

Army? He said, that they enquired amongst them who was willing to go; there was no Body forc'd, and they were offered an equal Share of the Plunder. I asked him, what Wages *Angria* gave them? He said, the Wages they were allowed were scarce sufficient to procure them Necessaries; but when they took a Prize of any sort, or brought in any Tribute, three Quarters was divided amongst the whole Army, according to what Post and Degree they were in: But even the common sort of them shar'd very well; for that he did not do by them as some of our *English* Commanders do, to run away with what the meaner sort of People should have: For he must be a very great Man that has three Shares to himself, and none but the Head *Sabberdaw* was allowed four Shares. I then asked him, in what Method he received them when they came first on shore? He said, the *Dutchman*, that they took out of the *Indiaman* in the *Surat* Merchants Service, was the chief Cause of their coming to *Angria*, and that they were receiv'd at first by the *Sabberdaw* in a very surly manner, who brought down a Body-Guard with him to the Water-side, who presented their Pieces to their Breasts; on which *Plantain* was so presumptuous as to pull out his Pistol and present it at the *Sabberdaw*, telling him that he and his Companions came to serve their Master: And the *Dutchman* speaking the *Kenereys* Language, they soon came to understand one another. That the *Sabberdaw* then took them up to the Guard-House, and there secured them all Night, till he had an Answer from *Angria* concerning them; who sent word that he would not have any of

them ill treated; for if they were come to serve him, they were welcome; and ordered them to be brought up to him, by whom they were magnificently entertain'd.

DAVIS further inform'd me, that there still remained with *Angria*, four *Dutchmen*, three *English*, and two *Portuguese*, who were very daring and resolute Fellows; one of the *English* and a *Portuguese* had resolved to have come with them, but over-sleeping themselves, after they had waited as long as possible for them, and finding they did not come to the Place appointed, they came away without them. Having a Pocket Compass, and a dark Lanthorn with them, by that means they came clear off without any manner of Suspicion, the Night being so dark that they could not perceive a Star in the Sky. When they came near our Out-guards, the *Portuguese* speaking the *Moors* Language very well, called out to the Centinels on Duty, who alarm'd the Guard, and they came and surrender'd themselves in a submissive manner. Our *Annabob* was not very inquisitive after them, for he was indifferent whether they had took on in the Service or no.

BUT to return: The Armies having lain some time in sight, we got all things in order to engage, and early in the Morning we begun to make our Cannons roar, and having some Coehorns, we sent a few of our Hand-Grenadoes amongst them, which they did not like. This we continued for some time, till each Party advanc'd Sword in Hand, and there ensued a smart Engagement: At first the *Angrians* seem'd to gain Ground, and put part of our Troops into Disorder; but our *Annabob* putting himself at the
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Head of some of his best *Arabian* Foot, repelled them with a great Slaughter. On this, we perceived them in the utmost Confusion retreating, which we suffered them to do, our Men being thoroughly fatigued by the Heat of the Sun, and the length of the Action.

THE *Angrians* continued retreating out of the Mogul's Dominions, and the Season coming on for the Army to go into Winter-Quarters, we were ordered to march for *Guzurat*, to refresh and recruit. When we arrived there, having had some Words between ourselves, Mr. *John Lyon* quitted the Mogul's Service, and was coming down for *Brodurab*, just as the *Dutch* Scaffolds were setting out for *Broach* again. They then were well guarded, for fear of lighting into the Enemies Hands. So soon as they were near setting forward, *Angria's* People well judging the Times and Seasons of the Year for these Ships to take in their Cargoes at *Surat*, they sent part of their Army with a Design to intercept them. Mr. *Lyon* was then just arrived at *Brodurab*, in order to proceed for *Surat*, and join'd company with the Gentleman that had the Care of the *Dutch* Scaffold, and a *Dutch* Factor. These Gentlemen imbraced the Opportunity of his Company, being obliged at that time to return back, and lie near three Months at *Brodurab*, before they could venture down with their Goods. These Hardships on the Merchants deaden'd the Trade so much, that the Citizens were in a poor Condition, and applied to the chief *Annabobs* to dispatch *Pattimars* with all Expedition to the Mogul, to desire stronger Parties of Soldiers might be employed between the Cities of *Broach*, *Surat*, and *Guzurat*; for the

the Enemy had boldly come up to *Hugely Scar*, where they had done great Damage, and plundered some of the Inhabitants, rifled the *Musti's House*, took away all the Treasure they could find, and brought away his Wives. They likewise burnt all the *Mosques* belonging to the Town, and pull'd down all the Tombs which were erected over those *Annabobs* who had formerly been buried there with all the Honours due to them for their good Behaviour in routing the *Sedey's Army*. It was now Winter; and notwithstanding the Rains were very violent, *Angria's Army* kept the Field; and as Weather would offer, they frequently made Inroads far into the Country; the *Mogul's Army* never offering to stir from their Quarters, till the Rains were near over. So soon as the Rainy Season was past, fresh Recruits were sent from the *Sedey*, and Detachments from *Angria's Forces* at *Golaby*; with which Reinforcement they resolved to push on the War against the *Mogul*. Between *Brodurab* and *Concar* is a very large *Surcar* and *Chockey-House*, which is in the Nature of our Turnpikes; where all Carriages are lodg'd, and People in Coaches, on Horseback, or with Camels, pay a Toll, according to the Difference of their Catriage. This *Surcar* is a place surrounded with a four square Wall, and a strong pair of Gates in the Front; in the inside there are built Piazzas and small Rooms above and below, with Galleries all round for the Convenience of going to the Chambers. These Places are built on the Road at the *Mogul's* Expençe, for the Benefit of travelling Merchants. In the Square in the Inside there are Accommodations for about a hundred

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hundred and fifty Waggon, and the Cattle belonging to them ; which may be stow'd and fodder'd under the Piazzas. The Merchants keep their Goods in these Places in very small Rooms : And here they supply Travellers with all sorts of Grain, and Provisions for themselves, which is very convenient on all Accounts. This *Surcar* between *Brodurah* and *Concas*, the *Angrians* invested with a strong Party ; having a Suspicion that part of the *Dutch* Scaffold or Caravan was lodged in the Inside of it ; they were therefore resolved to beat it down, if possible ; to which purpose they brought their Cannon to play upon the Walls. But they being very small, made no great Impression on them ; it being the Method in those Parts to make their Walls very thick. After they had continued their Fire for some time with very little effect, they brought their Cannon before the Gates, and kept a perpetual fire ; but if they had fir'd the Gates down, they could not possibly have succeeded ; for they had filled the Gateway up with great Stones, which they generally kept in one Corner of the Place for that purpose. In the mean time, the Garrison from the Tops of the Walls kept a smart fire on them with their Matchlock Pieces, and shot continually with their Bows and Arrows, and killed and wounded a considerable Number of their Men : Inomuch that they were at last forced to leave the Place, and retire to a greater Distance. But as this Place lay in the high Road belonging to the Mogul, they were resolved to continue near it, and to stop all manner of Commerce from Town to Town. Most of the Country Towns and Villages, which managed the Farming Business,

ness, and all sorts of Husbandry, did all they could to get their Corn, and all other sorts of Grain into the Cities, where they also retired themselves. There is a People in these Parts call'd *Fuchees*, who forsake all worldly Riches, and voluntarily embrace Poverty. These People often attempt dangerous Enterprizes, in great respect to their Prophet *Mabomet*, rather than they will suffer their Country to be overrun by those whom they despise as the worst of Animals; at the time of the *Bairam*, they gathered a great Number together, and were resolved to go as Volunteers to do their utmost to drive the *Angrians* out of their Country, and accordingly march'd to reinforce the Army quartered at and near *Gazurat*.

NOW the time of the *Bairam* being over, the Mogul sent down a new head *Annabob*, called *Shobomet*, and with him a large Army, both Horse and Foot, which he kept at his own Expence, the more to ease his Subjects. This General was but a Dwarf of a Man to look at, and yet had Terror in his Countenance. He was a Man of great Conduct, and was sent down as Prince of the Province of *Guzurat*, which belong'd by Seniowity to *Sufurah*, *Rustram Alicon's* eldest Brother; so that they both took great Disgust at it, and would not join their Armies with his; but resolved with all their Forces to march after the *Culeys*, being well assured that they could encrease their Store, and raise great Tribute by following them. They quickly drew off all their Forces, and went to the Northward with their Army, and coming on the Borders of *Carmenia*, we had there several Skirmishes with

with the *Culeys*, and demolished several of their Towns and Villages.

IN the mean time *Shobomet* pursued the *Angrians*, but not being acquainted with those Parts, soon got himself almost in the midst of his Enemies, who had near surrounded him. This General had 30 Pieces of Cannon with his Army, but had very indifferent Engineers to direct them. The *Angrians* came so furiously on them Sword in Hand, that 'twas with Difficulty they stood their first Onset. The *Angrians* repeated the Attack with such Vigour; that after a Dispute of three Hours, the *Moguls* were forced to retreat, their General being wounded; which they did in some Confusion, leaving all their Baggage behind them. For while the Armies were engaged, a Party fell upon some part of their Baggage, and took the *Annabob's* Women. These Ladies were accounted the most beautiful of all those Parts, being Natives of *Dilley*, where the Inhabitants are fair, and the Women noted for fine Features. These Ladies were sent to *Gerey*, and secured in a strong Castle; *Angria* often visiting of them. As *Angria* is a *Cofferey* Negro, there is nothing more Aversion to the *Moguls* than a *Cofferey*, that is not a *Mahometan*; for they have divers *Arabian Coffereys* in their Service, whom they have prefer'd to great Posts of Honour, and look on them to be the bravest Men in their Army.

THE *Annabob* dispatch'd Messengers to acquaint the Governor of *Surat*, and the chief Men there with his Misfortune, desiring Reinforcements and a Supply of Provisions immediately; and they dispatched with all speed what Forces they then had: and there being at *Surat* some

some *Dutchmen* who had been employed in the *Moors* Service for many Years as Engineers ; these Men were sent with some Pieces of Cannon, and a Party of near 1000 Men to join their retreating Army ; and also a Supply of Provisions, for their immediate Refreshment. The *Angrians* on Advice of the Approach of this Reinforcement advancing, thought proper to quit the Pursuit ; and the *Annabob* march'd to *Surat*, where he had time to bemoan his ill Fortune, and the Loss of his Lady, and to take care for the Cure of his Wounds.

PATTIMARS were directly dispatch'd to *Rufram Alicon*, and his Brother, who were obliged to come to the Assistance of the wounded General, by express Orders from the Mogul. We march'd across the Country, having always Men with us thoroughly acquainted with all the ways. We had a great deal of Fatigue in getting our Cannon over the Rivers, which is generally done by the Assistance of great flat-bottom'd Boats ; but the Horse frequently ford over, the Rivers being very shallow. The Elephants always carry the Powder across Rivers, and all other Utensils that must not be wet. In this Hurry of marching, we did the Country a great deal of Damage in some parts, where they had great Crops on the Ground, in a very promising way. But the Inhabitants seem'd to make slight of it, knowing we were after their Enemies, and that we were endeavouring to suppress them. Our *Annabob* and his Brother did not think proper to call at *Surat*, but march'd towards the Dominions of the *Sedey*, and pitch'd their Camp in sight of the Enemy. We kept the Musick playing
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all Night long, but placed a good Guard in all proper Places. A Party of Horse patrol'd all Night round the Artillery, which was disposed in the most commodious Situation. The Men that had deserted from *Angria* having at *Guzurat* left the Service, and gone for *Dilley*, there were but three of us now to direct the firing of the Cannon. After we had lain thus in sight of each for two days, on the third we were ordered to attack the Enemy about eleven in the Morning; which we did accordingly. Their head *Sabberdaw* and our *Annabob Rustram*, encountered each other on Elephants, and both behaved very gallantly: But Fortune favouring *Rustram*, by a lucky Stroke with his Sabre he cut off his Enemy's Head. The *Angrians* at this, were so much enraged, that they fell on with fresh Fury, and in a manner run into the very Mouth of our Guns; so that we were obliged to do the best we could, and keep a continual Fire with Partridge-shot, which did terrible Execution among them. They once brought two small Cannons to play amongst our Troops, which we soon obliged to discontinue their Fire. The Ways from *Allabeg* and *Gerey* leading across the Mountains are so bad, that it is almost impossible for any Wheel-Carriage, if they are of any great Weight, to get along. After a Dispute of several Hours, the *Angrians* retreated, with the Loss of many of their Men: and tho' they got into their own Dominions, the Inhabitants quitted their Towns and fled to the Mountains. We pursued them farther, and got great Store of Cattle, part of which had been the Plunder of the *Mogul* Inhabitants. We seiz'd

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on some of their Magazines of Corn, and supplied ourselves with plenty of all things.

OUR Generals having given the Army some little Rest for a few days, called off the Parties they had sent out to raise Tribute, and resolved to return into the Mogul's Territories. We destroyed several of their Temples, and took away their Images, some of which were cast in Silver, and some in Brass. There was one Temple which had in it a great Brass Image in the habit of a *Jentew* Woman, which was well done, holding a sort of a Book in one Hand, on which were engrav'd *Jentew* Characters, and round her stood seven Children all cast in Silver. In her other Hand she had a large Snake by the Neck, part of which was twisted round her Body. I was very curious to know whom she represented, and what she had done to merit their Worship. There was at the Door of the Temple a large Pot of Red Paint, and another of Yellow, where they every Morning at their coming to worship, are painted by the *Bramin* or Priest with this yellow Paint, and then a red Spot put on their Fore-head. This Place was supported on four Pillars of Marble, and had a fine Cupola beautifully adorned with divers sorts of Images; yet without regard to its Beauty, we blew it up by order of our General.

NOT far from this, we came to a very large Place of Worship standing on four Stone Pillars, with a grand Cupola over the same, where there was the Effigies of a Man cast in Brass, holding in each Hand a Lyon by the Throat, resembling the Sign of the *London* 'Prentice. We took down the Image, and all the

the Brass-work, and then set our Elephants to demolish the Fabrick ; which they soon did. This done, we proceeded to the Camp, and our *Ananabob* ordered us with the Artillery to march toward *Broach* with all possible speed, and not to pitch till we came up with the rest of the Army, which we soon did. The next Morning early we were on the March, and in few Hours got to the River-side, where we incamp'd for near a Week, and sent all our sick and wounded People down to *Broach*. The Country was soon made acquainted with the News of our *Ananabob's* having cut off *Angria's* chief *Sabberdaw's* Head, and that their Army, and most of the Inhabitants of the Country, had fled to the Mountains for Shelter, where we could not pretend to follow them.

WHEN *Angria* heard that his head *Sabberdaw* was killed, and his Army routed, he sent to the *Sedey*, to the *Rodger* of *Carwar*, and to *Kemshew*, desiring immediate Succours ; and resolved to have an Army in the Field that should not easily be conquered. He also sent to the *Rodger* of *Mangalore* for Aid, but he refused to send him any, on account that the *Moors* were of great Service to him against the *Malabars*, and great Traders with his Subjects ; likewise they had a Fort which commanded all the Harbour. This Refusal so enraged *Angria*, that he sent to *Kemshew*, desiring him to send an Army against the *Rodger* of *Mangalore*. But his Dominions being pretty large, the People of a warlike Disposition, and an Army of 20000 Men ready to oppose any Invader ; *Kemshew* thought proper to excuse himself from this Undertaking. He sent to acquaint *Angria*, that he had so far
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weakened his Forces in supplying of him, that he could not raise an Army strong enough to encounter the *Rodger*.

AFTER we had refreshed our Army for some time, we march'd away for *Brodurab*, where our *Annabob* resolved to spend a Month or two at ease. So soon as we came there, he dispatch'd a *Pattimar* to *Dilley* with the Head of the *Sabberdaw* pack'd up in an earthen Vessel, to be there set up on a high Spear in the Front of the City-Gates. This Conquest was so acceptable to the *Mogul*, that he complimented him in a Letter writ with his own Hand, and advanc'd him to the Title of Prince of the Province of *Broach*, as well as that of *Brodurab*.

THESE uncommon Favours from the *Mogul*, did very much inflame the Ambition of our *Annabob*, who was resolv'd to be diligent in opposing the *Angrians* to the utmost of his Power. In the mean time *Susurah*, was a little displeased to think, that the *Mogul* should so far promote his Brother, and take no notice of him, who had been in several Engagements, and always applauded. *Shohomet's* Army still lay encamp'd round *Surat*, and most of their sick and wounded, being recovered, had left the Town, and took to their Tents in the Camp. *Shohomet* was also recovered of his Wounds, and made great Preparations to invade the *Sedey's* Dominions: On the other hand, *Angria* was raising a powerful Army in the *Sedey's* Territory, as well as his own. He sent word to the Camp of the Grand *Annabob*, desiring the favour of him to wait at *Surat*, till he sent some of his best Men to conduct him out of the Country, and that he would soon be with him,
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and did not fear having some of the Mogul's Generals Heads on his Castle-walls before two Months end ; and hoped to make himself Master of the City of *Surat* before the Season was over. This put the Governor of *Surat* into some Apprehension, and he ordered several large Pieces of Cannon to be placed on the City Walls, and to have the Guards strongly reinforc'd, and officer'd with Men of the best Conduct. At this time they offered any Money for *Englishmen* who should take on in their Service, and there being a great many Mates of Ships and others at *Surat*, who were out of Business, the Merchants not caring to send any Vessels down the Coast for fear of *Angria's* Grabs, the *English* Consul sent to acquaint the Governor of the City of *Surat*, that he should not want for any Assistance he could afford him ; and the *Dutch* did the same.

WITH the new-raised Forces and Recruits, *Angria's* Army was said to consist of near 50000 Men, Horse and Foot, with forty Elephants of War. On these Elephants he had placed several small Swivel Guns, which proved of great Service to him, and we had several of our Elephants that had the same. Upon Advice of his being upon the March, our *Annabob* and his Brother was ordered to join the other Army, and to assist each other as much as possible. On which account we march'd from *Broach* in order to join the other Armies, and pitch'd our Camp on the North-side of the River of *Surat*. When the Armies were join'd, the *Annabobs* did not much care to march too far from the City, but kept within four or five Miles of it, where they began to throw up strong Breast-works

works before their Camp, and to make strong Redoubts to prevent their being surprized by the Enemy. The Governor of *Surat* sent out several Pieces of Cannon to the Camp, and one great Mortar-piece which had never been used all the time the *Moors* had had it. The Enemy's Army now advanc'd within sight of us, and began to intrench themselves so near, that our Mortar-piece threw several Shells among them during the Night. This gall'd them so much, that they were in continual Motion, endeavouring to shift from the Places where our Shells lighted. 'Twas a *Dutch* Engineer, belonging to the *Dutch* Factory, who had the Direction of this Mortar. The first Night it did them considerable Damage, and killed three of their Elephants on the Spot, and wounded three more, whereby they were render'd incapable of doing them any Service. In the mean time we were very busy in discharging our Cannon both Day and Night, and made use of our Coehorns for throwing great Numbers of Granadoes among their advanc'd Parties, which gall'd them very much. They also kept a strong Fire on us, and made several Motions as if they design'd to attack our Intrenchments; but did not dare to undertake it. By keeping a perpetual fire with our Mortar for some Nights successively, it split, and killed and wounded several of our Men on the Spot. When the Enemy observ'd this, and the Damage which the Mogul sustain'd by this Accident, they resolv'd the next Day to make an Attempt to force our Camp. To this end they attack'd the left Wing of the Army commanded by *Susurab* our *Annabab's* Brother, who bravely defended himself, and after

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an Engagement of three hours, the Enemy not being able to penetrate the Lines, retired. At this Attack an *Englishman* in our Service was killed, it being the second Day of his coming into the Service, accompanied with two others. On which account our *Annabob* ordered 500 *Rupees* to be divided among us, in Acknowledgment of his good Behaviour, and sent him to *Surat*, to be buried in the *English* Burying-Ground, which was done with great Decency.

OUR Ammunition began to grow very scarce, as we had kept almost a continual fire on the *Angrians* for some time; and our *Annabobs* were expecting a fresh Supply from *Guzurat*, where the Magazines were generally well stor'd. For this reason we slacken'd our fire; but the Enemy could not readily judge the meaning of it. About this time there happened a smart Skirmish between the *Fuchees* in our Army, and part of the Enemy. The *Fuchees* having Notice that there were three Pieces of Cannon placed on the right of the Enemy's advanc'd Guard, march'd privately in the Night with a design to bring them off. They first seiz'd the Centinels, and then the Cannon; they likewise got about 40 head of their Cattle, and were driving them off. Upon this, the Camp being alarm'd, a large Number of the Enemy attack'd them, and several were kill'd and wounded on both sides. But however, they brought off the Cannon and Cattle into our Camp. These Cannon the *Fuchees* always kept with them as Trophies of their Success. The *Annabob*, to encourage them, made a great Entertainment for them, and gave a large Sum of Money among them.

THREE days after, the *Angrians* put themselves in motion with a design to force our Entrenchments. To this end, a large Body of Foot, supported by some Horse, advanc'd towards us. Whereupon we drew up our Forces in order to oppose them; and a Party of our Men, on seeing one of their *Sabberdaws* on an Elephant near our Lines, advanc'd forward, dismounted him, and brought him Prisoner into the Camp. This *Sabberdaw* being brought to the Grand *Annabob*, he order'd his Head to be struck off, and set up on the Walls of *Surat*, where his own Party might take a View of it. This highly incens'd the *Sabberdaw* that succeed'd him, who resolv'd to be revenged, if possible.

TWO or three days before this, we had received a fresh Supply of Ammunition from *Guzurat*, which happen'd very luckily; for the Enemy attack'd our Camp with such Fury, early in the Morning, that both Armies were entirely engag'd. Our Lines were forc'd in several Places, and *Sufurab* the Brother of *Rustram Alicon* was taken, and sent the next Day with a strong Guard to the *Sedey's* Fort. Notwithstanding this, our Men still behaved with great Courage; but our Generals having placed several Mines in different Parts of the Camp, order'd our Men to retreat to a proper distance, and the *Angrians* pursuing, the Mines were sprung, and blew up great Numbers of them, with three of their Elephants. This caus'd such a Consternation among them, that they retir'd from our Lines in the utmost Confusion, our Men pursuing in their Turn, but so much fatigued with the hard Service of the Day, that our Generals
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ordered them to return to our Camp. Near 900 Men, beside Horses and Elephants, were supposed to be destroyed by our Mines : but what the whole Loss amounted to, I cannot be particular in. After they had tortured *Sufurah* in a barbarous manner, they struck off his Head, and fix'd it on a Pole, on the Fort-Wall belonging to the Sedey, by way of Retaliation for what was done to their *Sabberdaw*.

THE continual Disturbances in these Countries brought on a great Scarcity of all sorts of Grain ; we were obliged to send to distant parts of the Country for Supplies for the Camp, the Soldiers being in great Want, and not able to perform their Duties for want of Sustenance. At this time Rice, which is commonly sold for a Half-penny a Pound, was sold for Four-pence, and other Provisions proportionably dear. The common People were obliged to eat Yams, which they generally in this Country fatten their Horses with, and the *Portuguese* fatten their Hogs. The Army suffered very much for Want ; as to the City, it had been customary to keep great Stores in Ware-houses, to support the Inhabitants in time of Scarcity ; so that notwithstanding the Army was in great want, they would only now and then send out a little for their Subsistence. This caused a great Resentment among the Soldiers ; who said, as they came there to defend the City, they ought to do by them as by themselves, otherwise they would throw down their Arms and return to the Places of their Nativity, and there die with their Families, which would be more eligible, than to fight for those who withheld from them the common Necessaries of Life. There are no Laws here to punish

Mutiny or Desertion ; but if a Man does not care to serve any longer, he is at his liberty to leave the Service, and to do as he thinks proper. If a Party of Soldiers in the Mogul's Service are at any time short of Money on their March to any part of the Country, they are allowed to go to any of the responsible Inhabitants of any Village, and there to take what is due to them at that time for their Service. And in case they require more, they sign Notes of Hand for the Money they receive, which the Merchants or Brokers send directly to the next *Devan Catwall*, or other Magistrate belonging to the Mogul, who takes care to forward the same to the regular *Annabob* to whom these Soldiers properly belong, who deducts the same from their Pay. The Money is paid at sight of the Note, and look'd on there as firm as any Notes we negotiate in *England*. They are also allowed great Liberties in all other respects, paying no Taxes whatever. Many of the Mogul's Soldiers are Men of Estates, and out of Ambition go Volunteers, finding all their own Materials for the Service of the Campaign ; and if they fall in Battle, their Estates go to the next Heir, and the Mogul sends his proper Officers to see all things decided with Equity and Justice. If a Man be indebted to divers Persons, and is worth Money, but refuses Payment, they never do there as here, make a Seizure of his Person, but appeal to the head Magistrate of the District, who sends the *Catwall's* Officers, and they take Possession of his Effects: Then they send for all his Creditors, and sell for ready Money so much of his Goods or Chattels as his whole Debts amount to, if he has no ready Money in the House ; if he

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he has, they will allow his Goods to stand, and take the Money and pay every Creditor so far as is his just Due. But if a Person imposes on the Publick so three times, then they seize him, and cut off his right Ear, to distinguish him as a common Cheat; after which, he is seldom or never trusted in the way of dealing.

WHEN I was at *Guzurat*, there happened a very strange Accident to a young Merchant: The Case was this. A young *Mahometan Persian* came with his Uncle from *Persia* to be educated in mercantile Affairs. When they came to *Guzurat*, the young Gentleman took a great House, and a number of Servants; telling his Uncle he liked the Place so much, that he would fix his Residence there; wherefore he desired him to deliver all the Effects which his Father had given into his Custody, and the next Year when his Uncle came, he would let him see the Improvements he should make. The Uncle approving his Kinsman's Proposal, readily agreed to his Request; and sent a Letter to his Father, who lived at *Ispahan* in *Persia*, and was looked on as the most considerable Dealer in that Part of the Empire, giving him an Account of this. The Uncle made what Returns he thought proper on his own Effects, being the most the Market afforded, and bought up other Merchandize, which he carried to *Persia* with the first Caravan. The Kinsman resolved to sell his Goods by Retail, they fetching double that way, to what they do in the other. He went to all the Coffee-houses, and publick Places, and published himself a Retailer of the richest Goods of *Persia*. The News of this soon came to the *Mufti*, who had two beautiful Daughters: These

Ladies hearing of the great Choice this young Merchant had, they took an Opportunity to come in their Coach, being closely veil'd, and under the care of two Eunuchs. They were conducted into a magnificent Parlour, where they according to Custom seated themselves on a Carpet. The young Man being diligent in his way, laid before these Ladies so great a Variety of all sorts of Silks, that they could not tell well where to make their Choice. Sir, said one of them, you have glutt'd our sight with so much Variety, that we are at a Stand, and do not know how to make any Choice either to please ourselves, or for your Benefit. Lady, said he, let a little time fix your Fancy, according to your Inclinations; and as you have seen great Choice, take some other Opportunity to come and please yourselves. In the mean time, please to let me present each of you with a rich Piece of Silk of my Fancy, which if you return again, and do not approve of it, I will not require any thing of you. The Ladies were something surprized at his generous Offer, and accepted his Courtesy with many Compliments; and before they took their Leave, refreshed themselves with some Rose-water, according to Custom. During the time of their Stay, they were very merry, and would often throw up their Veils. This Discovery of the Ladies Beauty so enflam'd the Heart of our young Merchant, that he began to be enamour'd with it, and to make Enquiries who they belong'd to. His Servant told him, that they were the Grand Mufti's Daughters, and the only two he had, being very fond of them; and that they were Virgins, that as yet had never been pledged to any one. This caus'd the young Merchant to be still
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still more in love; and the time they were absent, tho' but a few Days, made him very uneasy till he saw them again. Now both these Sisters were equally enamour'd with this young Merchant, and soon became jealous of one another; which was a Passion, before their Knowledge of him, they never were acquainted with. But they still carried on a sisterly Correspondence with each other as usual; tho' the one was a little more crafty than the other, but were so much alike in Person, that when they were separate they could scarce be distinguished, but by their Names. In a short time they returned to our young Merchant's, and brought Money with them to pay for what he had chose for them; which they insisted on. They soon fell into a familiar Conversation, when the Merchant requested them to partake of a small Collation of Sweetmeats, and to refresh themselves with a Glas or two of the *Ispahan* Water. They readily agreed to this kind Offer, and then they pulled off their Veils; which discovered so much Beauty, that he was almost astonish'd at the Sight. The Gaiety of the one, and the Gravity of the other, which seem'd to make the other's Mirth the more agreeable, soon passed the time away till it was late at Night. The eldest took all Opportunities to remark the Behaviour of the Merchant and her Sister, and seem'd confirm'd in her Opinion, that she had gain'd a Conquest over him; on which she resolv'd to get her out of the way. They took leave, and returned to their Father, in all Appearance very good Friends. But the next Day the elder Sister took an Opportunity of infusing Poison into some Sherbet, which her Sister drank, and died suddenly. The Mus-

ti was much concerned for the Loss of his Daughter; and the Sister pretended great Grief for the same. However, she was soon buried, according to the Ceremony observed at the Funeral of noble Virgins in those Parts, after a magnificent manner. They kept the time of their Mourning for forty Days, and then the Lady came abroad. The Merchant living at a distance from them, did not hear of this tragical Story for some time.

WHEN the time of the Mourning was expired, the surviving Lady came to the Merchant in her usual Gaiety, affecting all the Deceas'd's Actions; and, as was said before, they were so much alike that none could distinguish them, but by their Names. She bought several valuable Things that she fancied, and was well delighted in the Merchant's Company; who could not forbear expressing his Passion to her. This was much to her Satisfaction, this Lady being now the only Daughter, and her Father very ancient. Upon an Invitation from the Merchant, she condescended one Night to come to Supper with him; for tho' unmarried Women have Eunuchs to attend them, if they are not confirmed to any Man, they have the Liberty of disposing of themselves as they please. As she had promis'd to give the Merchant her Company, she dress'd herself in her richest Attire, and during the time of their amorous Discourse, she gave him a very rich Pearl Necklace off her Neck, and desired him to preserve it for her Sake; which he promised: and in return, accordingly made her a rich Present. The Merchant having now sold off most part of his Goods, and got a vast deal of ready Money in the House; his Servants,

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who knew this well enough, and who had for some time defrauded him, resolved to murder him, and seize his Effects. This they effected soon after the Lady was gone, by strangling him in his Bed; they then pack'd up all his Treasure, and made off with every thing, except the great Pearl Necklace, which was set in Gold. They buried the Merchant in the Court-Yard, under the pavement; and with him the Pearl Necklace, being afraid to keep it, lest it should make a Discovery.

THE Lady coming some time after, and finding the House shut up, made enquiry after the young Merchant. The Neighbours said, that they saw all his Effects carried off such a Morning, and that his Servants went the Night before and paid the Rent of the House by his Order, as they pretended; so that he did not go away in private. They gave out, that their Master had order'd his Merchandize to be carry'd to *Cambay*, where he design'd to sell the remainder, as he supposed *Guzurat* to be now well supply'd with his sort of Goods. But that he would return thither in a short time again. The Lady was much enraged, to think that she should thus lose the only Man she had ever yet placed her Affections on; and to find that he should so far deceive her, by making promises to her of fidelity: but however, she consoled herself with the Thought that he was only gone for a short time, and wou'd soon return again.

WITH this Hope she comforted herself for a long time; but finding him not to return, she fell into great Agonies of Grief, which occasion'd a dangerous Fit of Sickness; insomuch that her Father feared she would die. This hap-

pened some Years before I knew *Guzurat*, but what follows occur'd whilst I was on the Spot.

THERE happen'd to come down from *Cambay* a great Corn-Factor, who wanted a House, and chanc'd to take that of this Merchant, which had stood empty ever since he was murder'd. The Corn-Factor was a young Man, very much in Esteem among the Merchants; and one Day a large quantity of Corn being shot in the Yard, the Men in turning it about to Air, some how with the edge of their Shovels turned up the Stone that the young Merchant was buried under. Upon this they call'd their Master, who spying part of the Pearl Necklace, took it up; and afterwards seeing the Bones of a human Body, he called the People of the Neighbourhood in, but conceal'd the Necklace. Great enquiry was immediately made all over the City concerning this Affair; it being naturally supposed that these were the Bones of some Person who had been murder'd, and clandestinely buried. But by the Appearance it must have lain there so long, that there seem'd little hope of discovering the Murderers. Notices were fix'd at all the City-Gates, and great Rewards offer'd for any that would make a Discovery.

THE murder'd Merchant's Uncle had us'd to come for several Years from *Persia*, to trade at *Guzurat*; but had now remained a long while in *Persia*, and was grown very rich: but not having heard from his Nephew for some Years, was resolv'd to quit *Persia*, and settle at *Guzurat*. On his Arrival there, he was inform'd that he had mov'd all his Effects from thence to *Cambay*; since which, he could hear no Account of him. This gave him great Uneasiness;

calinefs; and he ſent to *Cambay* to inquire after him; but hearing no News of him there, he ſent to ſeveral other chief Cities of Trade in the Mogul's Dominions; but all to no purpoſe.

THE Uncle being a Man of Reputation was ſoon made one of the *Catwalls* or Juſtices of the City; and hearing the Report which was given out by the Corn-Factor, he went with ſome Officers to the Houſe to examine into the Affair; they perceived the Place where a Body had been buried for many Years, but there was nothing remaining except the bare Bones. They could not therefore be poſitive that it was the Skeleton of the young Merchant, but only imagin'd it to be the ſame. The old Muſti was ſtill living, and his Daughter, who had grievouſly mourned for the Abſence of her Lover, and had been terribly tormented with the Thoughts of having poiſon'd her Siſter; by which means ſhe was almoſt worn away to a Shadow.

THE Landlord of the Houſe being ſent for, declared that the Merchant's Servants paid him his Rent the Night before they ſaid their Maſter was going to *Cambay*; and that he had no manner of Miſtruſt of any foul Play from the Servants. That indeed ſome of the Neighbours deſign'd to have took their Leave of him; but they were told that he ſet out with ſeveral other Merchants at Break of Day; and left orders for his Effects to follow him immediately: The Servants having all things in readineſs and the Camels loaded, went out of the City very boldly, and none had any miſtruſt.

THE Corn-Factor reſolv'd to make the moſt of the Necklace; for which purpoſe he

put it in his Pocket one Morning after the Noise was a little over, and brought it to a wealthy Broker that dealt in Jewels, &c. and asked him if he would buy those Pearls set in Gold. He no sooner saw them, but he judged that they were not his own; however, he asked him what he would have for them; the Corn-Factor put a very low price upon them, that did not amount to a quarter of the Value: the Broker judging by this that the Necklace was stole, and the Corn-Factor being a Stranger to him, he desired him to sit down a little, and he would consider of the Price. In the mean time, he sent for some Officers, who came in and carried him before the *Catwall*. The Broker told him, that this young Man had shewed him a rich Pearl Necklace, which he offer'd to dispose of; but that he was sure it must be stole, for he did not ask a quarter the Value of it. The Corn-Factor hearing what was said to the *Catwall*, was so far confounded, that he could not tell what to say; and knowing how he came by it, was afraid to own that he found it near the Body of the supposed murder'd Person, because that might give a Suspicion of his being one of the Murderers. He was now in so much Confusion, that he was not able to answer any Questions the Justice asked him; but seem'd to equivocate to and fro in a scandalous manner. This confirm'd the Justice and all present, in an Opinion that he was actually guilty of Murder and Robbery; on which the *Catwall* order'd his right Hand to be cut off. The Pain, Shame and Confusion that he was now brought into, caused him to be like one distracted; but so soon as the Execution was performed, he was
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set at Liberty, and the Broker delivered the Pearl Necklace to the *Catwall*, who hung it up in his Office, for People to see if they could give any Account of it.

AS they were turning the young Corn-Factor about his Business, the old Musti came to the *Catwall's* Office, and seeing a croud of People about the place, demanded the Reason, and what was the Cause of the same. Being seated by the *Catwall*, he told him the whole Story, and shew'd him the Necklace, which he knew to be his Daughter's. He therefore sent for her to come forthwith; and in the mean time they stop't the Corn-Factor again, and passing a fresh Examination, the Musti's Daughter affirmed the Necklace to be hers, by comparing its Agreement with her other Jewels; she also related the whole Circumstances of the Affair between her and the young Merchant, before the *Catwall* and her Father. They now blamed the Corn-Factor for not having the Courage to tell the Truth before, which might have been a means to have prevented the severe Sentence which had been executed on him. The *Catwall* was satisfied now, that the murder'd Person was his Kinsman, according to the Account which the Musti's Daughter gave of the matter; tho' she did not confess at that time that she had poison'd her Sister, but the Eunuchs knew the whole Affair. The Musti took the young Corn-Factor home to his House, and express'd a great concern for his Misfortune; and, to make him some amends, order'd a Broker to sell off all his Effects, that he might settle and live with him, and the more to comfort him in his Melancholy, gave him his Daughter in Marriage.

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But she, torn with Remorse of having poison'd her Sister, and the tragical Exit of her first Lover adding more Sorrow, expired in two or three Weeks after; confessing her Inhumanity to her Sister.

BUT to return: The Scarcity of Provisions still continued in the Camp; but the Citizens being apprehensive that the Army wou'd disperse, as they threaten'd, and leave them to be pillaged by the *Angrians*, sent them all the Supply they possibly could; but the Armies continued a considerable time without Action. The Mogul now sent to *Gogo*, and ordered the chief Prince and *Annabob* of that Province to raise a considerable number of Men, to send down to *Surat*. These *Gogo* Men are looked on as the most courageous in the Mogul's Empire, and are never made use of but on great Occasions; they are Men of a very large Size, have a daring and bold Look, and had rather die Sword in Hand, than give back one foot of Ground: They raised 10000 of them, and sent them over to *Broach* in order to recruit our dishearten'd Forces. The *Angrians* were as sick of the Lay as the *Moors*, and wou'd willingly have enter'd on a Truce for some time, but did not care to make the first Offer; for they resolv'd to insist on the tributary Dues which had been for many Years paid to the *Gonims*, or what we call the *Sedees*.

SINCE the Alliance between *Angria* and the young *Sedey*, the Country has been continually harass'd. I have seen several *Englishmen*, who have been in the East parts since my Arrival in *England*, and took on in the Mogul's Service, and some of them in the same Station

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as I was: But very few care to continue long with them. Captain *Hocking* continued the longest with them of any I ever heard of, except those who go to *Dilley*, and enter into the Mogul's Service as his Body Guard, in which Corps he has a great number of *Europeans*, who live very easy, and only mount Guard the Days the Mogul goes out on Pleasure, or to the Mosques to Prayers.

THE *Dutch* Merchants, during the Siege of *Broach*, were of great Service to the Mogul's Party; assisting them very much by directing them where to keep their strongest and most compleat Men during the time of Action. This was of great use in preserving the City, which with the Cannon kept so continual a Fire on them, that they could not return their Fire so fast as they intended; several of the Cannon on the City-Walls were dismounted; but many more of the Besiegers, who by the help of the Pyrates before mentioned, soon remounted their Guns again. Let us now return to *Surat*.

THE City of *Surat* is noted for the great resort of all Nations, *English*, *Dutch*, *French*, *Portuguese*, &c. who carry on a great Trade and Commerce there. The *Portuguese* have a fine Church here, and several Clergymen who officiate in it. They are much respected by the *Moors* in *Surat*, tho' not among the Inland Inhabitants. The *English* and *French* have each a Factory here; but the *Dutch* Factory is out of the City. In all Disputes the *Portuguese* and *French* usually apply to the *English* for their Arbitration. So that the Christians for their own safety could not avoid being concern'd in the
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sustaining the Siege; for if *Angria* had taken the City, he wou'd probably have made a Massacre among the Inhabitants; there being supposed half as many Christians in *Surat* as there are *Moors*, it being a Place of free Trade granted from the *Mogul*. They have few Taxes to pay, and the Rents are very easy; a Man may have a pretty good House in any Part of that City for four Rupees *per Month*, which is but bare six Pound a Year. The *English* have a Factory there, and pay the *Mogul* a Duty on all their Goods; there is also a Custom-House, where all Duties are paid. The City is govern'd with great Equity and Justice, abounding with Plenty of all Sorts of Fruits, Roots and Grain. The *French* and *Portuguese* have each a Church here, supported at the Expence of the King of *France* and King of *Portugal*, and a considerable number of Clergy for making Converts, and preaching the Gospel of *Christ* in the *Mogul's* Dominions. The *English* have few Clergymen here, nor in any other Parts of *India*, excepting *Bombay*, *Madrafs*, and *Bengal*, where they have one or two Clergyman for each City.

SURAT is the chief Place of Trade the *Mogul* is possess'd of; and did not the *Angrians* so much interrupt their Commerce, it wou'd be the richest City of *India*; as it is the most convenient for Shipping and Landing all sorts of Merchandize. The City is situate by the side of a pleasant River, which falls into the *Indian* Sea over a Bar: This River is Navigable for Ships of large Burthen, where they have the benefit of Building and Repairing Ships with the same convenience as we have in *England*. The *Moors* build

build very compleat Ships; which the Princes of *Arabia* frequently purchase.

THERE is a very strong Castle here, into which they never suffer any Stranger to enter; for if any *French, Dutch, English, Portuguese*, or any whatsoever presume to enter the same, they are never suffered to come out again, or ever heard of any more; they say, indeed, they never put them to Death, but allow them the Liberty of the Place, there being large Places for Recreation therein, with fine Fountains beautifully contriv'd, also the Lodgings of *Aurengzeb*, and the Seraglio for his Ladies. On the Castle-Walls they mount above 100 large Cannon, it is moated all round, and has but one Place of Entrance, which is over a Draw-Bridge, through a large pair of Stone Gates, clamped together with Bars of Iron. If ever *Angria* was to conquer the Town, he could never take the Castle, or reside within the reach of the Guns, they being of a great Length; they have also several Mortars. Their Magazines and Store-Houses are very large; they say, that there are Stores of all sorts of Provisions and Necessaries for some Years.

THE *Mogul's* Mint is kept in this Castle, and all Foreign Gold and Silver is brought hither, and coin'd for the Benefit of the Merchants, who pay very little for the coining of either Gold or Silver. Here they kept Sir *John Gore* near 21 Years a Prisoner, till he got his Liberty by a Stratagem; for which reason, few *Englishmen* of Note will ever go a-shore at *Surat*. They gave Governor *Boone* several Invitations to come on shore there, but he did not care to venture out of his Ship, but gave magnificent Enter-

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Entertainments on board for the Merchants. The *Moors* shewed a great deal of Affection for him, and were daily waiting on him with Presents of value; but his Honour knew how Affairs were between *Rufram* and the Broker too well, to trust to their pretended Kindness: for had they got him on Shore, probably they would not have suffer'd him to come off again till such time as he had pay'd every Farthing of the Demands they had on the Company.

AS we have spoke something relating to the Scituation and Trade of the City, we will now speak of the Trade and Commerce brought down to the Place from the adjacent Countries. The best Commodities of the Empire being brought down to *Surat*, are there dispos'd of by Merchants that deal very largely. By sending to any of these Merchants, and telling them you want such and such a Quantity of particular Goods; you may have your Goods brought Home to your own Houses, open'd and repack'd before your Face, to see that all Things agree with the Sample; and if you dislike any thing, it is exchanged without demur; they are so expert in their way of Trade, that they seldom admit any thing to be pack'd up worse than the Sample. They have here great plenty of Diamonds, rich Velvets, Atlases, Taffaties, *Persia* Silks, Cottons, Stripe'd Dimities flower'd with Gold, &c. The Merchants usually wear some of these for Apparel, taking great delight in adorning themselves with rich and fine Cloathing.

IN peaceable Times, here is the greatest plenty of all sorts of Roots, as Carrots, Turnips, green Peas and Beans, though a very small sort: They

They have also great variety of most sorts of Fruit. The Merchants are generous in their way of Trade, and they are allow'd a Draw-back on several sorts of Goods.

THE *Angrians* sent a Party to take two large Yards where they used to build their Ships, but they found only two old Ships, that lay by the Walls past repairing: these Ships they burnt, with no manner of Conduct; for had they set them on fire about two or three Hours before High-Water, they probably wou'd have drove up the River, and set some of the Shipping on fire that lay under the Cannon of the Castle; but setting them on fire at half Ebb, they burnt where they lay, without any further Mischiefs: However, many of the Ships that lay below the Town, being by this means alarmed, were brought up the River under the Cannon of the Castle, for their better security: After the *Angrians* had done this, they retired.

WE were now ordered to draw off our Forces, and make the best of our Way towards *Cambay*, where we had at *Chimnaw* a very smart Skirmish with the *Culeys*, who for several Days ply'd us with showers of Arrows, which did some execution; so that our *Annabob* was forc'd to make use of our Cannon: To this purpose we brought six Pieces to play among them, which made such a Slaughter, that they quickly dispersed, and rather than comply to pay Tribute, they left their Town and fled. This Town we burnt, after having pillaged it of every thing valuable; we also fill'd up all their Wells, and did all the Damage possible, to their Grounds, which they generally keep in good order, and are the chief Support of the Cotton Manufacture.

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But these People are of that obstinate Disposition, that they will not pay Tribute, nor be in any Subjection.

FROM *Chinnaw* we marched toward *Cambay*, where the *Culeys* are very numerous; here they made a stout Resistance: But our *Annabob* was resolved not to shew them any Favour; on which account, he brought all his Elephants a-breast, and armed them with Chains on their Trunks, and drove them amongst the *Culeys*. The Elephants laid about them with their Chains, and firing from our Platforms, whilst others of our Soldiers discharged their Arrows among them, vast Numbers were crush'd under Foot in a terrible manner. Our *Annabob* prevailing, put Men, Women, and Children to the Sword, and plunder'd the Town; after which, we continued here for near a Month, every Day digging under the Foundations of their Houses, and searching very strictly for their Money; they having a Custom amongst them to bury their Money. We also search'd their Ponds, and dragg'd them; also sent Men to dive all over them, by which means we found several large Chests of Treasure, which paid our *Annabob* well for his Trouble. Here we stock'd our selves well with all sorts of Grain, which caused great Plenty in the Camp. We also took great Store of their Cattle, and sent them down to *Surat*, where they were directly sold. After their Granaries and Store-houses were emptied, and all Things brought out of the Town, which was very large, well peopled, and of great Trade, our *Annabob* came to see the Town set on fire and laid in ashes. It continued burning near two Days, when all the Place was intirely consumed. These *Culeys*
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rob in Parties on the High-way, so that they are great Interrupters to such fair dealing People as travel from Town to Town for the Benefit of marketting with their Effects, as they hear how the Markets rise and fall. Now these travelling Merchants are generally *Banyans*, a People that will not molest the greatest Enemy in Life, neither will they be concern'd in War; they never eat any Thing which ever had Life or Blood; the chief of their Food being all sorts of Herbs, Roots, Rice and Fruits. If they swarm with Vermin, they will take them off, and throw them from them, but will not kill them. They worship a Cow, Ox, or Calf, to which they pay great Adoration. They believe the Transmigration of Souls: They are very covetous, and will travel some score of Miles, and not lay out a Piece in Refreshment for themselves, living on what they carry with them. Their travelling Food they provide in this Method; they know how far they have to travel, and how many Days they shall be on the Road: They provide Food for their Cattle as well as themselves. They never dress any Thing but where they have Time to consecrate a Place of Worship for themselves, where they set up a God of Clay or the like, who is to be a Guardian for them during the Time of their praying to the Calf or Cow, or whatever they are Masters of, in that kind. At this time they boil great Quantities of Rice, and lay it Corn by Corn between two Boards; they press it flat, and then dry it in the Sun, which is then like Wafer. Of Rice prepared in this Method they carry a great deal; when they are hungry, they take a Pan, and mix it up with Water and Sugar, and eat as Opportunity serves,
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during the Time of their travelling. These poor inoffensive People pay great Tribute to the *Mogul*, for the Liberty of Trade. For their further Security they go in great Bodies, sometimes two or three Hundred in a Company, where they think their appearing so numerous may frighten the *Culeys*. But the *Culeys* soon prove too strong for them, and frequently put them all to the Sword, and seize all their Merchandize. Thus they rob a poor inoffensive People, and spare none, provided they think they can overpower them. The *Dutch* Scaffolds have been beset by them, and found a difficult Matter to come off without the Loss of one or two Waggon Loads: So that the *Culeys* are, in some respects, as bad as the *Angrians*, and frequently find Employment for the *Mogul's* Army, who pursue them from Place to Place, but can never entirely suppress them. These are the People which the northern Parts of the *Mogul's* Dominions are over-run with; they will venture in the Night to come about the Camp, and take Opportunities of stealing something of considerable Value; but they often come short home, for the *Catwalls* of the *Mogul's* Government keep such a good Look-out for them all Night, that they often come up with them, cut off their Heads, and leave them for the Crows to devour them, for they never stay to dig a Hole to put them in.

FROM the Place I have been last speaking of, we came towards the Back of *Cambay*, and marched towards *Carmenay*, where we surpriz'd several more of the *Culeys*; for during the whole March, I think we had not above four Towns that paid their Tributes, which Towns we left standing;

standing; tho' they were very insolent, and threatned very much what they would do to the *Annaboh*, if ever they could over-power him. We made no great Stay amongst them, having got into the very Heart of their Country; for if once they take on them to attack an Army, they never give over till they kill or be killed. The chief of their Weapons are Bows and Arrows, and Sword and Target; tho' some of them exercise the Lance. They have very fine Horses amongst them, which they will sell very cheap, as also any other Things that they have, when they pay their Tribute. They are very politick and sly; they never make any manner of Resistance without they think themselves sure of gaining the Victory, for they will sooner run away than stay to be taken; well knowing the Fate they suffer when they fall under the Power of the *Annaboh's* Soldiers, and in particular the *Arabs*, who make great Havock amongst them. They are a People of a comely Stature, clean-limb'd, of great Swiftnes of Foot, and very ingenious in their Way; their chief Delight and Care is breeding up Cattle, keeping great Flocks, and manuring their Grounds. They are a very industrious People, and would soon be rich, were they to be brought under a regular Government by the *Mogul*. But being so much addicted to Theft and Rebellion, were they not to keep a strict Hand over them, they would soon over-run the *Mogul's* Empire, and destroy all his Dominions. They have neither Kings nor Princes amongst them, for they will not condescend to be under any manner of Subjection; they will never allow any one of them to take a particular Prerogative over the rest.

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When they rise in great Bodies, they seldom are under any Command, which makes them less powerful. There is a Party of them who inhabit more to the Eastward, that appoint Governors, and erect Laws amongst themselves; but those to the Northward of *Cambay*, will not come under any manner of Subjection: They do as they please in all Things; they worship Idols of Brass and Stone, the Highways being filled with all manner of Images, which the *Mahometans* pull down and demolish; and the *Culeys* repair when they return again.

WHEN the *Mogul's* Army makes any Demand of them, provided they are willing to pay the Tribute, they will come and meet the *Annabob* a Day's March before he comes near the Town, to know what he demands; and then they leave two or three of the richest of them as Hostages, when they are sure the Inhabitants have sufficient already raised for the Payment of the tributary Demands. They seldom prove false to one another; whenever they come to treat with the *Annabob*, he is always sure of his Demands; tho' sometimes they will plead Poverty, and pretend they have had a bad Time; and then the *Annabob* readily makes some Abatements. 'Tis surprizing to me, that they do not extirpate these People, which I think might be done. But if they pay their tributary Demands, they never molest them, and suffer them to steal and plunder the travelling People as much as they think proper.

TO return from this Digression: We were with the *Annabob* all this while rambling about the Country, and driving all before us, till the Season of the Year was arrived for our Return to

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Guzurat, where we used to reside generally about the Month of *May*, and lay in close Quarters. During our stay at *Guzurat*, we had the Benefit of recreating our selves in the Gardens, and the constant Conversation of the *Dutch* Gentlemen in their Factory; they would be always doing us some good Offices, especially if any of us were out of order, and generally entertain'd us in a very handsome manner. The Gentleman that was with me here, in the Post of Engineer, was Mr. *Nathanael Webb* of *Southampton*, who had been brought up to the Law, and had run through a plentiful Estate in *England* of 800*l.* per Annum. He left *England* with us in the *Salisbury*, and was a Man of excellent Parts. At our first arrival at *Bombay*, Captain *Cockburn* discharg'd him; but he happening to light of a Friend there by mere chance, was made a Factor by the Governour and Council; and while we proceeded on our Course in search of the Pirates, his Friend died, and he was accused by some Person unknown, to the Governour and Council of a Mistake in his Accounts. For which reason, without giving him time to correct the Error, he was dismissed the Service; though he honourably clear'd himself afterwards, and was offer'd the same Post again; but refused it. He went to *Surat* with us in the *Salisbury*, and some time after, at my return to *Surat*, I met with him again, when he inform'd me of his Circumstances, and how things were with him. There was also Captain *Lynes*, who has already been spoken of; he being at that time under the same Misfortunes as my self, and had been taken by the *Sangareus*, join'd Company with us, in order to travel from *Surat* to *Bengal*; there being so great Apprehensions of *Angria*, that the Merchants were afraid to send their Ships

to any part of the Coast: so that business being very dead, we design'd to take the before mention'd Journey; which proved very difficult, the *Angrians* being distributed all over the Country; and between *Surat* and *Broach* we were oblig'd to lie conceal'd two or three days, as mention'd before.

Captain *Lynes* and my self, after we took on in the *Annabob's* Service, very often differ'd in our opinions, which made a great uneasiness between us. He was very much opinionated, but knew very little of the Business he had undertaken: this contradicting way of Proceeding could never do with me; for all that ever knew me, I hope, will allow me qualified for the Business I undertook. Mr. *Webb* observing the turbulent Disposition of this Gentleman, and being a Lover of Quietness, would daily try to make things easy between us; but all in vain. He at last refused to eat with us, and would go and buy his own Provision: accordingly Mr. *Webb* and myself let him take his own way; which caused him to leave us at *Guzurat*, after we came from the Expedition against the *Culeys*. He pretended he would go to *Surat*; it being now the best time for travelling. To this end, he took his leave of us, and set forward. Just as he got out of *Broderah*, having join'd the *Dutch* Scaffolds, the *Angrians* were very near seizing of him. For he, with the *Dutch* Gentlemen, was obliged to return to *Broderah*, and there to continue all the time of the Rains; to avoid falling into the hands of *Angria's* Forces. I found him at *Broach* with the *Dutch*, who supported him for a considerable time. I left him among them; he told me that he would go to *Batavia*, but how or which way he went, I cannot say. He said, when he came
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to *Batavia* he would get a Passage to *Bengall*, he being married to a Serjeant's Daughter at *Anjango*.

This he chose, being tired, as he said, with being obliged to travel about from place to place in a sultry Climate; tho' I must say, that I lik'd the way of living so well, that I would actually chuse to be with them again, rather than be imposed on, as I have been in some other Service. It has been my chief Care at all times to do my Duty to my Country; tho' I have never had what properly belong'd to me, but others have been paid for what I have done. I shall say very little in the Affair, but shall only mention some voluntary Pieces of Service I have done in behalf of the Hon. Company: I was at the two Sieges of *Carwar*, at the Attack on *Kemshew*, at the Sieges of *Kennerly*, and of *Gero*, at the Expedition against the *Portuguese*, and at the great Siege of *Allabag*; I was also at the taking of the *Decoy* Grab: all which I can prove to be fact, and bring some Persons, now in *London*, to confirm the same. Accordingly, I have reason to hope, that those Gentlemen, who have it in their power to reward any Services done them in the *East-Indies*, will not be altogether unmindful of me*.

To return to *Guzurat*; some time after Captain *Lynes* left us, Mr. *Webb* was taken sick, and died; during the Time of his Illness, the *Dutch* Gentlemen daily visited him, and sent him every thing convenient for one in his Condition. The Doctor was continually visiting him, and prescrib'd

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* N.B. The Author is now employ'd in a very reputable Post, in the last Ships sent to the *East-Indies*, 1736.

such Medicines as he thought most convenient: And the *Dutch* Gentlemen exceeded their usual Hospitality: And I must say, that I never receiv'd more Civility from any Gentlemen. We always lodg'd our Money in their Hands, and they prov'd very faithful Bankers. Mr. *Webb* died in about a week's time after his being taken ill, and was interr'd in the *Dutch* Burying-Ground. I was now left alone, to undergo the fatigue of looking after the Cannon. But the *Dutch* Gentlemen alleviated this Situation by their frequent Invitations to ride with them; so that I did not want for Recreation, and I eat and slept more at the *Dutch* Factory than I did at my own House, and was always welcome.

One Day, as I had been at Dinner with the *Dutch* Gentlemen, and coming home, I perceiv'd several Christian Men just arrived in Town, and being desirous to see who they were, I found three *Portuguese*, and two *Dutchmen*; one of the *Portuguese*, as he call'd himself, was *Anthony Jones*, who gave me the Account I have insert'd concerning *Plantain*, and that he had made his Escape from the Pyrates, and had been down at *Bengall*, and was there married and settled; and as the Wars were still troublesome, they join'd Company with each other, and came up to *Guzurat*, in order to proceed for *Dilley*, and take on in the *Mogul's* Service. But the *Zamelock* still continued his Rebellion, and was resolv'd to depose the *Mogul* if possible. Whereupon, Orders were sent for the *Annabob* to engage as many *English*, and other Christians as possibly he could light of, and not to spare for Wages, which should be paid them very exactly according to their Agreement. On this Encouragement, many *Englishmen*, who were out of Employment, and would not go down to
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Bombay, since Governor *Boone* had left the Island, enter'd into the *Mogul's* Service, and went away for *Dilley*; tho' many of them would rather have tarried at *Guzurat*, for they did not approve of the Fatigue of travelling. 'Tis very customary amongst the *English* in those Parts, to despise any Person that accepts of serving the *Mogul*, tho' at the same time a Man may lie out of Business, and spend all his Substance in waiting for Employment.

As for my Part, were I as young as I was then, I do not doubt but my Curiosity might lead me again to inspect more narrowly into the Customs and Manners of the *East-Indians*, than I have yet done; tho' my Accounts are as exact and true as my Situation would admit of. In the History I have given, I have borrow'd nothing from any former Authors: But my Observations are chiefly taken from what I have been an Eye and Ear-witness to. I have felt the Smart and Fatigue of Engagements, Hurries in Marches, excessive Pains and Weariness in travelling, to satisfy my own Curiosity; and now with Pleasure deliver the same to the Curious, for their Entertainment.

The Rainy Season being over about the end of *July*, the first New Moon in *August* is observed by the *Moors* as a grand Festival for the Return of fair Weather; and tho' the Rainy Season is as certain every Year as Winter and Summer, yet the *Indian* Bramins flatter the People with Notions that they shall never have any more foul Weather. Our Army having perform'd the Ceremonies and Festival, we receiv'd Orders from the Grand *Mogul* to begin our March; which proved very bad, by the heavy Rains that fell after we were on the March; and we were obliged to endure the

same, and not return to *Guzurat*. For tho' they account the first New Moon in *August* to be the time when the Rains usually cease, it was this Year the latter end of *September* before the Weather quite alter'd. In the Month of *November* the *Northern* Winds begin to blow, and refine the Air; we have then fine wholesome and good Weather, with delightful Breezes. In this Uncertainty of Weather we were oblig'd to encamp many Days; tho' our Army had excellent Covers with their Tents, which are well contrived to keep out Rain, and seldom or ever are blown down. I have lain near a Fortnight in the Camp in my own Tent, and it has rain'd for the most part of the time, when we have not had a Drop of Water come into the Tent Day or Night. We once were oblig'd to pitch our Tents in a great Hurry, as we came near to a large Town belonging to the *Culeys*; and our *Annabob* was resolved to have the Tribute demanded before we left the Place. The Camp was partly pitch'd in a Bottom; and the Rains were so very violent one Night, that many of the Tents were set on float, and the Tent-Pegs, which were drove in the Ground, were broke up by the Water washing the Sand and Earth away. The Wind at the same time was very tempestuous; and in the Morning the Place was like a little Sea full of Wrecks, the Tent-Polls and other Materials being drove to and fro by the Storm. This was the most severe Night I ever felt during my abode amongst them; however, it was the last of all the bad Weather, for we had no more Rain that Season. The Weather also confined the *Culeys* from attempting to do us any Mischief in the Night, as they commonly endeavour, if they find any proper Opportunity; tho' many times they
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lose their own Lives in such Enterprizes. I generally was with the Artillery, the most secure Part of the Camp; for when these *Culeys* offer to disturb our Camp, they never presume to come near the Artillery, the Sight of the great Guns being a terrour to them.

So soon as the Weather permitted, the whole Camp was re-pitch'd on the Brow of a large Hill, and the Cannons placed in regular Form against the *Culeys* Town; who seem'd to demur to the paying the Tribute demanded. We had with us the aforesaid *Anthony Jones* and one of the *Dutchmen*; who gave me great Uneasiness. They were angry because they were not look'd on by the *Annabob* as I was, and said they deserv'd more Respect. 'Tis true, they knew how to fire the Artillery, but had little Skill as Engineers; tho' they seem'd to believe that their Judgment was as good as that of others. The *Annabob* sent for me over Night, and order'd me to use the best of my Skill to batter the *Culeys* Town down about their ears, and to keep a continual fire. Early the next Morning we all three went to work, soon demolish'd Part of their Town, and beat down their famous Temple, wherein was their great Idol *Hoydos*, whom the *Culeys* for Hundreds of Miles came to worship. Such Execution being done amongst them, they were observ'd by their Motions, to fly towards the Northern Part of the City, where there was a Gate, at which they intended to escape, and fly to the Mountains for refuge, as many of them did. My Reader may easily imagine how ignorant they were, when some Hundreds of them would get on the tops of their Houses to see the Guns fired, and at the same time making little Opposition to our Attack. I am well assur'd, that

there were on the Cupola of the Temple above an hundred Men, who were destroy'd by our Shot, and buried in the Rubbish. Notwithstanding this, several still kept on the top of their Houses. Sometimes indeed they would send a smart Shower of Arrows towards us, but to no Effect. The Town was now almost ruin'd, and it was too late for them to capitulate; for the *Annabobs* will never admit of a Treaty after they have begun their Siege; but pursue their Resentment with Fire and Sword. The *Culeys* were now quitting the Town in numbers, and flying to the Mountains; which our *Annabob* perceiving, as he sat on his Elephant, he order'd the *Arabs* to march directly to the North Gate, to stop their Proceeding. The Wall was very lofty on the Backside of the Town, and the Army having no Notion of Scaling-Ladders, the *Annabob* sent for me, and ask'd me how the Army should get into the Place. I told him we would soon make a Breach sufficient for the Forces to enter the Town. He ask'd me if the Shot would not be detrimental to the *Arabs*, who were gone to the North Gate. I told him no; for that the Wall would sufficiently stop the Balls from doing any farther Mischief. We then brought all our Cannon in a Line, as near to each other as conveniently could be; and kept a continual fire for the space of two or three Hours; in which time, a large Part of the Wall was beat down; in-somuch, that the *Annabob*, the head Officers, and Part of the Army march'd their Elephants a-breast into the Town, over the Breach which we had made in the Wall. The *Annabob* acknowledg'd, he now saw the greatest Piece of Execution perform'd by his Cannon, in the least time, that ever he saw in his Life; on which account, he should
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always value the *English* in his Service. After all was over, he sent for me and the other two, and made each of us a considerable Present. This pleased Mr. *Anthony Jones* and the others; and encouraged them very much. There was a sad Slaughter amongst the poor *Culeys*, by the *Arabs*; for they fought Sword-in Hand above two Hours, endeavouring to force their way out of the North Gate: and the rest of our Army coming up, fell on their Rear, and cut them off in great numbers, and very few escap'd.

At this Place, which was not a hundred Miles from *Guzurat*, situated near the Mountains, the *Annabob* got more Plunder than what he had for a considerable time before: So that the Riches taken out of the Temple of the great Idol *Hoydos*, and the Treasure found in the Town amounted to upwards of 60,000*l.* Sterling; two thirds of which was sent to the *Mogul*, to confirm the Importance of this Conquest. Besides this, a great deal of Treasure and things of value were found in the Temple where the famous Idol was placed. The Height of this Idol was near twelve Feet, with Arms and other Limbs in proportion: He had his Head ornamented with Rays cast in Silver, and set all round with Jewels; but was pretty much batter'd with the Rubbish that fell into the Temple, when the Cupola was beat down. There were placed about him near a hundred small brass Images, ornamented with Jewels, &c.

We lay here near three Weeks after we had demolish'd the Town, and pull'd down all the Places of Idol-Worship round the Country: We also made great Search in the Mountains for those who got away; but all to no purpose. Before we left the Place, we burnt the Remains of the Town,

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and demolish'd every part thereof; and then made the best of our way for *Guzurat*, having sent before all the Treasure, which was secured in our *Annabob's* Treasury. In the mean time, we had an Account of *Shobomet's* marching after the *Angrians*; he having lately got about forty *Englishmen* into his Service, who were well acquainted with the Management of the Artillery. *Shobomet's* Army had march'd a considerable Way in the *Sedey's* Country without Opposition. After long Expectation, they heard of *Angria's* Army, who were at a small distance from them. Whereupon the *Annabob* gave Orders to march towards them, and came in sight of them in about twelve hours. The *Angrians*, on the *Annabob's* approach, seem'd by their Motions as if they would avoid an Engagement; on which, the Cannon began to play furiously on them, and they retreated towards the Mountains with Precipitation, where it was too dangerous to pursue them. The *Angrians* in a little time march'd between the Mountains to the Northward, and appear'd near the River which passes by *Broach*. The *Annabob* soon had an Account of this; so leaving a considerable Party to guard the Highways for the Security of Trade, he march'd towards *Broach* with the Army.

The *Angrian* Army attempting to pass the River, met with a warm Reception; for the *Dutch* had assisted the *Moors* with a long Range of good Guns, planted on the opposite side of the River, where they judg'd the Enemy would endeavour to ford over. This Platform of Cannon, as well as the Men to fire them, was conceal'd by great heaps of Leaves thrown up before them: When Part of the *Angrians* were got about half way over, the Platform was uncover'd, and the Cannon discharg'd

as fast as possible; which kill'd great Numbers of them. In this Confusion, several endeavour'd to return back, but were drove down by the Current; so that hardly any escaped of those who had taken the River. The rest of the *Angrians*, on the other side the River, retired towards the Mountains again; but our Army arriving during this Confusion, made a great Slaughter of them in their flight. After this, *Shohomet* encamp'd near the Banks of the River for some time.

After we had remain'd a little while at *Guzurat*, we had Orders to march; and in a few Days arriv'd near a large Town, where we had a very great Demand on the *Culeys*. But here their Deputies met the *Annabob*, fell at the Feet of his Elephant, and declared they were ready to pay their Tribute. These Deputies staid all Night with the *Annabob*; and early the next Morning the Tribute was brought from the Town, and paid to the *Divan*, who is the Person appointed to receive and disburse all Money. After we had remain'd hereabouts some Days, we march'd back to *Guzurat*.

I shall just mention the Barbarity of these *Culeys* to Captain *Sedgwick* of *Bombay*, who had been an old Servant to the Company, and Master-Attendant for them many Years, a Person much esteem'd by Governor *Boone*, and most of the Gentlemen belonging to the Island: After he resign'd the Place of Master-Attendant, he accepted of being Captain of the Company's Yatch which used the *Surat* and *Cambay* Trade; and going from *Surat* to *Cambay*, there not being Water sufficient for the Vessel to go over the Bar, they moor'd her at *Chimnaw*, about thirty Miles distant from *Cambay*, where Captain *Sedgwick* took his own Boat, in order to go up to the *English* Factory at *Cambay*;

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Mr. *Whittle* being then lately establish'd Chief for the Company there: But the Tide not flowing so long as they expected, they lost their Passage, and were obliged to let go their Grappling, in order to lie till the next Flood. The Place where the Boat lay at the ebbing away of the Tide was dry, which when the *Culeys* perceiv'd, they judg'd there was Treasure in the Boat; wherefore a great Number of them came down, in order to seize the Treasure, if not to murder him. But he seeing so great a Number of them, and thinking that by firing a Musket or two, they might be scared away, fired accordingly. But they were not so soon frightened, for when they perceived his Men to fire at them, they came on in a great Body, and soon cut him to pieces, and the few Men he had with him; taking what Treasure was in the Boat, and so made off. From thence they went down to the Yatch, and would have boarded them, but they kept them off with their great Guns. Tho' Captain *Herring* was pleas'd to tell me, that if Captain *Sedgwick* had not fired upon them, they would not have concern'd themselves with him. Had the Captain but laid the Boat out in the Mid-Channel about half a Cable's Length further, he might soon have got from them; for they could not have run after the Boat when under sail, and a strong Tide to help them away: For this Place is flat a long way on both Sides, and you must wade through the Mud for near three quarters of of a Mile, at low Water, before you come to the Channel.

When we lay in the same Place, and I was Captain *Herring's* Lieutenant, Captain *Dogget* in the *Hunter-Galley* was with us; for we never had any single Vessel sent up from *Bombay* after this

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Accident, but always two together. If we did not happen to go just at the Height of the Spring-Tides, we could not get over the Bar, the Channel being so very difficult. Captain *Dogget* and Captain *Herring* went up in our Galleywat, which was allow'd us as a Tender. We lay here near a Fortnight before they return'd, and all the while kept a good Look-out; and tho' all the Country round was inhabited by the *Culeys*, we every day diverted ourselves with playing at Cricket, and other Exercises, which they would come and be Spectators of. But we never ventur'd to recreate ourselves in this Method, without having Arms for ourselves, and guarded by some of our Soldiers, lest the Country should come down upon us. Several times, four or five of the Heads of the Town came down on Horseback, with great Attendance: They had two Men generally running at their Horse's Heads, with bamboo Lances of a great length; and one or two a little before them, with their Swords and Targets.

When we found that they never offer'd to disturb us, Lieutenant *Stevens* and Lieutenant *Radbone* sent to me, and ask'd if I would venture with them to take a Walk to a Town about two or three Miles off. They propos'd to go well arm'd; and accordingly we all went. Captain *Dogget* had on board about forty of the *London* People, that were sent to supply the Loss we sustain'd at the Siege of *Allabeg*, besides *Topasses* and *Lascars*; but we had only two white Men on board beside myself. We arm'd most of Captain *Dogget's* Men, and fasten'd a Jack on a Half-Pike, which one of them carried as our Colours. Each of us had a Blunderbuss, and a Pair of Pistols in our Belts: Early in the Morning we went up to the Town. Our Pro-
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visions being short, we hoped to get a couple of Bullocks, some Sheep, Fowls, and Bread, from the Town. So soon as they perceiv'd we were coming, one of the Head of the Town came out on Horseback, and demanded our Business. We had with us two of our *Lascares* that could talk the *Culey* Tongue; and the Chief demanding our Business, we told him we came in Friendship to buy some Provisions, if they would let us have any. He ask'd what sort we wanted. We told him, a couple of Bullocks, some Fowls, a Sheep or two, or any thing else they could spare, or willingly sell us. We shew'd him Money, and told him, that if he was not willing we should come into the Town, we would tarry where we were, and let him send us such things as were worth our Money, which we would pay for. He said, if we behaved ourselves civilly, we should have what we wanted, and should be welcome to come into the Town. We consulted whether it was proper for us all to go into the Place; but, as we had shelter to keep us from the Sun, we thought it more advisable to continue under the Shade of the Trees: So that if any foul play should be design'd us, we were not willing to be incumber'd in a Town.

However, we no ways perceiv'd that any Treachery was meant against us, till towards the time of our coming away; when we observ'd several People, who had been before to view us, appear'd afterwards in an armed Posture, tho' they brought the Bullocks, and we paid them what they demanded, which was twenty Rupees *per* Head; we bought also two Sheep for two Rupees a head, and a dozen of Fowls.

During the time we were trafficking, they were very alert, flourishing their Swords, and making
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Motions as if cutting off Heads. Our *Lascar*, or Interpreter, told us they were hatching of Mischief against us, in order to pick a Quarrel; and desired us to make the best of our Way for our Vessels. We took his Advice, and made what haste we could down to the Galley, and carried with us what we had paid for. When we were coming away, there being a great Number of Peacocks in a large Tamarind-Tree just by, (which Peacocks are very plenty in this Country) Lieutenant *Rathbone* ask'd if they were wild or tame, and whether he might shoot one or two? They told him they were wild, and that any body might take what they could of them; not thinking, as we supposed, that we should presume to shoot at them. However, Lieutenant *Rathbone* shot, and kill'd three at once; for I believe there were near twenty in two Trees adjoining. They neither seem'd much pleas'd nor displeas'd at this; but bid us take them with us. We also got about 100 Weight of Flower of them, and some Butter. We then set out on our Return to our Vessels, having sent four Men with the two Bullocks, two Sheep, and the Fowls, a considerable while before us. We kept our Colours flying all the time that we were there; and tho' the Inhabitants seem'd but few in number, yet they were of a bold and undaunted Spirit; and 'tis probable, that had we not stay'd out of the Town, they would not have been so civil to us as they proved.

While we lay in our Vessels, two Countrymen who weré at plow in a Field near us, brought down a fine Antelope they had just catch'd; but how they caught it, I cannot say; for it was at full Growth, and as fine a one as ever I saw in my Life. I gave them

them two Rupees for it, for which they seem'd very thankful, and went away well contented.

We lay here about a Fortnight, when Captain *Herring* went down for *Surat* in one of the *Cam-bay* Hoys, and left me to follow Captain *Dogget* with the Yatch. We got safe down to *Surat* in a short time, where we heard that the City was besieged by the *Angrians* and *Sedeys*, vulgarly call'd *Gonims*; but that the City was in a good posture of Defence, and very little Mischief done by the Besiegers, who soon after raised the Siege.

To return from this long Digression. I came back with our *Annabob* to *Guzurat*, and we made another successful Expedition, destroying two Towns belonging to the *Culeys*; and then return'd to a Camp near *Guzurat* with the Army. Finding our *Annabob* had no Design to go soon for *Dilley*, I desired leave to quit the *Mogul's* Service, which was granted. The *Annabob* gave me several Marks of Respect, and thank'd me for my Services in his Army. I order'd my Servant, who had formerly belong'd to a *Dutch* Merchant, and had been very faithful to me, to convey my Baggage out of the Camp, and bring it to me at the *Dutch* Factory; where it was secured till my going down to *Surat*. I was not determin'd whether to go down to *Cam-bay*, or to return to *Surat*. Therefore during my stay at *Guzurat*, I wrote to Mr. *Whittle* at *Cam-bay*, requesting the Favour of him to let me know if any *English* Vessel was there, belonging to *Bom-bay*. Whether the Letter miscarried or no, I cannot say, but I receiv'd no answer to it.

The Country being pretty quiet at this time, I resolv'd to set out for *Surat* with the first Scaffolds of Merchants; and provided my self accordingly.

I got a Suit of *Moors* Apparel; and it being the Fashion of the Country to wear Whiskers, I had got a large Pair almost up to my Ears. I order'd my Man to hire a Coach to carry me for *Broderab*, where I could take a fresh Stage for *Broach*, and then the like for *Surat*. I agreed with the Man for eight Rupees to go three Days Journey for *Broderab*, he being to pay all the Expences on the Road, and to feed his Cattle, &c. So that my Charge for my three Days Journey was very reasonable.

I set out the latter end of *November*, and join'd a large Train of Coaches and Waggon, well loaded with all sorts of Merchandize. I had pretty well feather'd my Nest during my stay in the *Mogul's* Service, and the *Dutch* Gentlemen offer'd to give me Bills for my Money to be paid at *Surat*; but I well knowing how things had been, was not willing to trust to their Bills, but thought it more proper to take all my Cash with me; there being no Account of any Disturbances on the Roads. Our first Day's Journey was from *Guzurat* to *Hugely-Scare*, where we were entertain'd in the *Surcars*, and the Cattle all provided for. My Coachman was a very obliging Man, and served me very well. There were two or three *Armenian* Merchants that were travelling to *Surat*; they had near forty Waggon loaded with rich Merchandise: Being Christians, I took the Opportunity of joining with them, for the sake of their Conversation, and dining in Company. Our first Day's Journey was pretty long; but we got in early in the Evening. We were alarm'd with a Noise of some of the *Culey* Party coming, on which Account we drove very hard all Day, and scarce stopt
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to give our Oxen a Bate: But it proved a false Alarm.

Early the next Morning we set out for *Nofs*, and that was a longer Day's Journey than the Day before; so that we were very much fatigued with travelling; we did not stop all Day, only to give the Cattle Water about Noon, and a Mouthfull of Sugar-cane, which grows wild there, but never comes to Perfection. Early in the Evening we got into *Nofs*, a great Stage, where all Scaffolds and Merchants stop. The Inhabitants are *Culeys*, but have never been known to behave rudely to Travellers.

The next Mornings, so soon as Day-light appear'd, we all ferried over the River *Nofs*; and the way leading between two Hills of a considerable Height, in a very narrow Lane there met us a flying Party of the *Angrians*, about forty in number, who began to rummage amongst the foremost Merchants, and took some Money from several of them; but seeing no End of the Scaffold, they soon made off, and went towards the Mountains, judging that there was a Guard in the Rear. I would have fired my Pistols amongst them, but the *Armenians* begged of me not to do it; for they said if I did, and should but draw Blood of one of them, they would certainly get a Reinforcement, and return; and then put all to the Sword.

In the Afternoon we got to *Broderah*, where we continued three or four Days; it being a pleasant and delightful City, and a Place of great Trade. There are here very fine Gardens, pleasant Fountains, and great Variety of Entertainments to divert you; so that we recreated and refresh'd our selves, till we thought fit to set out for
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Broach, which is two Days Journey from *Broderah*. We halted the first Day at a small *Culey* Village, that lay in the high Road for *Broach*; here we rested but very indifferently that Night. As the Country was still, the People were manuring the Ground, planting and transplanting their Cotton-Trees, and watering their Grounds from Sun-rising to Sun-set.

Early in the Morning we set out for *Broach*, where we arriv'd the next Day. I went to the *Dutch* Factory, where I was very handsomely entertain'd; and here I found Captain *Lynes*, who pretended a great deal of Joy for my Welfare, and profess'd a great Concern for the Death of *Mr. Webb*. I tarried here four Days, and was handsomely entertain'd by the *Dutch* Governors; and the Gentlemen who were come down from *Guzurat*, treated me with great Civility. At my first Arrival, the Chief of the Factory and his Lady were gone for the Benefit of the Air into the Gardens, and Captain *Lynes* with them. This Gentleman, who was next in Command to the Chief, told me, that Captain *Lynes* was much in favour with the Governour, and that he learn'd him to play on the Flute; that he was also much respected by the Gentlemen of the Place. So soon as the Chief came home, he was inform'd of my Arrival there; he sent Captain *Lynes* to desire me to sup with him. Accordingly I paid my Respects to him, and after Supper we diverted ourselves till towards Midnight.

It was on the *Saturday* Night I arriv'd there; the *Sunday* they kept very strict, employing themselves in singing of Psalms, reading in Publick, and the like. They desired me to join with them in their Worship, which, in Duty to God for his many Mercies,

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Mercies, I readily did. The next Day we were very merry and diverting; and on the *Wednesday* following, I took my Leave of them. When I got on the other Side the River of *Broach*, there were many and various Reports concerning the *Angrians*, though we saw nothing of them all the way; for at *Conrass* we halted again, to let the Oxen drink; and that Night reach'd within twelve Hours of *Surat*, and there rested.

The next Morning we set out; and in the way met a Party of *Shohomet's* Army of near 400. At first sight we were much surprized, and did suppose that they were the *Angrians*. They had been to guard a small Quantity of Money to the *Divan* of a little Town belonging to the *Moors*, lying near the River-side. They let us know, that the *Annabob* was close at their Heels, in order to be reveng'd on the *Angrians*, on account of *Sufurrab*, whom they still kept torturing in a cruel Manner. About Noon we arrived at *Surat*, where I was gladly receiv'd by my Acquaintance, and Friends. I went and paid my Respects to the worshipful Mr. *John Hope*, who was then Chief at *Surat*, who seem'd well satisfied at my Return from the *Moors* Service, and told me at present there was no Business stirring; but so soon as there was, he would find me Employment. I return'd him my Thanks, and waited on him several times after.

When I formerly went from *Surat*, I left a large portmanteau Trunk full of Clothes there; which I now found safe, and not the least Thing missing. I went to my old House of Entertainment, where I was made welcome; and continued there till I got into Business, at very little Expences. Mr. *Matthew Waldron* was Master of this House; he
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had two beautiful Daughters, both married to Men of good Fortunes. I had now a particular Correspondence with the Doctor of the Factory, who came to visit me every Evening, and told me how things had been represented, on my taking on in the *Moors* Service. I told him, as I was a free Man, I had liberty to serve them that paid best, and that it was Curiosity led me to see the Country, &c. He constantly shew'd me a great deal of Friendship, with Sincerity and Good-nature. I always paid the Governour the utmost Respect, and he frequently enquired after my Health. He enquired also after the Death of Mr. *Webb*; and told me, he was sorry that such Men as he and I should take a Ramble in those strange and remote Parts of the World. I must confess the Gentleman seem'd much my Friend, in advising me never to attempt the like again; for he said, it was sufficient for Men to be frolicksome once in their Life-time. I here got the Account of the preceeding Wars at *Bombay*, and *Angria's* further Progress, which I have mention'd.

I continued here above a Week, and then resolv'd to come for *England*; which I did in the *King George*, Captain *John Houghton*; with whom I acted as fourth Mate. When I left *India*, the Company had near thirty Ships of War and Gallies in their Service, of different Force; which were sufficient to have destroy'd *Angria's* Naval Power, could they come to a fair Engagement. But his Advantage lies in laying hold of Opportunities to attack our Ships with superior Force, and then retiring to his Ports; where 'tis difficult to attack him with success.

I have been in seven Engagements against *Angria*, and never receiv'd a Wound (thanks be to God;)

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God;) tho' I have, as before related, had sixteen Men kill'd in the Boat I had the Direction of, at the Siege of one of his Castles.

Since my Arrival in *England*, there have been Accounts of *Angria's* taking several of the *East-India* Company's Ships; and that he goes on to strengthen himself, and seems to bid defiance to all our Attempts to suppress him, as they have hitherto been unsuccessful: occasion'd either by the Cowardice, ill Conduct, or Treachery of some of those employ'd. But were our Naval and Land-Forces in those Parts put under proper Discipline, and commanded by Officers well acquainted with the Coasts of *India*; Men of Courage, Conduct, and Fidelity; I doubt not but in a short time he might be disabled from doing us any more Mischief, and an entire stop put to his Pyracies.

I shall not mention any thing here of my own Behaviour; there are living Witnesses of that: I am waiting for an Opportunity to be employ'd in the *India* Company's Service, who, I am inform'd, are making Preparations to suppress this powerful Robber; which that they may effectually do, is the hearty Desire, of their most obedient humble Servant,

CLEMENT DOWNING.

