

A Compendious
HISTORY
OF THE
INDIAN WARS;

WITH
An Account of the RISE, PROGRESS,
STRENGTH, and FORCES of
Angria the Pyrate.

ALSO
The TRANSACTIONS of a Squadron
of Men of War under Commodore
Matthews, sent to the *East-Indies* to
suppress the PYRATES.

To which is annex'd,
AN ADDITIONAL HISTORY of the Wars
between the *Great Mogul*, *Angria*, and
his *Allies*.

With an Account of the LIFE and ACTIONS of
JOHN PLANTAIN, a notorious Pyrate
at *Madagascar*; his Wars with the Natives
on that Island, where having continued eight
Years, he join'd *Angria*, and was made his
chief Admiral.

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THE following Accounts were wrote by Mr. CLEMENT DOWNING, who for some Years was employ'd in the East-Indies in several reputable Posts; and consequently an Eye-witness of most of the Transactions here mention'd.

It was thought proper to promise this; as the World has been of late very much imposed on by fictitious Pieces, under the Titles of Voyages, Travels, Memoirs, &c. with sham Names prefix'd as the Authors. This sort of Writings has been collected from different Books, alter'd, enlarg'd, abridg'd, jumbled together, to serve the turn; and many improbable Incidents added, to amuse the Imagination of the Reader, but of no real Use to inform his Understanding.

As there have been very few Relations of the Transactions in the East-Indies between the English and Angria, a History of the Rise, Progress, Strength, and Forces of this formidable Pyrate must certainly be very entertaining. This is what our Author has done in a very concise, tho' particular manner; he has also given an Account of the Attacks made on his Forts and strong Places, in order to drive him from

the Sea-coasts. In this the Reader should allow for the known Partiality of an English Sailor to those of his own Country and Profession; and for some little Prejudice against the Land-Forces, very natural to Mariners.

In the Transactions of the Squadron sent to suppress the Pyrates in the East-Indies, our Author gives his Reasons, very probable ones, why it succeeded no better; without throwing out any indecent Reflections on the Conductors of that Expedition.

The Account of John Plantain the famous Pyrate of Madagascar, and his Companions is very diverting, and gives a particular Relation of the Conduct, Behaviour, and Way of Life of those abandon'd Wretches.

In the additional Account of Angria, his Wars with the Mogul, &c. there is a Description of several Parts of the Mogul's Dominions, the Nature of the Civil Government, and the Method of making War in those Parts. Here Mr. Downing acted as Engineer for some Campaigns, till he thought proper to quit the Service, and return to his native Country.

As our Author is at this time employ'd in a reputable Post in the Expedition now on foot, and went with the Ships, &c. sent to the East-Indies in 1736; this sufficiently vouches for his preceding good Behaviour in those Parts.

The Reader is desired to remember, that he is not to expect a florid Style in historical Relations; and that the Author of these Pieces being always bred to the Sea, perhaps may sometimes mistake in smaller matters relating to the Marches, &c. of a Land-Army. Allowing this, I doubt not but he will find these Accounts both Entertaining and Instructive.



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HISTORY
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INDIAN WARS:

With an Account of the Rise,
Progress, Strength and Forces
of ANGRIA the Pyrate, &c.

IN the Year 1715, I left England, in the *Queen of Peace*, Capt. *John Martin* Commander, in company with the Hon. *Charles Boone*, Esq; who embarked on board the *Stanhope*, Capt. *Wentworth George Pitt* Commander. We arrived at *Bombay* on the 25th of *December* following, one Day before the Arrival of the Governor, being sent a-head of them to give an Account of his Honour's Arrival. Early next Morning the *Stanhope* arrived off the Island of *Bombay*, where the Governor landed with the usual State

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and Grandure. He was commission'd from the Crown and Company, as President of the Castle and Island of *Bombay*; Governor and Commander in Chief of all the United Company's Forces, on the Coast of *India*, *Persia* and *Arabia*.

AT our Arrival on the said Island, all the Honours due to him were paid by the Inhabitants, and their Compliments were kindly received by his Honour. When the Governor arrived, the Inhabitants complained of the heavy Oppressions and Injuries they had received from *Angria* the Pyrate, who was then at *Golabey*, and had also the Island of *Kenercy*, with the strong Castle of *Gersey*, the Channel of whose Harbour is very difficult to find out. We had an Account of several Insults he had offered in those Parts on the Company's Shipping belonging to *Europe*, as well as those which belong'd to the Island of *Bombay*. They had at two several Times engaged the *Blenheim*, Capt. *Parrot*, and the *Godolphin*, Capt. *Ingram*, two Ships belong to the Company. But I think it proper first to give an Account of the Original, Birth and Parentage of *Angria*, and how the Island of *Bombay* came to the *Englisb* by the Dower of *Queen Catherine of Portugal*, and the like; which Account has not as yet been published.

AT the Marriage of King *Charles* the Second with *Catherine of Portugal*, the Island of *Bombay* with the Cities of *Goa* and *Bassean*, were given to *England* as Part of her Portion. But the *Englisb* met with many Interruptions before they obtained it, and the Government was obliged to fit out four Men of War to settle Things for the *East-India* Company; who pay an Acknowledgment to the Crown, according to their Contract

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The Governors of *Bombay* have the Title of President and Governor of his Majesty's Castle and Island of *Bombay*, by Commission from the Crown, and have a Troop of Horse under their Command, with three Regiments of Foot, and all Things convenient.

THE Men of War that went thither, were the *Anglesey*, under the Command of Commodore *Littleton*; the *Harwich*; the *Lizard* and *Litchfield*. The *Portuguese* made a great many Scruples in surrendering up the Island; having built several strong Castles, as that of *Bombay*; that at *Dungerrey*; that at *Leyam*, and that at *Mayam*. This Island is about seven Miles in Length; and three in Breadth, has great Numbers of Coco-nut Trees, which bring in a large Revenue to the Company. The original Inhabitants were *Keueyreans*, a very inoffensive People, tho' Pagans: They are of comely Stature, well shaped and very strong. They wear no Clothes, only a Piece of Linnen Cloth about their Loins, and a flat Cap on their Heads. They are distinguished by several Names; some call them *Frost* or *Coolley*, which is the common Name they go by among the *English*. The *Frost* eat no Flesh but what dies of itself: For any Sheep, Hogs, or Fowls that die of any sort of Distemper, they will feed on as the finest well-fed Meat whatever. So that when such Accidents happen to the *English*, they send for some of them to take the same away; which they are very thankful for. They are very industrious and cleanly; for tho' they eat such unclean Things, they wash 'em first.

AS to *Angria*, the original Account we have of his Birth is, that his Father was an *Arabian*

Cofferey, one that renounced the *Mahometan* Faith, and being on the Coast of *India*, he took on to serve the Grand *Sedey*, who was then at War with the *Mogul*; and this *Purab Angria* his Son entered into the *Mogul's* Service, and there for some *Misdemeanor* was discharged, and then he renounced the Faith of *Mahomet*, and fled to the Grand *Sedey*, and was of great Service to him, so that he gave him his own Sister to Wife. The present *Correngey Angria* is not the true begotten Son of this *Purab Angria*, but an Impostor, according to the following Account: This *Angria* was the Son of a *Cofferey* Man and Woman, that were taken Prisoners by the *Sedey*, and were his Slaves; *Purab Angria* had by the *Sedey's* Sister two Sons, both of the *Cofferey* kind, her Husband being a *Cofferey*, but she an *Indian*: However, the Children proved to be Woolly-headed. These Children were brought up together by the *Sedey's* Kinsmen; and the Father, *Purab Angria*, was killed in an Engagement against the *Mogul's* Army: The Name of the first of these Boys was *Purab Angria*, and the other *Correngey Angria*: They were now grown pretty big Boys, and this Impostor taking them to the River, they all got into a Canoo, and not being acquainted with the Method of the Tide, they were drove away, and he threw the two Boys over-board. Then coming down *Pen River*, the Tide set him over to *Bombay*, where he hired himself for a Servant, to wait on the *English* Gentlemen, in whose Service he continued till he was a Man. In the mean time there had been great Search made after the other two and him; but not finding them, it was concluded they were drowned or killed by some unknown Enemies. The Mother was in no small Concern

Concern for her Children, and not hearing what was become of them, died of Grief. These Accounts were often brought over to *Bombay*; but as he was a Stranger there, he kept all in his own Breast. And when he was grown up to be a lusty Fellow, his Ambition led him to lay aside the Service of a Lacquey, and to take that of a Pune, whose Office it is to bear Arms before their Masters, and walk with their Sword laid on their Shoulder, and their Target slung at their Backs. After some time he made his Escape from *Bombay* to the Sedey's Country, where he enquired after his Mother, who was dead: He then went to several of the most ancient Inhabitants, and told them he was *Corrangey Angria*, Son of *Parah Angria*, and that the Tide had drove them out of their Knowledge, so that for three or four Days they had nothing to eat or drink; in which Distress his Brothers died; but said, the fourth Day he was taken up by a Fisherman belonging to *Bombay*, with whom he continued, and had been a Slave to the *English*, of whom he was resolved to be revenged. He was soon conducted to the Grand Sedey, who, by his plausible Story, really believed him to be his Sister's Son.

THE ancient Inhabitants of *Bombay* say, that the Island of *Kenerey* was in the Grand Sedey's Possession, and that he gave it to *Angria*, with several small Galleywats: This makes many say he was born a Nobleman, and that his Father was a very great Man. How all the Discovery of this Affair came out, shall be related in proper Time.

OTHER Accounts say, that he was born a *Kenerey*, by a *Portuguese Cofferey* and a *Kenerey* Woman, on the Island of *Bombay*, and after he

came to Man's Estate, with four or five Companions, in the Night, went away in one of the Company's Galleywats, directly to *Kenerey*, which had been fortified by the *Portuguese*. The Island is about one Mile in Circumference, and only a barren Rock, but suitable to his Intention; it lies right in the Mouth of the Harbour of *Bombay*, about three Leagues distance, and bearing due South from the Road where we commonly lie at Anchor. The *Portuguese* at the resigning *Bombay* to the *English*, quitted this Island also; for they had always kept a pretty good Guard there, and the Work well fortified, being all founded on a Rock. *Angria* had no sooner made himself Master of *Kenerey*, but he attacked the Fishermen of *Bombay*, and took some of them. This trifling Insult the *English* put up for the present, but in a little time they sent Carpenters to *Surat*, who there built a small Vessel that mounted twelve Guns to guard the Fishery, and a Yacht for carrying the Company's Governors up and down the Coast of *India*, as Occasion required. *Angria* soon increased his Number of People by the help of the *Sedey*, from whom he had several small Galleywats with Guns: In cruising off the Island, they took a large Grab belonging to the *Portuguese*, which they made of great Service to them. The Island is distant from any Part of the Continent about nine Miles, and all the North, South and West Parts rocky, and very dangerous to attempt to land on; but to the Eastward, there is a fine sandy Bay, or rather Cove, with the Front Work of the Fortification, supported by two very strong Bastions on each Side the Cove, which they mount with six Guns each. These Bastions command the Cove, so that whatever

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Boats attempt to land, they can sink them. They were prejudicial to us in our landing during the Time of the Siege which was undertaken by Governor *Boone* in Person, who hoisted the Union Flag on board the *Addison*, as shall be related.

AFTER *Angria* had taken this Grab, he mounted several Guns on her, and declared open War with all Nations, and soon after took another Grab of a considerable Force from the *Portuguese*. These Grabs he soon mann'd, and had besides five Sail of Galleywats. I shall now speak of his first Assault on the *English*: When Capt. *Hudson* formerly commanded the *Tankerfield*, a large Ship belonging to the Company, they were yearly sending over Supplies for the increasing the Inhabitants of the Factories and Fortifications in those Parts of *India*. Amongst these were Capt. *Cooke*, his Lady, two Daughters, and a Son, he having left two other Daughters behind in *England* for their better Education. Capt. *Cooke* was appointed chief Engineer for all the Company's Fortifications at *Bengal*; but they arriving on the Coast of *India*, before they proceeded to *Bengal*, came to *Carwar*, then under the Protection of *Thomas Harvey*, Esq; Governor of that Factory, who entertain'd Capt. *Hudson* and all the Gentlemen and Ladies on board in a splendid manner. Capt. *Cooke* and his Lady being on shore for Refreshment after their fatiguing Passage, and their Children with them, Governor *Harvey* took a very great Liking to Capt. *Cooke's* eldest Daughter, Mrs. *Catherine Cooke*, on whom he proffer'd to make great Settlements, provided the Father and Mother would consent to her Marriage with him, which they

did, tho' a very disagreeable Match; for Governor *Harvey* was a deform'd Man, and in Years; she a most beautiful Lady, not exceeding Thirteen or Fourteen Years of Age, who to oblige her Parents consented also. In a short time after they were married, Capt. *Hudson* went to *Bengal*; and Capt. *Cooke* and his Lady, with their other Daughter and Son, were obliged to proceed to the Place appointed for their Residence, leaving the eldest with her Husband, who in less than a Year after died, and left his Lady chief Executrix of all his Possessions. She soon after married Mr. *Chown*, a Gentleman more suitable to her Years than the former; and Mr. *Chown* and she being obliged to come up to *Bombay*, to pass the Accounts of the late Governor *Harvey*, after all their Business was compleated there, he was appointed Governor of the Factory at *Carwar*. This Lady being then big with Child, the Governor of *Bombay*, Mr. *Hassleby*, ordered the Company's Yacht and a small Man of War to convoy them to *Carwar*: They set sail, but had not lost Sight of *Bombay* before *Angria* attack'd them with his Grabs, and they begun a smart and bloody Battle. The new-made Governor had his Right Arm shot off, and bled to Death in the young Lady's Arms, for want of the Assistance of a Surgeon. He desired before he expired, if she should alter her Condition, to accept of Mr. *William Gifford*, one of the Council of the Island of *Bombay*; which she promised. In a short time they were overcome by the *Angrians*, and carried Prisoners into *Kenerey*. The *Defiance*, the small Frigate, got safe back to *Bombay*, and gave an Account of this to the President and Council; who directly treated for her Ransom,

Ransom, which was 30000 *Rupees*. This the Gentlemen of the Island soon disburs'd, and made a Peace with *Angria*, which he kept for about two Years after : The Gentlemen who were sent to pay the Ransom were obliged to wrap their Clothes about her, to cover her Nakedness. At her Return to *Bombay*, she was welcom'd by the chief Gentlemen and Ladies of the Island, who also condol'd her on the Loss of so tender a Husband : She was shortly after brought to Bed of a Son. She most courageously withstood all *Angria's* base Usage, and endured his Insults beyond Expectation. A very short time after her Delivery, she was, with the President's Approbation, married to Mr. *William Gifford*, with whom she lived happily, till he was sent down to *Anjango*, as Governor of the Company's Forts and Factory, where he was cut off by the Natives, as shall be mentioned hereafter.

ABOUT two Years after, Capt. *Peacock* in the *Summers*, and Capt. *Collet* in the *Grantham*, were coming up the Coast of *India* for *Bombay* ; on which *Angria*, tired with lying so long idle, attack'd them very smartly ; but they made a gallant Defence, and beat him off. They then mann'd their Long-boats, and boarded one of his Grabs ; when Mr. *Henry Cave*, a young Midshipman with Capt. *Peacock*, gallantly entered over the Prow of the Grab they boarded, but one of the *Angrians* thrusting a Lance at his Breast, push'd him back into the Long-boat again. The Lance continued in his Breast till it was taken out by some of the Boat's Crew. This Lance Capt. *Peacock* kept till the Day of his Death. However, the Long-boats maintain'd a smart Battle for fours and more, and it was several

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times thought that they would have carried one of the Grabs: But several other Galleywats coming to *Angria's* Assistance, they were towed in, and so got off very much batter'd, with the Loss of many Men.

FROM this Time, *Angria* grew very insolent again, and took several small Ships belonging to the Country Merchants, whereby he strengthened his own Fleet. He afterwards engaged the *Arabella*, Capt. *Read*, a small Ship belonging to the Company, the *Blenheim*, Capt. *Parrot*, and the *Godolphin*, Capt. *Ingram* Commander, who all made gallant Defences. Whereupon the President and Council finding that hardly any Shipping could pass or re-pass; they for the Company's Interest in the way of Trade, thought proper to make Peace with him again. The Town of *Bombay* was unwall'd, and no Grabs or Frigates to protect any thing but the Fishery; except a small Munchew, which had escaped when *Angria* took the Company's Yacht. When the Hon. *Charles Boone* arrived there in the Year 1715, the Island was in a declining Posture; but that Gentleman soon promoted the Trade and Tranquillity of it. He sent up to *Surat*, and there built a very fine Frigate called the *Fame*; another was built of a large Force, called the *Britannia*; and the same Year another was built, called the *Revenge*. The *Britannia* built at *Carwar*, Capt. *Weekes* Commander, mounted 18 Guns, and carried 140 Men; the *Fame*, Capt. *Passwater* Commander, mounted 16 Guns, and 120 Men; the *Revenge*, Capt. *Woodward* Commander, mounted 16 Guns, and 120 Men. These three Frigates were built within six Months after his Honour's Arrival at *Bombay*.

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I having, at my first Arrival in the Country, made a Voyage to *Muscat* in *Arabia*, and there took in a Freight of Horses, we proceeded for *Madras*, and from thence to *Bengal*. We sold our Ship at *Madras*, and sent her under another Command for *Bengal*: I then met with the *Stanhope*, who was come from *Persia* to *Bengal*, and was proceeding on a trading Voyage for *Bombay*, with whom I came a Passenger. Hearing there was a Vacancy in the Hon. Company's Service, on board of their new-built Frigates, I humbly applied to the President, who gave me a Second Lieutenant's Commission in the *Fame* Frigate, Capt. *Peter Passwater* Commander. At this Time the President and Council thought proper to build a Wall round the City of *Bombay*, for the Security of the Inhabitants; they also built another large Grab or Frigate, which mounted 24 Guns. When I received my Commission from the President, the Frigate I was commissioned for was at *Carwar*; and the *Revenge* being bound to *Carwar* with Orders, I went in her, and was ordered by Governor *Taylor* to take my Post. But I should have mentioned an Engagement we had by the Way: For having got the Length of *Cape Ramus*, a head Land about 14 Leagues to the Northward of *Carwar*, we there met with the *Britannia* and the *Fame* coming up the Coast, in order to besiege a small Garrison about 10 or 12 Leagues further to the Northward. They had on board all these Frigates a Company of Marines commanded by Capt. *John Stanton*, since for his good Behavior made Major of the Island of *Bombay*. We join'd them by Commodore *Weeks's* Order, and proceeded up to *St. George's Island*, where we made several

Combustibles, in order to fire the Town. The Place we were a going to besiege belong'd to King *Kemsbew*, who had very strong Fortifications, and several Vessels which were very troublesome to our small Craft that pass'd *Mangalore* to *Canwar* with Rice and other Conveniencies for the Factory. This *Kemsbew* was Brother-in-law to *Angria*, and they mutually supported each other. We exercised our People that Day on the Island of *St. George*, and Capt. *Stanton* had the Marines on shore, and took a great deal of Care in disciplining them. The next Morning early we were off of the Place, which was about seven Leagues to the Northward of *Goa*; we run very near into the Shore, and brought our Prow Guns to bear on the Castle, which was situated on a Hill; and we soon found we did them considerable Damage. We then man'd all our Galleywats, in order to land all our People; but the Place was so rocky, and so great a Surf run, that we could not attempt it. We had 10 or 12 Galleywats, which are large Boats, as big as a *Gravesend* Tilt-boat, and generally mount six Swivel Guns, and will carry in the way of Landing near 100 Men. These Galleywats we make great use of; they sail with a Peak Sail like the Mizzen of any of our Ships of War, and row with 30 or 40 Oars; very few with less than 20 Oars. Their Compliment is generally 20 fighting Men, besides the Rowers; but they are fit for no other Service.

SO soon as we found the Place was no way convenient for landing our Forces, we made the best of our Way round to the Back of a small Fort to the Southward of the Frontier. The Frigates kept a continual Fire on the Frontier and

and Castle, and they began to return the Fire; but being seated on the top of a Hill, and not having Judgment enough in pointing their Guns, they did us no Damage. On the other Side of the Rock, we intended to land our People; but we found there was no Possibility, the Rocks being so steep and high; besides the Enemy appeared very numerous, and had mounted two Guns of a considerable Bigness amongst the Rocks, where they kept so smart a Fire, that we were obliged to make off with our Galleywats and come to an Anchor, till we saw whether the falling of the Water or abating of the Tide would prove to our advantage; but we found it to no purpose, for we could not land our People. However, we continued, with our Prow Guns from the Frigates, to batter their Fortifications, and dismounted the Cannon which fired upon our Shipping. The *Revenge* having brought an Express from the President of *Bombay*, with Orders for the two other Frigates to proceed to *Callicut*, and bring up Timber for the further building other Vessels at *Bombay*; and finding it not feasible to land, we quitted the Siege, and that Night run down to *Carwar*, where we came to an Anchor, and went up to the Factory. I then delivered my Letter to the Governor, and was ordered on board the *Fame* as Second Lieutenant.

WE tarried here a short time, then proceeded to *Callicut*, where we were supplied with Timber by Governor *Adams*, Governor of the Company's Fort and Fortifications at *Tillicherry* and *Callicut*, 12 Leagues distant from each other. We lay here till the Beginning of *April* before we had got all our Timber in, and it being the latter

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latter End of the Season, we were the safer in what we did, as all the Enemies Vessels were now laid up. Governor *Adams* came on board and took a View of the Frigate as we lay in the Road, and very much approved of the President's taking so much Care to suppress the Pyrates. We had other Enemies to deal with on the Coast as well as *Angria*, and they likewise at War with each other; there were the *Mollwans*, a People to the Northward of *Carwar*; the *Kemshews*, and the *Sangarians*, a People to the Northward of *Gogo*, who are troublesome to the *Surat* and *Bombay* Traders. Several *Dutchmen* who came to serve the *English* at *Bombay*, deserted from us, and got to *Angria*, to whom they were of great Service.

WE had troublesome Weather to beat up the Coast in, for the Northern Monsoons set in and blew very hard; insomuch that we all thought we should not have gain'd *Bombay*, but with great difficulty obtain'd it; and, as is customary, we hove up all our Ships and Vessels, to secure them from the Winter Storms, which begin in *May* to set in very violently.

AT our Arrival at *Bombay* we found the other new *Grab* or Frigate ready for launching, built after a very commodious manner, to mount 24 Guns, and to carry 180 Men. The Command was given to Capt. *Alexander Hamilton* as Commodore, and Commander in chief of all the Company's Naval Force at *Bombay*, or on the Coast of *India*. Capt. *David Wilkie* was appointed Captain of the *Victory* under Commodore *Weekes*; who being sickly, was obliged to quit it for the sake of his Health, and Mr. *John Barleigh* was appointed Captain of the *Britannia*,

tannia, in his room; Capt. *Passwater* continued in the *Fame*, Capt. *Matthews* in the *Defiance*. The *Revenge* was left at *Carwar*, to guard that Factory, and they were got up the River abreast the Factory, for their better Wintering.

WHILE we were making these Preparations, in order to prevent *Angria* in his Progress, we had an Account at *Bombay*, of a great Disturbance between the *Rodger*, or King of *Carwar*, and the *English* Settlement there, on the following Occasion. A Ship belonging to Mr. *Bennet*, an eminent Merchant at *Surat*, going down the Coast something later than ordinary, was drove ashore on a sandy Beach to the Northward of *Carwar*; on which they sent to Governor *Taylor*, for a Guard to fetch their Treasure into the Factory, amounting to near 15,000 *l.* all in iron'd Chests. A Serjeant, with a strong Party of Soldiers belonging to the Factory had fetch'd away the greatest Part; but afterwards the *Rodger* sent down his Forces in order to seize the Ship as his Property, being cast away on his Coast, and stopp'd near six or seven Thousand Pounds of the Treasure; and to prevent their getting the Ship off again, he ordered his People to cut a Hole in her Bottom. This bred a War between the *Carwarans* and the *English*: The *Rodger* took the *English* Gentlemen that commanded the Ship, with their Supercargo, and confin'd them in Prison. In the mean time, Capt. *Woodward* was very active for the Safeguard of the Factory, and built a large floating Stage, and mounted several Guns on it, to row up and down the Harbour as Occasion required, till further Assistance came. When the President and Council at *Bombay* heard this, they mann'd their Fleet,

Fleet, and sent them down to *Carwar*. Commodore *Hamilton* hoisted his broad Pennant on board the *Britannia*, and took the *Morning Star*, Capt. *Upton*, and the *Thomas* Capt. *Holt*, with him. I was then ordered to go on board the *Thomas*, and there we took in Ammunition and Soldiers, as did the *Morning Star*, and took with us several Galleywats to land our Forces. The chief Command was given to Capt. *John Milford*, Captain of the first Company of Grenadiers, and the next Command to Capt. *Stanton* Captain of the Marines. We had bad Weather in our Passage to *Carwar*; for the Commodore rolled both his Topmasts by the Board, which wounded several of his Men, and killed one outright. After this, we all got safe into the Bay of *Carwar*, and came to an Anchor; when our Captain went on board the Commodore, and in the Afternoon sent Orders for me to weigh my Anchor, and to run in as far as possibly I could. I then fired two of our Guns, and found that they carried very well up into the Country amongst the Woods. The next Day, being the 15th or 16th of September 1716, we began to land our Forces at Day-break, but there run so violent a Surf on the Beach, that two of our Galleywats drove ashore and overset: Capt. *Milford* and part of his Company got ashore, and Capt. *Stanton* was taken up for dead in the Water. The Enemy perceiving so small a Number of Forces, issued out of the Wood with a Party of Horse, and notwithstanding our keeping a smart Fire upon them, they rush'd amongst our half-drowned Forces, whose Ammunition was wet and unfit for Execution, so that they were forced to fight Sword in Hand. During which time Capt. *Milford* made

a gallant Defence ; for he and his Serjeant Mr. *Hill*, fought till they were cut and mangled very much, and then taken Prisoners, with twenty of his Company, and near forty *Topasis*, or black Foot Soldiers, who are under the same Discipline at *Bombay*, as the marching Regiment's. The *Rodger* ordered all the *Topasis* Noses to be cut off; and as for Capt. *Milford* and his Serjeant, he would fain have prevailed with them to take on in his Service, sometimes treating them civilly, and at other times threatening to cut off their Heads. We soon dispatch'd Letters for *Bombay* for Assistance ; and accordingly the whole Fleet, and near 2000 Men of Land Forces were sent down under the Command of Capt. *Gordon*, a gallant Gentleman.

WE landed our People about four o'Clock in the Morning, and got all our Forces drawn up in a hollow Square, and Capt. *Gordon* at their Head : In the Inside of this Square was a Surgeon and all Materials to dress the wounded Men. They march'd in this regular Form, and kept firing by Platoons, till Capt. *Gordon* received a Shot from the Enemy, which went through the uppermost Part of his left Breast. An Account being brought to Capt. *S——th*, that Capt. *Gordon* was wounded, he gave Orders for the whole Army to face about, which so soon as the Enemy perceiv'd, a great Party of Horse issued out of the Wood, and soon got between them and the Water-side ; so that they were obliged to fight their Way thro' to the Galleywats, to return to their respective Ships. The *Rodger* had cut off all manner of Communication between the Factory and us, for which purpose they had boom'd the River, and built a strong Platform
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of Guns on the South-side, to prevent all Boats passing and re-passing, tho' Lieutenant *Forbes* once or twice did boldly venture, and come out, in a Galleywat belonging to *Carwar*, and had several Hours Conference with the Commodore, in regard to what Condition the Factory was in, and how they had subsisted for Provision: For tho' the *Rodger* had made War with us, yet he was not at war with the *Portuguese*, who held a Correspondence with us. Our Factory was very well guarded by two Companies of Soldiers, and in every Room were mounted several Carriage-Guns, according to its Largeness; which Guns prov'd of great Service during the Siege, which lasted near seven Months. When the *Rodger* perceived our irregular military Discipline, he began to be very bold.

IN the Bay of *Carwar* are the following Islands, viz. The *Rodger's* Island, which is fortified all round, and has some Cannon mounted, which they kept playing on our Shipping at several times during the Siege. But not knowing how to point a Piece of Cannon, did us little Damage. There is also *Kidd's* Island, where Capt. *Kidd* resided and hove down. On the Westermost Part are two Stone Islands, surrounded with a great Number of Rocks, which are called *Duckly Islands* and *Rocks*. To the South Part of the Bay is a large mountainous Land, very woody, at the upper End whereof is a fine sandy Cove, called *Bedcove*: and the Hills are called *Bedcove-Hills*. On the East Point of *Bedcove-Hills*, is a small Island called *Injadavey*, inhabited by the *Portuguese*: This Island produces great Plenty of Fowls and Hogs, tho' the Inhabitants are poor, and the Men, Women, and Children chiefly employ them-

themselves in knitting Stockings, Waistcoats, and Breeches of the finest Cotton, which they sell at a very cheap Rate. The Harbour of *Carwar* lies in 14 Deg. 45 M. North Latitude, and in 73 Deg. 7 M. East Longitude from the Meridian of *London*. The Climate is pretty hot, but generally very healthy. There is a pleasant River at the Eastermost Part of the Bay, before which River there is a troublesome Bar to the Boats going in and out. The *English* Factory lies up the River, on the Star-board Side, about five or six Miles, from whence we receive Pepper, Cardamum, and other valuable Drugs.

WE lay in the Bay near two Months in Treaty with the *Rodger*, who insisted that we should quit our Factory, and have no further Trade there. We demanded the Return of the Treasure they had got, and would not draw off our Fleet without it. The *Rodger* no way liked the Sight of our Frigates in his Harbour, for we kept them cruising off and on, daily looking out for the trading Vessels which pass'd and re-pass'd, and belong'd to the *Rodger*, and *Kemsbaw*, the Person of whom I spoke before. The *Rodger* had two large Ships gone for *Muscat* in *Arabia*, to fetch Horses, and other Goods, which are of great Value in those Parts, and he was in pain for these Ships; for they each had a hundred fine Horses on board. As soon as they came off the Harbour's Mouth, we made them our Prizes, till such time as the *Rodger* thought proper to agree to a stedfast Confirmation of Peace, and to return all the Treasure and Prisoners he had in his Custody, and to make Restitution for cutting a Hole in the Ship's Bottom. Thus we brought the *Rodger* to comply with all our Demands, and

a Treaty of Peace was sent up to the President of *Bombay*, and approved by him and the Council.

WHILE we had the Ships in custody, a Cessation of Arms was observ'd, and a free Correspondence pass'd and repass'd from our Factory, and we recruited all Stores used for the Siege, and strengthened the Factory with all Things necessary for their future Safety. During the Cessation of Arms, I was ordered with Capt. *Holt*, on board the *Thomas*, to proceed to *Mangalore*, to fetch Rice for the Fleet. The Captain went on shore to purchase sufficient for our Freight, and that of another large Vessel we had there. As the Captain was to continue some time on shore, he took a House for the better trafficking with the Merchants; and as he lived on shore, he sent off all Things necessary for the Ships while they were taking in their Cargo. I had no sooner got the Ship ready to take in Rice, but early one Morning I saw several large Vessels coming into the Road; and having no *English* on board but the second Mate, Mr. *William Trouton* (a young Gentleman who has since been a Merchant at *Madras*) I asked our Black Boatswain if he knew who they belong'd to? he said, so soon as he could see more plainly he would tell me. They lay off and on in the Offin, till near Noon, and then the Sea-Breeze coming in, they came down on us with tearing Sail into the Road. We had put ourselves in as good a Posture of Defence at that time as we could; we had but ten small Guns on board; none carrying above a three-pound Shot: However, long before they came into the Road, our Black Boatswain told me they were *Angria's* Grabs; there
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were five of them, stout Vessels, well mann'd, and large Guns on board. So soon as they came into the Road, they never offered to fire at us, but sent their Boats on board; for as yet we were at peace with *Angria*, by Contract made at the Redemption of Mrs. *Gifford*; and that Peace had been renewed by Governor *Boone* at his Arrival at *Bombay*. So soon as they came on board, they took the Second Mate and me out of our Ship, and carried us on board their Commodore; who ordered them to take the Second Mate, Mr. *Trouton*, and to carry him to their Long-boat, and moor him off at the Buoy. My Heart began to ach, not knowing what they intended to do with me. Then they ask'd where we belong'd to, or whether we had a Pass from the Governor of *Bombay*; I told them yes, tho' I did not at that time rightly know so much. They never offered to misuse us, nor do us any manner of Harm; only detained us four or five Hours, while they sent on board and rummaged the Ship all over. What they look'd for, I can't say; but believe it was our Treasure, which was sent on shore two Days before. When our Captain from the Shore perceived what was the Matter, he made the best of his Way to us, I having sent our Boat on shore, to acquaint him what I judg'd them to be when I first saw them in the Ocean, and had got all Things ready to have gone into the Harbour, provided the Captain had sent off a Pilot. But he did not fear any Danger, as he told me afterward; on which account he did neither come himself at first nor send a Pilot. However, I was very uneasy during the Time I was in their custody; and Mr. *Trouton* often told me, that had not the Sea-Breeze been very fresh, he

he would certainly have attempted to swim on shore. But the Captain came off, and on Enquiry of the Black Boatswain of the other small Vessels that lay in the Harbour, they happened to have one of Governor *Boone's* Passes, which were appointed on the renewing the Peace to be granted to all Vessels belonging to *Bombay*: For tho' *Angria* made Peace with the Inhabitants of *Bombay*, he took all the Ships he could belonging to *Madras* and *Bengal*; which gave us a proper Opportunity of making War again. They released us soon after the Captain came off with the Pass, and our Colours were kept flying all the while they continued in the Road. In the Evening they weighed, when the Land-winds came off, and offered us no farther Molestation.

WE were heartily glad when we got clear of *Angria*, and took in our Freight of Rice with all possible Expedition. When we had loaded the other Vessel with Rice also, the Captain not willing to trust her alone, put me in Commander of her, with Orders to keep him company to *Carwar*. However, we sailed so heavily, that after we had been but two Days out of *Mangalore* Road, I lost company with him. *Mangalore* lies in about 12 Deg. 40 Min. North Latitude, and is a Place much frequented by Ships from all Parts of *India*, for their great Product of Rice. The *Moors* and *Portuguese* have each a Factory here for procuring the Markets of Rice, against the *Portuguese* Grand Armada arrive from *Goa*, and the *Moors* Ships from *Surat*, and other Parts of *India*. The *Arabians* trade much here, and the *Turks* which belong to *India* have Ships of great Barden and Force which come hither yearly. The *Turks* and *Arabians* are at War with
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the *Portuguese*, on which account the *Portuguese* have three or four 60 and 70 Gun Ships at these Seasons of the Year, cruising off and on the Coast of *Malabar* and *India*, for the Security of their Trade from *China* and other Parts. They are obliged to coast along Shore from *Cape Commerson* to their capital City of *Goa*.

DURING the Time of the Disturbance at *Carwar*, Governor *Adams* had some Quarrels with the *Neyers* of *Tillicherry*; but the Governor by his own Regular Conduct soon settled those Disputes. The Vessel I commanded was about 90 Tun, no Guns nor Arms on board, but I was in hopes on my Arrival at *Carwar*, to have found the Fleet; but they were all sailed for *Bombay*, and Matters were settled and made easy: So that I went up to the Factory, and complained to Governor *Taylor* of the Vessel being so heavy, and that I had not a Gun or a Musket on board to keep off even an arm'd Boat. The *Mollwans* are our Enemies, the Vessels of *Kemshew* are the same; and they never attempt to engage a Vessel but in a Calm. Whereupon the Governor of *Carwar* not willing to let me proceed up to *Bombay* in such a defenceless State, put on board two small Carriage Guns, and mounted six Swivel Guns in Stocks for me, and lent me four white Men to assist me, with Powder and Ball, and twelve Firelocks. These were of some Service to us; for several Vessels made towards us, which we suspecting, fired at them so soon as they came within the Reach of our Guns, which made them alter their Course and leave us.

I was near six Weeks beating up to *Bombay*, never in more Vexation; for this Vessel would neither wear nor stay, nor go well by or large:

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So that when-ever the Sea-wind blew fresh at N. W. I was forced to run in with the Land, and come to an Anchor. About a Week before we arrived at *Bombay*, our Provisions grew short, and we had no Supply except what we got from the Fishermen in the way of Truck, by giving them Rice or Salt for Fish.

I narrowly missed *Angria's* Grabs again; for before my Arrival at *Bombay*, he and the *Englisb* had broke out into War on the following Occasion. The *Anne* of *Bengal*, formerly called the *Sherborn*, whom Capt. *Henry Cornwall* commanded, had been taken by the *French* in her homeward Passage for *England*, carried back to *Bengal*, and there sold to the *Englisb* Merchants. This Ship now belong'd to Mr. *Crewganwell*, an eminent *Bengal* Merchant, who was coming from *Surat* to *Bombay*, to dispose of some Merchant Goods he had on board this Ship. *Angria's* Grabs beat up the Coast with all speed, took the said Mr. *Crewganwell's* Ship, Capt. *Wade* Commander, with several *Englisb* they had on board. They mounted 18 Guns, and made a tolerable Defence for four or five Hours, when they boarded and carried them. At that time our Fleet was beating up from *Carwar*, and could not come to their Assistance. As *Angria* was at peace with the Island of *Bombay*, he imagin'd we should not concern our selves with the Shipping of *Bengal* and *Madras*. As for Capt. *W. de*, he, with the chief Mate and Boatswain were sent to *Golabey*, and Mr. *Crewganwell* to *Gerey*; which is the chief Harbour he has for Strength. However, the Boatswain and two more of the Men made their Escape to *Bombay*, and gave an Account of the whole Affair. *The President and Council had

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had several Consultations concerning setting the said Prisoners at Liberty by Force of Arms; we being now very strong at Sea: For during our Engagements and Sieges at *Car-war*, the Company's Carpenter at *Bombay* had built for the Merchants Service, the *Charles Galley* for the *Bengal Trade*, and the *Boone Frigate* for the *China Trade*; the former, Capt. *Upton*, and the latter, Capt. *Thomas Boone*, Esq; Brother to the President, Commander. At our Arrival at *Bombay*, we had great Removals amongst the Officers of the Fleet; Commodore *Hamilton* laid down his Commission, designing to follow the mercantile trading Business; Capt. *Wilkie* did the same, and went to *Bengal* in the *Charles Galley*, which Ship he afterwards commanded; and Capt. *Hamilton* went Supercargo to *China* with Capt. *Boone*. They also built two Row-Galleys, the one of 24 Oars, and the other of 18, each carrying 10 Guns in the Waist, and two Guns of six-pound Shot in their Prow. So that our Fleet was as follows.

Ships Names.	Captains.	Guns.	Men.
<i>Victory</i>	Capt. <i>John Berlew</i>	24	200
<i>Britannia</i>	Capt. <i>James Forbes</i>	18	180
<i>Revenge</i>	Capt. <i>Woodward</i>	18	180
<i>Fame Galley</i>	Capt. <i>Passwater</i>	16	150
<i>Hunter Galley</i>	Capt. <i>Samms</i>	12	80
<i>Defiance</i>	Capt. <i>Matthias</i>	14	90
<i>Hawk Galley</i>	Capt. <i>Herring</i>	14	90
• <i>The Salamander Fire-Ship</i> , Capt. <i>Daniel</i> .			
<i>The Terrible Bomb</i> , Capt. <i>Greenwood</i> .			
<i>Eagle Galley</i>	Capt. <i>Mertin</i> •	16	140
<i>Princess Amelia</i>	Capt. <i>Bull</i>	16	140
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Ships Names.	Captains.	Guns.	Men.
<i>Tyger Galleywat</i>	Capt. <i>Williams</i>	8	60
<i>Antelope</i>	Lieut. <i>Carlisle</i>	8	50
<i>Fly</i>	Lieut. <i>Affleck</i>	8	60
<i>Hound</i>	Lieut. <i>Lee</i>	8	60
<i>Swift</i>	Lieut. <i>Ward</i>	8	50
<i>Weasel</i>	Lieut. <i>Woodward</i>	6	50
<i>Ferret</i>	Lieut. <i>Johnson</i>	8	60
<i>Squirrel</i>	Lieut. <i>Brown</i>	6	50
<i>Drake</i>	Lieut. <i>Hawkins</i>	6	50
<i>Leopard</i>	Lieut. <i>Hermond</i>	6	50

Every one of these had two other Sail of Galleywats under their Command, and ten white Men on board their own Galleywats. In Grabs and Frigates, of large Rates, they have, besides their own Complement, a Company of Marines, with a Commission Officer, a Serjeant and two Corporals.

NOW we were preparing all Things for the Siege of the Castle of *Geray*: We sent to *Gogo*, and had fifteen hundred of their Men at Arms; and near 25 hundred well-disciplin'd Men at *Bombay*, who were put under the Command of Capt. *Gordon*, and Capt. *Stanton*, who were recovered of the Wounds they received at *Carwar*. The *Morrice* and *Duke of York*, Capt. *Peasey*, and Capt. *Daws* were arrived at *Bombay*, and now the Year 1717 we were making all Dispatch for the Siege; but the same was deferred till the President of *Bombay* had been up to *Surat*, to settle some of the Company's Affairs: So that the Siege was delay'd near six Weeks. In the mean time, we were cruising up and down the Coast; for this was the time for all the Merchants Ship.

Shipping to come from *Bengal*, to supply the Coast with Sugars and other Merchandise. Amongst the rest, was Capt. *Botham* of *Stoke-Newington*, who then commanded the *Dalbin*, a Ship of 600 Tuns, belonging to Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Trenchfield*, and Mr. *Franklin*, Merchants and Council for the Company at *Bengal*; the *Great George* of *Madras*, Capt. *Tooley*, belonging to Governor *Harrison*; and the *Samuel* of *Madras*, the *Barington*, the *Oxford*, and several other Ships of smaller Burden. They weigh'd from *Surat* on *March* 15, 1717, and coming down to *Bombay*, the *Dalbin*, Capt. *Botham*, was cast away going into the Harbour. The *Morrice* was dispatch'd with all speed for *Mocha*, the *Duke of York* for *Persia*, and the rest of the Merchant Ships for the Places they belong'd to.

IN *April* 1717, we got all our Fleet together, and on the 10th of the same Instant, the President reviewed the Land-Forces on Shore; and saw all Things put in good and sufficient Order. Major *Vane*, chief Engineer for the Company, had tried all the Mortars and Coehorns, then fitted and stock'd for the Expedition. Mr. *John Minnis* was appointed chief Engineer for the Direction of these Mortars and Coehorns, which did great Service. We proceeded down the Coast for *Gerey*, which is not above twelve Hours Sail from *Bombay*, where we with all our Navy soon arriv'd, and run boldly into the Harbour, Capt. *Berlew* Commodore, and ranged a Line from the Easter-most Part of the Fortification, to the outer Part of the Harbour, keeping all our small Gallies and Galleywats on the off-side under Shelter. But they had strong Fortifications on both sides; so that we left

our strongest Ships in the Harbour, to make a Breach in the Walls, in order to storm the Castle. The Rocks were very high, and so slippery, that one could hardly stand without a Staff, and consequently not a Place convenient to draw Men up in any Posture of Defence. We endeavoured to get the Fireship in, but could not; for on the East Part of the Fort they had a Cove or Creek, where they had laid up a great Part of their Fleet, and had got a strong Boom a-cross the same; so that we could not annoy them any otherwise than by throwing our Bombs and Coehorns very thick into the Garrison, which we did for a considerable time, and were in hopes after the first and second Day's Siege, that we should have drove them out of that strong Castle, but we soon found that the Place was impregnable: For as we kept throwing our Shells as fast as we could in regular time, cooling our Chambers before we loaded again, after we had beat down two or three Houses in the Castle, the Shells fell on the Rocks in the Inside of the Castle, and their Weight and Force of falling would break them, without so much as their blowing up; which was supposed to be owing to the Fusee of the Shells burning too long. As to storming the Walls, they were so high, that our Scaling-Ladders would not near reach the Top of them.

THIS was the first Attack we made on *Angria's* Dominions, which we found almost impossible to succeed in. *Geray* is very strong, and the Castle walled with Stone. We lay here four Days, and endeavoured to beat down the Castle with our Guns; but in vain. After the second Day we landed all our Forces, taking the Opportunity of the Tide, the Water rising and falling
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here as regular as in the River of *Thames*. We got them all on shore, and march'd up the Country, without Molestation; only now and then the Castle would let fly a Shot or two, which did us small damage. We attempted to march the Army down to their Shipping, and to set them on fire; but when we came within a Mile of the Place, the Land was all swampy, and so very muddy by the Spring Tides flowing over, that we could not proceed. On our Retreat they galled us very much, by firing from the Castle, we being obliged to come near the Castle-Walls, to take our Forces off again. Here the Gallant Captain *Gordon* was slightly wounded again. They never offered to bring any Number of Forces against us, but what they did was from the Castle, where they had several strong Platforms for Guns, but did not fire above one in an Hour. I question whether there were a hundred Men in the Castle, during the time of the Siege. They have no Town within three Miles of the Place, and it would have been irregular for us to have gone up to the Town before we were Masters of the Castle. Finding we could do nothing further, we drew off our Forces; for we had no Guides to conduct our Army, if we had gone further in the Country. Capt. *Henry Cornwall* was our chief Pilot in carrying us into the Harbour, to which there is a very fine Channel, and excellent anchoring Ground. The Country leads into the Grand *Sedey's* Dominions, and is very fruitful, abounding with plenty of all sorts of Grain and Fruit. The River *Gerey* runs up near sixty or seventy Miles through a fine Country, tho' mountainous, well peopled, and of great Trade. *Angria* has never hitherto presu-

med to insult the *Dutch*, who have a Factory at *Dabull*, with a Fort well fortified. They build fine lofty Houses, and are very superstitious in uniforming their Citadels, which all properly belong to the Grand *Sedey*, the first Emperor of *India*.

WE drew off our Forces on the 18th of *April*, and went up to *Bombay*, to repair our Frigates, and take care of our wounded Men, of whom we had a considerable Number. The Harbour of *Geray* would be of great service to the *English*, it being so commodious, and the Castle the strongest in those Parts.

SO soon as we got to *Bombay*, we sent all our wounded Men on shore; and amongst the rest was one Mr. *Stevenson*, a young Gentleman that had his Thigh shatter'd with the Prow-Gun on board the *Hunter Galley*, which split, and wounded several Men in a most dreadful manner, and three were killed out-right.

ALL our Fleet being arriv'd at *Bombay*, tho' some of them were much shattered, we got all our Grabs and Galleywats hove up on shore, in order to refit. We had not been at *Bombay* long, before a Dispute happened between the *Portuguese* and the *English*, on the *Portuguese* refusing to pay to the *English* the usual Duty; the Company being at the Expence of keeping several Forts guarded for the Security of Commerce.

GOVERNOR *Boone*, for the better Security of the *English* Inhabitants and their Families, built a Wall round the Town of *Bombay*, and fortified the same with a strong Guard, kept at *Atendou's Point*, or the South Part of the Island, with strong Gates, and a large Bastion, on which they

they could mount 12 fine Cannon, and in the lower Part were four large Cannon that commanded all the Harbour; each carrying Shot of 48 Pound. The West and North Gates were as strongly fortified. The *Mandewey* or Custom-house is near the Back of the Castle; here all the Trade chiefly come, for the Supply of the Island, where they pay the Duties allotted by the chief Masters of the Customs, according to the ancient Form established by the *Portuguese*. For tho' the Island of *Bombay* is now very populous, yet of itself it is barren, and the *English* are the main Supporters of its Trade. But the *Portuguese*, contrary to the Contract on the Treaty of Marriage between King *Charles* the Second and *Catherine* Princess of *Portugal*, refused to deliver up the Island of *Bombay*, on which the Vice-roy of *Goa* was sent out with an Order to deliver it to the *English*. This occasioning Delays, the Men of War and Transports were obliged to go to *Surat* to refresh their Men, after so long and fatiguing a Passage; and arriving there, the Fleet put in at *Swalley-hole*, in order to remain there during the time of the Rains. The Soldiers which were in all about 900, expert and well disciplin'd Men, being drawn up in order to exercise, so frightened the *Moors*, that they sent the Commander word, that if he did not forthwith draw off all his Forces, they would directly put every one of the *English* to the Sword at *Surat*. On this they embark'd again, and went to *Injadavey*, a small Island near *Carwar*; and the time of the Rains coming on, and the People being much fatigued, the President, with many of the Men, died of the bloody Flux. News of this being brought to *England*, the King granted

Letters Patent to the *East-India* Company, for their better promoting and establishing their Trade. Complaints were also sent to *Portugal*, concerning this Behaviour of the *Portuguese*, but before any further Orders came from *England*, Mr. *Cook*, who had been Secretary to the late deceased President and Commander, undertook to treat with the *Portuguese*; offering to allow them a Liberty to trade, and to hold what Lands they possessed on the Island of *Bombay*, without any Interruption by the *English*. On this the *Portuguese* drew up Articles which were signed by the Vice-roy of *Goa*, the General of the North, and Mr. *Cook*; by which the *Portuguese* Boats were allowed to pass and repass without paying any Duty. But the *English* after they had got Possession of the Island of *Bombay*, compelled the *Portuguese* to pay a Duty on all Goods, which caused great Disputes, and King *Charles II.* was pleased to disallow Mr. *Cook's* Power to sign any Articles, as done without his Authority. These and other Circumstances caused frequent Wars with the *Portuguese* of the Eastern Dominions, who sided with *Angria*; allowing his Grabs to use their Harbours, and many of them enter Volunteers in *Angria's* Service.

ABOUT the middle of *June*, which is the Height of Winter, or the time of the Rain, they gave Orders for their Boats to pass by our Fort at *Mayham*, without paying Custom to the *English*; the General of the North still insisting on the Articles sign'd by Mr. *Cook*, which our Company at this time had nothing to do with. One of their Boats running by, Mr. *Horne* the *English* Chief at *Mayham* sent out a Galleywat to bring the *Portuguese* Boat to. Accordingly the Galley-

Galleywat fired a Gun, which was soon return'd by the *Portuguese* Fort at *Bombas*, opposite to *Maybam*, the River not being above Musket-shot over. The *English* soon answered their Shot, and they kept cannonading each other almost four Days. Then we sent up some Mortars, which soon beat their Church and Town about their ears. However, Governor *Boone* sent Mr. *Bendall* to the General of the North, in order to adjust this Affair, and to acquaint him that Mr. *Cook* had sign'd Articles without Power either from the King or Company. The President and Company also sent Mr. *Cowing* to the Viceroy of *Goa*, with Complaints of the Behaviour of the General of the North.

ABOUT this time, we had sent several large Boats up the River of *Tanner*, to fetch Timber for building Shipping for the Company. These Boats were stop'd by the *Portuguese* at *Tanner Fort*, and *Correnjar*; whereupon the President ordered several of our Galleywats to be well mann'd, and sent with a large Party of Soldiers, up the said Rivers of *Correnjar* and *Tanner*, and demolished one of their Towns. On this the *Portuguese* built a strong Fort opposite to that of *Surey*, to prevent the Communication of the Boats passing and re-passing with Provisions for the Island. However, we had a Supply, by sending a Convoy with such Boats as brought Provisions, and landing the same at the *Mandevoy* or Custom-house.

THE Account Mr. *Bendall* brought was, that the General of the North still insisted on the Articles Mr. *Cook* had sign'd in 1684. But Mr. *Cowing* finding the Viceroy at *Goa* more condescending to agree in an amicable manner, the

Viceroy sent Order to the General of the North, and the General of *Correnjar*, to surrender the *Englisb* Boats they had stoppt, and for the future to pay such Customs as were allotted by the President and Council of *Bombay*.

WE were now making Preparation to lay Siege to *Kenercy*; which is a small Island lying in the Harbour's Mouth of *Bombay*, distant about nine Miles: The Latitude of this Island of *Bombay* being in 19 Deg. N. Lat. from the Equinocial; *Surat* being in about 21 Deg. 30 M. which is 2 Deg. 30 M. difference of Latitude: So that *Surat* is near 50 Leagues to the Northward of *Bombay*, being for the most part a healthy Climate.

ON the 5th Day of November 1718, we began the Siege of *Kenercy*: But first I must relate the Entertainment which was given by the President of *Bombay* to one *Manuel de Castro*, a Renegade *Portuguese*, who had been in *Angria's* Service, but having misbehaved, durst not return to any of the Dominions of *Portugal*. This Man coming to *Bombay*, made Application to the President and Council to be employed; giving an Account of all *Angria's* Fortifications, and undertaking to conduct the Fleet into any of *Angria's* Harbours. This Fellow the President appointed as Admiral over all the Company's Galleywats, with full Power and Authority to burn, sink, take, or destroy all such as should presume to interrupt any of the Company's Ships trading in the high Seas of *India*, &c. Several of the *Englisb* Captains of the Galleywats resented this very much, and refused to be under his Command, taking him to be a Fellow of a very indifferent Character; which was unknown to the

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President, who acted with all possible Zeal for the Success of our Undertaking. However, when the Governor understood that the *English* were displeased at this, he ordered the Commodore of the Men of War to appoint every Grab or Man of War, the proper Number of Galleywats to attend the respective Ship, and they had all their particular Signals: The Commodore had likewise the Command of five of the smaller of the Galleywats. This Fellow was with us at the Siege of *Carwar*, and did not behave himself any way worthy of the Post conferred on him.

IN the latter End of *September*, the *Stanhope*, *Addison* and *Dartmouth* arrived with near 300 Soldiers from the Company in *London*, and Stores and Ammunition of all Sorts, which came in good time. We had lying in the Road seven Sail of *European* Ships, two Country Merchant Ships, and the Navy Frigates at this time, viz. The *Morrice*, Capt. *Eustace Peacock*; the *Stanhope*, Capt. *Wentworth George Pitt*; the *Desbouvery*, Capt. *Goffel*; the *Addison*, Capt. *Hicks*; the two latter Captains died in *Bombay*, and their chief Mates succeeded them; the *Cardonnel*, Capt. *Mawson*; the *Dartmouth*, Capt. *Carter*; and the *Duke of York*, Capt. *Larus*. The *Cardonnel* was homeward bound, but had run over from *Mocha*, to fill her Water at *Bombay*. The *Morrice* was bound up for *Surat*, so was the *Stanhope*, and *Desbouvery* for *Persia*. After they were dispatch'd for their respective Voyages, the President ordered the *Addison* and *Dartmouth* to assist in carrying on the Attack of the Island of *Kenerey*, and to take on board all such Things as were thought convenient for the Siege. The Soldiers were put on board the said Ships, with Am-

munition, Scaling-Ladders, &c. And for the farther Encouragement of the Forces, the President hoisted his Flag on board the *Addison*, on the third of *November* 1718. Having all our Men of War, Bombs, and Fire-ships, with near 2500 Men, we anchored to the southward of *Kenercy*, in about an Hour and a half after we left *Bombay*; and on the fourth we rowed round the Island, to find a convenient Place for landing our Forces, which was in the sandy Cove before mentioned.

NEXT Morning early, being the 5th of *November*, we brought the *Victory*, *Revenge* and *Fame* Frigates a-breast the Front work of the said Island, and bringing a Spring on our Cables, hove our Broad-sides to face the said Works. By four in the Morning we began our Attack, and kept a continual Fire till eight a-clock the same Night; in which time we often dismounted their Cannon, which they played very hot upon us till four in the Afternoon, when the Enemy left off firing, and continued quiet all the next Day. The President thought proper to have a good Guard in the Night before the Mouth of the Cove, lest any of the *Angrian* Galleywats should supply the Belieged with Ammunition; we supposing, as they desisted from firing, that their Ammunition was quite spent. The Admiral of our Galleywats was ordered to lie with his five Sail at the Mouth of the Cove, to prevent the Enemy's receiving any Supplies, notwithstanding which, five Sail of the *Angrian* Galleywats got into the Cove, with Ammunition and Provision. On the sixth Day we lay still, and sent our wounded Men to the Hospital at *Bombay*. The same Evening the *Morrice* returned from *Surat*, and join'd the Fleet. The
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President gave Notice, that if any would go Volunteers for the next Day's Service, they should be paid at their Arrival at *Bombay* 40 *Ruppes*, which is about 5 *l. Sterl.* and whoever should lose a Leg or an Arm in the said Expedition, should have 30 *l.* paid by the Company at their Arrival in *London*, and be employed in their Service during Life. This Encouragement procured forty Volunteers. As to those who had Wives and Families, or other Friends, provided they lost their Lives in the said Expedition, their Widows should receive 30 *l.* and 10 *l.* for every Child. Amongst the Volunteers was Mr. *Gideon Ruffel*, Nephew to the late Admiral *Ruffel*, who commanded the Seamen for that Day's Attack, myself bearing the second Command; and Mr. *John Steele*, Carpenter's Mate on board the *Morrice*, made choice of his broad Axe for his Weapon, and performed a brave Action, which shall be related presently.

EARLY the next Morning we got all our Forces, both Soldiers and Seamen in our Galleywats, in order to land; but the Tide proved so high, that we were forced to lie off. The *Britannia*, *Fame*, and *Ravenge* were ordered to keep the Enemy from firing upon the Galleywats in landing the Forces. We lost that Morning before we landed, near 60 Men, besides the wounded; and about nine o' clock we got all our People into the Boats. Mr. *Ruffel* was in the *Morrice's* Barge, and led the Van; Mr. *John Steele* at the same time rowed in the Boat, as one of the Boat's Crew. They were no sooner on shore, but they discovered the Treachery of our *Portuguese* Admiral, who was to guard the Mouth of the Cove; for we found two of our Galleywats

wats lie up in the Beach before the Castle-Gate. Mr. *Steele*, with our Seamen were striving to storm the Place, and behaved very gallantly, but the Enemy kept a smart Fire on us from the two Bastions, which galled us very much; and I was no sooner on shore with my Men, but they killed me sixteen outright, tho' I received no Wound the whole time of the Siege. I presently met Mr. *Steele* supporting Mr. *Ruffel*, with another of the Boat's Crew to assist him; he was very much wounded, and desired to be put on board the *Victory*, and there taken care of by our Surgeons, who tried all their Skill in vain; for he died the next Morning. About four o'clock we had made so good a Progress, as gave hopes of Success: Mr. *Steele* with his broad Axe had cut the Bar which went across the outer Part of the Gate almost asunder; and had he been supported as he ought to have been, we certainly should have carried our Point. Major *Stanton* gallantly behaved himself, and encouraged the People by his Example; tho' two Military Captains did quite otherwise; one threw his Sword down in the Bottom of the Boat, which was carried to the President, who, after we came to *Bombay*, ordered him to be broke at the Head of the three Regiments: the other was something more courageous than the former; for he came boldly up to the Gates, and presented a Pistol with a Design to blow off the Lock, Bolts and Bar on the Inside; but the Ball rebounded back in his Face, and wounded him on one Side the Nose; whereupon he ordered the Drums to beat a Retreat: So that in a few Minutes I was left on shore, with only the Cockswain of the *Morrice's* Boat, *Samuel Green*, and *James Craddock* (who lives

lives now at *Deptford*) and was shot in the Nape of his Neck; a Serjeant of the Marines, and a young Gentleman Volunteer, to whom the President after gave a Commission. There were many of the Land and Sea-Officers wounded, and several of our Men killed, or rather massacred, when they made this sudden Retreat. We that were left behind, had but two Boats near shore, and one of them a-ground; the Enemy still kept a continual Fire on us, which we returned as fast as we were able to load, as we row'd off.

THIS ill Success was a great Trouble to the President, who did all in his power to suppress this notorious Pyrate. We were obliged to get up our Anchor, and to drive off with the Tide, the Day being near spent. Indeed, we were by some ill Conduct or Treachery defeated in all our Undertakings: For if there happened some of Courage and Resolution to lead a Party on any Expedition, they seldom had a second to back them if they chanced to be wounded. As the President and Council could do no more at this Season, till further Preparations were made, the Governor was resolved not to be idle: Therefore, at his Return to *Bombay*, he gave Orders for the building a floating Castle, or a Machine that should be almost Cannon-proof. This Vessel was pretty flat, flow'd with little or no Bulge, and but six Foot Hold; the Thickness of her Sides were made by the nicest Composition Cannon-proof. She was to go with one Mast, and a Top-sail, which was rigged in a very commodious manner, and mounted 12 Guns, carrying 48 Poundsers, and of course must have proved of great Service to us, against any of those Castles which we could approach near enough to cannonade. This
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floating Machine was called, *The Frabm*; tho' the Account I shall give of her Demolition, will be pretty surprizing. The Governor dispatched the *Morrice* and *Stanhope* with all speed for *England*, and by them gave an Account of our Proceedings with *Angria*. So soon as we came up to *Bombay*, our *Portuguese* Admiral was had before the President and Council, and accused of letting *Angria's* Galleywats into the Cove in the Night. The Fact was plainly proved by the *Kenereys* that rowed in his Galleywat, who were Inhabitants of *Bombay*. On which, the Company, to prevent his farther Treachery, sent him hand-cuffed on board the *Morrice*, Capt. *Peacock*, with Orders to leave him a Slave to the Company during his Life on the Island of *St. Helena*.

THE *Morrice* was in a Readiness for sailing some time before the *Stanhope* returned from *Surat*, and had got three times under Sail, but was obliged to put back again for fear of *Angria's* Grabs, who lay in wait for them. They having got the better of us in the late Attack, came from *Golaly* with their Grabs to the Island of *Kenerey*, where they spent some Days in great Rejoicings, laid in Plenty of all manner of Stores and Ammunition to frustrate any future Siege. On the Arrival of the *Morrice* and *Stanhope* in *England*, who gave an Account of the *Portuguese* taking this notorious Pyrate's part, and admitting his Sea-Forces into their Harbours, the Court of Directors fitted out the *St. George*, a Ship of Sixty Guns, which was to continue at *Bombay* as a Guard-ship for the Coast and Island of *Bombay*. At her Arrival there, she was put under the Command of Capt. *Harvey*, who was accounted

counted a gallant Man : But endevouring to lay her on shore to clear her Bottom, they soon made her unfit for Service, broke all her Floor-Timbers, and her Back ; so that they were obliged to pull her to pieces. Capt. *Lawson*, who came chief Mate or first Lieutenant of her, was made Captain of the *Victory*, in the room of Capt. *Burleigh*, who was made Superintendent of the Shipping of the Island, and of the Naval Stores. This Ship would have been of great Service, had not this Accident happened. Soon after we were to make another Attack at *Geroy*, and to have our floating Machine with us, as shall be related hereafter ; but first I shall speak something concerning the Wars at *Anjango*.

THE President having an Account of the Death of the Chief at *Anjango*, appointed Mr. *William Gifford* Governor of that Garrison and Factory, belonging to the Company. At his Arrival there, he took Possession, and had the Compliments of the Inhabitants paid to him with the utmost Respect. He had not long enjoyed this Place of Honour, before the following Accident happened. *Anjango* is inhabited by the *Neyors* and *Moccas*, the ancient People of the Coast of *Malabar*. It lies near *Cape Commeron*, in 8 Deg. 15 Min. N. Lat. and has no other Shelter for the Shipping than the open Road, tho' there is a small River which falls into the Sea, but not navigable for Shipping. This is the first Factory the *English* have on the Coast of *Malabar*, and their chief Product is Pepper of the finest Sort, and is distinguished from all other Pepper on the Coast of *Malabar*. Mr. *Gifford* was a Gentleman very well skilled in all manner of Merchandise in *India*, and had been Supercargo in several

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Voyages to divers Parts of *India* and *China*; but however there happened to arise a great Dispute between the Natives of *Anjango*, and him, concerning the Price of Pepper, he thinking to beat down the common Price they used to sell for, and telling them that the Year before he came, the Company was charged no more than what he had offered *per Candey*, which is 60 Pound weight. But they insisted on the contrary; many Disputes arose, and Mr. *Gifford* pretended to go by the late Governor's Books, thereby to bring Things to his own Price, for the Company's Benefit. This the *Neyors* most heinously resented, and they being a very sly politick People, gave him an Invitation up the River in a friendly manner. He went up with a slight Guard with him, not suspecting any thing, accompanied by one or two of the Gentlemen of the Factory, in the Pleasure-Boat. On his Landing, they were ready to receive him, but in another manner than what he expected; for so soon as they came up, they seized Mr. *Gifford*, and cut out his Tongue, and nailed it down to his Breast, then made him fast to a Plank, and sent him floating down the River before the Fort, which they never presumed to come near. This they did, to shew they were not to be imposed upon by Fraud, but were resolved not to suffer their Contract with the *English* on their first establishing a Fort there, to be eluded; which was to take their Pepper at a certain Price, provided the same proved good, and fit for the Market. They are a People that will not be imposed on, being of a warlike Disposition, and depend much on their Arms, very ambitious in their way, and never given to lye, or break their first Agreements.

SO soon as Mrs. *Gifford* had the News of this melancholy Tragedy, she was resolved to retire, and secure herself. Having pack'd up what Treasure there was in the Fort, and a small Brigantine belonging to *Bengal* coming into the Road, she embark'd on board of her, and proceeded to *Madras*; where the Governor, supposing she had brought off the Company's Treasure as well as her own, detained her, and required her to deliver up the Company's Accounts, which she pretended were left in the Factory at *Anjanga*. She insisted on coming to *England*, and to give the Company an Account of all things she had taken with her; pretending that the Company was indebted to her.

THE Court of Directors in the Year 1718, was sending the yearly Shipping for the Support of their Factories abroad; the *Cassandra*, Capt. *Mackray*, was taken up, with the *Greenwich*, Capt. *Kirby*, for the *Bombay* Service; and proceeded on their Voyage together to the Island of *Johanna*; there they touch'd to take in Refreshments, there being all sorts in plenty on that Island, and the People of a very honest and easy Disposition. You may have here Fowls, Goats, and Bullocks at a very cheap Rate, with a Variety of Fruits and Roots for the Refreshment of those who have had a long and fatiguing Passage.

WE had an Account of certain Pyrates, who had been cruising off the *Red-sea*, two of which happened to come into *Johanna* Road, just as Capt. *Mackray*, and Capt. *Kirby* were in a Readiness for sailing. These Pyrates were come off last from the Coast of *Guinea*, with a design to advance into the *Indian* Sea. They attack'd Capt. *Mackray*, who made a gallant Defence; but the

the *Greenwich*, Capt. Kirby, and a Ship belonging to *Ostend*, tho' present, never once offered to assist him, but sailed away as fast as they could. The Pyrates were commanded by Capt. *England* and Capt. *Taylor*, who have done a great deal of Mischief in those Parts. After Capt. *Mackray* had made a very good Defence, they got the Victory by the *Cassandra's* unluckily driving on shore, where the Pyrates boarded and overpower'd them. Capt. *Mackray*, with most of his Crew, made their Escapes on shore, which so provoked the Pyrates, that they threatned to massacre every one of them. But after a Day or two past, they had a Consultation amongst themselves, and considering the gallant Behaviour of Capt. *Mackray*, and what a good Character he bore amongst his Men, they agreed to return him another Ship in the room of his own. They sent Messengers up into the Country to search for him, and Letters to assure him they would not hurt a Hair of his Head, but only satisfy him of their good Intentions towards him. On which account he ventured down, and they entertained him in a very handsome manner on board his own Ship, with the best of his own Liquors and Provisions. The Pyrates had a great Demur amongst themselves about giving Capt. *Mackray* the *Fancy*, in the room of the *Cassandra*; but Capt. *England* told them, that if they refused this, he would renounce his Command amongst them, and live a retired Life on some of those inhabited Islands. Capt. *England* being much beloved, they comply'd to this Proposal, tho' *Taylor* resented the same most bitterly, and vowed to be revenged on *England* for his Generosity. Accordingly they resigned the *Fancy* to Capt. *Mackray*. This was

a fine *Dutch*-built Galley, which sailed very well, and was a Ship of good Burden. They gave him, besides the Ship, several Bales of Scarlet Cloth, and during the time of their Stay, they used him very handsomely; tho' they gave him only a short Stock of Provisions and Stores, hardly sufficient to carry him to *Bombay*; they well knowing in how long time they might run from *Johanna* thither, being at that time of the Year, when the Trade-winds favoured their Passage.

AT their Arrival at *Bombay*, the Relation of the *Cassandra's* being taken was so different from the Report that Capt. Kirby had made to the Governor concerning it, that he was ashamed of the Meanness of it, and took the same so much to heart, that in his going a Voyage to *Persia*, he died before he got there.

NOW the *Barrington* was the first Ship in order for *England*, by whom Letters were dispatched concerning Capt. Mackray's being taken. The Captain had disposed of the Ship the Pyrates had given him at *Johanna*, to one Mr. Wake a very eminent Merchant at *Bombay*; and also of his other Effects, and went home Passenger in the *Barrington*. This News of the *Indian Seas* being incumbered with Pyrates of our Nation, so far alarmed the Court of Directors, as to petition the Crown to grant a Squadron of Men of War to be sent thither to suppress them, who for near two Years continued to infest those Parts. After Capt. Mackray parted with them, they went and cruised off the Straits of *Babelmendon*, or the *Red-sea*, and there they took a *Moors* Ship coming down from *India* richly laden. Tho' Capt. Mackray's Ship had 75,000 *l.* in ready Cash on board of the Company's Treasure, be-
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sides great Quantities of Bale Goods, with *European* Liquors of great Value, &c. yet this *Moors* Ship had more Value in Diamonds, Rubies, and Emeralds, with the richest of Drugs, and a great quantity of Balm of *Gilead*; all which these Pyrates made waste of, and suffered the same to lie exposed to the Wind and Weather on the Island of *St. Mary*. There we found the Ruins of several Ships and their Cargoes piled up in great Heaps, consisting of the richest Spices and Drugs; all which they valued not: but Money, rich Silks, Diamonds, and other Jewels, they took care of; and all Eatables and Drinkables which they fancied. They made the Island of *Madagascar* their Rendezvous, where they committed all manner of Enormities, and every one did as his own vicious Heart directed him.

IN the Year 1719, the *London* and *Chandois* arrived at *Bombay*; the former under the Command of Capt. *Upton*, and the latter under the Command of Capt. *Fazakerly*, who died either at *Bombay*, or in a Voyage to *Persia*. We had now an Account of the Disturbance at *Anjango*, of the Death of Mr. *Gifford*, and the Proceedings of Mrs. *Gifford* in taking care of her Affairs for her own Security. The whole naval Forces of *Bombay* were all mann'd, and our floating Engine or Machine along with us; and the *London*, Capt. *Upton*, was ordered to receive Mr. *Brown*, one of the Council of *Bombay*, on board, in order to rectify all Affairs in behalf of the Company's Settlement at *Anjango*, and to hoist the Union Flag at their main Topmast-head. They were likewise to go in quest of the Pyrates, *Taylor* and *England*, who after they had taken the *India* Ship belonging to the *Moors*, proceed-

ed for the Island of *Damascicus*, in order to have some clandestine Dealing with the *French*, who inhabit that Island, and are suspected of trading with such Pyrates. They also, as we understood afterward, intended to winter there, under Pretence of being *English East-India-Men*. But coming into the Road, and seeing a very large Ship there, they judg'd her to be richly laden, bound for *Europe*, belonging either to the *English*, *French*, *Dutch*, or *Portuguese*, and made Preparation to engage her. This Ship belong'd to the King of *Portugal*, and had the Viceroy of *Goa* on board, who was then bound for *Lisbon*; but having lost their Passage round the *Cape*, had returned back to winter there. The Viceroy, and all the Head Officers and Gentlemen were ashore, and seeing an *English* built Ship coming in with *English* Colours, judged it to be a Ship under the same Misfortune as themselves, that had lost their Passage. The Pyrates had sent the other Ship which they had taken in *India*, to *St. Mary's* on the Island of *Madagascar*, and also the Brigantine, to get all Things in Readiness against they came, in order to heave down and clean their Ship for another Cruise. The *Portuguese* were preparing to salute them, or expected that they would do so, as soon as they came to an Anchor; but instead thereof, they came close along-side of them, and instead of firing by way of Salute, with *English* Colours flying, they poured in a Broad-side on them, and then boarded them Sword in hand! The others having made no manner of Preparation to fight, and being a lumbered Ship, they soon compleated their Victory, and carried the Ship out of the Road directly; the Gentlemen on shore not being able to prevent them. When
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the Pyrates came to *St. Mary's*, they altered the Ship, and fitted her for mounting seventy Guns, and the *Cassandra* for forty Guns; this they did by the Help of Capt. *Mackray's* Carpenter's Mate, whom they forced along with them; and then destroyed all the other Ships they had taken. However, they soon relisted, and were resolved to make t'other Cruise on the Coast of *India*, as some say, in order wilfully to run their Ship on shore, and by that means save most part of their Treasure; and then settle amongst the *Moors* at *Surat*, or travel through the Country to some inland Places where the *Portuguese* inhabited.

The *London* with the *Victory* Grab, the *Revenge*, and *Britannia*, the *Defiance*, and *Prabm*, the great and mighty floating Machine, which the *Revenge* had in Tow, after having been and settled all the Company's Affairs at *Anjango*, were returning up the Coast off of *Mount Delis*, about seven Leagues to the Northward of *Tillicherry* (where the Honourable *Robert Adams*, Esq; was then Governor) the Fleet plying to windward, early in the Morning, fell in with the *Cassandra* and *Victory*, which was the Ship the Pyrates had taken from the *Portuguese*, and named so. The Night before, the Fleet had been very much scattered, and early in the Morning those two Ships falling in with the Fleet, they thought that the large Ship was the *London*. The *Victory* Grab coming under her Stern, thinking she seemed too large for the *London* (tho' the *London* was a very large Ship) hailed them in *English*, and asked what Ship that was? They answered, the *Victory*. They then thought it had been the *London*, and huzza'd, and asked them what they wanted? The Pyrate *Victory* hailed the Grab, and asked what Ship that was?

was? They answered, the *Victory*. By which they knew they had got in the midst of the *Bombay Fleet*; and the Pyrates reported afterward, that at that time they could have taken them with all the Ease imaginable. In the mean time the *London* came up, and asked what was the Matter? The *Victory* Pyrate discharged a Broad-side at the other *Victory*, who never fired at her again, and the Pyrate told them at the same time, that the other Ship was the *Cassandra*. There was such Confusion on board the *London*, that all the Ship was in an Uproar, and Capt. *Upton* frightened very much. By this time it was Sun-rising, little Winds, and close under the Land; where they were obliged to lie all of a heap together, till the Land-breeze came off to separate them. In the mean time, the Pyrates got all things ready to engage. But Capt. *Upton*, so soon as the Land-breeze came off, was resolved not to fight, without Mr. *Brown's* Orders, who had a Commission from Governor *Boone* to hoist the Union Flag. Capt. *Upton* also required Mr. *Brown* to give him Security on the Company for all Damages the Ship might sustain. The Ship's Company was very eager to engage; Mr. *Lyon* (who at his Return to *England*, had a new Ship built for him, called the *Windham*) was then chief Mate of the *London*, and almost mad to see such ridiculous Proceedings. The Captain ordered a Man to the Mast-head to strike the Flag; the Fellow swore that he would send Flag-staff and all down with it. Accordingly he went up, and instead of striking the Flag, he drove the Fidd out, and let the Flag-staff run down amain. This made the Pyrates laugh in their Sleeve, tho' they did not well know how to venture to engage them;

for they did not like the Looks of the *Bombay* Man of War. The Question was proposed, what should be done with the *Prabm* the *Revenge* had in Tow? and Orders were given to set her on fire; a fine Proof of Conduct after that the President and Council of *Bombay* had been at that great Expence in procuring an Invention for the better annoying the Enemy's Garrisons! They set her on fire accordingly, and she was entirely consumed; tho' all reasonable Persons must allow, that the Pyrates would never have thought it worth while to take a Vessel not fit to carry out of sight of Land, nor four Leagues off shore, in case of a Head Sea. After this the Pyrates made off, without any further Attempt on our Ships.

THE Fleet soon after arrived at *Bombay*, and Order was given for making Preparation for another Siege against *Gerey*; which accordingly we did, but had the usual ill Success in our Proceedings.

I shall now speak of a particular Sea-fight performed by two gallant Captains; which, had it not been for some unlucky Accident happening to both of them, they had certainly come off Conquerors. Capt. *Martin* in the *Eagle Galley*, and Capt. *Dogget* in the *Hunter Galley*, were some time after engaged with *Angria's* Grabs off *Bombay*, and behaved so well, that there was a very great Probability of their succeeding. Capt. *Dogget* had three times boarded one of the biggest Grabs, and in attempting to board her the fourth time, they blew up, and every Soul of them perished with the Blast; and the *Eagle Galley* blew up likewise, and not so much as a Man was saved out of either of them. Their Galleywars
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were then obliged to make the best of their way for *Bombay*, with the News of the ill Success of the Engagement. These Accidents, 'tis to be hoped, will be a Warning to many of our young Sea-Gunners to be more careful in their delivering out their Powder; as it is certain these Misfortunes could no otherwise happen than by their not taking sufficient care of the Powder Magazine. This Engagement was after the great Siege of *Allahabeg*, which was the last Attempt we made by Land on *Angria*; but have strove ever since to suppress him by Sea.

THE other Pyrates being still ranging on the *Indian Seas*, they proceeded for their common Place of Rendezvous, the Island of *Madagascar*, and in their way they took a *Moors Ship*, coming from *China*, loaded with very rich Goods, which they totally demolished at the Island of *St. Mary's*, where they clean'd their Ships. On these repeated Insults of the Pyrates, the Court of Directors had made their humble Application to the King and Council; on which his Majesty thought proper to appoint a Squadron of Men of War, under the Command of Commodore *Matthews*, (*viz.* the *Lyon*, Capt. *Readsb.* on board of whom the Commodore hoisted his broad Pennant; the *Salisbury*, Capt. *Cockburn*, who was in case of Death to succeed Commodore *Matthews*; the *Exeter*, Sir *Robert Johnson*; and the *Shoreham*, Capt. *Maine*) to be aiding and assisting to the Hon. Company's Settlements, and to suppress all such Pyrates and Robbers as should any ways interrupt the free Trade in the *Indian Seas*: But by Distress of Weather, before the Squadron arrived at *Bombay*, they were all separated; the *Salisbury* and *Exeter* damaging their Masts, were obliged to bear a-

way for *Lisbon*, to get new Masts, which accordingly they did. In the mean time, the Commodore proceeded with all possible Expedition for the appointed Rendezvous for the Squadron, which was at *Bombay*, where the Commodore had Instructions to be aiding and assisting to the Company's Governors, as they should require. The Commodore being desirous that the separated Ships might know where to find him (which possibly they knew, without his leaving of Letters in such Hands as he did) in his Passage touch'd at *St. Augustine's Bay*, on the Island of *Madagascar* to refresh his People; and at his Departure left Letters directed for Capt. *Cockburn*, Commander of the *Salisbury*. He had not been gone long, before the Pyrates in the *Victory* and *Cassandra* arrived there, to whom the Blacks delivered his Letters, who at that time did not know of any Men of War coming in quest of them. They took the Letters and brought them on board the *Victory*, where Capt. *Taylor* was pleased to have them read at the Mast, by which they were satisfied of the Strength of the Squadron, the Names of every Ship, the Commanders Names, and the Number of Guns and Men. This looked as if they were left with an intent to fall into the Hands of the Pyrates; for as Capt. *Cockburn* was the Senior Captain next the Commodore, he must certainly have known the Place of Rendezvous. For had not these Letters fell into their Hands, the *Salisbury* would probably have fell in with these Pyrates; but they finding these Letters left for her, did not think proper to stay there, but directly weighed and run for *Port Dolphin*. The Inhabitants of *St. Augustine* did not know who was right or wrong, and being an ignorant People,

ple, they gave the Letter to the first Ships that came: For according to the Account we received afterwards, the Pyrates had not been gone long, before the *Salisbury* and *Grantham* arrived there, where making no Stay, they had no true Account of them. Wherefore they proceeded for the Place of Rendezvous appointed before they left *England*. It is customary, for fear of losing Company by Distress of Weather, for every Captain to have his sailing Instructions, and an Account of Places appointed for Rendezvous: Besides, all Ships of War before they go out of any Harbour have their Signals, with the List of the Line of Battle, according to the Seniority of the Commanders: So that every Fore-mast Man may look up and see the Ship's Name, Captain, and Compliment of Men and Guns, as they steer the Ship; such List always being hung up at the Mizzen Mast for the better Instruction of the petty Officers on the Quarter-Deck, in case of Signals made during the time of being in company with whole Squadrons of Ships of War, under the Command of Flags or Commodores.

THE *Lyon* and *Shoreham* arrived at *Bombay* in the Beginning of *September 1721*, and the *Exeter* in about a fortnight after; she having left the *Salisbury* off the *Cape de Verd Islands*, after they came out of *Lisbon*. And the *Grantham* being appointed Store-ship for the Squadron, left company with the Commodore, and was recruiting at the *Cape*, when the *Salisbury* arrived there. The *Salisbury*, Capt. *Cockburn*, took the *Grantham* under his Care, in order to bring her to *Bombay*; where they arrived on the Second or Third of *October*. At the *Lyon's* Arrival, the Commodore very much resented the President's

not saluting him. The President of *Bombay* knew the Length of his own Commission, and as he was a President for the King, and a Governor for the Company, he imagined, as all other great Men in such Stations would, that he was something superior to a Commodore of a Squadron; tho' the Directors of the Company had sent Orders by the *Grantham* for him to salute the Commodore, at his Arrival. After many Messages to and fro', disputing who should fire first, the President in Council complied to salute him, and then the Commodore thought proper to go on shore.

THE Island of *Bombay* was now throng'd with the Navy-Officers, who look'd as much superior to us, as the Greatness of their Ambition could possibly lead them. There were daily Duels fought by one or other of them; and Challenges perpetually sent round the Island by the Gentlemen of the Navy. Having such a great Number of gallant Heroes, we were in great hopes of totally demolishing *Angria*. The President and Council, with the Commodore, concluded on the Attack of *Allabeg*, and withal to send an Express to the Viceroy of *Goa*, and to the General of the North, to request their Assistance in this great and important Affair. The Viceroy with much pretended Zeal came in person, designing to head such Forces as he had rais'd, and brought with him: The General of the North also came down to *Bombay*, and was most magnificently entertained by the President. The Horse-Guards of the Island of *Bombay* were ordered and fitted up for this Expedition: We now took a Method we never before had taken; we were to land at *Cheque* all our Artillery, that being a Harbour belong-

belonging to the *Portuguese*, and joining to *Angria's* Country; our Camp was pitched on the Island of *Bombay* in order for Review; and every thing was disposed in a very compleat manner. Mr. *Coring* was appointed by the President and Council, Generalissimo of all the *English* Forces; several Commissions were granted to the Gentlemen belonging to the Men of War; Mr. *Wheatly*, first Lieutenant of the *Exeter*, was commissioned as Colonel of a Company in the Company's Service; Mr. *John Johnson* as Captain in the same. Mr. *Bellamy*, a Midshipman belonging to the Commodore, was commissioned as an Ensign; and Lieutenant *Crawford*, who was then third Lieutenant of the *Lyon*, was commissioned as Captain; and the Gentlemen of the Men of War, who thought proper to go as Volunteers in the Company's Service on this Expedition, were honourably accepted of and generously rewarded. We were now furnished with a large Train of Artillery, an accomplished Gentleman chose for chief Engineer, recommended out of the Squadron, and Capt. *Greenhill* Captain of the Artillery; with a Company of Pioneers. The Camp being formed on the Island of *Bombay*, they were all thoroughly disciplin'd according to the President's and Commodore's Approbation, and encreased by a Detachment of 40 Men out of every Man of War. The *Portuguese* Troops and Forces join'd us at *Choule*: The Men of War, and the rest of the Naval Force of *Bombay* took on board all the Soldiers, and several other Vessels were taken up as Transports to carry the Artillery. We had 24 fine Field-pieces of Cannon, and all manner of Ammunition answerable to them. From *Choule* we march'd for

Allabeg; the Shipping came to an Anchor in the Road. In the mean time, the Captains of the Men of War were solicitous to find out the Channel that led to a small Fort at the Harbour's Mouth of *Allabeg*. This Sir Robert Johnson undertook, and went in his own Barge to sound for the Channel; and he imagined he had found one sufficient to carry the *Shoreham*, a 20 Gun Ship, under the Command of Capt. Cowel Maine: But how this Accident happened, we cannot judge; for they run her on the Rocks going into the Harbour, where she received considerable Damage, tho' they got her off again. She broke five of her Floor-timbers, and had it not been flowing Water, they must in all Probability have left her there.

General Cowing was all this while drawing up the Army, and having join'd all the Portuguese Forces, they encamped on the Sands of *Allabeg*, where they got all their Army in an engaging Posture. Commodore Matthews was very diligent, and being desirous to see the Disposition of the Camp, went on shore, in company with the Viceroy of Goa, the General of the North, and General Cowing; with a slight Guard, they rode out of the Camp to view the Country so far as they thought proper, for their better Direction which way to march. Our Army now consisted of near 5000 Men all together, which were but few to attack an Enemy in his own Dominions. But had their Courage and Conduct been good, they might possibly have drove *Angria* quite out of the Low Country, into the Sedey's Dominions. The Commodore, with the rest of the general Officers, coming by a sort of an inclosed piece of Ground, a single
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