

Fellow of the *Angrians* came boldly up to the Hedge, and threw a Lance at the Commodore, which stuck in his Thigh: The Fellow was well mounted, and so was the Commodore, who directly as soon as he had received the Wound, drew out the Lance himself, and rode after the Fellow with great Fury, pulling out his Pistols in order to shoot at him; but neither of them would give fire. This so enraged the Commodore, that he was like a Man distracted, to think his Armourer had taken so little care to have his Arms in order. The Fury he was in, hurried him beyond Reason; for had not he stop'd as he did, he would soon have repented, for they were encamp'd in a Wood about two Miles from the Place. The Commodore seeing the Camp in such regular Form and Order as he approved of, having their Artillery and all necessary Ammunition in Readiness; the *Portuguese* on the right Wing, and the *English* Seamen on the left; the Day of Attack was set. When the Viceroy of *Goa* came off, and went on board his Ship, pretending that he was taken very ill. The Commodore sent his own Doctor to him, to offer his Service, and supply him with such Medicines as should be convenient for him, if he was really taken ill. But the Doctor returned, and reported to the Commodore, that he did not perceive any thing to be the matter with him. However the Day of Attack was not put off: But General *Cowing* headed the *English* Army, and the General of the North the *Portuguese*; and none appeared more courageous than the *English* Seamen, commanded by the Officers of the Navy. In this Order, they came boldly up to the Castle-

Walls of \* *Allabeg*, where they pitch'd their Scaling-Ladders, and gallantly ascended the Wall. Young Mr. *Bellamy*, who is now, if alive, a Lieutenant in the Navy, ascended the Walls with Colours flying in his Hand, and defended himself bravely against the Enemy. The *Angrians* came down in a great Body, with several Elephants; which the General of the North perceiving, he broke the Order of his Wing; and the Seamen being employed in storming the Castle, (which for certain they would have taken, had they been properly supported) the whole Army fell into Confusion. So soon as the Enemy saw that the *Portuguese* were on the Retreat, and the whole Army was confused, they came down upon them, and made a terrible Slaughter amongst the *English* Soldiers and Seamen; great part of our Artillery was taken, with most of the Ammunition thereto belonging.

IN the mean time, this bright Youth, Mr *Bellamy* had so gallantly engaged himself, that had not Lieutenant *Wheatly* (who on this Expedition had a Colonel's Commission) and Lieutenant *Jokuson*, Sir *Robert's* eldest Son, flew to his Relief, he would certainly have been cut to pieces. Tho'

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\* Note, *Allabeg* lies between *Golaby* and *Choule*; *Choule* not being above 15 Leagues to the Southward of *Bombay*, and *Golaby* not above six Leagues from *Bombay*. And from the *Portuguese* City of *Choule* it is about 10 or 12 Miles through the Country to *Allabeg*. If the *Portuguese* did not side with them, they would not admit the *Angrian* *Grabs* to anchor in their Harbours.

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they brought him off with Life, yet he was cut and mangled in a miserable manner.

THE whole Army was now on the Rout, and the Commodore came on shore in a violent Rage, slew at the General of the North, and thrust his Cane in his Mouth, and treated the Viceroy not much better. Thus the *Angrians* defeated us this time, intirely by the Treachery of the *Portuguese*, who seem'd to design only to lead our People on, and then to leave them in the lurch: This seem'd the more probable; for they never once offered to pursue them, but let them march off without any Molestation. We got off most of our scatter'd Forces, and what part of the Baggage and Artillery we had saved, and re imbarked, tho' we had great Numbers kill'd and wounded. Among the wounded was Mr. *Edward Province*, a young Man belonging to the *Lyon*; who lost one of his Eyes, and part of his Right-hand; Mr. *William Jefferson* and Mr. *William Thirteen*, Seamen on board the *Salisbury*; the former lost his Right-hand, and the latter had his Right-arm so shattered, that he never had the Use of it afterwards, and the Surgeons took out 32 Splinters of Bone from his Arm. For the better Encouragement of others to enter into the honourable Company's Service, Mr. *Province* received 30 *l. Sterl.* and has been employed in the Company's Warehouse at the *Steel-yard* ever since; *Jefferson* received 30 *l.* and *Thirteen* received 30 *l.* besides a Pension from the Chest of *Chatham*.

THE whole Army returned now to *Bombay*; and the *Shoreham* was sent up to *Surat* to dock, and repair the Damage she had sustained; the Commodore also with the *Exeter* went for *Surat*, and left the *Salisbury* Guard-ship at *Bombay*.

THE time limited for the Government of the Hon. *Charles Boone*, Esq; was expired, and the Court of Directors appointed the Hon. *John Pitts*, Esq; to succeed him. Governor *Boone* had behaved in so honourable a manner, that it was with the utmost Reluctance that all Ranks of People at *Bombay* parted with him. And it may be truly said, that none of his Predecessors in that Post ever deserved so much on all Accounts, or had such real Respect paid them. He left the Island of *Bombay* in *January* 1721-2, and embarked on board the *London*, Capt. *Upton*; and had with him the *Greenwich* in company, Capt. *Barnes*. Tho' this honourable Gentleman was defeated in most of his Undertakings against *Angria*, with no small Trouble and Concern to himself, he left the Island in a good Posture of Defence both by Sea and Land: He found the same unguarded, and very poor, but left it flourishing in Trade, and many Merchants were come from *Madrafs* and *Bengall* to settle there. After his Honour was attended to the Water-side by most of the Inhabitants, he took his Leave, and returned them his hearty Thanks for the Sincerity of their Friendship and Subjection during his Government. When the *London* was under Sail and the other Governor taking his Leave, he delivered up the Keys, and the Charge of the Island, with all the proper Writings in a large Box. At his Honour's embarking, the Guns fired all round the Fort, as did the Shipping and Naval Forces of the Island, except the Men of War.

AS soon as Commodore *Matthews* had got on his Voyage for *Surat*, having the *Shoreham* and *Exeter* in his company, off of the High-land  
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of *St. John's*, he made a Signal for *Sir Robert Johnson* to come on board of him; when he ordered him to proceed down to *Goa*, and there purchase Arrack for the Use of the Squadron, and at his Peril not to put into *Bombay* or elsewhere till he arrived at *Goa*; also not to discharge Man or Officer on any account whatever. *Sir Robert* parted company with the aforesaid Orders; but off the High-land of *Bassan*, he met with the *Chandois* coming down from *Surat*, with whom he join'd company and came to *Bombay*, where he went on shore, and discharg'd his eldest Son, who was his Second Lieutenant, and made the Gentleman who was his Third his Second; and his youngest Son, who was Midshipman on board, he made Third Lieutenant. He then proceeded down for *Goa*, and there took in Arrack sufficient for his own Ship's Company, but concerned himself with no more. From thence he proceeded to *Tillcherry*, where the Commodore came up with him, and stop'd his further Proceedings. The Commodore insisted, that either he and his youngest Son should quit their Commissions voluntarily, or else the Matter should be decided by a Court Martial, which probably would have broke them for not complying with Orders. Upon this, *Sir Robert* quitted his Post, and the Commodore made his own Captain-Lieutenant Captain of the *Exeter* in the room of *Sir Robert*. The *Chandois* being in the Road, he with his two Sons came for *England* in her; tho' at the *Cape*, *Sir Robert* and the Captain of the *Chandois* disagreeing, he, with his Sons, went on board the *Addison*, which, with the *Nightingale* and *Chandois* were cast away, and *Sir Robert* and his two Sons were drown'd.

I shall now give an Account of Commodore *Matthew's* Voyage from *Bombay* round the Island of *Madagascar* in quest of Capt. *England* and Capt. *Taylor* the Pyrates. I was on board the *Salisbury*, Pilot and Interpreter for Capt. *Cockburn*, and was Interpreter for the Squadron with the Viceroy of *Goa*, in order to procure a Vessel to have stopt Sir *Robert* at *Goa*, but he was gone before we came there. In *February* 1721-2 we left the Coast of *Malabar*, and took our Departure from *Cape Commeron* in the Latitude of 7 Deg. 10. M. Northerly, and shaped our Course for the Island of *Morossas*, but made no Stay there; tho' we here found writ on Capt. *Carpenter's* Tomb with a Piece of Charcoal, *We were here in the Cassandra and Victory, expecting your Coming; we left this Place on the 28th of February, and are now on our Voyage for Port Dolphin, on the Island of Madagascar.* However we proceeded from *Morossas* to *Domascaicas*, where some of our People disposed of several Casks of Arrack, and *Madera* Wine, &c. for very good Profit. We made no long Stay, but weighed from thence about the middle of *March*, and beat away against the South-west Monsoons, in order to reach *Port Dolphin*: But the Winter was coming on so fast, and the Seas so very short withal, that it was impossible for us to keep up our sides to Windward: So that we then bore away for the Island of *St. Mary*, and came to anchor at *Charnock-Point* on the Island of *Madagascar*, about three Leagues distant from *St. Mary*. The Commodore sent the *Salisbury*, and his Second Lieutenant, with his fix-oar'd Boat, up to the Island, to make Discoveries; where we found the Wrecks of several Ships  
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which the Pyrates had demolished, with their Cargo's of *China* Ware, rich Drugs, and all sorts of Spices, lying in great heaps on the Beach of the said Island: there were also several Guns. So soon as the Commodore was informed by his Lieutenant what great Quantities of Merchants Goods lay on the said Island, he made a Signal for us to weigh, and come down to them at *Charnock Point*; which so soon as we did, he, with the *Exeter*, went up to *St. Mary's*, where the Commodore directed the Guns to be weighed, and took such Commodities as were least damaged. While we were watering of the *Salisbury*, a white Man came down, who said his Name was *James Plantain*; that he was born on the Island of *Jamaica*, at *Chocolate Hole*, and that he had been a pyrating, but had now left off, and had settled at a Place about six or seven Miles higher up, called *Ranter-Bay*, where he had fortified himself, and was called by the Natives, King of *Ranter-Bay*; and provided the Commodore thought proper, he would supply the Squadron with Cattle. Capt. *Cockburn* having an Account of this Pyrate's coming down, went himself in order to bring him off; but finding that he had a number of armed Men in the Wood, he did not think proper to attempt it; but sent an Account of this by the *Exeter's* Boat (which had been ordered to cut a small Tree to make a flying Gibb-boom of) to the Commodore; who came down directly. *Plantain* having given several of Capt. *Cockburn's* petty Officers an Invitation to his Castle, the Captain in hopes of having farther Intelligence where the Pyrates were, let them go; who brought an Account of the great Riches the said *Plantain* was

was possessed of, and how he was homaged by the Natives, and called King of *Ranter-Bay*, had a large Number of Slaves under him; and that there was also one *James Adair* a *Scotsman*, and a *Dane*, who were fortified there as well as he, and that they lived a very profane and debauch'd Life, indulging themselves in all manner of Wickedness. After this we sold them several Hogheads and Puncheons of Arrack, and Hampers of Wine, for which they paid a very large Price, in Diamonds, and Gold Pieces of about 10*s.* each. We had several Cattle sent down for the Benefit of the Squadron; and *Plantain* himself came down and delivered his Goods and Money to one *Basset*, a Midshipman in the *Salisbury*, who had been entrusted with Messages to and fro' between *Plantain* and us. Our People likewise sold them Hats, Shoes, Stockings, and such other Necessaries as they wanted. His House, or rather Castle, was fortified with Guns, and strongly guarded: During the time that the Commodore was on shore, *Plantain* had the Impudence to keep *St. George's* Flag flying, and barbequ'd a Hog for his Entertainment. He little thought we should have serv'd him such a Trick as we did; for so soon as he had taken his Leave, and only left a slight Guard of Black Men to take care of the Arrack, &c. we directly mann'd the Ships Long-boats with Arms, and sent them on shore, and brought off all the Liquor which the aforesaid Mr. *Basset* had been paid for, and also several of the Blacks, who were left to guard the said Arrack. We were not able to suppress those Pyrates, who after they had done all the vile Actions possible, were now settled on shore amongst a parcel of Heathens, to indulge themselves in all sorts of Vice.

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The Accounts we had from them concerning the other Pyrates, were as follow: That the *Victory* and *Cassandra* were gone for *Port Dolphin*, in order to keep clear of us, and that they intended so soon as Weather permitted to go away for the *Spanish West-Indies*, there to surrender up their Ships to the *Spaniard*, and to accept of the *Spanish Act of Grace*. This was confirm'd by Mr. *William More* the Surgeon, who made his Escape from them before they got to *Portobello*, or *Carthagena*, where by Accident he found the *Mermaid* Capt. *Lewis*, with whom he came down to *Jamaica*. There he was examined before the Duke of *Portland*, Governor of *Jamaica*; and the Commander he was taken from, speaking in his behalf, he was cleared, and came to *England* in the *Mermaid*.

WE weighed from *St. Mary's*, the latter End of *April* 1722, and came for *Manegora Bay*, where we purchased some more Provisions for the Use of the Squadron. The *Exeter* was sent to *Masseyleage*, and there run on shore; but by good fortune was got off again. From thence we weighed in the Beginning of *May*, and proceeded with the *Lyon* for the Island of *Johanna*, and the *Exeter* was sent to *Massemeak*, a Place possessed by the *Portuguese* on the Coast of *Esbiopia*, where she disposed of the Guns they took on board at *St. Mary's*, and shipp'd great Quantities of Cowries in their After-hole. Before she join'd us in the Road of *Johanna*, the Commodore was sail'd for *Bengal*, and left us to wait the *Exeter's* Return, and then to cruise off the Straits Mouth of *Babelmondon*, in order to look out for the Pyrates. We cruised off there till the latter End of *August*, when we were joined by the

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*Dawson East-Indiaman* and the *Fame Galley* of *Bombay*, commanded by Capt. *Ackland*, a Gentleman who came out with *Commodore Matthews*, as Midshipman. Taking these two Ships under our Convoy, we proceeded for *Bombay*, where we were well received; for the *Portuguese* had again quarrelled with the *English*, and almost starv'd the Inhabitants, not suffering any Supply to come from the neighbouring Island, in Defiance of the Company's Forts. So soon as the Men of War were arriv'd, Governor *Pitts*, with the Advice of his Council, sent to the Captain of the *Salisbury* for Assistance; and the President sent off Major *Stanton* to encourage all such Volunteers as would go on this Expedition round the Island of *Bombay*, to make an Attack on the *Portuguese*. Accordingly they got forty Men out of each Ship, with a promissory Reward of 40 *Rupees* per Man, and the other Encouragements for those who should lose a Leg or an Arm, as were offered by the late Governor. We mann'd several Sail of the largest Galleywats, and went round the Island; against the Fort of *Surey* we begun our Attack, and soon disabled the Battery they had built to prevent the trading Boats coming over to the Island, then plugg'd up their Guns, and made them quit their Possession; and left the way open for the Inhabitants of the Main to come down with all manner of Provisions, without being impos'd on by the *Portuguese*. Governor *Pitts* also sent Mr. *Bendall* again to the General of the North, who still insisted on the Articles sign'd by Secretary *Cooke* in the Year 1687; but at last they gave up this Point once more.

SOON after we obtained this Advantage, we had an Account brought from *Worleigh*, that  
*Angria's*

*Angria's* Grabs, with several Sail of Galleywats, were cruising off the Back of the Island of *Bombay*; whereupon we manned the *Victory* with Men out of the Ships of War, and Capt. *Lawson* commanded her. We went out, and soon fell in with them; they engaged us four Hours and a half, and a *Dutch* Man on board one of their Grabs, frequently called to us in *English*, and bid us strike, for that they never would. However, we soon cut him off, and the Grab struck, and we brought her into *Bombay* as a free Prize; this was the first time we had taken any thing belonging to *Angria*. In the mean time, the Court of Directors had built three fine Gallies at *Deptford* and *Blackwall* Yards; we had an account of their Arrival at *Madras* with the Treasure belonging to the *Nightingale*. As they were coming up the Coast, they met with three Sail of *Portuguese* Grabs, who off of *Goa* presumed to assault them. They soon took one of them, and brought her as a Prize to *Bombay*: The taking of this Grab has kept the *Portuguese* in tolerable good order, tho' every now and then they have made some little Disturbances.

THE Commodore arrived soon after this at *Bengal*, and took in a Freight of Sugar, and then came up to *Surat*. He then ordered the Captains of the *Exeter* and *Salisbury* to exchange, and sent the *Exeter* for *England*, and he and the *Salisbury* continued in the Country. He took on board at *Madras* the Widow of Mr. *William Gifford*, who was cut off at *Anjango*, and brought her to *England* with him, and arrived in the Downs on *July 1724*.

SINCE that time, we have never attempted to make any Attacks upon *Angria's* Dominions,

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but endeavoured to break his Naval Strength, tho' with very ill Success: For he has at several times done us Mischief and taken our Shipping. This is attributed to the Assistance he has had from several *Dutch* Defectors who have got into his Service. In the Year 1728, he took the *Bombay-Galley*, and re-took the *Grab* taken from him by Capt. *Lawson*, assisted by Men from the Ships of War. In the Year 1730, he attack'd the *Ockham*, Capt. *Jobson*, who made a gallant Defence; and the Hon. Mr. *Cowing* being then President of *Bombay*, he gave every Man on board the Ship two Months Pay gratis, and at their Arrival in *England* the Court of Directors gave each of them two Months Pay more, and the Owners of the *Ockham* gave each Man a Month's Pay more, as an Encouragement for their good Behaviour. *Angria* and his Son continue still so troublesome, that it is difficult for the Merchant Ships to pass and repass: but his Success, 'tis said, is chiefly owing to the Assistance of the *Portuguese*, who supply him with all sorts of Ammunition. Gunners, &c.

I shall now give an Account of the taking of the *Derby*, Capt. *Anselm*, at his Arrival on the Coast of *India*. In May 1735, they left *England*, bound for *Bombay*, having on board a large Number of Passengers. Amongst these were several *English* Ladies and their Maids, in order to promote their Fortunes; there were also the Governor of *Tillicberry's* Sister, and several other Ladies going to their Husbands. They arrived on the Coast in *December* last, and off the High Land of *Gerey*, they fell in with five Sail of *Angria's* *Grabs*, and several *Galleywats*, who most furiously attack'd them. The *Derby's*  
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Crew stood most gallantly by the Ship, and Captain; and tho' a great Number of them were killed, the Remainder held out till they were quite over-power'd. During the time of the Engagement, they shot away all the *Derby's* Shrouds; so that having no Security for their Masts, they roll'd them all away, which did them great Damage; and in this deplorable Condition they became a Prey to *Angria*, who was seen to tow them into *Gersey*. It being calm, none could go to their Assistance. We since hear, that the Boatswain and several of the Men have made their Escape, and come to *Bombay*. 'Tis not to be doubted but the Hon. Company will use all proper means, that a Naval Force may be sent there once more, to endeavour to suppress the said Pyrate, and retaliate the Injuries they have received. Amongst the Passengers taken in the *Derby*, was Capt. *Slaughter*, late of the Island of *St. Helena*, with whom I was formerly acquainted when he officiated as Town-Marshal on the said Island, but for his good Behaviour, the Company had promoted him to that Place of Honour; his Lady was also with him.

AFTER the *Exeter* and *Salisbury* were sailed for *England*, I came home in the *King George*, Capt. *John Houghton*: and have had all the latter Account from the time of Captain *Judson's* being engaged by the said Pyrate, from very good Authority; as Mates of Ships in the Company's Service, &c. If the *East-India* Company shall think proper to send a further Supply for the Safe-guard of their coasting Trade in those Parts, I shall offer my Service to go, and use my utmost Endeavours for their Interest; they being worthy to be served above all the  
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Merchants in *Great Britain*, for the Care they take of those who receive Damage, and also of the Widows of those who are killed in their Service. Pray GOD give them Success for the future, that by the Conduct of some worthy Gentlemen, they may be able to suppress this troublesome Pyrate *Angria* and his Adherents. This is the hearty Prayer of,

*Their Honours most Obedient,*


*and Humble Servant,*

CL. DOWNING.



A PARTICULAR  
ACCOUNT  
Of all the  
TRANSACTIONS  
In the VOYAGE of  
Commodore *Matthews*  
To the  
*EAST-INDIES;*

With the *Lyon, Salisbury, Exeter, and  
Shoreham*: Sent thither to suppress the  
Pyrates.



## To the READER.

**I** Humbly hope that the Care I have taken in giving the World a particular Account of the Affairs which happened in our Voyage (it being the plain Truth in all respects) will be the more esteemed for the Sincerity of the same; I being partly an Eye-witness to all that passed, and in some Passages Interpreter for those Gentlemen the Commodore thought proper to send as Commissaries to the Viceroy of Goa.


THE Dispute between the Commodore and Sir Robert Johnson is worthy Remark, which I have related with the utmost Fidelity on both Sides, and leave the World to judge who in this Point was most to blame.

AS to the Tryal of Sir Robert's Purser, it was decided by the Commodore with great Justice and Equity; and likewise the Tryal and Condemnation of Mr. Sutherland, for the Murder of Mr. Dalrymple.

THESE and many other Particulars have not been made publick by any Author as yet; which I hope will be much to the Reader's Satisfaction.



A PARTICULAR  
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Commodore *Matthews*.

N the 6th Day of February 1720-1,  
Commodore *Matthews* on board  
the *Lyon*, with the following Ships  
and Captains under his Command,  
sailed from *Spithead* on a Voyage to  
*Bombay* in *India*, in order to suppress the Pyrates  
who were then in those Parts, and had taken the  
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*Cassandra*, Capt. Mackray Commander, belonging the Hon. East-India Company, &c.

*Ships.*

*Captains and Officers.*

*Thomas Matthews*, Esq; Commodore.

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| <i>Lyon</i> , 50 Guns,<br>240 Men.               | Capt. <i>Reddish</i><br>Lieut. <i>Braithwait</i> , 1st Lieut. |
| Pilot for the Com-<br>pany, Mr. <i>Wallace</i> . | Lieut. <i>Caldicut</i> , 2d.<br>Lieut. <i>Walker</i> , 3d.    |

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| <i>Salisbury</i> , 40 Guns,<br>200 Men. | Capt. <i>John Cockburn</i> , Se-<br>cond Commander.  |
| No Pilot on board.                      | Lieut. <i>Elliot</i> , 1st Lieut.<br>Lieut. <i>Stepney</i> , 2d.<br>Lieut. <i>Wood</i> , 3d. |

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| <i>Exeter</i> , 50 Guns,<br>240 Men.            | Sir <i>Robert Johnson</i> , Capt.   |
| Pilot for the Com-<br>pany, Mr. <i>Micham</i> . | Lieut. <i>Wheatly</i> , 1st Lieut.<br>Lieut. <i>Johnson</i> , 2d.<br>Lieut. <i>Cook</i> , 3d. |

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| <i>Shoreham</i> , 20 Guns,<br>120 Men. | Capt. <i>Covell Maine</i> . |
| No Pilot on board.                     | Lieut. <i>Crawford</i> .    |

WE had also with us, the *Grantham*, Capt. *Field*, belonging to the Company, which was ordered as a Store-Ship for us.

AT Eight in the Morning the Commodore made the Signal for unmooring, which we did; and then directly to weigh and get under Sail with all possible speed. The *Shoreham* by some Accident had damaged her Main-mast, and was obliged

*sent to suppress the Pyrates. 75*

obliged to put into *Portsmouth* Harbour, to get another Main-mast.

WE in the *Salisbury*, with the *Lyon*, *Exeter*, and *Grantham*, proceeded to Sea, tho' with a very indifferent Wind, it being about N. by W. and blowing very fresh; we kept the Sea, and beat down the Channel, but had very hard Gales of Wind. The next Day after we sailed, about four in the Afternoon, by a very hard Squall of Wind the Commodore sprung his main Yard; but notwithstanding this Accident, he would not put into any Harbour, but brought to that Night under our lower Sails, till he had fished or mended his Yard again, and in the Morning made sail down the Channel, as near our Course as possibly he could lay the same; the Weather being very bad with much Snow, Sleet and a hard Gale of Wind, sometimes at W. S. W. and Northward, to the N. W. blowing hard with a mountainous Sea.

ON the 9th Instant, about four in the Afternoon it cleared up, and we saw the Land on our Star-board Quarter, which proved to be the *Start-Point*; from which we were obliged to take our Departure, the Weather proving very bad again. The Wind some small matter favouring us, we got clear out of the Channel, and in the Bay of *Biscay* we had a very hard Storm of Wind. Here we lay to, under our Main-sail for three or four Days, and in this Distress we lost company of the *Exeter*, which we feared had foundered, but by God's Mercy was preserved. On or about two Days after, the Weather being something moderate, and the Wind pretty favourable, the *Exeter* join'd company again; and the next Day the *Shoreham* join'd us

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in the Latitude of 30 Deg. and some odd Miles; we then computing ourselves to be on or near the *Burling*. That Night, which was the 20th of *February*, we had, about Seven in the Evening, a hard Gale of Wind, which lasted 48 Hours, with much Thunder, Lightning, and Rain. On the 21st in the Morning, about four o'clock, by the violence of the Storm, we sprung our Main-mast about six Foot above the Step in the Well, which put us all in great Surprise. The *Exeter* also lost company with us again. As the Day-light came on, we made the Signal of Distress, and none of us at that time expected to see Land again; but GOD ALMIGHTY most miraculously brought us safe to *Lisbon* Harbour after we had sprung our Mast in so dangerous a Place, that if it had intirely gone away, it must have carried the whole Side of the Ship with it.

THE Commodore seeing our Signal of Distress, bore down to us; and hearing what Condition we were in, ordered us to bear away for *Lisbon*, to get another Mast, and to bring a Main-yard for him, which accordingly we did. About one in the Afternoon, we made the Land, which was much nearer to us than what we computed it to be. The same Night we got into *Cascais* Bay, and came to an Anchor; and the Weather proving fair, we got out our Long-boat, and cleared our Ship as much as possible. In the Morning a Pilot came on board, to carry us into the Harbour. We weighed directly with a small Gale of Wind at West, which did not continue long, but was succeeded by a hard Gale and thick Fog, so that with great Difficulty we got into the Harbour that Night, which was the 23d of *February*. The Night after we were  
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moor'd in the Harbour, we had such a violent Storm of Wind and Hail, that it being my Watch on the Deck, I was obliged to call the Hands up to strike our Yards and Topmast; but the Men that went up to the Tops to strike our Topmast, were obliged to get underneath our Tops for Shelter, the Hail being so very violent, and of such a Bigness, that no Person was able to stand the time. Mr. *Robert Cheater*, our Carpenter, put his Hand out of his Cabin and took up one of the Hail-stones, which he affirmed was one Inch and a half in Diameter. This Squall held a quarter of an Hour, and the next Day we employed our People to unrig our Main-mast, whilst our Captain went on shore to the Storekeepers in order for another, which we had given us. In searching the Mast, we found the same to be damaged in three Places; we then thought proper to inspect the Fore-mast, which we also found to be sprung in two Places; so that we were obliged to have a new Fore-mast also.

THE next Morning we saw a large Ship coming into the Harbour, which proved to be the *Exeter*, Sir *Robert Johnson* Commander, who by the same Distress of Weather, had sprung his Foremast and Boltsprit, and was obliged to put in for a Recruit of Masts and other Refreshments. A short time after, Commodore *Stuart* in the *Dover* came in with two other Ships in his Company; he was on a Voyage for the Redemption of the Captives in *Algier*. Our third Lieutenant being of a sickly Disposition, quitted us by consent of Commodore *Stuart*, we being under his Command during our Stay there. Mr. *William Berkeley*, Nephew to my Lord *Berkeley*, was made our third

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Lieutenant. He came from on board the *Exeter*, and was a gallant and brave young Man, tho' not much acquainted with our Sea-Methods, but made a very good Officer, and much exceeded his Predecessor in Goodness to the Men; which good Behaviour made him well beloved. Mr. Berkeley, in consideration of Mr. Wood's ill State of Health and of his being poor, very generously made him a Present of 80 Moidores to bear his Charges home.

HERE we had another of our petty Officers shamefully discharged, and sent home, one *Joseph Windham*, a Midshipman; who on shore at *Bellisle* in *Lisbon* Harbour, in the Hearing of Sir *Robert Johnson* and our Captain, was drinking of treasonable Healths: And when he was surprized with the Sight of Sir *Robert* and the Captain, he drew his Sword and jump'd out of a Window, and run away, crying, *King James for ever!* But by the Assistance of the Boat's Crew, he was soon brought back again, sent on board as a Prisoner, and confin'd in the Gun-Room. A Day or two after he was carried before Commodore *Stuart*, who enquired into the Circumstances of the Affair. He pleaded he was in Liquor; so on account of his having great Friends, the Commodore ordered his Discharge to be made out, as a disaffected Person to the Government, and sent him for *England* in a small Merchant Ship, which carried home Lieutenant *Wood*. Sir *Robert* indeed, mightily insisted on a Court Martial, and to have had him punished, according to the utmost Severity of Law.

IT was on or near the twentieth of *March* e'er we had our new Mast fix'd and rigg'd, and got in a good sailing Posture again; and having  
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taken on board a new Supply of fresh Water, Wine, and such like, we made a Signal to prepare for sailing; which we did on the 21st Instant, having only the *Exeter* in company with us. By the favour of a prosperous Gale, we soon arrived at *Madera*, where the Commodore had been, with the *Shoreham* and *Grantbam* in his company, and had left Orders for us to proceed after him to the Island of *St. Jago*, which is one of the *Cape de Verd* Islands.

IN a short time we took on board our Wine and Water, and about the 6th of *April* we sailed, having the *Monmouth East-Indiaman* in company with us a small time while we lay at *Madera*, who sailed thence a Day before us. While we lay there, one *Abraham Worth* run away from us. In four or five Days after, by a pleasant Gale of Wind we arrived at *St. Jago*, and there heard that the Commodore was gone for the *Cape of Good Hope*. We staid here but 48 Hours, to refresh the Ship's Company with such Provisions as the Place afforded; which were Fowls, Coconuts, Plantanes, Bananas, Pine-Apples, Hogs, and some Goats; which the Natives barter for any sort of old Clothes. Here we went a Fishing for the further Refreshment of the Ship's Company; and haled our Line, and in three Draughts, inclosed as much Fish as our six-oar'd Boat could carry on board at three times; which was a great Refreshment to us. Amongst these Fish, we found three very large Turtle, one of which was of an uncommon Size, weighing at least 400 Pound, which was looked upon, by those who had been in the *West-Indies*, where many of them are caught, to be one of the largest that ever was taken.

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ON the 16th of *April*, we sailed from *St. Jago* toward the *Cape of Good Hope*. When we came to Sea, the *Exeter* sailing something better than we, Sir *Robert Johnson* came up along our Side, and desired Capt. *Cockburn* to let him make the best of his Way for the *Cape*, in hopes there to have join'd company again with the *Commodore*, and to have given him an account of our coming with all speed, so to have made the *Squadron* up there. But the *Commodore* was gone before Sir *Robert* got there, and he made no long Stay after him, but proceeded for *Bombay*; so we saw no more of them till we came there. We had a fine Passage to the *Cape*, arrived there on the 22d of *May*, and found the *Grantham* Store-ship, which had lost company with the *Commodore*, and had missed joining the *Exeter*. We staid here on or near a Week, and filled all our Water Casks; and on the 30th Instant we left the *Cape*, the *Grantham* in company, and met with a great deal of bad Weather, in beating about the *Cape*, it then being the height of their Winter.

IN the latter end of *June* we arrived at *St. Augustine's Bay* on the South Part of the Island of *Madagascar*, where we had an Account that the *Commodore* and *Shoreham* had been there, and had left Letters for us. But the *Pirates* coming in after they sailed, compelled the *Natives* to deliver to them the Letters the *Commodore* had left; which they had read at their Mast, as mentioned before.

THE *Natives* here are all *Negroes*, and were desirous to trade with us, making Signs to us to anchor before we went into the Bay, which we found to be very rocky and foul Ground,  
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and uncertain Sounding. For on one Side we had 10 or 12 Fathom Water, and on the other could find no Ground with 30 or 40 Fathom of Line. The Bay being so uncertain in the Sounding, and having no Person on board which had ever been there, we put to Sea again; but the Natives came on board in such Numbers, that we had hardly room for them in the Ship. There were Kings and Princes in familiar Conversation with the private Men on board, importuning them by Signs, and what small *English* they could speak, to desire the Captain to stay, telling us they would bring us *good Cow for eat, much Fat*, and such like Expressions, with many a *G—d—n ye, John, we love you*, which they had learnt of the Pyrates; so that these Expressions may be a Terror to every *English* Christian, to think that their Nation is distinguished by such wicked Execrations.

THE Captain did not care for staying, as we had none on board to give any Account of the Place; so we, with the *Grantham*, made sail again; and in coming out of the Bay, the Canoes or small Boats which they came on board in, were so numerous, that the *Grantham* run one of them down, and brought the King and Prince to Sea with them. But notwithstanding we were at Sea, having small light Winds, and sailing along shore, our Captain made Mr. *John Steele*, the Carpenter, (whom I mentioned before) build them a Boat, and gave them Water and Brandy, with Provisions, and sent them home again. The Year following, we heard that they got safe home, and that they had hung the Boat up in the King's House, in token of the Goodness of the *English*: And it is to be hoped, that Action may

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be a Means of procuring much Benefit for the *English* Ships that may put in there by Distress of Weather, or for want of Provisions.

THANKS be to G O D, our Ship's Company continued in good Health; for as yet we had not lost one Man: but about three Days after we left *St. Augustine's* Bay, one of our Men fell over-board, in the Dusk of the Evening. We directly got our Boat out, and came so near him, as to find his Hat, but saw no more of him. We proceeded with all the speed we could for the Island of *Johanna*, sailing with a fine Trade-wind, and running for some Days along shore, where we had regular Soundings for almost three Days together, never altering from 16 Fathom above a quarter of a Fathom.

ON the 25th of *July* we arrived at *Johanna*, where we got Refreshments for our People; it being a plentiful Island for all sorts of Cattle, Fowls, Goats, and fine Fruits, of which you may go ashore and gather what you please. Our Ship's Cook-room was soon furnished with three or four Spits one above another, from four in the Morning till eight at Night; this Refreshment put all our People into good heart again. We tarried here about nine or ten Days, and sailed on the third of *August*, having got Water, and Store of fresh Provisions, which the Inhabitants truck for any manner of old Clothes, Pepper, or the like Commodities.

WE proceeded from hence with all speed for our Station; which was to cruise off the Highland of *St. John* on the Coast of *India*, till the Commodore was pleased to order us in. But in our Passage thither, our first Lieutenant, Mr. *James Elliot*, sickned and died. Our Captain pre-

preferred the next Officer in course, Mr. *John Stepney*, to be our first Lieutenant, Mr. *William Berkeley* our second, and his Son Mr. *William Cockburn* to be our third; tho' after we came to *Bombay*, the Commodore put another in his place. After a fine Passage from *Johanna*, about the Beginning of *October* we arriv'd on the Coast of *India*, and made the High-land of *Bassein*, about 10 Leagues to the Northward of *Bombay*, where the *Grantham* took her Leave of us, and went into *Bombay*, saluting us with 17 Guns. We returned them 15, which is the Custom for all King's Ships to return two less than what any Merchant Ship fires. I was the only Man on board acquainted with the Coast, which gain'd me much of the Captain's Favour, and in a manner the whole Charge of the Ship was committed to me, in working up the Coast, and piloting the Ship into *Bombay*, and several other Harbours, of which I have the Captain's Certificate ready to produce. After the *Grantham* had left us, we stood off and on shore as the Land and Sea Breezes would permit; and on the 4th of *October* we made the High-land of *St. Johns*, saw a small Sail, gave Chace to her, and soon spoke with her. She proved to be the *Armell* Sloop belonging to the *East-India* Company, which by the Commodore's Order had been out twenty Days looking for us; and that Day her time was out, and she was bearing away for *Bombay*; where we arrived the next Day.

SO soon as our Anchor was gone, according to Custom, we saluted the Commodore with 19 Guns, and received 17, as is usual, and our Captain went on shore to pay his Respects to the Commodore, and in proper time told him

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he had made his Son a Lieutenant, but in a Day or two the Commodore made Mr. *James Smith* our third Lieutenant; who quickly run raving made with Pride and Ambition, and was sent for *England* in the *Greenwich*, but died by the Way. At the Commodore's Arrival there were some Disputes between him and Governor *Boone* about the Salute, and in what manner he should be received: But this being adjusted, after a short time, and all things agreed between them, they began to consult how to attack *Angria* with Success.

We found the *Lyon*, *Exeter*, and *Shoreham* Men of War, and the *London*, *Greenwich*, and *Grantham*, *East-India* Ships, lying at *Bombay*, with the Company's Fleet of Frigates. viz. the *Britannia*, *Victory*, *Revenge*, *Defiance*, *Fame-Galley*, and *Hunter-Galley*, with several Sail more. There had been a great Dispute between Sir *Robert Johnson* and his Purser, which had caused Sir *Robert* to confine him a Prisoner. And on the 7th of *October*, by Sir *Robert's* Application to the Commodore in the way of Complaint, (the Commodore having hoisted his broad Pennant on board of the *Salisbury*, as his own Ship was heaving down) the Signal was ordered for a Court Martial to be held; Sir *Robert* having alledged high Crimes and Misdemeanors against his Purser, who was one Mr. *Savage*. The Commodore sat as President, and his Secretary as Judge Advocate, Capt. *Cockburn* first Captain, Capt. *Main* 2d, Sir *Robert Johnson* 3d, Capt. *Reddish* 4th Captain, Lieutenant *Braithwaite* Representative of the 5th Captain. When the Trial came on, the Judge Advocate opened the Case; which was, that Mr. *Savage* Purser of the  
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*Exeter*, then under *Sir Robert's* Command, was a very drunken beastly Man, and that he was come out of *England* without Money, or any other Conveniencies for the Supply of the Ship's Company; and that he had taken the Government's Money, in order to supply such Necessaries as are proper for so long a Voyage; but had not supplied the Ship with any Tobacco, nor Slop Goods, as is customary for Gentlemen in his Post. And further, that he had converted the Money to his own Use. The Tryal lasted near three Hours, when *Sir Robert* brought his Steward and many other Officers to appear against him. But *Mr. Savage* made it appear, that the *Exeter* being fitted out from *Plymouth*, and he being sent down by *Sir Charles Wager* but a very short time before the Ship left *England*; he had not had time to receive any Supply from the Government, and that he had put himself to great Streights to buy common Necessaries, which the Ship could not do without; as Candles and Lanthorns, &c. The Commodore several times desired *Sir Robert* not to insist on breaking a Man that had a large Family, and that it was his being poor, which was the Cause of those Neglects, and being obliged to sail directly. *Mr. Savage* declared on his Trial, that he brought but five Farthings out of *England* with him, which indeed made so great an Impression on the Gentlemen in general, that the Commodore and the other Captains thought his Prosecution owing to Spite. And making a strict Enquiry into his Store, it was proved that his Steward had been a very great Rogue to him, for which he was dismissed his Post; and the Commodore was so considerate, as to order his Secretary to lend *Mr.*

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Mr. *Savage* 100 *l.* to supply his Occasions. Then the Court ended, with much Dissatisfaction to Sir *Robert*, that he could not break him.

NOW our gay Gentlemen, who were come abroad for Preferment, began to make use of their Interest for Places. Lieutenant *Walker* being something indisposed, desired Leave to return for *England*; which the Commodore granted, and Mr. *Blakeway*, a Mate on board the *Lyon*, was made Lieutenant of the *Shoreham*, and Lieutenant *Crawford* third Lieutenant on board the *Lyon*. And on account of Mr. *Smith's* going mad, Mr. *Gideon Ruffel* was made Lieutenant on board of us in the *Salisbury*; which Captain *Cockburn* much resented, he only having been the Commodore's Cockswain the Voyage before: Tho' Mr. *Ruffel* was as good a Seaman as need to come on board a Ship, and 'has since made as good an Officer. Mr. *Blakeway* so soon as he was appointed Lieutenant, made Lieutenant *Walker* a Present of 100 Guineas to defray his Charges home; tho' he came to *England* as fourth Mate of the *Greenwich*, belonging to the *East-India* Company, and had Wages for the same.

MR. *Mitchel* and Mr. *John Sutherland*, Son of my Lord *Sutherland* a Scots Peer, (both belonging to the *Exeter*) in their Voyage to *Bombay*, having had some Bickerings; the latter made a Complaint against the former, on which Sir *Robert* turned Mr. *Mitchel* off from the Quarter-Deck. When they came to *Bombay*, Mr. *Mitchel* desired his Discharge, which Sir *Robert* granted: And being on shore, Mr. *Mitchel* demanded Satisfaction, and Mr. *Sutherland* disabled him in his Sword Arm. A short time after, a number of us being at Dinner, at a great Ta-

vern on the Island, as is customary after Dinner the Game of *Hazard* went round; and it was agreed by the Company, how high or low they should set on each Main; which was not to be exceeded by any Person in company. However, Mr. *Sutherland* being seated very near Mr. *David Dalrymple*, they set each other above the Orders of the Board, and Mr. *Sutherland* holding several Hands, took what *Dalrymple* had set. At last he refused to answer the other's Main, which so provok'd Mr. *Dalrymple*, that he told him, *It was like his bastardly Tricks.* *Sutherland* forthwith left the Company and went to his Lodging. Next Morning early he sent his Servant with a Challenge to Mr. *Dalrymple*. The Gentleman was not out of his Bed when the Boy brought the Note, for I lay in the same Room with him; but he directly got up, slipp'd on his Clothes, and said nothing to any one; took his Sword, and out he went, no Person having a Suspicion of any Challenge being sent. But in a short time his own Servant came running in, and said Mr. *Sutherland* had killed his Master. We all directly went out to the Back of the Wall at the North Gate, where we found his Body lying on the Spot. The Serjeant of the Guard, with a File of Musketeers had seized Mr. *Sutherland*, and sent him Prisoner to the Fort at *Bombay*. He was wounded in his left Breast between two of his Ribs, and his Heart was prick'd, so that he died directly. Mr. *Sutherland* was by the Commodore demanded from the Castle, and sent on board the *Exeter* as a Prisoner, till a Court Martial was held in his Ship, which was in great Hurry and Confusion in heaving down; so that his Trial was deferred for some time.

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The Soldiers and Troops in the mean while, were all making Preparations for the Siege of *Allabeg*.

A small time after, a Duel was fought by our first and second Lieutenants, Mr. *John Stepney*, and Mr. *William Berkeley* on a trifling Affair, about drinking a Lady's Health. It cost Mr. *Stepney* his Life, for he was wounded so deep in the Belly, that he died of his Wounds about a Fortnight afterward. Mr. *Berkeley* was also wounded in several Places; but tho' they were such intimate Friends all the Voyage before, they never spoke to each other after. Mr. *Stepney* at his Death freely forgave him. Here we lost as fine an Officer as ever *England* bred, for Fore-cast, and good Behaviour to all Men in general; he was lamented from the Captain to the meanest Man on board the Ship. There was no Trial on this Affair, the Doctor affirming that he did not die of his Wounds. Then one Mr. *Cook* was made our first Lieutenant, and Mr. *Berkeley* still continued second; Mr. *Russel* second on board the *Exeter*, Mr. *Boucher* third on board us, and Mr. *Morgan* third on board the *Exeter*.

HAVING given an Account of the Siege of *Allabeg* in my preceeding *History of the Wars of Bombay*, 'tis needless to mention any thing of it here. I shall now relate the Proceedings of the Court-Martial in Mr. *Sutherland's* Trial for the Murder of Mr. *David Dalrymple*, Grandson to Sir *David Dalrymple*, his Majesty's Advocate for *Scotland*. Returning from the Siege of *Allabeg* on the 27th of *December*, the Signal was made on board the Commodore for the Court Martial, which began about nine o'Clock in the Morning, where Mr. *John Sutherland*, was indicted

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dicted for the Murder of *David Dalrymple*, Esq; by giving him a mortal Wound with a Sword in his left Breast, and for sending the said *David Dalrymple* a Challenge, contrary to the Articles of War and Customs of the Navy. He pleaded guilty and 'seem'd much concerned for the unhappy Accident. The Court brought him in guilty of the Murder, and he was ordered on board his own Ship, there to be confined as a Prisoner till their Return to *England*, for his Majesty's signing of the Dead-Warrant. But as the Ship touch'd at *Barbadoes* coming home, he there made his Escape, and tarried till his Pardon was sent from *England*.

Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Braddyll*, who had run to the *Portuguese* for Refuge, were come under the Commodore's Protection; whom he sent home in the *Greenwich*, in company with Governor *Boone* in the *London*. There being a Proposal made to the Captains at different times to agree to Articles of Trade, (which were delivered to them in Writing) that provided they would agree that a certain Officer should have two Thirds of what they got, he would send them on such Voyages as were proper for their Benefit: These Gentlemen were no ways willing to come under this Obligation, kept their Papers, and would not sign them; which very much enraged the Proposer, who finding he could not help himself, began to resent it, so far as his Power could reach. The Hon. Governour *Charles Boone* had a Daughter, to whom Mr. *John Johnson*, Sir *Robert's* eldest Son and his second Lieutenant, had made Proposals of Marriage; and the same had been approved of both by the Governor and Sir *Robert*. The Governor

vernor desired that Mr. *Johnson* might obtain his Discharge, and proceed for *England* in the *Chandois*; but the Commodore would not grant it, and the more to prevent it, being bound for *Surat*, a Signal was made for all Lieutenants, and the *Shoreham* and *Exeter* were ordered to weigh with the Commodore, and we only to observe all Motions except in mooring and weighing. When they were at Sea off the High-land of *St. John's*, the Commodore made the Signal for Sir *Robert* to come on board, and then gave him Order to proceed directly for *Goa*, and there to purchase Arrack for the Use of the whole Squadron; with the other Particulars, as mentioned before, in the History of the *Indian War*.

ON the 30th of *January* 1721-2, we parted from *Bombay* for *Goa* in search after Sir *Robert Johnson* Captain of the *Exeter*, leaving Capt. *Maine* in the *Shoreham* to be refitted, with order to join us again at *Madrafs* or *Bengal*. The Commodore had appointed Capt. *Braithwaite* to command the *Exeter*, in the room of Sir *Robert Johnson*, whom he dismissed for not following Orders; and in *Tillicherry Road* Capt. *Braithwaite* took possession of the *Exeter*, and Sir *Robert* and his youngest Son were put on shore. Sir *Robert* and his two Sons were afterwards cast away in their Passage to *England*, as mentioned before.

IN *February* we left the Coast of *Malabar*, with the *Lyon*, *Salisbury*, and *Exeter* in company. The first Place we touch'd at after we left *Malabar*, was at the Island of *Moreslas*, at *Carpenter's Bay*, where we got great Plenty of Fish, Wood, and Water. There is abundance of fine Wood on that Island, such as black and white  
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Ebony, *Brasil* Wood, and several sorts of other fine Woods. We had on board two Casks of *English* Beef, which stunk to such a degree, that our Captain could not bear his Cabin. We complained of this, but did not meet with any Relief; which very much disheartned and sour'd our Ship's Crew: Why we were forced to eat such Meat, was to us very strange, for at *Madagascar* we could buy fine Bullocks for a Dollar a-head; nay, I bought a fine Bullock my self for a *China* Punch Bowl filled with Pepper, which I had taken up on the Island of *St. Mary*. All the Wine that was bought at *Madras*, which continued good, was sold; and that which was turn'd to Vinegar, was sent on board of the *Exeter*, *Shoreham*, and us, and the Ships Crews compelled to drink the same, before any Arrack was allowed us.

IN the Head of this Harbour there is Capt. *Carpenter's* Tomb, where the Pyrates had wrote with a Piece of Charcoal, that they left that Place in the Beginning of *January*, and were proceeding for *Port Dolphin*. This made us hurry with all speed for that Port, in hopes to have met with them, it being reported that they were full of Riches, which put Vigour and Courage in the Heart of every Man and Boy in the whole Squadron. We sailed from *Moroflas* about the middle of *March*, and came to *Domascaucas*, where the *French* inhabit, who saluted the Commodore at his Arrival. We came to *St. Philip's* Bay, where there is a fine large Town and a strong Fort guarded by several Companies of Soldiers. Here a great Quantity of Arrack was disposed of, and 20 Hogheads were taken out of us, and sent on shore.

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AT this Island Provisions are plenty, but the Inhabitants very poor. We lay here but two Days. There are fine Turkeys, which when they are prepared for the Spit, weigh upwards of 40 Pound. They are very fat, and the Flesh of them fine and good. We sail'd the third Day in the Morning, and shaped our Course for *Cape Amber*, where we thought to beat about in order for *Port Dolphin*. We had no Account of the Pyrates at *Domascaitas*, they having heard nothing of them ever since they had taken the Viceroy of *Goa* out of the Road. We happened to be too late in the Year to reach *Port Dolphin*, for the Monsoons were now set in on the South-side the Island, and therefore we were obliged to bear away, after having beat the Sea about a Fortnight, and so run round to the Leeward of *Cape Amber*, and came to *St. Mary's* Island, the Place Capt. *Avery* resorted to, and then fortified the same very strongly; tho' it was much run to Ruin now, by reason of the Negroes Neglect, and the Pyrates not regarding it as formerly.

ON the 18th of *April* 1722, we arrived at *Charnock Point*, where we by Order of the Commodore weighed, and went up to *St. Mary's* Island; he sending Lieutenant *Crawford* on board of us, to see in what Condition the said Island was. We anchored off the Island. On the 19th about Noon, the King and Prince, and the King's two Daughters came on board. The King offered the Captain his two Daughters as a Present, being what they used to offer amongst the Pyrates; for they thought we were all alike: But tho' the Captain refused this kind Offer, the Ladies were accepted of by some of our



our Officers, who paid dear enough for the Honour ; for it cost one of them his Life, and the other was well pepper'd. The King gave the Captain and the Lieutenants an Invitation to come on shore, and at their Landing, the King made them swear by the Sea, that they would be Friends to them, and not molest them ; and for a further Confirmation, they compelled every one of them to drink a Glass of Salt Water, mix'd with Gun-powder, in token of Friendship ; it being a Ceremony they had learned from the Pyrates. We had not staid here above three or four Hours before we saw great Numbers of Canoos coming down from the Northward, from a Place called *Ranter-Bay*. I should have mention'd that before we came off the Coast of *Malabar*, we met with the *Dawson*, Capt. *Benson* Commander, a Ship belonging to the *East-India Company*, out of her we took the fourth Mate, there having been a very great Quarrel between the Captain and him, and one Ensign *Crickley*, an Officer belonging to the Company of Soldiers, who was going up to settle at *Bombay*. Also the Commodore spoke with an *Ostend* Ship belonging to the Emperor, out of which he took Mr. *Samuel Lake*, and one Mr. *Lee*, who were Mates on board the said Ship ; and at *Madras* meeting of the *King George* on her Voyage to *China*, the Commodore put them both on board of her. These Canoos were in hopes that we were some of the Pyrates ; for they value them most as they sell them the best Bargains. At a Distance they lay by, and look'd at us, but did not care to venture on board ; tho' we could distinguish many white Men amongst them : So not liking us, they row'd over

to the Bay again. While were taking a particular Survey of the Island, we observ'd the Ruins of several brave Ships which the Pyrates had destroyed there, with the chief Parts of their Cargoes, all lying on the shore in a wasting condition ; the Negroes not knowing the Value of any of these rich Commodities. I went on shore to take a Draught of the Island, and brought off several Bags full of what I thought most valuable, and made good Money of the same. The Commodore's Lieutenant being on board with us, and seeing what a confused manner every thing lay in about the Island, returned that Afternoon down to the Commodore, and gave him an Account of all things which were there, and what confused Order they lay in. \* The Commodore the next Day made a Signal for us to come down to *Charnock Point*, which accordingly we did, and the Commodore with the *Exeter* went up to *St. Mary's*, where the Ships Crews took what they thought proper. While our Ship was watering at *Charnock Point*, I being on shore, met with a white Man that lived at *Ranter-Bay* ; it something surprized me when he first came down, he having in company with him 20 Negroes well armed. He asked many Questions concerning our Ships, from whence we came, &c. But at last he let me understand, that he well knew we were the Men of War who came in search of the Pyrates. I asked him who he was ? He said his Name was *James Plantain*, and that he was born at *Chocolate-hole* in the Island of *Jamaica* ; that there were a great many of these People on the Island, and that Capt. *England* had been there also ; that the *Cassandra* was made a 40 Gun-Ship, and the great Ship they took from the

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*Portuguese* mounted Seventy Guns; and that they were sailed for the Coast of *Guinea*, or or the *Spanish West-Indies*, in order to accept of the *Spanish Act of Grace*. Our six-oar'd Boat coming on shore at that time, I directly dispatched her to our Captain, who with Lieutenant *Cook* came on shore in order to have seized the said *Plantain*. But seeing him so well provided, they durst not attempt it: However, the Captain and he had a great deal of Discourse; and according to an Invitation he had given us, some of us went up into the Country, and sent down several Head of Cattle, which serv'd as fresh Provision for the Ship's Company.

FROM *Charnock-Point* we proceeded for *Cape Amber*, and *Mannagore*, where we lay a considerable time; and the *Exeter* was sent to *Massaleage*, where she run a-ground, but got off again. Here we took a few Negroes, which we afterwards sent to *Massembeach* in the *Exeter*. From hence we proceeded for *Johanna*, and the Commodore ordered the *Exeter* to go for *Massembeach*. We were left lying off *Johanna*, and the Commodore went to *Madras* and *Bengal*, not very likely Places to find the Pyrates. The Island of *Johanna* I have mentioned before, but now lying here so long, we had the Liberty of going on shore, to take our Pleasure, and gather such Fruit as the Island afforded. As I was walking up and down the Valley, where a fine Spring of Water issues out of a Rock, having a young Lad with me, my Curiosity led me to the Top of the Hill, where I observed a large Town well peopled: But at sight of me, they all run into their Houses. They had been killing of a Bullock, but such Butchers sure  
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were never heard of; for they cut it all to Pieces, Hide, Hair and all, and put it into earthen Vessels that were boiling over a Fire. The very Guts after they had squeez'd out the Dung, without ever washing the same, they cut in pieces and broiled. The same Day I took a Walk to the King's Town, about three Miles from where our Ship lay: Here were some few Stone Houses, but laid together in an odd sort of a way. They were building a large Vessel to go to *Mocha*, which they sew'd together artificially, and made firm Work; they generally sail well. When we were here the Year before, one *Davis* a Sailor run away from us; and looking about in a small Mosque they had there, being all *Mahometans*, I saw *Francis Davis* wrote with a Piece of Coal against the white Wall; and then enquiring after him, they told me he was gone for *Mocha* in one of their Vessels.

ABOUT three Weeks after the Commodore left us, the *Exeter* came in to *Johanna*, we being under Order to stay there for her; she had been at *Massembearb* to purchase a great quantity of Cowries. We were then ordered to cruise off the Straits of *Babelmondon* till the 25th of *August*; but our Captain being Commodore, and consulting what was best for the People's Health, did not care how long we lay here, well knowing it would be very hard to keep the Sea so many Months. We tarried here till the latter End of *July*, and then we cruised off and on shore till we came to *Allatabenney Bay*, where we joined the *Dawson* and *Fame-Galley* bound for *Bombay*, which were the Ships we were looking out for. When we arrived at *Bombay*, we had an Account of the Wars between the *Portuguese* and the *English*; and we assisted our

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Countrymen by the Commodore's Orders. We all thought ourselves happy in having a good Commander ; but the Commodore now order'd, by a Packet over-land from *Bengal* to *Bombay*, the Captain of the *Exeter* to come on board the *Salisbury*, and that Capt. *Cockburn* should go on board the *Exeter*. When Capt. *Braithwaite* came on board of us, we proceeded for *Surat*, and there purchas'd Bread for the Fleet. When Capt. *Cockburn* came down from *Surat*, there was a great Difference between him and the Commodore, who alledged that Capt. *Cockburn* had acted contrary to his Orders, on which the Captain was confin'd a whole Week to his Cabin, and every one thought that he would have been brought before a Court Martial. Some Days after Capt. *Cockburn* was confined, the Commodore's Lieutenant, and Capt. *Braithwaite* came to see him, and would have had him asked the Commodore's Pardon, which the brave old Gentleman refused, not thinking himself at all culpable. After this the Commodore ordered him his Liberty, and to get his Ship in Readiness to sail for *England*.

*BENGAL*, being a very cheap Place for Pork, and all other sorts of Provisions, we here killed a great quantity of Hogs, which were cut out according to the usual Form of the Navy ; that is, two Pound for three Men at short Allowance. But by the time they had been in Salt about two Months, you might have put a whole Piece in your Mouth at two Mouth-fuls. This occasioned a good deal of grumbling. The *Exeter* in *December* took her Departure from *Bombay* for *England*, and touch'd at *Madras* in her way home ; and there the join'd company with se-

veral of the *Madras* and *Bengal* Ships, and proceeded for the *Cape St. Helena*. At *Barbadoes* she was obliged to touch for want of Provisions, and there Mr. *Sutherland* made his Escape, and tarried till he had a Pardon granted. The *Exeter* in *June* following arrived safe in *England*. The *Lyon* and *Salisbury* staid almost two Years longer in the Country.

WHEN the *Salisbury* had taken in what Freight they thought proper, designing for the Coast of *Arabia* again, she run down the Coast of *India* in quest of the Commodore's small Ship and Brigantine, then taking in a Cargo of Rice at *Mangalore*, which was purchased by Mr. *Wake*, an eminent Merchant, who had also taken in a Cargo of Rice on board his own Ship the *Fancy*, the Ship the Pyrates had given Capt. *Mackray* in the room of the *Cassandra*, which belonged to the *East-India* Company. The *Salisbury* joining these Ships at *Mangalore*, they took on board what they had need of for their Ships Companies, and proceeded all for *Mocha*, having on board the *Salisbury*, *Norreja*, the Company's Broker; who afterwards came to *England*, where he was received and entertained after the best manner, by the *East-India* Company. For *Rustrum Norreja* had been of great Service to the Company, as had also his Father many Years before him; being employed as the Company's Broker. He was sent to *Surat* again, after he had been some time in *England*, on board the *Windham*, Capt. *Robert Lyau*.

CAPTAIN *Braithwaite* now proceeded for *Mocha*, and thence returned to Fort *St. David* on the Coast of *Coromandel*, about forty Leagues to the Southward of Fort *St. George* or *Madras*;

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*Madras*; here the *Salisbury* was to join the *Lyon* and *Shoreham*. After this, the *Salisbury's* Order was to proceed for *Madras*, and there to take in such Provisions as the Commodore had left for them, and then to proceed for *England*; which accordingly they did, having no other Passengers on board but *Rustrum Norreja*, who embarked several valuable Effects with him. In their Passage homeward bound, they touch'd at the *Cape of Good Hope*, and *St. Helena*, where they took in Water, but no fresh Provisions. The Men were in good heart, tho' their Victuals were very bad and small. For this reason, it was thought proper, after a Consultation of the Officers, to steer for *Barbadoes*, in order to refresh the Ship's Crew, with Provisions, Wine and Water. In the mean time, the Pump was directly put in the Water-Cask, and every Man had as much Water as he could drink; which at that time was very refreshing, being in a hot Climate, and nothing but salt Provisions. This Refreshment of Water preserv'd many of their Healths and Lives. After their Arrival at *Barbadoes*, Capt. *Brairbwaite* was very good to his Men, and those that were sick, were sent on shore to the Hospital, and the others had leave to go on shore to refresh themselves.

THE *Salisbury* having refreshed her Crew, began to get in Readiness for sailing, and took on board such Provisions as the Island afforded them. In *March* 1723, they arrived at *Spithead*, where they were shortly after paid off.

THE Commodore having only the *Shoreham* in company, took a cruising Voyage round several Parts of *India*, then returned to *Bombay*, to clean his Ship; after which about the End of

February he sailed for the Gulph of Persia, and put into some Harbours on the Coast of Arabia, where he purchased some Horses. From Arabia, he returned again to Surat, and from thence came to Bombay, where he pack'd up all his Effects, in order to sail for England. From Bombay he proceeded down to Carwar, where he went on shore to take his Leave of Governor Taylor. In the Month of November 1723, the *Lyon* came again from Mocha and Arabia to Bombay, in order to take on board twelve of their Guns which were left on shore with abundance of Water-Casks and other Stores.

THE *Shoreham* being again returned to Bombay, from a Voyage the Commodore had sent her to look after the Merchants Trade he had left down the Coast, it was thought now proper to touch at Mocha, and from thence to Fort St. David's, there to join the *Madrafi* and *Bengal* Ships, and to proceed for England in company together; but being too soon in the Year, he could not go to Mocha: So after he had fitted and repaired his Ships, and had got all things in Readiness, in December 1723 he left Bombay, in order to proceed for England, with the *Shoreham* in his company. They did not make much Stay on the Coast, except a small time at Goa, Carwar and Tillicerry. At Goa they took on board some Arrack, then touching at Anjango, the Commodore made a Demand of such Effects as Mrs. Giffard said she had left there. From Anjango they proceeded for Fort St. David's. Here Lieutenant Caldicut laid down his Commission, and married a Widow Lady with a great Fortune, with whom he settled in India. The Commodore having nearly finished his Business at

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*Fort St. David's*, resolved to leave the *Shoreham* to compleat what remained, and proceeded to *Madras*, where he join'd the *Walpole*, Capt. *Batham*, from *China*, and the *Letbulier*, Capt. *Shepherd*, from *Bengal*. In a short time, the *Shoreham*, arrived from *Fort St. David's* where they join'd the *Fordwich*, and came all home in company, touching at the *Cape of Good Hope* for Refreshment in their Passage, and next at *St. Helena*, according to Custom. All Ships belonging to the Company are obliged to touch at *St. Helena*, and to leave a quantity of Rice and Bread, for the Support of the Town and Factory, if they can conveniently spare it. The poorer sort of the Inhabitants of the Island eat Yams and Potatoes instead of Bread, which they seldom taste, except some Ship belonging to the Company is in the Road. Governor *Pike* formerly built a Boat, which he sometimes would send on the Back of the Island a fishing, for the Benefit of the Inhabitants. But the Men which were sent in her, being pretty good Mariners, contriv'd to get such Provisions in the Boat as they thought convenient; and instead of going a fishing, they put to Sea, and run in that Boat down to *Barbadoes*. Ever since this Affair, the Governors of *St. Helena* have been very careful how they send out any Fishing-Boats.

IN the latter End of *July*, the Commodore arrived in the *Downs*; having been three Years and five Months abroad. The *Shoreham* was ordered for *Woolwich*, to be paid off; as was the *Lyon* for *Portsmouth*.



AN ADDITION

**HISTORY**  
OF THE  
*INDIAN WARS,*  
Betwixt the  
*GREAT MOGUL,*  
AND  
ANGRIA and his Allies.

To which is Prefix'd,

A particular ACCOUNT of *John Plantain*, a  
Pirate; who after continuing on the Island  
of *Madagascar* near eight Years, join'd *Angria*,  
who made him his Chief Admiral.

Also a Brief RELATION of *Plantain's* Wars on  
the Island of *Madagascar*, against the King of  
*Massaleage*, and King *Kelly* of *Mannagore*,  
&c.



destroyed by these Monsters, and more particularly by the Person we are now to speak of.

JOHN PLANTAIN was born in *Chocolate-Hole*, on the Island of *Jamaica*, of *English* Parents, who took care to bestow on him the best Education, they themselves were possess'd of; which was to curse, swear, and blaspheme, from the time of his first learning to speak. This is generally the chief Education bestowed on the Children of the common People in those Parts. He was sent to School to learn to read, which he once could do tolerably well; but he quickly forgot the same, for want of practising it. The Account he gave of his first falling into that wicked and irregular Course of Life, was, That after he was about thirteen Years of Age, he went as Master's Servant on board a small Sloop belonging to *Spanish-Town*, on the Island of *Jamaica*, and they went out a privateering and to cut Logwood in the Bay of *Campeachy*; where they generally used to maroon the *Spaniards*, and the *Spaniards* used to maroon them, as the one or t'other happened to be strongest. He followed this Course of Life till he was near 20 Years of Age, when he came to *Rhode-Island*; there he fell into company with several Men who belonged to a Pyrate Sloop. These try'd to persuade him, with several others, to go with them; shewing great Sums of Gold, and treating him and others in a profuse and expensive Manner. His own wicked Inclinations soon led him to accept the Offer, without much Hesitation. At the same time, he acknowledged that he had no Occasion to go with them, as he belonged to a very honest Commander, and one that used the Sailors very well on all Accounts.

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But being of a roving Disposition, he could not bear being under any Restraint. They soon went on board this Pyrate Sloop, and were entertained in a handsome manner, being presented to the Captain, who seem'd to like them very well, and told them if they would sail with him, they should have the same Encouragement as the other People had, and that they should in a short time take a Voyage which would prove the making of them all; after this they design'd to accept the first Act of Grace, and leave off. They left *Rhode-Island* in this Sloop which they called the *Terrible*, commanded by *John Williams*; and one *Roberts*, being a bold and resolute Man, was made Quarter-master. With *John Plantain*, entered the following five, viz. *John James* of *Boston* in *New-England*, *Henry Millis* of *Falmouth* in the *West of England*; *Richard Dean* of *Stepney, London*; *John Harvey* of *Shadwell*; and *Henry Jones* of *St. Paul's, London*; all young Men, the oldest not being above 23 Years of Age. When ever any enter on board of these Ships voluntarily, they are obliged to sign all their Articles of Agreement; which is in effect, to renounce Honour, and all human Compassion; for they seldom shew any Mercy to those who fall into their Hands.

FROM *Rhode-Island* they shaped their Course for the Coast of *Guinea*, and in their way took three Ships, amongst the Crews of which was *Mr. Moore* the Surgeon, spoken of in the Account of Commodore *Matthew's* Transactions. They pretended to give Liberty to those Ships Crews either to go or stay with them. The Boatswain of the Ship to which *Mr. Moore* belonged, entered voluntarily, and would have used

his Captain and several of the Men very barbarously; but *Roberts*, who was then Quarter-master, would not allow of it. They kept the Surgeon and Carpenter by Compulsion, when they found they chose to leave them; and took one of the Ships, which prov'd to be the best Sailor, and called her the *Defiance*. Now they had got a Ship of near 300 Tuns, which mounted 30 Guns, well mann'd and well stored with Provisions. They usually are at no certain Allowance amongst themselves, till they are in a Likelihood of being short of Provision, but every Man is allowed to eat what he pleases. Then they put all under the care of their Quarter-master, who discharges all things with an Equality to them all, every Man and Boy faring alike; and even their Captain, or any other Officer, is allowed no more than another Man; nay, the Captain cannot keep his own Cabbin to himself, for their Bulk-heads are all down, and every Man stands to his Quarters, where they lie and mess, tho' they take the liberty of ranging all over the Ships.

THIS large Ship they took was bound for *Jamaica*, called the *Prosperous* of *London*, one Capt. *James* Commander; whom, and so many of his Crew as were not willing to go with them, they put on board those two other Vessels they let go. The *Prosperous* had on board a considerable number of *East-India* Bales, which they hoisted up on Deck, and cut open; the Quarter-master distributing the same amongst the Pyrates. They arrived in a short time on the Coast of *Guinea*, and kept all the trading Ships from carrying on any manner of Commerce at *Gambo*, and the other Ports on that Coast. Here they met with  
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the *Onslow*, whom they fought a considerable time; but the Pyrates being well mann'd, boarding her, made sad Havock of her Crew, and brought them to cry out for Quarter, which is but very indifferent at best; so when they had taken her, they made one of their number whose Name was *England*, a Man who had been Mate of several good Ships, Captain of her. *Plantain* and his Companions were daily encreasing their Store; for not long after they took the *Onslow*, they mastered a *Dutch* Interloper, with whom they had a smart Battle, and had not the Sloop came to their Assistance, they would have been obliged to let her go. But the Sloop coming up, and pouring a great number of Men on board, they soon over-powered them. This Ship they liked exceeding well, and were resolved to keep her, calling her the *Fancy*; and Capt. *England* having a mind to her, they allowed him to command her.

THEY daily now encreased their number, and were not for keeping so many Ships, imagining they should soon have a Squadron of Men of War after them, which they did not care to have any Correspondence with. Now Capt. *England* proposed a new Voyage to them, which might be the making of them all very rich; and as they had got such good Ships under their Command, they were resolved to make the best of their present Situation. First they proposed to burn the *Terrible* Sloop, being old and leaky, and not fit to beat about the *Cape*. So having finished their Cruise on the Coast of *Guinea*, they were resolved to steer another way. These Pyrates had now got the *Fancy* under the Command of Capt. *England*, and a small Brigantine called the *Unity*, which they named the *Expedition*,  
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and gave the Command to one *Johnson* that was with them; tho' one Quarter-master serv'd for them all. And being in great Dispute how and which way they should dispose of each other, they went on shore on the Coast of *Guinea*, and there held a fresh Consultation, when some were for going with Capt. *England*, and some with Capt. *Roberts*. These Disputes lasted for some time, but it was left to a Committee chose from among them, on whose Determination they resolved to rely. They had now six or seven Ships with them, on which account it was resolved, that *England* and *Roberts* should separate, for fear of a Civil War amongst themselves. *England* was to take the *Fancy*, the *Snow*, and the Ship they called the *Victory*, and go away for the *East-Indies*; and *Roberts* and the rest were to continue and range about those Seas, as they thought fit. *Roberts* afterwards fell into the Hands of Sir *Chaloner Ogle*, and by him was brought to Justice, and he and his Crew were hung up in Chains along the Coast of *Guinea*, from *Cape-Coast-Castle*.

CAPT. *England* took to the Eastern Seas, and came away for *St. Augustine's Bay*, on the Island of *Madagascar*, and his People being very sickly, the Doctor had them sent on shore for the Recovery of their Healths; but several died. Here they cleared their Ship as well as they could, *St. Augustine's Bay* being a Place not extraordinary convenient for Shipping to lie in, on account of the Foulness of the Ground in the Bottom of the Harbour, and the irregular Sounding, on which account a Ship can no ways come to anchor there, to continue any time; nay, not so much as four or five Hours: For 'tis a hundred to one, should the Anchor go in the Ground, or  
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amongst the Rocks, if ever 'tis got up again. But there is a Road to the Southward of the Harbour, where you may anchor in six or seven Fathom Water: Here is smooth Riding, and the Inhabitants will come off to trade with you; but be careful how you trust them, for they are a more politick and cunning People than the Negroes of the *Guinea* or *Gold Coast*, very crafty in their way of Trade, and private in their Intentions, speak you fair, but intend to murder you at the same time. They have five or six petty Kings near one another, who are in Alliance together. Here Capt. *England* lay in the Road, and repaired all his Rigging, and got a Supply of Provisions. From hence he came on the Coast of *Ethiopia*, with his two Ships, and went to the *Portuguese* at *Massenbeach*, who supposed them to belong to the *English East-India Company*. After they had got a fresh Supply of Provisions, they sailed to the Island of *Johanna*, where they lay some time, and then cruised off the *Streights Mouth* of *Babelmondon*, or the *Red-sea*, where they took a *Moors* Ship, richly laden, coming down from *India*. They then made the best of their way for *Madagascar*, and went to *St. Mary's* Island, where none of their Fraternity had been for many Years, and were very joyfully received by the King. This Island joins to the Continent of *Madagascar*, and is generally a Place of Residence for Pyrates. Here they made a sad Massacre of the poor *Moors* Men, they had taken in the Ship above-mentioned, and abused their Women in a very vile manner. Some say, that Capt. *England* kept one or two of the *Moors* Women for his own Use, there being some of Distinction amongst

mongst them, whose Fathers were in high Posts under the Great Mogul.

THEY brought the *Moors* Ship's Cargo to a quick Market, and made Sale of what they could ; and Part of the rest they cast in heaps on the Beach, to be spoil'd by the Winds and Weather. The Ship, they found, was not answerable for their Purpose ; on which account they haled her on shore, and sunk her, with some part of her Cargo on board, which was neglected by the Inhabitants, who knew not the Value nor Use of those rich Commodities. They took up their Winter-Quarters at this Place, and replenished their Store : Before they sunk the *Moors* Ship, they made a Sort of a Hulk of her, and hove down their other Ships the *Fancy*, and *Snow*, which they called the *Expedition* ; and made a clean Ship ; this was in the Year 1719. They then came to *Johanna*, where they found the *Cassandra* and *Greenwich* ; the former commanded by Capt. *Mackray*, and the latter by Capt. *Kirby*. Capt. *Mackray* maintain'd a Noble Fight for a whole Day, and had not the Ship drove ashore, 'tis thought that he would have cleared himself of the Pyrates ; who themselves own'd that he galled them bitterly, and killed them a great number of Men. The Captain and most of his Men were obliged to fly up into the Country ; where the People happen'd to be civilized, and afforded them Refuge. The Pyrate in a few Days sent for the Captain and his Crew down, and used them with good Manners, and agreed amongst themselves to give the Captain the *Fancy*, in Consideration of his Loss, and they gave him likewise several Bales of Cloth which they thought would be of no Service to them. As to his  
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Men, they suffered all of them to go with him, except his Carpenter's Mate, whom they compelled to remain with them.

THE Year after, they came on the Coast of *Malabar*, and met with the *London* fitted out on Purpose to engage them, in company with several other Ships. But instead of that, the whole *Bombay* Fleet seem'd afraid to attack them, but burn'd the *Prabm* themselves, a fine floating Engine which mounted 24 Guns, (as mentioned before) and then retired into the Harbour of *Bombay*.

THE Pyrates after this steer'd for *Domascaicas*, and there fell in with a large Ship belonging to the *Portuguese*; and hoisting *English* Colours, the *Portuguese* judg'd them to be an *English* Ship which had lost their Passage as well as themselves, and made all things ready to salute each other. In the mean time, the Pyrates got all their Guns in Readiness, and came ranging up her Side, and never once offered to fire a Gun till they were near enough to board, and then dozed them with double Round and Partridge, so that the Shot went through and through them. They cut their Cable, and away they went with her. This proved a very rich Prize. They also took another *Moors* Ship the Year after coming from *China*, by which they got immense Riches. The great Ship they took from the *Portuguese*, they caus'd afterward to mount 70 Guns, and on board the *Cassandra* they mounted 40; by which they thought themselves sole Masters of all the *Indian* Seas. They after came down to *Madagascar*, and there they refitted again at *Port Dolphin*, and from thence they went to *Charnock Point*. Here they took out of the Ships they had with them,  
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all the Eatables, Liquors, Money, Jewels, Diamonds; and left on shore fine *China* and other valuable Goods, enough to have laden a large Ship with. They now held a Consultation what they should do; several were for leaving off, and living on what they had; others of a more covetous Disposition, were for still continuing in their unlawful Practices. However, the Majority wanted Capt. *England* to leave those Parts, and to go down to *La Vera Cruz*, and there to accept of the *Spanish* Act of Grace. They were now divided in Opinion what was best for them to do; for they had heard at *St. Augustine's Bay*, that Commodore *Matthews* was arrived in quest of them, by his Letters left there for the *Salisbury*; which Letters the Natives gave them. On this they steer'd for *Port Dolphin*, and from thence to *Moroflas*. They knew what Season was coming on, and how we were obliged to shape our Course. We came after in the *Salisbury*, and they told us, that the Pyrates had got our Letters. On which Information, they dispersed themselves, and some went to one Place, and some to another.

*PLANTAIN*, *James Adair*, and *Hans Burger* the Dane, had fortified themselves very strongly at *Ranter-Bay*; and taken possession of a large Tract of Country. *Plantain* having the most Money of them all, called himself King of *Ranter-Bay*, and the Natives commonly sing Songs in praise of *Plantain*. He brought great Numbers of the Inhabitants to be subject to him, and seem'd to govern them arbitrarily; tho' he paid his Soldiery very much to their Satisfaction. He would frequently send Parties of Men into other Dominions, and seize the Inhabitants  
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Cattle. He took upon him to make War, and to extort Tribute from several of the petty Kings his Neighbours, and to encrease his own Dominions.

*JAMES ADAIR's* Birth and Education was something superior to that of *Plantain*; for he was learnt to write as well as read; and had been brought up in the Town of *Leith*, by a sober and industrious Father and Mother. Not behaving to the Satisfaction of his Parents, he went for *London*, and from thence, for the *West-Indies*; but was taken by the Pyrates, and after that entered voluntarily with them. He was a young Man of a very hard Countenance, but something inclined to Good-Nature. When we bartered with the Pyrates at *Rauter-Bay* for Provisions, they frequently shewed the Wickedness of their Dispositions, by quarrelling and fighting with each other upon the most trifling Occasions. It was their Custom never to go abroad, except armed with Pistols or a naked Sword in their Hand, to be in Readiness to defend themselves or to attack others.

*HANS BURGÉN*, the *Dane*, was born at *Copenhagen*, and had been brought up a Cooper; but coming to *London*, he entered himself with Capt. *Creed* for *Guinea*; the Ship being taken by the Pyrates, he agreed to go with them, and became a Comerade to King *Plantain*. This *Plantain's* House was built in as commodious a manner as the Nature of the Place would admit; and for his further State and Recreation, he took a great many Wives and Servants, whom he kept in great Subjection; and after the *English* manner, called them *Moll*, *Kate*, *Sue* or *Pegg*. These Women were dressed in the richest Silks,  
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and some of them had Diamond Necklaces. He frequently came over from his own Territories to *St. Mary's Island*, and there began to repair several Parts of Capt. *Avery's* Fortifications.

THE King of *Massaleage* had with him a very beautiful Grand-daughter, said to be the Daughter of an *English* Man, who commanded a *Bristol Ship*, that came there on the Slaving Trade. This Lady was called *Eleonora Brown*, so named by her Father; she had been taught to speak a little *English*; but this is common on the Island of *Madagascar*, it being the chief Rendezvous of the Pyrates, where they victual and refit their Ships. *Plantain* being desirous of having a Lady of *English* Extraction, sent to the King of *Massaleage* (whom the Pyrates called *Long Dick*, or King *Dick*) to demand his Grand-daughter for a Wife. Capt. *England*, with 60 or 70 Men had dispersed themselves about the Island, and inhabited amongst the Negroes: but Capt. *England* being very poor, was obliged to be beholden to several of the white Men for his Subsistence. Several of these People had join'd King *Dick* at *Massaleage*; and persuaded him to refuse *Plantain's* Demand, to put himself in a Posture of Defence, and to prohibit all Correspondence between any of his Subjects and those of *Plantain*. The chief Weapon used by the Natives is the Lance, which they are very dextrous in throwing. But *Plantain* had got some hundreds of Firelocks, which he distributed among his Subjects, and had learned them to exercise in a pretty regular manner. He also had great Store of Powder and Ball, and a good Magazine provided with all manner of Necessaries. He was a Man of undaunted Courage; which

which he shewed by venturing down to *Char-work Point*, as mentioned before. Indeed I was surprized to find a Stranger pop on me armed as he was, with two Pistoles stuck in his Sash, tho' but mean in Habit. At that time he asked me, what we did there, and whether we were the Men of War sent out in quest of them. I told him, I did not know who he was; he said, that he had belonged to the *Cassandra*, but had now left off Pyrating, and lived at *Ranter-Bay*. He then gave me the aforementioned Account of his Birth and Parentage; and that if the Commodore thought proper, he would trade with us, and supply the whole Squadron with Cattle, and other Provisions.

BUT to return from this Digression: On *Plantain's* receiving this Message of Defiance from the King of *Massaleage*, he sent to tell him, that if he did not comply directly, he would bring such an arm'd Force against him, that should drive him out of his Dominions; and if he happened to fall into his Hands, he would certainly send him to Prince *William* of *St. Augustine's Bay*, who would sell him to the first *English* Ship which put in there. These Menaces made King *Dick* something fearful at first; but being buoy'd up by several of the *Englishmen* that were there, he still refused his Demands, and boldly sent word, that he would not give him the Trouble to come quite to his Home, but that he would certainly meet him half way. This Answer so much inrag'd *Plantain*, that he called his chief Officers together to consult what he should do; tho', let their Advice be what it would, he always followed his own Inclination. His chief General was a Fellow they called *Mo-*  
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*latto Tom*, who pretended to be the Son of *Capt. Avery*; which might probably be true, for the Man was near 40 Years of Age when we were there. This Man being born on the Island of *Madagascar*, and of *English* Blood, *Plantain* put much Confidence in him, and intrusted him to raise Men for his Service; he fetch'd over from *St. Mary's* Island about a thousand Men, which stood by *Plantain* the best of any, and would not flinch from him.

BUT *Plantain* was like to have been trick'd by King *Kelly* of *Mannagore*, who brought 1000 Men with him, and agreed for a certain Sum of Money to fight for him, which *Plantain* very willingly imbraced, and treated him as he did the rest of his Brother Kings. But *Kelly* led off his Men, and retreated just before the Battle, being afraid, that should he assist *Plantain*, it might cause perpetual Wars between King *Dick* and him. By this time there were four or five other Kings come to his Assistance, who resenting many Injuries they had received from King *Dick*, were resolv'd to demolish him if possible: But they found a hard Piece of work of it. Fortho' *Plantain*, had great Store of Riches, he could not have a fresh Supply when that was laid out. *Plantain* entertained his Brother Kings in a grand Manner, and he caus'd a whole Bullock to be roasted for their Entertainment. As to Liquor he let them have but little, tho' they covet it very much, and will drink any manner of spirituous Liquors, till it even takes away their Breath; when they are drunk, they love to sleep in the Sun. The Natives of *Madagascar* are very deceitful, on which account *Plantain* intrusted very few of them with Fire-Arms. Perhaps he  
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