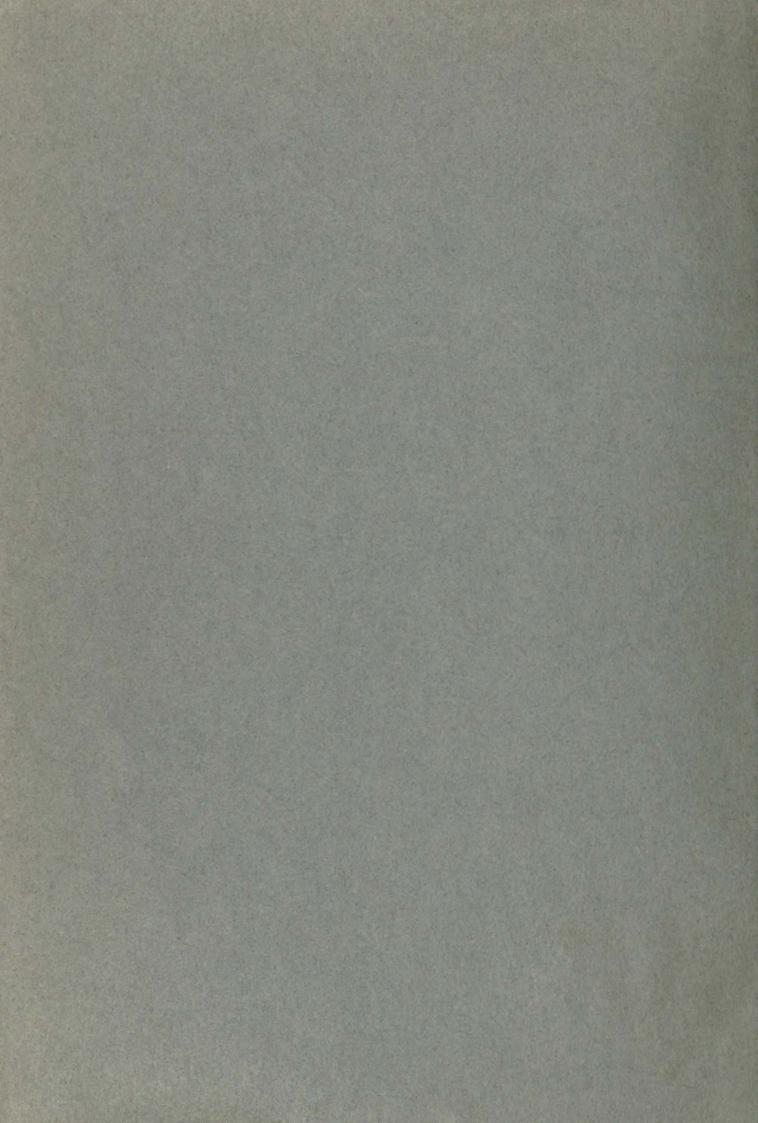
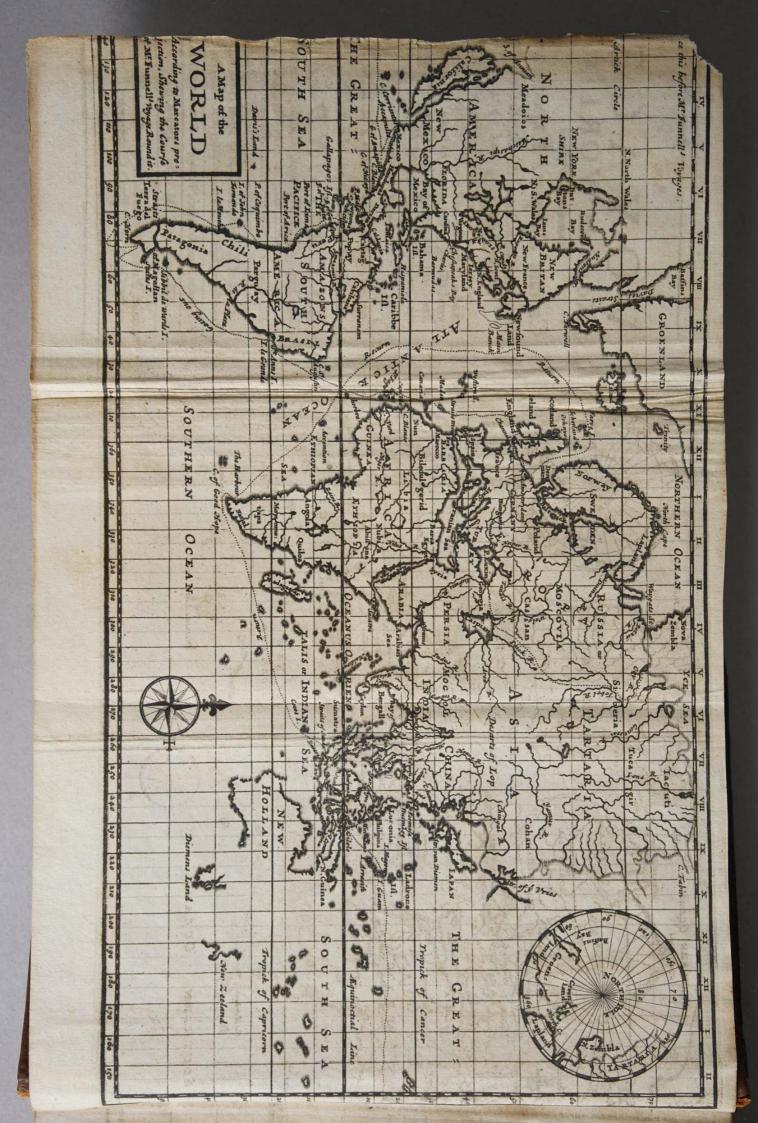


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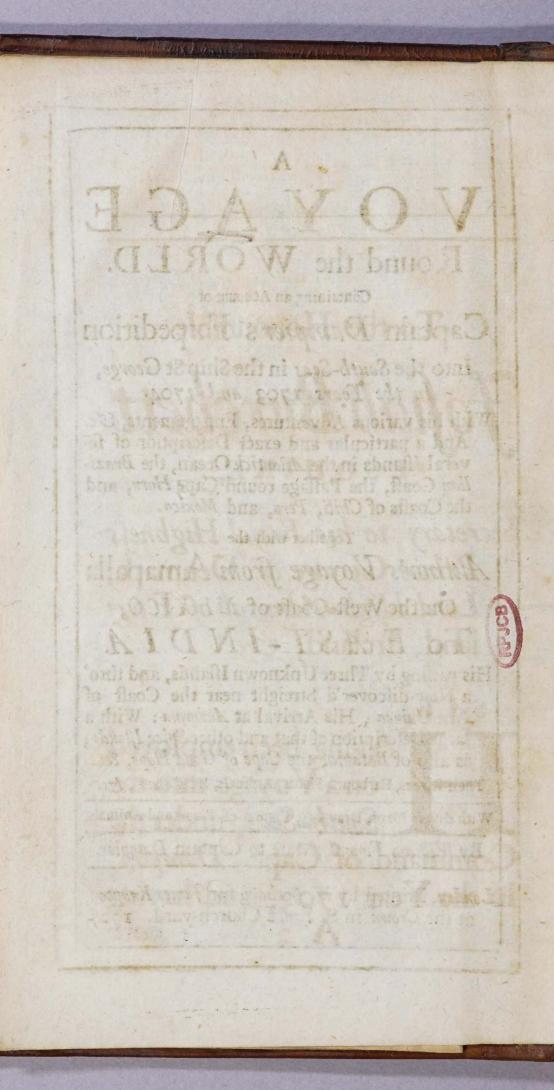
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both in that Expedition, and in my Return by the Eastern-part of the South-Sea, and through the Indian-Ocean, remarked not only faithfully, but with all the Accuracy I could, whatever I conceived might be serviceable, or instructive to such as should hereafter fail into those Parts, I hope you will pardon my Presuption in laying my said Observations before you.

I humbly take the Liberty to represent to you, that I have launched forth into no Descriptions, or particular Accounts of Things, which the Course of my Voyage gave me not sufficient Opportunity to be fully

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fully and perfectedly instructed in, and I spared no Pains in the setting them down, together with Draughts of such Places as I had time or convenience of taking; and in all this I have not through any design of contradicting others, or in hopes thereby to recommend my own Performance, either opposed or slighted any good and true Observations which have already been made by those who have heretofore visited any of the same Places. This I presume to mention, with a particular regard to the most material of Captain Dampier's own Observations, formerly published, which I found by

Experience to be true: But I hope I may, without breach of Modesty, declare that I have remarked several things both new and useful, which the uncommon Course we steared, and the unusual Accidents we met with, gave me particular Opportunities to enquire into.

Sir, I am not pretending to a meritorious Claim of your Protection, but am encourag'd to hope for it from your known Candour and Goodness: And it is very natural to flatter our selves, that Persons of your Judgment and Experience in Maritime Affairs, will look with a more favourable Eye,

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even on our meanest Endea vours, than those can be expeded to do, who know but little of those Matters, and are apt to prefer superficial Accounts, which are frequently very erroneous, before the most useful, though less diverting. However it be, if I can be so happy as to receive any countenance from your distinguishing Judgment, or at least your Pardon for this my Boldness, I shall not fear that any Opinion or Prejudice of less discerning Persons, can discredit the Truth, or Usefulness of my Observations.

I am sensible, Sir, how little I ought to encroach upon A 4 your

your Time, which is so usefully and so diligently employed: And therefore I humbly beg leave to conclude with subscribing my self,

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Dampier, have met with so good Reception and universal Approbation in the World; and there has been so general an Expectation of the Success of the present Expedition, under the Command of a Person so perfectly acquainted with those Parts of the World to which we were bound,

bound, and so well skilled in the Trade, Shipping, Customs and Designs of the Spaniards, against whom we were employed; that I presume there needs no Apology, for publishing the following Account.

The Success indeed of our Expedition, was not such as might at first have been expected from the Skill of our Commander and the Resolution of our Men. Disagreements and Mismanagements having broken our Measures, and defeated our most promising Hopes; as they have often been Occasions of the miscarriage of the greatest and noblest Attempts.

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But though me failed in our chief Designs; yet the great Variety of Accidents we met with, and the many Discoveries we made, and particular Accounts of the manner how our Attempts miscarried, I hope cannot but be very acceptable to the inquisitive Reader.

I have chosen not to be large in the Descriptions of Towns and Places, of which others have already given us sufficient Accounts. But the whole Western Coast of America, from the Southend of California to the Port of Valdivia, which is above sixty Degrees, I have given one continued and much more particular Descrip-

Description of, than has ever yet been made publick; and also I have given an exact Account of the Variation of the Compass upon the whole Coast. And though it may perhaps by some be thought not so pleasant and entertaining, as Descriptions of the Country within Land; yet it cannot but be much more useful, especially to such as shall bereafter sail into those Parts.

And here I cannot in justice but take notice, that upon all this Coast, and during our whole stay in the South Seas, we found Captain Dampier's Descriptions of Places very exact; and his Ac-

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Twenty-six Guns and One hundred and twenty Men each; designed

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ed for the South-Seas: The one was named the St George, Captain William Dampier Commander, on Board of which I was; and the other was named the Fame, John Pulling Captain. We were each of us supplied with all War-like Stores, and very well victualled for nine Months; and had Commissions from his Royal Highness the Lord High-Admiral, to proceed in a War-like manner against the French and Spaniards: And we Both were upon the fame Terms, of no Purchase no Pay. But whilst we were in the Downs, there arising some Difference between the two Captains, Captain Pulling in his Ship the Fame went away and left us; intending, as he faid, to go and cruize among the Canary-Islands; and we never faw him after. But before our going away from Ireland, we were joyned by another Ship sent after us on purpose. She was a small Ship, named the Cinque-ports Gally, burthen about ninety Tuns, fixteen Guns, and fixty three Men, Charles Pickering Captain: Which Ship was also very well victualled and provided for the faid Voyage. Our Proposals were to go into the River of Plate, to Buonas Aires, to take two or three Spanish Galleons which Captain Dampier gives an account are usually there: And if by that Expedition we got to the value of 600000 Pounds, then.

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then to return again without proceeding further: But if we missed of Success there, then to cruize upon the Coast of Peru, for the Valdivia Ships, which commonly are said to bring down store of Gold to Lima: But if that Design should also fail, then to attempt some rich Towns, according as Captain Dampier should think sit: And after that, we were at the usual time of the Year to go down upon the Coast of Mexico, to seek for a great Galleon, which Trades from Manila, one of the Philippine Islands, to Acapulco on the Coast of Mexico; and which is commonly reported to be worth thirteen or fourteen Millions of Pieces of Eight. The Reason we did not go to Buonas Aires, was because upon our arrival at Madera, we had advice that the Galleons before-mentioned were arrived at Teneriff. The Success of our other Defigns, are set down particularly in the following Relation.

On the 30th of April 1703, we sailed An. 1703 out of the Downs, and on the 18th of May anchored at Kingsale in Ireland. Here we refitted and victualled our Ship; and were joined by another Ship named the Cinque-ports, burthen about ninety Tuns, sixteen Guns, and sixty three Men, Charles Pickering Captain: And on the 11th of B 2 Septem-

Arrival at the Canaries.

Captain Pekering, left Kingsale, and on the 25th we reached the Island of Madera, where we did not anchor, but lay off and on for our Boats, which were sent ashore for some Necessaries. By a good observation I make this Island to lye in the Latitude of 32 d. 20 m. N. And Longitude by my account from London, W. 18 d. 5 m. It is a very pleasant Island, inhabited by Portugueze; it abounds in Corn, Wine, Honey, Sugar, Madder, Oranges,

Lemons, Pomegranets, Oc.

Having done our Bufiness here, we departed Sept. 28, and on the 30th faw Palma and Fero, the two Westermost of the Canary-Islands, they being in all seven, so called from Canaria the Chief; They are also called Fortunate, from their Fruitfulness, being plentiful in several forts of Commodities, but especially in the Wine called Canary, brought from hence in abundance. We did not stop here, but made the best of our way for the Cape de Verde Islands; and October the 6th saw the Island of Mayo, lying in the Latitude of 15 d. 10 m. N. and Longitude from London, W. 24 d. 29 m. The chief of what this Island produces, is Salt; of which here is plenty for fetching. lay off and on all Night, but could not

get.

The Island St Jago.

get off any, because here ran so great a An. 1703
Surf that we durst not venture our Boats
ashore. So October the seventh, in the
Morning, we bore away for the Island
St fago, and at Noon anchored at Prior
Bay. This Bay lies in the Latitude of 14 d.
50 m. N. and West from London 24 d.

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This is one of the Southermost and most fruitsul of the Cape de Verde Islands; it abounding in Hogs, Fowls, Guinea-Hens, Monkies, Maiz, Oranges, Lemons, Dates, Water-melons, Plantains, Bonanoes, &c. Here is good Water to be had, but troublefome fetching of it; and Wood is very dear, by reason of its scarcity. The Natives of this place were formerly Portugueze, who were banished to this place for Murthers, Thefts, and other Villanies; but now they are mostly black, by reason of their Converse amongst their Womenflaves (which are Guinea Negroes;) And although they have changed their Colour, yet they still retain their Vices; thieving being commoner here than in any place I have been in; insomuch that they will take your Hat off your Head at Noon-day, although you be in the midst of Company. You must also be very wary how you Trade with them; for if you let them have your Goods, before you have theirs, you will An. 1703: be sure to lose them. At this place we was ter'd our Ship and refresh'd our selves; and here being some Disagreement between our Captain and first Lieutenant, our Captain turned him ashore with his Chest and and Cloaths and Servant, much against both their Wills, about twelve at Night. At four the next Morning, it being the 13th of October, we parted from the faid Island, not fully resolved what place to touch at next. On October the 22d (being in the Latitude of 6 d. 36 m. N. and Longitude from London W. about 19 d. 57 m.) we caught four Fish; a Shark, a Dolphin, a Jelly-fish and an Old-wife.

The Shark is a very ravenous fort of Fish: Those that we catch at Sea, are com-FIG. I. monly about five or fix Feet in length; they have a great wide Mouth, with three and fometimes four rows of Teeth, very sharp and jagged like a Sawe. It is so fierce a Fish, that when it wants its Prey, it will feize upon any thing, and make nothing of taking off a Man's Leg at a bite or two. He hath two Stones between his Eyes, which are accounted very good if taken inwardly by any one that has the Stone or Gravel. These Stones we commonly take out and give to our Doctor, who makes use of them as he finds occasion: When they are taken out of the Head,





The Dolphin.

they are a perfect Jelly; but being laid in An. 1703
the Sun and dryed, they look like damp
Chalk. The Shark is usually attended
with one, two, three, or more small Fish
(about the bigness of an ordinary Whiting) which go before him and show
him his Prey; They are called Pylot-sish,
and look very pretty in the Water; they
will play about him, be he never so hungry; and he never offers to prey upon
them.

The Dolphin is between four and five feet in length, some more, some less. It is a very pretty coloured Fish, and very good to eat, but something dry; They feed mostly upon Flying-fish, a fort of Fish about the bigness of an ordinary Herring, and much like one; the Dolphins are fo nimble, as to catch them when they light in the Water to wet their Wings, or rather Fins. For they can fly no longer than their Wings are wet, but then fall into the Water and mount again. It is very pretty to see what shifts and turns they will make, to get clear of their great Enemy the Dolphin; and rather than be taken by them, they will often fly into a thip; but when they are in, unless they happen to fall into a puddle of Water, they cannot fly out again, for want of moisture in their Wings.

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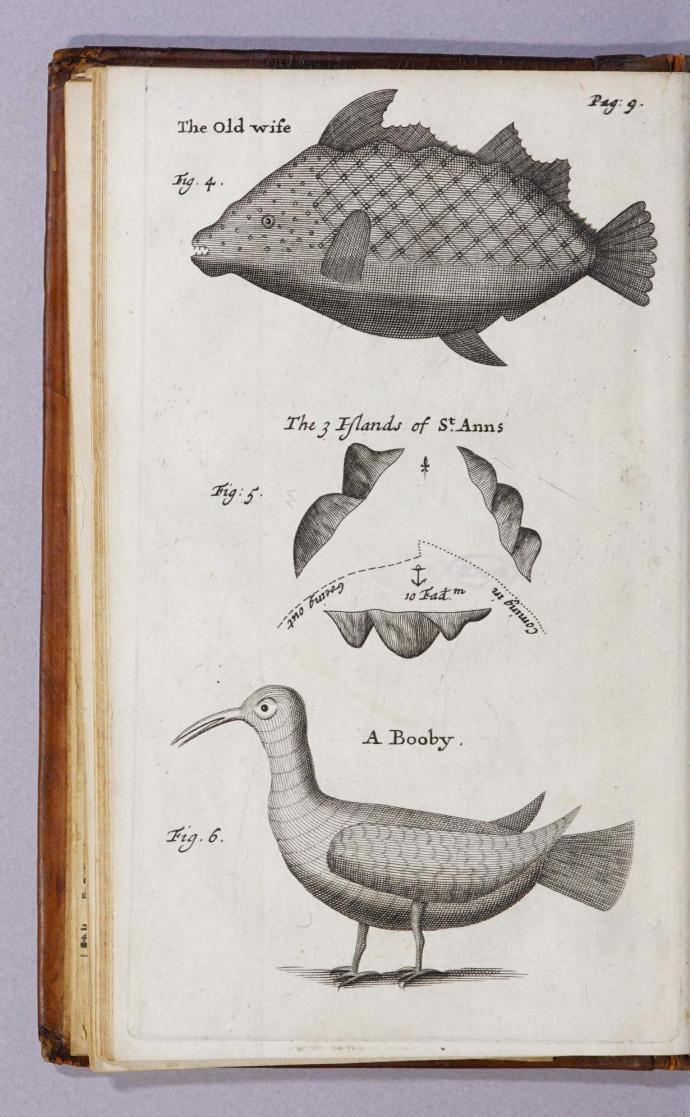
The Jelly-fish was about fourteen Inches long, and about 2 Inches deep; with a Fig. III. very sharp set of Teeth, a very curious sparkling Eye, a long extended Mouth, a monstrous high Fin on his Back, being of a slimy substance, only the Ribs which stretched it out (being thirty two in number) were firm and stiff. He had one small Fin under his Jaw, of the same slimy Substance. That part of him which is without small spots, is a perfect green Jelly, whence he was called by us a Jelly-fish: The rest of him was firm, of a Silver colour, with small spots, and streaks or partings, as is express in the Figure

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Fig. IV. long, and 9 Inches high; He hath a small Mouth, a large Eye; a great Fin on his back, beginning at the hinder part of his Head, and stretching to his Tail; he hath a large broad Fin on each side near the Gills, with one pretty large one under his Belly; his Body is of a deep Blue, and his Fins of a very light Blue, the ends of which are Yellow. His Body and Head have a great many spots and cross streaks or partings, as is exprest in the Fig. There is also another fort of Old-wife, such as is described by Captain Dampier in his third Volume.

On November 2d, 1703, we croffed the Equator, about forty five Leagues to the West-





The Islands St Anns:

Westward of the Meridian of the Island St An. 1703-Jago. Also this day we saw abundance of Flying-fish. We now found our selves in the S. E. Trade-wind, and met with but little Rains, Tornadoes, Thunder or Lightning to the Northward of the Line.

On November 8th, in the evening, we observed by A Zth compass, and found the Variation by a good amplitude to be 5d 20 m Easterly. Latitude by Observation S. 10d 20 m. and Longitude West from the Island St Jago, 5d 36 m. November 10th in the morning we observed again by AZth compass, and found Variation by the Medium of 3 A Zths to be 5d 39m Easterly. Latitude by Observation S. 13 d 48 m. Longitude from London West, 31 d 4 m. November 15th we found the variation to be 7 d 44m E. Latitude by Observation S. 20 d 13 m. Longitude from London W. 35d 28 m. This day fourteen or fifteen of our people fell ill of a Fever. November 19, we anchored at the Islands St Anns; which by my account lie in the Latitude of 22 d 20 m S. Longitude W. from London 38d 23 m. and we reckon here about 10d Easterly Variation. We went ashoar here, intending to wood and water, but could find no Water; fo we cut a Long-boat-load of Wood, and came on board again, and got up our Anchors, intending to wood and water at the Island

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Le Grand.

An. 1703. There are three of the Islands, called by the name of St Anns, not above a Stones cast from each other; they are very full of Wood, as is all the Brasilian Coast. These Islands are distant from the Main. This place is very much about four Miles. troubled with Southerly Winds, which blow extraordinarily in gusts; therefore the only way is to lay your best Anchor to the Southward, and all little enough sometimes. The Islands produce nothing but Wood; and have a vast many Sea-fowl upon them by Sailours called Boobies. See a draught of the three Islands of St Anns.

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See Fig. VI.

The Booby is much about the bigness of a Duck; some are quite White, some Grey; They have Feet like a Duck, being a Water-foul; They feed mostly upon Flyingfish, which they catch Flying. I have made many a Meal of this fort of Birds, but it was for want of other Victuals; They taste very Fishy; and if you do not falt them very well before you eat them. they will make you fick; They are so filly, that when they are weary of flying, they will, if you hold out your Hand, come and fit upon it: From thence I conjecture that they are called Boobies.

November 24th we anchored at the Island Le Grand; whose Latitude is 23 d 40 m S. Longitude from London W. 40d 24 m. and found here about II d E. Variation.



Pag:11. P A R TBRAZILE F THE GREAT BAY OF LE THE ISLAND GRANDE GRANDE LE A T L A The Great and Small Bay of E LE GRANDE . Part of BRAZILE &c.

This is a very woody Island, and hath fe- An. 1703. veral very good springs of fresh Water upon it. The foil is black, and the Island Fig.VII. is about nine Leagues round, and distant from the Main about three Miles. It is not inhabited by any other than Jaccals, Lyons, Tygers, &c. Which in the Night make a most hideous Noise, enough to terrifie any Man. About three Miles from this place is the main Land, all very mountainous and woody, where is a small Town of the Portugueze (called by the name of Le Grand Town), who come out of the Country for forty or fifty Miles round on Saint Andrews day, to pay their Devotions to that Saint, here being a small Church confecrated to his use. They abide here about fourteen Days, and then return to their own Dwellings. Here is Rum, Sugar, and several sorts of Indian Fruits to be had, but very dear by reason of their fupplying the Town of St Pauls with these Necessaries; near which Town is said to be a Gold-mine, accounted one of the richest yet known. It is distant from the Town of Le Grand about three hundred Miles; and is reckoned, by reason of the difficulty of the way and the vast high Mountains that intercept the passage, to be fixty days journey. At this place we wooded, watered, and refitted our Ship. Here our first Lieutenant (with eight of OUL

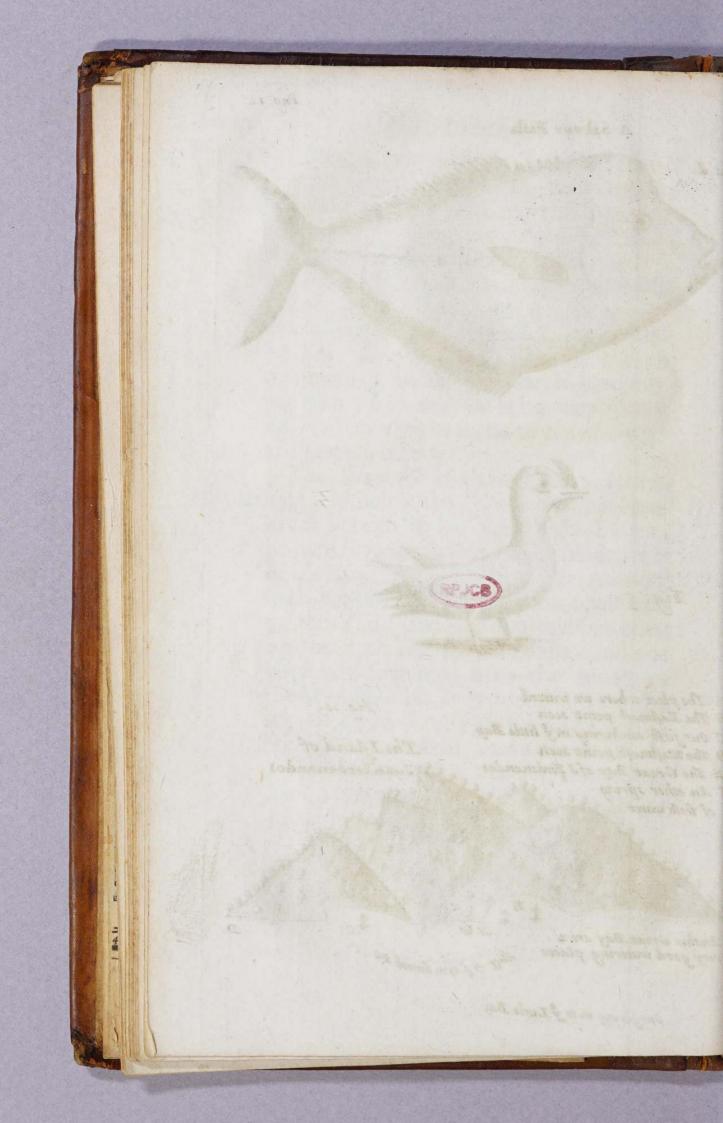
our Men,) our Captain and they falling out, went ashoar with their Goods, and left us. Here also Charles Pickering Captain of the Cinque-ports our Consort (another main Pillar of our Voyage) departed this Life, and his Body was buried ashoar at the Watering-place, with the usual Ceremony of firing of Guns; and Mr Tho: Stradling his Lieutenant took command of his Ship. Here is good fishing with the Saine; Fish being very plentiful, and of various sorts, as the Silver-fish and several others.

See The Silver-fish is about twenty Inches Fig.VIII long; in height from the top of his Head to the bottom of his Belly eight Inches; he hath five small Fins on the hinder-part of his Head, and one large one reaching from the hindermost of the five small ones to the Tail. He has two midling ones, one on each side near the Gills, and one large one stretching from the middle of the bottom of his Belly to his Tail; which is half-mooned. He has a large Eye, a wide pair of Nostrils, and a small Mouth. It is a very thin Fish, and very bony. He is of a fine transparent White, and thence called by us a Silver fish.

December the 8th, having done our Bufiness here, we departed together with our Consort Captain Stradling, not intending to touch any where till our arrival at the

Island





Island Juan Fernando's. December the An. 1703 fifteenth we observed by AZth Compass, and found the variation by a good Amplitude to be 15 d. 58 m. Easterly. Latitude, by Observation S. 34 d. 00 m. Longitude from London W. 40 d. 26 m. December the 16th, we observed again by AZth Compass, and found variation to be 16 d. 25 m. Easterly. Latitude, 34 d. 35 m. S. Longitude from London W.

41 d. 46 m.

December the 29th, betimes in the Morning we saw the Islands of Sibbil de Wards. which are three in Number, lying in the Latitude of 51 d. 35 m. S. Longitude W. from London, by my account 51 d. 37 m. and had a good Observation by AZth Compass and found Variation to be 24 d. oo m. Easterly. Captain Dampier in his Voyage round the World, computes the Longitude of these Islands West from the Lizard, to be 57 d. 28 m. The occasion of which difference I suppose to be his having made longer Runs in that Voyage, and so more liable to mistakes of this Nature. Whether there be any Water upon these Islands, I know not; but never did hear of any. From the time of our pasfing the Latitude of 40 d. S. we faw a great many Birds about the Ship. And when we were off the Sibbil de Ward Islands, we took one remarkable Bird, which we *fuppole* See about the bigness of a Duck, and of a Fig. IX. very fine white colour. His Bill was yellow, and both above and below the Bill were long grey bairs like whichers.

were long grey hairs like whiskers; And instead of Feathers, at the bottom of his Eye-lids, he had short stiff hairs, which were black. We did not stop at these Islands, but kept on our way for the South-seas. January 4th 1704 being in the Latitude of 57d. 50m. S. we met with a very hard storm of Wind at S. W. in which storm we lost Company of our consort, but hoped to find him again at Juan Fernandoes, that being the appointed place of Rendezvous. January the 8th we found the Variation by a good Amplitude to be 25 d. 30 m. Easterly. Latitude by a good Observation, S. 58 d. 05 m. Longitude from London West, 66 d, com. Fannary 9th, Captain Dampier thinking we were to the Westward of Cape Horn, ordered to put the ship about: We had then the Wind at W. S. W. and stood away South: but tacking we stood away to the Northward; and at noon had Latitude by Observation S. 57 d. 10 m. and made Longitude from London. W. 69 d. 29 m.

January 11th betimes in the morning, we saw Land, contrary to all our expectations; which proved to be four Islands lying about five Leagues to the Eastward

of the Island Terra Del Fuego, or the An. 1703. Land of Fire, fo called by the Spaniaras, the first discoverers of it, because as they past by it they saw a great many Fires, as I suppose, made by the Inhabitants. So we tackt and stood to the Southward, and had Latitude by Observation S. 55 d. 20 m. and Longitude from London, W. 73 d. 57 m. January 14th, one of our Men being dead, his things were fold as follows. A Cheft, value five Shillings, was fold for three Pounds: A pair of Shooes, value four Shillings and fix Pence, fold for thirty one Shillings: Half a pound of Thread, value two Shillings, fold for feventeen Shillings and fix Pence. January the 20th, we found Latitude by observation S. 60 d. 51 m. which is the furthest Southwe ever were; And made Longitude from London W. 84 d. or m. And now being pretty well affured we were about the Cape Horn, we tackt and stood to the Northward. January the 24th, having made 88 d. 56 m. W. Longitude from London, and being in the Latitude of 54 d. 36 m. we hauled away N. to edge in with the Land. January the 28th, we found Variation by Amplitude to be 10 d. Easterly, and had Latitude by obfervation S. 47 d. 46 m. and Longitude from London W. 86 d. 23 m. January the 31st, we found the Variation to be 9 d.

16 La Moucha and Juan-Fernando's.

An. 1703. 9 d. 6 m. Easterly: Latitude 42 d. 24 m. S. and Longitude from London W. 81 d.

45 m.

February the 4th, we saw the Island La Moncha, whose Latitude is 38 d. 30 m. S. Longitude from London W. 77 d. 37 m. and we found the Variation by a good Amplitude just off this Island, to be 8d. 44m. Easterly. This Island is very well inhabited by Indians, who are always at Wars with the Spaniards (or with any white Men; for they think all white Men are Spaniards.) It is a high Island, four Leagues in length, and has many Shoals on the West side, which run a League or more into the Sea. It is distant from the Port of Valdivia 25 Leagues Northward, and from the River Imperial N. N. W. February the 5th, we observed by AZth Compass, and found Variation by Amplitude to be 7 d. 02 m. Easterly. Latitude by observation S. 25 d. 33 m. Longitude from London W. 80 d. 19 m.

February the 7th, we saw the Island Juan Fernando's: And so stood off and on; but drawing pretty near it, our Captain thought it not to be the right Island; so we tackt and stood to the Eastward: But on February the 10th, after we had stood about thirty Leagues to the Eastward, not seeing any Land, we stood back again to the same Island; and passing by the great

Bay

Description of Juan Fernando's.

Bay, we saw our Consort Capt. Stradling An, 1703.
in the Cinque-ports, who had been arrived

in the Cinque-ports, who had been arrived three Days before; so we anchored in the little Bay in twelve Fathom Water, oazy Ground; but finding it not convenient lying here, we weigh'd and went to the great Bay, where we anchored in 35 Fathom Water, and found Variation to be 6 d. 05 m. Easterly. Latit: of the Bay is 33 d. 5c m. S.

See. Fig. X;

CHAP. II.

Description of Juan Fernando's Of the Cabbage-tree. Wild Cats. Goats. The Humming-bird. Description of the Sea-Lion. Of the Seal. Another sort of Silver-sish. A Seafight. Departure for the Coast of Peru. Sea Coloured red with a multitude of the spawn of Fish. The Port of Arica. Arrival at the Island Gallo. Its Description. Lion-Lizards.

A T this Island of Juan Fernando's we wooded, water'd, heel'd and resitted our Ships. Here Captain Stradling and his Crew having some difference, they to the number of forty two went on shoar 5

were without Men; But by the endeavours of Captain Dampier they were again reconciled, and returned aboard their own

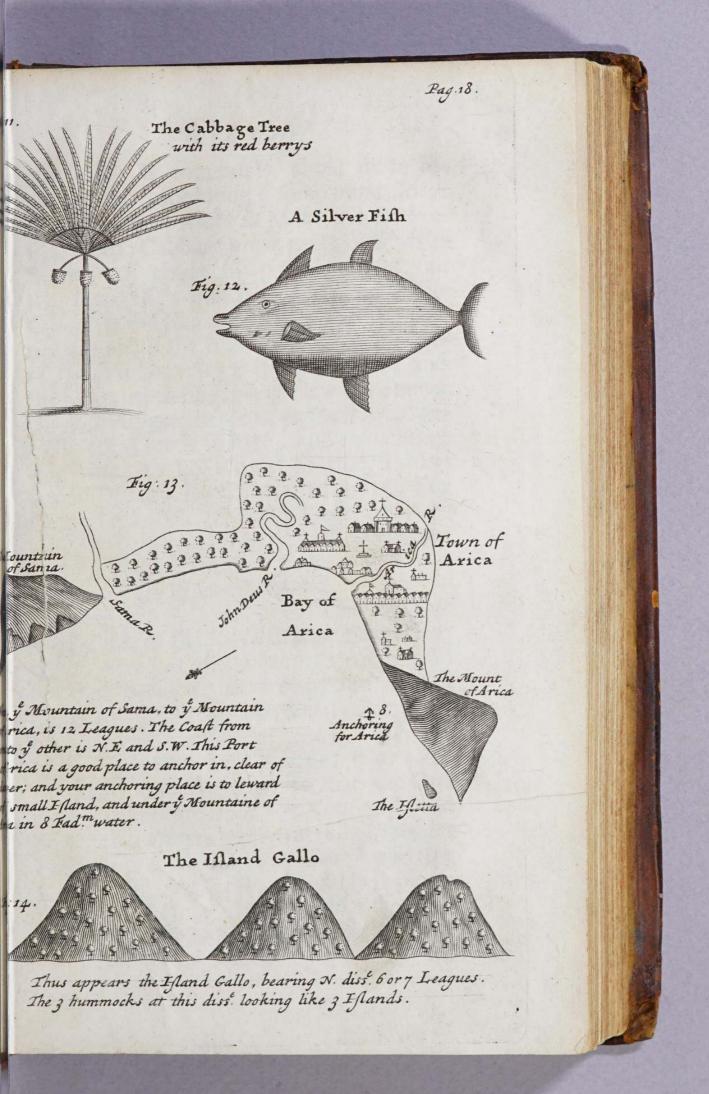
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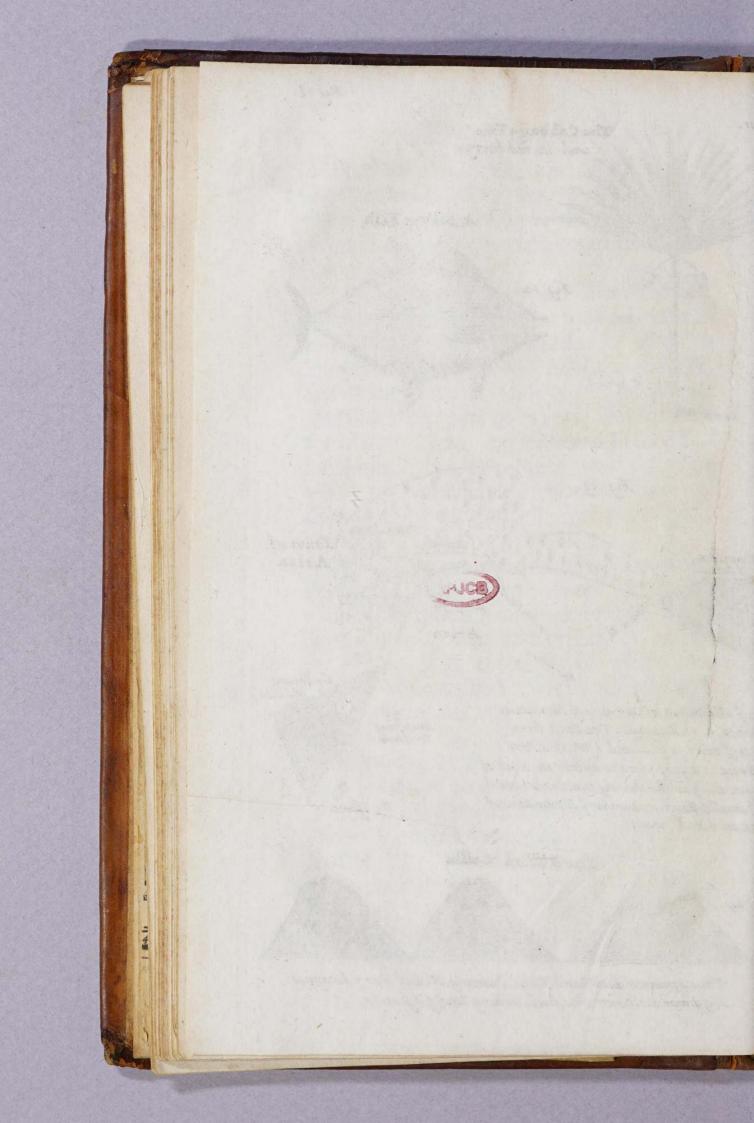
This Island is so called from the sirst Discoverer of it, who was a Spaniard, named Juan or John Fernando. It is about sourteen Leagues round; full of high Hills, and small pleasant Valleys. The Woods afford several sorts of Trees, but none sit for Masts. Here are Pamento-Trees in abundance, but the Spice was not ripe whilst we were here: Also abundance of Cabbage-trees, altho small, yet very good and sweet.

The Cabbage-tree is of Body small and streight, with several Knots or Joynts about sour Inches from each other, like a Bamboe-Cane, void of any Leaves, except at the top; in the midst of which, the Cabbage is contained which when boiled

Fig. XI. Cabbage is contained; which when boiled, is as good as any Garden-Cabbage I ever tasted. The Branches are commonly about twelve or thirteen Feet in length, and about a foot and an half from the Trunk of the Tree they shoot forth Leaves, about four foot long, and an Inch and a half broad. These Leaves grow so regularly that the whole Branch seems but one entire Leaf. The Cabbage when it is cut out from amongst the bottoms of the

Bran :





Branches, is commonly about fix Inches An. 1703. about, and a foot long; some more, some less; and is as white as Milk. At the bottom of the Cabbage grow great Bunches of Berries, of about fix pound weight, in the shape of a bunch of Grapes. Colour is red like a Cherry; and the Berries are about the bigness of a black Cherry, with a large Stone in the middle; and they taste much like English Haws. We never climb up to get the Fruit or Cabbage, because the Tree is so high, and there is not any thing to hold by; fo that a Man would find it a hard matter to get up. For I have seen some of these Trees, after we we have cut them down (which we always do to get the Cabbage) to be ninety or a hundred Feet in length.

Wild-Cats, of the finest Colour I ever saw, which were put ashoar here (as I suppose) by the Spaniards to destroy the Goats: But their Project has not taken effect; for here are vast numbers of Goats. The old ones, both Male and Female, take turns to guard their Young; so that the Cats durst not venture upon the Young, the old ones being always their Guard. I wonder the Spaniards should think that by fetting Cats ashoar here, they should destroy the Goats; when at the same time there are such vast numbers of Seales both young and

An. 1703; and old, on whom the Cats may more eafily prey, because they cannot so well defend their young as the Goats do: I have heard of mad Dogs being put ashoar here by the Spaniards for the same intent, but never faw any. Yet if they were, I am apt to believe they would rather prey

upon the Seals than the Goats.

Of Goats, as I said before, here is great plenty, and especially towards the West part of the Island; they resort thither, by reason there is better Pasture for them. Of these Goats we used to get store; and a Joint of one of them roasted, with about half a foot of our Cabbage boiled, makes a very good Meal. I have heard Captain Martin tell of some French Pirates who were in these Seas, that having been fometime cruizing up and down, and not meeting with a sufficient Booty, and being every where discovered by the Spaniards, and out of hopes of getting any more; they concluded to come to this Island of Juan Fernando's, they being twenty in number, and there to lie nine or ten Months; which accordingly they did, and landed on the West side of the Island; then drew there little Armadilla ashoar, and in a small time brought the Goats to be so tame, as that they would many of them come of themselves to be milked; of which Milk they made good Butter and Cheese.

Cheese, not only just to supply their An. 1703 Wants whilst they were upon the Island, but also to serve them long after; and that after they had continued here ten Months, they launched their little Man of War, went upon the Coast of Pern, and off the Bay of Arica met with a Spanish Ship and took her, in which was said to be two hundred thousand Pieces of Eight, with about the value of half as much more in gold double Doubloons.

Birds here are few or none of Note, except the Humming-Bird, which is about the bigness of a Bee. It hath a Bill no bigger than an ordinary Pin; his Legs are small, but in proportion to his Bulk; his Feathers are very small, and mostly black. We seldom used to catch or see these Birds, unless toward Evening; and then they would come humming about us: But if it was dark, and we had a Fire, before Morning we should have a hundred of them

fly into the Fire.

Of the Sea Inhabitants here are Seals in fuch abundance, that without driving them away, there is no going ashoar. Here are also a great many Sea-Lyons; and for Cavallies, Silver-fish, Groopers, Breams and Craw-fish, here is such great

plenty, that it is almost incredible.

The Sea-Lyon is fo called (as I conjesture) because his roaring is not unlike

An. 1703 that of the Lyon; the Head likewise much resembles the Lyon. He hath four large Teeth before; the rest thick, short and stubbed. In this he is like the Lyon; in all other parts quite different; He hath four Fins; the two foremost serve him, when he goes ashoar, to raise the fore-part of his Body, and then he draws the hinder-part after him; the two hinder Fins are of no use to him on Land, but only in the Water. These Creatures are very fat; for which reason we kill'd several of them, and foon made us a Tun of Oil for our Lamps; although most of us, whilst we were here, made use of it in frying of Fish; and indeed it had no unpleasant We killed one which was twenty three Feet in length, fourteen foot and a half round, and cut seventeen Inches deep in fat. They have short Hair, of a light Colour, but lighter when young, than old; For when old, they look more fandy. Their Food is Fish; for their prey is all in the Water, though they generally come on Land to sleep; and then five, fix or seven of them will huddle together like Swine, and lie so three or four Days if not molested. They are very much afraid of a Man; and so soon as they see him any thing near, they will make to the Water; for they never go far from it. If they are hard purfued, they will turn about and raise

raise their Body up with their Fore-fins, An. 1703: and face you, standing with their Mouth wide open upon their Guard: So that when we wanted to kill one, to make Oil, we used commonly to clap a Pistol just to his Mouth, as it stood open, and fire it down his Throat; But if we had a mind to have some sport with him, which we called Lyon-baiting; usually six, seven or eight, or more of us, would go with each a half Pike in his Hand, and so prick him to Death; which commonly would be a Sport for two or three Hours before we could conquer him. And often times he would find us work enough. But he being an unweildy Creature; and we affaulting him both behind, before, and all round; we must needs conquer. Yet he often put us to the run; and sometimes he would run himself, but knew not which way, for we commonly got beeween the Water and him.

The Seals are much of the same kind; only their Heads are like a Hounds. They howl like Dogs, when old; and bark like them, when young. They have a very sine Furr; the finest, next the Sable, I ever saw. Some of them are of a bright Silver-colour, some of a Chest-nut. They feed as the Sea-lion, being Both amphibious Creatures; and sleep like them; only when they go, their hinder as well as fore-

An. 1703. fins are of use to them. They are about the bigness of a large Mastiff. They are very fat, but not the best Victuals. When they come out of the Sea, they bleat like Sheep for their Young; which, though they are to pass through Thousands both young and old, yet will find out their own Damm to fuck; For none of them will fuffer any Young to fuck them, but only their own. Both young and old love much to lie ashoar; but when beaten by us, they make to the Sea; and a small blow on the Nose soon kills them. I have eaten of these Seals often, but it was to fave better Victuals; however they eat tolerably well, to those that are very hungry and have no other Meat. The Lean of the Flesh is black, and of a course Grain.

The Silver-fish here, is quite different from those at Brasil, both in shape and substance; This having but six Fins, viz. four large ones, two upon his Back, and two opposite under his Belly; and one small one on each side near his Gills. It hath a small Eye, and a great Bottle-nose. It is a very fleshy Fish, and the Flesh is extraordinary white and good; they are commonly about twelve or thirteen Inches See long, and about seven Inches deep; with Fig. XII. a half-mooned Tail, as is expressed in the

Figure.

Febru-

February the 29th 1704, at Noon we An. 1704. faw a Sail: So we got on board all our People, got up our Yards and Topmasts; and he being pretty near, we clapt our Long-Boat on our Moorings, let slip, and got under sail. He seeing us get under fail, tackt and stood from us; and we made the best of our way after him; and our Confort made what haste he could after us; and about eleven at Night we came close up with him, but did not think convenient to engage till Day. In this chace our Pinnace towed under Water; so we cut her loose. Captain Stradling's Boat also broke loose, and in her was a Man and a Dog. At Sun-rise the next Morning, being March the 1st, we began to engage the said Ship; which was a French Ship of about four hundred Tuns, and thirty Guns, well-mann'd. We fought her very close, broad-side and broad-side, for feven Hours; and then a small Gale springing up, she shear'd off. As for our Consort, he fir'd about ten or twelve Guns, and then fell a Stern, and never came up again during the Fight. We had nine of our Men killed in the Fight, and several wounded. We were desirous to have the other Tryal with him, knowing it would be of dangerous Consequence to let him go; for if we did, we were fure he would discover us to the Spaniards, which would be

An. 1704; be of ill Consequence to our whole Proceedings: But our Captain was against it, saying, that at the worst, if the Spaniards should know of our being in those Seas, and so should hinder their Merchant-ships from coming out, yet that he knew where to go and could not fail of taking to the value of 500000 l. any Day in the Upon this we lay by for our Confort, who foon came up; And it was quickly agreed between the two Captains to let her go. So the Enemy stood from us, I suppose very well satisfied that he had disappointed us both: And we were very much diffatisfied that we should suffer our selves to be so baffled in our first Attempt: But however, fince it was fo, we concluded to return to Juan Fernando's, to get our Anchors, Cables, Long-boats, and feveral Tun of Water casked, with a Tun of Sea-Lions Oyl, which we had left there: And Captain Stradling had left five of his Men, who were gone to the West part of the Island, and knew nothing of our going out after the Enemy. He had also left behind him all his Sails, except those at the Yards, with a great many other Stores. Accordingly we flood away towards the faid Island; and on the 3d faw the Island bearing South, distant about nine or ten Leagues. We had then the Wind at South, right off the Land; so that we found it

very

Departure for the Coast of Peru. very difficult ito get up with it. But it An. 1704; falling calm, the Cinque-ports put out her Oars, and rowed towards the Island. fently after which, we faw two Sail. 'The Cinque-ports was pretty near them, and they fired at her several shots; but she rowed away to us, and gave us an account that they were two French Ships, each of about thirty fix Guns: So the two Captains thought it convenient not to go in, but to go away for the Coast of Peru; leaving behind Capt. Stradling's five Men, with other Necessaries that we could ill spare: For now we had neither of us any Boats. However, according to their Agreement, on March the 6th, we stood away for the Coast of Peru; and on the 11th fell in with the Land; it being very high, three rows of Hills one within another; that towards the Water lowest, and that towards the Land highest. We were then in the Latitude of 24 d. 53 m. S. From thence

Easterly. This is said to be a very good Port, and to be fenced from almost all Winds. Near to the Port are four or five Rocks; and within Land it is inhahited by Indians, who make

we coasted along shore to the Northward; and on the 14th past by the Port of Copiapo, whose Latitude is 21 d. 00 m. S. We observed here, and found the Variation by AZth Compass to be 2 d. 50 m.

28 Sea colour'd red with the Spawn of Fish.

make good Wine. Here is said also to be good Meat, Corn, and other Necessaries. In this Port they load Wine, Money, and other Goods for Coquimbo. We would very willingly have gone ashoar here to have got some Refreshment, but could not for want of Boats. The Land continues to be very high and mountainous, so that I think it is the highest Land I ever saw. We kept still cruizing down along shore.

The 19th Instant, our Men being all at Dinner, and our Ship about ten Leagues off Shore, going with a fine fresh Gale of Wind at East, we were suddenly surprized with the change of the Colour of the Water, which looked as red as Blood to as great a distance as we could see, which might be about seven or eight Leagues. At first we were mightily surprized; but recollecting our felves, we founded, but had no Ground at one hundred and feventy Fathom. We then drew some Water up in Buckets, and poured some into a Glass. It still continued to look very red, till about a quarter of an Hour after it had been in the Glass; when all the red Substance floated at top, and the Water underneath was as clear as usual. The red which floated at top, was of a flimy Substance, with little Knobs; and we all concluded it could be nothing but the Spawn

of Fish. VVe were now in the Latitude Ani. 1704. of 16 d. 11 m. South, and had Variation oo d. 48 m. Easterly; having past by three noted Ports, viz. Arica, Tlo, and Atti-

quipa.

The Port of Arica is in the Latitude of 18 d. 20 m. S. Longitude from London by myAccount W. 72 d. 20 m. and just off it we found i d. 27 m. Easterly Variation: This Port of Arica is a very good Port, and it is the Embarcado to most of the Mine-Towns of Peru: It is a place of vast Trade and extraordinarily well-peopled. It is faid to be feldom without Shipping, altho' we faw none there at our passing by. the South side of the Harbour is a pretty Town, situated on each side of a River, called after the name of the Town of Arica; and near the Town is a great Mountain, called the Mountain of Ariea. under which the Shipping commonly lie in eight fathom Water; And at the other end of the Bay is another Mountain, called the Mountain of Sama, under which Mountain are four whitish Cliffs; And between the two Mounts of Sama and A-rica, are three Rivers: The Northermost is called the River of Sama, the middlemost the River of John Deus; And, as I said before, the other, the River of Arica; on the Banks of which the faid Town is situated. As we past by, I took a Draught Fig. XIII. of

I shall say little of them, till I come to speak of them in my Description of the

Coast of Chili, Peru and Mexico.

From the Latitude of 16 d. 11 m. S. where we met the red Water, we kept still standing away to the Northward: And on the 22d of March, found our selves just off Lima, the Capital City of the two great Empires of Peru and Chili. Here we furled all our Sails to our Main-Sail, because we would not be seen by the Spaniards; and laid our Ship by, intending to watch all Ships going in or out. At five in the Morning we made Sail again, and before we were aware, had like to have been upon the Rocks of Ormigas. These Rocks are distant from the Island Calan (which is the Port for Lima) about eight Leagues; and they bear from each other S. S. E. and N. N. W. They are large Rocks, and in the middle of them are some Bays; about which is faid to be abundance of good Fish, so that the Fishermen come to these Rocks a fishing. Here They likewise make abundance of Sea-fish-Oil. Having narrowly escaped these Rocks, we stood away to the Northward, and soon descryed two Sail. We presently made a clear Ship, and gave chase, and soon came up with the stern-most; she proved to be the Ship we fought with off the Island Juan FernanFernando's, and was now just off the Port An. 1704. of Lima, into which she was bound to trade: We were very eager to stop her going in; for if we could, it would hinder the Spaniards from having Intelligence of us. Besides, we did not question the taking of her, because now our Men were all in Health, whereas when we fought her before, we had between twenty and thirty Men very fick and weak; but being willing to show themselves, they had done what good they could. We knew also, if we took her, that she must needs prove a good Prize: And her Guns, Ammunition, and Provisions, would have been very welcome to us. So we concluded to engage her our felves, and to fend Captain Stradling after the other, which seemed not so big. But our Captain thought it not advisable to venture upon her: And whilst the Matter was disputing, the two Ships got into Lima; from whence I question whether twenty such Ships as ours could have forced them out.

Being therefore very much discontented, we again stood along shore to the Northward; and the next Day in the Morning, being March the 24th, we saw a Sail which we gave chase to, and came up with her, and took her without any resistance; She proved

An. 1704 proved to be a Spanish Ship of about 150 Tuns, laden, as far as we could perceive. with Snuff, Flanders-Lace, VVoollen-Cloth wrought and unwrought, Silk, Pitch, Tar, Tobacco, Turtle-shell, Bees-wax, Soap, Cinamon, Jamaica Pepper, Jars of Balsom of Peru, a few Planks, and a pretty good Sum of Money. We kept her with us till March the 30th, and then having taken out a little of every thing, our Captain discharged her, alledging that, if we kept her, it would be a hindrance to his greater Designs. We were forced to be as well content as we could. So they stood for Lima whereunto they were bound; and we stood along shore to the Northward : and the next Morning by break of Day we found our felves just aboard of a strange Ship, which we foon took, not firing above 3 Guns: She was a new Ship of about two hundred Tuns, and failed very well, confidering her built; She was laden with several very good Commodities, as Indico. Cochineel, &c. We were now just off the Port of Paita, whose Latitude is 5 d: 15 m. South; its Longitude from London I reckon to be VVest 85 d. 37 m. and we found Variation by a good Amplitude just off the Harbour, 2 d. 47 m. VVesterly. A further Description of this Port shall be given in the Description of the Coasts. I took a Draught, as we lay off the Harbour; but

but not seeing any Ships, we did not go in, An. 1704 but still coasted away to the Northward. On the 4th of April this fecond Prize, after we had taken out a few odd Things, was, contrary to most of our Minds, dismist; the Captain alledging, that he would not cumber up his Ship, for that he intended to make a Voyage at one stroke upon some rich Town, on which he had a speedy

Design.

On the fifth of April we began to prepare for our intended Action, our Carpenters fixing our two Launches or Spanish Long-Boats with two Patereroes to each Launch. On the 11th, being just in fight of the I fland Gallo (which at a distance looks like three Islands,) we saw a Sail, came up with her, and foon took her: She was a Bark of about fifty Tuns, laden with Plank; and had a considerable quantity of Turtle-shell on board. At first sight of us their Men had all took to their Boat, and got ashore. This Bark our Captain intended to keep for the delign in Hand; and the next Day, being April the 12th, we anchored at the Island Gallo, whose Latitude is 2 d. 45 m. Northward: Longitude from London W. 76 d. Fig. XIV: 38 m. and we found Variation 4 d. Westerly.

It is distant from the Main about five Leagues. It is in length about two Leagues 34

An. 1704. Leagues, in breadth one. This is a very noted Island: When you are to the Southward of it, it appears in three Hummocks, which at a distance look like three Islands; and the Land between each Hummock, is very low. But when you are to the N. W of it, at the South end you will see a small Island, or rather Rock, which looks very much like a Ship under sail; And when you are at the Northend, you will so open the Land, as that you will see part of it does not join to the Island, as it seems to do when you are to the VVestward of it. At the N. E. end of this Island are three fmall Islands, or rather Rocks; the one of which is pretty high, and at a distance looks like a Barn; and the other two look like two Sail of Ships. At this Island you may see the main Land, which is very low near the VVater-side, but prodigious high up into the Country. Here we anchored in thirty five Fathom Water two Cables length from the shore, hard Sand. We anchored in the N. W. part of the Ifland; the Northermost Point bearing N. half W. Southermost Point S. W. The Wateringplace goes in with a small Gap; over which upon the Hill is a plain Spot of red Earth, bearing N. W. half N. Though there are also several other good VVatering-places upon this Island. And in the N. E. part at Segnetta is the best anchoring. Here you

you may wood and water very fecure An. 1704 from any Enemy; and if occasion be, you may hale your Ship ashore and clean her. For it is very good Sandy Ground, and the Water at Spring-tides rifes and falls fourteen or fifteen foot. The Island is very woody, affording large Timber, which is often sent in shipping up to the Coast of Peru. Here are some few wild Monkies, with abundance of Lizards; and a large fort of

Lizard called a Lion-Lizard.

They are about the bigness of a Man's Arm. I measured one, which from the Head to the end of the Tail, was three foot eleven Inches. He has a large fort of a Comb upon his Head, which stands up like a Helmet or Head-piece to defend his Head. When he is affaulted or frightned, he sets his Combup an end; but otherwise it lies down flat in a deep Dent in his Head, just fitted to it; so that when it is down, it can hardly be perceived. He has two very large Eyes; a large Mouth, with a great many fine small sharp Teeth. His Skin is very tough, of a fad Colour; full of black, yellow and blueish Spots: In all other things he resembles the common Lizard. When they are pursued, they will run very swift; yet our Dog used often to catch them. Leagues to the S. S. W. of this Island, is a small Island, or rather Rock, called Gorgomilla. An. 1704 nilla; and not far of, is the Island Tumaco.

Hereabouts upon the Main are a great many Rivers, which make the Currents

very uncertain about this Island.

On April the 17th, having lain here five Days, just as we were going to get up our Anchors, we saw a Sail standin for the Island. So we lay still till she was pretty near in, and then we all three got under Sail, viz. our selves, the Cinqueports, and a small Spanish Bark whom we took fix Days before. She stood boldly to us; and we foon, contrary to their expectation, made a Prize of them. They were going for the River Tumaco, to get some Provisions there; but as they past by, feeing us, and not hearing of an Enemy's being in the Seas, but thinking us to be Spaniards, they made towards us, being in hopes to get some Provisions of us for their Money; but on the contrary, they lost both themselves, their Vessel and Money. She was a small Vessel of about fifty Tuns, in her Balast; commanded by an half Indian. They had on Board a Guernsey Man, whose Name I have forgot. He was taken in the Bay of Campeachy, having strayed from his Companions, cutting of Logwood. He was sent Prisoner to Mexico, where after he had been imprisoned for two Years, upon his turning Roman Catholick, he was at liberty either any Ship belonging to the Spaniards in the South Seas: But they would not let him come any nearer the North Sea, for fear he should make his escape. So he being a Sea-faring Man, thought it most convenient to go on board some Ship, where we found him. He was very glad he was released from the Spaniards; for had we not met with him, he must probably have continued there all Days of his Life.

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CHAP. III.

Departure from Gallo. Design upon the Town of Sancta Maria. Cape Corrientes. Point Garachina. Attempt upon Santa Maria. How it miscarried. A Prize taken very seasonably, when we were in great want of Provisions. The two Captains part company. The Island. Iguanos described. Departure for the Coast of Peru. Another Prize taken. The River of St Jago. The Bay of Sardinas. Alligators described. Cape St Francisco. The Island of Plata. The great City of Guiaquil. A Dangerous Sea-Fight. Point Gallera. The Bay of Tacames. Coco-Tree and Nut deseribed. Plantain describ'd. Bonanoes described. The Bay of St Matthew. Departure from the Bay of Tacames for the Gulf of Nicoya.

Rom Gallo, we stood along to the Northward; our Captain letting us know, that his design was upon the Town of Santa Maria; Maria; where we did not question but to An. 1704 get Gold enough, because it is the first place that they fend all the Gold to, which they dig out of Mines not far from Santa Maria: The last Vessel we took, sailing very heavy; and knowing it would be a hinderance to our design; we sunk her. The Captain of her, after some fair Promises that we would give him a better, and that if we succeeded in our attempt on the Town of Santa Maria we would fatisfie him otherwise to his Hearts Content, promised he would be our Pilot up to Santa Maria. So preparing for our intended Enterprize, we failed along shore to the Northward; and in our way, passed by Cape Corrientes, and several other noted places.

This Cape Corrientes lies in the Latitude of 5 d. N. It is a very high Land; and when you are at Sea, it looks like an Island, by reason the Land near it at the Sea side is not so high. On the top of the Cape-land are three Hillocks. It is a very good Coast, and clear from Rocks and Shoals, and almost steep. From hence we proceeded on for Point Garachina. Since we left the Island of Gallo, we had since fresh Gales of Wind, commonly at S. W. and S. S. W. On the 25th of April, (having past by several good Ports, as Port Santa Clara, Port Quemado, Port

An. 1704: Pinas, and several others; (of which I shall speak in my Description of the Coasts;) we anchored at Point Garachina, in eighteen Fathom Water, claiey Ground, distant from the Point two Miles

I make this Point of Garachina to lie in Fig. XV. the Latitude of 7 d. 20 m. N. and distant from Port Pinas seven Leagues; and from the Island Gallera, six Leagues N. W. You may fail very well between the Island Gallera and the Main; but have a great care of a shoal of Sand which lies midd-way. and on which many good Ships have been lost: But it is something dangerous to sail between the Island Gallera and the Kings Islands; for there are many Rocks, and if the Water should abate, you must of necesfity return to Point Garachina. Point Garachina makes the South Point of the Gulf of St Michael, as Cape St Laurenzo makes the North.

Into this Gulf we were bound. So having laid here two Days, on the 27th one hundred and two of our Men with Captain Dampier and Captain Stradling in our Bark with three Spanish Launches went from our Ships, which we left at Point Garachina with fixty Men to guard them, with positive Orders not to remove from the place where we left them till our return; and we proceeded on our intended Expedition for Santa Maria. At eight at Night we an-

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chored amongst the Islands at the Rivers An. 1704. Mouth, by reason the Tide of Ebb made strongly out, so that we could not go against it. Here we lay all Night, having dark rainy Weather, with much Thunder and Lightning; so that we were all very wet, and had a most uncomfortable Night; for we were forced to lie in all the Rain, having no shelter either in our little Bark or Boats. By Day-light the next Morning, as we lay at anchor, the Tide of Ebb not being done, a Canoa with five Indians came within call of us. They hal'd us and ask'd from whence we came: Our Indian Pilot, by the Captain's Directions, made answer, that we came from Panama. He bid them come on board, but they answer'd they would not: So our Captain ordered them to be fired at, which accordingly was done. Whereupon they made what haste they could from us. One of our Lanches was sent after her, but in vain; for they foon got from us. This was of ill confequence; for we were fure they would difcover us to the Spaniards at Santa Maria; who, we knew, if they heard of an Enemy fo near them, would not only lay Ambuscades to annoy us going up the River, but (which was worlt of all) would carry all that was valuable out of the Town. So two of our Lanches were immediately fent away with twenty two Hands each (Captain Strade

An. 1704: ling commanding them) with the Indian Pilot, to take the Town of Schuchadero: And Captain Dampier and we in the Bark were to follow as foon as the Tide served. Just as our two Lanches entered the River of Santa Maria, they saw a Canoa with three Indians come out of the River Congo. Whereupon our Men put in behind a Point of Land in the River, just by the entrance; so that the Indians in the Canoa not having feen them, were upon them before they suspected any thing; and our Men immediately step'd out and seiz'd them. It growing now towards Even, they took one of the Prisoners into the Lanch, and fent the other two in the Canoa, with five of our Men, to feek the Town of Schuchadero, which our Captain told them was on the North-side of the River, and about three Leagues within the Mouth. being dark, they could not find it. However they heard the barking of a great many Dogs on the other side the River; whence concluding there must be some Town, they immediately put over for the other fide. As foon as they approached near the Town, the two Indians which were in the Canoa with our five Men for the Out-scout, jumped over-board, and we lost them. Immediately one of our Men in the Canoa, fnatched up his Gun and fir'd at one of the Indians: Whether he

They take the Town of Schuchadero.

he shot him or no, we cannot tell; but as An. 1704. foon as he had fired, there was another Gun fired from the Shoar. Upon which our Men fired a Volley, and landed, and went to the Town, which stood near the water-side, and took it without any resistance; all the people being fled at our first Gun firing, knowing they were not strong enough to refift us: For no doubt they had Intelligence by the Canoa which escap'd us at the Rivers Mouth. In the Town our Men found abundance of Fowls, Maiz, Beans, Yams, Potatoes, &c. but little else. The next Morning, being April the 27th, Captain Stradling sent the Canoa to see for Us in the Bark: For after they were gone to take the Town, as foon as the Tide of Flood began, we got under fail, intending to be soon after them. But mistaking the Rivers-mouth, we ran past it; and not finding any other way to go in, we came to an anchor, and so were forced to lie all Night, and the next Day till Noon, the time of the Sea. breeze; at which time we met a Canoa coming out, which at first we suspected to be Enemies, but found they were our own Men; who gave us an account of the taking of the Indian Town aforesaid, and that in the Canoa they took a Pacquet of Letters: The Letters were immediately opened; and in them was found as follows: From the President of Panama

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An. 1704: Panama to the Governour of the Town of Santa Maria: That this was to let him know he had advice that two hundred and fifty English from Jamaica had landed on the North-side of the Isthmus, and had a design upon the Said Town of Santa Maria, and that it was seven Days since he had sent four hunared Soldiers to reinforce them at Santa Maria, and that he did not question but by the time he received the Letters they would be with him: That he would have him always keep himself upon his Guard, till this Advice was either disproved or confirmed. By that time we had read this Pacquet, we were up as high as the Town that we took, which we called Schuchadero, there being another of the same Name on the North side against it; and came to an anchor just in four fathom Water. The next Day in the Afternoon, which was April the 30th, Captain Dampier and Captain Stradling, with three Launches and the Canoa with eighty seven of our Men, proceeded for Santa Maria: And our chief Mate and my felf, with thirteen Hands, were left to guard the Bark, with Orders not to stir from the place where we lay, till our Mens return; which was foon afterwards: For about twelve this Night they returned on board, frustrated of their Design. Our Men gave us an account, that they were up within a quarter of a Mile of the Town; that they were

They take a large Ship.

were affaulted by three Ambuscades, in An. 1764. which one of our Men was killed, and feveral wounded; that our Men beat them from their Ambuscades, and would willingly have put ashoar; but Captain Dampier advis'd, that fince the Spaniards knew of our coming, and had had fo much time as to provide Ambuscades for us, it could not be doubted but they had made the best use of their time, and had taken care to convey their Wives and Children and all that was valuable, out of the Town; which is always the first thing they do when they hear of an Enemy: So it was resolved to return to us at Schuchadero. And on May the 1st, betimes in the Morning, we left Schuchadero, and went down the River in order to return on board our Ships, which we left at Anchor at Point Garachina.

At our return on board, May the 6th, we were so scant of Provisions, that there were sive green Flantains order'd to be boiled for every six Men: But to our great comfort, when we were almost at our Witsend, we descried a Sail at 12 this Night, who came to an Anchor close by us. We soon got up our Anchor, and took her without any resistance. This was a great Ship, of about 550 Tuns. She was deeply laden with Flower, Sugar, Brandy, Wine, about 30 Tuns of Marmalet of Quinces, a considerable quantity of Salt, with

An. 1704 with some Tuns of Linnen and Woollen-Cloth; fo that now we might supply our felves with Provisions for four or five I was put on board this Prize in behalf of Captain Dampier and our Ship's Company; and the Master of the Cinqueports was put on board, as Chief for Captain Stradling and their Ship's Company, Then we funk our Bark which had carried us up to Santa Maria, and with our two Ships and great Prize stood a-cross the Bay of Panama to the Westward, amongst the Kings or Pearl Islands. May the 12th, we faw the Kings Island, bearing N. dist. 4. Leagues. The 13th we anchor'd in the Bay of Panama, the Island Tabago bearing N. dist. 4 Leagues; the Kings Island E. S. E. dist. 8 Leagues. The 14th we weighed and ran nearer to the Island Tabago; and brought it to bear N. by E. dist. three Leagues. Here we anchor'd on purpose to romage our Prize. The 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th, vve continued taking Provisions out of her, as Wine, Brandy, Sugar, Flower, &c. And on the 18th a small Bark of about 30 Tuns coming in fight, vve fent our Long-boat and Canoa and took her. She had little in her, only a fmall quantity of Money. This Bark Captain Stradling kept for his ovvn use.

Here our Captain and Captain Stradling having some disagreement, conclu-

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ded to part Company; which accord- An. 1704ingly they did; and the Men of each Ship had their liberty to go in vvhich Ship they thought convenient. So five of our Men vvent to Captain Stradling, and five of his came to us. We vvere told by the Prisoners, that there vvere 80000 Dollars on board our Prize; that they were taken in by stealth at Lima; and lay at the bottom in the Run of the Ship. Our Captain did not believe this; and vvas unvvilling to tarry longer, that wee might have romaged her to the bottom; because he thought loss of time vvould spoil his greater De-Having therefore taken out a quantity of Provisions, she vvas dismis'd; And vve, on the 19th of May, parted from the Cinque-ports, intending to beat up upon the Coast of Peru again; and this day passed by the Island Iguanos.

This Island is not very high. It is very voody, and has a very good anchoring-place over-against the main Land in 18 Fathom Water. Here is also very good fresh Water; and if occasion be, you may haul your Ship ashoar and clean: For the Water rises and falls ten or eleven Foot; And on the Land-side is good sandy Ground: This will defend you from the S. E.; for these Winds often blow very hard. The Marks of this Island are, that to the S. W. is Punta-mala or bad Point. You must not

An. 1704 come near it; for it hath a great many Rocks and Shoals which come near a League into the Sea. From this Puntamala we stood away to the Southward for the Coast of Peru: And on the twenty ninth of May we saw Land, which proved to be the Island of Gallo. Punta-mala, and during our stay in the Bay of Panama, we had for the most part dirty fqually weather, with much Thunder and Lightning, and very uncertain Gales, but mostly between the South and the West. We stood off and on for five Days, endeavouring to weather the Ifland Gallo; but here being a strong Current fetting to the Northward, we found it difficult to do: Yet after much turning, on the 4th of June we weather'd it, and proceeded along the Shore for the Coast of Peru.

On June the 7th we saw a Sail, gave chase, came up with her and took her: she was about 100 Tuns, came from Truxillo, and was bound for Panama; laden with Flower, Sugar, Brandy, &c. with some Bales of wrought Silk in her. We took a Packet, which we open'd; The first Letter vve happen'd to read, vvas from the Captain of the French Ship vve fought off the Island Juan Fernando's, and met with again off the Port of Lima; It vvas directed to the President of Panama, and gave an account.

account, That he fought two English Priva- An. 1704 teers off the Island J. Fernandoes; That the Smallest of the two fired but eight or ten Guns at him, and then fell a-stern, and did not come up again during the Fight; as he believed, for want of Wind; That the great Ship (meaning us) fought him Broad-side ond Broad-side for more than six Hours; That we kill'd them a great many Men; and that at his coming to Lima, he sent ashore thirty two of his Men, each of which had either lost a Leg or an Arm or an Eye: and That it was a great chance we had not taken him; for that at our parting they had given themselves over as loft, not having Men to defend themselves. We also had account by other Letters, That the two Frenchmen, which we saw off the Island Juan Fernando's, had met with a Boat at Sea, in which there was an Englishman and a Dog: This was the Boat which belonged to Captain Stradling, and which broke loofe from him as we chas'd the French Ship off Juan Fernando's: That the said two French Ships had been in at Juan Fernando's, and had taken up our Anchors, Cables, Long-boat, with all Captain Stradling's Stores, and his five Men, and our Negro which was left there. We also had advice that the Spaniards had fitted out two Men of War against us; the one of 32 brass Guns, 24 Pounders each ; the other of 36 Guns, of the same bigness; E

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An. 1704 ness; That each of them had 350 Seamen, and 150 Soldiers, choice Men; and they lay cruifing for us in the Bay of Guiaquil, between Point St Hellena and Cape Blanco. From the 7th to the 12th, we were forced to go away with an easie Sail, because of our Prize, who sail'd very heavy. And feeing it was likely to be a great hindrance to us in beating to Windward, we concluded to go into some place to romage her. Accordingly on the 12th we went into Sardinas Bay, and anchor'd with our Prize in ten fathom Water, about four Miles off Shore. We durst not venture any further in, by reason of so many Shoals and Banks of Sand which lie off it. Sea-Coast here, is inhabited by Indians, but they are not very numerous. Here are several small Rivers, which run with fresh Water down to the Sea-side. And from this place, by the Sea-side, all along to the Southward, till you come to the Bay of Tacames, are white Cliffs, and many Shoals, as far as to Point Gallera.

From this Bay of Sardinas, fix Leagues to the Southward, is the great River of St Jago; the Mouth of which is faid to be of a Mile over; but in it is no good anchoring, until you are got well within the Mouth; and if you must needs go into the River, keep near the Land on the South This River is seldom made use of by Shipping; it lying out of the way;

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only in case of necessity, or by chance, An, 1704, they put in for resreshment; for here is plenty of all sorts of Provisions. It hath on the Sea-side 14 or 15 pieces of broken Ground, of a whitish colour; and at the North-end of them is the Bay of Sardinas, wherein we careen'd our Ship, and romaged our Prize, and water'd at one of the fresh-water Rivers; the Water of which was white like Milk, and both smelt and tasted very strong of Musk, occasioned by the many Alligators swimming in the River.

We shot several of them, one of which measured thirty Feet in length, and was bigger about than a large Bullock. He is very full of great Scales, from the Neck to the end of his Tail. He has a very large sharp set of Teeth, with very long Claws on his Feet. It is an amphibious Creature, living on Land as well as in the Water. When they are lying on shore, they look like a great fallen down Tree and for such, One would take them at a distance. They will run very fast on the Land; and are of such strength, that they will take a Horse or Cow and carry it down to the Water, and there devour it. They will seize on any thing as well on Land as in the Water; and commonly make great havock amongst Cattle, if there be any near the place where they Harbour, which is commonly in fresh Water Rivers.

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An. 1704. The Indians are not greatly afraid of them, neither in the Water nor on Land. If they are pursued by them on Land, they

run in a Circle; and this great Creature is not able to turn his unweildy Body fo quick, but that they easily get from him.

The Indians likewise go into the Water to seek them, with a piece of Iron like a Har-

poon at both ends, and two pieces of Iron a-cros: This they hold by the middle in

their Hand; and the Alligators, when they bite, raise their Head out of the Wa-

ter: Then the Indians hold out this piece Fig.XVF of Iron to them, at which they bite, and it fastens in their Mouth and keeps it open like a Gag. These Creatures lay Eggs about a hundred at a time; Their Eggs are about the bigness of a Goose's, but the Shell is almost as thick as an Ostridge's. I have feen many of them. They are quite round; although Captain Dampier in Vol. II. Part. II. page 75, says, that these Eggs are longer than a Goose's; which I suppose he took only upon Hear-fay. The Flesh of the Alligators is not fit to be gaten, it being very strong and musky; nay the very Water of the Rivers which they were in, tasted so strong of them, that is, of Musk, that a Draught of it would almost suffocate us. By the Rivers side here were about fourteen or sisteen Indian Fishermen's Houses, who, as I suppose,

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pose, were fled for fear of us: For we An. 1704 could not see any of them, all the time of

our stay here.

On the 19th, having done all our business here, and dismist our Prize, after having taken a few odd things out; we'departed from this place, and stood to the Southward for the Coast of Peru; and the Prize stood to the Northward for Panama, being the place whereto she was bound. The 21st we saw a Sail, being then off Cape St Francisco; but in the Night, lost her again. This Cape St Francisco, is a high Cape; but far higher within Land, than it is near the Water-side. When you are North or South from it, it feems like three Capes. It is a woody mountainous Land, and has white Cliffs. lies in the Latitude of 1 d. N. Longitude from London West 81 d. 50 m. and we found the Variation to be 3 deg. 57 min. Westerly. On the 25th, we saw the Sail, we had feen the other Day; we foon came up with her, and took her. She was a small Bark, of about forty five Tuns, came from Ria Lexa, and was bound for Guiaquill, laden with Pitch, Tar and Cordage; And after we had taken out a small quantity of each, she was dismissed. On the 8th of July, we saw the Island of Plata, bearing E. S. E. distance five Leagues. This Island lies in the Latitude of rd. It is a pretty high Island, but highest at the North end. At some time of the Year here is said to be plenty of very good Turtle; and on it are some small Trees or rather Bushes, not sit for any use. It is all round steep Rocks, unless near the anchoring place, which is on the East-side; And at both the North and South Points there are small steep Rocks and Shoals, which stretch out into the Sea for a Mile or two. Upon this Island is said to be no

fresh Water.

From hence we stood to the Southward, and on the 11th fell in with Point Saint This Point is distant from the Hellena. Island of Plata eighteen Leagues. It is high Land, and at a distance looks like an Island, because the Land to the Northward is lower than it. This Point is the North Point of the Bay of Guiaguil, as Cape Blanco is the South Point. In this Bay is the great Town or City of Guiaguil, which is faid to confift of nine hundred and fifty Spanish Houses, besides Indians; and to have five Parish Churches, besides private Chapels. It has a Governour, who is next to the President of Panama, although under none but the Vice-roy of Peru. It is faid to be pretty well fortified, to hinder the approach of an Enemy; having two Forts, the one standing at the

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upon a Hill.

On the 21st we saw a Sail, and stood towards her; and next day, being July the 22d, came up with her. She proved to be one of the Spanish Men of War which was fitted out on purpose to take us. was the Ship of thirty two Guns. We being pretty near each other, they gave us a broad-side, but we did not mind them; all our care was to get the Weather-gage. In order to which, while we carried too much Sail, and the Wind blew very fresh, our fore-top Mast unfortunately came by the board. Immediately we got our Hatchets and cut all clear way, and our Captain ordered the Helm to be clapt a Weather and bore away. The Enemy feeingthis, immediately bore away after us with all the Sail they could, hoping to come up and take us; for now they doubted not but they should take us. We observing that our running had increafed their Courage, refolved thereupon to lie by, and fight it out. Captain Dampier's Opinion was, that we could fail better upon one Mast than the Enemy; and therefore that it was best to put before the Wind. But however we being embayed, chose rather to fight, than to be chased ashoar. So hoisting the bloody Flag at our Main top-mast Head, with a E 4 ResoThey fight a Spanish Man of War.

An. 1704. resolution neither to give nor take Quarter, we began the fight, and went to it as fast as we could load and fire. The Enemy kept to windward at a good distance from us, so that we could not come to make use of our small Arms; But we divided the two Watches, and one was to manage the great Guns, whilst the other looked on; and when those at the great Guns were weary, the other were to take their . places, till they had refresh'd themselves. Thus we fired, I believe, five Guns to his one. We fired about 560, and he about 110 or 115; and we fought him from twelve at Noon to half an hour past six at Night, although at a good distance; for he kept so far to windward of us, that our shot sometimes would hardly reach him, tho' his would at the same time fly over us. At half an hour past six, it growing duskish, they left off firing, and we did the same. We had by good Providence none of our Men either kill'd or wounded by the Enemy; only two thro' carelesness had their Hands and Faces blasted; but in a small time they both recovered. After our fight was over, we got a spare Main-top-mast which we had between Decks; and our Carpenters went to work to fix it; it being of it self too big for a Fore top-Mast. VVe lay by all the Night, and in the Morning betimes looked out for our Ene-

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my, expecting to have the other Battle An. 1704. with him; but contrary to our expectations, he had made Sail from us in the Night. Our Captain upon this, refolved to quit the Coast of Peru, and told us he defign'd to go into the Bay of Tacames, where he did not doubt but we should get Provision enough; for now we had little besides Flower. We were pretty well contented, and stood away for the faid Bay; and on the 28th of July we

passed by the Point of Gallera.

This Point is low towards the Sea-fide, and plain even Ground on the top. You must steer N. E. keeping off from it about a Mile to Leeward, by reason of a Shoal which lies off it, which Shoal is full of Rocks and Stones, and lies all hid under Water. And in the Point is a Bay of Sand, which you may fee when you come in with your Ship within the Point; and coming over the said Bay, you will see a little Lake of fresh Water running into the Sea and when the Tide is at the highest, the Salt Water runs into it. Wherefore if you would take in fresh Water here, you must take care to go to the right of the said Spring, and you will come to the Head of it, where you will find excellent good Water in a Pond, near unto a pleasant Grove of Trees, about a Musket-shot within Land. But you must be fure to go well arm'd commonly come down Indians, who are always at War with the Spaniards, and will rob and kill any white Men, thinking all white Men to be Spaniards. Here is faid to be abundance of Ostridges and wild Asses.

We passed by this Point of Gallera, and the same Day anchored in the Bay of Tacames; which was the place whereto we were bound, and is distant from the Point of Gallera between two and three Leagues. We anchored at this Tacames in fix fathom Water, Point Gallera bearing VV. S. VV. distant between two and three Leagues. At our coming in, we fent our Boat ashore with twenty Men armed, hoping to get some Provisions; but the Inhabitants having notice of an Enemy's being in those Seas, as foon as they faw us, drove the Cattle from the VVater-fide up into the Country, and they themselves retired to the Mountains with their VVives and Children and all they had. So our Men went into the Village, which consisted of about fifty Indian Houses, deserted by the Inhabitants. Here in the River we found a Bark upon the Stocks a building, of about fifty Tuns; with new Plank enough by her, to build another. And we took another small Bark of about ten Tuns, laden with Plantains. This Bark we intendBay of St Matthew.

ed to keep instead of a Long-boat; she An. 1704. had two Masts and two square Sails, and

we named her the Dragon.

The Road on the Coast of Tacames, is lower Land than the Bay of St Matthew; it is indifferent clear Ground, but not very deep, where you may anchor near the Mount. And if you do not like to anchor near the Mount, you may anchor where you will by the Main Land on the VVeather-side; and there is VVater enough, and no danger. And if you fend your Boat ashoar, you may supply your self with both VVood and VVater. In the River are pleasant Groves of Trees; and it has in the entry of it a little Rock. The Land-marks of the River are, that the Land on the Lee-side is high, and you may see a white spot on it, like a white Sheet.

To the Northward eight Leagues, is the Bay of St Matthew. In this Bay is a large River, the breadth of which is three quarters of a Mile; but till you get within the Mouth, you will find no good Anchor-Ground. If you would go into it, keep near the Land on the VVeather or South fide: This River is seldom used by the Spaniards, but only for Refreshment; for there is plenty of all forts of Provisions; and if their Ships be out of Repair, they can here have them repaired. Two Leagues

Rigging

up

Coco-nut, and Tree.

up the River are Indian People, who fell to the Spaniards, when they come here, all forts of Fruits, as Coco-nuts, Plantains,

Bonanoes, &c.

The Coco-nut-Trees are from 50 to 60, 70, 80 and 100 Foot in height, mostly slender and streight. They have Leaves, fome four fathom, and four fathom and a half long, and produce a Nut call'd a Coco-nut; which, with the outer Rind on, is bigger than any Man's Head. The outer Rind being taken off, there appears a Shell, some of which will hold near a Quart. Within the Shell is the Nut; and within the Nut is about a Pint and a half of pure clear VVater, which is very cool, brisk, pleasant and sweet. The Kernel of the Nut is also very good; which if it be pretty old, we scrape all to pieces; the scrapings we fet to foak in about a quart of fresh VVater for three or four hours, and then strain the VVater; which when frain'd hath both the colour and taste of Milk: And if it stand a while, it will have a thick seum on it, not unlike Cream. This Milk being boiled with Rice, is accounted by our Doctors to be very nourishing; for which reason we often give of it to our fick Men. The Leaves of the Tree, serve to thatch Houses; the outer Rind of the Nut, to make Linnen-Cloth; of it they also make Ropes for Ships, as Rigging,

Rigging, Cables, &c. which are a good An. 1704 Commodity in most places of the East-Indies. The Shell of the Nut will make very pretty Drinking-cups: It will also burn very well, and make a very fierce and hot Fire The Kernel serves instead of Meat, and the Water therein contained instead of Drink: And if the Nut be very old, the Kernel will of it felf turn to Oyl, which is often made use of to fry with, but most commonly to burn in Lamps. So that from this Tree, as I may fay, they have Meat, Drink, Clothing, Houses, Firing and Rigging for their Ships. These Trees may be known by any Ships passing by; for they are void of Leaves, except just at the top. At the bottom of the Leaves the Coco-nuts grow, 10, 15 or 20 in a cluster; and they hang by a small string, which is full of joynts.

The Plantain-tree, is about 13 or 14 foot in heighth, and about four foot round: The Leaves of the Tree are about eight or nine foot long, and two foot broad, and end in a round Point. The Fruit grows at the bottom of the Leaf, upon a great Stalk, in a Cod of about eight Inches long, and the bigness of a Black-pudding. The Cod is of a fine yellow colour, often speckled with red. The Cod being taken off, the inside of it is white; but the Plantain it

them.

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See Fig. The Bonanoe-Tree is much the same; only the Fruit is not so long as the Plan-XVII. tain, being, as I said before, about eight Inches long, and the Bonanoe not above fix. It grows in the same manner as the Plantain; 50 or 60 in a cluster, upon one Stalk. The Fruit is very mellow, and extraordinary sweet and good.

and West-Indies there is great plenty of

The Land-marks of this River in the Bay of St Matthew are, that the Bay is higher Land than that which is behind it towards the inward parts, to the Cape of St Francisco, or thereabouts. It hath on the Sea-Coast 14 or 15 pieces of broken Ground, which are white; and in the middle of them is the said Bay of St Matthew.

On the 31st of July we left the Bay of Tacames, and carried our little Prize, named the Dragon, with us; not defigning to touch at any place, till we come to the Gulf of Nicogas

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The Island Caneo. The Mountains called Sierras de los Coronadas, The Gulf of Nicoya. The Ship cleaned. Mr Clippinton the Chief-Mate leaves us. A particular Description of the Gulf of Nicoya: The Maccam described. The Carrion-Crow. The Pelican. The Guanoe. The Turtle. The Pearl-Oyster. The Great Oyster. Muscles. Departure from the Gulf of Nicoya. Two Mountains of Guatimala, the one casting out Water, the other Fire. A Prize taken. Vulcanoes. The Bay of Tewantepeque. Subvartaneo. Another Prize taken. The Bay of Martaba. The Mountains called Motines. The Mount of St Jago, and Port of Quelagna. Another Prize taken. Attempt upon the Manila-Ship, unsuccessful. The Men desire to return Home: But agree to cruize fix Weeks longer, and then

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Sierras de los Coronodas.

then go into India. The Albicore described. The Crew divide, part tarrying with Captain Dampier in the South-Seas, and part resolving to go for India.

TROM the Bay of Tacames in the Latitude of about 1 d. 20 m. North, we stood away to the N. W. a-cross the Bay of Panama; and on the 30th of August we fell in with an Island, which proved to be the Island Caneo. It is an indifferent high Island, and lies in the Latitude of 10d. N. It is not above a League round. and the anchoring-place is on the N. E. side, in 14 fadom Water, not above a quarter of a Mile from the Shore. Here is said by our Indian Pilots to be extraordinary good Wood, VVater, Turtle, and store of wild Hogs. Near this Island are two Iflands more; and between them are several Shoals; and not far off, upon the main Land, is Punta-mala or bad Point; and within Punta-mala is a fine deep Bay, in which Sir Thomas Cavendish formerly clean'd his Ship.

From hence we coasted away to the VVestward, and past by the Sierras de los Coronadas, or the Crowned Mountains. These Mountains are very remarkable, there being none like them on this Coast. From

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the Crowned Mountains we still coasted as An, 1704. way to the Vestward, and passed by the four Rocks, called by the Spaniards, Farallones de Queipo. These Rocks lie just at the VVest-end of the Crowned Mountains; and the Coast runs N. N. VV. and S. S. E. Near these Rocks is the River Estrella, or the Star River. This River is in the bottom of a large Bay, and here is commonly a great Sea. From this Bay to Herradura is II Leagues. Herradura is the South Point that makes the Gulf of Nicoya, as Cape Blanco is the North. arrived at Herradura on the 16 of August; but past by it, and went further into the Gulf, till we came to many small Islands, called by the Spaniards the Middle Islands because they lie in the middle of the Gulf. VVe anchor'd between Them and the Bay of Caldera; bringing the Bay of Caldera to bear East, and the said Middle Islands to bear VVest. Here we lay all this day; but sent our little Prize the Dragon to view the Gulf, and to find out a convenient place to lay our Ship ashore in. And the next Morning being August the 17th, our Captain and Carpenter went in the Canoa amongst the Middle Islands, to see if there was any convenience amongst Them for laying our Ship a-ground. In the Evening our Captain and Carpenter returned in the Canoa, and brought on board two Turtles, which they

66 They find 2 Canoas and bring 'em off.

An. 1704: they caught as they were going ashore.

We presently went to work in cutting up the Turtle, boiling, roasting, frying, baking, and stewing, according as each one thought sit. Our Captain and Carpenter had, as they said, found out a convenient place to lay our Ship ashore, amongst these middle Islands. So we intended to lie here this Night, and, if it was fair, to

go in on the morrow.

The same Evening our little Prize returned to us again. They had been up the River Changel, and found two or three Indian Houses, and some Plantain-Walks; The Indians climbed the Trees, and cut down for them as many Plantains as they would have. They found also two Canoas haul'd up upon the Sand, and brought them both off. In their way they caught eight Turtles, and eat nothing of their own Provisions, but sed upon Turtle during the Time they were from us; They gave us an account that they had found out a very good and secure place at the Island St Lucas, for us to lay our Ship athore in; That it was in a fine deep Bay, which at the entrance was not above a Pistol-shot over: That with five or fix Guns upon each Point at the Entrance, we might so fortifie our selves, as that no Enemy durst approach us; for that ten of us might defend our felves against five hundred

hundred. However we found the Middle An. 1704. Islands to be as convenient as any place could be: And our Captain seeming to like this place as well, and knowing we could fortifie our felves as strongly here and with as little trouble; we chose this place: Accordingly on the 18th, it being fair Weather and calm, we towed our Ship in amongst the Islands, and lay within Stones cast of the Shore all round, with one Anchor a Head, and a Cable out at our Stern, which was made fast to a great Tree on the Shore. As foon as we had fastened our Ship, all Hands went ashore and began to build Tents for our Cooper and Sail-maker to work in, and to put our Goods and Provisions in. In the mean time our chief Mate was sent in the little Dragon with twenty Men armed, and two Pattereroes, to cruize in the Gulf; where after he had cruized five or fix Days, he returned with a Spanish Bark of about forty Tuns: She had in her some few Jars of Brandy, Wine, and some Sugar. They were going to repair her, she being very old; and for that purpose had five or fix Carpenters and Caukers on board, who came very opportunely to help us to repair our Ship, for we had great need of Workmen. We took out our Powder, Shot and all our Ammunition; with all our Bread, some of our Flower, and our F 2 two

An. 1704 two Quarter deck Guns; and put them on board this last Bark. Then we got all the rest of our things ashore, and made every thing ready for cleaning our Ship. Men went ashore often with the Sain, and caught store of Fish, especially if they took the right time, which was at the Flood, and better in the Night than in the Day. The 22d of August, we sent our Canoas to an Island just by us, upon which there were several old fallen-down Houses; the Thatch of which we brought away to make use of in burning the bottom of our Ship. The bottom of our Ship was in many places eaten like a Honey-Comb; insomuch that the firm Plank was no thicker than an old Six-pence: Nay, in some places in the Hold, we could thrust our Thumbs quite through with eafe. Ship being in this condition, and we in want of Planks to new bottom her; our Carpenter was forced to make a hard shift, and stop the Leaks as well as he could with Nails and Oakam.

September the 2d. Our Captain and Mr Clippinton the chief Mate falling out; Mr Clippinton, with twenty one of our Men, seized upon the Bark, in which was all our Ammunition, and a great part of our Provisions; and got up her anchor, and went without the Islands. From thence he sent us word, that if any of us had a

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The Island of St Lucas, and Chira.

mind to go with him, we should be welcome; but however, that we might not
be quite destitute, he would restore us all
our Powder, Shot and Ammunition; reserving only two or three Barrels for his
own use. And according to his promise
he put on shore our Powder, Shot, and other Ammunition in an Indian House, to
shelter it from the Rain, and sent us word
of his so doing. And we went with our
Canoas and fetcht it aboard.

And now our Captain's design being to take the Manila-Ship, we went to work in getting our things aboard, and watering and rigging our Ship. And on the 22d, we hal'd out from the Middle Islands, and anchored in the Gulf. Which before I proceed, I shall here give you some De-

scription of.

In this Gulf are several Islands, as the See Fig. Island of St Lucas, and the Island of Chira. XXVII. To this latter Island the Spanish Ships come to take in their lading, which is brought from Nicoya. This Island is inhabited, and lies in the Latitude of 10 d. 50 m. North; and on the N. E. part is another Island called the Island Gnaiabas, near which is a Bar or Shoal. Observe, when you enter into this Gulf, that you leave all the Islands to the Westward, except the Island Gnaiabas, which has the Bar near it; and steer close by the Island of Chira.

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o The Maccam, and Carrion-Crow.

This Island is distant from from St Lucas eight Leagues; and they lie from each other North and South. To the S. S. W. of the Island St Lucas, distant about four Leagues, are the Middle Islands. They are a parcel of small Islands, and amongst them is a good Harbour, in which we wooded and watered and hal'd our Ship ashore.

We found here several sorts of very good Fish, as Mullets, Breams, Silver-fish, &c. Of Shell-fish here is Conchs, Clams, Pearl-Oysters; and another sort of Oyster, called the Great-Oyster. Of Birds here is great store, viz. Maccams and Pelicans and Carrion-Crows. And of amphibious Creatures, the Guano and the Sea-Turtle.

The Maccam, is a very fine Bird, his Feathers being of most sorts of Colours. He is about the bigness of a Hawk; and in shape like a Parrot, only his Bill is perfectly white, and his Feet and Legs

quite black.

The Carrion-Crow, is as big as a small Turkey, and in all respects very like one; for I never saw any difference neither in Colour nor Shape. The Flesh of them, both smells and tastes so strong of Musk, that there is no eating of it. These Creatures commonly resort to any place where any dead Creature is, and feed upon it; for which reason they are called Carrion:

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But the reason why they are called Crows, An. 1704: I know not; for they are nothing like them, but altogether like a wild Tur-

key.

The Pelican, is almost as big as a Swan. Its Colour is inclining to white, only the tips of his Wings are brown. It hath a long Bill of about twenty Inches, with a very large Crop joyning to the lower part See Fig. of his Bill, and fo descending by the XVIII. Throat, like a Bag or Satchel, very observable, and of a largeness almost beyond credit, into which it receiveth Oysters, Cockles, Conchs, &c, or any other Shellfish; which being not able to break, it retains them until they open, and then womiting them up, picks out the Meat. As for their making a Hole in their Breast to give their Blood to their Young, I do not believe, nor ever faw any fuch thing, although I have feen thousands both young and old together, and have eaten many of them. They are good Food; only they taste somewhat fishy. They have broad Feet like a Duck, being Waterfowls; but they rooft commonly on Rocks and in Trees, and always set with their Heads to the Wind; so that if the Wind changes whilst they are at rooft, they turn about their Heads to the Wind. They are heavy Birds, and fly very flow; and always, when they fit either on Rocks, Trees,

An. 1704 Trees, or in the Water, they rest their

Bills upon their Crop.

The Guano is a fort of Creature, fome of which are found on Land, some in the Water. He is about three foot long, more or less; and is a very ugly Creature to look at; having great, sharp, black and green Scales, from the fore-part of his Head to the end of his Tail; and a fet of great and sharp Teeth, with four Fig. XIX: long Claws upon each Foot. They breed commonly in the Roots of old Trees, near the Water fide; and frequent the Water as well as Land. When they are stewed with a little Spice, they make good Broth; and the Flesh looks very white, and eats very well; but if they are not extraordinarily well boiled, they are very dangerous to eat; making Men very fick, and often putting them into a Feaver, as we were informed by our Prisoners.

Of Sea-Turtles there are several forts, but we always account the green Turtle to be the best Meat. They have several Iflands and fandy Bays, where they go to lay their Eggs: Which they do in different places at different times. For in some places, as at the Island of Afcension in the Atlantick Ocean, their common time of laying is in April, May, June and July. In other places, as in the Bay of Motines on the Coast of Mexico, we took them a-

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shore laying their Eggs in the Months of An. 1704 December and January. Here in the Gulf of Nicoya upon the same Coast of Mexico, in the Latitude of between 10 and 11 d. North, we caught a great many of them, and commonly found them full of Eggs, in the Months of August and September. Though therefore at one or at several constant places their season of laying is always the same, yet in different places their Seasons are different. I have been at the catching of them in most times of the Year, and commonly found them full of Eggs. When they want to lay, they go ashore in some sandy Bay, and with their Fins make a Hole in the Sand about two foot and a half deep, wherein they lay their Eggs, commonly about eighty or ninety at a time: Then they cover them up with the Sand they had scraped out of the Hole, and so leave them for the heat of the Sunto hatch. Thus they lay two or three times in a Season; and after they have laid, they go off to Sea, and leave the Young, when hatcht, to shift for themselves; who, as soon as they get out of the Shell and Sand, retire to the Water. The Eggs are round, about the bigness of a Duck's, with a white, thin, tough Skin over them, but no Shell: Both the Eggs and the Turtle are extraordinary Fig. XX. good Food, as I have experienced many times.

74 The Pearl-Oyster, and Great Oyster.

times. I have seen of this sort of Turtle several times from 200 to 350 and 400 weight. The lean of them, before 'tis drest, looks like Beef; but the fat is as green as Grass; and it is very wholesome Food.

The Pearl-Oyster is much about the bigness of our common Oyster, but more flat and broad. It hangs to the Rocks by a long stringy Beard, like a Muscle. The Pearl lies in the thickest part of it; some have five, fix or feven Pearls in them. The Spaniards make several Voyages to this Gulf of Nicoya and to the Island California for them. The Indians go down in five, fix, feven or eight fathom water, and bring up eight, ten, or twelve Oysters at a time, while the Men on board open them. The Meat of this Oyster is very green, and the Oyster fat. I have eaten of this Oyster feveral times, both boiled and stewed; and found them to be tolerable good Vi-Etuals.

The Great Oyster grows to the Rocks, as other Oysters; not hanging to them by a Beard, as the Pearl-Oyster. When they are opened, one part looks of a fine Red like a Cherry, the other part is of a fine White. I have eat of this sort of Oyster many times; but it was for want of better Victuals. They are so large, that one of them cut in pieces and stewed, is sufficient for a Meal for sive or six Men. The

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each

The Muscles here are so large, that one An. 1704 of them when drest, will suffice two Men; and they are tolerable good Victuals, when

stewed with Pepper and Vinegar.

From the middle Islands before-mentioned to the Island of Chira, is clear Ground. and fix or feven fathom Water. When you fail up the Gulf, you must keep nearer the Islands than the main Land; because near the Main are feveral Sholes, which stretch a confiderable way. From the Island St Lucas to Cape Blanco, is nine Leagues. Cape Blanco lies in the Latitude of 10 d. 20 m. North. It has a small Island at the Point of it, full of high Trees; The Cape is high towards the inner Parts, and appears plain and even. The chief of what they bring from this Gulf, is Salt, Honey, Maiz, some Wheat and Fowls, which they fend yearly to Panama.

On the 23d of September, having done our Business here, we with our little Dragon Prize lest this place, intending to cruize to the Westward. On the 7th of October, we had Latitude by observation 13 d. 07 m. North. Variation 4 d. 30 m. westerly; And at the same time we saw the Land, which proved to be two high Mounts, called the Vulcans of Guatimala; the one being of Water, the other of Fire. These two samous Mountains stand almost the one over-against the other, on

An. 1704 each side of the Valley; that of Water being on the South side, and that of Fire on the North, nearer to the old City. That of Water, is a little higher than the other, and yields a goodly Prospect, being green all the Year round. Year 1534, this Mountain was faid to burst open, and threw Water in such large quantities, that it drowned the City of Guatimala; which caused the Inhabitants to remove the City three Leagues further off, where it now stands. The Vulcan of Fire, which stands opposite to that of Water, is at some certain times (especially in the rainy Season, which is from April to November,) very terrible to the Inhabitants. It sometimes throws out Stones as big as a House; and breaks out with such a Flame, that if it be in a dark Night, although you be five or fix Miles of, yet by the Light thereof you may fee to read a Letter written in a small Hand. This was affirmed to us by several of our Prisoners, Natives of the place.

The 8th, we had dirty squally Weather, with very hard Gusts of Wind from the two Vulcans aforesaid; with such prodigious Claps of Thunder and Flashes of Lightning, as none of us ever saw or heard the like. On the 9th, we took a Bark of about eighty Tuns, in ballast. She came from Suvartanejo, and was bound for Ria Lexa.

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She had a small quantity of Provisions, An. 1704. which was very welcome to us. The Captain's name was Christian Martin, a Spaniard born at the Canaries, but brought up in London. He was Servant formerly to Captain Eaton, and came with him into the South Seas, at which time he was Captain Eaton's Gunner; but falling out with the Men, ran away from them at the Island Gorgonia, where he lay concealed fix Days till the Ship was gone; after which he cut him down two small Trees. which he drew to the Water-side, and bound them together with Twigs; fixed a Mast; and of two Shirts, which he had with him, made a Sail; and having filled a large Bag with Oysters, which he made fast to the said two Trees, he in the Morning betimes put off from the Island Gorgonia, and the next Day in the Afternoon got into the River of Bonaventure, where he went ashore, and had but ill usage from the Spaniards, who fent him to Lima, where he was examined, cleared himself, and was set at liberty. He could speak very good English.

The 15th, we had Latitude by observation 13 d. 25 m. North. Variation 3 d. oom. Westerly, being then off the great Vulcano of Attitlan. This Vulcan commonly casts out smoak; and under it are 5 small Hills, which are said to be always

green.

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Vulcan of Sapotitlan; which throws out vast quantities of Fire. This, and the Vulcan of Sacatapeque, are reckoned two wonders of the World. We observed off the Vulcan of Sapotitlan, and found variation 2 d. 51 m. Westerly, and had Latitude by observation 13 d. 51 m. North. The 19th, we saw the Hill of Bernal, which makes the East point of the Gulf of Tecoantepeque. We observed off it, and found the variation, by a good Amplitude, to be 2 d. 45 m. Westerly; and had

Latitude 15 d. 00 m. N.

The 20th, we found our felves a-breaft of the Bay of Tecoantepeque, which is very low Land, and full of little Hills, which look like small Islands. This place is very subject to hard Gales of Wind at N. E. called Tecoantepequers, from the place whence they come; and they happen commonly about the New and Full Moons. The best way therefore is to keep near the Shore, after you are past the Bay or Gulf. In the Gulf it felf, you may keep three or four Leagues off; for it is shoal to that distance: But when you are to the Westward of the Bay, keep within two Leagues of the Shore, that you may come to an anchor if occasion be. For if you should chance to be driven off from Shore, which frequently happens; you will hardly be able to get

Suvartaneo:

get in four days, so much as you will drive out An. 1704; in one. For when you are driven out of fight of the Land, you will have a strong

Current, which will drive you far to the S. W. November the 11th, in the Even, we faw four small White Islands, lying close together: On the East-end of which, about two Miles distance, is a large Hummock, which looks like an Island, but is not; the Land going from it to the Main, being very low, causes it, till you are very near it, to look like an Island. This place is called Suvartaneo, inhabited by Spaniards and Indians. It lies in the Latitude of 17 d. 40 m.N; and has a small Village, of about forty Houses, standing by the Sea-side. Here we anchored in 14 fathom Water, not above Pistol-shot from the Village. At our coming in, we faw about 500 Spaniards and Indians, both Horse and Foot. We fired eight or ten of our great Guns at them, and they retired into the Woods. Then we landed about 30 of us, and went to the Village and romaged it. In it we found a great many small things, with 16 Packs of very good Flower. We filled here two Boats load of Water; but the Sea running high, over-set our Boats. Our Men would have set the Village on fire, but the Captain being ashore would not fuffer them. So on the 18th we went out with the Land-wind, and stood away to the Westward. The

An. 1704. The 22d, we anchored in the Bay of Martaba, under the Mountains of Motines. Here we watered our Ship, and found in a fmall River a great many large green Turtles, the best I ever tasted. On the 26th, at Sun-setting, we spied a Sail, and immediately got every thing in a readiness for an Engagement, not knowing but it might be the Manila-Ship, which we now began to expect shortly to see. VVe were at this time fixty four of us, Men and Boys; all well in Health; and did daily wish to have a sight of the Manila-Ship. We foon came up with the Ship we faw, and took her. She was a small Bark, of about fixty Tuns, from California, laden with Plank; and she had on board some parcels of Pearl, which they had fish'd in the Gulf of California.

In this Bay of Martaba is a very good anchoring place, defended from the East and North-West Winds. And there is ten and twelve fathom Water, clear Ground. When you are ashore, you will see a little River of fresh Water. It was at this Rivulet that we water'd our Ship, and init found store of extraordinary large and very good green Turtle. Near the Rivulet is a Road, which strikes up into the Woods. This Road leads to an Indian Town, called Mavota. It is said to be four Miles and

a half from the Sea-fide.

To

Point Chasipi.

To the N. W. of this Bay of Martaba, An. 1704. five or fix Leagues, towards the Sea-side, you will see broken Ground, which looks like an Island. It is called Chasipi. the S. E. of which, is a little pleasant Valley of pure white Sand, called the Valley of Magnille; under the Jurisdiction of the City of Colima. Observe that at the Point of Chasipi, the Motines end. The Motines are a long Ridge of Mountains, reaching in length 26 Leagues. They abound in many rich Towns of Spaniards, Mullattoes, Mostese, and Indians. To the N.W. of the Point of Chasipi, you will find a plain even Land towards the Sea-side, which is full of Cocoa-nut Trees planted here for the use of those Ships which come from the Gulf of California. Two or three Leagues distant from this row of Trees, to the N. W. is some broken Ground; and at the end of the broken Ground stands 2 Vulcan, which is faid always to smoak. It is called the Vulcan of Colima; and the broken Ground is called the Valley of Corelan. It is all planted with Cocoa's, fuch as we make Chocolate of. This Valley is distant from the Town of Colinia N. W. 18 Leagues; And not far from the Valley is a Mount very round, called the Mount of St Fago. The Mount of St Jago is in the Port of Quelagna. To know it, you must observe that there is a Rock close by the said Mount,

An. 1704 Mount, which looks very white, and may be seen a great distance. There is a Bay at the end of it, where is a plain of green Trees. If you would go to this Port of Quelagna, you must steer streight to the Bay. For there are two very good Harbours, which have good Anchor-ground, and will hold a great many Ships: They are called the Caletas. On the N. W. side of the said Bay is another very good Port, and close by it is the Port of Quelagna; and between the Port of Quelagna and the white Rock, is a very good Port, in which you are Land-lock'd from all Winds; and this is called the Port of St Jago, but is not inhabited. Five or fix Leagues to the N. VV. of the white Rock, is a little Mount; coming near to which, you will fee an indifferent high Mount, full of broken Ground, and a Rock joining to it, which is in form of a Sugar-Loaf; and on the N. W. side of that Rock, there is a Bay a League wide.

It was on the 4th of December, that we came into this Bay; in which we faw a Sail, stood in after her, and soon took her. All the way we chased her, they heaved their things over-board; after which they all took to their Boat, and got ashore. VVe took possession of the Vesfel, which was a new Vessel of about fixty Tuns: And in her we found a great deal

of

of Powder and Shot scattered up and An. 1704 down in all Parts of the Vessel. We suppose therefore that this Ship lay here with Ammunition to supply the Manila-Ship; But upon our chacing of her, they threw most of it over-board. This Bay is called

the Bay of Navidad.

From this Bay of Navidad or the Nativity, we still coasted along to the Westward. At the N. W. end of this Port, is another Port which is called Chametla. It is a Port defended from the N. W. and S. E. Winds. Two Leagues to the N. W. of it, is an Island; and about it lie four or five Rocks, which come from the main Land; They lie to the N. N. E. and may plainly be seen; and at the East end of them, you may see the Vulcan of Colima.

On the 6th in the Morning, being off the Vulcan of Colima, we saw a Sail, and soon came up with her. She proved to be the Manila-Ship. So we, being all provided, gave her several broad-sides, before the could get any of her Guns clear. For they did not suspect us to be an Enemy, and were not at all prepared for us. Capt. Martin, whom I formerly mentioned, was then a Prisoner on board us: He advised to lay her aboard immediately, while they were all in a hurry, and that this would be the only way to take her; but

An. 1704. if we gave them so much time as to get out their great Guns, they would certainly beat us in pieces, and we should lose an opportunity of making our felves masters of the value of fixteen Millions of Pieces of Eight. And accordingly it happened: For time being delayed in quarrelling, between those of us that would lay her aboard, and those that would not, the Enemy got out a tire of Guns, and then were too hard for us; fo that we could not lie along her side, to do her any considerable damage. For our five Pound shot, which was the biggest we had, fignified little against such a Ship as she was; but any of her shot, which were 18 and 24 Pounders, if any of them happened to strike Us, our Ship being very much decayed, it would drive in a piece of Plank of three or four Foot. much damaged, and receiving particularly a shot from the Enemy between Wind and Water in our Powder Room; by which we had two foot of Plank driven. in on each side the Stem; the Signal was made to stand off from the Enemy.

Thus our Design being disappointed, all our Men grew discontented, and were for going Home; knowing we could do no good in these Parts, either for our selves or Owners; having Provision but for three Months, and that very short; and our

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Pieces. Our Captain desired our consent to cruize here six Weeks longer, and then he would permit us to go for India, to some Friend's Factory, where we might all dispose of our selves, as we should think most for our advantage. To this we all agreed: And accordingly cruized along shore to the Eastward in sight of the Land, and passed by several noted Ports, as Acapulco, Port Angels, Port Guatulco, and several others: Of which I shall speak in my Description of the Coasts.

Our Design now was to go into the Gulf of Amapalla, to new Water our Ship and Bark, for our intended Voyage to India. On the 5th of January, 170%, we met with vast quantities of Fish; so that in half an hours time, we caught of Albicores, from sixty to ninety Pound weight, no fewer than sifty eight. And small Fish of about sive Inches, were so numerous, that with a Bucket we haul'd up sourteen, sixteen, eighteen and sometimes twenty

at a time.

The Albicore is about four or five Foot See in length, some more some less; weighing Fig. XXI. from 50 to 100 and 150 pound weight. He hath eleven Fins on his back, one pretty large, one middling one, and nine small yellow ones near the Tail. He hath one large Fin on each side near the Gills; and

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An. 1704: 12 Fins under his Belly; one on each fide underneath near the Gills, one near the, middle of the Belly, and nine small yellow Fins extending to his Tail. It is a very fleshy Fish, having little or no Bones, except the Back-bone; and is extraordinary good Victuals. It is a prodigious strong Fish, when in the Water. They prey mostly upon the Flying-fish, as do the Dolphins,

Bonetoes, &c.

On the 6th, it was concluded between Captain Dampier and 30 of our Men, to continue in the South-Seas; but upon what Terms this Agreement was made, was kept fecret. We who were resolved to go for India, used our endeavour to get into the Gulf of Amapalla (which was the place we defign'd to water at) with all the haste we could. Where we anchor'd on the 26th of January 1704. And the same day; the Provisions being equally parted according to the directions of the Owners Agent; and four great Guns, with some small Arms, Powder and Shot, &c, being taken out for us; we, (that is, 33 of us who resolved to go in the Bark for India,) went on shore in order to water our Vessel for the faid Voyage.

CHAP. V.

A particular Description of the Coast of Mexico. The Hill of Zalisco. The Cocoa-Tree. The Islands Maria's. The Rocks and Points of Pontique. Cape Corrientes. The Islands of Chametly. Port of St Jago, and of Navidad. Bay of Sallagua. The Mountains Motines. The River Sacaticli. The Mountains of Chequetan and Petaplan. Acapulco. Port Marquiss. Point Gallera. The Island Alcatrazes. Point Escondedo. The R. Messias. The River of Gallera. Port Angels. The Port of Guatulco. Mazattlan. Port of Salina. Tecoantepeque. Cat-Fish. The Hill of Bernall. The Vulcans of Soconusco, Amilpas, Sapotitlan, Sacatepeque, Atitlan, and Guatimala. City of Guatimala. The Port of Sonsonat. Trinidad. The Vulcans of Isalco, S. Salvadore and Sacatelepa. The River Lempa: St Michaels. The Gulf G 4

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Gulf of Amapalla. The Shovelnosed Shark. The Ceawan. Port of Ria-Lexa, The Vulcan Vejo. The Vulcans of Telica, and Leon Mamotombo, Granada and Bombacho. Mountain of Popogajo. Port of Velas. The Mount of Hermozo. The Cape of Gajones. Cape Blanco. The Gulf of Nicoya. Sierras de los Coronadas. The Island Caneo. Punta mala. Golfo Dulce. Puebla Nova. The Islands Quibo, Quicara and Rancheria. The Point of Mariato. The Moro de Porcos. The Point of Higuera. Punta mala. The Island Guanoes. Nata.

DUT before we go any further, I shall here give a particular Description of the Coast of Mexico, Peru and Chili, from the entrance of the Gulf of California in the Latitude of 23 d. 30 m. N. to the Port of Valdivia in the Latitude of 40 d. S. so far as I knew them my self, or could get an account of them from the Spaniards.

And first, on the main Land you will see An. 1704. the Hill called Zalisco: It is a very high Hill, with a bending on the top; and close to this Hill, is a white Rock called Maxentelbo, which at three or four Leagues distance looks like a Ship under Sail. And behind the Hill of Zalisco, is a great Town of the same Name, inhabited by Spaniards, Mullattoes, Mostese and Indians. And the Main here all along, is full of Cocoa-walks, with Estantions or Farms of Beeves.

The Cocoa-Tree is small, and the Nut or Kernel bigger than an Almond; and ripens in a great Husk, wherein are sometimes 30, nay 40 Cocoas. These Cocoas are made use of to make Chocolate: And as in England we go to the Tavern to drink a Glass of Wine, so they do here (upon this Coast of Mexico) as frequently go to their Markets to drink a Dish of Chocolate; And the Indians count it a very wholesom Drink. We were glad, whilst we were upon this Coast, to make three Meals a Day of it for near a Month. We would much rather, if we could, have fed upon Flesh: But however, living near a Month upon Chocolate, it made us very fat, and we found that it kept us very well in Health. Whether, if we had lived upon it much longer, it would have done us hurt, I know not; but I am apt to Islands Maria's. Rocks of Pontique.

an 17c4 to believe it would have increased our Fat too fast, and so have made us unheal-

thy.

From the white Rock called Maxentelbo, twenty Leagues to the South, are three great Islands called Maria's, and a little one called the Low Island; and amongst them are feveral small Rocks. Islands are of an indifferent height, and are very full of Wood, The Westermost is the biggest; and between the Islands and the Main, is faid to be good anchoring in eight, ten, twelve and fourteen fathom Water, good fast Ground. The Islands are not inhabited; and about them is faid to be commonly store of Seals and Turtle, and several forts of very good Fish. Whether these Islands have any fresh Water upon them, I know not, but I am apt to think they may.

Fourteen Leagues to the S.S. W. of the Islands Maria's, are the Rocks or Islands of Pontique; They lie from the Main about a League; You may sail between them and the Main-land, without any danger. They take up two Leagues in length, and the Westermost of them looks like a Ship without a Mast. You may sail between them; for there is no danger, but what is visible. The Land here by the Sea-side is low; but within the Country it is very high and ragged: And about a League to

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of Pontique. This Point at a distance looks like an Island. It is a high round Hill, and very barren; being only a ragged Rock. From this Point to the Eastward, for fourteen Leagues, runs a deep Bay; and on the North end it is low Land. This Bay is very well inhabited by Spaniards, Mullattoes, Mostese and Indians. Here are a great many Gardens of Cocoa; and all this Bay and the Valleys, are under the Jurisdiction of the Governor

of the City of Compostella.

At the East end of this Bay, is the Cape Corrientes, which Cape lies in the Latitude of about 20 d. 30 m. North. It is high Land, and full of sharp ragged Hills. Observe, when you sail near this Cape, if it blow hard from the N. W. as it commonly doth, that four or five Leagues to the S. E. of the Cape, is broken Ground towards the Sea-side. Steer exactly to it; and on the S. E. side of the said broken Ground you will find a good convenient place where you may anchor, and in it you are defended from most Winds. This place is called by the Pilots Salina's, because near it they make Salt. The Cape Corrientes is very high Land. It hath on it a few Trees; and within the Land, near the faid Cape, is a high Mountain, which has three sharp Pikes on the top, somewhat 92 Ist. Chametly. P.S. Jago. P. Navidad.

Crowned-Mountain. The Sea-winds hereabouts are commonly at N. W. and the Land-wind at North.

From Cape Corrientes S. E. by E. runneth a great Bay, in which are three or four Islands called the Islands of Chametly: they are little low Islands, and between them and the Main there is a very good place to anchor in; and near this anchoring place, the Main is inhabited by Indians, who are Fishermen, and fish for the City of the Purification; Which is a large City, and said to be about fourteen Leagues within Land.

From the Bay of Chametly to the S. E. twenty Leagues, is the Port of St Jago; a very good Port, in which you are defended from all Winds; but near it are no Inhabitants. Not far from this Port, is the Vulcan of Alima, five Leagues with-

in the Land.

From the Port of St Jago to the S. E. fixteen Leagues, is the Port of Navidad or the Nativity; between which two Ports are several small Ports, and many Rocks and Shoals, so that it is bad going into them; and besides, for want of Trade, they are seldom or never made use of by the Spaniards. The Port of Navidad is a very good Port, in which is Water and Wood. Here the Spaniards build Ships,

Bay of Salagua. Port Desapan. 9

the biggest they have in these Parts of the An. 1704: World; And here they built the first, that ever was known to sail from America to the East-Indies. At this place on the 4th of December, we took a new Bark of about sifty Tuns; in which we found some Bacon, Fowls, Bread and Rice, with some Powder and Shot. At our chasing of her, the Men, after they had heaved most of their things over-board, took to their Boat and got ashore. This Port lies in the Latitude of 19 d. 20 m. N.

Salt-water Bay, is eight Leagues. It was at this place, that Captain Dampier, Vol. I. page 245, gives an account that the Manila-Ship sets ashore her Passengers that are bound for the City of Mexico: But now the Vice-roy finding an inconvenience in their so doing, has given a positive Command that they should not put any of their Men or Goods ashore till their arrival at Acapulco; Because it was usual with them, when they set ashore their Passengers, to convey away a great deal of the Goods, and so defrauded the King of his Customs.

From this place to the Port Desapan, is sixteen Leagues; and half a League within the Land, is a Town called Jesu-Christa, said to be a large handsome Town. At this place begin the high Hills called Mar

tinee,

94 Mountains Motines. River Sacatieli.

An. 1704 tines, which stretch twenty five Leagues to the S. E. These Hills abound in many rich Towns of Spaniards and Indians; And here are abundance of Cocoa-walks, and Farms of Cattle. The Land by the Sea-fide, is mountainous and rocky; and by the Water, it is all along planted with Cocoa-nut Trees, for the use of those Ships which come hereabouts and have occasion for Chocolate. Hereabouts you will fee the Vulcan of Colima, which is faid always to fmoak, and fometimes, though seldom, to burst out with Fire. Under these Hills, on the 27th of November, we took a Bark of about fixty Tuns, laden with Plank. She came from the Gulf of California, where they had been fishing for Pearls; of which we found a few Parcels. Under the same Monntains, in the Bay of Stabata, we water'd our Ship, and found a great many very good green Turtle.

At the East end of these Mountains of Motines, is the River Sacaticli; a League up which River, is a Town of the same Name. Near this River are some pieces of broken Ground, the least of which is Sandy, and has no Trees on the top of it. From hence S. E. to Estapa is sixteen Leagues; in all which distance there is neither Hill nor high Land; but in most places 'tis full of Trees, and continues so till you come to a thick green spot of

Trees.

Trees. A little to the Eastward of Estapa, An. 1704. are some great high Mountains, called the Mountains of Chequetan. They lie within Land, and are ten or twelve Leagues in length. To the Eastward of this place, twenty Leagues, is the Mount of Petaplan. By this Mount are a great many Cocoa-walks, and near ro the Cocoawalks is the Town of Petaplan, which stands behind the Mountain. This Town is faid to be a large Town and very well inhabited. The Land near it is full of small Hills and Valleys: The Hills are barren, but the Valleys are said to be green almost all the Year. The Hill of Petaplan, is a high Hill: At a distance it looks like an Island; and about it are a great many Rocks, but all visible; so that if you please, you may go between them; where, if occasion be, you may anchor, and will not find less than nine, ten, or eleven fathom Water: This Hill I make to lie in the Latitude of 17d. 25 m. North. From hence to the Port of Acapulco, is eight Leagues, all along a fandy Bay, and low even Land.

Acapulco is a Port of great Trade. It is the place where the Spaniards embark from Mexico for China and the Philippine Islands: Which is a particular Priviledge it has: For no other Port durst trade to any part of the East-Indies, but from hence. It is

distant

An. 1704. distant from the City of Mexico eighty Leagues, and all Goods are carried from hence thither on Mules, though it is a very bad way. This is the chief Port for Mexico on the whole West-side of America. It is a very good and large Port, and in it may lie a hundred Sail of Ships, all Landlock'd and secure from all Winds and Weather. It lies in the Latitude of 17 d. c6 m. North. The Town confifts of about 120 Families, most Spaniards; and has for its defence a Castle of between forty and fifty Brass Guns, each said to carry a thirty-fix pound Ball. Castle stands in a Valley between two noted Hills; one of which is almost like a Sugar-loaf, and the other is cut in two at the top; this is called the Hill Cancas These Hills are the highest Land hereabouts, and both to the East and West of them it is all low Land for several Leagues. The Town stands at the N. W. end of the Harbour, in a deep Bay; It is said to be a pretty compacted Town. If you would enter into this Port, bring the Hill Canca to bear N. ± E. from you; then go to the S. E. of the Island, which is at the Mouth of the Harbour, called the least Island; and after that, have a care of coming near a dangerous Shole, called the Girfo. But if the Wind should be Northerly, then you may go to the westward of the great Island. This

Port Marquiss. R. Naguala. D. Garcia. 97

This is the China-Ships entrance; It is the An. 1704.
narrowest Channel, and the Water is very deep; but Ships coming from the East-ward come in at the East Channel, between the Main and a great Shole of Sand; but in their Entrance, keep as near the Main as they can. You may know this Port by the high Land; for it is all low to the East and West of it; and all along for several Leagues, sandy Bays.

A League from this Port of Acapulco, is Port Marquis. It is a very good Port, and in it is good Wood and Water. And here are three or four Indian Houses, belonging to Fishermen, who fish for the Town of Acapulco. A little to the Eastward of these Houses, are 3 small Islands, with some Indian Fishermens Houses on them: And here they dry a great deal of Fish, with which they supply their Town and Ships at A-

capulco.

From these three small Islands, to the River of Naguala, is six Leagues. It is a small River, with only sive or six poor Fishermens Houses; from whence by Land is a good Path leading to Acapulco; and by Sea it is a bold Coast, and deep Wa-

ter.

From the River of Naguala, to the Fishing-place of Don Garcia S.E. is five Leagues; all even Land, and a sandy Bay. Here live 15 or 20 Indian Slaves, who dry Fish,

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4n. 1704 Fish, which they sell ready dried by wholesale.

From the Fishing-place of Don Garcia, to the Hill of Cecorillo, S. E. is six Leagues; and near the Water-side, all even Land, and sandy. This Hill of Cecorillo, is a small round Hill, close to the Water-side; and right against it, about a League from the Shore, are sive or six Rocks; and all round them it is shole water.

From the Hill of Cecorillo, to the River of Taclamanca, is two Leagues. Here live eight or ten Families of Indian People, who employ their Time in fish-

ing.

From the River Taclamanca, to Point Gallera, is eight or nine Leagues. The first four Leagues the Land is all along Wood; and the other half way, it is broken Ground by the Sea-side; there being seven Cliffs of a whitish Colour; And off of these Cliffs, about a league distance from the shore, are several Shoals; and for two Leagues off, you have scarce two fathom Water.

From Point Gallera to the Morro or Mount of Hermoso, is seven Leagues; the Land mountainous within, and full of little Rocks by the Sea-side. This Mount of Hermoso, is a plain Mount, and at the top very even; and about a Mile from the shore, right off the said Mount, is a great Sand, on which several good Ships have

been

Mount of Hermoso. I. Alcattazes.

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been lost: A little to the S. E. of this An, 1704. Sand, is a hilly Island, a league from the Main, called Alcatrazes; and over-against it is a fresh Water River, where you may water your Ship if you have occasion: Here live several Indian People, with a Spanish Friar; And round about the Island are several small Islands, or rather Rocks: And from the Main, on the East-side of the Island, cometh out a Shoal of Rocks and Sand, which stretch off to Sea as far as the Island: Therefore it is dangerous going in at the East-end; but at the Westend you may safely go in; and on the inside of the Island is a good anchoring place.

Upon this Coast of Mexico, for the most part the Land-winds are at N. W. and N. N. W. and the Sea-winds, from the W. to the S. W. according as the Land trends away. So that all the way, if you keep within eighty or ninety Leagues of the Land, you must make use of the Land and Sea-breezes, which commonly blow hereabouts pretty fresh. The Land here, is not very high: It is woody; but within the Country mountainous. Here are seven or eight whitish Cliss by the Seasside, which are very remarkable, because there are none so white and thick toge-

ther on all the Coast.

100 P. Escondedo. R. Messias. R. Gallera.

An. 1704 From the Island Alcatrazes to the Port of Escondedo, is eight Leagues; Its East Point butting into the Sea more by half a League than the West. It is a smooth and good Port, and here is good wooding and watering. Near this Port is a little Island, which makes the Port; within which Island you may ride with great Security from the West and South-west Winds, and may venture to go ashore without any danger: And from this Port is a Road leading to several great Towns in

the Country.

From Escondedo to the River Messias, is fix Leagues; and between Escondedo and the River Messias, is the River of Aqua Dulce or Sweet-water-River; right against which are two Rocks, one on each side. At the Mouth of the River Messias, is fresh Water; and in the times of the Rains, it overflows its Banks, and hinders the Inhabitants in their Affairs, and very often drowns many of their Cattle, which feed near the Banks of it. Banks of this River are very well peopled with Indians. But hereabouts, the Coast is much troubled with Calms. Off from this River Messias, at a league distance, is a large Island, which has several small Islands, or rather Rocks about it.

From these Islands to the River Gallera is eighteen Leagues, all mountainous with-

in Land, and a wild Country; full of An. 1704 small Bays, but no Port; having many Mangrove-trees, and feveral other Trees fit for Masts. Right off this River of Gallera, about three quarters of a Mile from the Main, and fix Leagues to the Westward of Port Angels, is a small rocky Island; between which and the Main, is very good anchoring in fifteen, fixteen and seventeen fathom Water. The Sea-winds hereabouts, are commonly at W. S. W. and S. W. and the Land-winds at North. Whether there be any Water upon this Island I do not know; but never heard of any, neither could any of our Prisoners tell us the name of it. It has some small Trees, or rather Bushes growing on it; but they are fit for no use.

From this Island, as I said before, to the Port Angels, is six Leagues. It is a good Port, and seldom without shipping. Here is a small Town of about thirty Houses, inhabited mostly by Spaniards; The Town is situated on the West-side of the Port, and in the Town are said to be two pretty little Churches. This Town has great trading to it, for Hides and Tallow; and sends a great quantity of Goods by Land to Mexico, and several other In-land Towns and Villages. VVhen you enter this Port, you must keep to the Eastward of a Rock and Shoal. The Port lies in the

An. 1704 Latitude of 15 d. 45 m. North. Captain Dampier in Vol. I. page 232, makes the Port of Guatulco to lie in the Latitude of 15 d. 30 m. North. VVe did the same: But then, page 239, he makes Port Angels, which is to the Northward of it, to lie in the Latitude of but 15 d. North; which we made to lie in 15 d. 45 m. North; that is, 15 Miles to the Northward of Guatulco: VVhereas he makes it 30 miles to the Southward of it. But I suppose it is a mistake in the Printing. The Coast runs here, VV. N. VV. and E. S. E. The Tide rifes and falls five foot; the Flood fetting to the N. E. and the Ebb to the S. W.

From Port Angels to the Caletta, is two Leagues. It is a very good Port, but hath neither VVood nor fresh VVater. Have a great care of four or five Rocks, which lie out from its S. E. Point, stretching a Mile and half into the Sea. Between the Caletta and Port Angels, is said to be a very dangerous Shoal, and that it bears from the Point of Port Angels S. S. E. distance one League.

The Port Angels is in form like to Guatulco, but not so broad nor so good; though the Spaniards reckon it to be an extraordinary Port, yet there is a great deal of difference between it and Guatulco. In Port Angels are several anchoring places;

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On the S. E. side you will ride most se- An. 1704 cure, because it keeps you from the Winds. There is high Land on each fide, and on the West-side is a Rock, and without the Rock is a Shoal of Sand: Within the Rock are two little Caletta's or Bays, in which is good anchoring for a small Veffel; and in each of these two Bays is a little Brook of fresh Water, which have their beginning from a plain of Sand; and if you go to the end of the Plain, you will see their Head. In this Port are very good Trees, that upon occafion will serve to make Masts for Ships. Here are also a great many Farms of Beeves, with good store of Maiz, Hogs, Fowls, &c. And here they make Salt not only to ferve their own occasions, but also to supply several Towns and Villages hereabouts.

From this Port of Angels to the Port of Gnatulco, is 16 Leagues. In the way are several Rocks, Islands and Rivers. At the Island Sacrificio, on the inside, is secure riding from all Winds, in five, six, and seven fathom water. And here you may wood and water your Ship, if you have occasion. Hereabouts are excellent Pearls, found in seven fathom water. This Port of Gnatulco is samous for its being taken by our English Hero Sir Francis Drake in the Year 1579; who in one House took a Bushel

Port of Guatulco.

An. 1704. Bushel of Money. It was afterwards taken and burnt by Sir Tho. Cavendish in the year 1587. But it has always been famous for being the Port in which from Mexico they fend all such Goods as they design for Pe-Tis also the Sea-port for the great Cities of Coaxica and Orata. It is distant from Mexico, 65 Leagues; from Coaxica, 50; and from Orata, 35. It is all along high and mountainous Land. The Port lieth hid, and you cannot fee it till you come within a League of it. About a League from the Port, is a small round Island, called Tangola; which is full of Hills and Trees. And close by the West Point of the Port, is a Rock; and three quarters of a mile to the Eastward of the Rock, and in the middle of the entrance of the Port, lieth the Buffadore; which is a small Rock; and when the Winds blow at S. W. the Sea breaketh a great heighth upon it: When therefore you would enter this Port, keep West from Tangola, till you have brought the middle of the Port to bear due North: Then keep an equal distance between the Buffadore and the East Point of the Port. The best anchoring is on the West side, due North from the Town, which consists of about 150 Houses, Spaniards, Mullattoes, Mostese, and Indians. In it is also a large Church, with two small Chapels; and the Houses are ve-





R. Capalita. R. Simatlan M. Bamba. 105

ry well built of Stone and Brick. This An. 1704.

Port lies in the Latitude of 15 d. 30 m. See Fig.

N. And we found 1 d. 56 m. westerly va- XXII.

riation.

From Guatulco to the River of Capalita, is one League. It is a very deep and swift River, and the Tide rises and falls five or

fix Foot,

From the River of Capalita to the River Simatlan, is three Leagues. This River is inhabited by Indians; and near to the Sea-side are a great many Plantain-walks. The River comes as it were from the Point of Ajuta. By the Sea-side are a great ma-

ny Farms of Cattle.

From the River Simatlan to the Point of Ajuta, is two Leagues. Thence to the Islands of Destata, is five Leagues; all high mountainous Land. The Country hereabouts is very populous. Four Leagues within Land is said to be a great Town, called El-Obispo. It hath, as is said, four Churches, and at least 1300 Houses. All hereabouts are Plantain-walks; also several Estantions or Farms of Cattle. On the Sea-side, upon the Banks of the River of Destata, (which is right-against the two Islands of Destata) is a large Indian Town, with not above three or four Spaniards in it, who lord it over the poor Indians.

From the Islands of Destata to the Morto or Mount of Bamba, is four Leagues.

Right

106 Mount Mazatlan. Port of Salinas.

An. 1704. Right off it is a shoal of Sand a mile from the shore; which at High-water is said to have but six foot Water upon it. This Mount of Bamba, is a pretty high Land,

and very rocky.

From this Mount of Bamba to the Mount of Mazatlan, is three Leagues. This Mazatlan has a River of fresh Water, and an anchoring place which is full of Rocks. The top of the Port looketh white, being all covered with Fowls Dung; so that there is none like it on all the Coast, except it be at Salina: Hereabouts the Coast is very windy; and from the N. E. come Hurricanes or Tecoantepequers.

From the Mount of Mazatlan to the Port of Salinas, is four Leagues. By this Salinas the low Land beginneth: And near it are two Rocks. Here is made abundance of Salt; and the Inhabitants of Tecoantepeque bring hither abundance of Meat, Tallow and Hides to sell. From this Port many Commodities are shipp'd for the South Sea, to the great inriching of the Town, which consist of about fifty Houses of Merchants, who have the advantage of trading in the North and South Seas. They trade from the North Sea up the River of Guasickwalpo, in small Barks; and then have but 13 Leagues hither, good Road, as is said; so that Waggons pass it.

Five

Town of Tecoantepeque.

Five or fix Leagues from hence, is the An. 1704 great Town of Tecoantepeque, a Bishop's See, and a very rich place. All along here the Coast is very populous, and great store of Pearl is found near the Shore, in the Bay of Tecoantepeque; which is a good Port, but much subject to N. and N. E. Winds, which at certain times blow very hard. VVhen you are off this Port of Tecoantepeque, do not come nearer the Land than two Leagues. For for 8 Leagues it is all along shallow VVater. But if you have occasion, send in small Boats or Canoas. It is all along low Land, excepting the Hill Carbon; which is a round Hill, almost like a Sugar-loaf. Near it is the River of Tecoantepeque; on the Banks of which, the Town is situated. In going into this River, you must go over a Bar of Sand; hear unto which Bar, are some small Hills that lie a little within the low Land in the River, and are Islands. VVhen they appear to you like Hills, you may know it to be the Bar; and on the This Tecoan-See Fig. N. E. fide is the Channel. tepeque is a Harbour for small Vessels, such XXIII. as trade to Acapulco, Ria Lexa, Guatimala and Panama: And here, upon some occasions, Ships which come from the Coast of Peru call in, in their way to Acapulco. This is the chief Port for Guaxaca, as la Trinidad is for Guatimala; Ria Lexa for Nicaragua ;

An. 1704: Nicaragua; and Golfo de Salinas for Costa Rica. Some few Years since, a French Pyrate being in this Bay, landed; and after the loss of some of his Men, took this Town of Tecoantepeque, with great flaughter of the Inhabitants. The VVomen, to the number of about fifty, they detained as Prisoners; and carried them to the Gulf of Amapalla, where after they had kept them two Months, and had made use of them according to their own VVills, they after an inhumane manner cut of their Noses and Ears, and so sent them back to their Husbands. This Port of Tecoantepeque, lies in the Latitude of 15 d. 36 m. North; and we found variation just off it by a good amplitude to be 2 d. 42 m. VVesterly.

At our passing by this place, we caught store of Cat-fish. These Fish are of various sizes, being from half a Foot to six Foot in length. It hath three Fins, one on his Back, and one on each side near his Gills; each of which Fins has a sharp stiff Bone; so that we are very careful, when we catch them, in taking them off the Hook, least they should strike those sharp stiff Bones into our Hands; which if they do, it is ten to one but a Man loses the use of his Hand by it. He hath a great wide Mouth, and near it several small white grisly Strings, that come out like Cats VVhiskers 3

Whiskers; which is the reason they are called An. 1704. Cat-fish. They are a good sort of Fish; and the young ones eat much like a Whiting.

From the Port of Tecoantepeque to the Bar of Mosquito's, is eight Leagues. feems, to the Eastward, to be a great many Hills. And from the Bar of Mosquito's to the Hill of Bernall, is seven Leagues, In all which distance is very good anchoring, when the Tecoantepequers blow hard. Out of the Port of Mosquito's cometh a River, by which is abundance of Shoals. Towards the Sea-side, and to the N. W. hereabouts, it is low Land. From the Hill of Bernal to Elzerro de la Encommendi or the Hill of Recommending, is five Leagues. This Bernal makes the East Point of Tecoantepeque, as the Point of Salina does the West. The Land hereabouts is very hilly and mountainous; but the Hill of Bernal is the greatest. The Mountain of Encourmendi is not very high. It is plain on the top, and lies half a League from the Sea-side; and on the side of it is fixt an artificial Cross; for which Reason it is called Elzerro de la Encommendi, or the Cross of Recommending. You may anchor where you please near to this Mount; for it is common for those Ships that are bound to the Port of Tecoantepeque (if the Wind blows hard, as it often does) to anchor here, when they cannot fetch the Port lies in the Latitude of 15 d. North, and we found the variation, by a good am-

plitude, to be 2 d. 45 m. Westerly.

From the Cross of Recommending, to the Vulcan of Soconusco, is seven Leagues. It is all very high Land; And two or three Leagues from the Shore, it looks almost like a Sugar-loaf. In the Country the Land is very high; but the great Vulcan of Soconnsco is the highest hereabouts. Every Night we saw abundance of Fires up and down in the Valleys: These Fires were made to burn down the Timber, the Ashes of which they reckon does mightily fatten the Land: For after the Trees and Bushes are burnt down, the Ashes of them makes the Land look very black; but in a Fortnights time, if they chance to have two or three showers of Rain, the Land will look very green and pleasant. This is the best and only way they have of fattening their Land. Near to this Vulcan of Soconusco, to the S. E. is the River of Saconusco; upon the Banks of which, is situated a large Indian Town of the same Name. For you must observe, that most of these Towns and Rivers take their Name from fome famous Mountain, Hill or Vulcan standing by them. The Coast here all along, for many Leagues runs N. W. and S. E.

Vulcan Sapotittlan, and Sacatepeque. 111

From the Vulcan of Soconusco, to the An. 1704.
Vulcans of Amilpas, is twelve Leagues.
This is all very high and remarkable Land.
The two highest Vulcans have each a River of fresh Water right against them.
These Vulcans send out Smoke sometimes,

but not often.

From the Eastermost Vulcan of Amilpas, to the Vulcan of Sapotittlan, is seven Leagues; here and there a fandy Bay, full of little Creeks; the Coast still stretching away S. E. This Vulcan of Sapotittlan, is a great Vulcan; and it is all towards the Sea-side very full of Trees. I have heard that before the Spaniards found out Mexico. this Mountain burnt out most terribly, and threw out Fire in so large a quantity, that it destroyed many Towns and Villages, with many Fields of Maiz or Indian Corn; and that the Mexican Priests foretold by this unusual Accident, that their Kingdom should be lost to strangers, who were contrary to them both in Religion. Colour, Habit and Customs. But fince the coming of the Spaniards, I have not heard. of its doing any hurt. This Vulcan lies in the Latitude of 13 d. 51 m. N. and we found variation pear it, 2 d 51 m. Westerly.

From this Vulcan of Sapotittlan, to the Vulcan of Sacatepeque, is fix Leagues. This Vulcan is in form almost like to a Bee-hive.

112 Vulcan of Attitlan. R. of Anabaces.

An. 1704 hive. It is a very great Mountain, and throws out vast quantities of Fire: so that this is, and the other formerly has been accounted, the wonder of this part of the World. To the Eastward of the Eastermost of these two Vulcans, is a River of good fresh Water, called by the same Name, but hard to come at, because there runs so great a Sea; and besides, here is

no Port to go in with a Ship.

From the Vulcan of Sacatepeque, to the Vulcan of Attitlan, is seven Leagues. The Coast runs N. W. and S. E. This is a very large Mountain, commonly casting out Smoke. It lies in the Latitude of 13 d. 25 m. N. and we found variation off it 3 d. Westerly. A little to the S. E. of the said Vulcan, is a River of the same name; and upon the Banks of the River are said to be several pretty little Indian Towns; about which are several Gardens of several sorts of Fruits, with several Plantations of Maiz, and many Walks of Cocoas.

From this River of Attitlan, to the River of Anabaces, is four Leagues: Between which two Rivers the Land is not very high: And by the Sea-side are a great many Cocoa-nut-walks; but the Sea falls with such great force upon the Shore, that there is no landing with a Boat to get them.

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From the River of Anabaces to the An, 1704. fiery Vulcan of Guatimala, is eight Leagues, The Coast continues still to stretch away N. W. and S. E. This Vulcan of Guatimala commonly throws out Fire, but mostly in the rainy Season; which is from the latter end of April to the beginning of October. For the Rain then falling on it, makes it burn the fiercer. Behind this Vulcan is said to be the great City of Guatimala, which consists of 8500 Families, besides the Suburbs called St Domingo; in which may be about 350 Families more, besides innumerable of Mullattoes, Mostese and Indians. It is accounted, next to Lima and Mexico, to be the biggest and best traded City in all America. It is govern'd by a President; who in his own Territories, is as great as the Vice-Roys, (of Peru and Mexico,) and is not subordinate to either of Them, but only to the Council of Spain. The Natives of this place are very expert in Feather-work. They will make either Fish, Fowl, or Beast; Flowers, Trees, Herbs and Roots to admiration; nay, they will for a whole Day eat nothing, only to place one Feather in its due Perfection; turning and tossing the Feather to the light of the Sun, and then in the Shade, to see in which it looks best, and so accordingly place it. At this place groweth abundance of Cocoa. Beet.

An. 1704. Beef, Mutton and Veal, is here so cheap, that for a Ryal, which is feven pence halfpenny, one may buy 25 Pounds. This famous City has been twice destroy'd by two dreadful Mountains, which stand near it; the one being of Water, which drowned it; and the other of Fire, which formerly burnt it; but now the Spaniards have removed the City three leagues further off; where they now live without fear of the two Vulcans; although, as I faid before, that of Fire continually burns all the Winter, but without doing them damage, because the City is so far off. Off these two Vulcans we took a Bark of about eighty Tuns in her Ballast, nam'd the St John.

From the fiery Vulcan to the River of Ystapa, is eight leagues. In it is a small Village of Indians, who are most of them Slaves to the Spaniards of Guatimala. The Coast here runs N. W. and S. E. The River Ystapa bears with the Mountains of Guatimala N. W. and S. E. You may know where the River is, by this following Sign; In the middle, overagainst the highest part of the Trees, is the Bar; and it lies South East from the Mountains of Guatimala. Take them upon what Point of the Compass you please, they will always appear in a Triangle.

Port Sonsonata. City of Trinidad.

From the River of Mapa to the River An. 1704. of Monticalco de los esclavos or the River of Slaves, is thirteen leagues. This River is much pestered with North Winds. To know the River, you must observe there are on the Sea-Coast some little high Mounts; In the Bar there are no Trees, any further than half a league distance on each side. But all this Part of the Coast (except it be near the Bar) is full of Trees. Along the Sea-Coast from Guatimala to this place, is all good Anchor-ground, and fafe anchoring.

From the River Monticalco, to the Point of Remidias, alias Sonsonate, alias Trinidad, is thirteen leagues. The Point of Remidias is low Land; and there is a tract of Shoals that come above a league from it into the Sea; take heed of them. The best anchoring is in twelve fathom Water, right off the River, which is the See Fig. Port of Sonsonate. This Sonsonate is one XXIV. of the greatest places of Trade on the Coast of Mexico. It lies in the Latitude of 13 d. 20 m. North. This famous place leads to a Country as populous as any in America. At the Sea-side are said to be thirty Houses, most Ware-houses; And it is govern'd by a Teniente under the Governour of Trinidad.

From this Port to the City of Trinidad, is fix leagues. It is faid to have five Parish 1 2

116 Vulcan Isalco, and St Salvadore.

Parish Churches, with between four and five hundred Spanish Families. In each Parish are spacious Walks and Gardens of Pleasure, all very artificially made. Along the Coast is very high Land. When you are right off the Port of Sonsonate, you will have the Valley of Salvadore open, where stands a Church and a small Town called Guagamoco. The chief Commodity along this Coast, is Cocoa: There is some trading from Mexico to this place, and from Port Cavalles in the North Sea; but the most and greatest Trade they have, is from the two great Empires of Peru and Chili.

From Point Remidias to the Vulcan of Isalco, is three leagues. This Vulcan at certain times smoaks very much, and about it are great heaps of Ashes. You may know it by its being situated amongst a great many high Mountains, that are higher than it; and you may see them from the end of the Deserts of Balsamo. From this Vulcan begin the Mountains of Morcois. Although it has abundance of smoak issuing out of it, yet I never heard that it cast out any thing else.

From this Vulcan of Isalco to the Vulcan of St Salvadore, is five Leagues. The appearance of it is like unto a Turks Turbant. Between the two said Vulcans, close by the Sea-side, is the Barnadillo

which

V. Sacatelepa. R. Lempa. T. of St Mich. 117

which is a high steep Rock, on one side An. 1704 appearing like a Pyramid. And mid-way between the Barnadillo and the Vulcan of St Salvadore, is a fresh Water River, whose Banks are very well peopled with Indians.

From the Vulcan of St Salvadore to the great Vulcan of Sacatelepa, is fix leagues. This Vulcan stands near the Sea-side. In the Year 1643, it was said to burst out, throwing out Sulphur and Ashes, which stopt the ways, and spoiled several Fields of Corn.

From hence to the great River of Lempa, is one league. That River has a great many Sands at the Mouth; but they are visible; so that you may steer in amongst them, without any danger. It is one of the biggest (if not the biggest) on the West-side of the Empire of Mexico. also said by the Spaniards to be a priviledged River; so that a Man who hath committed Murther, or any other Crime worthy of Death or Imprisonment, if he can make his escape to the other side, he is free fo long as he liveth there; and no Justice or any Other on that side, can question or any way trouble him for the said Crime. At this River Lempa begins the pleasant Country of St Michaels.

The Town of St Michaels is a large Town, said to consist of eight hundred Spanish Families, and hath seven fair and

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very

An. 1704. very rich Churches in it, with several small Chapels: And behind a great Vulcan, called the Vulcan of St. Michaels, is a great Lagune, whose Borders are very well peopled, with a mixture of Spaniards, Mullattoes, Mostese and Indians. In a place here called the Red Creek, are faid to be built Ships of 800 Tuns. This Country is very plentiful of all Necessaries. The Earth brings forth Corn, Wine and Oil, almost without Man's help. At the Mouth of the River of St Michael (on the Banks of which the Town is fituated) you will at low water have two fathom. In going in. the Spaniards always keep the Vulcan due North: And then there is no danger. It was from this Vulcan that we took our departure, when we quitted these parts to proceed on our Voyage for India. Over the River of St Michaels, the Spaniards have built a wooden Bridge. The Coast still continues to run North East and South Weft.

Near to the Vulcan of St Michaels, is the Gulf of Amapalla. This Gulf is eight or nine leagues deep, and four wide. At its Mouth are two large Islands; the one called Amapalla, and the other Mangera; and within is the Island Conchagua; at which we wooded and watered our Bark at our going to India. There are a great many other Islands in the Gulf; but none of An eliteria at a live them

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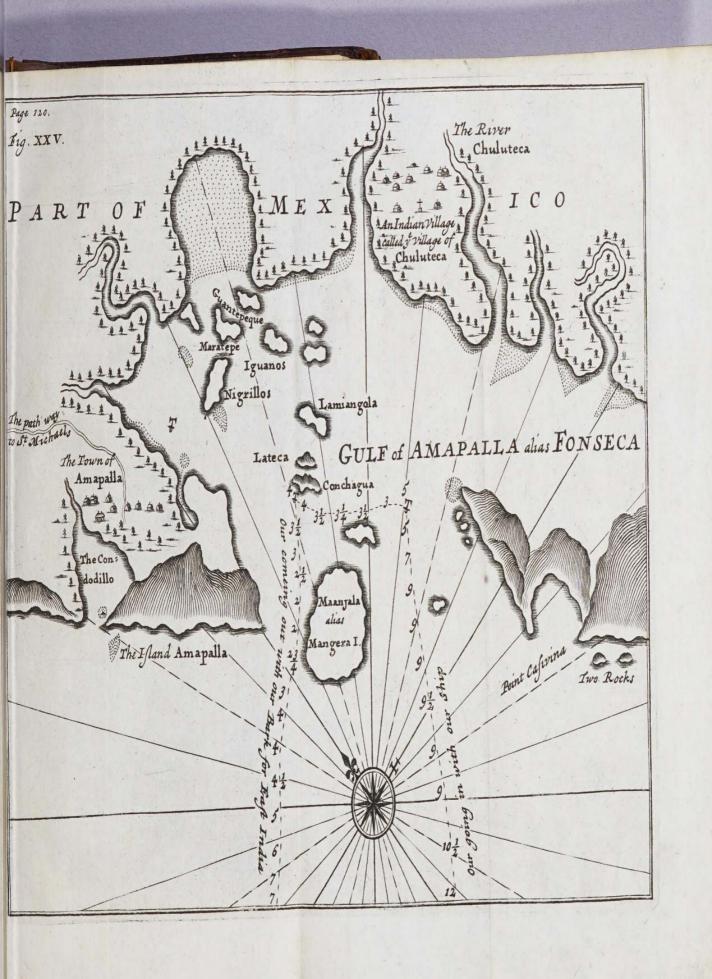
them inhabited, except Mangera and Ama- An. 1704: palla. Amapalla is the biggest, and on it is a small Indian Town or two of the fame Name. There are two entrances into this Gulf; the one between Point Castvina and the Island Mangera; and the other between the Island Mangera, and the Island of Amapalla: But that between Point Casivina and the Island Mangera, has the deepest Water; yet it is better going in at the other, because with the Sea-wind you can run in at once. The nearer you come to any of these Islands, you will find the Water the deeper; For the Gulf is mostly shallow Water; And we were forced to keep the Lead going. At our coming out in our Bark, between Amapalla and Mangera we had often not above two fathom Water. The chief Town of Amapalla is mightily increased of late. For in it there is now faid to be above a hundred Spanish Houses. It hath a great Traffick for its Cochineel, Cocoa, Hides, Indico, and all forts of Provisions. It is govern'd by a Teniente under the President of Guatimala. There is another Village at the bottom of the Gulf, called Chuluteca. In it are about thirty or forty Indian Houses, with not above two or three Spaniards amongst them. They live by selling Provisions, which they truck for other Commodities; But thefe

An. 1704 two or three Spaniards will not suffer the poor Indians to trade for themselves, saying, that Strangers will cheat them; and fail not to do it themselves, of three fourths of what they are entrusted with. Were it not for these unlawful shifts, the lazy Spaniards would not grow fo rich as they do. Here are a great many Sands. Rivers and Shoals in this Gulf; and the chief place of anchoring for the Spanish Ships, is on the N.E. side of the Island of Amapalla in nine, ten and eleven fathom: Fig. XXV Although we anchored at the Island Conchagua. The Island of Amapalla makes the West, as Point Casivina does the East point of the Gulf. The Point Cafivina is a high rocky Point, which at a distance looks like an Island. It lies in the Latitude of 12 d, 45 N. and I reckon Longitude from London West, 97 d. 30 m. found here 3 d. 26 m. westerly variation. The water we found to rife and fall nine Foot; and it is very full of Worms. this place we caught several forts of Fish: but the most remarkable was the Shovelnos'd-Shark, and a Fish by the Indians

> The Shovel-nos'd-Shark is in all respects the same as the common one; Only his Head is like a Colliers Shovel, and the two extreme parts (at the edge of which on each side are his Eyes) go a great deal

called a Ceaman.

broader





The Cewan. Messa de Roldon. 121

broader out than his Body. Besides, they An. 1704 have no Stones in their Heads, as the common Shark has. But they are both alike

ravenous.

The Ceawau was a Fish of about four Foot long. He had three Fins on his Back; viz. one small one at the hinderpart of his Head, a great one near the middle of his Back, and another small one towards his Tail. He had also two small ones underneath, near the Gills; and two small ones underneath, near the Tail; with two pretty large ones on each fide, near the Gills. He had a large Mouth, and Teeth. He was an extraordinary good Fish; and his Head, when boiled, was nothing but a pure good Jelly. He was full, of small Spots and Partings, as is express'd See Fig.

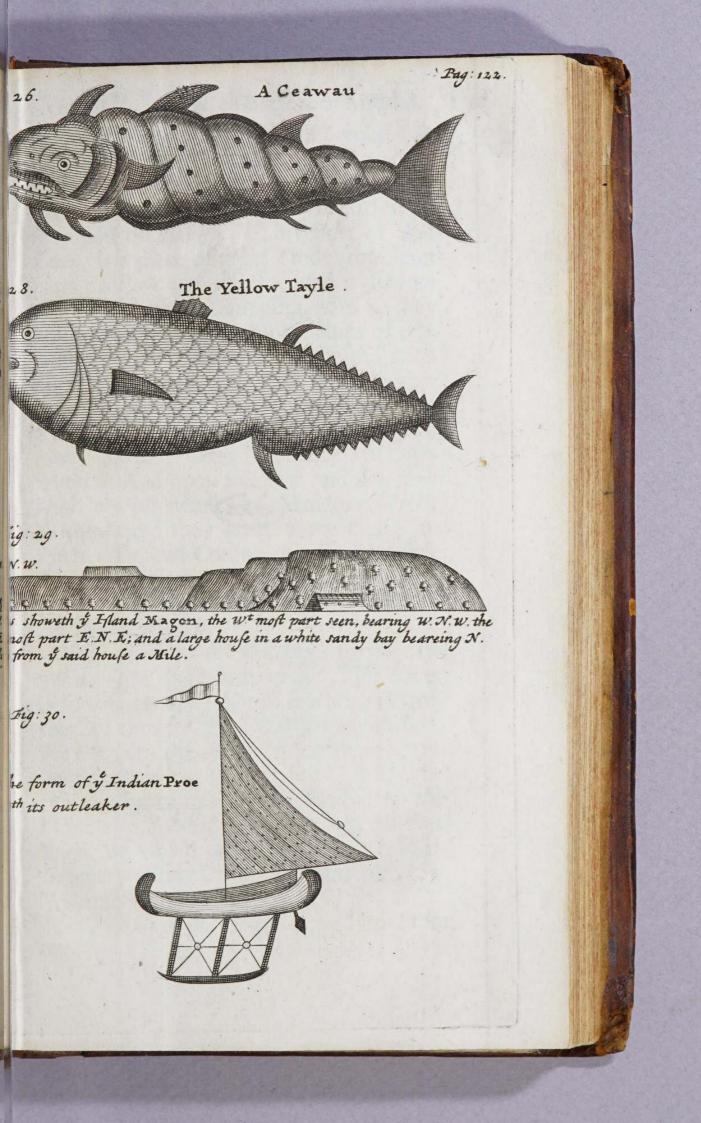
in the Figure. And the tip of his Fins and XXVI.

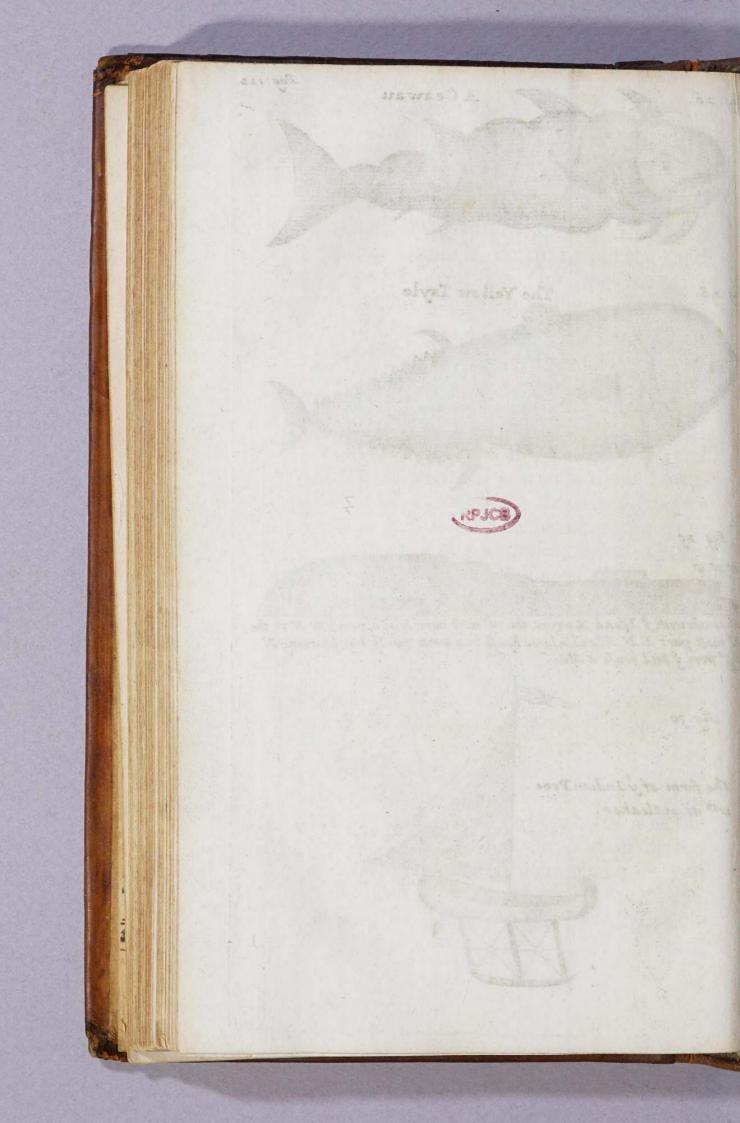
Tail was Yellow.

From the Point of Casivina to the Messa de Roldon, or the Hill of Roldon, is 5 leagues. It is a plainHill; and at the top is a Table; near which is the Port of Martin Lopez; a fine Port, but very seldom made use of, for want of Trade. It is a very noted place, having on the top of it a great many white Clifts.

From this Port to the South East, distance four leagues, is the Port of Ria Lexa, by some called Rio Leon. It is a good and safe Port from all Winds.

you would enter this Port, keep the largest of the two Islands on the Larboard side: This Island, which you must leave on the Larboard side, is all Savannah: And when you are within it, bear off from the Land on the Starboard side, (for from the Main come many dangerous Sholes;) Then fail directly to the Anchoring-place, which is right against a small River on the said Mand, and is three leagues before you come to the River. At the Anchoringplace, the Harbour is pretty broad; but from thence it turns away to the West, and grows narrower till you come to the Town, which is situated upon the River Lexa or Leon. It is said to consist of about eight hundred and fifty Families, being a mixture of Spaniards, Mullattoes, Mostese, and Indians. The Houses are said to be very well built, of Brick and Stone; and that it hath five or fix large Churches in it. As you come from Sea, the Mouth of this Port is hard to be feen; but look to the Vulcan of Vejo, and steer towards it; and you will fee a Point, and near it a Rock, which is as high as a Ship: Make towards that Rock, and you will see a rising, until you open the Mouth, whose entry is at the North West part, and the Vulcan in the Harbour lies East. When you are in, you will find it all low Land, except the Vulcan of Vejo, which is a very great and high Vul-





River de Tosta. Mountains Sutaba. 123

can, commonly throwing out Smoke. It An. 1704. is a very noted Mountain, and may be known a great many leagues off, there being none (that I have feen) like it on all the Coast of Mexico. This Port of Ria Lexa, is a place of great Trade from most parts of Peru and Mexico, and is seldom or never without Shipping. In it they build small Vessels, and some Ships of 250 Tuns. This famous Port lies in the Latitude of about 12 d. 40m. N. Longitude from London 97 d. 10 m. and we found variation 3 d. 58 m. westerly. The Islands are very low; fo that every Tide they are overflown: And upon this low and swampy Land are abundance of Mangrove-Trees. Within Land they make a great deal of Pitch, Tar and Cordage; of which they fend great quantities by shipping, and supply most of these Western parts of Mexico, Peru and Chili.

From the Port of Ria Lexa to the River de Tosta, is three leagues. This River is sometimes dry; but if it were not, yet the Sea runs so high, and falls with such force upon the Shore, that there is no

landing near it.

From hence to Messa de Sutaba, or the Mountains Sutaba, is six leagues, all high Land, on which falls a great Sea; It is also a very windy Coast, and runs N. W. b. W. and S. E. b. E.

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124 Vulcan Telica, and Leon Mamotombo.

An 1704. From the Mountains of Sutaba to the great Vulcan of Telica, is four leagues. This Vulcan is a great deal higher than all the Mountains near it, and it continually throws out many Stones, and Imokes very much. It is a very windy and hard Coast,

and no Port near it.

From the Vulcan of Telica to the Vulcan of Leon Mamotombo, is six leagues. Vulcan formerly burst out at the top with Fire, and was faid to do much hurt to all the Country for nine or ten Miles round; but it has ceased since, and suffers the Inhabitants to live in peace; altho' fometimes it will smoak; all the sulphurous Matter being not quite exhausted. The Spaniards tell a Story of a Spanish Friar, who thought to have discovered some Treasure within this Vulcan, which might enrich himself and all the Country; he being possest in his own Mind that the stuff which burned within this Mount, was Gold; whereupon he caused a great Iron-Kettle to be made, and hung it to an Iron-Chain, and let it down, thinking to draw up Gold enough to buy him a Bishoprick; but such was the power and great heat of the Fire within, that he had no sooner let it down, but both Kettle and Chain melted away, and fo frustrated the poor Friar of his hoped for Bishoprick, Beyond this Vulcan, more within Land is fituated

Mountain Martiare. Port St John.

Vulcan took its Name. The Spaniards say there are eleven Churches in it, and about a Thousand Houses well built, with many good Gardens and Orchards, in which are many fine Water-works in the shapes of Birds, Beasts and Fowls. The Inhabitants are said to be very rich, driving a great Trade both by the North and South Seas. It is ruled by a Governour, who is not subordinate to any but the Vice-roy of Mexico and the Council of Spain.

From this Vulcan of Leon to the Mountain of Martiare, is two leagues. This Mountain is very plain, and has a Table on the top. At the West end of it, is a fine small Cove, and at the bottom of the Cove a River of fresh Water; but here falls so great a Sea upon the shore, that

there is no landing.

Port of St John, is five leagues. In this Port they commonly build small Vessels; but here often runs so great a Sea, that no Boat can go ashore, unless by chance. This is a pretty good Port, and in it you are defended from the N. W. and other Northerly Winds. At the East point of this Port lie four small Islands, or rather Rocks, which make a good defence for the Port against S. E. Winds; and at the bottom of the Port, in the middle, is a River of fresh Water.

126 Point of St Catharine. Port Velas.

In. 1704: From hence to the Point of St Catharine, is fifteen leagues. And between them is the Gulf of Popogajo, an ill place to go ashore in, and worse to ride in, being very windy, but especially from April to the latter end of September, which is the time for the North Winds. From this Gulf you will fee within Land the great Vulcan of Granada; and near the Seaside stands the Vulcan of Bombacho; both casting out much smoak. They are two noted Vulcans; That of Granada, up in the Country, is in form of a Bee-Hive; the other of Bombacho, which stands near the Sea-side, hath three high Peeks on the top of it. In the middle of the Gulf, is a River of fresh Water; but the Sea falls with fo great force upon the Shore, that there is no landing near it: And in the middle of the Gulf, by the Sea-side, the Land is low; till you come to the great Mountain of Popogajo; which is a vast high Mountain, and is in form of a Sugarloaf. It is called Popogajo, from the abundance of Parrots that continually refort about it. This Mountain stands upon the Point of St Catharine, which is low Land; and off it lie two Rocks or small Mands.

From these Rocks or small Islands to the Port of Velas, is nine leagues. The Coast runs N. N. W. and S. S. E. About three

three leagues to the S. E. of the Point of An. 1704 St Catharine, are two Rocks more, which are of a whitish Colour: And from thence to the S. E. distance two leagues, is a River of fresh Water, called the River of Velas; but at the Mouth of it, are several Sands and Shoals. At this River to the South Eastward the Land begins to be mountainous. In the Port of Velas is the Vulcan of Zapanzas; and in the East part of the Port, near the Port, are many Sands stretching from the shore for a mile. At the bottom of the Port, which is at the S. E. end, is a good fresh Water River; at which you may water your Ship if occasion be: And right off the said River, is the anchoring place. To the West of the anchoring place, is a bluff Point stretching out into the Sea; and about this Point are a great many Shoals and Rocks, with foul Ground, which stretch near three leagues into the Sea. Come not near them, for they are very dangerous. These Rocks are called Velas, because at a distance they look like a Ship under Sail.

From these Rocks to the Mount of Hermozo, is seven leagues, S. S. E. This Hermozo is a high Hill, but higher at the
West than East end. It runs out butting
into the Sea, and from thence grows higher and higher within Land. At this
Mount

of Velas: And between these two places is a little high Island, which is two leagues from the shoar. Whether there be any sailing for a Ship between it and the

Main, I know not.

From the Mount of Hermozo to the Cape of Gajones, is eight Leagues. The Coast runs S. E. by E. and N. W. by W. all along mountainous and very bad and rocky, and no port for any Ship to anchor in. The Cape of Gajones, is a very noted Cape: It is not altogether so high as the Mount of Hermozo; but on the top it is very even and plain. It goes down on the West with a bending like a Saddle, which joins it to the Mount of Hermoso; and also on the East it bends down in like manner, and is joined to another Mountain, which Mountain is plain and even on the top, and in all respects looks like the Cape of Gajones; only the Cape of Gajones is something fuller of Trees; and to know them from each other, you must note that the Westermost of the faid two even Mountains, is the Cape.

From the Cape of Gajones, to Cape Blanco is twelve leagues. In the way are two dangerous Shoals; they lie distant from the Main about one league, and at low Water may be seen almost dry. Between the two aforesaid Capes is a small

Bay

Your An. 1704 Bay, called the Bay of Caldera. best anchoring is at the North-part of it, at which place you may fee the River of Sparca, distant about half a league; at which is faid to be excellent good wooding and watering; and upon the Banks of the River are fituated several small Indian Towns and Villages. Cape Blanco or White Cape, is the Westermost Point of the Gulf of Nicoya; as the Herradura is the East. The Cape lies in the Latitude of 10d. 20 m. North. To the N. W. of it, lie three small low Islands, distant from it about a league. The Cape is high Land, but higher within Land than near the Water-side. It is very full of tall Trees of several sorts; and at the pitch of the Cape is a small Island very full of Trees. The Land is of a whitish Colour, perhaps occasioned by the Dung of Fowls; of which there are a great many that refort thither, as they do to all the Islands in the Gulf. This Island at a distance looks as if it joined to the Cape; and it being of a whitish Colour, as I said before, gives name to the Cape. From this Cape Blanco Northward along the Coast of Mexico, until you come to the Gulf of Amapalla, many times for two or three days together, you will meet with hard Gales of Wind from the Land, which are called Popogajos: These Winds are very frequent in the Months K

An. 1704 Months of May, June, July, and August; which is the worst of the bad Weather

Monfoon, or Winter time here.

From Cape Blanco to the Herradura, isnine Leagues; between which is the Gulf of Nicoya. It is a place much used by the Spaniards. Captain Sharp in this place, in the River De la despenza, took some Spanish Carpenters, who were building a Ship, and brought them to the Island Chira, with all their Tools, on board of his own Ship; where they refitted her; and in the River Tempisque they took two Barks laden with Tallow. In this same Gulf, in the Year 1704, near the Island Saint Lucas, we took a Bark of about forty Tuns. She had on board some Wine, Brandy and Sugar, with five or fix Indian Carpenters and Caulkers, who came in a good time to help us to clean our Ship, and to refit her, if we had plank to do it with. At a heap of small Islands lying in the middle of the Gulf, called the Middle Islands, we hauled our Ship ashore, (as has been before related,) and cleaned her as well as we could. We found the Water here at Nepe-tides to rife and fall eight foot; at Spring-tides, more. We lay here about two Months; and refitted, wooded and watered our Ship. Near the Cape is a small Village of Indians; and before the Village are a great many Sands, Rocks





Rocks and Shoals; so that it is very diffi- An. 1704? cult landing near it; but not far of, are two good anchoring places. On the other fide of the Gulf, almost right against this Village, is the little Bay, called the Bay of Caldera; and right over the Bay, is a plain even Land, called the Table of Macotela; near to which are two or three poor Indian Fishermens Houses. All Ships bound for Nicoya anchor at the Island of See Fig. Chira; from whence the Town of Nicoya XXVII. is distant about ten Leagues; consisting of about feventy or eighty Houses, being a mixture of Spaniards and Indians. This is faid to be a pretty well compacted Town, and Head of a Spanish Government. It is governed by an Alcade or Mayor. From it come Fowls, Salt, Honey, and other Provisions, which they yearly fend to Panama in small Vessels. The Nicoyans are a People of a middle Stature, and tawny Complexion. Before the coming of the Spaniards, they had very good Laws among themselves; only they had no Law against a Man's killing his Father, Mother, or King: They, as I fuppose, thinking no Man would or could be so very wicked, as to murder either his own Parents, or the common Father of them all, whom they used to adore as a God. A Thief they judged not to die, but to be made a Slave to the Man he robs K 2

An. 1704. robs, till by his Service he has made Satisfaction. This Gulf is very much infested with Worms. To some of these Islands the Spaniards frequently come to fish for Pearl, of which they often make very profitable Voyages. Here are also vast numbers of extraordinary good Sea-turtle: And up most of the Rivers (of which here are a great many) are feveral good Plantain-walks, at which we got store of Plantains. In the Island of Chira, which lyes at the bottom of this Gulf of Nicoya, (and which, as I said before, is the common anchoring place for the Spanish Ships which trade to Nicoya,) is a small Village of Indians, of about thirteen or fourteen Houses, built of Palmeto Leaves. Here Captain Sharp formerly filled his Water in a Pond near the Sea-side: And here the poor Indians related to them the fad usage they met with from their cruel Masters the Spaniards, who make them work for them, because they have nothing to pay them tribute with. They have a small Chapel here; and here they used formerly to make a great many Earthen Jars; but now the Indians are most of them run away, to get free from their cruel Masters the Spaniards. In this Gulf are Sea-turtle, and Fish of several forts. Of Birds, here are the Pelican, the Carrion-crow, and the Maccaw Birds; of which

River Estrella. Island Caneo. 133
which I have already given a Descripti- An. 1704:
on.

From the Herradura which makes the East-point of this Gulf of Nicoya, to the River Estrella or Star-River, is eleven Leagues. The Coast runs N. W. by W. and S. E. by E; the Land fomething mountainous and steep. Near this River are the Sierras de los Coronados, or the Crowned Mountains. These are very noted Mountains, fo that there is none like them on all the Coast. They are five or fix Ridges of Mountains, each gradually furmounting the other; and those within the Land are highest. At the West end of these Mountains are four Rocks, called by the Spaniards Farallones de Queipo. You may sail between them and the Main, and there is deep Water enough. These Rocks are bare, having no Trees or Bushes on them.

From hence to the Island Caneo, is four Leagues. This Island is a League round, and indifferent high Land, well clothed with streight and tall Trees. It lies in the Latitude of 10 d. N. The anchoring place is on the N. E. side, in fourteen fathom Water, a quarter of a Mile off the shore; where you may wood and water. Upon this Island are said to be some few wild Hogs; but for what purpose they were first set ashore here, I know not:

An. 1704. For the Island is uninhabited. There are feveral small Islands and shoals, which lye about it towards the North and West; and to the N. E. by E. is Punta mala or bad Point; and within this Punta mala is a deep and fine Bay, wherein Sir Thomas Cavendijh formerly cleaned his Ship. The shore is full of Shoals; therefore keep a good League off it. Punta mala is low, and from it there stretch out several Sands and Shoals; and in the middle of the Sands is a small Island, which at a distance shows like a Ship under sail. It is an even Country, but very woody; and in the Woods are faid to be store of Deer. The Coast runs N. W. by W. and S. E. by E.

> From Punta mala to the Golfo Dulce or fweet Gulf, is nine Leagues; the Land pretty even and woody. Within this Gulf is a very good Harbour, and the Water is very smooth. This is accounted as good a Gulf to ride in, as the Gulf of Nicoya; and in it you are secure from all Winds; nay even from the Spaniards themselves; for the Sea-Coast is clear of them; but here are Indians, who are very friendly to the English. They are but few, and live here to shun the Spaniards. Yet they are obliged to pay half the Fish they catch, to the Fryar of a Town which is four Leagues up in the

Country. They have here store of Honey, An. 1704 Plantains, and Cassavy-root. Here are two Rivers at the bottom of this Gulf. where there is good wooding and watering; and here is good laying a Ship a ground to clean; for the Water rifes and and falls nine or ten Foot at Spring-tides. The Country is mountainous and very woody; and here are a great many Walks of Plantains and Coco-nuts; and in the Woods are store of wild Deer. At the West-entrance of this Gulf are two Rocks, from which to the Point of Burica is five Leagues. This is a low Point, running into the Sea. From the Southward it shows like two Islands. It is shoal a good way off; therefore with a great Ship keep a good League and half off shore. This Point is full of Coco-nut-trees. Right off it, distance about a League and half, is a Rock; and there is no going between it and the faid Point. To the Eastward of the Point of Burica, (which lyes in the Latitude of ogd. oom. N.) the Land makes a long and deep Bay, in which are a great many Islands, Rivers, Rocks, Shoals and Sands; but the most noted is the River of Chirique, which lyes in the middle and bottom of the Bay, and on the Banks of which is lituated a Spanish Town of the same Name with the River. In it are about fifty Houses, built of Brick, K 4 and

Puebla Noyo.

An. 1704; and covered with Palmeto-leaves. You may fee hence within the Land a Hill called Barn, at whose Foot is another small Town of about forty or fifty Houses. The Trade here is mostly for Muntego, (Butter,) Indigo, Pitch, Tarr, and Provisions of all forts; which is the common Trade of all this Coast. The River of Chirique is feldom without Shipping, which bring Trade to it from the City of Panama and other places in the Country. It is faid to be very well peopled with Spaniards, Mullattoes, Mostese and Indians. And in the Woods is faid to be plenty of Beeves, Deer, and wild Hogs. The most noted Island in this Bay, is the Island of Montuofa. This Island is round and high, and near it are two Rocks, called the Ladrones. They are distant from each other three quarters of a Mile. And at the South end of the Island is a Shoal of Sand, which runs a Mile into the Sea. Further in the Bay are several other Towns, Villages, Rivers and Islands: Particularly the Town of Puebla Nova or the New-town; (although now it is of an old standing;) which is three Leagues from the Sea-side up a River of the same Name; in which Ships are said to ride in four fathom VVater, not above half a Mile from the Town. WVithin the Mouth of this River, on the Lar-board fide going in, is a Rock called

led Silva, from the continual Noise it An. 170 ; makes in the Night like Musick. But here Captain Sawkins, formerly paid the Piper. For going ashore to take the Town of Puebla Nova, he was killed by an Ambuscade of the Spaniards; at which they are very dextrous, and had rather fight fo lurking amongst Trees and Bushes, than face their Enemy in open Field; unless they happen to be fifteen or twenty to one; and then they will face you bravely in the open Field. This Coast is famous for Pearl-fishing. For at most of these Islands are built Huts, on purpose for the Fishers, who are Indians, and are Servants to the Spaniards that live upon the Main. Not far from them the Main is woody and full of wild Deer, who are not easily scared. Also here are a great many Turtle, who are very large, fat and sweet. Here are also abundance of Fish, which are extraordinary good.

Not far from hence is the Island of Quibo. This Island lies in the Latitude of 7 d. 10 m. North. At it are a great many Turtle: The Island is pretty low, but stored with several sorts of Medicinal Herbs, called by the Spaniards, Herba Maria. The Island is all round sull of large and tall Trees 3 and upon it in several places is to be found very good Water. There is good anchoring at this Island in ten and twelve fathom

138 Island Quicara. Island Rancheria.

the Shore. At this Island they fell a great deal of Timber, with which they build small Vessels, accounted the best in these Parts.

Off the South-point of this Island, lyeth another Island called Quicara. It bears S. S. W. from Quibo, distance one league. Between these two Islands is a very good Channel, through which you may pass fecurely without any danger, and come to an anchor in Quicara Road, which lyeth in a Bay. On the N. E. part of this Bay is pretty deep Water; and in the middle of it cometh a River over-against a Rock, near to which Rock is twenty fathom Water. If you please to go ashore with your Boat to get Wood, Water and Coco-nuts, you must go between the Rock and the Point, which will defend you from the S.S. W. Winds.

On the North-part of the Island of Quibo, is the Island Rancheria, which is a small but very woody Island; and the Trees which grow on it, are said to be very good for Masts, which use the Spaniards often put them to. There are a great many Islands more hereabouts, with several good Ports and Rivers, that you may enter with a Ship of six hundred Tuns. The Bay is full of Islands, and no danger in any of them but what is visible. The

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Point Mariato. Island Leones. 139

Coast is all secure; only you will find An. 1704 great and uncertain Currents, occasioned by the many Bays, Islands and Rivers in it. And most of these Islands are very well clothed with tall Trees, and afford very good Water.

From Point Canales to Point Mariato, the Land makes another Bay; in which are also a great many Islands and Rivers, which have several of them large Sholes stretching from them into the Sea. Between these two Points is an Island, called the Govanadore. On it is faid to be good Wood and Water; and here are some Negroes, who are Slaves to the Spaniards that come hither to cut Timber, of which here is good store. This is a small round Island, and hath at its West Point a Shole of Sand, which runneth into the Sea about a Mile.

A little to the Northward of this Island. of Govanadore, and further into the Bay is another Mand, called the Leones; in which is good Wood and Water. It is a much larger Island than the Island of Govanadore, and has a Shole of Sand quite round the East-side of it. There is a Channel between these two Islands; but when you go through, take care that you keep the Lead going, and have a care of the East Point of Leones and the West Point of Govanadore. Here are a great many other Iflands,

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An. 1704 flands, Rivers and Rocks; but none of any note, till you come to the Point of Mariato; neither is there any, or but very

little, Trade here by shipping.

The Point of Mariato is high Land; and near it are the Mountains of Guarco, which are very high Mountains, and very woody; and amongst these Mountains is the Moro de Porcos, or the Mountain of Hogs. It is a high round Hill, as high as any of the Mountains of Guarco. There are great store of Hogs which run wild up and down these Mountains; from whence, I suppose, this Mount of Porcos took its Name.

From the Point of Mariato to the Point of Higuera, is eighteen leagues; the Coast running East and West; In all which distance it is clear and good Anchor-ground. Two leagues to the Westward of Point Higuera, is the Mount of Porcos; and right against it is a fine Bay; at the entrance of which, on the East-side, is a shole of Sand, and in the midst of the shole is a little Rock: Take heed how you come near it. On the other side, at the West Point of the said Bay, is a small Island; near which is the best Anchor-ground; And at the bottom of the Bay, is a River of fresh Water.

From the Point of Higuera to Puntamala, is fourteen leagues. The Coast runs

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W.S.W. and E. N.E. Between these Points An. 1704 are two Rocks called, the Two Friars: You may fail fafely between them and the Main Land, or in the Channel between them both, or without them both, according as you think fit. Here are feveral small Rivers of no great note or use; as the River Cascajales, the River Oria, and several others. Upon Punta-mala is a small Village of Indians and Spaniards, called the Village of Captain Luis del Gado. This Punta-mala is certainly very justly so named. Do not by any means come near it with your Ship; for it hath an innumerable company of Rocks and Sholes, that stretch out above a league into the Sea. Near this Point are kept a great many Farms of Beeves.

A little to the Northward of this bad Point, is the Island Guanoes; which has a very good anchoring-place on the North-East side, next the Main Land, in eighteen fathom water, in a fandy Bay, where you are defended from most VVinds. The Isand is not very high, and it is well clothed with many tall Trees; and on it is very good water. Right over against it, on the Main, are several sorts of Provisions to be had; as Beef, Pork, Bread, Flower, &c, if you are strong enough to take it. And if you have a mind to lay your Ship ashore to clean, the Island Gua-From noes is a good place.

An. 1704. From this Island to the Town of Nata, is fourteen Leagues; the Land pretty low by the Sea-side, with several Rivers; but the chief, next to that of Nata, is the River of Saints; on the Banks of which is fituated a Village of the same name, called by the Spaniards, Villa de los Santos. It is a small Village of not above eighteen or twenty Houses, mostly Indians. Why it is called the Village of Saints, I know not. About seven leagues from this Village of Saints, is the Town of Nata; between which two places are four or five small Rivers, and abundance of Sholes near the main Land. The Town of Nata is a large and well-compacted Town, fituated upon the Banks of a River of the fame Name. It has great trade with Panama, selling them Provisions, as Cows, Hogs, Fowls, Maiz, &c. Here are feveral other Towns of note: But though they are as great and populous as Nata, yet they have not any of them so many white Men; for the mixt Blood is so spread, that for one White, here are a hundred Blacks and Mullattoes, who are of a yellow colour, between black and white.

From Nata the Coast stretches in Mountains and Hills; and the water is so shole, that there is scarce any coming in for a Ship; but if there were, here is never a Port. Although it is high and mountainous in the Country, yet by the water-side An. 1704. the Land is not very high. Between the Town of Nata and the Point de Chaine, are several Rivers; and behind the Hills is a Valley, called Sapo; from whence they fetch Hogs and Fowls for the City of Panama, as they do from most places hereabouts. Along this Coast Ships ought to keep two or three Leagues off Shore, or else they will meet with broken Ground and funk Rocks: But the Coast has ma ny fresh-water Rivers full of several forts of very good Fish, which the Indians catch and fend feveral Leagues round; Fishing being an Employ peculiar to these Indians, though it rewards them but very slenderly, because they pay such great Customs out of it to the Spaniards.

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CHAP. VI.

A Particular Description of the Coast of Peru. The Bay of Panama. The City of Panama. Island of Perica. The Island Tabago. The Kings Islands. The Island Chepelio. Cheapo River and Town. The Island Planta. Cape St Lorenzo. The Gulf of St Michaels. Point Garachina. Port Pinas. Ports of Quemado and Santa Clara. Bay of St Antonio. The River of Sande. Cape Corrientes. Bay and River of Bonaventura. The Island Palmas. Gorgonia. Gallo. Tomaco River and Town. The Ancon of Sardinas. The River of St Jago. Bay of St Mattheo. The Bay of Tacames. The Point of Gallera. Cape St Francisco. The Rainy Season from California to Cape St Francisco; beyoud which, the Rains seldom extend to the Southward: And the Jame

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Same observed concerning the Worms. An. 1704 Apottete. The Rivers of Cogimes. Mountains and Village of Coaque. Cape Passao. The Bay of Caracas. Manta. A remarkable Observation of the Wind between Cape Passao and Cape Blanco. Cape St Lorenzo. The Island Plata. Salongo. The Rocks Ahoreados. The River and Island Colanche. Town and Point of St Hellena. Bay of Guiaquil. Point Chandy. The Islands St Clara and Puna. Guiaquil. Point Arena. The River Tumbes. Cape Blanco. Point Parina. An Observation of the Winds upon the Coasts of Peru and Chili. Port of Payta and the River Colan. Mountains of Motapa. The Islands, Lobos de Terra and Lobos de la Mar. The Ports of Chiripi and Pacasinayo. Malabrigo. Chicama. Truxillo. The Island of Saints. Port of Cosma. Of Vermejo. Mount of Mongon. Port of Guarmey.

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mey. The Port of Guara. Of Chancay. The Rocks Piscadores. The Islands Ormigas. Callau. Lima. Port of Chilca: Guarco. Chinca. Pisco. High Land, without Rain or Rivers. Several small Ports. Mount of Atico. Vulcan of Ariquipa. Port and River of Ylo. Arica. Bay of Majalones. Mount of Moreno.

T the Point de Chaine begins the great Bay of Panama; which is the greatest Sea-port, next Lima, of any on the West-side of this great Continent of America. It is said to have eight Parish Churches, thirty small Chappels, and to contain six Thousand and five Hundred Houses, most of them well built of Brick and Stone. It is very well fortified, and walled all round with Stone: The City is governed by a President under the Viceroy of Peru; it being part of his Territories. On the back-fide of the City, is a very pleasant and fruitful Country. The Land is not very high, but full of small Hills, and fine pleasant Valleys, in which there are feveral fine Gardens of several sorts of Fruit. This is a place of the greatest Trade of any in the South

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Seas, not excepting even Lima the Metro- 4n. 1704. polis. For this City has the conveniency of Trade both from the North and South Sea: From the North Sea, it receives all or most of the European Goods which are brought by the Spaniards to Portobel or Carthagena, or by any other Nation trading on the North-side: And these European Goods are from hence by shipping in the South Sea sent to Guiaquill, Truxillo, Lima, Arica, Coquimbo, Govanadore, Valpirizo and Valdivia, with feveral other noted places; from whence they return back richly laden with the Commodities of these Parts. But now the French having a trade amongst them, and supplying them with all European Necessaries, it hinders this City mightily; and the Spamiards, as far as we could hear, whilst we were in these Parts, had rather have their room than their Company. However the French at present make very great and profitable Voyages; and now that they find the sweet of it, they will be sure, if they can, to fettle a firm and lasting Trade here. For, as we have been affured by several Spanish Captains whom we took, they have made better than 5000 per Cent. of their Goods, one with another. This City stood formerly four Miles to the Eastward of the place where it now stands; But it being taken and kept a Month by L-2 Sir

Island Tabago.

An. 1704. Sir Henry Morgan, and by misfortune burnt three times since; they thought the place unlucky, and fo built it by the Seafide where it now stands. It is now much larger, stronger and better built, than it , was before. The Port of Perica is the Harbour for Panama; but distant from it three Miles. For the great ebbing and shoalness of the Water, will not fuffer any great Ship to come any nearer than the said Island of Perica, which is far out of Command of their Guns at Panama: Therefore shipping may easily be taken out. But although great Ships are forced to lie here, yet small Vessels run through a little Creek close up to the City.

between five and fix Leagues, and they bear nearly North and South from each other. This Island of Tabago, is in length one league, in breadth about half a league. The Island is high and mountainous, but highest at the South end. It is very well clothed with Trees of several sorts; and on it are several Walks of Plantains, Bonanoes, Coconuts, &c. which they send to sell at Panama. Upon this Island, on the North-side, is a small Village of thatcht Houses, inhabited by Negroes, who are slaves to the Gentlemen at Panama, and are kept here on purpose to look after their

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Walks of Fruit. Right against the said An. 1704? fmall Village is the common anchoring place, in which there is tolerable good anchoring in seventeen or eighteen fathom Water. There are two other small Islands just by it; They are both very well clothed wth Woods; and on them are some few Negroes, as there is upon most or all of these Islands in the Bay of Panama.

To the South East of these Islands is a great range of Islands, called the Kings Islands; they are most of them pretty low and pleafant Islands, and very well clothed with tall streight Trees of several forts. About them are a great many very good anchoring places; and upon most of them is good Wood, Water and Fruit. They are in all about forty in number. On the great Island called the Kings Island (which gives name to all the rest) the Spaniards build good Vessels, which are commonly counted pretty good Sailers. You must observe, that amongst these Islands you will hardly find much more or less than sixty fathom Water, unless you are very near them. Amongst these Istands the Water rises and falls ten foot perpendicular.

From Panama to the Island Chepelio, is eight Leagues. Upon this Island are some Mullattoes and Negroes, belonging to the

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150 Island Planta. Cape St Lorenzo.

Gentlemen of Panama. The Island is mostly planted with Rice, as are a great many of the Kings Islands, which are about ten Leagues distance from hence. Right against this Island, on the Main, is a large River called Cheapo; and seven Leagues up the said River, is a Town of the same Name, which is very plentiful of Provisions.

From Chepelio to the Island of Planta, is seven leagues. It lies a league from the Main, and the water about it is indifferently deep; but near the Main it is all along shole water, not above four Foot, though you be a league from the shore.

From hence to Cape Saint Lorenzo, is ten leagues. This Cape is low Land, full of Creeks; and near it, is shole water. At this Cape begins the Gulf of St Michael, in which are a great many Islands, Rivers and Sholes; although in some places the Water is deep and smooth, and good anchoring. It was up one of these Rivers that we went, defigning to take the Town of Santa Maria; but were frustrated of our intent : Yet we took an Indian Town. which we called Scuchadero. It was about three leagues within the Mouth of the River, and fituated on the South-fide of it. In it we found store of Dunghil-Fowls, Parrots, white and black Beans, Yams, Potatoes, Maiz, &c. It consisted of about

about the Town were great Walks of Fruit, as Plantains, Bonanoes, &c. There is another Town on the North-side of the River, called Scuchadero, which Captain Dampier mentions in his First Vol. p. 1953 But this we could not find, and so gave the other Town its name; and from thence returned on board our Ships again, which we left lying at Point Garachina, which Point I make to lie in the Latitude of 7 d. 20 m. North. The Tide runs here five Knots and a half per hour. It rises and falls three Fathom; and ebbs and flows N. E. and S. W.

From Point Garachina to Port Pinas, is feven leagues, North and South. The Port of Pinas has two small Islands at the Mouth of it; But, if you please, you may sail close by them; for there is no danger; neither is there less than twelve or fourteen Fathom water. At this place is good wooding and watering. The Land is high and very woody, and goes up hollow in the middle. It is very full of Pine-Trees, and thence called Port Pinas. fome part of this Port, is good anchoring; and in the Port are three Rivers of fresh water; and the Banks of the Rivers are full of tall streight Trees. The Port lies in the Latitude of 7 d. North. Longitude from London West, 82 d. com. And a littla

152 Port Quemado. Port Santa Clara.

21. 1704 little to the Southward of this Port are five or fix small Rocks.

From Port Pinas to Port Quemado, is twenty-five Leagues. At its Mouth are several Rocks and Illands; and along this Coast, are several good Harbours. The Land here, is not so high as at Port Pinas; but in many places here are very pleasant Walks of Coco-nuts. The Coast is very deep and dangerous in Winter-time. At the bottom of Port Quemado, are two Rivers of fresh water; and at the entrance of the Port, both on the North and South side, are several small Islands, or rather Rocks: Keep mid-way between both Points, and you may go in very securely. But this is no very secure Port, and seldom or ever made use of.

A little to the Southward of this Port of Quemado, is the Port of Santa Clara. Off this Port lie four Rocks; and in the middle of it is a small River. It is but a bad Port, lying open to the South West and other Southerly Winds, which in the Winter time blow very hard here. This Port lies in the Latitude of six Degrees North.

Antonio, is five leagues, all very low Land, which in the rainy time is covered with water; only the tops of the Trees to be feen. Along the shore are a great many small Islands, Rocks and Sholes; There-

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fore, be sure, keep without them; for they An. 1794. are very dangerous. In the little Bay of St Antonio, is a small Village, now possest by Indians, but formerly built by some Franciscan Fryars who were put ashore here by the Spaniards to convert the Indians; but it being a bad place, often overflown with water, and the Indians being very poor, the Friars quitted the Village; of which the Indians have now possession. It is but bad going into this Bay, by reafon of a great shole of Sand, which runs a great way into the Sea from its North-Point; And when you are in, you lie open to the South, the South West, and o. ther westerly Winds.

From this Bay to the River Sande, is fix leagues; Between which the Land rifes in fix Mounts, not very high, but at a distance they look like fix Islands. They are called the Anegadas, and stretch from the Bay of St Antonio to the River of Sande. This River of Sande is a great River; and upon the Banks it is well inhabited by Indians, who are not under the Spanish Government. They are very poor; and their Poverty protects them from the Spaniards; who, if there was any thing to be got, would be fure to croud in amongst them. The Coast all along here is deep, and you may fail close to the shore in 10 and 12 fathom water, clean owfie Ground.

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From the River Sande to Cape Corrientes, is twelve leagues. Cape Corrientes is very high Land; and when you are at Sea, it looks like an Island. On the top it hath three Hillocks. It is in the Latitude of 5 d. North. And at the Point of it, lies a small Rock. It is a clear and good

Coast, but often subject to Rains.

From hence the Land runs into a great Bay, called the Bay of Bonaventura; in which are a great many Rivers, Islands and Sholes. From Cape Corrientes to the great River of Bonaventura, is twentythree leagues. In the mid-way is the Island Palmas, which is a small woody Island, and hath a Sand on the South East side, stretching from one end of the Island to the other. Whether there be any Springs of fresh water on it, I know not; but very probably, if any one stood in great need of water, he might find some here; For the Rains fall very plentifully here; So that in the Valleys and Holes there can hardly be any want of Water. This Island lies in the Latitude of 4 d. 15 m. N. and we reckoned Longitude from London W. to be 77 d. 10 m.

From the River of Bonaventura to the Island Gorgonia, is twenty-five leagues, S. W. Between which are a great many small Rivers, at whose Heads the Spaniards wait for Gold, which washes down from

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the great high Mountains near them. The An. 1704 Island Gorgonia, is in the Latitude of 3 d. North. The Island is pretty high, and very remarkable for its two Saddles, or risings and fallings on its top. It is a very woody Island, producing tall and large Trees; and on it are several Springs of very good water. The anchoring-place is at the West-end of the Island in a sandy Bay, but the water is pretty deep. It is about 6 Miles in length, and 4 in breadth: And at both the East and West ends, is a fmall Island, which looks white, occasioned by the Dung of several forts of Sea-Fowls, which refort about them. the East end, is called Flaminio; and the other at the West end, near the anchoringplace, is called the Isletta. The Coast near the Water-side, on the Main, is low Land, (although very high within the Country:) and here are some Rivers, that are shole for two leagues into the Sea. Therefore keep off Shore; For if it be flowing water, the Currents will heave you ashore.

From the Island Gorgonia to the Island Gallo, is twenty-five Leagues. This Island lies in a deep Ensenada, or Bay. Off the Island you will find not above four or five Fathom water; but at Segnetta, which is on the N. E. side, you may ride safe in deep Water, and free from any danger. This

An. 1704. This Island is pretty high, and well provided with good Wood, and several Springs of very good fresh water. Here are also several brave fandy Bays, at which one may clean a Ship; as we did ours. The water is pretty shole almost all round the Island; and at both the North and South Point are several Rocks, some of which look like a Barn, others like Ships under fail. It lies in the Latitude of 2 d. 45 m. N. and Longitude West from London 76 d. 38 m. and we found variation 4 d. VVesterly.

To the North East, on the main Land, distant three leagues, is a large River, called the River of Tomaco; and about a league and a half within the River, is a Town of the same Name. This is a small Indian Town, the Inhabitants of which commonly supply small Vessels with Provisions, when they happen to come in here, as they often do, for refreshment. At this River begins a great Wood of Trees, which extends ten or twelve Leagues to the Southward. If you stand in need, this VVood may be very ufeful to you in making Masts or otherways. All along this Coast are many Rivers, at whose Heads both the Spaniards and Indians wait for Gold, which washes down from the Mountains. This is a very rainy place, but especially from April to October, which is the VVinter-time here:

At which time, from hence all Northward An. 1704 along the Coast of Mexico, you have continual Thunder, Lightning and Rain, with many hard Tornadoes. Your Land-marks here are, that the Land is higher than the Coast of Gorgonia, and is very full of Hills and Trees; And particularly it has One

very high Mount.

From the Island Gallo to Point Manglares, is twelve Leagues. The Coast runs N. N. E. and S. S. W. And between them is a little Island, or rather Rock, called Gorgonilla. From the Point of Manglares are feveral Rocks and Shoals, which stretch out two Leagues into the Sea: Otherwise all the Coast is clear and deep, and good Anchor-ground. Whilft we were here, we found a strong Current setting to the North, but whether it be always fo, I know not. From this Point begins a deep Bay called the Ancon of Sardinas. It is about ten Leagues over; and in the Bay are a great many Sands; and it is shoal a great way off; so that it is ill venturing in with your Ship. Close by the Sea-side it is all low Land, full of fmall Rivers, whose Banks are very wellpeopled with Indians. The Water of these Rivers is very white, and both fmells and tastes very strong of Musk, occassoned by the many Alligators which are in them. At the South end of this Bay begins

158 River of St Jago. Bay of St Matheo.

Am. 1704 gins the high Land; and the Coast stretches away to the W. S. W. till you come

to the Cape of St Francisco.

From the Ancon of Sardinas to the River of St Jago, is fix Leagues. All along the shore is full of white Clifts; and near the Land the Water is shole. This River of St Jago, is a very great River; yet Ships enter but very seldom, though the Spaniards have a small Village 3 Leagues up, and the Banks of it are all along well inhabited by Indians, who have several Plantations of Maiz, with Walks of Fruits, and Pens for Cattle, to wit, Beeves and Hogs; of which here is good store. At the Mouth of the River they say is four fathom Water: If you would enter, keep nearest to the South East side; and when you are over the Bar, there is very deep Water; It is a Mile broad, and the highest Land on all the Coast, except St Matheo, which is seven Leages from it. This River lies in the Latit. of 1d. 15 m. North; Longitude from London West 76 d. 20 m.

From this River to the Bay of St Matheo, is seven Leagues. This Bay is very high Land, and has a great many shoals running from it two Leagues into the Sea; and for three or four Leagues the Water is shole, not above four, sive, or six fathom. Both to the Northward and South-

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ward by the Sea-side, the Land is all An. 1704. white Cliffs. The Bay lies just in the middle of them. In the bottom of the Bay are two Rivers of fresh, but Alligator-water, that is to say, white musky Water. On each side of the Mouth of these Rivers, are shoals of Sand; and near the Rivers Mouths are very pleasant Rows of sine green Trees; which is the mark to know the Rivers by: For the Mouths of them are so narrow, that at a distance you cannot perceive them.

From this Bay of St Matheo to the Bay of Tacames, is seven Leagues. This Tacames is lower Land than the Bay of St Matheo; and at its entrance, between two Sholes, is a small Island. You may anchor in any part of the Port, to windward; and the nearer shore, the better anchorage and the deeper Water. Here you may wood and water. In this Port were taken by Don Beltram a Spaniard, a few stragling English Men: He came hither unawares, and took them as they were wooding and watering a small Vesfel. Off the two Points of this Bay, run two dangerous sholes right off from the shore, for near a League and half; but between them both is pretty deep Water; and the Southermost of the said two sholes stretches away along shore for 3 Leagues, to the Point of Gallera. The Coast here

160 Point Gallera. Cape St Francisco.
An. 1704 runs E. N. E. and W. S. W. to Cape St

Francisco.

The Point of Gallera is a low Point; and off it lie many Rocks and Sholes. You may know the Point by this, that there are two white Cliffs upon it, near the Water-side.

From Point Gallera to Cape St Francisco, is two Leagues. It is a high Cape, but far higher within Land than near the Water-side. VVhen you are North or South from it, it looks like three Capes. It is a woody mountainous Land, and has several white Cliffs. This Cape is famous for the rich Prize, named the Cacafogo, taken just off it by Sir Francis Drake: in which was said to be eighty Pound-weight of refined Gold, twenty-fix Tuns of Silver, with a confiderable quantity of Jewels. VVe took off this Cape two Spanish Ships; one of 120 Tuns, laden with VVine, Brandy, Sugar, Marmalett, Flower, &c. the other about fixty Tuns, laden with Pitch, Tar and Cordage. This Cape St Francisco, lies in the Latitude of I d, North, and Longitude from London West, 81 d. 50 m. and we found here 3 d. 57 m. westerly variation.

Note, That from this Cape of St Francisco, to the South-part of the Great Island of California in the Latitude of 23 d. 30 m. from April to November, is the dirty

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rainy Season, with hard storms of Wind, An. 1704. and prodigious Flashes of Lightning, and terrible Claps of Thunder; which are at the worst in June, July and August. Also between the aforesaid places, all the Coast is full of Worms; and therefore very inconvenient for a fingle Ship, as we were. But to the Southward of this Cape, the Spaniards constantly affirm there are no Worms: For those Ships which trade only on the Coast of Peru and Chili, and never go to Northward of this Cape, are never Worm-eaten. This Cape is, as I may fay, the bounds of the rainy and bad Weather; it seldom reaching to the Southward of it, unless by chance, perhaps not one Year in twenty. I have once heard that the Rains came up as high as Paita, which lies in the Latitude of 5 d. 15 m. S. and is 6 d. 15 m. to the Southward of this Cape of St Francisco: But this was but by chance; and I neverheard from the Spaniards, that ever it went so high up, excepting that one time, in any of their Memories.

This Cape of St Francisco hath, at the pitch of it, a small Rock. The Coast here, runs away more to the South Eastward. About three Leagues distance from the Cape is a small Port, called Apostete in near which, is a round Hill, behind which is good Wood and Water; and near it, is

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Clifts; and at the Head of it, is good Anchor-ground. Sometimes, though seldom, here springs a fresh Gale of Wind from the shore, which may drive you from your

Anchors if you be not careful.

From Appottete to the first River of Cogimes, is three Leagues. There are three Rivers of this Name, and they lie close one by the other. They are all full of sholes in most places, stretching a League and more from the shore into the Sea: Wherefore if you be two Leagues from the shore, you will do well to keep sounding. But to windward of the said three Rivers, you may come nearer the Land: Yet it is all along not very deep to Coaque.

A little to the Southward of the Southermost of these three Rivers, is a small and barren Island, right against which are the Mountains of Coaque: These are very high Mountains, covered with large and tall Trees; at the soot of which is a small Village of Spaniards and Indians, called by the Name of St John's Village; and near the Village is the River of Coaque, which runs a great way up into the

Country.

From the River of Coaque to Cape Passao, is twelve Leagues. Between which two places is the River of Sama, and the Bay

Bay of Baciabo. The River of Sama has An. 1704; a Rock and Shoal of Sand just at its entrance; and when you are about a Mile further, it divides into two Branches; the one running to the N. E. and the other to the S. E. but how far either of them runs up, I know not. The Bay of Baciabo (which is about a Mile to the Southward of the River of Sama,) is a pretty deep Bay: At the bottom of it are a great many white Clifts, which are supposed to lie directly under the Equator. The Bay is rocky all round; and at each of its Points are some very dangerous. Sands, which stretch four or five Miles off to the Sea. From hence to the Cape Paf-Sao, is about five Leagues: In all which way are many small Points and Bays 5. most of which are very well clothed with feveral forts of Trees, tall and streight, and of various Shapes and Colours. the Land is of an indifferent height. Cape Passao is a high round Cape, with but few Trees on it. It lies in the Latit. of ood. 08 m. South, Longitude from London West 82 d. 40 m. and we found variation here 3 d. 33 m. Westerly. At the Pitch of the Cape are two Rocks, both of them visible above Water; and within the Cape the Land is pretty high and mountainous, and very woody. If you want to anchor near the Cape, you must 50 NF 2

Bay of Caracas.

An. 1704. go to the S. W. over against a small Town, where you may ride securely from the South Winds, in eight fathom Water. Observe that you come not too near the Cape; for it has some rocky Ground that lies near it. The Cape, as I said before, is full of round Hills; and in the Northpart of it, is a fort of Water, which we call half-wholesome, because it is brackish and tastes as if fresh Water and Salt were mixed together. This Water issues from a Rock, which lies a Stones-cast from the WVater-side, to the left Hand of the land-

ing place.

A little to the Southward of the faid Cape, is a small River; from which to the Bay of Caracas, is three Leagues. This is a pretty deep Bay, and at the bottom of the Bay is a River, called the River of Charapoto, which is said to run a great way up in the Country. In the middle of the Bay, is the common anchoring place; and on the South-side, right-against the said anchoring place, is a small Village called the Village of Charapoto. not above eight or nine Houses, mostly built of Palmeto-leaves, and inhabited by Indian Fishermen, who have little or no other Food but Fish. These People are very poor, and the Spaniards have little or no converse with them for that reason. In the middle, at the entrance

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Port of Manta.

of the Bay, is a small Island of an indiffe-4n. 1704: rent height, very well-clothed with Trees; and from the North-point of this Island to the North point of the Bay, runneth a shole clear over, so that there is no going over with a Ship: But on the South-side of the Island, between it and the Main, you may safely venture; for there is no danger. The Coast here runs N. E. and S. VV.

From the Bay of Caracas to the Port of Manta, is seven Leagues; and they bear from each other N. E. and S. VV. Between them are several Points, stretching out into the Sea; and between thefe Points are several fandy Bays. The Land is of an indifferent height, and very full of Trees. Right off the Port of Manta, almost in the middle, just at the entrance, is a Rock or small Island, which but just This Port of appears above VVater. Manta is a small Port; but in it you are defended from the South VVest and other Southerly VVinds, which are the common VVinds upon this Coast. For from Cape Passao in the Latitude of cod. 08 m. South, to and beyond Cape Blanco in the Latitude of 3 d. 45 m. South, there is seldom or never any Land-wind. VVhich is very observable; because it is so contrary to all the rest of the Coast. For upon all the rest of the Coast, you have common Land

An. 1704. Land and Sea-winds, each as duly succeeding the other, as the Night the Day; the Land-winds being commonly right off the shore, and the Sea-winds from the South, blowing within a Point or two along the shore. In the Port of Manta is a small Indian Village, faid to be formerly a Habitation of the Spaniards; in which they built a Church, that is still standing. The best anchoring is over-against it; where you may anchor in seven or eight fathom Water, good fast Ground. The Land hereabouts is very barren, producing only a few shrubby Trees, and some small Bush-The Spaniards, who had formerly possession of this place, live now seven Leagues within Land; where they have built them a large Town, called by the fame Name. The other Land marks of this place are, that on the North-part the Land is of an indifferent height, and Monte Christo looks like a Sugar-loaf; from whence you will fee the Land run plain to the top of the Cape of St Lorenzo, and is of an indifferent height: Also a little to the Westward of the said Port. is a shole of Quick-sand, which lies under Water, and the Sea never breaks upon it. Many a good Ship has been cast away upon it.

Two leagues to the Southward of this Port, is a little Rock, pretty high above

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the Water; from which Rock to the Cape An. 1704 of St Lorenzo, is three leagues. Half a league before you come to the Cape, is a good anchoring place; where, if you want fresh water, you may supply your self. All the Coast is deep and clear; and you may ride in any part of the Cape of Saint Lo-The Cape is highest near the water side. On it are only a few Trees and Bushes. Right against it are two Rocks, which look like two Friars, and are so called. The one is high and slender, and the other looks very bluff. When you are off at Sea, the Cape, bearing North, and distant about four or five leagues, shows plain above; and you may fee the top of a Steeple of a Church or Chapel. This Cape I make to lie in the Latitude of ord. South. Longitude from London West 82 d. 15 m. and we found variation 3 d. 09 m. Westerly. A little Southward of the Cape. lies a shole of Sand, which stretches out to Sea from the Main about a league, and is in breadth about half a league.

From Cape St Lorenzo to the Island Plata, is five leagues; and they bear from each other E. N. E. and W. S. VV. This Island is so called from the great quantity of Plate which was shared here by Sir Francis Drake and his Company. in the Latitude of or d. 10 m. South. is in length about a league, and in breadth

168 Island Salongo. Bay of Picoya.

An. 1704 about half a league. It is of an indifferent height, but highest at the East end. There are upon it some few small Trees, but not fit for any use. There are several Rocks and Sholes at both Points of the Island, which stretch out into the Sea near a mile: and the Sea often breaks upon them: And at the South East end are three small and steep Rocks. It is deep water all round, except at the two aforefaid Points; and the anchoring place is on the East side, in a fandy Bay, where is good anchor ground and smooth water; For in it you are defended from the Southerly VVinds, which are common VVinds off this Coast. VVhether there be any water upon the Island. I know not; but at some certain times of the Year, here are faid to be plenty of Sea-

From the Island Plate to the Island Salongo, is six leagues. This Island is higher Land than the Island Plate. It hath two small Rocks, which are pretty high; the one at the South, the other at the North end of it. At this Island is a pretry good place to ride in, on the East side, next to the Main Land; and there is a parcel of white broken Ground a little to the Southward of the anchoring place.

Turtle.

Right against this Island, on the main Land, is the Bay of Picoya; at the North side of which is a small anchoring-place; and

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and on both sides of the Bay are sholes of An. 1704. Sand; but in the middle the water is deep enough: Therefore it is best keeping an equal distance between both Shores; and with that precaution, One may venture in with safety. In going in, you will pass by three small Rocks. Come not too near them, for they are shole half a mile round. At the bottom of the Bay is the River Picoya, about three leagues up which, live Indian People, who supply the Spaniards with many Necessaries.

To the South-Eastward of this River and Bay of Picoya, distant about two leagues, are two small Rocks, called Aboreados or the Hang'd-men. Because Machiaco the Tyrant, an Indian King, in a Battle he had with the Spaniards, took two of them Prisoners, which he caused to be hanged, one upon each of these

From these 2 Rocks, a little to the Southward, is the River of Colanche. It is a fresh-water River; and in it is said to be four or five fathom water, good Anchorground. The Inhabitants, who are Indians, carry water to the Town of St Hellena, wherewith they supply that Town. Right against the River, but a good distance from it, is the Island Colanche. This Island is said to be extraordinarily healthy; and on it are some sew Indian Inhabitants,

here being pretty good store of Fish, with which they partly supply the Town of St Hellena just by. All round the Island is ten fathom water, close to the shore; so that you may go from one part to another,

very securely.

From the River Colanche to the Town of St Hellena, is four leagues. This is a small Town, consisting of Spaniards and Indians: They have commonly in it some store of Provisions, as Biscuit, Pease, Flower, Corn, dryed Fish, salted Beef, Pork, and other Necessaries, with which they fupply such Ships as arrive here. The best anchoring is in about seven or eight fathom water, a little to the South West of the Town. The Land is here very low and barren, having no Trees; and fo stretches away to the Point of St Hellena. This Point is high Land, and very even at the top. It lies in the Latitude of about 2 d. 20 m. South. At a distance it appears like an Island, because the Land about it is low; and it bulges out into the Sea, directly to the West. Over-against the Point, on the North-side, there is a Bay, and if you fall in there in the Night, keep your Lead going, and mind your Depth, till you can either get out, or with conveniency come to an anchor.

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The Point St Hellena makes the North An. 1704
point of the Bay of Guiaquill, as Cape
Blanco does the South. It is a great Bay,
in which are some Islands, many Rivers,
and abundance of Sholes.

From Point St Hellena to the Point of Chandy, is about five leagues. Off this Point lye several dangerous Sholes; therefore great care must be taken of coming

near it.

From the Point of Chandy to the Island St Clara, is seven Leagues, North and South. Between which two places are a great many dangerous Sholes; and there is no going between the Island St Clara and the Island of Puna. For all along on the East-side of the Island St Clara, and on the West side of the Island Puna, are a great many Sholes, which stretch from one Island to the other. The Island St Clara, which is the first Island at going into this Bay, is an indifferent high Island, pretty well clothed with small Trees. It resembles a Corps in a Shroud; the East end representing the Head, and the West the Feet.

Between this Island and Cape Blanco, which is about twenty four or twenty five Leagues distant, is the Channel for Ships; who keep to the Southward of the Island, and a good distance from the Point of Puna, and steer away East, till they have past

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Channel, going in, from thirty to twenty fathom Water; and when they are come up with the S. E. Point of the Island Puna, then the River turns away to the North, and grows narrower and narrower, to the Town of Guiaquill; and the Land allalong by the sides of it, is low swampy Land, over grown with small Mangrove-Trees.

The Town of Guiaquil is a large Town, faid to contain near five thousand Inhabitants. In it are several fine Churches and other good Buildings. It is situated on the lower part of a declining Hill, so that the Houses near the Water side are often overflown. It is pretty well fortissed, having two Forts, one standing upon the Hill, and the other in a Vally near the South end of the Town. It is the third greatest place of Trade on the Coast of Peru.

From the Town of Guiaquil to the Island Puna, is seven Leagues. This is a low Island, in many places overslown. It is about thirteen Leagues long, and sive broad. At the Point of Arena is the common anchoring place for Ships, till they get a Pilot to carry them close up to the Town of Guiaquil. This Point Arena is a very low Point, from whence to Cape Blanco is twenty eight Leagues. All along upon

sholes, which stretch from the Main into the Sea above two Leagues; and the great Rivers that run out from the Land, augment them. Here is all along a great row or Wood of Trees, and amongst the Trees is the River of Tumbes; upon the Banks of which are fed store of Cattle. It is a passage for Travellers, there being a great Road from it, to several In-land Towns and Villages.

From the River Tumbes to Mancora, is fourteen leagues, a clear Coast; and from thence to Cape Blanco, four leagues. This Cape is high Land; and from it blow such boisterous Winds, that it is a common Proverb with the Spaniards, that the Stoutest Man of War must strike to Cape Blanco. Yet here is never any great Sea. This Cape I make to lye in the Latitude of 3 d. 45 m. S. Longitude from London West, 81 d. 50 m; and we found Variation 2 d. 52 m.

Westerly.

From Cape Blanco to Point Parina, is feven Leagues. In the Mid-way is a small Bay and Port, called Malaca. It is very feldom made use of; and at its South Point is a great Shole, which runs out to the N. W. into the Sea above a Mile: Therefore in going in, it is best to keep nearest the North shore, to avoid this Shole. Between this Shole and the Point of Parina,

And excepting the Shole near the Point of Malaca, all is deep and clear; so that you may ride where you please; only you must mind that your Ground-tackling be good, because of the hard Gusts of Wind which often blow here. The Point of Parina is low Land towards the Sea side, and at a distance it appears like two Islands, one of which looks round, and the other cragged, as if it was cut in Pieces; and to Leeward of the Point, is a fine little Bay.

Upon the Coast of Chili and Peru, from the Island La Moncha in the Latitude of 38 d. 30 m. S. to the Point of Garachina in the Latitude of 7 d. 20. N. the Wind is always Southerly, two Points upon the shore. Thus when the Coast runs North and South, the Wind will be at S. S. W. When the Coast runs S. S. E. the Wind will be at South, &c. Except it be in the Night; and then the Sea-wind commonly ceases, and there comes a fine and moderate Gaie from the Land.

From the Point of Parina to the Port of Paita, is seven leagues: Between which two places is the River of Colan. At the Mouth of this River are two Sands, one on each side, stretching about a Mile towards the Sca; and in the middle of these two Sholes is the Channel, which is pretty

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deep. Up this River are many Indian An. 1704 Towns and Villages. The Country hereabout is very mountainous and barren; but the Valleys are said to be very Fruitful, as they are all along to the Southward upon this Coast. The highest Mountains here, are the Mountains of Motapa, which are also barren, and have many Pieces of broken ground on them; but at the top in two or three places the Land is pretty even, and looks like Tables. In this Bay you have the Land and Sea-winds constant. The Sea-wind is commonly at South and S. by W. which begins about nine in the morning, and holds commonly till nine or ten at Night; then this Wind dyes away, and about half an hour, or an hour after, the Land-wind springs up, which is commonly at East right off the Land, and continues a fine fresh Gale till about eight in the morning; Then it falls calm, and foon after fprings up the Sea-wind, as before. Up the River of Colan, is a Town of the The Indians of this Town fame Name. come down commonly with the Landwind to Paita in Boats, and bring fresh water to supply the Town of Paita and the Shipping that be there: For they have no fresh water at Paita. They also bring them Wood and other Necessaries; And when the Sea-wind blows, the Indians with

An. 1704 with their Boats return again to Colan. In Paita Bay is very good Anchor-Ground from twenty-five to fix fathom Wa-As you draw nearer the Town, the ter. water grows shole gradually. It is a fine large Bay, capable to contain near a hundred Sail of Ships. It is all over fandy Ground; and in it you are defended from the South West, and other Southerly winds, by a Point of Land which runs out between the Bay and the Sea; so that Ships riding within this Point, lie always in as smooth water, and as fafe as if they were in a Pond. It is in the Latitude of 5 d. 15 m. South: And we found variation here 2 d. 37 m. Westerly. Within this Point is the Town of Paita; which is a pretty little Town, confisting of about eighty Houses, most of them Spaniards. Although it is a place of no great Trade, yet it is feldom without shipping, because it lies so very convenient for all Ships going up or down; And it is very feldom that any Ship paffes by, without putting in here for Refresh-

From Paita upwards, the Coast runs W. S. W. two leagues, to Pena Oradada, or Golden Rock; from whence to the Not-thermost Island of Lobos, called Lobos de Terra, is two leagues more; and they bear from each other North East and South

ments, of which this Town is well suppli-

ed by those of Colan.

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Point of Paita. Port of Monura. 177

West. This Island Lobos, has a Shole and An. 1704 a great hollow Rock at the North end of it, which stretches out near half a Mile into the Sea. The Anchoring-place is at the North East end in four and five fathom water. The Island is of an indifferent height, and is so like to Lobos de la Mar, that though the Spaniards are very well acquainted here, yet they often mistake the one for the other. It is a very rocky Island, not producing any thing ; and on it is no fresh water. Of Sea-Fowl, here are Boobies, Noddies, Penguins, &c. And of Fishes, here are Sea-Lions and Seals in abundance.

From this Island to the Point of Paita, is fifteen leagues North and South. And between this Island and the foresaid Point. is the Bay of Sechura, a league from Lobos de Terra. Upon the main Land is the Chair of Paita: It is high Land towards the Sea-side; so that there is none like it between it and Cape Blanco. The Coast here runs East North East, and South South West.

A little to the South East, is the Port of Monura, which is said to be almost as good a Port as that of Paita. There is very good fresh water to be had, with abundance of feveral forts of very good It is faid to lie in the Latitude of

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An. 1704 6 d. South. The land hereabouts is all

mountainous and barren.

From the Windward Point of this Port of Monura to the Island of Lobos de la Mar, is seven leagues. This Island lyes in the Latitude of 6 d. 20 m. South. Here is commonly a great Sea the whole Year through, and the currents fet along shore to Leeward. Here Paulo Andrea and James Querba, two Spanish Captains, were cast away. It is dangerous coming near this Island, by reason of the many Currents which always run here. The Island is not above two leagues round. The Harbour is towards the N. E. part; whose passage is very narrow; but it is indifferent safe going in, to those that are any thing acquainted with it; and within the entrance is a good Port, to lye and refit or clean a Ship in: But here is no fresh Water; and it is so barren, that it does not produce any Trees or Bushes. Here are abundance of Seals and Sea-Lions, and several forts of very good Fish.

From the Island Lobos de la Mar, to the Mount of Etem, is five leagues. It is a high Hill, and appears round. From which place the Coast falleth away low by the Sea-side, to the Port of Chiripi. Yet up in the Country the Land is very high and mountainous. At this Port

Ships often lade with Flower.

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P. of Pacasmayo. P. of Malabrigo. 179

A little to the Southward is the Port of An. 1704.

Pacasmayo. In this Port is a Rock, which is hollow, and which commonly has abundance of white Birds about it. Here is fresh Water, but the Spring is said to be three quarters of a Mile from the Sea; whence they carry Water to Chiripi. This Port of Pacasmayo is a brave Port. It lies in the Latitude of 7 d. 20 m. South; and the anchoring place is on the Weather-side of the Port, near the Mount of Malabrigo. Here are said to be abundance of Water-Rats, which often do great damage to

Ships Cables.

Not far off, is the Port of Malabrigo; and near the Port is a Mountain called by the same Name. It is a high Mountain, and at the top of it is some broken Ground. Near it you may perceive the Breasts of Chicama, which stand above the Town of Pisan: These are the Marks for the Port of Malabrgio. There is also, to know the Port by, not above two leagues from the Main, a small Rock, called the Rock of Malabrigo. This Rock at a distance looks as if it was cut in two in the middle, and it lies in the Latitude of 8 d. South. The best place to anchor in, is to Leeward of the Mountain of Malabrigo, bringing it to bear due South; and there is no less than fifty fathom Water good fast Anchor-ground.

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An, 1704. The Rock of Malabrigo bears with the Port of Guanchaco, alias Truxillo, South East. And between these two places is the Bay of Chicama: At the bottom of which Bay is the River of Chicama; the Banks of which are well inhabited by Indians. Hereabouts is commonly a strong Current, fetting into the Bay of Chicama, and to the Northward withall. On the North-side of the River of Chicama, is a small Village of Spaniards, called the Vil-

lage de Chao.

Hence a little to the Southward is the Port of Guanchaco, which is the Harbour for Truxillo. In this Port are two sholes of Sand pretty near the thore, but the anchoring place is without them. It is but a bad Port, and without defence, being exposed to all Winds. In it there runs so great a Sea upon the shore, that very often for three or four Days neither can any Boats go ashore nor come from the shore; yet this is a place of great Trade. Near the Water-fide is the Town of Guanchaquo, which is a small fishing Town; and about six Miles within Land, is the City of Truxillo, which is a large City, and mostly inhabited by Spaniards. It hath a great Trade for Flower, Brandy, Sugar, Wine and Marmalett; of which they export three or four Ship-loads every Year, with which

they supply the City of Panama. Guan- An. 1704 chaquo is the Port by which they export all these Goods. And it lies in the Latitude

of 8 d. 15 m. South.

From hence not far to the S. E. is the Mountain of Guanapi, a high Mountain, and which the Sea falls very heavy upon. To Leeward of this Mountain about a Mile, is a little Island which runs out about a league; and near to that Island is a Rock, which is high and round, and when you are at a distance from it, it looks whitish. This Rock of Guanapi and the Island of Saints, are distant from each or ther nine leagues, bearing N. W. and S. E. Between them are two more Islands, one of which is called the Island of Clao. Four leagues before you come to this Island. it is somewhat dangerous; and by that time you begin to draw pretty near the sholes, you will see two little Rocks, one bigger than the other; which Rocks are rightagainst a small Bay, in which is a good Port, defended from the South-winds; but here is no fresh Water, but what is fetched from a Town three Miles off. From this Bay towards the S. E. is another Rock, near unto the Main land: Off which Rock is a shole, about three Cables length from it; And more to the Southward is the Rock of Santa, distant about a league and a half. Near this Rock is a COMIN Port

Port of Cosma.

An. 1704 Port called Santa; and in entering into this Port, the Spaniards commonly look out for a spot of Land, which is very plain; and looks like a Path-way; When they see that Spot or Path-way, they run in boldly; and in the Road they have not above 4 or 5 fathom Water. At this place at a small Village a little within Land, called the Village of Orsa, and inhabited by Spaniards, is commonly store of Biscuit, Wood, VVater and other Necessaries to be had. In the Channel between the Island and the Main, any Ship may go, keeping nearer to the Island than the Main: And it is good to keep a pretty distance from the little Island, which lies near the Land; for there is foul rocky Ground. The Ifland of Saints, is a league in length: It is white Ground, and has three broken Places, one of which looks as if it were cut in two in the middle. On the Southpart of it, is a little Island, at which there is good anchoring; and it lies in the Latitude of 9d. South.

From this Island to the Port of Cosma, is ten leagues. The Coast runs N. N. VV. and S. S. E. At the South point of this Port is a little Rock, and a small shole of Sand all round it; and within on the same side, is a River of fresh Water; at the Mouth of which, is the common anchoring place; and at the North point

coming

coming in, is a small low Island, but An. 1704 higher at both ends than in the middle. This Cosma is a very good Port, and in it you are defended from most Winds. It lies in the Latitude of 9 d. 50 m. South, and Longitude from London West 78 d. 35 m. In the Mouth or Entry of this Port there is no danger; for all is clear and good Ground. On the South-part of the Port, is a great Mountain, called the Mountain of Mongon. A little to the Southward of the South Point of the Port, and about a league from the Mountain of Mongon, is a small low and even Island, called the Isletta; within which, close in under the Main, are two small Rocks.

From the Port of Cosma to Mongon, is three leagues; and from Mongon to Mongonilla, four leagues. This is a small Port, and seldom made use of; yet in it you are defended from the Southerly Winds. From Mongonilla to the Caleta's, is two leagues. These are two small deep Bays in both of which is good anchoring. About a league to the Southward of the Southermost of these, is the Port of Vermejo: Right before the Mouth of which, is a small and indifferent high Island, called the Isletta. This Island has a Bay on the East side, called the Bay of Callibria; and between the Island and the Port, are some bad sholes. This Port of Vermejo,

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184 M. Mongon. P. Vermejo. Guarmey.

4n. 1704 is a very good Port, but not inhabited. There is no fresh Water nearer the Sea side

than a Mile.

The Mountain of Mongon, which lyes about seven Leagues to the Northward of this Port, is the highest Mountain that is known on all this Coast. It may be seen at a great distance off at Sea; and many times Ships stay a Month or more by it, by reason of the Currents that set to the Northward along the Coast. The best way is to keep off at Sea as much as you can, until you come into the Latitude of Callan.

From the Port of Vermejo to Guarmey, is three leagues. Guarmey hath a plain spot of Sand; and the Land within is double, and hath some spots of Sand on the top of it; and within the Port is a round white Rock, where there is good riding on the Weather side in eight fathom Water, good clear fast Ground. In this Port is a River of fresh Water, which runs into the Sea near a parcel of Rocks, where the Ships commonly unlade. It is furnished with Wood, Water and other Necessaries. It lyes in the Latitude of 10d. 30m. South: And here the Coast runs away S. S. W. to the Island of Don Martin.

From the Port of Guarmey to Jaquey of Sarra, is four leagues. This Peice of the Coast, runs away South: Between thefe

two places is a high Mountain, and over An. 1704. againg it a small Port. From Jaquey of Sarra to Monjala, is fix leagues. This is a little Mountain, which is nothing but a barren Rock; and at a distance to those off at Sea, it appears white, and looks like a Ship under Sail. From Jaquey of Sarra to the River Barancis, is nine leagues. This is a fresh Water River, and runs a great way up in the Country; the banks of it are very well inhabited with Indians; and hereabouts are a great many fields planted with Wheat. From the River Barancis to the Port of Supe, is two leagues. This is a small Port, and seldom made use of for want of Trade, although in it you are defended from the Southerly Winds. The Land hereabouts is high and mountainous, and the Mountains most of them very barren; but the Valleys are faid to be very fruitful. From this small Port of Supe to the Island of Don Martin. is three Leagues. This is a whitish Island, plain and even, and lyes about three quarters of a Mile off the shore.

From hence to the Port of Guara, is one league. This Port lies in the Latitude of 11 d. 02 m. South: And we reckon Longitude from London West, 77 d. 10 m. On the windward part of this Port, is a Mountain; on the top of which are some Pyramids. A little to the Northward of

this

of Salinas. It is the best Port of the two; but they are both something dangerous.

At this place is abundance of Beef readyfaited; of which they send great store

both to Lima and Panama.

From the Port of Guara to Tambo, is four leagues. The Coasts runs N. N. W. and S. S. E. and in the mid-way is a small anchoring-place, called the Port of Chancay. It is all clear and good Ground; and this Port of Chancay is a very good Port, from whence is transported to Lima Wheat and store of other Provisions. In it you ride fecure from the South winds. From this Port to the Rocks Piscadores, is two leagues. There are several of these Rocks, but the middlemost is the biggest. About these Rocks are abundance of several forts of very good Fish; and upon these small Islands, or rather Rocks, are several Indian Huts, inhabited by Indians, who are Fishermen; for which reason these Rocks are called the Piscadores. Within these Rocks is a fine Port, called the Port of Anton. de Rodas; in which is fecure riding from most Winds. The Land is pretty high, and the Hills mostly barren.

The Rocks Piscadores, lie due North and South with Callan, and East North East from the Islands of Ormigas, which lie eight

cight leagues from Callan right off the shore. In 1704
The Islands of Ormigas are small: On them are several pieces of broken Ground, with several small Bays. About them are abundance of several sorts of very good Fish. The Fishermen come from Lima to this place a fishing; and here the Indians make

abundance of Sea-fish Oyl.

The Island Callan is very high and barren, having neither wood nor fresh water, nor so much as any green thing upon it. It is two leagues long. Upon this Island is the great City of Lima; which is the City-Royal for the Empire of Peru. It is the Seat of a Vice-Roy and an Archbishop. It is a large City, said to contain 17000 Spaniards, befides a far greater number of Mullattoes, Mostese, and Indians. In it are faid to be twenty-five Parish Churches, all well built, and very rich in Gold and Silver and precious Stones; The Images of many of their Saints being of maffy Gold. It is well fortified, having a Castle of seventy Brass Guns, forty-eight Pounders close under which is the common place of anchoring; and they commonly ride in fix fathom water, good fast Ground. The Ifland is joined to the main Land by a Bridge of Stone; and almost one half of the City is on the other side upon the main Land. It is a place of the greatest Trade of any on the West side of America; and

An. 1704 the Harbour is never without Shipping. In all this Coast towards the South-seas, it is observable that it seldom rains; yet with the Evening and Morning Dews, the Valleys are said to be as fruitful as any in the whole World: But the Hills are as barren; for few of them produce any thing; nay many not so much as Grass. At this place groweth a famous Occidental Bezoar, which is found in the Maw of the Peruvian Sheep; which Sheep they make use of to carry Burthens. For it is faid one of these Sheep will carry 500 pound weight with ease; and that, like a Camel, they will go two or three days without eating or drinking. A little to the Southward of the anchoring-place, and off the Point of Callan, is a shole of Sand. which runs a great way into the Sea; and right off the shole is a rocky Island, called the Island of Lima. This Island has feveral small Rocks about it; but the biggest of them lies at the South end: This Rock is called Pena Oradada, or the Golden Rock; because a Galeon was lost near it, in which was faid to be a very great quantity of Gold. This Pena Oradada is very high, and no Ship can pass between these Rocks, or between the Rocks and the Island of Lima: But Ships that come from the Southward, steer in between Pena Oradada and the Point of Callan.

Callan, till they come to the Island of Li-An. 1704 ma; to avoid the great shole which runs off the Point of Callan. And when they have past the Point of Callan, they steer directly to the Anchoring-place, and in their way there is no danger. In all this Bay or Port of Callan, is secure riding; it being clear and good fast Ground, growing shallow gradually from twelve to four fathom water; and in it you are defended from the Southerly wind, which is the common Trade-wind off this Coast. About this Island and among the Rocks, are store of very good Fish; and upon most of them are some Huts, in which are Indians who make it their constant employ to fish; which Fish they carry to Lima to sell, and then return to catch more. This Port lies in the Latitude of 12 d. 20 m. South.

Four leagues to the Southward of these Rocks, is Pachacama; near to which are two round Rocks, one bigger than the other; and near Them is another parcel of little Rocks, about eight or ten in number. Here the Land is very high and mountainous, having two or three rows of Hills

one within another.

From these Rocks to the Port of Chilca, is three leagues. It is a very good Port, and good anchoring. The entry is on the North East side. In this Port is a Rock, called the Tortois; and when you are once with-

190 I. Asia. P. Canete. Chinca.

ven fathom Water. In this Port they load great Ships with Salt for Guiaquil. The Town stands two leagues from the Port, and is inhabited partly by Spaniards and partly by Indians. It is but a small Town, consisting not of above twenty or twenty-five Houses, mostly ill built.

From this Port to the Island Asia, is two leagues. It is an indifferent high Island, about half a league long, and hath a defense for little Ships: Near it lie two

Rocks.

From this Island to the Port of Canete or Guarco, is three leagues. Here the Spaniards lade Wheat for Lima and several other places. The marks of the Port are, that there is a high Mountain, called the Mountain of Guarco, which appears as if it was split in two, and the Sea falls with a great force upon it. It hath a Fort on the top of it, which appears white when you are off at Sea.

From Canete or Guarco to Chinca, is nine leagues. The Coast runs N. N. W. and S. S. E. It is a bad Port, and in it is commonly a great Sea. Here is laden Wheat and Indian Corn, to be transported to Lima; and near it lie three Islands, which are distant from the Custom-house of Chinca three leagues, and bear with it N. E.

and S. W. one may nodw but a viety of

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Pisco: Paraca. Mount St Gallan. 191

Pisco is a Bay, in which is a Port; and at the bottom of the Port, is a River of fresh water. All the Coast is clear and good; and there is good riding in six fathom water. At this place they lade Wine in great quantity, with which they supply most places hereabouts. The Land is very high and mountainous. The Hills are barren; but the Valleys are full of pleasant Vineyards; with the Grapes of which they make extraordinary good Wine; this being one of the chief places for Wine on all the Coast.

From Pisco to Paraca, is three leagues. It is a good Port, and lyes in the Latitude of 13 d. 30 m. S. Hereabouts the Valleys are planted with abundance of Wheat;

and they also make store of Wine.

From Paraca to the Mount of St Gallan, is two leagues. It is a high Mount, and barren, having not any green thing upon it. Over-against the Mount is a high Island called the Island of Lobos, which is a league distant from the Main. About this Island are many Rocks; and near the Mount, is a shole. The Mount lyes in the Latitude of 14d. South.

The Land here, is of a prodigious height; lying in Ridges parallel to the shore, three or four Ridges one within the other, and each surpassing the other

Land are the highest, and they always appear Blue to those that pass by them at Sea.

The Weather upon this Coast of Peru, from the Latitude of 30 d. South to Cape Blanco in the Latitude of 3 d. 45 m. South, is always fair; here never being any storms of Wind or Rain; although many times it is so hazey, that there is no taking an observation with the Qua-Also upon all this Coast are but very few Rivers; they being in some places a hundred and fixty or a hundred and feventy leagues afunder; whereas on the Coast of Mexico are abundance of Rivers, many within half a league or a league of each other. Also the Rivers of the Coast of Mexico are always full, and many times overflow their Banks; but these on this Coast of Peru, are little and shallow, and at some certain times of the Year quite dry.

In the Island Lobos, is a good Harbour, which has two Mouths; but they commonly enter by that which lies to the S. E. and come out at that which lyes to the N. W.

From this Island to the Mountain of Asia, is twelve leagues. The Coast runs N. N. W. and S. S. E. and it is pretty Windy hereabouts. Near this Mount of Asia on the East side, is an anchoring place,

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Acary. Attiquipa. Mount of Atico. 193

This Port is somewhat dangerous, by reafon of several sholes near it. It lies in
the Latitude of 15 d. 00 m. South. One
League to the S. E. of this Port, is a very
good Port, called the Port of St Nicolas.
From whence to the Port of St John, is
three Leagues. Its Entry is at a Bay,
and you may go through any part of it.
This Port is very windy, and is said to
have no fresh Water. At it they make a
small quantity of Wines, which they send
by shipping to Lima and Panama.

From the Port of St John to Acary, is nine Leagues. The Coast runs S.S.E. and N.N.W.It is a low Coast by the Water-side, (although the Land is very high and mountainous in the Country,) and here is good Anchor-ground; but Ships seldom anchor in it, because of the high Winds and

great Sea which is commonly here.

From Acary to Attiquipa, is 8 leagues. It is high Land towards the Sea-side; and here begin the high mountainous Hills and Deserts of Atico. At this Port Ships of the largest size lade with Corn, and other Necessaries. It lies in the Latitude of 16 d. South. It blows not so much here, as near the Mount of Asia.

From this Port to the Mount of Atico, is fourteen Leagues. The Coast runs S. E. and N.W. It is a bold shore, and high Land by

194 Ocana. Camana. P. Chule. P. Quilca.

An. 1704. by the Sea-side; but within it is much

higher.

From Atico to Ocana is 8 leagues. At Ocana is a River of fresh Water, but at some certain times it is dry. Near the River, on the Main land, is some broken Ground; and on the Sea-Coast are some Rocks, which are called the Piscadores. About them are a great many sorts of very good Fish, and the Inhabitants of Ocana come hither often to sish.

From Ocana to Camana, is fix Leagues. The Coast runs S. S. E. It is a good Coast; and here the Spaniards make abundance of

very good Wine.

From Camana to the Port of Chule, is five Leagues. This is a good Harbour for Ships; but there lies a Rock a little to the S. E. of it, which you must not come in less than a League of; for there is a shole about half a League round it; But keeping a League from the said Rock, there is

a good Entry.

From hence to the Port of Quilca, is eight Leagues. In the way is the Island Guara; which is a pretty high but barren Island. A little to the Southward of this Island, is a good Port, called the Port of Ariquipa. It is a good Port. In it are five great and small Rocks, of a whitish Colour. They lie in the Latitude of 17 d. 20 m. South; and in going in, the Entry is very narrow; but within there is eighteen fathom

fathom Water; and the Port, when you An. 1704. are in, resembles the Coil of a Cable. Within is a great Vulcan, called the Vulcan of Ariquipa, which Vulcan is said to be sixteen Leagues within Land, and is the highest of all the Hills hereabouts. VVhether it burns now or no, I know not; but I suppose, by its Name, it has formerly. From this Port of Ariquipa, to the Port of No. is twelve Leagues. Coast runneth S. S. W. and N. N. E. And two Leagues from Ariquipa, is the River of Tambo: In which space is a League of low Land near the Sea-side; and there is good clear Ground, from fix to twelve fathom Water.

From the River Tambo to Yerba Buena, is two Leagues; and from thence to the Port of Tlo, eight Leagues. a good Port to lade and unlade a Cargo in; and near to it, is a River of fresh Water, called the River of Tlo. This, as most of the other Rivers of Peru, runs with a quick Current from the beginning of January till the latter end of June; and then it decreases, running slower and slower, till the latter end of September; After which it wholly fails, and becomes dry; the VVaters not beginning to run again, till January. This most of the Rivers on the Coast of Peru are said to do as constantly, as the Year goes about. Near to this River 0 2

196 M. Sama. R. John Deus. Arica.

An. 1704 ver is a Valley very well inhabited by Indians, in which they have store of Corn, and other Provisions, and several forts of very good Fruits. The Point of The is low Land, and runneth out into the Sea. It is dangerous coming near it; for off it lies an Island, and several Rocks. It is in the Latitude of 18 d. South. To those that are off at Sea, the Point looks like two or three Islands; and it bears with the Mount of Sama, S. W. and N. E. distance eight Leagues.

> This Mount of Sama, is a high Mount; and under it are four pieces of broken Ground, of a whitish Colour. Near to it, is a small River called the River of

Sama.

From hence to the River of John Deus, is four Leagues. This River lies in the very bottom of the Bay of Arica, and the Banks of it are very well peopled with Indians.

From the River of John Deus to the River of Ariea, is two Leagues. On the Banks of this River is fituated the Town of Arica. It is a large Town, inhabited by Spaniards, Mullattoes, Mostese and Indians. This Port of Arica lies in the Latitude of 18 d. 20 m. South; Longitude from London West 72 d. 20 m. and we found variation 1 d. 27 m. Easterly. It is a very good Port, and is the Embarcado

to most of the Mine-Tows of Peru. It is An. 1704 a place of very great Trade, and feldom or never without shipping. It is a good place to anchor in; and the best and common anchoring place, is close under the Mount of Arica, which is a great high Mountain, and defends Ships that ride there from the South-winds. The depth of the Water, is about eight fathom. VVithout the anchoring place, is a small Island, called the Isletta. The Land here is very high and mountainous; and from hence for near a hundred Leagues to the Southward, it is very much subject to Calms within thirty-five or forty Leagues of the shore. These Calms are not usual on any other part of this Coast, that I know of. VVnen the Sun is in the Northern Signs, that is, from March to September, the VVeather is commonly fair and clear; But when the Sun returns back into Southern Signs, then the VVeather for the most part is hazy, and the Horizon so thick, as often to hinder an Observation.

From the Mount of Arica to Chacola, is a League and half. Here is a very good anchoring place. And from hence to the broken Land of Victor, is a League and half more. From thence to Camarones is fix Leagues; and from thence to Tucames, fourteen Leagues. The Coast lieth, from the O3 Mount

198 I. Yaneque. B. Majalones. M. Moreno. An. 1704 Mount of Arica to this place, North and

South.

From Tucames to the Island Yaneque, is twelve Leagues; from which place they carry Clay to lay in the Valleys of Arica and Sama; and here live some few Indian People, who are continually digging this clayey Ground for the use aforesaid; for the Spaniards reckon that it sattens the Land very much.

From hence to the Bay of Majalones, is twenty Leagues, all high mountainous Land, and a great Sea falling upon the Shore, so that there is scarce any landing. From Majalones to the Bay of Salado, is eight leagues. In neither of these Bays is

there any fresh water.

From the Bay of Salado to the Mount of Moreno, is fourteen leagues. The Coast runs North and South. In this Port of the Mount of Moreno, is store of Salt; and here is very good fresh water to be had. It is a good Port, and in it you are defended from all Winds. Within the Port, the best riding is on the North-side. It is a very high Mount, and like to the Mount of Capricorn, which on the top has a great Rock.

From the Mount of Moreno to the Mount of St George, is twelve leagues. Except at this Mount of St George, there is no anchoring hereabouts.

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CHAP. VII.

A Description of the Coast of Chili. The Port of Copiapo. The Port of Guasco. Coquimbo. Tongoi. Lymary. Choape. Govanadore. Papuda. Clintera. Concon. The River of Chili. Valparizo. Bay of Rio. Salinas. Topa de Calma. Lora. River of Maule. Point of Unmos. River Itata. Point of Sinfonda. The Island Quinquina. City of the Conception. Port of St Vincent. The River Biobio. Hills of Guera. Port Labipi. Island of Santa Maria. Canero. Hill of Tucapell. The River Imperial. The Island La Moucha. River of Tolton. Valdivia Port. The Occasion of its Name. Chili abounds most in Gold, as Peru does in Silver.

Rom hence the Land is all very high and barren to Copiago, which lies in the Latitude of 21 d. South; and we found vari-

200 B. Salado Totoral. P. of Guasco.

Port, and defended from all Winds. Near into the Port are four or five Rocks. The water on shore is brackish. It is inhabited within Land by Indians, who make good Wine; and here is good Meat, Corn and other Necessaries. The marks of the Mount of Copiapo, are, that it looks like the Point of Saint Hellena, and that about a league to the Southward is an Island. In this Port they load Wine, Money and other Goods, for Coquimbo.

From the Island which lies by the Mount of Copiapo, to the Bay of Salado, is five leagues; in which Bay is an anchoring-place, and a River of fresh water. From the Bay of Salado to Totoral, is ten leagues. The best riding here, is on the North side of the Point; which will be a defense from the South-winds. At this place is good

wood and water to be had.

From Totoral to the Port of Guasco, is ten leagues; all the way high mountainous Land, but a clear Coast from Rocks or Sholes. Within the Port is a small round Island; and at the bottom of the Bay, near this Island, is a River of fresh water; right against the Mouth of which, is the common anchoring-place. The Country hereabouts is said to be pretty well inhabited by Spaniards. In this Port you are defended from the South and South West Winds.

Winds. The Land is pretty plain and e- 4. 1704 ven; and at the top of the Port is a Plain of Sand. Off the South West Point of the Port, are seven or eight Rocks; about which are many Sholes, and there is no failing between them and the Main.

From hence to the Port of Coquimbo, is ten leagues. Coquimbo is a good Port; and the common anchoring-place is right against a small round Island, on the South side of the Port, called the Island of Tortuga: Without this Island, near to the South West Point of the Port, are two Rocks; but any Ship may go between them and the Main; for there is very deep water. To the Northward of these Rocks, are the Islands of Paxores, which are eight or nine in number. There is deep water between them ; and among & them are caught several forts of very good Fish, with which they supply the City of Coquimbo. Some of these Islands are very high and rocky; but the Land upon the Main, is not altogether so high as it was from Copiapo to this place. A little on the North East side of this Port, is a noted great Hill, in fashion of a Sugar-loaf; at the bottom of which, is fituated the City of Coquimbo; which is faid to be a large and very rich City; it driving a great Trade with Lima, Panama, and most of the South-sea Coast.

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202 Herradura. B. Tongoi. P. Lymary.

From the Port of Coquimbo to the Herradura, is three leagues; and they bear
from each other South South East, and
North North West. This Herradura is a
small deep sandy Bay, but seldom made
use of by shipping; although in it is good
fast anchor-ground. But the reason is, it
lies too much open to South West and other Southerly winds.

From the Herradura to the Bay of Tongoi, is four leagues. At the bottom of the Bay is a River of fresh water; and right against the Rivers Mouth, is the common anchoring place, where is good defense

from all the Southerly winds.

From this Bay of Tongoi to the Port of Lymary, is eight leagues. The Coast runs South South West and North North East. The marks of this Port are, that ir hath a great Mount near it, called the Mount of Lymary; the sides of which, either to the Northward or Southward, appear full of high Trees; and in the middle of the Mount is broken Ground; and to the South VVest of it, are two Breasts or Bosoms.

From Lymany to Choape is ten leagues. This Choape is a high Hill; it has neither Port nor anchoring-place, but the Coast is full of Rocks.

From Choape to the Port of Govanadore, is thirteen leagues. This Port lyes in the Lati-

P. Govanadore. P. Laligna. P. Papuda. 203

Latitude of 31 d. 20 m. South, and Lon-An. 1704. gitude from London West 75 d. 30 m. The Land is of a great height, three rows of Hills one within the other. The Port of Govanadore is a good and safe Port. It is defended from the South-winds, which are the common Trade-winds of this Coast. The anchoring place is right against the lowest part of the Land, in twelve fathom water. At the end of the small piece of low Land, is a Hill which has broken ground on the top of it, and looketh like the Chair of Paita. On the N. W. side of this Hill, is a Grove of great high Trees ; and near the Port is an Island; on the North fide of which is a good anchoring place and secure riding; for the Island it felf keeps off the Southerly Winds.

From this Port off Govanadore to the Port of Laligna, is five leagues. Near the Point of this Port, are two sholes, on which, at high water, there is not above ten foot water. In this Port Ships lye at anchor in five fathom water, and here Ships load with Wheat and other Eatables

for Panama.

From Laligna to Papuda, is three leagues. It is deep, but very good anchor ground. It hath a high Hill, with broken ground on the top of it; and near it, is a spot of Trees. So that it is very like the Port of Govanadore.

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An. 1764 From Papuda to the Rocks of Clintera, is five leagues. These Rocks lye visible above water; and near the Land, the Currents fet strong to the Northward. Ships often sail pretty near these Rocks; for it is all clear and deep, seldom less than twelve fathom Water.

> From these Rocks of Clintera, to the Port of Clintera, is two leagues. In it is deep water; and the Port has only a defense from the South winds, but to all Westerly winds it lyes open. This Port bears with Valpariso N. N. E. and S. S. W. distance sive leagues: And between, it is all very high and mountainous Land: Yet between the Hills, are many pleafant Valleys, which afford good Corn and Wine.

> Near the Point of Concon, is a little Bay. in which are four small Rocks; each of these Rocks has a small thole quite round them, and the anchoring place is close over to the South shore; and in between the faid Rocks, at the bottom of the Bay, is a small River, called the River of Concon; upon the Banks of which are fituated feveral small Indian Towns and Villages. are several tall and large Trees, Here which upon occasion will make very good Masts for Ships.

A little to the Southward of this Point of Concon, is a large River, called the Ri-

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ver of Chily; upon the Banks of which, An. 1704 are several Towns and Villages belonging to both Spaniards and Indians. This River is said to run some hundreds of Miles within Land. About half a League to the Southward of the Mouth of this River, are two small high Rocks; they lie about a Mile and a half from the shore. They have each of them a small shole of Sand round them; and there is no sailing between them and the Main, because it is shole-water.

From these Rocks to the Port of Valparizo or St James of Chili, is three Leagues. Here are four or five small Rivers running into this Bay, which make the Port of Valparizo. I do not know any where fo many Rivers fo near each other, upon all the Coasts of Peru or Chili: But upon the Coast of Mexico, it is very common. This Port lies in the Latitude of 32 d. 30 m. South. It is a place of great Trade, and from hence they fend yearly feveral Ships laded with Corn, Wine, &c. and store of Gold. For although Peru is reckoned to abound in Silver, yet Chili is most abundant in Gold. Here is a pretty Town of three hundred Houses, belonging to the Spaniards; all pretty well built with Brick; But in none of these Parts of Peru or Chili are they so well built, as they are in and about Mexico. The Reason, as I suppose, rod

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An. 1704 Suppose, is, that at Mexico they have a great many of their Materials from Old Spain, which here they cannot so well This place is govern'd by a Spanish Governour, as are all the Sea-ports: But in the Country within Land, there are feveral Cities, Towns and Villages, governed by Indian Governours; yet with Subordination to the Spaniards. This Port is famous for the great Trade it drives with Lima and the other Parts of Peru; as also for the rich Prize taken in it by our English Hero Sir Francis Drake; in which Ship he took a vast quantity of Gold, besides several other valuable Commodities. also took the Town; in which he found store of Provisions. The Anchoring-place is at the bottom of the Bay, close under the South-shore, in feven, eight and nine Fathom Water, good fast Ground, rightagainst the Mouth of the River Buajes; where is a very good defense from all the South or Westerly Winds, by reason of a Point of Land, called the Point of St James of Chili, which shoots out to the Northward, and lies between the Anchoringplace and the Sea. At this Point is a shole of Sand; which, as the Point does, stretches away to the Northward; so that it is dangerous coming near the faid Point; for the Shole runs out beyond it, near half a league; and at high water there is not above

Bay of Zenaque. Topa de Calma. 207 bove nine foot water on it. The Coast An. 1764: here runs South South East, and North North West.

From the Point of Valparizo to the Bay of Zenaque, is one league: And from thence to the Bay of Rio, another. In this Bay is a little Rock, which is called Bishops Rock. From this Rock to the Bay of Salinas, is four leagues. In this Bay is a good anchoring place, and it has a good defense from the Southerly winds. It is low Land by the Sea-side, although in the Country it is very high and mountainous. Here are several small Bays, in most of which is good riding in ten fathom Water.

From these Bays to Topa de Calma, is four leagues. Between them are the Sholes of Raphael, and a River of the same name right against them. These Sholes come out a league into the Sea, and there is no going between them and the main Land; for the Water is very shole. At Topa de Calma is an anchoring-place, but it lies open to the Southerly Winds; and near it, is an Island, on the North-side of which is a small Bay, in which Ships upon occasion sometimes come to an anchor: and in the said Bay is not less than twenty-sive fathom Water. This place is much frequented with high winds.

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An. 1704. From Topa de Calma to Lora, is fourteen leagues. This Lora has broken Ground like to Lymary; and part of the Coast in the way, is low Land by the Seafide, till you come to the River of Maule; which is distant from Topa de Calma seven leaves. In this River is two fathom at low water. In it are faid to be many Indian Towns and Villages, in which they have plenty of Provisions. It is a very windy place, and at the entry of the River are two Rocks; half a league to Leeward of which, is a small anchoringplace. From this River of Maule, to Lora, as I said before, is seven leagues. Near to the broken Ground is an anchoring place, which has a defense from the Southerly Winds.

> From Lora to the Point of Unmos, is three leagues. It is a bad Point, having abundance of foul Ground lying off it. On this Point were cast away two great Spanish Ships, and all their Men drowned. It is good to keep at a distance from it.

> From the Point of Unmos to the River Itata, is seven leagues. The River is extraordinarily well inhabited by Spa niads and Indians; and on the South-fide, near the River's Mouth, is an anchoring-place. The Coast is deep from Topa de Calma to this place, without any Port or anchoring place, excepting those I have From named.

From the River Itata to the Point of An. 1704. Sinfonda, is four leagues. This Point runs out a good way; and to the Southward of it, is a fine Bay, called the Herradura; at the bottom of which is a River; and on each fide the River, is broken Ground. This Herradura is in form like the Letter C. It hath three Rocks at the entry, and within is defended from the North and South Winds.

From the Herradura to the Island Quiquina, is two leagues, North East and This Island is four-square; South West. and on the East-side is a small Bay, in which is very good anchoring in five fathom water. Ships that come from the Northward, go between this Island and the Main, on the North East side, when they are bound to the Port of the Conception; and it is a clear and good Passage, free from any Rocks, Sands or Sholes; and it is deep water. But Ships that come from the Southward, go in between the South Shore and the South West side of the Ifland; but they always keep nearest to the Illand, by reason of a Rock and Shole which lie about a mile and a half off the This Rock and Shole is called the Main. Grifo, and is very dangerous: For feveral good Ships have been lost upon it. And a little within this Grifo, is another dangerous Shole, called the Mormao. A little within An, 1704 within which, is an anchoring place. But the chief anchoring place is right against the City of the Conception. Here are several small Rivers, but none of note. This City is near to the Sea side. It is a very pleasant place, having a fine River running through it; And three quarters of a mile from the City, is another fine River, called Anderlen. Ships that ride in the Port of Conception, must come to an anchor right-against the Fort of Don Garcia; that they may be ready to fail with a North-wind. This is a place of great Trade, affording both Corn, Wine and Oil; of which they fend great quantities yearly to Lima, Panama, and other Parts of Peru. This Port lies in the Latitude of 37 d. South. On the South-fide of the Port, near the Main-land, are sholes all along to the S. W. Point, which Point is a defence from the Southerly Winds.

About a league to the Southward of this Point, is another Port, called the Port of St Vincent; and between these two Points is a small Island, with several Rocks about it; and at the Point of St Vincent are some very dangerous sholes, which stretch off near a League into the Sea: But within the Port it is all good clear Ground, with gradual Soundings from nine to sour Fathom Water. It is a very good and secure Port, and in it is a defense

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R. Biobio. P. Labipi. I. S. Maria. 211
from most Winds. It is all a sandy Bay, 4n. 1794
round the Port; on which are many small
scattering Houses, mostly inhabited by

From this Port to the River Biobio, is two Leagues. This River runneth very strong with a great Current, and hath two Rocks at the Entry of it. At this River beginneth the high Land of Guera; This Land is accounted by the Spaniards to be the highest Land of any yet known in the World; far exceeding the Pico of Teneriff, or Santa Martha, or any Land yet discovered. Near this River are the Breasts of Biobio; which are two high Hills, natu-

rally in the form of Breafts.

Indians.

Leagues. In the Harbour of Labipi is secure riding, and it has a desence from the North and South Winds. Near this Harbour is the Island of Santa Maria; in the Latitude of 37 d. 30 m. South. This is a low Island, about two Leagues in length; It is very well inhabited by Indians. On the N. E. side, is a fine deep and secure Bay, in which is from twelve to four fathom good fast sandy Ground; the Water growing shallow gradually, as one goes nearer to the bottom of the Bay.

From the Island of Santa Maria to the Island Canero, is ten Leagues; and they bear from each other N. W. and S. E.

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An. 170 The Land here upon the Main, is of a prodigious height, but here is no Port or Place of anchoring, unless it be in the Port of Canero. In this Port is the Island Canero. It is a small Island, lying on the North-side of the Port, just within its entrance. And at the bottom of the Bay is a fmall River of fresh Water. In this Port are no Rocks nor Sholes, nor any danger, but all gradual Soundings; and it has a a good defense from the S. and S. W. and other Westerly Winds, which are the worst Winds upon the Coast.

> The Winds here are variable all round the Compass, as it is upon all the Coast of Chili. Upon the Coast of Peru, from the Line to 30 degrees of Southern Latitude, the common Trade-wind is Southerly, with fine Weather and no Rain; But here upon this Coast, it is common to have hard Gales of Wind, and very often

great showers of Rain.

From the Port of Canero to the Hill of Tucapel, is two leagues. This is a high Hill, with a Plain or Table Land on the top. And a little to the Southward of it, is a River of the same Name. The Land hereabouts is very well inhabited by Indians. At the Mouth of this River, on the South-side, is a small Point, called the Point of Tixha.

From this Point to the River Imperial, An. 1704: is eight Leagues. This is a large River running a great way up into the Country; and the Banks of it are very well inhabi-

ted by Indians.

Right against the Mouth of the River, is the Island La Moncha. This Island is about four or five Leagues in length. It is pretty high Land, and very well clothed with tall and flourishing Trees of feveral forts; and on it are feveral small Rivulets of fresh Water. It is very well inhabited by Indians, who are always at War with the Europeans: For they think all white Men to be Spaniards. This was the Southermost and the first Land we saw upon our coming into the South Seas. About this Island are several sholes, and especially on the West-side, which stretch out a great way into the Sea. On the East-side is a fine Bay, in which is very good safe anchoring. It lies in the Latitude of 38 d. 30 m. South; and I made Longitude from London to this place West 78d. oom. and we found variation 8d. 42 m. Easterly. It was at this place that Sir Francis Drake and his Boats-Crew going ashore for Water, and asking the Indians for Agua, (which is the Spanish name for Water,) the Indians by their Language thinking them to be Spaniards, with whom they are always at mortal Variance, fell upon wounded every one of them; but by the good Conduct of Sir Francis he and his Company got to his Boat, and so saved

themselves to the Ship.

A little to the South of this Island, on the main Land, is the River of Tolton; which is a large River. And here the Rivers are commonly full, as on the Coast of Mexico; not drying away at certain times, as they do on the Coast of Peru. This River is distant from the Port of

Valdivia 25 Leagues.

Valdivia or Baldivia, is a noted place. It lies in the Latitude of 40 d. South. It is very well fortified and hinders the approach of an Enemy. In this Port are a great many Islands; on one of which is situated the Town and Fortifications of Valdivia. This place (as we were told by the Spaniards) was so called from one Valdivia a Spaniard, who was formerly Governour of it. This Man was said to be so covetous of Gold, that he would not by his goodwill let any body have any but himself. The poor Indians he would punish so barbaroufly, that they often died under it; and his reason was, because they did not bring him Gold enough. He employed some thousands of Indians to seek it, and taxed them so much per Day; which the poor Indians being not able to get, and of the self with the facility

knowing if they returned empty-handed, An. 1704 they should be severely used, they joined together in a Body, and took two pound weight of Gold, which they melted, and with it resolutely came to the Governour, and said; O, Valdivia! Thou bast a very great and greedy desire after our Gold; we have used all possible means to satisfie thee, but could not. Now by good hap we have thought upon a way. Here is Gold; drink thy fill; for here is enough to satisfie the most Covetous. And immediately they bound him, and poured it down his Throat; with which he presently died, and with his death gave name to this Town and Port of Valdivia. The Indians have ever fince beam at War with the Spaniards, and hold them hard toit: And the Spaniards are desirous by all means possible to conquer these people; that they might be Masters of so rich a Country. For though Peru does abound in Silver, yet this Empire of Chily is the most aboundant in Gold. And Mexico abounds both in Gold and Silver, Cochineel, Indico and Cocoa. They have also in Mexico many Mines of Iron; but the Spaniards think it not worth their while to open them.

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A TABLE of Latitude, Longitude, and the Variation in most of the principal places, as we coasted along the three Empires of Chili, Peru and Mexico.

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| | d. m. d. m. | d. m. |
| Port of Valdivia | 40:00 S77:15 W | a. m. |
| Island La Mousha | 38:30 S78:00 | 8:42, E. |
| Island Santa Maria | 37:30 S77:00 | , , , |
| Port of Conception | 37:00 S76:10 | |
| The great River Itata | | |
| Island Juan Fernando's | | 6:05, E. |
| Port of Valparizo | 32:30 S.75:00 | |
| Port of Govanadore | 31:20 S.75:30 | |
| Port of Coquimbo | 30:00 S | |
| | 21:00 S | 2:50, F. |
| Port of Arica | 18: 20 S 72: 20 | 1:27, E. |
| Port of The | 18:00 S 73:20 | 1:00, E. |
| Port of Lima | 12:20 S 76:00 | 00:00, |
| Port of Guara | 11:02 S 77:10 | Bods Four |
| Port of Cosma | 09:50 S 78:35 | S. Taken od |
| Port of Truxillo | 8:15 S 79:25 | The Name of Street, |
| Port of Malabrigo | 8:00 S 79:35 | |
| Island of South Lobos | 6:20 S | C |
| Port of Paita | 5:15 S81:37 | 2:47, W. |
| Cape Blanco | 3:45 S81:50 | 2:52, W. |
| Island Saint Clara | 3:00 S 80:50 | |
| Point Saint Hellena | 2:20 S82:30 | 717 |
| Cape Saint Lorenzo | 1:00 S 82:15 | 3:09, W. |
| Cape Passao | 0:08 \$82:40 | 3:33, W. |
| Cape Saint Francisco | 01.00N81:50 | 3:57. W. |
| | | River |

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| | CONTRACTOR STREET | d. m. | d. m. |
| River of St Jago | 01:45 N | The state of the s | |
| The Island of Gallo | 02:45 N | | 4:00, W. |
| The Island Gorgonia | 3:00 N | | |
| The Island Palmas | 4:15 N | | |
| Cape Corrientes | 5: ON | | |
| Port Quemado | 6: 0N | | A STATE |
| Port Pinas | 7: 0N | The same of | |
| Point Garachina | 7:20 N | | |
| Point of Burica | 9:00 N | | |
| Gulfo Dulce | 9:08N | To the state of the state of | |
| Cape Blanco | 10:20 N | 1 | |
| Gulfe of Popagajo | 11:30N | 1 | |
| Port of Ria Lexa, alia | | THE COLUMN | 1 |
| Ria Leon | 12:40 N | | 13:58, W. |
| Point Cassavina | 12:45 N | | 3: 26, W. |
| Gulf of Amapalla | | 97:30 | P8/2 |
| Port of Sonsonate, alia | | | |
| Trinadad | 13:201 | _ | 742 |
| Vulcan of Attitlan | 13:251 | | 3:00, W. |
| Vulcan of Sapotitlan | | | 2:51, W. |
| The Hill of Bernal | 15:001 | | 2:45, W. |
| Port of Tecoantepeque | 15:361 | | 2:42, W. |
| Port Guatulco | 15:30] | N. C. C. | |
| Port Angels | 15:45] | N | 10 |
| Port of Acapulco | 17:06 | | |
| Port of Navidad or the Nativity | ne 19: 201 | N | |
| Cape Corrientes | 20:30 | N | |

CHAP. VIII.

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Difficulty in getting Water at the Island Conchagua in the Gulf of Amapalla. Departure from the Gulf of Amapalla for India. The Fish Yellow-Tail described. Tradewind brisker in the South Sea, than in the Atlantick. Very little Variation observed in the Run over to India. Arrival at the Island Magon. The Island Guam, Matan. Arracife. Three unknown Islands discovered. The Boneto described: Indians wonderfully amazed at the fight of white Men. The Main-Land of New-Guinea. The Island Gillolo. Attempt to find a new Passage on the Coast of New-Guinea. A new Streight discovered, called St John's Streight. The Islands Ceram and Bonoa. They indeavour in vain to get Provisions at Manipa. Description of the Island Manipa.

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Great distress for want of Provisions. And 1704.
The Island Amblow. Arrival at Amboyna.

A ND now having given a particular Description of the Coast of Mexico, Peru and Chili (from the Tropic of Cancer to 40 d. South) as far as we observed our selves or could learn from the Spaniards; I shall return to the Gulf of Amapalla, where we were sitting our Vessel in order

to our intended Voyage for India.

Here therefore we went ashore at the Ifland Conchagua, to feek for water; and after some fearch, we found behind the Hills a large bottom, in which was a large Plantain-walk, and a great deal of Rainwater, that fell from the Mountains. This was very inconvenient for us, because lying so behind the Hills, we knew we must be forced to carry all our water over a high Hill, which we could hardly climb by our felves: But seeing there was no remedy, we first cut down the Bushes which were in our way, to make us a clear Path; After which, the Hill being pretty steep on the Land-side, towards the bottom, wherein was the fresh water; we with our Axes and Shovels cut out steps in the Hill: And our Sail-maker having in the mean time made us a Canvas-Pipe of about ninety fathom 220

47. 1704 thom long, to carry our water from the top of the Hill down to our Cask which lay at the foot of it; we went to work to fill our water; each Man having with him a fix Gallon Cask. The water which we took up was very muddy; and on the top of it grew Duck-weed, as it does usually in our Ditches. At first we raked the Duck-weed away: But our Doctor perfwading us, that if we took up the weeds, they would mightily preserve our water; we, according to his advice, took up both weeds and water together. When each Man had filled his fix Gallon Cask, he carried it up to the top of the Hill, and then poured it into the Canvas-Pipe, which conveyed it down the Hill into our Cask. Thus we employed our felves for four days. And having filled about twenty-five Tuns, which we concluded would last longer than our Victuals; and got it on board our Vessel; the next day, being the 31st of January 170; we all went ashore to the Plantain-walk: And having cut down a fufficient quantity of them, we returned at night on board our Veffel, intending to fail next day. This Evening two of our Men who had resolved to stay with Captain Dampier, left him and came over to us; so that now we were 35 in number, viz. thirty-four English, and one little Negro Boy, whom we had taken from the Spaniards. Du

During the time of our watering our An. 1704: Bark, the Men on board the Ship belonging to Captain Dampier, were busie in refitting their Ship as well as they could: The Carpenter stopt the Shot-holes, which they had in their Powder-room, with Tallow and Charcoal; not daring, as he said, to drive in a Nail, for fear of making it worse: And the four great Guns, which usually stood between Decks, were put down into the Hold; there being fixteen besides, which was more than they had Men to manage; for there remained with them no more than twenty-eight Men and Boys, and most of them Landmen.

On the 1st of February, 1704, we left the Gulf of Amapalla, and Captain Dampier in his Ship the St George at anchor in it. We steered out between the Island of Amapalla and the Island Mangera; and many times had not above two fathom Water. We had a fine Gale of Wind at N. E. which foon carryed us out of the Mouth of the Gulf. So long as we had been in any of the Harbours on this Coast of Mexico, we had feldom been allowed any thing but Flower; Excepting that we used to go ashore, and found upon the Rocks store of Conchs, Oysters, Muscles, Snails, &c. of which we made many a good Meal: But now being in hopes of getting An. 1704 getting into a Land of Plenty, we bore Hunger with more patience. And indeed we had great need of Patience. For now. our Commons was leffened to half a pound of course Flower a Man per Day, with two Ounces of Salt-Meat every other Day. Our Vessel was a small Bark with two Masts, of about seventy Tuns, which we had taken from the Spaniards; But whilst we lay here, the was so eaten by the Worms, that the begun to grow very leaky; and to add to our Afflictions, we had no Carpenter; neither if any of us should fall fick, had we any Doctor, or any Medicines to make use of; And, which was worst of all, we had no Boat to assist our felves, if our Vessel should fail us; for the Doctor, Carpenter and Boat were left with Captain Dampier. But trusting to Gods Providence, who had already delivered us out of fo many dangers, we proceeded on our intended Voyage for India.

On the 2d of Febuary we had a calm most part of the day and night; and this day we caught several Fish called Yellow-XXVIII. tails, which came swimming about our Vessel. These Fish were about four Foot in length. He had twenty Fins on his Back; one middling one near the hinder-part of his Head, one large one near the middle of his Back, and eighteen small ones stretching from the said large one to

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They depart from the M. of St Michaels. 223

his Tail. He had two large Fins near his An. 1704 Gills, one of each fide; and thirteen under his Belly; viz. one middling one underneath near the Gills; one large one near the middle of his Belly, which goes in with a Dent; and eleven small ones stretching from the said large one to his Tail, which is Half-moon'd. He has a very large Head, a great Eye, and is extraordinary good Food. It is very Fleshy, having no Bone but the Back-bone. These Fish, when taken by us, looked very white; but the tips of their Fins and Tail, were yellow; for which reason we called them Tellow-tails. They were very welcome to us; for whilft they lasted, which was three days, we faved our own Provisions, feeding upon nothing else but this Fish.

On the 3d of February, the first part of the day it continued calm, in which time five or six Turtles coming near the Vessel, we caught two of them; which still served to help us out. About six in the Evening we had the Land-wind at N. E. a fine fresh Gale: So we took our departure from the Mount of St Michaels, a noted Mount, of which I have already given a Description. It lies in the Gulf of Amapalla, in the Latitude of 13 d. North. We reckoned Longitude from London West. 97 d. 30 m. and, as I said before, we found Variation

An. 1704 riation 3 d. 26 m. westerly. We steered away S. W. the sooner to get off the Land into the true N. E. or E. N. E. Trade. For we knew the present Wind to be only the Land-wind, which we could not think would last long. For we did not expect to get into the true Trade, till we had run about ninety or a hundred leagues from the Land. For which reason we steered away, as I faid, S. W. and S. W. by W. Which course we held till we came into the Latitude of red. When finding our felves in the true Trade, we hauled away VV. N. VV. intending to get into the Latitude of 13 d. North; and so as near as we could, to maintain our Latitude till our arrival at the Ladrone Islands; knowing, if we kept in that Latitude, it was impossible to miss them; We had fine fresh Gales of VVind, first at N. E; but as we run off the Land, we found it edge to the N. E. by E, and thence to the E. N. E; where it continued with us till our passing the Ladrone Islands. VVe now made us studding Sails out of our Mainfail and Main-top-fail. VVe got our studding Sails up by day break every morning, and at Sun-set haul'd them down again : For it commonly blew so fresh in the Night, that we were forced to fettle our Top-fail; and with the rifing of the Sun, the VVind would something abate again : Yet

Yet we always had as much as we could 4n. 1705 well carry with our Studding-fails. The Trade-wind we found here to blow much brisker than it does in the Atlantick or

East-Indian Oceans.

For the first twenty Days after our Fish and Turtle was gone, we fed upon nothing but our Plantains, of which we allowed our selves two for a Meal, and two such Meals a day: But after our Plantains were gone, we went to our half pound of Flower a Man per day, and our two ounces of Salt Beef or Pork every other day. The Meat had been so long in Salt, that when we boiled it, it commonly shrunk one half. So we finding a loss in boiling our Meat, concluded to eat it raw; which we did all the Voyage after, fo long as it lasted. We now and then caught a Dolphin, and sometimes saw a great many Sea-birds, as Boobies, Noddies, &c. which would come and settle upon our Vessel; and happy was he, that could catch one of them.

In this Run I think none of us took the pains to observe by the AZth Compass. For the variation was so little, that we never

minded it.

On the 10th of April 1705, towards Evening, we saw the Clouds gather about, 1705. the Horizon much more than usual. This was a great fign or token of Land. For ic

An. 1705 it is common between the Tropicks to be foggy or cloudy over the Land; although it be never so clear at Sea. Therefore all this Night we took a special care to look out; and on the 11th in the Morning betimes we faw the Island of Magon bearing West, distant about ten Leagues. It was a high woody Island, and very plain and

See Fig. green on the top. So we stood towards XXIX. it; and when we had brought it to bear North, distant about a Mile, I took the Draught of it, which appeared as in the Figure. Being in fo near, we laid our Ship by; and feveral fishing Boats came to us, and brought us some Fish, with fome Eggs, Yams, Potatoes, &e. Thefe vvere very acceptable to us; for now our Salt Beef and Pork was just at an end; and we had nothing to trust to, but our half pound of Flower a Day for each Man, and that very full of Vermine, Maggots and Spiders. The Men in those Fishing-Boats were a very tall and large-limb'd People, of a tawny Complexion, having long black Hair reaching down to their middle: They all go stark-naked, not so much as covering their Privy-parts. In exchange of what we had of them, we would have given them Money; but they looked on it and gave it us again, making Signs to us to give them Tobacco in the room of it; which we did, and they

they seemed very much pleased. We also An. 1705? gave them some old Shirts, which they immediately tore in pieces, and rowled them round about their Heads. We would have given each of them a Dram of Brandy, but they were afraid to drink it. Only one of them, feeing us drink to each other, and that it did us no hurt, at last made Signs that he would drink with us. So we gave him a good Glass full, which he immediately drank off; but we thought the Fellow would never that his Mouth again; for he was so amazed at the Heat it had left in his Mouth and in his Belly. that I believe he thought he had fet himfelf on Fire. He laid himself down and roared like a Bull; which scared most of the rest of them away. After he had roared near half an Hour, he fell fast a sleep: And we being in haste, put the poor Fellow into his Boat; and made figns to his Conforts to take care of him, that he might not fall over-board. They seemed to be a very civil People; but however we did not care to let too many of them come into our Veffel at a time. Their Language we could not understand at all. they first approached us, they tied two Sticks together in fashion of a Cross, and held them up for us to see: Which was, as we suppose, to signifie to us that they had some Knowledge of the Christian Religion. Q 2

An, 1745 ligion. We in return showed them a Crucifix, which we had taken from the Spaniards; at the fight of which they all bowed their Bodies, and came on board. This Island of Magon I make to lie in the Latitude of 13 d. 00 m. North; and we made Longitude from the Mount of St Michael's W. 120 d. c9 m. or 7029 Miles; allowing between 58 and 59 Miles to a degree of Longitude in this Parallel. The Boats which these Fishermen came on board in, were about forty foot in length, and about seventeen or eighteen Inches broad aloft, but not above three Inches broad below. Their Head and Stern were alike. The bottom to the Waters edge, was one entire piece, but hollow; upon which, for the fide of the Boat, was a piece of thin Plank, about three foot broad, and of the fame length as the Boat it self. It had its lower Edge fowed with Rattans to the bottom of the Boat. They had two long Poles put out of one fide; One was within ten foot of one end of the Boat, and the other within ten foot of the other end: So that they lay distant from each other about twenty foot. The Poles were about thirty foot in length; at the end of which was a long piece of Plank of about twenty-one foot, of the same shape, and about one fourth part of the bigness of the bottom of the Boat. This piece is laid across

cross at the outer end of the Poles, from An. 1705 one Pole to the other; where it is very securely made fast: And this altogether, is called the Out-leaker. This is always the Weather-side; and the use of it, is to keep the Boat from over-fetting. For without the Out-leaker the Boat is so narrow, that it would not bear it felf. They have but one Sail, which is made of Matt, and like our Bermudo's Sail. It is not above two Inches broad at top, and hauls out by a Boom. When they have a mind to go about; it is only letting go the Sheet of the Sail, and hauling it aft on the same fide at the other end of the Boat; and then that which was the Stern before, is now become the Head; any end going foremost, and no distinction in the built of either end: But the same Side still and always remains the Weather-fide. Most See Fig.

of these Boats were painted red. See the XXX. Figure of the Boat with its Out-leaker.

We were now in Consultation amongst our selves, whether we should steer away for the North West, amongst the Philippine Islands; or to the South West, for the Coast of New-Guinea; But after a debate of about two Hours, we concluded to haul away South West, for the Cape of New Guinea. Which accordingly we did; and the same day passed by the Island of Guam, which lies South from the Island

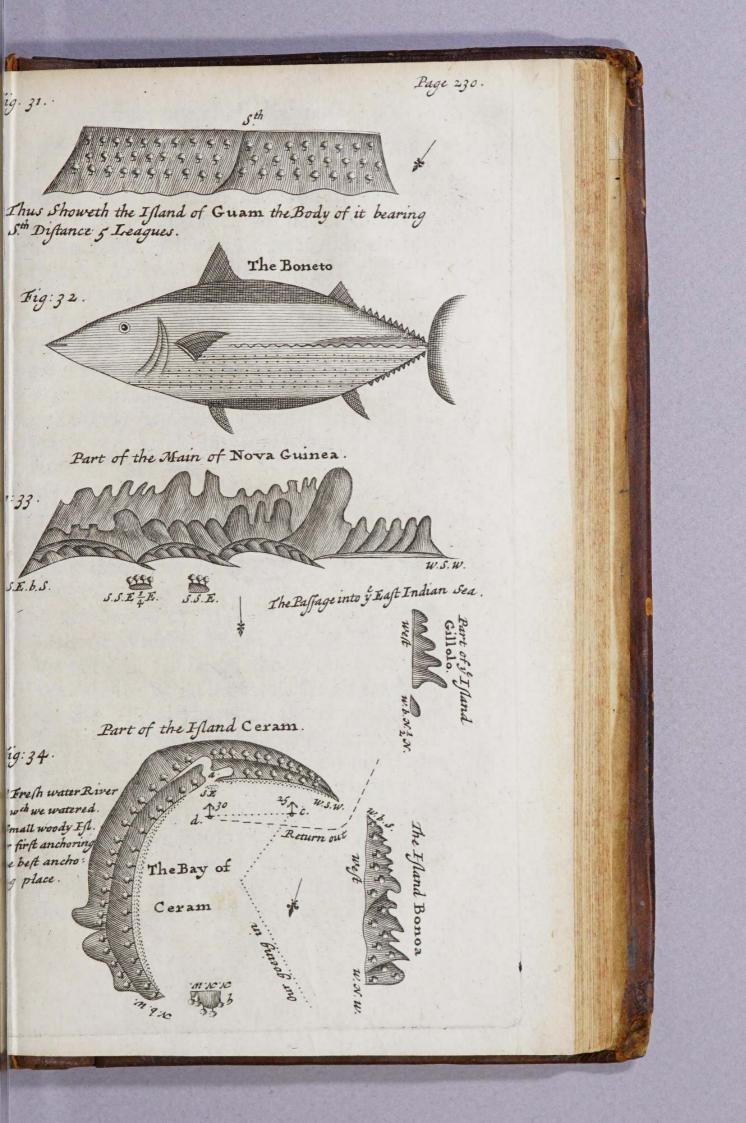
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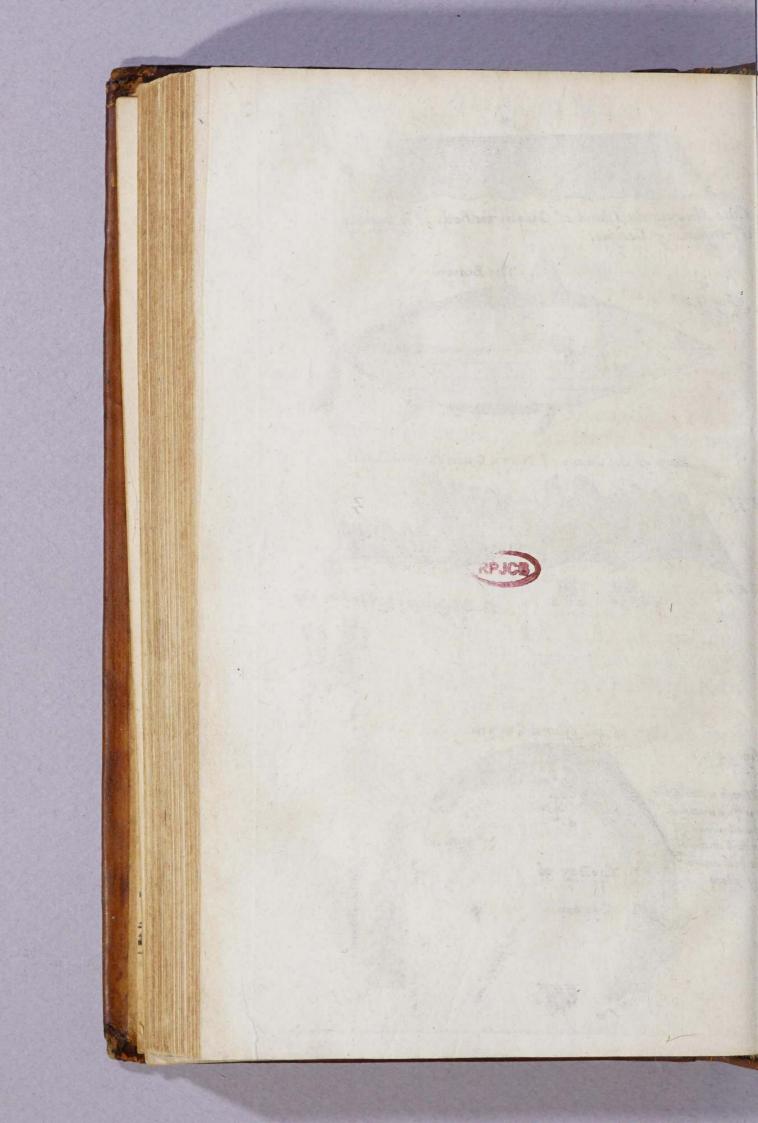
An. 1705 of Magon, about seven leagues: So that I make this Island to lie in the Latitude of 12 d. 39 m. North. We only paffed by it at a distance. Wherefore I can give no particular Description of it. Yet as we passed by, I took a Draught of it, as it appeared to us South, distance 5 leagues. The Land to us seemed of an indifferent height; but it was quite plain and flat on the top. This Island belongs to the Spaniards, who

See Fig. have a small Fortification on it. It is kept for XXXI. the conveniency of the Manila-Ship, which always touches here to refresh, in her way to Manila.

From hence we kept our Course South West, and passed by the Island of Matan, which lies about fix leagues due North from the Islan Guam. And at six this same Evening, being April the 11th, we took our departure from the Island of Magon, it then bearing North East, distant nine leagues. We still had a fresh Gale, as ufual, at East by North and East North East. And on the 17th we saw the Island of Arraeife, bearing East by North, distant to leagues. It seemed to be a very high Island. Whether it is inhabited or no, I know not.

From hence we steered away South South West, till we came into the Latitude of 5 d. North. Hitherto we had fine fresh Gales of wind at North East; but now drawing near the Line, we found the Winds veer





to East South East, and South East, and An. 1705 often met with small Squalls of Wind and Rain, till we came into the Latitude of 4 d. North, and then we had a Calm for feven days. This was a great disheartning to us; for now we had so little Victuals, that it would hardly keep us alive. For we could not allow our felves any more than fix Ounces of course Flower a'Man per day. This we used to scald with hot water, and so eat it. For want of sufficient Food, we now found our felves to grow very weak. But it was our good Fortune to have store of Water, of which, when we could not fleep for hunger, we would drink a large draught: This would satisfie us a little at the present, so that we could fleep; but as foon as we waked, we always found our felves as hungry as before.

On the 3d of May, sprung up a small Gale of Wind at West; and we steered atway South, till being almost out of hopes, because the Wind began to die away again, on the 5th, about ten in the Evening, we smelt a very fine and fragrant smell, which gave us new hopes that we were near some Land. We looked over our Draughts; but they gave no Description of any; yet we were sure we could not be far off some Land, from whence that fragrant smell must proceed. So we continued in our hopes till the next Morning; when accordingly

An. 1705 cordingly we saw Land right a-head of us, as far as we could fee. And a small Gale fpringing up at South East, we steered away South West by West directly to it. By Noon we made it to be three small Islands, very low Land, but all very green and pleafant. At the same time we had an Obfervation, and found our felves in the Latitude of co d. 50 m. North. The Eastermost of the faid three Islands bearing South East, distant about four leagues, which makes its Latitude to be ood. 42 m. North.

At the same time we caught two Bonetoes, which were very welcome to us; for See Fig. they made a good Meal for all our Com-XXXII. pany; And this was the first we had had for a long time. This Fish is commonly of about three foot in length, and two foot about. It hath two middling Fins on his Back, with eleven small ones stretching to his Tail. He hath the like number opposite under his Belly: with two large ones, one on each fide, near his Gills. He hath a very sharp Head, with a small Mouth, a full Eye, and a half-moon'd Tail. It is a very fleshy Fish, having no Bone but his Back-bone: And they make very good Broth.

> All this Night we stood off and on; defigning not to venture too near these unknown Islands in the Night; not knowing

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what danger there might be near them. An. 1705 The next Morning, at Day-break, being May the 7th, we found our selves within a Ships length of a great ledge of Rocks, which ran from I Island to the other; which we not feeing before, and thinking to go between the two Islands, had like to have been upon them; But through God's great Mercy, a small breeze of Wind coming from the Shore, we got off, and stood to the westermost Island; because we saw many Sholes lying off the rest of them. The Rocks we had like to have been upon, were near the Northermost Island; which, upon account of our miraculousescape, we call'd the Island of Deceit; it having, to the Eye, discover'd no such danger. When we came near the Westermost Island, which was the biggest of the three, we stood in for the Island; and as we drewnearer, about forty or fifty of their flying Proes came off; in which might be about four hundred and fifty Men, allowing ten to each Proe: And we could see multitudes of people upon the Shore: For as we past by any of these Islands to go to the next, the people also followed us. Their flying Proes lay at a distance from us, and viewed us; till we beckoned and made Signs for them to come to us. Then one of them, which was in the midst, advanced towards us; and being pretty near, lay and

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An. 1705 and looked on us for a while. VVe fill made Signs for him to draw nearer: Then he came within a Ships length of us, and lay still again. In her were ten Men all naked; and in the midst of them, a grave chearful old Man, of a pleasant Countenance; who had on his Head a four-cornered Cap, without a Crown; but otherwife he was quite naked, as were all the rest of them. This Man, by the Respect which all the rest in the Boat showed to him, we gueffed to be a King or Prince. At their approach to us they fung a Song, which continued about a quarter of an hour: VVe could not understand it. but it was tuned very prettily. VVhen this Song was done, they came almost close to our Vessel's side, and then sung another Song. This was begun by the grave old Man, and followed by all the rest in the Boat. VVhich done, they put themselves in the posture of praying, and made several Bows and Cringes towards us, after the manner of their Country. Then one of the Men in the Boat, having a very fore Leg, held it up to us, and pointed to the VVound: By the Signs he made to us, we understood that he would have us to cure it; for we being white, and they (I believe) having never feen any white Man before, they feem'd as if they did not think us to be mortal Men. After

After this, we poured some Water out of a Ar. 1705 Bucket into a Glass; and pointing to our Mouths, made figns that we wanted Victuals and Drink. Then they shook their Heads, in way of Denial, as I suppose. But seeing us still make towards the Island, one of the Men in the Boat blew a Horn; at the found of which, all the rest of the Boats made boldly to us. Upon this, we all believing they would be aboard of us, fired a Musket over them; not designing to harm, but only to frighten them: At the noise of which they seemed wonderfully amazed, and drew back; menacing us at a distance with their Paddles, and still following us. So, seeing, as I said before, many hundreds of them upon the shore; and finding we could have nothing from them, but by force; and having no Anchors or Cables by which we dare trust our Bark; and besides having no Boat to go ashore in; so that should we swim ashore, as some of our Men proposed, yet we could not carry our Arms with us; and the Indians might knock us on the Head with Stones, whilst we were in the Water; we concluded there was no good to be done here. VVherefore examining our VVater, and finding sufficient for eighteen Days at a quart of VVater to each Man per Day; we resolved to leave these Iflands, and to trust to God's Providence

An. 1705, to guide us to a more friendly place, where we might fupply our wants; not doubting but we should furnish our selves with Water at some Island or other, in a place where there were fo many. left the said Islands, and called the Westermost of them The Island of Disappointment, because we made certain account of getting some Water here, but could not. They were all three, low, flat, even Iflands; full of several sorts of Trees, all very green and flourishing; And no doubt, if we had had a Boat, we might have met with fomething which would have been beneficial to our selves, and of advantage to our Country: As we might also at several other small Islands, which we afterwards pass'd by. The Inhabitants of most of these Islands, were a very large strong-bon'd People. They had long black streight Hair, which reached down to their middle; and they all go stark naked, not fo much as covering their Privy-parts. think I never faw fuch a parcel of large stout-limb'd Fellows together in my Life.

fince we left the Ladrone Islands.

From these Islands we steered away South West; having a fine fresh Gale of Wind at East. The water here was very foul, being full of Grass and other Trash,

We here found a Current fetting pretty strongly to the Northward; as it did ever

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which lay driving up and down. VVe An. 1705 founded several times, but had no Ground at a hundred Fathom; so we still kept on our Courfe, and kept good looking out all night. The next Morning betimes, being May the 8th, we saw the main Land of New-Guinea, bearing South by West, distant eighteen or nineteen leagues. And now with a few old broken Boards, which we had in our Veffel, we went to work to build us a fmall Boat; which afterwards proved very useful to us. The Land was very high and mountainous. At a distance it looked very black but drawing nearer, it looked more grey. The 9th, we had dirty squally uncertain weather, and the VVinds variable all round the Compass. VVe kept the Coast of New-Guinea aboard; and the Land still continued to be of a good height, very full of great high Hills, and small Valleys; See Fig. which all feemed very barren. It is all a XXXIII. rocky Coast; neither could we perceive any Harbour, Bay, or place to anchor in. VVhether there be any Inhabitants hereabouts, I know not; but vve never favv any, nor any fign of any, either by Sea in Boats, or upon the Land by Fires or Smokes, as is usual in all inhabited Countries.

The same day vve came abreast of two small Islands; neither of vvhich vvas above a league in length. They vvere lovv,

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The Island Gillolo.

green Trees. At the same time we saw also a part of the great Island Gillolo, bearing VVest, distant eight leagues. This vvas also high Land, but not so high as the See Fig. Coast of New-Guinea. We kept on our XXXIII. Course, steering West South West, intend-

ing to go between the Main of New-Guinea and the Island Gillolo; this being our

passage for the East-Indian Sea.

From the 8th to the 11th, we had dirty Rainy-weather for the most part, with uncertain Gales of Wind; and in the Night, it being dark, and we not keeping the Coast of New Guinea so close aboard as we should, we missed the common Pasfage, and ran past it; and in the Morning betimes, found our selves amongst a vast number of small Islands: When perceiving we had over-shot the Passage, and the Wind being at East, we concluded to look out for a passage to the Southward amongst these Islands. Accordingly we stood to the Southward; but found a great many Rocks and Sholes which stretched from one Island to another: Wherefore at Night, there being little Wind, and not daring to venture further amongst these unfrequented Islands and Sholes; we resolved to lye by all Night: Intending in the morning, if the Wind should prove Westerly, to return back again and

go through the common Passage; but if An. 1705 it still continued Easterly, then to indeavour to find out a new Passage to the Westward. This Night we saw two or three Fires, which were made on shore by the Inhabitants. The Islands here were most of them of a good height, and pretty well clothed with several forts of Trees, which all appeared very green and flourishing. This day we put our selves to a Pint and half of Water a Man per day. On the 12th we had fair weather; with a fine fresh Gale at N. E. So we proceeded to the Westward, and at the same time had a strong Tide setting to the Westward. About eight this morning we shot in between two high Head-lands, which were distant from each other near two Miles. Upon this, some of us went to the Topmast-head, to look if we had a clear Pasfage through; and we faw not any let or hindrance: So we got through this place by two in the Afternoon. It was in length about feven leagues, and about two Miles broad. In it we could find no Anchor-ground, till within a Ships length of the shore; and then we had thirty fathom Water. The Land here was of an indifferent height, and very woody. At noon the Tide setting back to the Eastward, and it being calm, we drove by five in the Evening half way back again; and

an. 1705 and drove with our Vessel so near the shore, that we kept her off with our Poles, and might have stepped from our Bark to the shore; and yet our Vessel never touched the ground, the Water being very deep close to the shore. Not long after, a strong Gale springing up again, by feven in the Evening we got clear out of this streight the second time; and then it fell calm again: And we drove with the Tide, which then fet to the Westward. In this streight we saw a flying Proe under Sail, but it did not come near us. We also in some of the small Bays saw several old Houses, some standing, and some half down; but could not fee any Inhabitants. On the 13th, we had little wind at E. S. E. and sometimes calm; but when we had any wind, we steered away S. by W. Here we faw a great many Islands to the Southward of us, but none of them for near together but that there vvas room enough to pass between them, and scarce any ground to be found with one hundred Fathom of Line. We still found vve got but very little; the Tides fetting sometimes to the Southward, and then back again to the Northward, fo that we vvere not yet got above a league to the Southvvard of the faid streight, vvhich vve, after the Name of our Bark, called St Johns Streights. And I believe vve vvere the first Europeans that ever past it, On.

On the 14th, we had hazy weather, An. 1705. vvith small drisling Rain, and little VVind; so that we were not above two leagues further to the Southward, than vve vvere the day before. VVe here met with a great many small Islands. They vvere most of them of a good height, and very vvoody; but vve could perceive no fign of any Inhabitants. The 16th vve had hazy vveather, with fresh Gales of vvind at S. E. by S. and thence to the S. W. by S; so that vve vvere forced to reef our Top-sails: And in the Evening vve favv the Island Ceram, bearing South, distant nine leagues: We then steering E. by N. having the wind at S. E. by S. The Island Ceram at a distance seemed to be high Land, and looked very black. This day vve finished our Boat vvhich vve vvere building; it was twelve foot long, and four broad. On the 17th vve had fair vveather, vvith fresh Gales off shore; so that we were forced to stand off and on, as the vvind vvould permit. This day vve savv a Sloop to the Eastward of us, which we vould very vvillingly have spoken to; But they kept from us, standing to the Eastward along the Coast of Ceram. So vve still plyed in for the shore; and at noon favy the Island Bonod. The Island Bonoa lyes in the Latitude of about 2 d. 45 m. South. And it is almost in the shape R

An. 1705 shape of a Horse-shooe. We still made towards the Island of Bonoa; and on the 18th of May, the wind veering about to the E. S. E. and East, we got in. We anchored near the N. W. end of the Island in thirty fathom Water, about a League from the shore. We durst not venture any nearer in, because of the many Sands and sholes which lye off here. we sent our little Boat ashore, with two Men, and an empty Hogs-head to be filled with water. When they came ashore, they went up and down feeking for water; and after some search, found a small Pond. Here they filled the Hogs-head, and at Night returned on Board. They could not fee any Inhabitants; although the Island is very well inhabited. But this North and N. W. side of the Island. is very barren, being nothing but great Rocky Hills, not affording any thing but some small Bushes. This probably might be the reason, that we saw no Inhabitants hereabouts. So that same Night, a Land-wind coming off, and we finding it very inconvenient watering here, because we were forced to lye fo far off shore with our Veffel; and our Boat not being able to bring off more than one Hogs-head at a time; we weighed from this place, intending to water upon the Island Ceram. On the 20th, we got into the Bay of Ceram; where we Anchored in twenty five An. 1703 Fathom hard Sand, not above two Ships length from the shore; and sent our little Boat with three Men to look for water. At twelve this Night they returned again, having found out a fine small Spring of fresh water. The next day, it being calm, we got up our Anchor, and rowed our Vessel further in, till we brought the said River to bear S. E, distant about half a Mile, and then anchored in thirty Fathom water, good fast hard Sand; the bearings of the Land being as is represented in the Draught. The Bay here was very woody See Fig. all round, the Land pretty low, the water XXXIV pretty deep close to the shore, which was fandy quite round the Bay. From W. S. W. to the S. E. and thence to the N. by VV. the Bay it self is a Defense from those winds; and from the VV. by S. to the W. N. W. the Island of Bonoa is a Defense. The Island Bonoa is much higher Land than this part of the Island Ceram. On the South side it is very well clothed with several sorts of large Trees, and the Valleys are very fruitful in Rice. Also on this South side, it is said to be very well inhabited. We staid in this Bay of Ceram till the 22d at Noon; and then having filled eight Tuns of water, and having a fine fresh Gale at S. E, we weighed from Ceram, and steered out between Ceram and

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An. 1705: the Island Bonoa; but kept nearest the Ceram shore. Between these Islands we saw feveral Proes, and a Sloop. We lay by, and fent our Boat to the Sloop; intending, if they had any Victuals that they could spare, to buy some of them; But the Sloop made the best of her way, and would not stay for our Boat: So our Boat

returned on board again.

At the same time a large Indian Proe came on board us; in which was a Freeman of Amboyna. To him we declared our great want of Victuals, having had nothing for a long time to eat, but Flower and Water; and so little of that, as would hardly keep us alive. He told us, if we would go to the Island of Manipa, which was then in fight, he would be our Pilot. and carry us in; where he did not doubt but we might have Rice enough for our Money, to carry us to Batavia. Accordingly we steered directly for the said Ifland of Manipa; and in our way passed by the Island Keylan; which is a small, but high Island, very well inhabited, and clothed with several forts of Trees: Its chief product is Rice, and some few Cloves. And here liveth a Dutch Corporal with fix Soldiers, whose only business is to see all the Clove-trees cut down and destroyed. From hence we proceeded to Manipa, where we arrived at about twelve

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at Night, and came to an anchor in a An. 1705. small Bay at the N. W. end of the Island. Then our Dutch Pilot sent two of his Men ashore, with a Letter to the Governour, to acquaint him with our wants. On the 23d, betimes in the morning, a Dutch Corporal with two Soldiers came on Board, and read to us an Order which he had from the Dutch East-India Company; that it was not usual for any Ships, except those belonging to the Dutch East-India Company, to anchor there; and that if any did, they were not to supply them with any thing. We told him it was through want of Victuals, that we were forced to put in here; and that if we could have subsisted, we should not have touched at any place till our arrival at Batavia. Wherefore we defired him to go ashore again, and declare to the Governour our wants. He feeing us in a very weak condition, promised he would; and that he would bring us word again. Accordingly he went ashore, and at four in the Evening returned again, and brought us word that we should have no Provisions there; but if we would go to Amboyna, there we might be supplyed. So to our great discouragement we were forced to leave this unfriendly place; intending, if the wind would permit, to go for Amboyna. The

246 Description of the Island Manipa.

An. 1705. The Island Manipa, is in length, S. E, and N. W, about fifteen Miles; in breadth, about eight; and lyes in the Latitude of about 3 d. 25 m. South; and Westward of the Island Bonoa about 20 Miles. It is a pretty high Island, and very well inhabited by Malayans; as are all the Molucca Islands. It is shole almost all round; which sholes some of them stretch a league and a half off the shore. Wherefore, unless a Man be acquainted or has good Draughts of the place, it is dangerous coming near it. The Island is of a good height, but not so high as the Island Keylan before mentioned. On it are several very good springs of fresh water; and on the S. W, side of the Island, the Dutch have a small Fort of fix Guns. The Island is governed by a Dutch Sergeant, three Corporals, and a Mastergunner; and they have under them twenty Dutch Soldiers. On it grow abundance of Cloves and Rice, of which they fend great quantities to Amboyna. The Inhabitants are most of them Fisher-men. They catch abundance of Fish here; not only

From this place we stood to the South Westward, having the wind at S. S. E. And it blowing fresh, we reefed our Topfails. But when we got clear of the I-

enough for their own use, but also to sup-

ply Amboyna with.

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sland, it blew so very hard, that we were An. 1705 forced to hand our Top-sails, and go away under our courses. We were now quite out of heart: For we did not expect to fetch Amboyna; the S. E. Monsoon being set in, which wind was right against us; and besides it blew so hard, that we could scarcely carry any Sail. And we could not think of getting to Batavia, because we had not Victuals to carry us thither; and besides, as the wind was, we could not weather the sholes, which lye to the E. S. E, of the Island of Bouton. So being almost in despair, and the wind continuing, we kept our course to the Southward, till we came over against the Island Bouro; and then the wind veering to the S. S. W, we stood away S. B: But finding a strong Current setting to Leeward, so that we rather lost than got ground; and feeing no likelihood of getting to Amboyna; we by a general confent shared all that was Eatable on Board our Vessel; and the whole of what each Mans share amounted to, was fix Pound and three quarters of Flower, with five Pound of Bran; which how long it was to last, we could not tell; however every one defigned to be as sparing of his part, as possibly he could.

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Island Amblow.

An. 1705. On the 25th, the wind veering about to the S. S. E, we tackt and stood to the S. W; and foon weathered the Island of Amblow; which is a small Island, not above three Leagues in length. It is of an indifferent height, and lyes in the Latitude of 4 d. 05 m. South. It is pretty well furnished with Trees of several forts, but not inhabited; neither do I know whether there be any fresh Water upon it. From hence we continued our Course till twelve at night; when a hard Gale of Wind coming down upon us, before we could hand our Sails (by reason of our weakness) it almost overset our Vessel: It split our Man-sail and Main-top-sail all to pieces, broke our Main-stay and two of our Fore-shrowds. We were then standing away South West, and had the Wind at South South East; intending, if we could weather the Sholes, to put for Batavia. But as foon as the Squall was over, it fell calm; and then we had fo great a Sea, occasioned, as I believe, by the meeting of feveral Currents, that we thought our Bark could not hold it out. She laboured fo much; and the Sea took us so a-head, a-stern, and on both fides, that we were always almost covered with water.

Arrival at Amboyna.

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On the 26th, sprung up a fine fresh gale at S. E. Whereupon, knowing we could not weather the Sholes, we tack'd and stood away N. E. for the Island of Amboyna. On the 27th, the Wind continuing, we held the same Course, and on the 28th betimes in the Morning saw the Island of Amboyna bearing due North, distant about six Leagues. So we stood away directly for the Island; and by Noon came just off the Harbour.

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The A. and the whole Crew and Ship secured at Amboyna. A particular Description of Amboyna; Its Situation, Soil, Inhabitants, Castle, Buildings; Its Subjectness to great Earthquakes; Its Government. Of the Malayan Inhabitants in it. The Hill-Malayans always at War with the Dutch. Malayan Slaves. The Custom of dealing with Debtors. Women-slaves. The Product of the Island; Cloves, Ginger, Pepper, Rattans, Canes, and Nutmegs. A particular Description of the growth of Cloves, the manner of gathering them, &c. Some Gold-mines said to be in this Island. The Governours annual Progress to visit the Spice-Islands. The Beasts and Birds upon this Island. The Crockadore described. The Cassawaris described. The Bird of Paradice.

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A Tour going into the Harbour of Amboyna, we met with two Ships coming out. These two Ships were laden with Cloves, and bound for Batavia. The Dutch Captain of one of them came on board of us, and demanded from whence we came, whither bound, and desired we would give him a Journal of our Voyage; promising to return it again, upon our arrival at Battavia. We satisfied him to all his demands; and our Agent for the Owners, gave him a small account of our Voy-

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An. 1705 age. After which we stood farther in, and the two Dutch Ships left us. At night the Land-wind coming off, we run in for the Shore, to anchor; but could find no Ground with a hundred fathom of Line, till we came within a Ships length of the Shore; and then we had twenty fathom, hard Sand. Here we lay all night; and the next Morning, (being in our account Tuesday May the 28th; but according to the Dutch account, Wednesday; we having lost about eighteen Hours by our going to the Westward, and the Dutch having got six Hours by coming to the Eastward; which makes the difference of time to be 24 hours,) two Dutch Orambyes, with 40 Paddles each, came on board of us. They brought the Fiscal Secretary and several Dutch Gentlemen, and about thirty Soldiers, who took possession of our Bark. They also went down and sealed up all our Chests; and the two Orambyes went a-head to tow us in; and by noon we got up as high as the Town, where they moored our Vessel in the common anchoring-place. Here we continued till the 31st, not knowing how they defigned to dispose of us. In which time they would not afford us any Victuals, although we proffer'd them a Crown for a pound of Beef, Pork, or Bread. the Evening we were all fent on shore; where they had provided us two Rooms

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for our Reception, near the State-House 3 An. 1765 and our Bark, Money and Goods, except what we had about us, were all taken from us; and foon after, our Bark and Goods were fold at a publick Out-cry. We were fed with very bad Meat, which We who had been at spare Diet so long, and our Stomachs were very weak, could ill digest. And if we vvould have better, we must buy it with our own Money. Several of us had the good luck to have some Money about us; and as long as that lasted, vve bought our ovvn Victuals of our Keeper. Our Spanish Dollar, vvhich was five Shillings and a Penny value, he vvould give us no more than five Dutch Skillings for; which was to the value of about Half a Crown; And for this Half-Crown we could have no more Victuals than we might have bought for five Pence, if we had had our liberty to go into the Tovvn. So that instead of having five Shillings for our Spanish Dollar, we had indeed no more than five Pence.

And now being at a stop for a while at this Island of Amboyna, a place often mentioned for the Cruelties used towards the English here formerly, and having had time and opportunity to enquire into the Manners, Ways, Customs of the People, Strength of the Island, and Product of it; I shall give a small description of it, as far as I observed my self, or could learn of any of the Inhabitants, the secretly.

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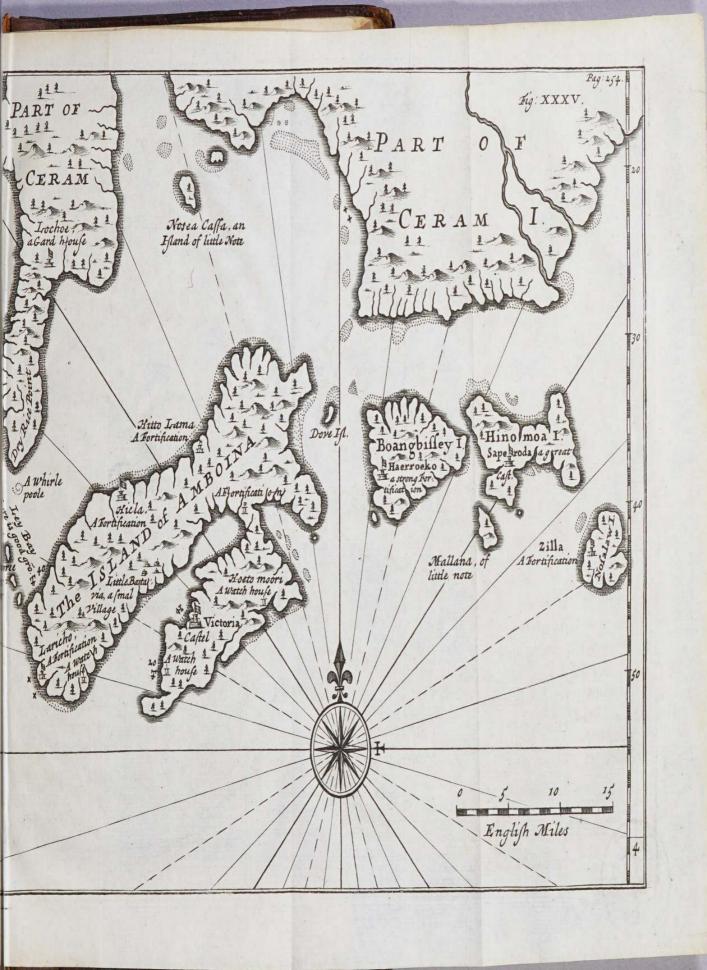
An. 1705. And first, This Island of Amboyna is in length North East and South West twelve leagues. It is a high mountainous Land; the Hills are somewhat barren, but the Valleys are very fruitful. The Soil is

See Fig. black : and the Surface of it Salt-Petreish.

XXXV. The middle of the Island lies in about 3 d. 40 m. South. It is inhabited by Malayans, who are the original Natives. They are of a middle Stature, and tawny; but the Women are of a brighter tawny than the Men, and have long black Hair, which reaches down to the Calfs of their Legs: They have round Faces, small Mouths, Nofes and Lips: They wear a Linnen Waste-coat, which reaches no lower than the lower part of their Breafts; and about their middle they were a piece of Cloth, about four Yards wide, and a yard deep; This they roul round them, and it serves them instead of a Petty-coat; For none are allowed to wear Petty-coats but the Dutch Women only; Neither are any of the Malayan Men allowed to wear a Hat, excepting only their King.

Although the Malayans are the most numerous, yet the Dutch are possest of all the Sea-Coast; and have here a strong Castle built of Stone, and mounted with fixty Guns; besides several other small Fortifications in other parts of the Island. Near this Castle, is a small Town, of

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about a hundred Dutch Houses, all well An. 1705 and strongly built of Stone, Brick and Timber; but all very low, none exceeding one Story, because of the many Earthquakes to which this place is very subject; fo that should they be built higher, it would endanger the falling of them; as they often do, notwithstanding they are fo low. Whilst we were here, we had a great Earthquake, which continued two Days; in which time it did a great deal of Mischief: For the Ground burst open in many places, and swallowed up several Houses and whole Families. Several of the People were dug out again, but most of them dead; and many had their Legs or Arms broke by the fall of Houses. The Castle-walls were rent asunder in several Places; and we thought that It and all the Houses would have fallen down. The Ground where we were, swell'd like a Wave in the Sea; but near us we had no hurt done.

The Island is govern'd by a Council, which consists of five Persons, viz. the Governour, the Chief Merchant (or upper Koop-man,) the Malayan King, the Captain of the Fort, and the Fiscal, who is in the Nature of a Judge. Upon the Island are said to be about 350 Dutch Soldiers, with about 120 or 130 Dutch Free-men and Petty-Officers, and near as many Chinese.

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An. 1705 Chinese, who live here for the advantage of Trade; although they are not allowed to trade in Spice, that being a peculiar Trade which the Dutch Company reserve to themselves. So that I reckon they can make in all about five hundred and fifty fighting Men, Dutch and Chinese: As for the Malayans, they would be of little Service to them, but rather be glad to be affistant to any Body against them. The Malayan Women here, are said to be great Whores; of which they are nothing ashamed. They are soon ripe, and often marry by nine Years of Age; and many of them are faid to have Children by ten or eleven. All near the Water-side are forced to be under the Dutch Government, which is very Absolute and Tyrannick over them. For any small Fault they are feverely handled; and many think themselves well, if they are not made Slaves, and to wear an Iron upon their Leg during Life. Those, I say, which dwell near the Sea-side, are all subject to the Dutch Government, and are Christians: But those within the Country, which are called the Hill-Malayans, are Mahometans. They are always at War with the Dutch: And if they take one of them Prisoner at any time, they never give him any quarter; but after they have kept him in Prison five Days without either Victuals

Victuals or Drink, they bring him out, An. 1705 and first of all rip up his Breast with a sharp Knife and take out his Heart; at which there is great rejoycing of all the Malayans that are present. Then they cut off his Head, and embalm it with Spice to keep; And they who can show most of such Heads, are accounted the most honourable, and value themselves much upon it. The dead Body is left exposed to the ravenous Birds of Prey to feed on. The Dutch, to retaliate this ufage, when they take any of these Malayans, lade them with many Irons, and lay them in Prison, where they continue some time; After which they cut off their Noses and Ears; and then they are sent to Prison again, where they continue fome further time: After which they are brought out the second and last time, and they rack them till they die.

As for those under their own Government; if they are found guilty of thieving, they often cut off their Noses and Ears, and put a great Iron Chain upon their Legs, and so make them Slaves during Life. There were near five hundred of these poor Wretches, who were in continual Slavery whilst we were here; and they always took care to keep them employed; some in sawing of Timber, others in cutting of Stone; some in carrying of

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An, 1705 · Burthens, and other labour. At Sun-rising every Morning they are let out of the Prison, in which they are kept, the Men in one, and the Women in another; and are immediately fent to work; where they continue till twelve at Noon; at which time they return back, and have an Hours time to dine: Their Dinner is always the fame, being nothing but a Pint of courfe Rice boiled for each Man. At One they are fent to work again; where they continue till six in the Evening; at which time they return again, and go to Supper, which is always the same both in quantity and quality, as at dinner. Soon after they have supp'd, they are put into their Lodgings, and lock'd in; where they lie upon the bare Boards; and have seldom any thing but a large piece of Wood, which commonly ferves five or fix of them for a Pillow. Sometimes these poor Wretches make shift to escape; but if they are caught again, they are fure to be feverely handled. There was One of these poor Slaves, a Woman, who had been feverely used by the Dutch; and having once made her escape, and being taken again; she, knowing how severely she should be used, cut her own Throat, the Day before her appointed Punishment: After which the was by the Hair dragged out of the Prison all round the Town, and

The Custom of dealing with Debtors. 259 and then hung upon a Gibbet by her Feet, 4n. 1705 with her Head down-wards; which is the common Punishment for any that are

guilty of Self-murther.

Such as are in Debt, and cannot fatisfie their Creditors, the Creditors turn over to the Company; who fend them to work amongst their Slaves. They have nothing allowed them, but Rice and Water, as the other Slaves; only they have two-pence a Day given them towards the Payment of their Debts; which avails but little: So that it is very seldom, if ever, that any one gets out, till he is carried out dead.

But though the poor Natives are thus severely handled; yet the Dutch themselves will wink at one anothers Faults; so that it is a great Rarity for any one of them to be punished, unless it be for Murther. Otherwise a small matter of Mo-

ney will buy off a great Fault.

The Women that are Slaves to the Free-men, have all the liberty that may be, from their Masters and Mistresses; only they are obliged every Night to bring them a certain Acknowledgement, which is commonly about six-pence a Day; and to find their own Victuals, Cloths, &c. In default of which, they are severely used. They may whore and steal, and all is well; if the dayly Acknow-

Complaint be made against them.

The chief of what this Island produces, is Cloves, Ginger, Pepper, Rattans, Cams,

and some few Nut-megs.

The Clove-Tree is not very great of Body, but rather slender. It is in length from twelve to thirty or forty foot. The Branches are fmall; the Leaves about five Inches long, and two broad; and end tapering. One of these Leaves rubb'd between the Fingers, will smell very strong of Cloves; but without rubbing they have no smell at all. The Cloves grow just at the tip of the Branches; ten, twelve or fourteen in a Cluster. They are first white, then green, then of a dark Coppercolour; which is the time of their being ripe. The manner of gathering them, is to fpread Cloths or Sheets round the bottom of the Tree, for a good distance. Then they shake the Tree; and all the Cloves that are throughly ripe and fit to be gathered, fall down. The rest which are left upon the Tree, they let hang for about fix or feven Days. Then they shake as many more of them off, as are ripe and will fall. This they do three, four, or five times; till they are all down. usual time of gathering of them, is in October and February. Those which are ripe in October, are called the Winter Clove;

this being the end of their Winter; and they An. 1705 are not accounted fo good or strong as the other. These they commonly preserve and put up in small Jarrs, of about a quart; of which they transport great quantities to several parts of the World. Those which are ripe in February, are called the Summer-Clove: These are accounted much better and stronger than the former; because these have the best part of the Summer to ripen in; whereas the former have not above a Months fair Weather, and all the rest is rainy and cloudy, so that the Rays of the Sun cannot come to them. It is the common receiv'd Opinion, that Cloves, Nutmegs, Mace and Cinamon, grow all upon one Tree; but it is a great mistake. These Trees commonly bear fixty, feventy, or eighty pound weight at a time; and every fix Years they are fure to have a double Crop. There is a vast number of these Trees upon this Island; which are very carefully looked after, and a Register kept of them in the Company's They are numbred once every Year; and beyond a certain number they will not let them encrease, but cut them down and destroy them for fear of lessenning the Price. All these Trees belong to the Dutch Company, or to their Freemen: But those that belong to the Free-men, the Company fets them an allowance as to their

An. 1705 their number: And if any one rears up more than what the Company allows of, he is feverely fined, and his Trees forfeited. And what soever Cloves, the Trees belonging to Free-men produce, the Freemen are obliged to fell to the Company, after the rate of 6d. a pound. So that properly all the Cloves upon the Island are ingrossed into the Companies Hands; And if any Freeman or other fells or conveys away to the value of ten pounds; all that he has in the World is forfeited to the Company, and he to be made a Slave during Life. The Inhabitants used formerly to put Cheats upon the Dutch in the Sale of their Cloves: for it was common with them to put their Cloves in a large Sheet, which they hung up by its four Corners under the Cieling of their House; and upon the Floor, right under the Cloves, they would fet a large Tub of fresh Water; which the Cloves, being very dry and of a hot Nature, would by degrees draw up, and make a large addition to their weight, without being easily perceived: But now the Dutch are grown too cunning for them; Forthey always try them by giving them a small fillip with their Fore-finger on the Head; and then, if the Clove be throughly ripe, and no Deceit has been used, the Head will break all in pieces like a piece of thin brittle Glass: But if it has been wetted; then

then the Clove will be very tough; and An 1705 the whole Clove will fooner bend, than

the Head fly off.

There are some sew Nut-megs upon this Island; the Trees of which are much like the Peach. But they grow mostly at the Island Banda: From whence two or three Ship-loads are exported every Year. The Fruit of this Tree consists of sour Parts; the first and outward Rind, is like that of a green Wal-nut; the second is dry and thin, which we call Mace; the third is a tough thin Shell, like that of a Chesnut; and the sourch is the Kernel included in the said Shell, which we call Nut-meg.

There are said to be upon this Island some Mines of Gold. One of the Malayans showed me some of the Ore, which he said was taken out of them: But this he said was a great Crime; and if the Dutch should know it, he should be severely punished: For this is an extraordinary Secret, which, as much as they can, they

keep from all Europeans.

Although, as I said before, they can raise about five hundred and fifty fighting Men upon this Island; yet once every Year they are forced to spare a great many of their People, which are sent away upon other Businesses. For commonly on the 20th of October each Year, eight or ten Days sooner or later, the Governour

An. 1705 of this place goes his Progress, attended with about seventy five Orambies, some with a hundred, some eighty, some fifty, and some forty Paddles a-piece: In each of which go two Dutch Soldiers. I reckon there may be in this whole Fleet, of Dutch about 150 or 160, and about 5250 Malayans, reckoning seventy Malayans to each Oramby, one with another. These seventy-five Orambies are divided into three Squadrons: The first consisting of twenty Orambies; which Squadron is always commanded by one of the Council, who carries a yellow Flag: The Rear confifts of twenty more, and is commanded by the Fiscall, who commonly carries ared Flag: The rest are in the middle Squadron, and attend the Governour, who hath twelve Dutch Soldiers, a Corporal and a Serjeant for his Body-guard, and carries a blew Flag. The Governour carries with him the Indian King, and all their Princes, for fear they should rebel in his Absence. In this Order they go and visit all these Eastern Islands, but especially those that do or would produce Cloves or Nut-megs. And at every Island they go to, they have an additional strength. The time of their cruizing in this manner, is commonly six Weeks; in which time they cut down, burn and destroy all the Clove and Nutmeg Trees they can find, excepting such as

For An. 1705 are reserved for the Companies use. all or most of these Islands do or would produce Cloves; But they will not suffer them, because they have enough to supply all Europe at Amboyna alone; and even there also, as I said before, they will permit but a certain number, least a Plenty of them should lower the price. Upon all these Islands the Dutch Company keeps Soldiers, three, fix, nine or twelve, according as they are in bigness; Whose only business it is to see the Trees cut down, or at least to take care they do not encrease: For they are very jealous least the English or French should serve them such a Trick, as they themselves formerly served the English at Amboyna. During the time of their thus cruizing, they gather Tribute from all the petty Kings and Princes of these Islands; and commonly at the end of about fix Weeks, return again.

Of Beasts here are several sorts, as Beeves, Hogs, wild Deer, &c. Of Fowls here are also several sorts, as the Crockadore, the Cassawaris, the Bird of Para-

dice, &c.

The Crockadore is a Bird of various sizes; some being as big as a Hen, and others no bigger than a Pidgeon. They are in all parts exactly of the shape of a Parrot. Their Feathers are all over white, excepting only a Bunch upon their Head, which

266 Cassawaris. Birds of Paradice.

This Bunch of Feathers lies so close sitted into a dent in the Head, that they cannot be perceived, unless when the Bird is frighted; and then he sets it up an end, and it spreads open like a Fan. The Flesh and Legs of this Bird are quite black; and they smell very sweet. When thy fly wild up and down the Woods, they will call Crockadore, Crockadore; for which reason they go by that name.

The Cassawaris is about the bigness of a large Virginia Turkey. His Head is the same as a Turkeys; and he has a long stiff hairy Beard upon his Breast before, like a Turkey. He hath two great Legs, almost as thick as a Man's Wrist; with five great

See Fig. Claws upon each Foot: He has a high round Back; and instead of Feathers only long Hairs; and the same upon the Pinions of his Wings. It lays an Egg so big that it will hold a Pint. The Shell is pretty thick, spotted with green and white, and looks exactly like China-ware. I never tasted the Eggs, but the Bird it self is extraordinary good Victuals, as I have tried several times. It tastes very like a Turkey, but much stronger.

The Birds of Paradice are about the bigness of a Pidgeon. They are of various Colours, and are never found or seen alive; neither is it known from whence

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Fish and Fruits of several sorts. 267 they come. I have seen several of them An. 1705.

here embalm'd with Spice, which preserves them from decay; And so embalm'd they are sent as Rarities to several parts of the World. It is related of these Birds, that when the Nutmegs are ripe, which is in the Months of February and March, they resort to the Places where they grow, viz. to Banda and this place, and eat off the outer-rind of the Nut: After which they fall down dead drunk, and an innumerable Company of Ants gather about them and feed upon them, and kill them.

Of Fish here are also several sorts; but the most noted is the Sea-Porcupine: It is in length about three soot, and two soot and a half round. It has a very large Eye; with two Fins on his Back, and one large one on each side near his Gills. It is See Fig.

very full of sharp-pointed Quills, (which XXXVII. are hard stiff Bones,) and from thence is

called the Sea-Parcupine.

Of Fruits here are Plantains, Bonanoes, Pine-Apples, &c. The Pine-Apple grows upon a low shrub, with prickly Leaves. They are so big, that they will commonly weigh two pound, and two pound and a half. When it is ripe, it is yellow and red without, and full of little Bunches; within it is yellow, and so juicy, that when you bite it, the Juice will run down your Chin and Clothes; and the Liceur

Mangoe.

they eat it, they commonly rub it well with Salt, and so let it lye for about an Hour, which takes away the rawness of it; then they wash it in fresh Water, and eat it. But One is sufficient for two or three People: For they are very apt to cause Feavers.

Here is also another sort of Fruit, called a Mangoe. It is about the bigness of our common Cucumber. The out-side, althoripe, looks green; and within, it is very yellow. It is a very delicious Fruit, when ripe; and has a fine fragrant smell. When they are green, they cut them in two pieces, which they pickle and send to most parts of the World. They grow upon a Tree about the bigness of our common

Apple-tree.

This Island of Amboyna is sandy all round; but the Water is so deep, that there is no anchoring near it, but at the Ley, (which is at the West-end of the Island,) in forty fathom Water close to the shore; and in the common Harbour. This Harbour runs up a great way into the Island, and almost divides it into two Parts, so that they are almost two Islands, being only joined by a small Neck of Land, so narrow, that the Malayans often haul their Canoas over. At the entrance into the Harbour, on the East-side, there

Hole where the massac. Eng. were thrown. 269 is a small Fortification, of about six Guns, Ani. 1795 and close to it is twenty fathom Water;

And about a league further up, is the Harbour for Ships, where they lie under the Command of their great Castle, which ever since the Massacre of the English has

been called the Castle Victoria.

About two Miles further to the North East, within the Harbour, is the place where formerly our English Factory was settled; and near it is said to be the Hole, into which all the English were thrown, after they had been massacred by the There were few of us now here, but expected the same Fate; And some of the Inhabitants were no way shy to tell us, that the Journal which was fent in the Dutch Ships that we met going out hence for Batavia, was our Protection. they were sensible that upon those Ships arrival at Batavia, it would be prefently known that a part of Captain Dampier's Company was arrived at Amboyna; and from thence it would spread all over India; and fo they knew, if we fared otherwise than well, we should be enquired after.

A little to the Eastward of this Island, are several other small Islands; the most noted and biggest of which, are Boangbessey and Hinomoa. They lie East from Amboyna at a small distance. They are of an indifferent height, and not above a third

270 Moskitoes, very troublesome.

They are both pretty well fortified, and produce store of Cloves: But the chief place for Nut-megs, is the Island of Banda, which also belongs to the Dutch. It lies in the Latitude of 4d. 20 m. South, and bears from Amboyna E. S. E. distance 28 Leagues. The Island is said to be in form of a Man's Foot and Leg; and to be pretty well fortissed: And as it has the preheminence for Nut-megs, so Amboyna has for Cloves.

The Governour of Amboyna is reckoned the Chief and Head-Governour of all these Spice-Islands, even to Ternate and Tidore, which are also Spice-Islands in possession of the Dutch, and lie about forty Miles to

the Northward of the Equator.

Whilst we were at this Island of Amboyna, we were so much troubled with Moskitoes, (which are a fort of Gnats,) that
every Night we were forced to put our
selves in a Bag, before we could go to
sleep; for otherwise these Creatures
would so bite us, that there was no sleeping: And whereever they bite, they commonly raised a red Blister, almost as broad
as a Silver-penny: This would itch very
much, and many could not forbear scratching themselves so, as to cause Inflammations, which sometimes are the cause of
the loss of a Limb.

During our stay here, we had the liberty of a broad paved Yard, about sixty Yards square; but by no means would they let us go out into the Town; being very jealous of us, and desirous to prevent (as much as they could) our knowing their Strength, or making any other Discoveries which they thought might be prejudicial to them.

Here we remained from the 31st of May to the 14th of September 1705. At which time there being three of the Companies Sloops ready to sail hence, laden with Cloves; twenty sive of our Men were sent away with them for Batavia; and we were ten of us left behind, who were (as they said) to go in another Vessel, which

was almost ready to fail.

It was very observable, that all the time of our being here, none of us fell sick or died. For this was the S. E. or bad Monsoon, which begins in the latter end of April, and lasts till the latter end of September; Most of which time, we had hard Storms of Wind; with much Thunder, Lightning and Rain; and the Weather so very cloudy, that for six or seven Days together we saw not the Sun. The greatest violence of this Weather, is in June, July and August; and then it abates, and at the latter end of September quite breaks up; And then begins the westerly

An. 1705. Monsoon, which is fine fair clear Weather, with gentle Gales, variable, but mostly inclining to be Westerly. This is counted the healthy Monfoon; and the other the fickly one: For in the Easterly Monfoon the Inhabitants are very much troubled with Feavers and Fluxes, of which a great many die; as vast numbers did whilst we were here; especially of the Malayan Inhabitants, who are more apt to die of them than the Dutch; but I suppose the reason is, because they are not fo well provided with Doctors and Medicines as the Dutch; neither are they so well looked after. They admired at us, seeing we were fed with such bad Diet, and but newly come from Sea very weak, that we could bear up under fo many Hardships and Inconveniences; and it used to be their common Saying, That nothing of Hardships or fickly Places would kill the English, so long as they had any Victuals to eat.

> The Reason why I have given so little account of the Winds and Seafons of the Year in this whole Voyage, is because these things are so well described in Capt. Dampier's 2d Volume; But he not having spoken much of these Moluccoes or Spice-Islands, I have therefore endeavoured to give the more particular Account of them.

On the 27th of September a Malayan An. 1705. Man was brought in here at Amboyna to the State-house to be tryed for his Life. He was accused by his own Wife, for murthering his Slave. The Slave had been dead about fix Months, and she had concealed it; but happening to fall out with her Husband, she went before the Fiscal in the Heat of her Anger, and declared it. So her Husband was put in Prison, and the Corps of the dead Slave dug up: But it being consumed and rotten, no Marks of any Violence could be perceived upon it; and it was generally believed that the Man's Wife accused him wrongfully. He was upon his Tryal when the Earthquake happened. At which time I observed, that it is a common Error to suppose that during an Earthquake it is always calm. For we had a fine fresh Gale at S. S. W. both Days on which the Earthquake happened. This Earthquake made all the Court break up, being in fear the House would fall on their Heads. So the Man was committed to Prison again; and the next Day, being September the 28th, about 11 at Noon, the Court being set again, the Man was again brought to his Tryal; when in about a quarter of an Hour, when his Wife was in her greatest violence against him, the Earth shook very much again, and caused them all to break up the

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with four more of our Men, were sent on board a China-Sloop for Batavia. How they proceeded further with the Man, I know not; But many thought it a great token of his Innocency, that the two several Earthquakes happened the two several Days just at the time of his Trial. The other five of our Men, which were left behind, they promised should be sent after us in a short time; but we never heard of them after.

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ROM Amboyna we steered away S. W. by W. till we came to the Island Lancas; and in our way passed by the Island Amblow, of which I have already spoken. The Island Lancas is a short low Island, on which is store of Wood. It is not inhabited; and all round it, for a good distance, is said to be shole Water. It lies in the Latitude of 5 d. 27 m. South; and I made Meridian distance stom Amboyna 155 Miles, or 2 d. 35 m. West.

From hence we steered W. by N. for a small time, till we came up with the two Islands Cabeses. Where it falling calm, we sent our Boat ashore to the Eastermost of them, and cut down some Hundreds of Coco-nuts, which we carried on board. This was also a low Island, not inhabited, but all round full of Coco-nut-trees, which are planted here on purpose for the use

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of such Dutch Ships and Vessels as pass by An. 1705 here for Batavia. For it is a great Rarity to see any European shipping here, besides the Dutch. Off this Island we met our Bark, which had brought us from America to Amboyna. The Dutch after they had taken her from us, fitted her up, put a Mizen-Mast in, and made a very good Vesfel of her. This Island lies in the Latitude of 5 d. 23 m. South; and nearly W. by N. from the Island Lancas, distance about 45 Miles: It is shole two Miles from the Shore. To the S. W. of this, is the other Island of Cabefes, which is a pretty high Island, and upon it the Dutch always keep fix Soldiers and a Corporal, who two or three times a Year go round the Island to see that no Cloves be planted; and if there be, they cut them down and burn them, for tear least any other Nation should take it from them; which if they should, I am apt to believe Amboyna would be of little use to them; Cloves being the only Product valuable upon it.

From hence we passed by the South-part of the Island Bouton, which lies in the Latitude of 5 d. 45 m. South. It is a pretty large Island, taking up above a degree and

half in Latitude.

From hence we steered to the West-ward, and passed between the Island Celebes and the Island Zalayer. The South-

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Land. It is very well inhabited, and is a very large Island, taking up seven degrees in Latitude. At the South-end of this Island, on the West-side, the Dutch have a Factory, called Macasser, where they have a Fort of about seventy Guns, mann'd with six or seven hundred Dutch Soldiers. The chief Product of the Place, is Rice; with which they supply all or most of their Eastern Islands. Here are also said to be several Gold-mines, of which the Dutch are not yet masters. For the Inhabitants are often at War with the Dutch, and pretty well defend those Places.

Between the South-end of the Island Celebes, and the Island Zalayer, are three small low Islands; and the best Passage, is between that which lies next to the Island Zalayer, and a little small one which lies to the Northward of That. called the second Passage from Zalayer, and is accounted the best; For in the first Passage from Zalayer, are many sholes, but in this second it is deep Water: The third and fourth are also deep; but if you go through with the Sea-wind, you will be so nigh the shore of Celebes, that you must be forced to anchor till the Landwind comes: Wherefore the second is always accounted the best Passage; and most Ships, rather than go through the first, The I. Zalayer. A dangerous Shole. 279 third or fourth, will lie a whole Day to An. 1705. go through the second; which they do

as commonly in the Night, as in the Day,

there being no danger.

The Island Zalayer is of a moderate height. It is inhabited by Malayans, and planted all round with Coco-nut-trees. The Inhabitants are forced yearly to fend store of Oil and Match to the Dutch at

Macasser, as a Tribute.

From hence we steered W. by N. (having had the Wind in the Eastern Quarter ever since we lest Amboyna,) till we had passed a dangerous shole called the Brill; and then we haul'd up S. W. and in the Night saw a small Island just by us; which finding we could not weather, we tack'd and stood the other way till Day-light; and then finding our felves to the Southward of the said Island, we tackt and stood to the South-westward; and foon after faw two other small low Islands, bearing from the North to the North-west. We could see the Ground very plain for about two Miles; and never had above fix, or under five fathom Water, though it looked as if there was not above two fathom. We came over this shole about a league to the Southward of the faid two fmall Islands; and this is accounted the narrowest part of the Shole; for further to the Southward it is five or fix Leagues T 4

280 A great Fault in the Dutch Maps.

An. 1705; over: But There also there is no danger, because you have very even Soundings, as five or fix fathom, feldom over or under. But to the Northward of these two Islands, it is very dangerous; it being all very foul rocky Ground, and in some places not above four or five foot Water. Therefore be fure to go to the Southward of these Islands, and you will be safe: Although the Dutch in most of their Maps, (unless in such as they give to their own People,) have laid down the Dangers to the Southward, which should have been laid down to the Northward of the two Islands: And the safe sholes, which we and they always go over, they have laid down to the Northward of the two Islands; whereas we and they also went over to the Southward of them. We had a Draught on board belonging to the Captain of the Vessel, which showed all this very exactly as we found it. I compared it with several others which were on board, and found a great deal of Difference. I asked the Captain the reason of their Difference; and he told me that the Hollanders knew all the sholes and dangerous places hereabouts very well; but did not desire that any Body else should know them. So that if any Foreigner should come into these Parts amongst these sholes, and sail by their Draughts 5

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Draughts; they, thinking all safe, might inexpectedly be amongst Rocks and Sholes, where they would certainly lose their Ship; as we had done, if we had sailed by the common Draughts. It being the Dutch Policy, to keep all Ships belonging to the English or French, as far off these Eastern Islands, as they can; or at least if any do chance to come amongst them, and happen into their Hands, as we did; to take care to send them away from among them, and to let them know as lit-

tle of them as may be.

On the 16th of October we passed by the Dutch Factory, called Rambang; and on the 21st, arrived in the Harbour of Batavia. Here we were fent ashore to the Bomb-Key, to the rest of our Men, who had been sent hither before, and were not yet cleared. And foon after, the Major of the Castle was sent to us, and defired we would fend to the General by him an Account of our Losses and Damages, which we received by our being taken at Amboyna; and that we should be satisfied upon all Accounts, both as to our lost Things, loss of Time, and Imprisonment. Accordingly we each of us drew up an account of our Losses, and sent it by the Major to the General, who return'd us answer, that very speedily we should have Satisfaction and our Freedom. On the 27th

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An 1705 27th of October we were all sent for to the Fort, and most of our ready Money was return'd to us again; but for our Goods, loss of Time, and Imprisonment, we could have no Satisfaction. Only the General told us he had given us all that the Governour of Amboyna had sent to him; and that if there was any thing more, he knew nothing of it; and that we were now at our liberty to go where we pleased. We desired, that since our Vessel was taken from us by the Company, (of which He was the Head,) he would be pleafed to take care to find us some Ship in which we might return home; which he promifed he would. We were forced to be content; and went and took Lodgings in the Town, till we could meet with an opportunity of returning home.

And now being at a stop here for a while, I shall give some Description of this North Coast of Java. The Island is in length East and West about ten Degrees. And from the East end of Madura to this Port of Batavia, you have the common Land and Sea Winds. In the Easterly Monsoon the Land-winds are at South East, sometimes more Southerly; and the Sea-winds at North East, sine pleasant Gales. This Easterly Monsoon is accounted the good Monsoon; it being sine fair clear Weather, beginning in April, and ending

Description of the North Coast of Java. 283 ending in October: But the Westerly Mon-An. 1705 foon is called the bad Monfoon, being rainy and blustering weather, with much Thunder and Lighting, especially in December, January and February. This bad Monfoon begins in November, and ends in March, or the beginning of April. the Land-winds are at West South West and South West, and the Sea-winds at North West and West North West. Anchor-ground all along the North fide of Fava, from the Island Madura to Batavia, is brave oazey Ground, and clear of Rocks. The principal places on this fide of the Isand, are Batavia, Bantam, Japara, Samarang, Surabon, Taggall, the Quale and Rambang. All these places are settled by the Dutch. They afford Rice, with which they supply all their Out factories hereabouts; as also very good Plank, to build Shipping with. The chief place of building is Rambang; where the Freemen go to build their small Vessels, as Sloops and Brigantines. Also several Ships of five. fix, or seven hundred Tuns, lade with Timber at Rambang, the Quale, Japara, &c. And each Ship, when full, taketh a great Raft of the largest of the Timber in a tow to Batavia. Some of these Rafts are faid to be thirty foot square, and to draw twenty-two foot water. There are commonly fix of these Ships.

they commonly make four Voyages in the good Monsoon: For in the bad, they cannot do any thing. All this Timber is commonly landed upon a small Island between four and five leagues from Batavia; where the Ship-Carpenters are usually kept at work; nay, they are said to be never out of Employ. They are about two hundred in number; and the Island is called Unrest; a very sit name for it; for here is said to be no rest for an idle person. The Dutch careen all their Ships here; and it is very well fortissed, being all round a Bed of Guns.

Batavia is the chief place the Dutch have in India; receiving by Shipping, the Product of India, Japan, and China. It is inhabited by several sorts of people; as Dutch, Portuguese, Chinese, Persians and Negroes; but the Malayans are the Natives. The Dutch are Masters of the place, and have a very fine large Town, in which are seven Churches, Dutch, Portuguese, Malays and Chinese; with several very fine spacious Houses, built after the European manner. The Town is all walled, and moted round; and upon the Walls are planted store of Cannon. the middle of the Town, in a great square place, is a very fine and handsome State. house, where all Affairs are transacted.

The Town, with all the Fortifications, is An. 1705 commonly governed by one of the States of Holland, who has the Title of General of India; and all other Governours are subordinate to him. The Inhabitants here, do not care how often they change their General; For at the coming of a new one, all Prisoners are released, excepting such as have committed murther. He has twelve to affift him, who have always the Title of Raids or Lords of India. These are such as have been formerly chief Governours in several places in India; as of Ceylon, Amboyna, Malacca, &c. The Town is divided by Rivers; over which, almost in every Street, there are Bridges laid, and Bombs to haul across; which let no Boats go in or out after Sun-set.

At this place grows the Tamarind-Tree, whose Leaves shut and open according to the rising and setting of the Sun. And much like this is another Tree, that buds in the night; and as the Sun rises, blooms a Flower almost like a Lilly; So that the Tree will be full of these Flowers by noon; and when the Sun is down, within half an hour, the Flowers will be all fallen off, and not one left upon the Tree. This I have seen daily.

The chief Product of the place is Pepper; of which the Dutch yearly export

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286 The Mangastan. The Rumbostan.

Diamonds, and other rich Gems.

Of Fruits, here are Plantains, Bonanoes, Oranges, Lemons, Pomegranates,

Mangastans and Rumbostans.

The Mangastan, is about the bigness of a Golden-Runnet. It is quite round, and Jooks like a small Pomegranate. The outside Rind is like that of a Pomegranate, only of a darker colour; But the infide of the Rind is of a fine red. Within this Rind is the Fruit, which is of a fine white, and lies in Cloves almost like Garlick. There are commonly four or five of these Cloves in each; and they are very foft and juicy. Within the Cloves is a small black Stone. We commonly fuck the Fruit from the Stone: And the Fruit is very delicious; the Stone we throw away, being very bitter if chewed.

The Rumbostan is about the bigness of a Walnut, when the green Peel is off. It is also much of the shape of the Walnut; And hath a prety thick tough outer-rind, which is of a deep red, and is full of little knobs of the same colour. Within the Rind is the Fruit, which is quite white, and looks almost like a Jelly: And within the Fruit is a large Stone. It is very delicate Fruit; and though a Man eat never so much, yet it never does him any harm; provided he swallows the Stones

Departure from Batavia for England. 287 as well as the Fruit: But otherways An. 1705; they are said to cause Fevers.

But this place is fo well known to most Europeans, that it needs no further

Description.

On the second of December, all of us which had a desire to return to England, were ordered on board the Dutch East-India Fleet; And the next Day the whole Fleet, confisting of about twelve Sail, weigh'd anchor and left Batavia. On the 8th we arrived at Bantam; where we wooded, water'd, and refresh'd our selves; and took in store of Provisions, as Beeves, Hogs, &c. for our supply during our Pasfage to the Cape. This is also a Dutch Factory; and the chief Trading is for Pepper. On the 11th we weigh'd from Bantam. The Westerly Monsoon was set in pretty hard against us; But however, having a strong Current setting to the Wind-ward, we made shift to turn against the Monfoon: Yet it commonly blowing very hard at Night, whilst we were in the Streights of Sunda, we used to run in under the Java shore, and there anchor till the next Morning. All through these Streights the Coast is good and bold; and though there be many Sholes, yet the Soundings are good even in the most dangerous place, which is between Bantam and Batavia: But no Man will venture to fail An. 1705 fail by Night, although it sholeth gradually near any Bank, and the Anchor-ground is very good, that Ships can stop when they please if they are plying to Windward.

> On the 13th we came up with a fmall high Island, called Princes Island. It lies at the West-end of this Streight of Sunda; And from hence we took our departure for the Cape of Good Hope. We had nothing material happen'd to us, in this our Passage: And we arrived at the Cape on the 3d of February 170; having been just two Months in our passage: And here we found four Ships belonging to our East-

India Company.

The Cape of good Hope, is the Southermost part of Africa, lituated four Degrees and a half within the Southern Temperate Zone. Near it, is the Table Bay; a very healthy place, and producing all Neceffaries for the Life of Man. The Dutch are Masters of this place, and have here a Fort of about fifty Guns, which they were now about moting round. Half a mile to the Westward of the said Fort, they have belonging to them a pretty Town, confifting of about a hundred and fifty Dutch Houses, and a small Church, situated under a very high Mountain, called the Table-Land. The Town and Fort are under a Governour and a Fiscal, (who, as I have faid before, is in the nature of a Judge.) The

The Natives of this Place, are a tawny in 1705: Swarthy fort of People, who call themselves Hodmandods; and are certainly the next to Beafts, of any People on the face of the Earth. Both Men and Women are of a middle Stature, with small Noses, little Mouths and Eyes, and an oval Face. They have a woolly Head of Hair, like the Guinea or Angola-Negroes. Both Men and Women cover themselves with only two raw Sheeps Hides, just as they come from the Sheeps Back. In the Day they wear them like a Mantle, over their Shoulders; and in the Night when they sleep, one of them serves to lie under them instead of a Bed, the other to cover them. And thus like Beafts they lie, Men, Women, and Children, the whole Family together. They smear or greafe themselves very much; which makes them stink abominably; And the thicker they are with Greafe, the more they are admired by one another. The Women to distinguish themselves from the Men, wear dried Thongs of the Sheeps Skins, rouled round their Legs from the Ankle to the Knee; which makes their Legs feem as big as Posts; and they look'd like a Rowl of Tobacco. They also wear a long Cap (made of the same) which goes up tapering like a Piramid. But their clothing is the same as the Mens, viz. two raw Sheeps

An. 1705 Skins. They are a very shameless igno. rant People, and as far as I could perceive, without any Laws or Government of their own; only each Family is subject to the eldest of their Family. Both Men and Women are great Lovers of Tobacco; and for two or three ounces of it, a Man will not stick to prostitute his Wife to any European whatsoever. The Men are not at all jealous, and care not how many Europeans lye with their Wives; yet they will beat their Wives severely, if they know them to lye with any of their own Nation besides themselves. They are a People that will eat any foul or nafty thing. For if the Dutch kill a Beeve or a Sheep, they will beg the Guts, out of which they squeeze the Dung; and without washing or any cleaning at all, cut them into small peices, and lay them upon the fire; and affoon as they are hot through, take them off and eat one another. The Women to diffirment

Their Children, when they are young, are fomething inclining to be White; and were it not for their nafty way of greazing them they would make likely Men and Women: For they are most of them very well featured. The Dutch did formerly what they could, to bring them to the knowledge of the true God, and to leave their inafty way of living; but never could prevail with them; they An. 1705
still desiring rather to live like Beasts.
Worship they seem to have none; except at the full Moons; and then they
Dance and Sing all or most of the Night;
and the brighter the Moon is, the more
is their Mirth; For then they think
the Moon, which seems to be their
God, is well-pleased with them: But
if the Moon chance to be obscured
with Clouds, then they seem much
dejected, and fancy their God is angry
with them.

I was told a story by the Person with whom I lodged here, that some years fince, the Dutch sent two of these Hodmandod Men to Holland; where they were very well cloathed, had a good maintenance allowed them, and for the space of four years were sent up and down to see the several parts of Holland and other Countries adjacent: The Dutch thinking this would be a means of bringing them to a more civilized way of living. But it proved ineffectual: For the two Hodmandods their return, as foon as they ashore, tore off all their Cloaths, and returned to their old beaftly way of living.

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These people have low Matt Houses, in form of a Bee-hive; The Door not above three foot high; and the highest part of the House about six foot high: In the middle of which, in cold weather, they make a Fire; and the whole Family, Men, Women and Children, and their Dogs, all lie round it; where they fleep as found, as other people do in their Beds of Down. Yet these people are as healthy, and as free from Pains and Aches, as any on the whole Continent of Africa. Their Houshold-goods are seldom any thing more than two earthen Pots; one broken, the other whole; The broken Pot serves them instead of a Frying-pan, and the other to boil their Victuals in.

They are no way ingenious, neither do they follow any Trades. The most of their delight is in looking after Flocks of Sheep; and in this the Dutch often employ them. If one of them does half an hours work for a Dutchman or any European, he will demand a Doublekey; which is a piece of Money that goes for Two-pence; And if there be occasion to work him from morning till night, he will

demand no more.

The Land hereabouts is very mountainous, and the Mountains are most of them very barren, producing only a few small shrubby Bushes. And within the Coun-

try are abundance of Lions, Tygers, wild An. 1705 Elephants, &c. These wild Beasts the Dutch kill after this manner: They make a pretty large Circle, upon the edge of which they fix five, fix, seven, or eight Posts, about eighteen or twenty foot from each other: Upon each of these Posts is a Musket made fast, the Muzles of which are all placed so as to point to the Center of the Circle: The Muskets are well loaded; and from the Trigger of each Musket is a small Line, reaching to the Center of the faid Circle, and there fastned to a piece of raw Flesh; which when a wild Beast seizes upon, most or all of the Muskets go off, and seldom fail to kill him. Any one that kills a Lion, is paid by the Publick fifty-two Guilders, which amounts to four Pound six Shillings and eight Pence; And for killing a Tyger he has a Reward of twenty-four Guilders or forty Shillings. There was a Scotchman whilst we were here, who killed four Lions, three Tygers, and three wild Elephants; for which he had his Reward, according to the aforesaid Proportion.

This place produces several sorts of Fruits, both common and not common to us in Europe; as Pomgranates, Water-melons, Chesnuts, with some few Plantains and Bonanoes, and store of very good Grapes, of which the Dutch make a very

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294 Beasts, Fowls and Fish, several sorts.

in. 1705. pretty and pleasant Wine in great quantities, which by Retale is commonly fold at eight Pence a Quart. It also produces abundance of Garden-Fruit, which is very refreshing to those that arrive here sick of the Scurvy.

Of Beasts here are great store; to wit, Lions, Tygers, Elephants, &c. which all run wild up and down the Country; but near the Towns they are seldom seen: Here are also abundance of Sheep, very large, and I think as good Meat as ever

I eat.

Of Fowls here are also several forts; But the most noted, as I think, is the Ostridge; which is a very large Fowl. The Bird it self is little valuable, but for its Feathers, which are sent as Rarities to several parts of the World. Their Eggs are very good Meat, as I have experienc'd many times. That these Birds do feed upon Iron, Stones, or any thing that chances to be near them, is fabulous; but, like a great many other Fowls, they peck up small Stones, which only serve to digest their proper They are of feveral colours, as Food. black, white, &c.

Of the Sea Inhabitants, the most noted is the Seal, or, as the Dutch call it, the Sea-Hound. They are the same as those before spoken of at the Island Juan Fernandoes, only the Furr of these is not so sive.

News from the Men they left at Nicoya. 295

In this Harbour, on the South fide, are An. 1705 two great high noted Mountains; the one called the Table-Land, which is pretty plain and even at the top; and the other called the Sugar-loaf, from its shape. At the top of this Sugar-loaf the Dutch have a small House, and four Guns mounted: Here they always keep a Look-out, and at the approach of any Ship or Ships, hoist a Flag, and fire as many Guns as they see Ships, to give notice to those at the Town.

During our stay here, there arrived some more East-India homeward bound Ships, both Dutch and English; also here we met with some of our Men that had left us in the Gulf of Nicoya, and went away with our Chief-mate. They gave us an account, that in a Week after they left us, they went into the Port of Ria Leon on the Coast of Mexico, where they took two Spanish Ships at Anchor; one of which, being very old and wormeaten, they immediately funk. Which being done, they fent two of their Prifoners ashore with a Letter to the Governour, in which they demanded 10000 Dollars for the ranfome of the other Prize. The Governour lent them word, that the Owners of the faid Ship were poor, and that the Town was also poor, fo that they could not give fo much UA

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An. 1705. but if 4000 Dollars would satisfie them. he would fend them aboard the next day, upon our Mens word, that upon the receipt of the Money they would deliver up the faid Prize. They answered, that they wanted Provisions and Water; and therefore whatever was found in the said Prize either Eatable or Drinkable, should not be comprehended in the Bargain. To this the Governour readily agreed, and fent the Money. And affoon as the Provisions could be got out of her, she was according to agreement delivered up. From thence our Men went to the Gulf of Salinas, and haul'd their Vessel ashore, and clean'd and resitted her. And from thence, with all the haste they could, they proceeded on their Voyage for India; and in fifty four Days reached the Philippine Islands, having kept all the way in the Latitude of 18d. North. Amongst the Philippine Islands a Canoa came off to them with a Spanish Priest in her: Him they detained and sent the Canoa ashore for some fresh Provisions. as a ransom for the said Priest; which accordingly was fent to them, and they released the Priest. From thence they went to the Island Pule Condore; but finding the English all cut off, they went for Mocoa in China, where after they had given an account from whence they came,

Penguin Island and Birds.

they every one dispersed, some for Goa An. 1705. to serve the Portugueze, some to Benjar to the English, and others to serve the

Mogull.

On the 24th of March, we having refitted our Ships, and refreshed our Men, and taken in store of fresh Provisions; and there being a fresh Gale of Wind at S. E; we all weigh'd from the Cape, and went out between Penguin Island and the Main Land; having the Main on the Star-board-side, and the Island Penguin on the Lar-board. This is a pretty low fandy Island. In the middle of which, upon the highest part of it, they have a few Guns mounted, and near them a Flag-staff, on which at the approach of any Ship they hoist a Flag, and fire a Gun, to give notice to the Town. This Island takes its name from a vast number of Birds, called Penguins, which commonly refort near it. These Birds are about the bigness of a Wild Duck: They do not fly, but flutter, having no Wings, but only stumps like young Ducks; and these stumps are instead of Fins to them when they are in the Water. They have a sharp Bill, but Feet like a Duck; and their Flesh is but mean Victuals.

We were now twenty-four Sail of us, viz nine English and fifteen Dutch; and the Gale continuing, soon carried us into

298 A Man tried for Murther, and executed.

An 1706 the true Trade. We met with nothing material till the 10th of April; when 1706. two of the English Ships sailing very heavy, fell a stern, and lost our Company. They put into St. Hellena; and, as we hear fince, were taken out of the

Road by the French.

On the 11th we had twenty five Hogs killed, for the Ships Company; and the Commodore ordered a Hog to a Mess. that is, to every seven Men, to dispose of as we pleased, besides our daily Allowance; so that we had more Victuals than we could tell what to do with.

On the 15th, a Man being barbaroully murthered on Board the Dutch Vice-Admiral, the Murtherer was brought on Board our Ship and tryed for his Life, and the same day condemned to dye. He owned he did the Murther, and defired the favour of the Court that he might chuse his Death; which was granted; and he chose to be Shot, which the next day was accordingly done; all the Fleet lying by till his Death, and then we all made sail again.

On the 17th we faw the Island of Ascension; but did not touch here for Turtle, although it was their laying time; the reason was, because we were so well provided with Provisions at the Cape, that we had no occasion for more; and

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200 Reason of the diff of Cold in Stand N. E. An Earthquake felt at Sea. 299

the English Ships being willing to keep An. 1706 us Company, they also did not touch here.

On the 19th we had fine fair Weather, with a fresh Gale at South East. About eleven this morning happened a great Earth-quake. At first it seemed as if the Ship run along upon the Ground: So we heaved out a Lead on each fide with two hundred fathom of Line, but found no ground. The whole Fleet felt the Shock at the same time; so that for half a quarter of an hour there was nothing but making of Signals and firing of Guns. We then reckoned the Island of Ascenson to bear South East, distant about forty Leagues.

Hence we steered away to the North Westward, and on the 14th of June saw four Sail of French Privateers. They lay a while and viewed us, but did not think

fit to come amongst us.

On the 30th we found our selves in the Latitude of 62 d. 40 m. North, which was the furthest to the Northward that I ever was. And here I could not but take notice of the difference of cold in this place and in 60 d. of Southern Latitude. For there we had continual Showers of Snow or Hail, and the weather very cold; whereas here on the contrary we found the Weather very fair and moderate.

300 Reason of the diff. of Cold in S. and N. L.

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On the 3d of July, in the Evening. we saw the Islands of Faro, bearing East by North, distant about eleven or twelve Leagues. We also founded, but had no ground at two hundred and ten fathom. At twelve at Night we had ground at eighty-five fathom; and at three the next morning, at seventy fathom. On the 4th of July at noon the opening of the two Islands of Faro bore South East, distant about eight Leagues. We then steering North East had ground at eighty fathom, small pieces of broken Shells. All last Night we kept firing a Gun once every half hour, to give notice to the Cruizers, whom we expected to meet here.

On the 5th, according to our Expectations, we met with our Convoy, which had been cruizing for us. They confifted of eight Dutch Men of War, four Victualers, and three of the Companies Privateers. After Mutual Salutations we proceeded to the South Eastward, being all bound for Amsterdam. And on the 15th of July, we all arrived safely in the Texel; and on the 17th got to Amsterdam, where After which, we continued a while. my felf and the rest of our Company went to see the several parts of Holland, as Delf, Rotterdam, the Hague, &c. And 300

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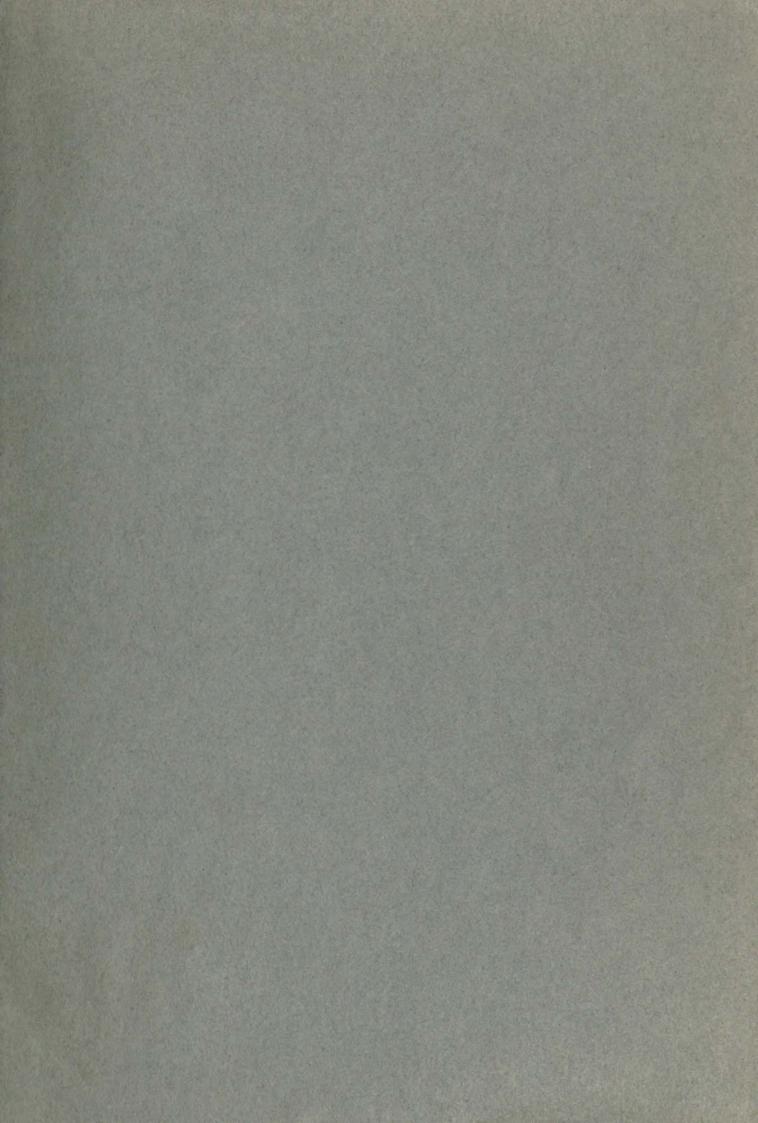
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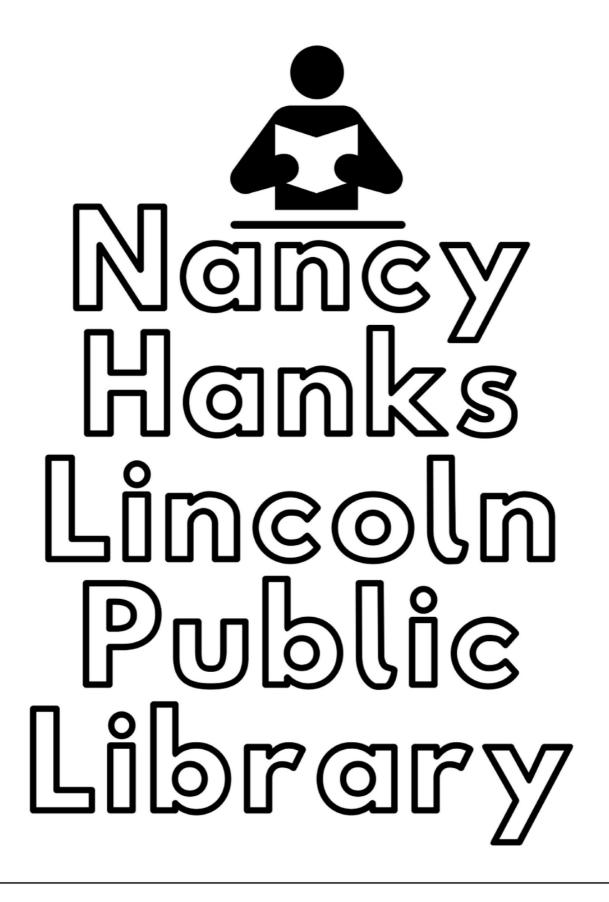
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