governor of *Amboyna*, to examine the Proceſs of Captain *Towerſon* and his Accomplices, being written in *Dutch* and *English*.

We have heard and read the ſaid Proceſs in two Languages, and according to our Judgments: and as we can apprehend it, the Subſtance of both the Tranſlations agree in one and the ſame Point.

Thus done in the Caſtle of *Amboyna*, May the 23<sup>d</sup>, 1623. And is ſubſcrib'd by thoſe whoſe Names hereafter follow, to wit,

Richard Welding,

John Cartwright,

Henry Gill,

J. Van Nieupoort,

Rowland Hollers,

George Williams.

This Tranſlation, being compar'd with the Original Copy ſent from the *Indies*, and ſubſcrib'd as aforeſaid, is found to agree therewith.

August the 12<sup>th</sup>, 1624.

By me the Secretary of the States General,  
of the United Provinces:

J. Van Goch.

Thus far the Dutch Account.

Thus

Thus have I given you, all the Examinations, Tortures, and Confessions, being the Work of Eight Days, after which was Two Days Respite, before the Sentence of Death was pass'd on them. *3 Powl* being Acquitted as before mention'd, went to Visit *3. Fardo*, one of those that had Accus'd Captain *Towerfon*: To him *Fardo* solemnly protested his Innocency, but more especially his Sorrow for Accusing Captain *Towerfon*, for (said he) the fear of Death does nothing Terrifie me, for God (I trust) will be merciful to my Soul, according to the Innocency of my Cause; the only Matter that Troubles me, is that through fear of Torment, I have Accused that Godly and Righteous Man, who was so Honest and Upright to all Men, that he ow'd no Ill-will to any, much less would he Attempt any such Wicked Design as he is Accused of; he further said, he wou'd Receive the Sacrament, in Acknowledgment that he had Accus'd Captain *Towerfon* wrongfully, and only through fear of Torment. About the 9th, of *March* all the Prisoners, as well *English* as the *Portugal* and *Japanners*, were brought into the Great Hall of the Castle, where they Receiv'd their Condemnation: except, *Powl*, *Ramsey*, *Saddler* and *Ladbrook*, formerly acquitted as before mention'd. Captain *Towerfon* all the time of his Imprisonment, was kept from the rest; so that no body cou'd speak to him. Except one *Tho. Tobason* an *English* Man, who got in by Favour of the Keepers,) desired him to Acknowledge a Debt, which *Towerfon* had Contracted, in behalf of the *English* Company. At the End of the Bill



Where his Name shou'd stand, he Writ these Words. "Firmed by the firm of me *Gabriel Townsen*, now appointed to Die Guiltless of any of those things, that can be laid to my Charge; God forgive them this Sin, and Receive me into his Mercy *Amen*. This Bill was carry'd to Mr. *Welden* the *English* Agent at *Banda*, who paid the Money, and receiv'd the Acknowledgment.

In a Table Book which *Will. Griggs* had in his Pocket, was Written as follows. "We whose Names are specified: *John Beaumont* Merchant at *Lobo*: *Will. Griggs* Merchant of *Larica*: *Abel Price* Surgeon of *Amboyna*; and *Robert Brown* Taylor; who all Lye Prisoners in a Ship call'd the *Rotterdam*; being apprehended for a pretended Conspiracy, of Assaulting the Castle of *Amboyna*: We Receiv'd Sentence of Death, the 9th, Day of *March* 1622-3; through Torment we were Constrained to speak, that which we never meant nor once imagin'd, which we do all take upon our Salvation. They Tortur'd Us with that extream Torment of Fire and Water, that Flesh and Blood could not endure it, and we again take it upon our Salvation, that they have put us to Death Guiltless of our Accusations. This Table Book was Deliver'd to a Servant belonging to the *English East India* Company, who faithfully carry'd it to Mr. *Welden* the Agent at *Banda*.

The *Dutch* not allowing them the use of Pen, Ink. nor Paper: And least they shou'd privately have procur'd it themselves, no one was suffer'd to carry it upon Peril of being Proceeded

ceeded against, as one of the Conspirators; but however, *Sam. Colson* who had a Common-Prayer Book in his Pocket; in one of the wast Leaves of it, Writ as follows,

“ *Sunday* March the 5th, N. S. On Board  
 “ the *Rotterdam* then Lying in Irons. Under-  
 “ stand that I *Sam. Colson* late Factor of *Mito*,  
 “ was Apprehended for Suspicion of Conspi-  
 “ racy, and for any thing I know, must Dye  
 “ for it. Wherefore having no better means  
 “ to make my Innocency known, have Writ  
 “ my Confession in this Book, hoping some  
 “ Good *English* Men will see it: I do here up-  
 “ on my Salvation, as I hope by his Death and  
 “ Passion to have Redemption for my Sins,  
 “ that I am clear of all such Conspiracy; nei-  
 “ ther do I know any *English* Man Guilty there-  
 “ of, nor other Person in the World; ac-  
 “ cording to the Truth of this, the Lord have  
 “ Mercy on my Soul.

*In another Leaf you shall understand more, which I  
 have Written in this Book.*

*Samuel Colson,*

*On the Back-side of the Title Page of the Psalms (which  
 was the Leaf refer'd unto) it was thus Written.*

“ The Japoners were taken with some Vil-  
 “ lany and brought to Examination; being  
 “ most Tyraniously Tortur'd; were ask'd if  
 “ the *English* had any hand in their Plot, which  
 “ the Severe Torture made them say, Yes.  
 “ Then was *Mr. Tompson*, *Mr. Johnson*, *Mr. Col-*  
 “ *lins* and *Mr. Clark* brought to Examination,  
 “ and were Burned under the Arm-Pits; in

“ the Palms of their Hands; and under the  
 “ Soles of their Feet; besides another most Mis-  
 “ erable Torture to Drink Water; some of  
 “ them were almost Tortur’d to Death: We  
 “ where forc’d to Confess that which we never  
 “ knew, by Reason of the Torment which  
 “ Flesh and Blood was not able to endure:  
 “ Then was the Rest of the *English* Men called  
 “ One by One, (amongst which I was one),  
 “ being ordered to Confess, or else endure  
 “ the Torments; and withal Compelled Mr.  
 “ *Johnson* who was before Tormented, to Wit-  
 “ ness against me, or else he should be Tor-  
 “ mented again, which rather than he would  
 “ endure, he said, what they desired he  
 “ would speak: then was I oblig’d to Confess  
 “ what I never knew, or else go to the Tor-  
 “ ments, which rather than I wou’d Suffer. I  
 “ did Confess that, which (as I shall be Saved,  
 “ before God Almighty, is not true, being  
 “ forced thereto for fear of Torment: Then  
 “ did they make us Witness against Captain  
 “ *Towerson*, and at last made Captain *Towerson*  
 “ Confess; all being for fear of most Cruel  
 “ Torment, for which we must all Die. As  
 “ I mean and hope to have Pardon for my  
 “ Sins I know no more than the Child Un-  
 “ born of this Business: Written with my own  
 “ Hand this Fifth of *March* N. S. I was Born in  
 “ *New-Castle* upon *Tyne*, where I hope this Book  
 “ will come, that my Friends may know my  
 “ Innocency,

*Samuel Colson.*

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This Book was deliver'd to one that served the *Hollanders*, who Sowed it up in his Bed, and afterwards as opportunity serv'd, he deliver'd it to Mr. *Welden* before Named. About the 26 of Feb. O. S. the Prisoners were all brought into the Great-Hall of the Castle, (except Captain *Towerfon* and *Eman. Tomson*) to be Prepar'd for Death by the Ministers: The *Japoners* all in general cry'd out unto the *English*, saying, Oh! you *English* Men, were did we ever in our Lives Eat with you, Talk with you, or (to our Remembrance) see you? Why then (said the *English* to them) have you thus Accused us, upon this the *Japoners* shew'd them their Tortur'd Bodies, and said if a Stone were thus Burnt, would it not change it's Nature? How much more we, that are Flesh and Blood. Whilst they were in the Hall, Captain *Towerfon* was carry'd to the Place of Examination, and Two great Jars of Water after him; what he Suffer'd there was unknown to the *English*; but it seems they made him Subscribe to his Confession; sometime after *Colson*, *Collins* and *Tomson*, were taken from the rest: The *Fiscal* told them it was the Governours pleasure to save one of them Three, and it being indifferent to him, who it was, they were ordered to draw Lots for it, which they did, and the Lot fell on *Collins*, then *John Beaumont* was called aside, and the *Fiscal* told him, that he was beholden to *Peter Johnson*, and to the Secretary; for they Two had begg'd his Life.

To them that Remained in the Hall came the *Dutch* Minister who telling them how short a time they had to Live, Admonish'd and Exhorted

horted them to make their true Confessions: The *English* still protested their Innocency, and desir'd they might all Receive the Sacrament, and by that Confirm these last Protestations of their being Guiltless. But this by no means would be granted them: Hereupon *S. Colson* spoke, with a loud Voice saying; according to my Innocency in this Treason, so the Lord Pardon all the rest of my Sins; and if I be Guilty thereof, more or less, let me never be partaker of thy Heavenly Kingdom. At which Words all the rest cry'd, *Amen*. This done, each of them knowing whom he had Accused, begg'd Forgiveness for their False Accusations, which was forc'd from them for Fear of Torment, and they all freely forgave one another.

After this, they spent the rest of that doleful Night in P R A Y E R S, Singing of Psalms and Comforting one another. Upon the Morrow Morning being the Execution Day, *Feb.* the 27th, O. S. *John Powl* being cleared as before mentioned, came into the Room where the Condemn'd Persons were, and found them at Prayers, which being ended, they all desir'd him to Acquaint their Friends in *England* of the Innocency of their Cause, taking it upon their Deaths, that what they had Confessed against themselves and others touching the Conspiracy, was all forc'd from them, by the Severity of the Tortures. The same Morning *W. Webber* was called again into the *Jiscals* Room, and their Pressed to produce the Letter, which before he had Confess'd to have receiv'd from *Clark*; they promis'd him his Life if he would Deliver it, which though he did not, (nor in-  
deed

deed could not) yet at last they Pardon'd him, and sent him to the rest that were Repriev'd, and *Sbarrock* with him.

All things being prepared for the Execution the Condemn'd were brought out of the Hall, along by the Chamber where those that were Pardoned stood to take their last Farewel of their Country Men now going to Execution. The Condemn'd charg'd those that were Repriev'd, to bear Witness of them to their Friends in *England* of their Innocency, and that they Died not Traytors, but so many Innocents: Taking their leaves of them, they were Carried into the Yard where their Sentence was Read to them from the Gallery, and from thence they were Carried to the Place of Execution, together with Nine *Japoners* and the *Portugal*. The *Dutch*, *Amboyanners*, and Natives of the Island all Flock'd together, to behold this Triumph of *Dutch* over the *English*. *Sam. Colson* had Compos'd a Form of Prayer in Writing, at the end of which, was a Protestation of his Innocency, which Prayer he Read to his Fellow Sufferers the Night before, and now also at the Place of Execution he Devoutly Pronounc'd the same, then threw it away, which was taken up and Carried to the Governour who keep it. *Eman Tomson* told the Rest he did not doubt, but God would show some Sign of their Innocencies, and every one of the Rest, took it severally upon their Salvation they were utterly Guiltless; and so one by one with great Chearfulness suffer'd the fatal Stroke.

The *Portugal* Prayed over his Beeds very Devoutly, and often Kissed the Cross, Protesting there-

thereupon, that he was utterly Guiltless of this Treason. And the *Japoners* likewise (according to their Religion) shut up their last Act, with the like Protestations of their Innocency; so there Suffer'd Ten *English* Men, viz.,

Captain *Gabriel Towerfon*, Agent of the *English* at *Amboyna*.

*Samuel Colson*, Factor at *Hitto*.

*Emanuel Tomson*, Assistant at *Amboyna*.

*Timothy Johnson*, Assistant there also.

*John Wisberal*, Factor at *Cambello*.

*John Clark*, Assistant at *Hitto*.

*William Griggs*, Factor at *Larico*.

*John Fardo*, Steward of the House.

*Abel Price*, Surgeon, and

*Robert Brown*, Taylor.

The *Portugal* that Suffer'd with them, his Name was *Augustin Perez*, born at *Bengala*.

They Names of the *Japoners* were as follows,

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| <i>Hitteso</i> | } Born at <i>Ferando</i> . | <i>S. Migiel</i> | } B. at <i>Nagansac</i> . |
| <i>Ihsiofa</i> |                            | <i>P. Congie</i> |                           |
| <i>Sinsa</i>   |                            | <i>T. Corea</i>  |                           |

*Queondayo*, Native of *Coraets*.

*Tfabinda* of *Tjoucketgo*.

*Zanchoo* of *Fisten*.

At the Instant of the Execution there arose a great Darkness, with a sudden and Violent Tempest, whereby, Two of the *Dutch* Ships Riding in the Harbour, were driven from their Anchors,

⚓ Anchors, and with great Difficulty were saved from the Rocks ; and within a few Days after, one *William Ducken*, who had told the Governour, that *Robert Brown* the *English* Taylor, had a few Months before told him, that he hoped within Six Months, they would have as much to do in the Castle of *Amboyna* as the *Dutch*. This Fellow going one Evening to the Grave where the *English* were Buried, being all (except Captain *Tower*son) Buried in one Pit ; fell down upon the Grave, and having laid there a while, was afterwards taken up again stark Mad, and so continued for Three Days together, and then Died. Soon after there happen'd a great Sicknes at *Amboyna*, which sweep a way above a Thousand *Dutch* and *Amboyners* in so small a space, wherein there usually Died not above Thirty at other Seasons. These Signs were by the Surviving *English*, referred to the Confident predictions of *Emanuel Tom*son, and by the *Amboyners*, Interpreted it as a Token of the Wrath of God, for the Barbarous Proceedings of the *Hollanders* against the *English*.

⚓ The Governour, and *Fiscal* having made an end at *Amboyna*, Dispatch'd themselves to *Banda*, where they made diligent enquiry about Captain *Welden*, but finding not the least Colour of Guilt to lay hold on ; they entertain'd him with Courteous Speeches, pretending to be very glad, that they found him ( as well as the *English* at *Tacatra* ) to be without Suspicion of this Treason. (as they Term'd it) Capt. *Welden* perceiving the Disorder and Confusion of the *English* Company's Affairs at *Amboyna* ; immediately

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mediately Hir'd a *Dutch* Pinance at *Banda*, and pass'd to *Amboyna*, where Instantly upon his Arrival, he recall'd the Rest of the Companies Servants who were

*John Powl,*  
*Ephraim Ramsey.*

*John Sadler,*  
*Thomas Ladbroke,*

Which were not Condemn'd. And,

*John Beament,*  
*George Sharrock.*

*Edward Collins,*  
*William Webber.*

Which were Repriv'd after Condemnation.

Mr. *Welden* finding it would not be convenient, with the Honour and Profit of his Masters the *English* Company, to hold any longer Residence in *Amboyna*; brought the Poor Remnant of the *English* a long with him in the Hir'd Pinance to *Jacatra*, and from thence to *Banda*; where the first opportunity that Offer'd, they were sent over to *England*. Hitherto (excepting the *Dutch* Account) hath been a Recital of the Bare and Naked Narration, of the Progress of this Action as it was taken from the Depositions of Six *English* Factors, whereof Two were Condemn'd, and the other Four Acquitted in the Procefs of *Amboyna*: All these (which were sent over for that purpose by Capt. *Welden*) since their Return into *England*, were Examined upon their Oaths in the Court of Admiralty; Captain *Towerson's* and *Eman. Tomson's*, Examinations and Answers where never found, by Reason these Two were kept a part from all the rest, and each in a Room by himself; the

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Note which Captain *Towerfon* gave for the Payment of the aforementioned Sum of Money, *W. Griggs's* Table-Book and *Sam. Colson's* Common-Prayer Book where all Three produc'd: This Action has made the *Dutch* so Odious, that they are Infamous to this very Day, among the Rude and Savage *Indians*, for their Barbarous Inhumanity Executed upon the *English*, the greatest Patrons (under God) they ever had in the World. When King *James* was acquainted with this Barbarous Fact, he forthwith sent for the *Dutch* Ambassador, and told him that he never Read or heard, of a more Cruel and Impious Action: But I do forgive them (said the King) and I hope God will do the same, but my \* Sons Son will Revenge this Blood, and Punish this Horrid Massacre; this King was a Wise Prince; and believe it, Wisdom is next door to Prophesie.

Having thus Murther'd the *English*, their Insolence and Ingratitude did not end there; for they seized upon all the Goods and Factories that belonged to the *English* at *Amboyna*, to the Value of 400000 Pounds, and sent all the *Japoners* they could meet with, into their own Islands to be their Slaves.

After that, they forcibly seized upon the Islands of *Seran*, *Nero*, *Waive*, *Rosingen*, *Latyo*, *Cambello*, *Nitto*, *Larrica*, the Islands of *Poloroone*, near Neighbouring to the *Molluccoes*; *Polaway*

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\* The Duke of *York* who gave the *Dutch* several fatal Strokes at Sea, in the last Wars between *England* and *Holland*.

and *Macbasser*, two Islands of *Banda*. All which Islands were formerly Surrender'd, by the general Consent of the Natives unto the *English*, and under the Sovereignty of the Kings of *England*; they Seiz'd upon their Factories and Goods there, possess'd themselves of 1800 *English*, which they Dispos'd of into their own Island. By this Artifice they gain'd to themselves *Amboyna*, *Banda*, the *Mollucca* Islands, *Ternate*, *Tidormaner*, *Rochian*, *Machiam* and *Botono*, with some others. In all which the *English* had their Factories and some Castles; these Islands produc'd Cloves Nutmegs, Mace, Cinamon and other Rich Commodities; from whence the *Persians*, *Turks*, *Chinois* and *Africans* fetch'd them; so that those Insolent and Ungrateful People have gain'd to themselves the Trade of the whole World for Spices.

By the loss of which Island, there is drain'd Yearly out of the Dominions, belonging to the Crown of *England*, for Spices 400000 Pounds, beside, the loss of the Trade in those Islands to the *English*, (which would have much Improved and Inlarged it self into other Places) cannot Amount to less than 4000000 Pounds Yearly; though formerly some inconsiderable Quantities of them did Grow in *Cupe*, *Duco*, *Montio* and *Maria*; but of late not any. The Advantage thereof cannot Amount unto the *Hollanders* less than 7000000 Pounds Yearly; they setting what Rates and Prizes they please upon those Commodities. By these most Unjust Practices of the *Dutch*, the Stock of the *English* Company which Amounted to 16000 Pounds, was the greatest part of it lost.

*Polorone*, by the general and Voluntary Agreement of the Chiefest of the Inhabitants, was Surrendered into the Power of King *James* the 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Possession thereof, was given for His Majesties Use to Captain *Courtrop*, on the Twenty Third of *December*, in the Year 1616: No other Nation at that time, had any Interest in it, or Pretensions to it: This was a very Rich and Plentiful Island, and from thence, the *English* might have expected great Treasure and Riches. BUT the *Hollanders* (who make no Conscience of Robbing the Sea so that they can but get Land) notwithstanding (their Treaty and League with King *James*) came with an Armed Force against it, when the *English* were in a Peaceable Possession of the same, and with great Eagerness entred the said Island, Demolish'd all its Buildings and Fortifications, pull'd up the Nutmeg trees, and sent them into their own Island to be Planted; Destroy'd all their Factories there, Seized upon all their Goods and Merchandize, and forc'd all the *English* from thence, and to Dispeople it, that it might be of no use to the *English* for the future; under the pretence and Colour of a Plot, that the *Oran-Keys* and Nobles of *Polorone* had Conspired with the People of *Seran* to Massacre the *Dutch*, as well at *Polorone* as at *Poloway*; upon this pretended Conspiracy, the *Dutch* Governour at *Poloway*, sent a Command to the *Oran-Keys* immediately to make their Appearance before him; and according to his Order and Command, a Priest and Seventy *Oran Keys*, immediately took a *Prouen*, or small Vessel of their own, and Embarqued themselves