

selv's on Board it for *Polloway*, they were no sooner Arrived, and presented themselves to the Governour according to his positive Command, but they were sent as Prisoners to the Castle.

After that, the Governour with Two Hundred of his Soldiers went to *Polorone*, where he was no sooner Arriv'd, but he Order'd his Men to lay Hands upon them, and make all that they could find in that place Prisoners. And when the Soldiers had Obey'd the Commands of the Governour, the Prisoners (after they were Fetter'd with Irons) were Carried to *Polloway*, and Committed to the same Castle were the Priest and the other Seventy *Oran-Keys* were Confin'd sometime before them.

The next Day they were brought to the Torture of Fire and Water, and Us'd in the same Manner as the *English* were at *Ambonya*, several of them Died during the Time of their Tortures, the Priest and the rest, being in all 162, upon their forc'd Confessions were All Condemn'd and Executed. When they came to the place of Execution, the Priest began to vindicate their Innocency, and spoke these Words in the *Mallarian* Language: *All ye Great and Small, Rich and Poor, Black and White, look to it; we have Committed no Fault: And when he would have spoken more, they took him by the Head, and by main Force, brought him to the Ground, and then the Executioner with the Sword of Injustice, cut him in two by the middle; and soon after, Executed the rest of the Prisoners after the same manner: Their Wives, Children and Slaves; with all their Goods*

Goods and Merchandizes, were Siezed by the *Dutch*. and sent to their own Islands,

By this, and such Unjust Proceedings, we may perceive that the whole Design of the *Dutch* is to get the whole Riches, Trade and Dominion of the *Indies* into their Possession, and therefore they think any Medium Just and Subservient to that End. Much about this time they took the Town and Castle of *Mallaca* from the *Portuguese*, and by that means, would not suffer the Ships of any King or Prince of *Europe*, to pass those Straights into the *South-Seas*, upon Peril of a Seizure, and Confiscation of Men, Ships and Goods. And to that purpose, they Granted Commissions to their Sea Captains to take all Ships that pass the Streights of *Mallaca*, (which Streights were free for all Ships to pass till the Restraint made by the *Dutch* there) and if they refus'd (whatever Prince they belong'd to,) their Commissions oblig'd them either to Sink or Burn them by their Sides. This Restraint was a loss to the *English* only, Three Hundred Thousand Pounds Yearly, and an Advantage to the *Dutch* as much a gain.

Anno 1620 *Cabode-bon Esperanza*, was in the Possession of the *English*; and it was taken by them for the Use of King *James* the First, but some time after, they were forc'd to quit that place by the Cruelty of the *Dutch*, where they now have a Flourishing Plantation. And sometime after this, they Seiz'd upon Two *English* Ships, call'd the *Bear* and the *Star*, as they were going to *China*, and Confiscated the Ships and Goods which were Valued at 150000 Pounds Sterling. The *Bona Esperanza* an *English* Vessel, sometime after

after as it was going to *China*, by the Streights of *Mallaca*, was violently Assaulted by Three *Dutch* Men of War, the Master and many of his Men Killed, and the rest brought into *Mallaca*, where the Ship and Goods were Confiscated, the Value Amounting to One Hundred Thousand Pounds.

Anno 1636. Two *English* Ships the *Dragon* and *Catherine*, belonging to Sir *William Curteen*, the Value of them Amounting to no less than Three Thousand Pounds, besides their Commanders and others who had very great Estates therein, were both of them set upon by Seven *Dutch* Men of War as they pass'd the Streights of *Mallaca* coming from *China*, after an obstinate Resistance made against them by the *English*; the *Dutch* took them Prisoners, ty'd them Back to Back, and flung them over Board: The Goods that were taken there were seized for the Use of the States General, and lest it should be known what Pirates they were that Committed this Villany, they Ships were Sunk to the bottom of the Sea.

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*The treacherous Cruelties of the Dutch to the English, at Batavia.*

*Batavia* was first deliver'd to the *English* in the Reign of King *James* the 1<sup>st</sup>. and built by them above a Hundred Years since; but afterwards the *Dutch* got it from them, by this villanous Stratagem. Some *Dutch* Ships coming close by the Square, the *Dutch* Admiral begg'd

begg'd the Favour of the *English* Governour, that he would permit him to bring his Men, (who, as he pretended, were sick with a long Voyage for the Recovery of their Healths, and for Refreshment; which the *English* Governour (not mistrusting in the least any Villany, or Treachery) generously granting them, out of Pity and Compassion; but the *Dutch*, instead of sending sick Men, mann'd out two Barges full of their best Men, arm'd privately with such Weapons that might not be discover'd, as Swords, Pistols, Knives, Hand-Granadoes and such sort of Weapons: these Men with their feign'd groaning and grunting were let in at the Water-Gate, and being got in, fell upon the *English*, and kill'd above 300 Men, Women, and Children, plunder'd all their Goods, stript them of their Clothes, ravish'd their Wives and Daughters, made what remain'd alive of them Prisoners, and afterwards distributed them among themselves, and made them serve instead of Slaves: and the Governour, who was kill'd in the Fray, they dragg'd about the Streets

This Place hath since been rebuilt by the *Dutch*, and both the City and Castle are worth Description, as they are a Man's Sight. It is Five or Six Miles in Circumference; the River *Jaccatra* runs through most Streets of the Town, and almost encompasses it Upon these Canals the Inhabitants have Convenience of going in their Boats to their Gardens and Summer-Houses: The Sides of them are wall'd up with good square Stone, and along each Side of it, there goes a Row or two of

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fine Cedar, Coco, and Fig-Trees, where the Free-men us'd to walk at Night, under a most pleasant Shade.

The Castle stands towards the Sea, having four Bastions, two of them to the Sea, call'd the *Ruby* and the *Pearl*; the other two to the City, which go by the Name of the *Saphir* and *Diamond*.

It is in the whole an exact square, and from Top to Bottom built with excellent good square Stone.

On each of these Bastions are Sixteen Demi-Culverins planted: Besides this, they are full of fine Trees, such as Lemons, and Mango's, which makes them look most sweet and pleasant. There was lately a Third Gate built to the Castle, which before had but two, one of the Gates looks towards the Sea, thro' which the Goods come in from the Ships into the Ware-Houses, and it is call'd the Water-Gate. The other goeth into the City, which therefore they call the City-Gate.

In the middle of the Castle is the General's Apartment, and over against it are the Houses of two of the Council. The rest, which are three more, live in the City.

The Government of the *Indies* lies upon these Six Men. The General's Retinue is not very sumptuous; he has but Twelve Halbardiers, dress'd much after the manner of our Yeomen of the Guard, but in Red and Yellow. One of these is always to stand Centinel an Hour before his Chamber. When he rid out, he was attended by a Troop of Cuirassiers, and a Company of Foot-Men, and Six Halbardiers,

bardiers. But all this is nothing to his Revenue, which exceeds that of several Princes of Europe.

• There are in the Castle many other Inhabitants, as some of the chief Merchants, some Assistants and Book-keepers: also several Handycrafts-Men, as Gun Smiths, Lock-Smiths, Joiners, and such like, that are to be employ'd in any Military Business. The Soldiers have their Standings under the Gates, and on the Bastions: Sometimes more, sometimes less, as they have occasion to send them abroad, or call them home again. Every Day, about Four in the Afternoon, they must come to the Parade, and pass by the General's House three times; sometimes he comes out, and takes a View of them, to observe their Carriage, and Behaviour, and to see whether their Arms are kept in good Order.

• When any one neglects the Parade, he must expect to be severely punish'd; for the Military Discipline is most strictly kept up here. If any one should chance to sleep upon Centry; for the First Time, his Punishment is to be loaden with heavy Arms for some Days; the Second Time he is whip'd; and the Third Time it is Death, without Remission.

• The Castle is encompass'd with very wide Grafts or Canals; over one of which, there is a fine Stone-Bridge of One and Twenty Arches, that goes into a large Field, which is call'd the *Galgeweld*, that is, the *Gibbet-Field*; where Malefactors are executed, there is a Wheel, and a Whipping Post; all which are frequently made use of. On the other side

this Field is another smaller Bridge, where a Centry always stands which leads to the chief Street of the City, which is call'd the *Heere-Street*.

Within the City are Shops for all kind of Merchandize, and very good and reasonable Victualling-Houses: The Inhabitants are of all Nations, as *Amboineses*, *Malabarians*, *Mardigarians*, &c. but the *Chineses*, being the chief and greater part; I shall pass by the others, and give you some Account of them only.

They exceed all the others by far, in Cunning and Policy; and are very good Mechanicks; and there are of them of all Trades, (excepting Clock work, or Watch work) and they drive into all manner of Commerce whatever.

They wear most commonly White or Blew. Their Coats are very large, and the Sleeves so long, and wide, that they fall over their Hands; their Breeches likewise of the same Colour, are very wide, and come down to their Feet; they wear a sort of broad Slippers, like *Hungarian* Shoes, but they are only made of Past-board: so that when they are to go through any Wet or Dirt, they take their Slippers in their Hands; then wash their Feet at the next Canal, and wipe 'em: so put their Slippers on again. But in bad Weather, if they are to go through a great deal of Dirt, they wear wooden Shoes, such as the Country People do in *France*.

But now to make an end of the Description of the City of *Batavia*: it is likewise encompass'd with a strong Wall, above Forty  
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Paces broad, and Earth thrown up against it.

The Bastions are like those of the *Shays*, built with large cut Stone, and all square and well provided with Guard-Houses on all Sides of it, where the Soldiers have their Quarters, and none of them dare be absent one Night from them, without special Leave, and that is but very seldom granted. Besides this, there are Canals on each Side the Wall all round. The Cannon is always ready to turn, as well upon the City it self, as upon an Enemy without, in case of an Insurrection or Disturbance amongst the Inhabitants, which are of all Nations. So that to be the better prepar'd, if such a thing should happen, every Street hath a Bastion that commands it, from whence they could immediately cut off any Party that should be made in any part of the Town against the Castle.

The same Care hath been taken, and the like Provision made in all Places in the *Indies*, that are in Possession of the *Dutch*; and they are always well provided with *Europeans*, and *Christians*, in the Service of the Company: and there is of course a considerable number of such as are settled there, and are marry'd, some to *European*, and some to *Indian* Women. And of what Nations soever they be, they are permitted to keep the same Religion, Manners and Customs, as they have in their own Country.

The Magistracy consists of Persons that are in the Service of the Company, and of Burghers, which are Free-men; made such after



after they have spent that time in the Company's Service, as was agreed upon betwixt them. The President is one of the Council; but cannot direct in any thing of moment without the Consent of the General.

Each of the other Nations have also a Head or Chief of their own: But when there is any thing in hand that concerns the Publick; or if they cannot agree among themselves, they are forc'd to appear before the Magistrate of the City. And in all things their Government is very well and prudently establish'd.

The Four chief Gates of the City are call'd by the Names of the *Utrecht*, the *Delf*, the *Rotterdam*, and the *New Gate*, on the Out-sides of which, are the Suburbs, which are large and spacious, and very fine, and inhabited mostly by *Chineses*: A vast number of which have been forc'd, by the Wars they had with the *Tartars*, to retire, and seek a Refuge in the *Indies*, over which they have spread themselves: And especially in the Maritime Towns, where they are fallen into Trades and Commerce, with admirable Industry and Success.

The River *Jaccatra* is no small Ornament, as well as Advantage, to *Batavia*; besides which, it is beautify'd with abundance of very fine Orchards, Fruit Gardens, and Pleasure-Houses, which are very neatly contriv'd and kept. There is but very little Rice about it; tho' it is the Staff of Life. And, as in the other Parts of the *Indies*, the only thing that serves instead of Bread; but yet there is never  
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any Want of it, it being always brought in great Quantities, and the City sufficiently furnish'd with it from *Bantam*, *Japara*, &c.

Mr. *Fryke* says, The Rivers there are much pester'd with Crocodiles. While I was there, continues he as we us'd to walk in the Evening, we observ'd one of them for several Nights together, that us'd to run out of the Hedge into the River, as soon as it spy'd or heard us coming towards him: Upon which a Desire took us to catch him if we could; which we did in this manner:

We took a long Rope to which we fasten'd a strong double Hook, full of Beards; and, instead of arming it with Wiers, we did it with Pack thread, which being loose about it, gets in between his Teeth, and hinders him from snapping the Hook off: This done, we ty'd a Dog to this, with the Hook under his Belly: And setting him upon a Board, thrust him out into the River, and fasten'd the Cord to a Tree: quickly after, the Dog fell a barking and howling, and the Crocodile did not fail to come to him: and very greedily swallow'd him: Upon which the Hook struck in his Throat, and had him fast. We had so good Success with this, that we afterwards caught a great many of them. The biggest we caught was Twenty seven Foot long: and when open'd it, we found Two *Steen Bockiens*, and the Head of a black Boy in the Belly. We were forc'd to knock him on the Head with great Iron Bars, after we had fir'd several Muskets upon him to little or no purpose. When the Soldiers kill one of these

these Creatures, they get some *Indians* to carry it for 'em to the General; who immediately gives them Six Ducatoons for their Pains. The only Advantage I sought for, was to have some of their Fat, it being good for several Operations in Physick and Surgery.

The Inhabitants us'd to catch them with Nets, which is very dangerous, as I my self have seen. At *Bantam*, on such an occasion, a Crocodile bit off both the Legs of a *Javan*; yet do they continue that way still, and go often to catch them in that manner.

Besides these Crocodiles, there are abundance of other sorts of wild Beasts in the said Island of *Japatra*.

Two Huntsmen that were made free by the General, and had the Liberty to go abroad for that purpose, to catch what they could. These being sent one Day to get some Game for the General; which was commonly wild Pigeons, and other sorts of wild Fowl, and wild Boars, and a sort of Creatures they call *Steen-Bockiens*, which is made much like a Hare, and differs only in that it hath small Horns, and the Meat of 'em is for more delicate; while they were only prepar'd for the Pursuit of Things of this kind, and sat down to rest under a Tree: a Tyger fell in a most furious manner upon them. They were pretty much us'd to be follow'd by them; but us'd to be in such Readiness to receive them, that they were the Death of them whenever they did but offer to come near them.

But being now surpriz'd by this more than ordinary fierce Creature, coming suddenly upon

upon them: It was as much as the one could do, to lay hold of his fowling-piece, while the other had nothing to defend himself, but his lighted match in his hand, which he shook about, but to no purpose: The other had no sooner got his gun, but in a hurry he fires upon him, but not taking good aim, did not do any Execution but what served to Enrage him more; him the Tyger throws down under him, and Seizing the other by the hand, bit off three of his fingers; notwithstanding which, he luckily Seizing his Gun, fired it, and by good Providence, laid the Tyger flat on the ground. Upon this he bethought himself of what he might do for his best security for the Night coming upon him, the Danger encreased, besides that, he was now alone, for his Companion by this time was expired: He took up the Corps lest it should become a prey to the rest of them; and climbing into a Tree drew it up with him: And there he remain'd in great fear and excessive Pain, which was caused by his Wound.

When he had been there a while, there came a couple of wild boars, which he heard Scratch at the bottom of the Tree, which they did more furiously because the blood of his dead Companion was spilt about the place: so he Shot upon them at Random, and hit one of them, so that he fell dead some few paces from thence. Day-light being come, he gets down and leaves his dead Companion upon the Tree, the Tyger and the Wild Boar on the ground, and went forthwith to the Fort to have his hand drest; which being done, he gave an Account of his Adventure, upon which orders were sent immediately

for a Serjeant and 12 Soldiers, to go with a *Bier*, the place where this Slaughter was, and the Wounded Huntsman went with them to shew them where it was.

There they found all according as the Information was given, the man was brought to *Batavia*, and decently Buried in the *Malaisb Church-Yard*, and he that was come off had for a Reward twelve Gilders given him, and a settled table for his Life; and withal a Corporals pay.

*Of the Massacre of the Candians, and the King of Candi's Resentment of the Fact to this very day.*

**T**HE Island of *Celion*, is about Two Hundred Dutch Miles in Compass; it lyes in the *Indian Sea*, not far from the *Maldivian Islands*, and the wild Coasts of *Cormandel* and *Malabar*: It was found out about 250 Years ago, by the *Spaniards*; who Invaded the Kingdom of *Cotta* which the City of *Columbo* belongs to, in this following manner.

They came with Two Ships and landed at the place, where now *Columbo* is. The *Cingulaish King*, being inform'd of it at *Cotta*, came out with an Army to meet them, but in vain, for his men could not abide the smell of Gunpowder: The *Spaniards* fell to building some small Fortifications, and to settle themselves in the Country, as soon as they could get some assistance; being well pleased with the Land and their good Success, they carried on the War, not only against the said King, so as to beat him out of the City where he Resided, and lay it waste (as it is now to this very Day, a place where wild Elephants are catch'd) but in time  
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Reach'd farther, and at last of the Seven Kings which had the Possession of this Island; they Destroyed Six, but the Seventh who Resided at *Candi* in the middle of this Island, being vext to see with what Tyranny they used his Subjects, began to carry on a War very Vigorously against them; and continually Plagued their Cities and Forts, which they had built by the Sea side, and for about Twenty Miles into the Land. How this Country fell from the *Spaniards* to the *Portuguese*, and from the *Portuguese* to the *Dutch*, I shall presently give you an Account.

This place after it was Fortified by the *Spaniards*, remained a great while in their hands, till the *Portuguese* Rebelling in *Spain*, choose a King to themselves, with whom all the *Spaniards* that were in the *East-Indies* Joyn'd; and thus the King of *Spain* lost all his Pretentions in those Countries; which was no small loss to him. The *Portuguese* would be Improving their Conquests, and try their strength against the King of *Candi*; thought by fire and Sword to frighten him out of his Kingdom, but all in vain. For the King of *Candi* finding himself in a great Extreimity call'd the *Dutch* to his Assistance, they both together fell upon the *Portuguese*, and at length became Masters of all their Cities and Fortifications, above named: The last that was Besieged by them, was the Capital City of *Columbo*, which is above Forty Years ago.

The King of *Candi* was now free of the *Portuguese*, who were his open and bitter Enemies, and had an Army of 50000 Men of his own, the Dutch General on the other side (call'd *Min Heer Vander Hulst*) had an Army of 12 Companies, of 80

Men each, together with a Fleet of Eight Men of War : Both these tho' the one a Heathen and the other a Christian, agreed very well together ; put all things into a very good order ; and made a treaty, that when the City of *Columbo*, both the Old and the New should be taken, the King should have the Old one for his Residence, and the Fort *Negombo*, lying Eight Leagues from thence, towards the Kingdom of *Candi*, in his full possession. The *Dutch* for their parts, should have the New City of *Columbo*, without any molestation, with all the other Fortifications, that were already in their own possessions ; and besides this, they should have privilege, to trade to any part of the Kingdom whatsoever ; and with any of it's Inhabitants.

The City of *Columbo* being at last taken from the *Portuguese*, by the Dutch Admiral *Rycklof Van Goens* ; and with the Assistance of the King of *Candi*'s forces, the above mentioned *Heer Vander Hulst* was killed by a Musquet Shot in the Trenches. The King of *Candi*, not suspecting any Treachery from the *Dutch*, after a treaty made with them ; but at the return of the two Armies, the *Heer Van Goens*, having gathered together the Kings Army, under pretence of giving them a treat, and when the Streets were filled with them, he set all his own Men upon them, who cut the best part of them in pieces, and put the rest to the flight. The King whom they thought to have killed or taken prisoner, made his escape upon his Elephant ; and got over the high Rocks, Mountains and Wildernesses ; and at last to his Kingdom of *Candi* ; where being secure, he swore never

to forget the falshood and treachery of the *Dutch* but to continue in a perpetual War and enmity: against them. And in that he hath so constantly kept his resolutions, that in this 28 Years, he took prisoners and put to Death, above 20000 of them; Therefore this Island is not unjustly called, the *Dutch* Soldiers Slaughter-House, for when ever they are commanded thether, they reckon themselves going to Execution, and the *Cingulais* Soldiers, or Inhabitants, are not the only enemies they have there, but the Blood-suckers or Hedge-hogs, which the ground is covered with after a shower of Rain, will set upon them and suck the Blood all out of their Bodies.

Besides this there are other Dangers, which are, first being very often pinch'd with Hunger, and then the unwholsomness of the Air, by which those that are not used to the Climate, fall into many Distempers; some are seiz'd with a stiffness in their Limbs; others with a Dizziness and Swimming of the head, and cannot endure to look upon the Light; whilst vast Numbers of them are killed by the Bloody Flux.

There has been several Fights and Shurmishes between the *Dutch* and the King of *Candi*, besides what I have already mentioned which Mr. *Schewitzer* in his Voyage to the *East-Indies* takes particular notice of, and we may give the more Credit to him, than any other Author; because he was an Actor in it.

On the First of *October* (says he) we were ordered by our Governour to March to a forlorn fort, call'd *Caudangelle*, Six Leagues from *Galture*, with 40 *Europeans* and 200 *Las-carins*, or *Cingulais* Soldiers.

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A very hard Storm fell upon us in the way, which so swelled the waters about us, that we were forced to wade with our Cloaths tuck'd up, and we were not a little plagued with the *Blood-suckers*. We found the said Fort overgrown with Trees and Shrubs, and no Inhabitants within two Leagues of it; they were all retir'd up into the high Mountains, because those of *Candi* continually made Incursions upon that side of the Country, Spoiling, Burning, and Destroying all that they came near. The *Hollanders* had built this Fort some Years ago; but having not made it strong enough, and provided it with necessaries sufficient, they were forc'd to leave it. It takes up about two Acres of Land; and hath four Bastions, a Parapet, and Pallisado's as high as a Pike and as thick as a Man's middle. We *Europeans* were posted within, and the *Cingulains* on the outward Works; and we were force to cut up all the Wood about it, within a Musquet-shot.

We were in no Danger in the day-time but we had enough to do at Night, with several Parties of *Candians*, and with Elephants too; But these we frightned away easily with the Fires we made, having good store of Wood. Our Magazine was stor'd with Salt, Rice, Bacon, Flesh, Brandy, Powder and Shot, all which we had from *Anguratot*, two Leagues distant from us; and the care of it was given to me. and Our Water was fetch'd about a Pistol-shot from the Fort.

After we had lain eight days in this wild and desert place, the *Candians* came against us  
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Headed by *Diffave*, *Tennecool*, the great Robber : An *Aratsi* of ours brought us intelligence that they were coming with great forces upon us. we found then it was high time to remove our Quarters, which we did, setting all on Fire, and retir'd to another place near to *Anguratot*. By an order sent us from *Columbo*, we were oblig'd to go back to our Old Quarters at *Galture*.

The 12th of October I was sent to *Anguratot* to reside as Master of the Stores, and Pay Master of the Forces, I was made mighty welcome by our chief Dutch-Officer, who lay there ; and by *Mr. Buserweld*, who was the Ensign there. He was a man that had been employ'd in great Affairs here, and had been sent an Envoy to the King of *Candi*. He invited me to stay with him and take my abode at his House to keep him company, that being together we might spend our time more agreeably.

I was well enough pleas'd to be at *Anguratot*, because it was very strong, and well provided with Canon. A very fine River runs before it, which comes from *Saffirigam*, and hath great store of good Fish, and Tortises ; and we had some thousands of Inhabitants about us, of whom we bought choice Fruits very cheap, and all other sorts of Viétuals, as Fowls, Butter, Honey &c. for a very small price. It is very pleasant living here for one that can speak the Cingulaish Language.

On the last Day of *December*, a Letter came to *Mr. Buserweld* from *Columbo*, advising him to come thither, seeing he had a mind to go back into his Country. He ask'd me if I would not go with him to *Columbo* : So I accompany'd him thither,

roduc'd me to a certain Captain of *Columbo*, one *Min Heer Witzinburg*, to whom after he had recommended me, he went on the 16th Instant aboard his Ship to *Punto de Gale*, where he was to take in her Loading of Cinnamon and Pepper, and then put to Sea.

This Captain *Witzinburg* was a brave Soldier, about 50 years of Age, was then in *Columbo* as Commander, and was likewise one of the Council, which consists of eight Men only, who are treated with no less Title than that of Honourable. They Judge and give Sentence in all Causes, as well Capital as others. Our chief Merchant, one *Van Vorsten*, was the President of them. He had been rais'd to this from a Cabbin-Boy. The best part of them could neither Write nor Read: nor could the Captain I am speaking of, tho' he was the third of the Council. If any Man will appeal from them, he must transfer his Cause to *Batavia*, which is 500 miles distant from them.

The 1st of July, I was obliged to go to a little Fort call'd *Malvanc*, 4 leagues from *Columbo*, where I remain'd four months. The place is very strong, by a River, it hath Pallisado's, Parapets, a Ditch eight Field-pieces, and other necessaries, and sixty Men to keep it. Our Head Officer there, was one *Oldenburgh*, a Lieutenant. It was very unhealthy by reason of the thick Fogs; and therefore the Garrison is often reliev'd from *Columbo*.

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with Thirty Thousand Men, and he let us know privately. That he resented an affront which the King of *Candi* had put upon him, and besides, that he had deceiv'd him in his expectations, for which he would now be reveng'd; and with this opportunity return to the Dutch, and not molest our Fort in any manner. We were oblig'd to keep this very secret, least it should come to the knowledge of his own Soldiers; and we sent an account of his offers to *Columbo*, whence we receiv'd orders to direct him to *Columbo*, but not receive him into our Fort.

The 20th, He went with three hundred of his best Men to *Columbo*, where he was receiv'd honourably by the Governour, and presented with a Gold Chain worth 300 Ricxdollars. When the King of *Candi* had an account of this, he order'd the siege to be rais'd and all *Disasse Tennecool's* Generation to be destroy'd.

The 21th of October we were reliev'd, and went all together unto *Columbo*. We were to cross over a River 7 or 8 at a time, with two Boats tyed to one another.

From the 1st to the 8th, We lay in the Town of *Columbo*.

The 7th, and 8th, Several People were sent out to hunt after the Prince of *Candi*, who had been kept some years by the Dutch, with a Design to put him on the Throne of *Candi*, when the old King should die. He was kept out of the City, near the old Hospital, and had a Guard of six Files of Musqueteers and one Serjant; notwithstanding which he found means

means to mak his escape, and was never heard of since,

who had been about six years at *Columbo*, where, at his coming, he declar'd himself to be of the Royal Blood of *Candi*, and the true Heir to that Crown, alledging that the present King of *Candi* had Usurp'd it from him, and that he was the Person that should have succeeded the former King. And indeed all the Inhabitants were much more affected to him, which they used to express continually by the Rich Presents they used frequently to send him.

The Dutch allow'd him Forty Rixdollers per month, and 41 Summer's of Rice, to maintain himself and his Retinue, which was a Steward, a Wizard, a Captain, 20 Soldiers, 6 Drummers, 4 Leapers, and 8 Slaves, or Chair-men, in all 31 Men. They would not have lost much by this, if he had continu'd at *Columbo*, and had ever come to the Crown of *Candi*; for they would have made such Articles with him before they had settled him on the Throne, that he would have been little more than a titular King. The 9th, Two Companies of Volunteers were very'd out of the Garrisons of the City and *Bel*, of 80 Men each, and were order'd to go to the Coast of *Cormandel*.

The 10th, We were muster'd up, and receiv'd the next day two months Pay. Our chief Officer was a Dantzicker, one *Tobias Guntz*, Captain-Lieutenant, and our two Lieutenants were *Koningh*, and *Vernis*.

The 12, We went aboard in two small Vessels, and arriv'd the next day at *Calpintin*, where our Men were lodg'd in a Church which stands

out of the Fortification, where Divine Service is done in the *Dutch, Portuguese, and Malabar* Languages. This Fort was built here, and is carefully look'd after, because it is a considerable Pass for other Nations; and besides the Inhabitants drive no small Trade with the Moors and others.

We lay still from the 14th, to the 18th, Then orders were given for every Man to take his own provision for three days, and to be ready on the 19 of *March*. Accordingly they were; and I having a desire to be in the Adventure provided for myself too, and order'd one of the Men to get me 6 Pound of Beef boyl'd in Salt-water, and half a Pound of Biskit.

The 20th, Early in the morning we march'd on thro' great Woods and Desert-places, where we saw and heard nothing but Elephants, Tygers, Bears, &c. there being no Man in all that part of the Country. We came in the forenoon to an Arm of a Salt-River that reach'd to the Land a great way; so that we were forc'd to wade over, after we had staid about three hours till the ebb was at the lowest; and then we were all forc'd to strip, and pack up our Cloaths, Provisions, and Arms, and carry them on our Heads. We were almost half a quarter of an hour going over; and it was so deep, that some of the least of our Men, had much to do to keep the Water from running in at their mouths. Some that thought to be wiser than our Guides, went up to a place where they saw the Water run very rough, because it was not so deep there. It was shallow indeed, but the stream was so strong there, that it threw 'em off

off out of their depth, and drown'd most of 'em. We being got over made hast on, for we were at this time in want of fresh Water, and the best alay of our thirst we could get, was our Bullets which we rowl'd about in our mouths to moisten them. At night we lay still at a place, where those that would of necessity drink, were forc'd to go about a mile for Water, and then dig for it. After they had made each of them their hole, they drank their fill, and then laid down in it for coolness; and took a nap there.

The 21st, Three Soldiers came to meet us with three Horses sent from *Manara* for the Officers. We got upon them with a very good will, while the poor fellows were forc'd to drudge on without Shoes or Stocking (in the same manner as they set out). We arriv'd all at *Arispen* about 3 of the clock in the afternoon, having gone about 22 Leagues in our three days march; which was very hard for our Men, who went all the way barefoot,

On the 22nd, We march'd away again, and the night came by the Island *Manara*, to go to where we were to cross the Waters, which is but a mile broad: It is six miles from *Arispen*. We were very kindly receiv'd by the Dutch Captain that lay there; and treated very nobly with Flesh and Fish, which is here in great plenty.

The 16th, We went in three Dutch Boats to *Jasnapatan*, where we arriv'd on the 27th, And were very well receiv'd, and Quarter'd in the Fort that lies to the Sea.

The 28th, 29th, and 30th, Our Men were



exercis'd, and 20 Elephants were brought upon the place where whilst we Fir'd, to use them to stand it without starting in War. As if they were very fearful and untractable, not being able to bear the noise and smoak of our Guns, rolling up their Trunks, and were very furious. At last they were brought to it so, that an Indian could get upon them, and ride about a Furlong away from us, and then drive them upon us, (we firing against them all the while,) at length they broke our Ranks, take what care we could; and tho' we shot in their very Noses; yet if the *Cingulayans* that rid them had not prevented them with their Instruments, they would have trampil'd us under foot.

The 1<sup>st</sup> of December, Two Companies of Soldiers came to us from the Coast of *Comandel*, out of the Fort *Palliacate*, and *Nagapatan*. They were Quarter'd in a Stable, used generally to keep Elephants in.

The 2<sup>d</sup>, Another Company came from *Gala*, *Barracula*, and *Triconomala*.

The 3<sup>d</sup>, We had a general Muster, and march'd with our 7 Companies, and 3 Field pieces, drawn by Elephants, and 20 other Elephants besides, out of the Fort of *Jasnapatan*. And being drawn out in the Fields there, we were commanded to inclose our Leaders; that is, to form our selves into a Ring, where we heard the Articles of War read to us.

*Jasnapatan* bears the Name of a small Kingdom, which the Dutch took by surprize from the *Portuguese*. Its Fort is well built, and strong; having four Bastions, two Towers, a Counter-scarp, and a deep Ditch. It lies upon a Salt-Water,

water on the side of *Manara*; where the Dutch have built a very strong fine Key.

On the 4th, We march'd out. Our Major *Clebon*, went first, carry'd by Slaves in a *Palankin*, which is a sort of a Sedan, After him march'd the 6 Companies, with each an Elephant to draw the Baggage. It was suppos'd that we were design'd to march to *Wani*, where the Inhabitants had chosen a new Prince without consent of the Dutch, their Prince *Dons Philip* being Dead; and design'd to free themselves for the future from paying Tribute to *Jasnapaten*. but as soon as they understood that we were drawing towards 'em, they sent to meet us with ten Elephants, with offers to continue willingly a yearly Tribute of Elephants and Money, on conditions we would secure them from the King of *Candi*.

The 5th, 6th, and 7th, We lay still here, being much tir'd with going ten Leagues in a day in all that heat, and so sandy a Country. We found there three great Dutch Ships that were come from *Batavia*.

On the 8th, Four of our Companies, viz. The *Verre*, that came from *Columbo*, the other two from *mandel*, were to Embark secretly, and the two other Companies were to remain in the Fort, by reason of the Troubles that were in *Wani*, and that very evening we set forwards for the Coasts of *Cormandel*.

The 9th, Early in the morning, we came before *Negapatan*. Here a Dutch Yatch joyn'd us, and two other Vessels, together with three great Boats well mann'd with Seamen. With this Fleet we sail'd along the Coast by *Kradoko*

*Bay*, a City belonging to the King of Denmark and lying 8 Leagues from *Negapatan*. We sail'd by the Danish Admiral that lay in the Road with two other Ships, to whom we struck our Pendants.

The 11th, at night, when we had cast Anchor there. We heard that the Moors had drove away a Dutch Merchant that was Registerer, and Secretary of *Matapatan*, and had seiz'd all his goods: Upon which we sent 2 of our Boats with 150 Men to redress this Injury.

And on the 13th, They came back with an account of their good success; and that they had restor'd the Merchant his Habitation, and forc'd the Moors to give back all they had taken from him.

Our Ship, being to take up 400 quarters of Rice at this place, we lay still there till the 12th, of January, 1679, When we set sail, and came on to a Dutch Fort call'd *Pinto de Pedro*, a very pleasant place, having great plenty of Onions, Tamarins, Figs, Cocos, Sugar and Areck-trees, which make delicate shady Walks, some of 'em a mile or two long; a fine Campaign Country; There we lay all night and had very good lodging.

The 14th, Early in the morning, we march'd on foot to *Jasnapatan*.

Then we were divided, and went in two Boats; The one was a large Dutch one, call'd the Elephant; the other a poor little Mallabarish one, into which it was my lot to go. We went well enough while the day lasted; but towards the evening, coming to the *Pearl Bank* at *Arispen*, it began to Rain, and blow exceedingly

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The Wind was good, but so strong, that we were afraid of overturning ev'ry minute. Our few Seamen, who were *Malabarians*, thought good to keep as nigh to the shore as they could; all of us thought very well of it: But yet the Rogues, more afraid than we, as soon as they came in sight of the Land, leap'd into the Sea, and left us, and swam to shore. By mere good fortune we had some Soldiers amongst us, that had been Saylor's, who manag'd the Sails and Stern. I had chosen to lay me down by the Hearth, where they used to dress their Victuals, to keep my self and my Writings dry; but the Rain beat upon me, and mixing the Ashes and Soot with it, I look'd next morning like a Chimney-Sweeper; but the best on't was, that I kept my papers very safe. This was a bitter night; and in the morning we struck upon a little marshy Island, and there staid till day, to see which way we were to take. There was an old fellow with us, that knew where-about *Calpinitin*, was, being well acquainted with the Country; by the help of his Directions, we thrust off our Boat, and sail'd by many other little Islands like this, and got in sight of *Calpinitin*, and by the next morning we found the fellows that should have been our Guides, but had basely left us. We lay still here till the 5th Instant.

The 6th, In the morning all our Company went in the Boat call'd the Elephant; and having the Wind for us, we expected to reach to *Columbo* by night. The number of the Soldiers and Officers was in all 110. We had but a small Vessel of Water, a bushell of Rice, a

small Buffler, and a young Buck; which two last things were for a present to the Governour. Thus the Boat was quite full, and no Man had room to lye down, but was forc'd to keep his Seat. The Wind blew North: But at noon it ceas'd, and then we went on but slowly: but we kept in sight of Land all along on our left hand. Toward night, the Wind arose again; and then we made some speed, Therefore the Steersman bid us all look out sharp for *Columbo* where we earnestly desired to be, especially because our Vessel of Water was every drop drunk out.

The 7th, By break of day, we found that we were carry'd off of it by the strength of the current, and partly by the oversight of our Steersman: For we could see no *Columbo*, nor Land neither. All the Officers were very angry with him for't and would certainly have thrown him into Sea, if he had not got up to the top of the Mast, where they made him stay all that day for his Punishment. Our Captain, consulted the Map of the Island *Ceylon*, and he directed us somewhat in our course; and about night we got in sight of *Picod Adam*, or *Adam's Hill*; and at six of the Clock next morning we got happily to *Columbo*.

The 8th, As soon as the gates were open'd, we enter'd the City and went to our respective Posts. The Captain, desired me to make his House my own. I did not make any refusal of so advantageous a proffer, but accepted of it, and I staid with him till The 16th, When I was order'd to go with several others to carry a Present, which the Governour sent to the King of *Candi*; during which time I had the  
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Title and Office of Captain. The presents were two Persian Horses, with fine Velvet Cloaths and Trappings, each Horse led by two *Malabarian* Slaves: Ten Falcons, each carry'd by a *Malabarian* dress'd all in white: Six Musk-Cats, each in a different Cage, carry'd by two Slaves, Six very large Cocks from *Tutucurini*, each of them likewise in a Cage, cover'd with green Velvet: Two Persian Sheep, each with a Tail that weigh'd 20 or 25 pound: A Box that had two Bottles in it, that held each of them six Gallons of Persian Wine: besides this, a great piece of *Sandel* Wood, that weigh'd 200 weight, wrapp'd up in fine white Linnen. The Letter that was to be deliver'd to the King, was carry'd in a Silver Cap by a Serjeant bare headed and a Canopy was carry'd over it by four *Cingulayan* Nobles: By each of which another went with a large Wax-Candle lighted as long as a half Pike.

Our march began in order at the Governor's House: Some Companies of *Cingulaish* Soldiers went first, then some Companies of Dutch; then the Presents; and after them two Companies more of Dutch. These were order'd to go as far as the King of *Candi*'s residential Town, *Ruenel*. All the City was in Arms, and all the Cannon was Fir'd round, and a Dutch Company that conducted us out of Town gave three Vollicies and went back again.

We, together with the others before-mention'd, went on with the presents. At night we came to a place, where Dutch Potters live, two Leagues from *Columbo*; there we lay that night, and the next morning march'd on, and

came at night to *Hanquelle* or *Gourwebel*, a Dutch Fort, where we lay.

The 18th, We had a very unpleasant and dirty way, and were not a little tormented with Blood-suckers, till we came to the Fort *Sittawack*, which is in possession of the Dutch, and 12 Leagues distant from *Columbo*. Immediately Letters were written, on leaves of Sugar-trees, and dispatch'd to the *Coral* of *Candi* at *Ruenel*, to acquaint him with our being come thither, with a Present for the King his Master; and that he should permit them to come forwards, if he pleas'd to receive them. But not a word of answer did we get, and we staid here in expectation of it six whole Weeks, till the end of September. At last we had Directions sent us from *Columbo*, which were, That we should go four Leagues farther beyond *Ruenel*, and deliver them to the *Coral*, and then come back.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct, We set out; and after having crossed seven little Rivers, we came to *Ruenel*. This Fort formerly belong'd to the Dutch, but was abandon'd by them, tho' themselves, had built it. There we cross'd over, and having march'd a League further, we came to a large Plain where we halted a while to rest and refresh our selves. By that time we had been there about half an hour, we saw and heard several small parties of *Cingulayans* coming upon us from ev'ry side. Our chief Commander sent some *Cingulayans*, to ask what they meant to do? They answered them, that the King of *Candi* had sent them to take the presents we had brought.

We would not trust 'em. So we put our selves

selves in order, and stood our Ground. Their number still increased, and they came very thick out of a Wood. At last their Artillery (which was very small) appear'd and then they drew towards us. We sent again to 'em to know what they design'd to do with their Artillery, and whether this was their custom to repay Civilities? They told us their Field-pieces were not loaded.

We would have been glad to have been at home again, for we were but two Companies of Dutch of 160 Men each, and two or three hundred *Cingulayans*; and these Heathens were almost innumerable. They appeared as thick as Grass on the Field. The Presents were sent for by the *Monthu*, who was one of the Kings Chief Officers, and an under Officer took them and delivered them to him. He received them, and he giving no orders for their Artillery to be discharged, we gave no Volley of our side.

Our Officer desired to speak to the Kings *Saudi* in Person, and a place was appointed for them to meet at, equally distant from them both. The *Saudi* came upon an Elephant, and our Officer was on *Horse-back*. These two sorts of Creatures are not to be brought near one another, wherefore they were forced to light, and meet a-foot.

The *Saudi* did not take off his Cap because he belon'd to Crown'd a Head: Ours only represented a body of Merchants and Deputy Governours.

Our Officer complained of the manner of our Reception



Reception, and ask'd why so many Thousand Men were drawn out against us, knowing that we had but two Companies of Dutch, The reason the *Saudi* gave was, That his Master had commanded it to be so; so they parted. but would not draw their Men off. At last, Night coming upon us we were forced to retire.

They let us pass by quietly enough, till we were got to the River by *Ruenel*. But as soon as one of our Companies were got over, they fell upon the Rear of the other. Our *Cingulayans* took the River, and swam over, leaving us in the lurch. We continued firing upon them and they upon us; till we were all got quite over. We lost our Lieutenant and some private Soldiers. We killed several of theirs, and wounded many more. We had a very bad way to go, and it fell a Raining, which made it more Dirty and Slippery, so that we could not go so fast as we would have done. We retired towards *Sittawack*, and passed by a steep Rock whence it is reported, That the late King of *Sittawack's* Wife and Daughter flung themselves down headlong, having received the News that he had lost the Battle against the King of *Candi*. The *Candians* all the while came after us, but were not able to do us any great harm, because the ways were so narrow that they could not come up to us. Yet we were forced every now and then to Fire in the Rear of us.

The 2d, 3d and 4th we rested at *Sittawack*, the next Day we destroyed two Heathanish Temples, not far from that place; they were built

built upon a rising Ground, and cut out of a vast Rock: Within they were adorned with many Images and Statues of Wood and Stone, representing Divils, &c. Under one of the *Pagods* we found a dark black hole, as if it were over grown with Smoak, no body durst venture to creep in. We threw some Straw into it, and Fired it, but we could not sound the Depth or Length of it. Some Fellows were mightily afraid of standing near the hole, and were afraid that we should poke some Cingulayan Devil out of it; but if he was there, he did not come out, nor did we find out what it was made for.

The 6th we came away, and toward the Evening entred into *Columbo*; where we found two great Ships lying in the Road come from *Japan*, with Copper, Gold, China and Saccapali which is a liquor of a faint smell, but very wholesome.

The 7th I was ordered to my Post, which was at the gate call'd *Victoria*, where I staid till the 2d of February 1680. I had 110 Men with me. The Castle Gates were open'd and shut, every Morning and Night at Six of the Clock, and all the Keys ty'd together with a Silver Chain, were carried to the Governor: The Gates are shut likewise from Eleven to One a Clock in the Day time, that being the hottest part of the Day, and therefore generally taken to sleep in. We Exercised our Men every Monday, and every Sunday we went constantly twice a Day to Church, where Divine Service was performed in Dutch and Portuguese, after the Reformed way.

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The 9th Instant we went to relieve the Company that was at *Sittawack*, Twelve Leagues from *Columbo*; we got there that Night, and on the 10th, the Company march'd out and left us.

The next Day being upon no Duty, I went about a League from the Fort, where I spy'd an old Cingulayan, with his two Sons, in the River seeking Stones: I ask'd 'em if they had found any, one of 'em answer'd no; but I would not believe him, so I search'd his Cloaths, and found in some of his Buttons, among other little Saphyrs, one that was about the bigness of a Hazel Nut. I ask'd him if he would sell it, and he offer'd it me, and two small ones with it, for half a Dollar, I had at that present time no Money about me, and I durst not take it by force from the old Fellow neither, because he was a subject of the Dutch; and what to do I could not tell, having a great mind to the stone: I had a piece of Chrystal in my Pocket, which I took out, and convey'd the Saphir into my mouth; so I told him I would give him his price if he would go to *Sittawack*, and offering to give him it again, I let the Piece of Chrystal fall into the Water on purpose, he seem'd concern'd but I told him he might find it again. He and his Sons went to seek for it, but to no purpose: they were mighty sorry for their loss; I told them I would make them some recompence, and took them with me to *Sittawack*, where I gave them three shillings, and they went away very well satisfied. I made use of this statagem because if I had left the stone in their keeping, they would have mistrusted me, and never have come to the Fort after me.

I spent all the Month of *March* in Hunting, and I liv'd altogether upon what Game I used to bring home with me. Upon a certain Night the Moon being at Full (knowing it would be light all Night) I, with three Gentlemen more, went out into a fair Plain, about a League from *Sittawack*, where we design'd to have some Stags. We set our selves down at the side of a Hill, to watch the wild Beasts, that we expected would come out of a Wood to Feed where we were, there being very fine Grass.

The first that appeared were *Bufflars*, among which there was a Stag; they came directly to the Place where one of our Company was (who was a *Swede*) and did not know what Creature it was. But Assoon as they came to smell him, they took to the top of the Hill immediately, and made a great Noise there. On the other side, we heard several Elephants making towards us. About Mid-night, being tir'd with sitting, we got together to ask one another's Advice, what we should do, when the Elephants came. We resolv'd to fall upon them; because we concluded they kept the Game from coming into the Dale, and so spoil'd our sport.

When we got into the middle of the Plain, an Elephant broke out of the Wood, and ran at us immediately: We took to our Heels, and run as fast as we could to the Place where we first sat down; there we took Courage and resolv'd to go on again; and that not one of us would run away, as we had done before: at the left Hand of the Plain, we saw

two great Elephants by a Tree, eating the Leaves of it.

The *Swede* would shew the greatest Courage, and went foremost; and being within 60 Paces of 'em, fired upon them, but they did not stir for all that: After that I went a little nearer, and shot one of them in the Head, which made him make a most hideous Noise; and then they ran off, into the Wood again.

We heard on the other side of us some more of 'em, and went towards 'em: We heard where they were, but we could not see 'em; for they were feeding about a Tree that had Boughs which reach'd down to the Ground, amongst which they stood like so many Horses, at a Manger. We came close to the very Tree, where they were, and yet could only hear 'em. I went a little on the one side of the Tree, and then discover'd a terrible huge Elephant, with four small ones besides, about Ten Paces from me. My Gun was cock'd, and I, having overcome that little Pannick fear that seiz'd me at first, gave fire upon the biggest, and hit him just on the Head, which made him roar lustily. Then I retired, and another stepped in, who fired likewise, and then another; so we kept firing three Times a Piece. The Elephants gave Ground, but not above 20 or 30 Paces, and set up a hideous roaring. We did not think it safe to pursue any more Game; So we went back to *Sittawack*.

The next Morning, the Neighbouring *Cingulayans* came down to the Valley, to see what was done there, having heard much shooting  
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in the Night; They found an Elephant, with two very fine Teeth, lye Dead. They gave an account of it to our chief Officer, who sent immediately for me, and ask'd if we had shot the Elephant: I told him it was probable, because we had been pursued in the Night by some of 'em, which oblig'd us to fire upon 'em. This was the only reason that could serve to excuse us; for it is strictly forbidden to shoot any Elephants, unless a Man is in danger of his Life. Our Officer sent word of it to the Governor of *Columbo*, and sent withal the Elephant's two Teeth. The Flesh of this kind of Animals is good for nothing; the Fat is used for Lamps, the rest was left in the Place.

In *April* it rain'd so violently, that we were almost over-whelm'd with Water. The Amboineses, who, as I told you before, liv'd in the Town, were forced to be taken into the Fort, with their Wives and Children; Men and Beasts, both Tame and Wild, were drove up into the Mountains: And our Fort was very full of Serpents, Scorpions, and other Venomous Creatures. We did what we could to keep them out, by making Fires at all the Gates and Posts where the Sentinels stood.

The Rains abated in *May*, and likewise the Floods; and that Month I saw nothing remarkable, but that the Elephants shewed themselves in vast Numbers about our Fort. Most Nights of this Month I went a Hunting with *Chigulayan* Sports-men, and with them I had always good Sport; and brought sometimes as much Home as would serve the whole Garri-

son. An *Indian* used to go foremost, with a lighted Torch upon his Head, and a Stick in his Hand, to which some Shells are ty'd loose; and he goes along shaking of 'em, making a continual rat'ling. Assoon as any Bufflers, Harts, or Hares, &c. hear this, and see the Fire, they come towards it, and within shot of the fellow; then he that goes behind him shoots as many as he pleases of 'em. But the fellows sometimes are in danger of being run at by an Elephant, who now and then pursues them, and puts 'em to it very hard, notwithstanding their Fire, and the rattling of their Shells.

The 1<sup>st</sup> of July, There came an Envoy from *Columbo* to *Sittawack*, call'd *Mierop*: He had with him an Ambassador from the King of *Persia*. He rode in a very fine curious Chariot, made after the *Persian* manner, drawn by two Oxen, cover'd with fine white Linnen. His Presents for the King of *Candi* were two white Lions, three Tygers, twelve Musk-Cats, all carried in very neat Cages, lined with green Velvet. Two black *Persian* Horses, covered likewise with green Velvet; and twenty Falcons, carried by so many black *Malabarian* Slaves. The Letter was carried by the Dutch Ambassador in a Silver Cup, and over him was a Canopy, carried by 4 *Cingulayan* Nokers, bare-headed.

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The 2<sup>d</sup>, We Guarded these Presents, as a Place, call'd The *Devil's Tree*, by *Ranore* and having given our Ambassadors three lies, we left them. They went forwards with their Presents to *Buare-Birge*, which is in the King of *Candi's* Dominion. Assoon as the King

King heard of their coming thither, he gave orders to have them all secured, and provided Necessaries for the Men, and the Beasts they brought along with them; and to keep them in close Custody till further Orders. And it is a Question whether or no they will ever be set at liberty: For it is above 22 Years since one *John Baptista* was sent thither as an Envoy from the Dutch, and another Ambassador sent from the French Viceroy of *Trincomala*, who are there still, kept in Prison and in Fetters, without any hopes of being ever free, as long as this King lives.

On this same day, Two gray Old Men came to us in the Fort of *Sitrawack*, dress'd after the *Cingulayan* manner. They told us that they came about 20 Years since to *Calpintin* with an English Ship, and that they, with ten other Seamen, being sent on shore to this Island to fetch Provisions, Water, and Wood, they were trappann'd by some *Candians*, who sent them to *Candi*, where they had been kept Prisoners all that while every one of 'em. That the other ten were Dead, and they two had ventured their Lives to make their escape, and had left their Black Wives behind them. They had been eight Days a coming (or rather eight Nights, that being only time they could travel Floods being forced to lye hid all day in the Woods) mark they had heard that Day, the shooting from *several* Fort, and judg'd it, by that, to be a place Nigh the Hands of the Christians; and were over-joy'd to find themselves deliver'd out of the Power of their cruel Master, the King of *Candi*.



One of them was a Gunner, the other a Drummer, and both spoke besides English, very good Cingulaian and Portuguese: The Gunner told us a great many passages of his Life, during their Slavery, and amongst other Relations, describ'd to us the Richness of the King of *Candi*, his Warlike Instruments: His Carriages were all over-laid with Gold and Silver, and inlaid with Rubies and Saphyrs. He told us that he had seen once a great Ruby that a Cingulaian Peasant had found, and carried home to use for a Whet-stone, and had whetted his Knives and Hatchets with it for some Years. A certain Field Officer of the King of *Candi* happening to go to that Contryman's House, saw it, and carried it to the King, who sent immediately for the Country Fellow, and askt him what he would have for his Whet-stone: The poor Fellow told the King that he had found it in the River *Bilibigam*, and that it was at his service, and that he could get another stone to do his business as well. This innocent answer satisfied the King that he did not know the value of his Jewel; for had he known it, it would have cost him his Life. The King dismiss'd him, and commanded some Land and Cattle to be given him, ordering him for the time to come to find such Stones lie wherever he found 'em. c 20

The 3d Instant these two poor English M<sup>ns</sup>. were sent in a Boat to *Columbo*; I went aloore with them to introduce them to the Govern<sup>r</sup> who received us with extraordinary Courtesie, and after a great many questions to satisfy his curiosity, sent for Cloaths, which he freely  
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presented them with, and then took them to his Table, and very civilly desired them to stay in his House till some opportunity offer'd it self to send them to *Batavia*, where they might easily get an English Ship to carry them to *Bantam*.

In the Year 1680, we had three unlucky Accidents: The one was, That a Ship being come from *Holland* by *Batavia*, and lying at Anchor in the Road near *Columbo*; it had brought a great quantity of Gun-Powder for the use of this City; the Inhabitants thereof had already loaded their Boats with 80 Barrels of it, and were so near Land, that they prepar'd for haling of it to shore: A Boy, belonging to the Master of the Boat, stood sinoaking with a Pipe in his Mouth; which the Master seeing, gave him such a box on the Ear, that he dash'd his Pipe into the next Boat, where some Powder being scatter'd, took Fire, and blew up that Boat, and, in the twinkling of an Eye, the two next; and not only so, but also, all the People that stood upon the Shore had a toss in the Air.

Another was, That two Ships lying at Anchor in the Road, and the Wind growing very violent, broke their Cables, and stranded them against the Fish-market; but all the Men saved Floods Lives.

mark Having now staid seven Months over and  
selve, five the five Years I was oblig'd to, in the  
Nig service of the East-India Company, I design'd  
C to have gone off with those Ships, but the  
Governor refus'd to discharge me for that time,  
under pretence of affection to me.

The History of the Wars between the Dutch  
and the Javians.

**T**HIS large Kingdom being naturally of great Strength, and hath much improv'd itself of late, by the great Numbers of Forreigners that flock'd thither from all Nations, and among them a considerable Number of *English, Spaniards, Danes* and *Portuguese*, who were most of them compel'd to fly thither, by the unjust Dealings of the *Dutch East-India Company*.

These Europeans and other People flocking thither, made it thrive to such a degree in a small time, that the *Dutch* found it would be no ways to their disadvantage if they could bring that Kingdom under their subjection. To this end they made it their business to create an ill understanding between the Kings of *Bantam* and *Japara*, hoping that the silent Fire might in some time break out into an open Flame. This they effected at length, but it prov'd little or no advantage to them, for they lay so far asunder, that it never came but to a few little Skirmishes, which did not damage them much, nor profit the *Dutch*, so that they fell very short of what they promis'd themselves, for they were fully perswaded that the King of *Japara* would be induced to pursue the King of *Bantam* with the utmost Vigour, especially le 20 there was so great a Motive to spur him on, ng. the rejoyning that Kingdom to his Empire from which it had been divided. The Island of *Great Jova* did likewise belong to him once, and all together made but one Empire, but now it is divided into three Kingdoms, to wit *Japara, Bantam*, and *Jacatea*. Now

Now the *Dutch* having all this while made several Attempts upon the King of *Jaccatra*, which had proved very Advantagious to them: They at length Subdu'd him, having first made the Emperor of *Japara* unable to resist them, or to stand up in Defence of his Neighbour, over whom they had carry'd a total Victory a little before; and having all this while received fresh Supplies Yearly from *Holland*, which together with *Germany*, enjoy'd a profound Peace, and therefore could, and constantly did supply them with choice Recruits of good Soldiers. That the Dutch *East-India* Company thought they might be able to cope with *Bantam*, and accordingly made Preparations against it.

Now while these things were in Agitation, and they Big with the Designs, and hopes of Infalible Success, the fairest opportunity that could be wished for, offered itself to them unexpected; and therefore so much the more welcome: Which was a sudden falling out between the old King and the two young Kings of *Bantam*. The occasion whereof was this: The old King being weary, of the Burthen of the Government, and Desirous to spend his remaining Days in Ease and Tranquility, made over his Kingdom to his youngest Son, the Eldest <sup>in</sup> Dedicated himself to a Spiritual Life, <sup>the</sup> *Bangerang* Baby; something like an Arch-selver with us, and having thus Invested his <sup>Nig</sup>est Son with the Regal Power, he retired to an old Castle called *Dorjasse*, the old Place of his Residence, about four Miles from *Bantam*.

The young King having Reigned some Years, his People began to grow weary of him, especially the Nobles, the *Bourgerang* and *Kirria*; these made their Complaints to the old King that he oppressed his Subjects, and that he overburthen'd them with his Recreations, and constant Hunting; and by requiring so much Attendance and Service to be done him, so that they were no longer able to bear the Yoak. He did not Govern as other Heathen Kings for the most part us'd to do, but after a Method he had taken from the European Countries, some of which he had been in, as *Constantinople*, and would have gone to *France*, *Spain*, and *Portugal*, if his Law had permitted him; and as far as that had given him leave, he had Travel'd, viz. In *Muscovy*, *Schiras*, *Ispahan*, *Japan*, and *Siam*; from which several Places he had taken those Methods of Government, which he thought most convenient to introduce into his own Dominions; but his Subjects being Dissatisfied with those Innovations, at last Conspir'd together and Deposed him, and set his Brother *Bangarang Babay* in his stead.

Upon this the old King came with a considerable Retinue and his main Guard before the Castle, which is in the middle of *Bantam*, the young King having notice of this, commanded the Gates to be shut against him, and then sent to know what he wanted: The old King sent him an Answer which did not please him; upon which, without more ado, he gave Orders to fire the great Guns from the Castle upon the City, and particularly that some of them should play upon his Father's Quarters, against

against which sixteen pieces of Demi-Cannon were planted, which was play'd briskly upon him by his positive Orders, and some of them too by his own Hand. Being thus satisfy'd that his Father's Intentions were to Depose him, he wholly forgot all Duty, and sent him Word by one of his Concubines, that he did not reckon himself now bound in any Bond of Duty to him, and that he would pay him no other Homage but Powder and Ball, which he would not spare, for he had enough of it, and that should be at his Service. Besides the Message that had made him so Desperate, he relied much upon the strength of the Castle, which was well Fortified with very good Walls lined with Earth, like those of *Batavia*, and strong Bastions upon them, besides very large Canals round them, with Draw-Bridges. Neither did he want Provisions or Amunition, and the Bastions were provided with very good heavy Canon, but the number of his Men was not above 300; yet with them he had resolv'd to stand it out to the last. So that his Garison was not so considerable as his Court, which as it chiefly consisted of Women, according to the general Custom of Heathen Princes, so he had of them no less than 1200 that were his Concubines.

With this continual firing the City was miserably shatter'd, and look'd like a Wilderness, for every Man got away that could, and all the *English* and *Danes*, together with the Nobility, and the most considerable Inhabitants. went over to the Old King, and having formed a considerable Body, they went and Be-

sieg'd the Castle, rais'd several Batteries, and  
 planted their best Cannon upon them, and they  
 fir'd briskly in their turn upon the Castle. Not-  
 withstanding all these Preparations, the young  
 King remain'd undaunted, and only apply'd  
 himself to get Supplies Abroad; and by the  
 Advice of two *Dutch* Men, who were of his  
 Party, and who had formerly ran away from  
*Batavia* to shelter themselves from Justice, he  
 resolves to send to the Company of *Batavia* for  
 Assistance. One of these *Dutch* Men were ap-  
 pointed for the Negotiation, and was immedi-  
 ately let down from the Wall of the Castle,  
 and having pass'd the *Canal* in a little Boat that  
 us'd to lie there he came to the Enemy's Army,  
 thro' which he was unavoidably to pass, and he  
 being very ready in the *Javan* and *Malleish* Lan-  
 guages, having been fifteen Years in those  
 Countries, and being Circumcised at his Abju-  
 ration of the Christian Religion, he easily pass'd  
 thro' all Difficulties, and came to the General  
 at *Batavia*, and by word of Mouth, without any  
 further Credentials, deliver'd his Message to him  
 in the Young King's Name.

This was an Opportunity which the *Dutch*  
 had long wish'd for, so that the Messenger  
 needed no great Rhetorick or Art to induce  
 them to take it by the forelock. But immedi-  
 ately Orders were dispatch'd, and the Forces  
 had their Rendezvous appointed.

Major General St. *Martini* Commanded the  
 whole Fleet, and one Captain *Hartzing* of  
*Cassel* had the whole Command of the Land  
 Forces. Both set out at one time; the one  
 march'd out strait upon *Dangering*, and the  
 Fleet

Fleet went directly to *Bantam*. Captain *Hartzing* was forc'd first to Attack *Dangerang*, by which means he reckon'd he shou'd have drawn off the Old King and his Army from *Bantam*; but he found himself much mistaken, for the Place made such a vigorous Resistance, that it appeared, they naither wanted necessary Assistance, nor Courage; the Dutch lost there a great many of their best Men, insomuch that they found themselves forc'd to Intrench, lest they should have been quite Routed; upon this they made their Lines of Approach, which they fortify'd with as good Pallisadoes as they could, and so secur'd themselves that the *Javians* could not come at them. In the mean while the Dutch continu'd their Approaches with all the Diligence that might be, till they came within Musket-shot. There they made use of a Cover'd Way, with which they came up close to their Enemies Works, and in some measure within them: And having finish'd their Mines, they set them on Fire, with a Resolution, as soon as they should blow up to any purpose, to Assault the *Javians*; one of their Mines made such a breach that three or four Waggons might stand a-breast in it; upon which it was order'd that they should immediately enter, and so they did, but with so much ado that they had Reason to fear they must have Retir'd; but after a little Resistance, the *Javians* seeing them pour in so thick upon them, took to their Heels, and most of them threw down their Arms; all this while the Dutch pursu'd them, and made the most heavy Slaughter among them that History can paralell; for the Gates of  
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their Castle, or rather their Doors, being so little that they could not get under them without stooping, so they were all forced to creep through one by one, and as they were all in cluster and unarm'd, to the Number of near Five Thousand, they fir'd continually upon them, so that they lay like so many Heaps of Stones one upon another, which made the most dismal Sight in the World; and to prevent the Air being infected with them, they made their Blacks carry them off, and throw them into the River *Dangering*. Having got this Post they fortified themselves in the best manner they could, for they were sure that they should not enjoy their Rest long in that Place, which oblig'd them to be upon their Guard.

In this six Weeks time that the *Dutch* had besieg'd this Place, they had lost a great many Men, and a great many were fallen Sick by reason of the bad Water, which had much of the Taste of Salt Peter in it, which made Captain *Hartzing* at a stand whether he should go on or not; At last he thought it best for them to stay there, till he could hear of the safe Arrival and Landing of the Fleet before *Bantam*, which he did in a few Days after. Major General *St. Martin* being come before *Bantam*, with 20 stout Men of War, (each of which carry'd between 4 and 500 Men, besides 100 Fireships and Tenders) gave Orders for their Landing about Two a Clock the next Morning, but first he took a General Review of all the Men, and a Gill of Brandy was given to every one of the Soldiers; and after that six and Thirty of the stoutest of them were provided with a good quan-

quantity of Powder, and some Hundred of Seamen were set out with Pole Axes, and Hatches, and Eight or Nine Hand Granado's to each Man, all which were to land with the Army.

The *Dutch* lay within Cannon shot of the Town, and could both hear and see the Old King, who keep continually firing upon the Castle, and he had rais'd the Batteries above the Tops of the Houses that were in the City, so that the *Javians* might see them with ease. They immediately prepar'd to prevent the *Dutch* from Landing, and for that purpose order'd their Main Body to March to the Sea Shoar, and there rais'd Batteries to hinder their coming any nearer. In the mean while it was no little satisfaction for the Young King to see the *Dutch* Fleet so near his Assistance, as well as to hear of their Forces by Land: And besides, it gave him some time to take Breath, and freed him of the Danger he was continually in, of a Storm; for the Walls were almost all Battered down; And now his Enemies could not go on with that Design, having enough to do to look after themselves. The Old King took the greatest Care of a certain Place where he thought the *Dutch* design'd to Land, as indeed they did: But in the Night time they weigh'd Anchor, with all the stilness that might be, and sail'd on about a League higher, and drawing as near the Shore as they could possibly, they let fall their Anchors again. Their Cannon on Board was loaded, and all Things were order'd so, that whenever they landed, they might Fire upon their Enemies, and upon the City; the Tenders and other small Vessels were  
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all man'd immediately for Landing, some with a Hundred, some with more, some less, all which went with all speed to the Shoar: The Old King having notice of this, got ready as soon as he well could, but not time enough to raise any Batteries, to fortifie themselves against them, for e'er the Day began to peep, the *Dutch* had got all Things in readiness for their Landing.

Major General *St. Martini*, with a Life-Guard which consisted of Sixty Men got into a Scappon, and ready to give order for the Signal, by Drums and Trumpets, for the whole Body of his Army to Land together; but the *Javians* made a very vigorous Defence, and being advantageously posted in a Wood that was there, they charg'd the *Dutch* after so terrible a manner, that what with their Fire, and what with their great Guns that they played all this while upon them, they made a terrible Slaughter amongst them: Besides that, they were all this while in the Water above their Knees, which prov'd a great disadvantage to them. In this Condition they charg'd them for three Hours, for the *Dutch* could not get to Land all that while, and at last Five of the Companies were quite Routed, and out of Twelve Surgeons which they brought with them, there were but Five left, and they that did remain were not able to do great Feats, by reason they had been all this while in the Water. When they saw they could no way get any Ground, they got some small Vessels, which fetch'd them some Haubitzen (which is a kind of Field Piece to load with small Shot) with which they rattled so

so upon the *Javians*, that they oblig'd them to quit Ground enough for them to get upon dry Land, and at last they forced them to quit the Wood and retire to their Breast Works ; so the *Dutch* remain'd Masters of the Field that Night, and the next Morning about break of Day, they march'd to Attack the *Javians* in their Entrenchments.

The Major General considering that the *Dutch* Companies were mightily weaken'd, Commanded Captain *Jochem*, who headed the Blacks, to march in the Front, and he fell upon them straightway with admirable Courage and Conduct ; the Major General behav'd himself like a true Soldier, and gave such Tokens of his Invincible Valour, Wise Conduct, and Indefatigable Deligence, as cannot be well describ'd, and tho' he had the Misfortune to have two of his Fingers shot off as he was riding to and fro, to give Orders, he could hardly afford himself time to have his Hand dress'd, which the Surgeon had no sooner done but he mounted again. Yet in the mean while the *Dutch* made but little on't, and the Captain was not able to do any thing more, than just keep his Ground against his Enemy ; wherefore the Major General having given some New Orders, and briskly encourag'd the Soldiers, by telling them, that beating the Enemy out of that Place wou'd be the chief Part of the Work, and the sure forerunner of a total Victory, promising to the first that should break into the Enemy's Camp an Hundred Guilders, two Slaves, and a Pipe of Sack for a Reward, and having by such like Speeches and Promises, infus'd as it were new

Spirits into them, he took upon him the Management of the Front himself, and drawing out Captain *Blewtner* and Captain *Winkler's* Companies together, with some others, he lead them in Person, and fell upon the *Javians* with such Fury that he soon carry'd the Day, for he had so animated the Soldiers, that every Man was worth two, and they being now come to near to use their Musquets, they took their Cutless in one Hand, and their Hand Granado's in the other, and when the Blacks saw the *Dutch* drive so hard upon their Enemies, they took such Heart too, that with their Swords and Bucklers they poured in upon the *Javians*, and drove all before them, so that the Slaughter made of the Old King's Army in this Place was nothing less than that of *Dangerang*.

The *Javians* now were wholly put to Flight, and left most of their Arms behind them; and the *Dutch* having gain'd the Post, the Admiral gave Orders that the Ships should no longer fire upon the City, lest some of his own Men might receive some of the Shot amongst them. All this while they push'd forward to their Pallisado's, and came to the Fort which they call'd *Speelwick*, where they found a great many of the old King's Men, and the Officers finding that they should quickly become Masters of it sent for some of their heavy Cannon from their Ships, and batter'd it down in a very little time; the Seamen forced open the Gates with Hammers and Axes, and so entred, throwing of Granado's, but all the *Javians* being fled, they became Masters of it without any further Opposition. This serv'd their purpose mighty well,

well, and saved them the trouble of any further Intrenchments, except a few Gaps that they made up with Wood which their Blacks cut down and brought to them; here they took a little Breath; and the following Day, a portion of Bisket, Sack and Brandy was distributed to each Soldier in the Army. After this fine Refreshment, the Army was put into a new Order, the Right and Left Wings formed a-new, and provided with Field-pieces loaden with Small shot.

The *Dutch* having thus refresh'd themselves, march'd against the *Javians*, who look'd at first as if they were able to have eaten them all up for a Breakfast, there being above 30000 of them; but the *Dutch* Officers were not in the least dismay'd at their Numbers, but they courageously Attack'd them on both sides of'em, yet taking such measures that they could joyn when they pleas'd; but all of a sudden the *Javians* sallied out upon them with such a terrible and horrid outcry, as their Custom is, that at first the Dutch thought it had been a Hurricane rather than a Body of Men, but yet stood their Ground bravely and made continual firing upon them. They had so order'd their Army, that behind each Rank of Musketeers they had a Rank of Pikes, lest the *Javians* should break in upon them, and all the while they play'd so thick upon them with ten or twelve Field-pieces, that they fell like Bees before them; the other Wing of the *Dutch* observ'd the same Order, and at last they both joyn'd together again in one main Body. Having sustain'd this for near three Hours, the *Javians* sent some of their

*Muck-speelers* among which are a sort of giddy resolute Fellows, that are ready to be hir'd upon any manner of Expedition, how Rash and Mischievous soever it be, if it be to Stab a Man upon any private Affront, or any thing else of that kind, and the more famous Cut-throats they be, the more they value themselves upon their Reputation of being counted so. Before they go upon any Desperate Undertaking, they eat a sort of Herb which they call *Avion*, which for a time makes them giddy and altogether unsensible of any Danger; so that they are as Fool-hardy as they are Dangerous; they rush'd in upon the *Dutch* with incredible Fury, but being incapable of consulting their own Safety, they ran Headlong amongst them and splitt themselves upon their Pikes, and destroy'd themselves without doing the *Dutch* any harm that was wort<sup>h</sup> speaking of; and in a little time after having kill'd several Thousands of the Old King's Party, the utterly Routed them, and made them leave all their Arms behind them; upon which they fell from Fighting to Plundering.

After this Overthrow the Major-General went accompany'd with his Life-Guard and several others, to the Castle where the Young King was, who immediately upon his approach open'd the Gates, came to meet him, and with all humble acknowledgment fell at his Feet, and afterwards Embrac'd him with all the Demonstrations of a grateful and sincere Affection. Before this, the Admiral had given Orders for the Army to Encamp all round the Castle, and the

the Gunners to be ready in their Posts with the Artillery, which consisted of above 300 Pieces of Cannon.

After this the Army had three Days Rest, and all the Refreshment that might be; then was order'd to march into the City, and there they had the chief Posts in their Hands, as the *Boom*, the *Speelwick*, and other Bastions; and the rest, which were quarter'd in the *English*, *Danish*, and *French* Quarters; some were order'd likewise to keep Garrison in the Castle; so that all the Places of Consequence were sufficiently secur'd, in order to make the whole their own when time should serve a little more commodious. The Old King after this overthrow, retir'd with his shatter'd Army to his Fort *Dorjasse*, where having made ready some Hundreds of Prawn and small Vessels, he resolv'd to be Reveng'd upon the *Dutch*, and having the conveniency of two Rivers, of *Dorjasse* and *Bantam*, which run from that Fort into the Sea, he Mann'd them in order to go as far as *Batavia*, and to do the *Dutch* some Mischief there, which accordingly they did, for being come into the Road of *Batavia*, he set some of their Ships on Fire, and either kill'd the Men or took them Prisoners, and then went a Shoar on the little Island call'd *Orrust*, and made sad havock of the few Inhabitants that were there; but to prevent their doing further Mischief, some of the largest *Dutch* Men of War were got ready, besides a considerable number of Prawn and small Vessels, all which were as well Mann'd as could be wish'd for, and with these they went in search of the *Javians*.



In this Expedition Admiral *De Ryter* Commanded the whole Fleet, who straitway put to Sea, and the Fleet under his Command made directly to *Bantam* and *Dorjasse*, the two Rivers which I told you lay so conveniently for the *Javians* to run in and out, here the *Dutch* Fleet lay to cut off their Pass whenever they should attempt to come in there for shelter.

Being come there, one half of the Fleet was order'd to stay, and the other half went in search of the Enemy; the next Morning, as they were come about the Island called the *Toppers Hoadie*, they saw the *Javians* about a League off of them with above 100 Prawen Cruising to and fro. Admirai *de Ryter* judg'd himself strong enough to Engage them, and having called a Council of War, it was resolved to fall upon them; Upon which a Gill of Brandy (the best thing in the World to inspire Courage into a *Dutch-Man*) was given to every one of them: They were divided into two parts, with instruction upon the Signs given, to fall upon them all together. All that Day they lay still, but on the Evening they did so surround the *Javians*, that by next Morning they had no way left but to fight their way through the *Dutch Fleet*, or else be forc'd to shelter themselves on a little Island call'd *Schellepse*; but that being not above a League in Compass, and besides so barren that it would not afford them any Provision or Relief, this oblig'd them to Attack the *Dutch*; and indeed they were not long resolving upon it; they stood to the Windward and having that Advantage, they came down very briskly upon them with twen-

ty Prawen well Mann'd and 40 Double Hack-ken, thinking with them to lay fast hold of the greatest Ships, and so to board them, and then the smaller would easily be Dispatch'd. *De Ryter* all this while would not suffer the *Dutch* to fire one Shot, and ordered a kind of Breast-works to be got ready upon Deck by the Main-mast and under Deck in the Fore-castle; the Prawen and small Vessels they kept behind ready to fall upon the *Javians* whenever they should Attack them; they had planted some of those Haubitzens (I made mention of before) behind the Breast-works they had made, which was to pour Small-shot upon them; and besides this, there was Men ready with Granadoes, Fire-pikes, &c. to give them a welcome at their Entrance: All this while the *Javians* fired upon them, but did very little Execution, and being come up to them, in an Instant the *Dutch* Ships were full of the *Javians*, who upon their Boarding of them, set up such a Huzza, or rather Out-cry after their manner, that it made the very Air tremble; but the *Dutch* straitway falling to their Works, open'd their Breast-works and fired their Small-shot, together with their Hand-Granadoes, so that never were Men destroy'd at such a rate as the *Javians* were; those that were still coming up, and those that were already up, the *Dutch* swept down like a swarm of Bees, with their Fire-pikes, Hand-Granadoes and other Fire-Arms, into the Sea: All that remained were for running off, but the *Dutch* Prawen and light Vessels, follow'd them so close, that they kill'd infinite numbers of them, and took up several

several of them who were fallen into the Sea, and made them Prisoners, whom they immediately Hang'd up all together upon the same Island. The Sea all about was pure Blood: There was no less than 260 of the *Javians* lay dead Aboard the Admiral's Ship; the Dead and Wounded they threw one with another Over-board, which caused a bitter outcry among those who were yet Sensible, or but slightly Wounded. After this great Victory, the *Dutch* Ships came all together again, and upon a Review, they found their loss to be two Masters of Ships, seven Steers-men, eight Officers, and about 380 private Soldiers, and 700 of the Blacks which they kept in their Service. They lost two Men of War, the *Victor*, and the *Ameland*, besides 18 Prawn, three Gallies, and 7 Fire-wips: But of the *Javians*, whose Prawn and Vessels were 120, there did not one single one escape; and the Men which they lost in this Action, was computed to be no less than 24000. The *Dutch* having put themselves in a pretty good Posture again, their Men had all the Refreshment that could be, with great plenty of Brandy, Sack, Bisket, and such-like. The next thing they did, was to dispatch a Ship to *Batavia*, to carry the News of this Victory to the General.

After this, they went to joyn the rest of their Fleet again. The *Javians* all this while made several offers to come out of the River *Dorjasse*, but the *Dutch* Fleet lying just in the Mouth of it, they could not attempt it with Safety, but were forced to make their way out at some other small River, so that some of them

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came <sup>four</sup> out of the Fleet, which no sooner made towards them but they retir'd, yet were the *Dutch* oblig'd to keep between that Place and *Batavia*, to prevent their doing any farther Mischief; so that there was continually some little Skirmishes between them, but never any Engagement worth speaking of. In about Three Months greatest part of the *Dutch* Fleet was sent again to *Bantam*, the rest of them kept still Cruising before *Dorjasse*. The Land Forces being come to *Bantam*, under the Command of Captain *Jochem*, the Men were put on Shoar, and quarter'd among the others that were in the Fort.

All this while the *Dutch* were making Preparations for carrying on the War with utmost Vigour both by Sea and Land, but wanting Men they were oblig'd to stay till the Recruits came from *Batavia*; They had a special Eye upon the Royal Fort of *Dorjasse*: for they knew very well that they labour'd in vain while that stood, and they had good reason to think, that if they did but once ferret them out of that Strong Hold, they shou'd find it an easie Matter to give them a total Overthrow. By this time all their Affairs were in a very good posture at *Bantam*, and there was a very good Understanding between the young King and Major-General *Martini*, but the *Javians* were every now and then upon them in small Bodies, and came quite to the Ramparts, so that there happen'd many Skirmishes between them, but so inconsiderable that they are not worth speaking of.

One would admire how quick the Suits were sent from *Batavia*, for in a few months the *Dutch* had a considerable Army again on foot. They had gather'd Men from all Parts of the *Indies*, which was sent to their Army with speed, and as soon as they were got together it was resolv'd to go directly against the Royal Fort of *Dorjasse*. Major-General *St. Martini* left Admiral *De Ryter* to Command at *Bantam* in his absence, and himself went straight way with some of the best Ships thither, and in some Days after sent Orders for the rest of the Fleet, and most of the Men to follow him, leaving only what was necessary in *Bantam* for the Security of that Place, which had little to fear from the Enemy without, and less to suspect from the young King within, who had but a very inconsiderable Number of his own Men with him.

When the rest of the Fleet had join'd the Major-General, they made together a very fine Fleet, and indeed such a one as had not been seen before in those Parts of the World; for they had there 52 large Men of War, besides some Hundreds of Prawen, Fire-Ships, Tenders, and small Boats; soon after all these were come together, Major-General *St. Martini* went back to *Batavia*, and the Fleet proceeded forwards under the Command of General *Tack*. As soon as they came to cast Anchor before *Dorjasse* the *Javians* got together in prodigious Numbers to the Sea Shoar, and cover'd the Ground for several Miles, which was all level from the Sea to the Fort, and all the Fields full of Rice. Just by the Shoar were several Sconces, tho'

the Spungy of them were but small, yet they were<sup>a</sup> vastly strong, being all made with a double row of the Trunks of Coco-Trees that were set very deep in the Ground, and the space filled up with Earth ram'd down very hard, and the space between each of these Sconces was all Diches and Ramparts with Pallisado's: The Sconces were so broad, that two or three Waggon might drive a breast upon them. In the middle of them within were the Dwelling for the Soldiers; some of them were built up square and flat at Top for them<sup>a</sup> to stand there and Fight; and from all these Places they continually fir'd upon the *Dutch*, but to little purpose, because they were far enough out at Sea, yet they were near enough to hear them make many hedious Outcries, and to see their Troops hurry from one Place to another.

In the mean time the *Dutch* made all ready to Land, and Admiral *Taak* going all the while from one Ship to another, to give Orders to their several Captains, which done they went to Prayers, and then the usual Portions of Brandy, Sack and Biscuit were distributed. After that they order'd some *Schappons* or *Pontons*, which is a flat sort of a Boat like a Horse-Ferry, which were fenc'd with a kind of Breast-work and four Pieces of small Cannon, and to each of them a sufficient Number of Gunners and Seamen with Hand Granado's, and after them the Soldiers went in, after this manner they kept their *Easter* which was now come, but it was none of the merriest for them. The third Day after *Easter* they unladed seven large Ships, and sunk them in the Place where they had a

mind to land at: Upon them they built the Sconces, upon which they planted above 100 Pieces of heavy Cannon, to shelter them when they landed, and to annoy the Enemy in their Sconces. The next Day after, about Two of the Clock in the Morning, the Signal being given, the *Dutch* all in general left their Ships.

All this while they kept continual firing with their heavy Cannon, which was all they fir'd, under the shelter of which, they drew all the while nearer and nearer to Land, from whence the *Javians* fir'd very hotly upon them. When they came so near that it was not above Knee deep in Water, they got out of their Boats, and the Gunners play'd more freely from their Scappons upon the *Javians*, and the Seamen could then make better use of their Hand Granado's. In this manner the *Dutch* charg'd them for above two Hours, and lost a great many of their Men, the Sconces before them lying so high that the *Javians* had a great Advantage over them, and the *Dutch* on the other hand could hardly reach them.

The *Dutch* seeing they could make but slow Progress this way, the Council of War met, and resolv'd to fall upon their Works altogether. Upon this, the Front march'd forwards directly towards the *Javians*, and carry'd some of their Forts by Storm in a few Hours time, tho' with the loss of several of their Men. As soon as the *Javians* saw they had lost some of their Holds, they set Fire to most of the others, and betook themselves to their Heels, but did not quite run away, for they keep moving

in Sundry their Rice Fields, with a Resolution to Charge the *Dutch* in a whole Body, and they having by this time got together their Artillery planted it very advantageously, and were ready for 'em. The Admiral order'd the *Dutch* to play upon them with their Artillery without intermission, which they did.

The Armies being now come within reach of each other, the *Javians* fell upon the *Dutch* with the greatest Fury imaginable, and made their usual out-cries at their falling on. The *Dutch* Army open'd it self to the Right and Left, and their Artillery, which was before made ready, was all at once discharg'd upon 'em, which made a terrible Slaughter among them, after which they clos'd in again while another Charge was got ready; their Front moving always with moveable Pallisado's before them, which was a very good Defence for their Men, and enabled them to keep their Order the Better. All this while, (tho' Thousands of the *Javians* fell) they would not give an Inch of Ground, and the Day being now far spent, both Armies were forc'd to give over, yet the *Dutch* were wholly set upon pursuing the Stroke, and hoping that the Night might prove more successful and commodious than the Day had done. As soon as Night drew on the *Dutch* began to play upon them with their Mortars, and sent such a quantity of Bombs among them, and at the same time fell upon one of their Wings so furiously, that they gain'd Ground, and continuing to pour their Shot so thick upon them, which put them into such a Consternation, that they were not able



to Defend themselves, so that ~~to the~~ *Sutch* thought of nothing more but to prepare to pursue them, but the *Javians* did not design to put them to that trouble, for they could hear some of them which were in the Front of the Army cry, *Dida mon Boggel Ada Orang Hollando*; which is as much as to say, I will not Fight against the *Hollanders*.

This was made known to Admiral *Tack*, and further confirm'd by some of the chief Officers of the *Javians*, which the Admiral had permitted to come to him; they were sent to Parley, and to beg him to grant a Truce, or rather make a Peace. The Admiral durst not do any thing in this Matter of his own accord, but was oblig'd to send to the General at *Batavia*, who sent him word back again, that he should be sure not to hearken to any Proposals of Peace. When the Admiral had receiv'd his Answer from the General at *Batavia*, he told the Deputies that the *Dutch* would not hear talk of a Peace, and so sent them away.

Upon which the *Dutch* fir'd their Artillery again, and charg'd them with greater Fury than before, which put their whole Army to flight, which they took directly towards *Dorjasse*, where they were all put into Confusion, and the *Dutch* totally routed them, and made a most dreadful slaughter. They did not pursue them as they might have done, for they thought it best to keep together, and to continue in their Intrenchments, till they had made more requisite Preparations for a more effectual pursuit after them, and in order to attack the said Town of *Dorjasse*.

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Spungy in Dutch had all the usual Refreshments in which time they buried their Dead, but in the third Night, about Twelve of the Clock, they saw the City of *Dorjasse* in a Blaze, and heard the blowing up of some of their Fortifications and Buildings, great Pieces of which fell into the Dutch Camp which was half a Mile distant, all which was very agreeable to their Admiral, because it would have cost him a great many Men, if he had been oblig'd to Fight for it. Upon this he sent a Party towards the Place, to see what they were doing there, but when they came near to the Place, the old King withdrew with all speed, and pass'd over the River *Dorjasse* with all his remaining Forces, and fled to the *Blawe Peperburgh*, which was about four Leagues from thence, so that the Party that was sent out found *Dorjasse* quite empty, and the Coast all clear.

As soon as the Admiral had Advice of it, he march'd thither with the greatest part of his Army, and he found nothing there but Houses ruined, and most of them still smoaking, and no Inhabitants; but a vast parcel of Ducks and Hens flying about the Streets to seek a Habitation, which was a glorious sight to the Soldiers, who had by this time fought themselves to a good Stomach. They found a great many *Javians* that were hid in Holes and Corners, who could not flee away among the rest, being exceeding Old, or otherwise Disabled. The Soldiers were quarter'd upon the Bastions, and the Admiral took his Quarters in the middle of the City, and in the Court of the old Palace,

Palace, which before was the greatest to the *Sor Trade*. By what Strength the Dutch found this Place of, 'tis certain the *Javians* wanted nothing but Courage to keep them out of it; for tho' the Town was four or five Miles in Compass, yet there was but two Avenues into it, which was hardly wide enough for two Carts to go A-breast, the rest being all Moorish Grounds where Rice grew, and where no Army could have come; and instead of a Wall, the Town was fenced with a Line of Coco-Trees set close one to another and fill'd up with Earth; So that the Cannon would never have been able to batter it down, or so much as make a breach in any part of it. The Buildings within were all built with Bamboo Canes, except the Palace, and the Noble-Men's Houses, which were of Stone.

Upon the twenty eight Bastions of this Place the Dutch found three hundred and odd large pieces of heavy Cannon, tho' most of 'em Iron, but no Powder or Bullets; which gave them occasion to think, that thro' some carelessness the Magazine took fire, and so set fire on the whole Town; and indeed they found it true afterwards, by the account which some of the Inhabitants gave them.

The Fortification of this Place was so strong, that all the Cannonading in the World could never make a Breach in it, for the outside of it was all of Coco-Trees, set as close together as might be, and behind them was Earth thrown up: And it is impossible for a Bullet to batter any of those Trunks of Coco-Trees, being of  
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so spongy Nature, that a Bullet will stick in them, and go no further.

In this Place was a high Hill cast up by the King's Order, and a few Huts built a top of it, from whence he used to go and spy the Army when it lay before *Bantam*, and take a Prospect of the Fleet, the Country lying all level between those two Places.

Two Rivers run thro' the Town, the Little and the Great *Dorijasse*; which unite their Streams a little below the Town, and make up a fine River. It runs thence through the pleasant Vales of the *Blawen Peper Bergh* into the Sea, and divides the Kingdom of *Bantam* from that of *Batavia*, or *Jacatra*, all along in its course.

When the *Dutch* had lain here some few Days, their Admiral went out with some Companies to visit some of their *Negeryen*, or Villages. They Plunder'd all as far as the Plain of *Banta*, which is just by the River *Bantam*, and leads towards *Tangburang*, a Province belonging to the Kingdom of *Bantam*.

Here they saw some *Naekens* or small Boats lying on the other side of the River, but neither saw or heard any Body thereabouts. The Admiral had a great fancy to go over, and so had some others of the Chief Officers: Wherefore he offer'd six Rix-Dollars to any that would venture to swim over and fetch some of those *Naekens* to him. Tho' the River was about a Mile wide, yet there were four Seamen that proffer'd themselves immediately, and several Blacks, who are generally excellent Swimmers; but it was thought sufficient to

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send the Seamen only and two of the Blacks, who brought over six *Naekens*; and having got some Oars to 'em, they went with them, and fetch'd all the others, which were twenty and odd. When they were all come, the Admiral went into one of 'em, and all the Boats were fill'd with Men. When they were got over, they found nothing but whole Flocks of Hens and Ducks; so that the Men divided themselves some one way, and some another, to see if they could find any Body. One of these Parties met by Misfortune with a parcel of *Amboinesees*, who were come out to get some Coco-nuts; and these going drest like Javians, the Dutch took them for such, and falling upon them kill'd some of 'em, and would certainly have kill'd more, had not another Party of the Dutch come in of a sudden upon the Back of these poor *Amboinesees*, who hearing them cry out for Quarter, and discovering them to be *Amboinesees*, put a stop to the Slaughter, and prevented further Mischief being done.

They were all well provided with Powder and Ball, and so kept on to the end of the Plain, where they found some little Works, Redoubts, &c. but all abandon'd. In one of them were four or five pieces of Cannon, which they took and carried over the River, and from thence drew them to *Dorjasse*.

The Admiral was now thinking to get over the River again, and yet desirous to know what was become of the Enemy; but truly his Curiosity cost him very dear; for they had not yet reach'd their Boats, when they perceiv'd

a great number of Prawen full of Javians, making towards them with such speed that they could hardly get their Arms ready. All the Dutch could do was to fire upon them, and hinder them from landing just in that Place. But they pass'd by quickly and came to another Landing-place that was more convenient. And as soon as they had got hold of the Shoar, they came upon the Dutch in a trice, and so encompass'd them that they had no way left but to yield, or throw themselves into the River. The first of these could not please them, and the latter was almost as dangerous for those who could not Swin very well; so that those who had little or no hopes of swimming over, resolv'd to stand it out, and to fight to the last drop of Blood. The Admiral escaped with five Boats, and some others followed them as fast as they could, and swam over after them safe to Shore, where they stood Spectators of the dreadful Slaughter the Javians were making among the Dutch-men that were left among them on the other side. There was no less than 400 of 'em, who were all cut in pieces, but they behaved themselves with an unparallel'd Bravery, as Men in such desperate Conditions us'd to out-do themselves; and as they held it out a long while, so they sold their Lives at the dearest rate that ever Men did.

The Admiral exceedingly concern'd at this sad Misfortune, and desirous to revenge the loss of so many brave Men, took the rest who had made their Escapes, and marched with them in all haste to *Dorjasse*, with a design to go over with a Body of Men and pursue the Javians. But

it was upon Consideration found Impracticable, because they had no way of passing the River, for it was very broad every where, and they had not above three or four small Boats: So that they were forced to quit their Design. But that they might not go altogether Unreveng'd, they set fire to all that remained standing in *Dorjasse*, after they had staid three or four Days in it; the main Body of their Army continued along the Sea-coast, very well Entrench'd under the Command of Captain *Hartzing*, while the Admiral went with some small Ships and some Men down the River *Dorjasse*, and so to *Bantam* by Sea.

As soon as the Dutch were come upon the Road of *Bantam*, the Young King came to meet their Admiral, and to thank him for his Signal Services; and after some Complements passed between them, they went both of them on Shore, in the same Boat, and all the Men got ready and Landed soon after them, and were divided among the rest of the Soldiers that were in the Place. Soon after an Order was sent to *De Ryter* to view the River along the *Tanburang*, which runs thro' the Province of that Name, and comes by *Bantam*.

In their March they saw very pleasant *Negeryen* on both sides the River, tho' all without Inhabitants. But one Night as they were very silent in their March, they were surprized with a sudden Alarm and Out-cry in one of the Neighbouring Villages. They were not very much concerned at it, because they were 400 of them; but however they stood all to their Arms, and moved according to their  
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Captain's Orders, towards the Village, and there they met with 'em upon the March. Some of the Dutch Front could only fire upon them, yet that served to bring down several of the Javians; but the Blacks or Amboinesees, of which they had a Company with them, pursued them so long that they brought in seventy Heads of 'em. When they came back to the Captain the next Morning, according to the Custom of those Nations, which is always to cut off the Heads of as many of their Enemies as they kill, and to bring them to their Commanders, as tokens of their Valour.

*De Ryter* having had good Success thus far, was for moving forwards, and pursuing his good Fortune; which he did, till he came to a small River that runs into *Tangburang*: There they found some Forts, and some Nygeryen well provided with Men. The Dutch were about going over to them, and they could have done it, the River not being very deep; but Captain *De Ryter* did not think it safe, because he did not know what Numbers there might be of the Enemy, or whether they might not lie there in Ambuscade. He immediately dispatch'd some of his Men to *Bantam*, to Admiral *Tack*, for Recruits; and according to his desire, he had the very next Day three Companies of Dutch sent him, and two of Blacks, that were *Bandaneeses*.

With this Reinforcement he crossed the River briskly, and marched directly towards their Villages and Forts: But they had not march'd long, before their Front, (which was hardly got in right Order after passing through the River



River) but a parcel of about a hundred and fifty of the Dutch, fell in with a Party of near four hundred of the Javians; they would at first have been glad to have been a little farther off, but there being no Retreat, they engaged them so vigorously, that they kill'd above 170 of 'em, and wounded several others, and made the rest retire to *Tangburang*. The Dutch pursu'd 'em and took some of them who had deserted from the young King and hid themselves in the Woods; who told them that all the Old King's Force was within three or four Miles of them, and in nuber above 8000. That it was the same Army which had continually been Commanded by the Old King, and that they lay there in order to hinder them coming over that River.

Upon this Information, *De Ryter* sent Expresses with all speed to *Rantam*, to give an account of it to the Admiral, who, without delay, sent some hundreds of Men more, and some Field pieces likewise. Then were all the Officers commanded to take special care, that all their Men might be provided with Powder and Ball. The whole Body was divided into five Parties, each consisting of four Companies; and when all the necessary Orders were given, all their Army went to Prayers, after which they marched strait upon the Enemy.

A Lieutenant with fifty Men was sent out before, to see what he could discover of the Enemy, and so to give them information. They had not moved half an hour, e're they had an account that the Javians were coming to give them battle, and that they were eight thousand strong. And all the Dutch put together, made but  
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four thousand ; yet they were in hopes that they might encompass them, as indeed they did in a very little time, and made the place so hot for 'em, and sowed the ground so thick with the Dead Bodies of the Javians, that they betook themselves to their Heels, and fled in all haste to *Anier*, which is a strong and well-fortified place about two Miles from thence, and is the chief Pass into the Province of *Tangburang*. Wherefore the Dutch provided themselves immediately with Breast-works, to secure themselves from the Sallies which the Javians made upon them. Every one that work'd and at the casting them up, had a Rix Dollar given him as a present.

But the next Day, when the Dutch had hardly finish'd their Works, the Javians made a Sally upon them which turned much to their advantage ; for being pretty well prepared for 'em, they made a shift to cut off 700 of 'em, and took several of 'em Prisoners, whom they gave Quarter to for six or seven Days ; and then took them into a Wood and cut them in pieces. The next Night *de Ryter* Order'd three Batteries to be rais'd, upon one of which, was planted four large Pieces of Canon, that were sent from *Bantam*, together with 2000 Men. These were loaden immediately with Small Shot, in case of their Sallies in the Night-time ; and in the Day-time they drew out again, and loaded them with Bullets, to send into the Enemies Works.

When the Dutch had lain about six Days before the Town, they began to make their Lines of Approach ; and a General Assault was agreed upon, which in three Days time was put in execution :

ecution: They had a Water to go over, which they passed with great ease, by means of some Fascines which the Blacks cut down and laid for them; but here they found so brisk a reception, that they were forced to retire with a considerable loss of Men on their side. If the Javians had made the best of their Opportunity at that time, they might with the greatest ease imaginable, have cut off most of the Dutch Forces, and raised the Siege; but they did not pursue them any further than their Works: And this was owing chiefly to some English, who were amongst them, and who persuaded them, that this was but a Sham-Assault of the Dutch, and not the main Body of their Army, and that lay in the Trenches to cut off those that should Sally out, which if they had done, they would have utterly routed them, for the Dutch were at first but five thousand strong, (reckoning the 2500 Men that was sent with the Cannon) and of them they had above 500 killed, and 300 wounded. Notwithstanding this repulse and disadvantage, they still continued in their Resolution of carrying on the Siege.

In the mean while their wounded Men were carried to a place about a Mile distant from thence, where there were ten Surgeons to look after them; and those that were not dangerously ill, were sent to the Hospital at *Bantam*; and with them Captain *Ruyter* sent a Letter to the Admiral, to desire him to send him a recruit of about 1000 Men; telling him, that with that he did not doubt but he should get master of the Town in a short time.

Three days after the Assault the Dutch began, to make good their Approaches to the Town, their number of Men being increased; and being come pretty near to it, the Javians came over to them in great Numbers, but the Dutch did not receive them into their Army, but posted them between the Lines and the Town: However, this gave them hopes, that the besieged were weary of them. Wherefore they begun to make ready some Mines, which being finish'd, they again resolved to make another Assault.

While they were deliberating on these matters, an English, Man with his Arms, came over to them out of the Garrison, and gave them a good account of their Condition, and withal told *De Ryter*, that the Besieged seem'd now to wish for nothing more than that they would attempt another Assault; and that in Order to receive them they had pulled down the Houses in the Streets, and levell'd that part of the Town; that they had Guarded all Avenues and Streets with double Pallisadoes, and that behind them they had planted several Pieces of Small Shot to receive them: And likewise that they had laid several Mines ready to blow up. The Dutch on the other side were in hopes that they should surmount all these difficulties. They mounted their Mortars upon their Batteries, and sent such a number of Bombs and Granadoes into the Town, that it was impossible they should keep within it long, and so it proved; for by and by they heard a sudden Alarm, the Besieged having a Mind try the success of a second Sally. But the Dutch being well prepar'd for 'em

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This being done, and their two Mines being finished, and having laid several hundred weight of Gun-powder in each of them: Orders were given to set fire to 'em, which was accordingly done: And in an Instant, the Mines having been dug very deep in, under the Town, (as they might do easily, the Town being situated pretty high,) they saw half the Town in the Air, and some part of it, and of the Men, came tumbling into the Dutch Camp; and several thousands lost their Lives at that one blow.

No sooner was this done, but they who stood ready, in expectation of this, rushed in furiously upon them, and while they were in this confusion and disorder, and put all to the sword that came in their way. Here they found two Dutch-men, that had deserted, these they immediately hung up without any further examination, as it is the constant Custom, which the Dutch observe whenever they catch any of their Deserters.

The Dutch being Masters of this Pass, they fortified themselves with the greatest diligence, it being the strongest In-land Fortification, and the direct Pass from *Bantam* to *Batavia* by Land. They had already got all the Sea-port Towns and Forts in their Hands; and having likewise possessed themselves of this, they did not doubt but the Javins would be obliged to come and surrender themselves, seeing they could not come at the Sea. Yet in case there should be some  
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small Parties abroad, *De Ruyster* commanded fifty Men to go and stroul a little about the Country.

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The next Morning early they heard a Noise not very far from thence, and they began to fancy, that they might insensibly be got round upon their Army again; but when they were got a little further, they discover'd the Javians on the other side of the River, as busie as might be, cutting of Coco-Trees, with a design to go and raise some new *Bachers*, as they call 'em, that is, Fortifications. The River was very narrow, but very deep; and seeing they could not come at them, and that they could easily retire (if need was) to their Army, which was but a Mile from them; upon this the Dutch Party took a resolution, and fired so briskly amongst them, that they fetched several of 'em down off the Trees, and the Javians on the other side, did not fail to make good use of their English Firelocks to the terrible Slaughter of the Blood-thirsty *Hollanders*.

The Dutch for fear of the worst, took great care to Man their outward Garrisons, and to fortifie their Frontier Places. But e're three Months were at an end, they were sufficiently

satisfied that therewas no great need of fortifying themselves any more; for the Javians came over to them in mighty numbers: And to convince them of their sincerity, and entire submission to them, they sent them some hundreds of Carts full of Musquets, Lances, Pikes, Bows and Arrows, and other Warlike Instruments.

After this, some of their Nobility, and some Persons of greatest Note, who had great Estates in those parts, came to surrender themselves, and to beg Pardon of the Dutch Company. But for that time, the Company thought fit to leave that to the discretion of the young King, who pretended himself willing to receive them graciously, and to Pardon all that was past. But having got some of 'em into his power, he forgot his Royal Word, and commanded some of them to be cast to Tygers, some to Venemous Serpents, some to be strangled, others were drown'd, others had their Throats cut by his especial Command; and all variously and miserably put to Death. Things being come to this pass, the Company thought it was high time to put a stop to such Barbarity: And therefore they acquainted him with their resentment of this base dealing, and made him sensible of the great imprudence, as well as baseness he had been guilty of; seeing he ought to have been glad, to have seen these Persons come to submit themselves to him, and furnish him with Subjects which he was now like to want; and that so he might have his Towns and Cities once again raised, and filled with Inhabitants. The rest of them that came in, were hereupon more civilly used, and kindly treated; insomuch that  
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in eighteen Months time all the Places were rebuilt, and made finer than they were before. For then the Chineſes, who are willing to be under the Dutch Government, came and ſettled there in greater Numbers than ever. For as they love to live among the Dutch, becauſe of the Privileges they give them; ſo the Dutch are very glad of their company, becauſe wherever they are among them, they cauſe a brisk Trade, which turns to the advantage of the Dutch, as well as of the Chineſes themſelves.

But now to return again to my Diſcourſe: I ought not to omit giving the Reader an Account which will not be unacceptable, tho' the Action will rather amaze than delight, and muſt needs fill the Reader with Horror; for of all the Cruelty I ever heard of there, I never met with any that could compare with this, tho' I muſt confeſs, I think the Punishment that was inflicted on the Malefactors did in ſome meaſure out-do it.

Some of the Dutch Soldiers went one Day a little way up into the Country, rather out of Neceſſity than for Pleaſure, deſigning to ſhoot ſome Birds, &c. notwithstanding they might know well enough, that it was not very ſafe, being they were not altogether reconciled with the Javians. They were expected back at Night, but three Days paſt, and no News of em, which occaſion'd many Conjectures; but moſt were of Opinion, that ſome Javians had fall'n upon them and Murder'd them. Upon which *Min-beer Tack* commanded a Lieutenant, with ſome Men, to go in ſearch after 'em. Having wander'd a matter of two Hours, they came to a lone-