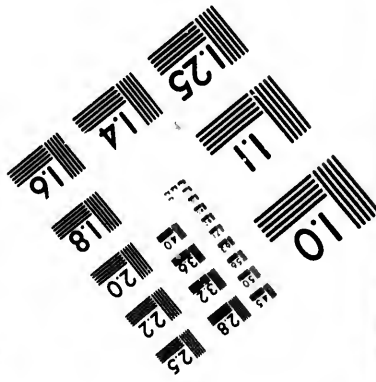
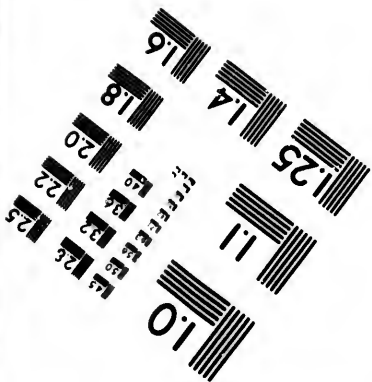
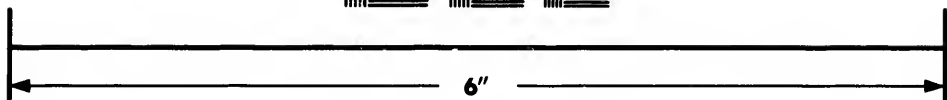
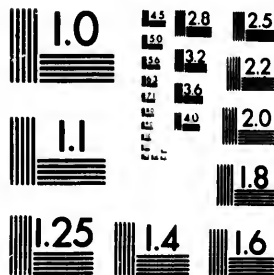


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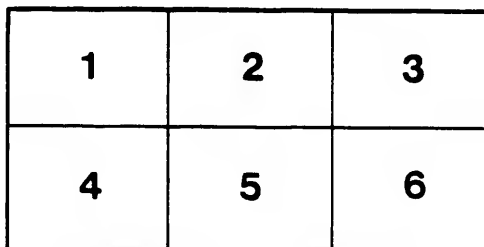
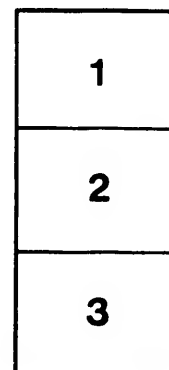
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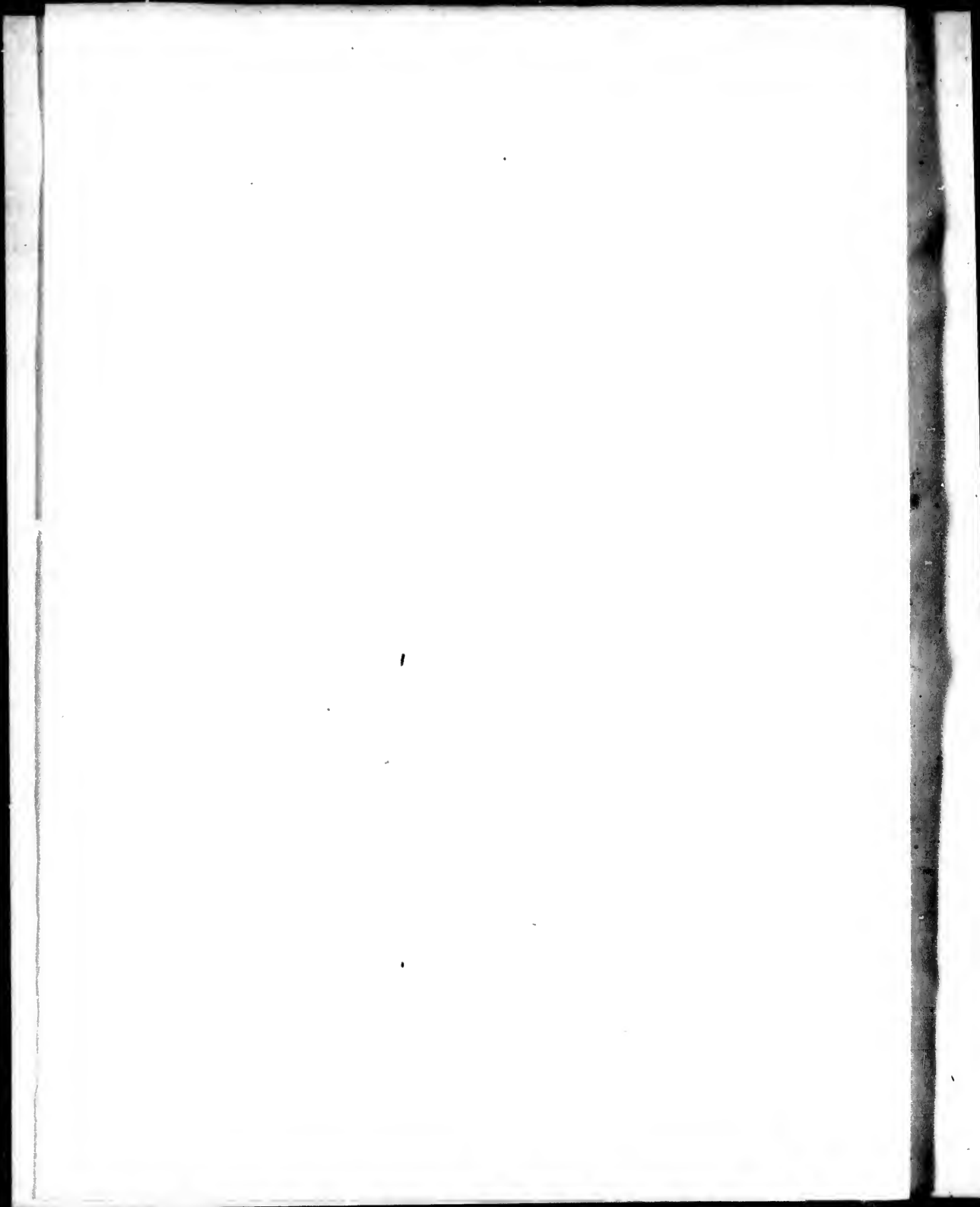
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Emperor of India, commonly called the Great Mogul.

CONTAINING

An Account of his Voyage to that Country, and his Observations there.

Taken from his original Manuscript *.

THE PREFACE, BY THE EDITOR OF CHURCHILL'S COLLECTION.

SIR THOMAS ROE has before appeared, in part, in Purchas's collection of travels, and since translated into French, and published in the first volume of Thevenot. Now he comes abroad again with considerable additions, not foisted in, but taken from his own original manuscript, which it is likely Purchas had not, but some imperfect copy of it. It is true, the additions here are not great in bulk, as any will judge that shall compare this with the other edition, but they are valuable for the subject; and because this being a journal, they are here more continued, and several matters that in the other were brought in abruptly, are here more methodical. His account at the latter end, of all the provinces subject to the Mogul, and of the extent of his dominions, is not to be rejected; for, though time and experience have pro-

* Churchill's Collection, vol. i. p. 617. edit. 1744.

duced more ample and exact relations, yet his are just as to the main, such as he received upon the spot, and pleasing to those that read of this mighty monarchy. Some extracts of letters are added out of a vast multitude, still preserved in two volumes; and in these extracts all that is remarkable, or of use at this time, the rest being only business of trade, as directed to the several factories in those parts, and to the East India Company in England. But that nothing might be omitted to satisfy the most curious, there is one list made out of many of his, containing all things that are fit for presents in India, and consequently they are good saleable commodities. In fine, here is all that is valuable of Sir Thomas Roe, and nothing that may cloy the reader.

SIR THOMAS ROE'S JOURNAL,

Giving an Account of his Voyage to India, and his Observations in that Country, and particularly at the Court of the Great Mogul, where he resided as Ambassador from James the First, King of England.

MARCH the 6th we lost sight of the Lizard, and began our course for the Cape of Good Hope. The 26th we saw the coast of Barbary; the 27th had Cape Bojador E. by S. whence the current sets swift S.S.W. April the 14th we cut the line, May the 2d the tropic of Capricorn, and on the 5th of June came to anchor in the bay of Saldanha, next the Cape of Good Hope. The land is fruitful, but divided by high inaccessible rocky mountains covered with snow, the river Dulce falling into the bay on the east side. The people are the most barbarous in the world, eating carrion, wearing the guts of sheep about their necks for health, and rubbing their heads, which are curled like the Blacks, with the dung of beasts and dirt; and having no cloaths but skins wrapped about their shoulders, the flesh side next the body in summer, and the hair in winter. Their houses are but a mat rounded at the top like an oven, which they turn as the wind changes, having no door to keep it out. They have left off their custom of stealing, but know no God or religion. The air and water are very wholesome. Here are abundance of cows, antelopes, baboons, pheasants, partridges, larks, wild geese, ducks, and many other sorts. On the isle of Penguin is a sort of fowl of that name, that goes upright, his wings without feathers, hanging down like sleeves faced with white. They do not fly, but only walk in parcels, keeping regularly their own quarters; they are a sort of mixture of beast, bird, and fish, but most bird. The commodities here are cattle, nanging roots, and I believe there is a rock yielding quicksilver. The table mountain is eleven thousand eight hundred and fifty three foot high. The bay is full of whales and seals: the latitude is 33 deg. 45 min. The 21st we came up with the Cape of Good Hope; July the 8th with the isle of Madagascar, and the 22d with that of Molalia: this is one of the islands of Comera, the other three are Angaresia, Juanny, and Mayotta, lying almost east and west of one another, in the same meridian with Cape St. Augustin. Angaresia bears N. by W. from Molalia; it is the highest land that I ever saw, inhabited by Moors trading with the main, and the other three eastern islands, with their cattle and fruit for callico's, and other clothes to cover them. It is governed by ten petty kings, and has plenty enough of kine, goats, cows, oranges, and lemons. The people are counted false and treacherous. Juanny

lies east from Molalia and Mayotta, the coast between them both. All these three islands are full of refreshments, but chiefly Molalia, and next to it Juanny. Here lived an old woman who was Sultaneſs of all these islands. Under her there were three deputies in Molalia, children of the old woman. The Sultan, in whose quarter we anchored, is so absolute, that the people dare not fell a cocoa-nut without his leave. Four boats were sent to his town to desire this liberty, which was granted; and Captain Newport going ashore with forty men, found the Governor sitting on a mat, under the side of a junk that was building, attended by about fifty men. He had on a mantle of blue and red callico wrapped about him to his knees, his legs and feet bare, on his head a close cap of chequer-work. Being presented with a gun and a sword, he returned four cows, and proclaimed liberty for the people to trade. He gave the English cocoa-nuts, and himself chewed betel tempered with lime of burnt oyster-shells, and the kernel of a nut called areca, like an acorn: it has a biting taste, voids rheum, cools the head, strengthens the teeth, and is all their physic. Those that are not used to it are giddy with it, and the spittle is red, which in time colours the teeth, and is counted a beauty. They all use this at all times. From the Governor's they were conducted to a carpenter's house, who was a chief man in the town; the house was built with lime and stone, plastered with white lime, low and little, covered with rafters, and over them cocoa-leaves, the outsides wattled with canes. They are kept cleanly, and their poor household stuff neat, their gardens inclosed with canes, containing tobacco and plantain trees. For dinner a board was set upon tressels, covered with a fine new mat, and stone benches about it, on which they sat. First water was brought to every man in a cocoa-shell, and poured into a wooden platter, and instead of a towel they use the rinds of cocoas. Then they set before them boiled rice, with roasted plantains on it, quarters of hens, and pieces of goat broiled. After grace said they fell to their meat, with bread made of cocoas beaten, mixed with honey, and fried. Their drink was palm-wine and cocoa milk. Those that went to see the Sultan, whose name was Amor Adell, found all things much resembling what has been said before of the Governor; but that in his behaviour he was more light, and made haste to be drunk with some wine the English carried. The people are strict Mahometans, very jealous to let their women and moschs be seen; for some of the English coming near a village, they shut them up, and threatened to kill them if they came nearer. Many of them speak and write Arabic, and some few of them Portuguese, as trading to Morambique in junks of forty tons burden, and built, calked and rigged all out of the cocoa-tree. Here we bought oxen, cows fat but small, Arabian sheep, hens, cocoas, oranges, lemons, and limes in abundance, for callicoes, hollandes, sword-blades, pieces of eight, glasses, knives, and other trifles.

August the 2d we weighed, and stood our course for Socotora, and on the 10th re-passed the equinoctial to the northward. The 18th we made Cape Guardafu eight leagues to the westward, which is one of them that makes the entrance into the Red Sea; and came to an anchor in twelve fathom water in a small bay, where we continued the 18th, and saw some people in turbans. Ashore was a tomb of white stone, with a pillar at each end of it. The latitude 11 deg. 55 min.

The 24th we came to an anchor in the bay called Delicia in Socotora, having been before separated in a storm, and warned by the Sultan not to anchor at Tamara, which was too much exposed to the violence of the winds. Socotora is an island at the mouth of the Red Sea, being the *Dioscuria* or *Dioscorida* of the ancients, lying in 12 deg. 55 min. of north latitude, governed then by a Sultan called Amar-Ben-Seid, son to the

King of Fortaque in Arabia Felix. The kingdom of Fortaque lies from 15 to 18 deg. along the coast of Arabia. The King was at peace with the Turk, on condition to assist him with five thousand men, if he required it, and they to be paid by the Turk, to whom he made no other acknowledgment. Near the sea about Dofor, was another petty King, whom he durst not meddle with, because he was under the Grand Seignior's protection. The Sultan of Socotora came down to the shore with about three hundred men, having set up a tent near the bay. He was a horseback, as were two of his chief servants, and another on a camel; the people running before and behind him shouting; and two guards, one of his subjects, and the other of twelve hired guzarats, some with Turkish bows, some with pistols, some with muskets, but all with good swords. He had also a few kettle drums, and one trumpet. He received the General in a courteous manner, and was so absolute, that no man could sell any thing but himself. His people sat about him very respectfully; his clothes were of Surat stuffs after the Arabian manner, with a cassoc of red and white wrought velvet, and another, whereof the ground was gold. He had a very good turban, but was barefooted. Every night they all stand or kneel towards the sun, the zerife throwing water on their heads. As for religion they are Mahometans. The King's town of Tamara is built of lime and stone whited over, with battlements and pinnacles, the houses being flat at the top. At a distance it looks well, but when in it is poor. Mr. Boughton, who had leave to see the King's house, found it such as would serve an ordinary gentleman in England. The lower rooms served for warehouses and wardrobe, some changes of robes hanging about the walls, and with them about twenty-five books of their law, religion, history, and saints lives. No man was permitted to go up stairs to see his wives, which were three, nor the other women; but the ordinary sort might be seen in the town, with their ears full of silver rings. In the mosque the priest was at service. Mr. Boughton had for his dinner three hens with rice, and for drink water and cahu, black liquor, drank as hot as could be endured*. On a hill a mile from Tamara is a square castle, but leave could not be obtained to see it. The people are of four sorts; Arabs come in by conquest, who dare not speak in the Sultan's presence without leave, and kissing his hand. The second sort are slaves, who when they come to him kiss his foot, do all his work, and make his aloes. The third I suppose are the old inhabitants of the country, called Bedwins, though not the oldest of all, whom I suppose to be those commonly called Jacobite Christians; because Mr. Boughton going into a church of theirs, which the Arabs had forced them to abandon, found images in it, and a crucifix, which he took away; and the Mahometans would not say much of them, fearing lest other Christians should relieve or support them. They have had wars with the Arabs, and live retired from them in the mountains. The fourth sort are a savage people, poor, lean, naked, with long hair, eating nothing but roots, riding on buffaloes, conversing with none of the others, and afraid of all, without houses, and almost as brutal as beasts, which by conjecture are the ancientest natives of the place. The island is very mountainous and barren, having some beeves, goats, and sheep, a few dates and oranges, a little rice, and nothing else of sustenance. All its commodity is aloes, which is the juice of a leaf like our house-leek. The people make a poor sort of cloth for the slaves. The King had some dragon's blood and indigo of Lahor, as also civet cats and civet. The dead are here all buried in tombs, and the monuments of their saints are held in great veneration. The chief

* This was certainly coffee, which Sir Thomas Roe was not acquainted with.

of these is Seidy Hachim, buried at Tamara, who being killed a hundred years before, they said still appeared to them, and warned them of dangers at hand; and they imputed the high winds to his walking, having him in wonderful veneration.

The 31st we weighed, and stood our course for Surat, where I landed on the 26th of September, and was received in an open tent by the chief officers of the town well attended. Much controversy was about searching my servants, but at length they passed free to the city, where we went into a house provided for us, and there continued till the 30th of October, suffering much from the Governor, who by force searched many chests, and took out what he thought fit. The 30th aforesaid I departed Surat, and travelled but four cosses to Cumaria, the 1st of November eleven miles to a village, the 2d to Biarat twenty-one miles, where there is a castle, this town being on the borders of the kingdom of Guzarat, subject to the Mogul, and belonging to Abraham Chan. The 3d entered the kingdom of Pardaffsha, a Pagan lord of the hills, subject to no body, and at fifteen miles end lay in the fields by a city of note called Mughier. The 4th nine miles rocky way, lay in the fields by a village called Narampora. The 5th fifteen miles in the fields. The 6th twenty miles to Nunderbar, a city of the kingdom of Brampore subject to the Mogul. Here we had first bread after coming from Surat, because the Banians who inhabit all the country make no bread, but only cakes. The country is plentiful, especially of cattle, the Banians killing none, or selling any to be killed. One day I met ten thousand bullocks loaded with corn, in one drove, and most days after lesser parcels. The 7th eighteen miles to Ningul. The 8th fifteen to Sinchelly. The 9th fifteen to Tolmere. The 10th eighteen to Chapre, where having pitched the tents without the town, the King's officers attended me all night with thirty horse and twenty shot, for fear of the robbers on the mountains, because I refused to remove into the town. The 11th eighteen miles, the 13th eighteen miles, and the 14th fifteen miles to Brampore, which I guess to be two hundred twenty three miles east from Surat. The country miserable and barren, the towns and villages built with mud. At Batharpore, a village two miles short of Brampore, I saw some of the ordnance, which is most too short, and too open in the bore. The Cutwall, an officer of the King's so called, met me well attended with sixteen colours carried before him, and conducted me to the seraglio, where I was appointed to lodge. He took his leave at the gate, which made a handsome front of stone, but when in I had four chambers allotted me like ovens, and no bigger, round at the top, made of brick in the side of a wall, so that I lay in my tent; the Cutwall making his excuse, that it was the best lodging in the town, as I found it was; all the place being only mud cottages except the Prince's house, the Chan's, and some few others. I was conducted by the Cutwall to visit the Prince, in whose outward court I found about a hundred gentlemen a horseback, waiting to salute him at his coming out. He sat high in a gallery that went round, with a canopy over him, and a carpet before him. An officer told me, as I approached I must touch the ground with my head bare, which I refused; and went on to a place right under him railed in, with an ascent of three steps, where I made him reverence, and he bowed his body: so I went within, where were all the great men of the town with their hands before them like slaves. The place was covered over head with a rich canopy, and under foot all with carpets: It was like a great stage, and the Prince sat at the upper end of it. Having no place assigned, I stood right before him, he refusing to admit me to come up the steps, or to allow me a chair. Having received my presents he offered to go into another room, where I should be allowed to sit; but by the way he made himself drunk out of a case of bottles I gave him, and so the visit ended.

The

The twenty-seventh of November I was carried sick from Brampore, three coffes to Raypera. The twenty-eighth fifteen coffes to Burgome, and the thirtieth seven coffes. December the first ten coffes to Bicansome, the second seven coffes, the third five coffes, the fourth eleven coffes to Echarpur, standing on a good river that falls into the sea near Baroche. The fifth passed the river called Narbodah, the sixth travelled eight coffes, and lay in a wood not far from the King's famous castle of Mandoa, which stands on a steep hill of a vast extent, including fifteen coffes within the wall. The seventh ten coffes, the eighth eight, the ninth ten, the tenth twelve, the eleventh sixteen, the twelfth fourteen, the thirteenth six, the fourteenth lay still to rest, the fifteenth six coffes, the sixteenth six, the seventeenth twelve, the eighteenth five to Cytor. This is an antient ruined city on a hill, but shews the footsteps of wonderful magnificence. There are still standing above a hundred churches all of carved stone, many fair towers and lanthorns, many pillars, and innumerable houses, but not one inhabitant. There is but one steep ascent cut out of the rock, and four gates in the ascent before you come to the city gate, which is magnificent. The hill is inclosed on the top for about eight coffes, and at the south-west end is a goodly old castle. It is in the country of Rama, a Prince newly subdued by the Mogul, or rather brought to own subjection. It was brought under by Echar-Sha father to Jehan Guire. The Indian Prince Rama is lineally descended from Porus, that warlike Indian Monarch overcome by Alexander the Great.

The nineteenth I proceeded on my journey twelve coffes, the twentieth ten, the twenty-first ten, the twenty-second nine, the twenty-third ten to Admire. The first six days journey from Brampore towards Admire were west, or north-west, to compass the hills, but after that due north, so that they bear from one another almost north by west, and south by east, the whole distance two hundred and nine coffes, which I judge to be about four hundred and eighteen miles English; the coffes here being longer than near the sea.

January the 10th, I went to court at four in the afternoon to the Durbar, where the Mogul daily sits to entertain strangers, receive petitions and presents, give out orders, and to see and be seen. And here it will be proper to give some account of his court. None but eunuchs come within that King's private lodgings, and his women, who guard him with warlike weapons. These punish one another for any offence committed. The Mogul every morning shews himself to the common people at a window that looks into the plain before his gate. At noon he is there again to see elephants and wild beasts fight, the men of rank being under him within a rail. Hence he retires to sleep among his women. After noon he comes to the Durbar aforementioned. After supper at eight of the clock he comes down to the Guzalcan, a fair court, in the midst whereof is a throne of free stone, on which he sits, or sometimes below in a chair, where none are admitted but of the first quality, and few of them without leave. Here he discourses of indifferent things very affably. No business of state is done any where but at one of these two last places, where it is publicly canvassed, and so registered; which register might be seen for two shillings, and the common people know as much as the council; so that every day the King's resolutions are the public news, and exposed to the censure of every scoundrel. This method is never altered unless sickness or drink obstruct it; and this must be known, for if he be unseen one day without a reason assigned, the people would mutiny; and for two days no excuse will serve, but the doors must be opened, and some admitted to see him to satisfy others. On Tuesday he sits in judgment at the Jarruco, and hears the meanest person's complaints, examines both parties, and often sees execution done by his elephants.

Before

Before my audience, I had obtained leave to use the customs of my country. At the Durbar I was conducted right before him; entering the outward rail, two noble slaves met to conduct me nearer. At the first rail I made a low reverence, at the next another, and when under the King a third. The place is a great court, to which all sorts of people resort. The King sits in a little gallery over head; ambassadors, great men, and strangers of quality within the inmost rail under him, raised from the ground, covered with canopies of velvet and silk, and good carpets under foot. The next degree, like our gentry, are within the first rail, the commonalty without in a bass court, yet so that all may see the King. In fine, it is rising by degrees like a theatre. His reception was very favourable, but needs not particularizing.

March the first I rid out to see a house of pleasure of the King's, given him by Afaph Chan, and two miles from Adsmere. It is seated betwixt two mighty rocks, so defended from the sun, that it scarce any way sees it. The foundation is cut out of the rock, as are some of the rooms, the rest is free stone. There is a handsome little garden, with fine fountains, and two great fishponds, one thirty steps above another. The way to it admits of but one, or at most two men a-breast, and that very steep and stony. It is a place of melancholy, delight, and safety, all the company about it being wild peacocks, turtles, fowls, and monkeys, that inhabit the rocks hanging every way over it.

The 11th of March in the evening began the festival of the Norose. This is a custom of solemnizing the new year, but the ceremony begins the first new moon after it. It is kept in imitation of the Persians' feast, and signifies in that language nine days, because anciently it lasted no longer, but now it is doubled. The manner of it is thus. A throne is erected four foot from the ground in the Durbar court: from the back whereof to the place where the King comes out, a square of fifty-six paces in length, and forty-three in breadth, was railed in, and covered with fair semians, or canopies of cloth of gold, silk, or velvet, joined together, and held up with canes covered after the same manner. At the upper end were set out the pictures of the King of England, the Queen, the Lady Elizabeth, the Countesses of Somerset and Salisbury, and of a citizen's wife of London. Below them another of Sir Thomas Smith, Governor of the East-India Company. The ground is laid with good Persian carpets very large, into which place come all the men of quality to attend the King, except some few that are within a little rail right before the throne to receive his commands. Within this square there were set out for shew many little houses, one of them of silver, and some other curiosities of value. The Prince Sultan Corome had on the left side a pavilion, the supporters whereof were covered with silver, as were some of those also near the King's throne. The form of this throne was square, the matter wood inlaid with mother of pearl, born up with four pillars, and covered with cloth of gold. About the hedge over head, like a valence, was a net fringe of good pearl, from which hung down pomegranates, apples, pears, and such fruit of gold, but hollow. Within it the King sat on cushions very rich in pearls and jewels. Round about the court before the throne, the principal men had erected tents, which encompassed the court, and lined them with velvet, damask, or taffety for the most part, but some few with cloth of gold; into which they retired, and sat to shew all their wealth. For anciently the Kings used to go to every tent, and take thence what they pleased; but now it is changed, the King sitting to receive what new-year's gifts are brought him. He comes abroad at the usual hour of the Durbar, and retires in the same order. Here great presents are offered him by all sorts, though not equal to report, yet incredible enough: and at the end of this feast, the King in

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return for the presents received, advances some, and adds to their entertainment some horse at his pleasure.

The next day being the 12th of March, I went to visit the King, and delivered him a present, where I saw abundance of wealth, but being of all sorts put together without order, it did not look so regular. The same day the son of Rama, the new tributary before mentioned, did his homage, touching the ground three times with his head. The thirteenth at night I had audience at the Guzalcan, and pressed to have the peace and commerce with England, settled after a solemn manner, and all the articles settled, which the Mogul ordered should be done. The fifteenth I went again in the evening to the Norose, and according to the Mogul's order chose my place of standing, which was on the right hand of him on the rising of the throne, the Prince and young Rama standing on the other side; so I had a full view of what was to be seen, presents, elephants, horses, and whores. The twenty-third the Mogul condemned one of his own nation upon suspicion of felony; but being one of the handsomest men in India, and the evidence not very clear against him, he would not suffer him to be executed, but sent him to me in irons for a slave to dispose of at my will. This is looked upon as a great favour, for which I returned thanks: adding, that in England we had no slaves, nor thought it lawful to make the image of God equal to a beast, but that I would use him as a servant, and if he behaved himself well, give him his liberty. This the Mogul was well pleased with. The twenty-sixth I went to the Guzalcan, and delivered the articles I had drawn up, which were referred to Afaph Chan, who a while after sent to me to remove from the standing I had taken before the King, because I stood alone, and that was not the custom. I refused at first, but he insisting I should rank myself among the nobility, I removed to the other side, to the place where only the Prince and young Rama were; which more disgusted Afaph Chan, who persuaded the Prince to complain of me, which he did; but the Mogul having heard their complaint, and my answer, that I removed by Afaph Chan's order, answered, I had done well, and they were in the wrong to offer to displace me in his sight. So I kept my place in quiet.

The substance of the articles delivered to the Great Mogul was, 1. That there be perpetual peace and amity between the King of Great Britain and His Indian Majesty: 2. That the subjects of England have free trade in all ports of India. 3. That the governors of all ports publish this agreement three times upon the arrival of any English ships. 4. That the merchants and their servants shall not be searched, or ill used. 5. That no presents sent to the Mogul shall be opened. 6. That the English goods shall not be stopped above twenty four hours at the custom-house, only to be there sealed and sent to the merchant's house, there to be opened and rated within six days after. 7. That no governor shall take any goods by force, but upon payment at the owner's price; nor any taken upon pretence of the King's service. 8. That the merchants shall not be hindered selling their goods to whom they please, or sending them to other factories, and this without paying any other duty than what is paid at the port. 9. That whatsoever goods the English buy in any part of the Mogul's dominions, they may send down to the ports without paying any duty more than shall be agreed on at the port at shipping them, and this without any hindrance or molestation. 10. That no goods brought to any port shall be again opened, the English shewing a certificate of their numbers, qualities, and conditions, from the governor or officers of the place where they were bought. 11. That no confiscation shall be made of the goods or money of any English dying. 12. That no custom be demanded for provisions during the stay of English ships at any port. 13. That the merchants' servants, whether English or

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Indians, shall not be punished or beaten for doing their duty. 14. That the Mogul will punish any governor or officer, for breach of any of these articles. 15. That the English ships shall suffer all others to pass and repass freely to the Mogul's ports, except their enemies; and that the English ashore shall behave themselves civilly as merchants. 16. That they shall yearly furnish the Mogul with all rarities from Europe, and all other such things as he shall desire at reasonable prices. 17. The English to pay the duty of three and a half per cent. for goods reasonably rated, and two per cent. for pieces of eight, and no other duty elsewhere. 18. That the English shall be ready to assist the Mogul against all his enemies. Lastly, That the Portuguese may come into this peace within six months; or if they refuse, the English to be at liberty to exercise all hostilities against them. These were the articles presented, but they were delayed and opposed, and what was the conclusion we shall see hereafter.

The 31st of March the Mogul dined at Afaph Chan's house, all the way from the palace to it, which was an English mile, being laid under foot with silks and velvets sewed together, but rolled up as the King passed. They reported the feast and present cost six leeks of roupies, which is 60,000l. sterling*.

From this time Sir Thomas Roe continues his journal as before; but there being nothing in it remarkable for many days, all the business being soliciting for money due to merchants, and such other affairs, in which there is nothing worth observing, that part is thought fit to be wholly left out here, as it was also done by Purchas in his account of this embassy.

June the 18th, the King commanded one of his brother's sons, who had been persuaded to become a Christian, with a design to make him odious to the people, to lay his hand on the head of a lion that was brought before the King, which he refused out of fear; upon which the King bid his youngest son go touch the lion, who did so without receiving any hurt: whereat the King took occasion to send his nephew away to prison, where he is never like to see day-light. The 19th, the King removed with the Prince and all the court to Havar Gemal. The 23d, the King returned to his own house, and sat in public according to custom. The 24th, Prince Couron, whose favour I was labouring to gain, and with whom I had many contests, had a son born; and he preparing to lead the army to Decan, the eyes of all men were fixed on him; some flattering, others envying him, and others to make their advantage, but none loving him. He received twenty leeks of roupies towards his charge, which amounts to 200,000l. sterling †, and began to bestow his money bountifully. Yet notwithstanding this shew of his father's affection and greatness, a Chan told the King that the expedition would prove dangerous in respect of Prince Pervis, whose honour was so deeply concerned that he would not go unrevenged. The King answered, Let them fight, I am so satisfied, and he that proves himself the better commander shall pursue the war. The 25th, I had audience of the King, being sent for by Afaph Chan, and was received with the usual courtesy by His Majesty. This Afaph Chan was the Prince's favourite, and therefore I was unwilling to disoblige him, though he had given several provocations. And at this time Mocreb Chan, another great man, made me offers of his service, being of a contrary faction to the other; but I thought best to make friends of them both. Mocreb told, me among other things, that the English carried too much cloth and bad swords, and scarce any thing else, and therefore advised to forbear two or three years, and rather bring such rarities as China and Japan afforded, which would be

* Thevenot says a leek is 100,000, and a roupie worth a crown French and five sols, after which rate the six leeks must amount at least to 150,000l. sterling.

† According to Thevenot, who says a roupie is worth a crown, this should be 500,000l.

more acceptable; and from England the best cloth of gold and the richest silks wrought with gold and silver, but above all a good quantity of Arras hangings. The 30th I visited Abdala Hassan, having need of his friendship; and what is rare in that country, he received no presents. He has the command of all soldiers entertained at court, and is treasurer to all the armies. He entertained me with much civility, and we sat to see his soldiers shoot with bows and guns. Most of them with a single bullet hit the mark, being about a hand's breadth in a butt.

July passed most away in soliciting the Prince to sign and seal the articles I had presented to the King, of which an abstract was given before. On the 13th at night I went to the Durbar to visit the King, who sent Afaph Chan to tell me he was informed I had an excellent painter at my house, which I told him was only a young man that drew upon paper, and that very indifferently; however I promised to bring him to His Majesty, who at this time used so many expressions of kindness to me that all men were amazed at it, and preferred me any thing I would ask for in his kingdom. I went from him to Afaph Chan's house, where I continued till the King came out again, when I was conducted back to him, carrying with me Mr. Hughs, the supposed painter, with whom the King had some discourse. After this I presented the King with a curious picture I had of a friend of mine, which pleased him highly, and he shewed it to all the company. The King's chief painter being sent for, pretended he could make as good; which I denying, a wager of a horse was laid about it between me and Afaph Chan, in the Mogul's presence and to please him; but Afaph Chan afterwards fell off. This done, the Mogul fell to drinking of Alicant wine I had presented him, giving tastes of it to several about him, and then sent for a full bottle, and drinking a cup, sent it to me, saying, it began to sour so fast it would be spoiled before he could drink it, and I had none. This done, he turned to sleep; the candles were popped out, and I groped my way out in the dark. This day a gentlewoman of Normans, the King's favourite Queen, was taken in the King's house in some action with an eunuch. Another capon that loved her killed him. The poor woman was set up to the arm-pits in the earth close rammed about her, with her feet tied to a stake, so to continue three days and two nights without any sustenance, her head and arms bare, exposed to the violent heat of the sun. If she died not in that time she was to be pardoned. The eunuch was condemned to the elephants. This damsel was found worth in pearls, jewels, and ready money, 160,000 roupies.

The 22d I received letters from Brampor, in answer to others I had sent long before to Mahobet Chan, who had granted all I desired of him, sending his order to Baroche in ample form to receive the English there, and give them a house for a factory near the governor, strictly commanding all men not to molest them, either by sea or land, not to take any custom of them, or any way trouble them under such pretence. In short, that they might buy, sell, and transport any commodity at their pleasure, without any molestation, giving a strict charge for the execution of this order. Besides, I received a letter from him full of civility, and all kind offers, far exceeding all I had found in India. This was a noble and generous man, well beloved by all men, and the King's only favourite, but cared not for the Prince, so that this was a good retreat in case the merchants should be drove away from Surat by the Prince. As for customs, the King takes none, but the governors exact them for their own private gain, which this worthy man scorned to do, saying, he would not abuse the liberty of the King's ports.

Nothing remarkable happened till August the 6th: I was sent for to the Durbar, where I had much talk with the King, who asked me many questions to satisfy his curiosity,

curiosity, and bid me come to the Guzalcan at night, and I should see my picture so exactly copied, that I should not know the one from the other. I came at night, and he shewed me six pictures, five of them painted by his own painter, all pasted upon a board, and so like, that by candle-light I could scarce know one from another. Neither did I at first sight know my own, at which the Mogul was much pleased; but looking closer upon them I shewed it, and the difference between it and the others. The Mogul was overjoyed, and I surprized at their art, not thinking they could have performed so well; and the King after many civilities, promised me his own picture.

The 9th a hundred thieves were brought chained before the Mogul, with their accusation: without further ceremony, as in all such cases is the custom, he ordered them to be carried away, the chief of them to be torn in pieces by dogs, the rest put to death. This was all the process and form. The prisoners were divided into several quarters of the town, and executed in the streets, as in one by my house, where twelve dogs tore the chief of them in pieces, and thirteen of his fellows having their hands tied down to their feet, had their necks cut with a sword, but not quite off, being so left naked, bloody, and stinking, to the view of all men, and annoyance of the neighbourhood. The 10th, 11th, and 12th I spent in giving the King and Prince advice that a Dutch ship lay before Surat, and would not declare upon what design it came, till a fleet arrived; which was expected with the first fit season. This I improved to fill their heads with jealousies of the designs of the Dutch, and the dangers that might ensue from them, which was well taken; and being demanded, I gave my advice to prevent coming to a rupture with them, and yet exclude them the trade of India. The last of these days I went to visit Gemaldin-Ussin, Viceroy of Patan, and seventy years of age. He received me with extraordinary courtesy, offering me a lack of roupies, or all his interest at court; informing me of all the customs of the country, and shewing me a book he had composed of all memorable things that had happened under three Kings, whom he had served; and offering me a copy if I could get it translated. It also treated of the King's revenue, and the manner of raising it. He shewed me that the government of every province did pay a yearly rent; and for instance, he for his government of Patan gave the King eleven lacks of roupies; the roupie is two shillings and two-pence*. All other profits were the governor's, and he had regal authority to take what he pleased; which in his viceroyship of Patan was valued at five thousand horse; the pay of each at two hundred roupies a year, whereof he kept a thousand and five hundred, and was allowed the surplus as dead pay. Besides this, the King gave him a pension of a thousand roupies a day, and some smaller governments; yet he assured me there were several that had double his allowance, and above twenty equal to him. He praised the good prophet Jesus and his laws, and had much pleasant and profitable discourse. Some days had passed after this visit, and I thought his kindness had been at an end; when he borrowed the King's pleasure-house and garden called Havar Gemal, a mile out of the town, to treat me in, and invited me over night. At midnight he went himself, and carried his tents and all his furniture, and fitted up a place by the pond-side very handsomely. I went in the morning; he met me with much civility, and carried me into his room prepared for me, where he had some company, and a hundred servants attending two of his sons, he having thirty. He shewed me the King's closets and retiring rooms, which were painted *a l'antique*, and in some panes the pictures of the King of France, and other Christian Princes. He told me he was a poor

* The venot says, a roupie is a crown.

man slave to the King; that he was willing to give me some content, and had therefore brought me to a slight banquet to eat bread and salt together, to seal a friendship which he desired me to accept; that others might treat me better, but were not so sincere, but would deceive me, and my interpreters would never deliver the truth, but what those men pleased; and therefore I should never do my business to any purpose, till I had an Englishman that could speak the Persian tongue, and declare my mind freely, which the King would grant, if I could find one, because he had conceived a good opinion of me; and the last night the jewels of Sheck Ferid being brought before him, he remembered me of himself; and finding among them his own picture well done, he had delivered it to Afaph Chan to send it to me to wear for his sake, with many expressions of his favour, which would make all the great men respect me. By this time dinner came in, and we sat down on carpets; a cloth being laid, and variety of dishes set before us, as was a little on one side for the gentlemen that accompanied him, to whom he went to eat, they looking on it as a sort of desiring to mix with us. Hereupon I told him he had promised we should eat bread and salt together, and that I had little appetite without his company. He rose presently and sat by me, and we fell heartily to our meal, there being dishes of several sorts, as raisins, almonds, pistachoes, and fruit. After dinner he played at chess, and I walked; and after some time offered to take my leave. But he said he had desired me to come to eat, and what we had before was but a collation, and therefore I must not depart till we had supped, which I readily consented to. About an hour after the ambassador of one of the Decan Kings came to visit him, whom he presented to me, using him with civility, but much below the respect he shewed to me. He asked me, whether His Majesty, my master, would not take in scorn the offer of service from so poor a man, and would vouchsafe to accept of a present from a stranger; for he would send a gentleman with me to kiss His Majesty's hands, and to see our country. I returned a civil answer; and he went presently, and asked one if he would undertake the voyage. The gentleman seemed willing, and he presented him to me, saying he would provide some trifles, such as the country afforded, for His Majesty, and send him in my company. This to me seemed by the manner to be meant in earnest. At last supper came; two cloths being spread, as in the morning, and before me and my chaplain were set several dishes of sallads, and meat roasted, fried, boiled, and variety of rice. He desired to be excused himself, because it was their custom to eat among themselves, and his countrymen would take it ill if he did not eat with them. So he and his guests, and I and my company made much of ourselves. The meat was not amiss, but the attendants and order much better; his servants being very diligent and respectful. He gave me for a present, as in the manner when any one is invited, five cases of sugar-candy dressed with musk, and one loaf of the finest sugar as white as snow, about fifty pounds weight, desiring me to accept of a hundred such loaves against I went away; which, said he, you refuse of me thinking I am poor, but it costs me nothing, it is made in my government, and comes gratis. I offered to accept when I was going, but he pressed to take it now, for fear he should be then unprovided. Thus calling himself my father, and I myself his son, we took leave of one another.

The 17th I went to visit the King, who as soon as I came in, called to his women, and reached out his own picture set in gold, hanging at a gold wire chain, with one pendant of foul pearl, which he delivered to Afaph Chan, warning him not to demand any reverence of me, but what I was willing to make; it being the custom, whensoever he bestows any thing, for the receiver to kneel down, and put his head to the ground, which has been required of the ambassadors of Persia. Afaph Chan came to

me, and I offered to take it in my hand; but he made signs to take off my hat, and then he put it about my neck, leading me right before the King. I understood not his meaning, but feared he would require the custom of the country mentioned above, which they call Size-Da, and was resolved rather to return my present than submit to it. He made signs to me to give the King thanks, which I did after my own manner; whereupon some officers called to me to make the Size-Da, but the King in the Persian tongue said, No, no. So I returned to my place; but that you may judge of the King's liberality, this gift was not worth in all 30l.; yet was it five times as good as any he gives in that sort, and looked upon as a special favour. For all the great men that wear the King's image, which none may do but those to whom it is given, receive only a medal of gold, as big as a six-pence, with a little chain of four inches to fasten it on their heads, and this at their own charge; some set it with stones, or adorn it with pendants of pearls.

The 19th Gemaldin-Uffin, who I said before invited me to Havar Gemal, being newly made governor of Syndu, came to dine with me, with two of his sons, two other gentlemen, and about a hundred servants. He eat some of the banquet provided in my house by a Moorish cook, but would not touch such meat as I had dressed after my own fashion, though his appetite was very good; but he refrained out of a sort of superstition. Yet he desired that four or five dishes might be sent to his house, such as he would choose, being all baked meats, which he had never seen before; and said he would dine on them in private, which was accordingly done. He offered me the town of Syndu, and all other courtesies in his power; made haste to fill his belly, and I gave him a small present according to custom.

The 20th, and the night before it, fell a storm of rain, which they call the elephant, and is usual at the end of the rainy season; but this was extraordinary, for there ran such streams into the pond, that though it is enclosed with stone, very strong in appearance, yet the water was so fierce that it broke through in one place, which caused a sudden fear and consternation, lest it should drown all that part of the town where I dwelt; inasmuch that the Prince and all his women forsook their house; my next neighbour carried away his wife and goods on his elephants and camels to fly to the hills side. All men had their horses ready at their doors to save their lives; so that we were much frightened, and sat up till midnight, because we had no help but to fly ourselves, and lose all our goods; for it was reported it would run three feet higher than the top of my house, and carry all away, being poor mud buildings; fourteen years before having shewed the dismal experience, the bottom of the pond being level with our dwelling, and the water extraordinary great and deep, so that the top was much higher than my house, which stood in the bottom, in the course of the water; every ordinary rain making such a current at my door, that it runs not swifter through the arches of London bridge, and is for some hours impassable for man or horse. The King in the night caused a sluice to be opened to discharge the water another way, yet the very rain had washed away a great part of the walls of my house, and so weakened it all, breaking in at several places, that I feared the fall more than the flood. Thus were we every way afflicted; fires, smokes, floods, storms, heat, dust, flies, and no temperate weather or safe season. The 27th I received advice from Surat, that the Dutch had obtained leave to land their goods there in a warehouse, and trade till the Prince's pleasure was known, upon condition they should depart upon the first warning.

The 29th the King went to Havar Gemal, and so a hunting. It was resolved to remove to Mandoa, a castle near Brampore, where there is no town; that the King
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having sent away his son Sultan Pervis to Bengala, might be near at hand to countenance his son Sultan Coron, who he designed should command in Decan, contrary to the inclination of all the great men. The 30th the King returning from hunting, sent me a wild boar so large, that he desired the tusks might be sent him back for their extraordinary size, sending word he had killed it with his own hand, and bidding me eat it merrily.

The second of September was the King's birth-day, and kept with great solemnity. On this day the King is weighed against some jewels, gold, silver, stuffs of gold, silver, and silk, butter, rice, fruit, and many other things, of every sort a little, which is all given to the Bramas or Bramans. The King commanded Afaph Chan to send for me to this solemnity, who appointed me to come to the place where the King sits at Durbar, and I should be sent for in; but the messenger mistaking, I went not till Durbar time, and so missed the sight; but being there before the King came out, as soon as he spied me, he sent to know the reason why I came not in, since he had ordered it. I answered according to the mistake, yet he was very angry, and chid Afaph Chan publicly. He was so rich in jewels, that I own in my life I never saw such inestimable wealth together. The time was spent in bringing his greatest elephants before him; some of which being lord elephants, had their chains, bells, and furniture of gold and silver, with many gilt banners and flags carried about them, and eight or ten elephants waiting on each of them, clothed in gold, silk, and silver. In this manner about twelve companies passed by most richly adorned, the first having all the plates on his head and breast set with rubies and emeralds, being a beast of wonderful bulk and beauty. They all bowed down before the King, making their reverence very handsomely; this was the finest show of beasts I ever saw. The keepers of every chief elephant gave a present. Then having made me some favourable compliments, he rose up and went in. At night about ten of the clock he sent for me. I was then abed. The message was, that he heard I had a picture which I had not shewed him, desiring me to come to him and bring it; and if I would not give it him, he would order copies of it to be taken for his women. I got up, and carried it with me. When I came in, I found him sitting cross-legged on a little throne, all covered with diamonds, pearls, and rubies. Before him a table of gold, and on it about fifty pieces of gold plate, all set with jewels, some very great and extremely rich, some of them of less value, but all of them almost covered with small stones. His nobility about him in their best equipage, whom he commanded to drink merrily, several sorts of wine standing by in great flaggons. When I drew near, he asked for the picture. I shewed him two; he seemed astonished at one of them, and asked whose it was. I told him a friend of mine that was dead. He asked if I would give it him. I answered I valued it above all things, but if His Majesty would pardon me, and accept of the other, which was an excellent piece, I would willingly bestow it on His Majesty. He thanked me, and said he desired none but that picture, and if I would give it him, he should prize it above the richest jewel in his house. I replied, I was not so fond of any thing, but I would part with it to please His Majesty, with other expressions of respect. He bowed to me, and said it was enough, I had given it him; that he owned he had never seen so much art, so much beauty, and conjured me to tell him truly, whether ever such a woman lived. I assured him there did, but she was now dead. He said he would shew it his women, and take five copies, and if I knew my own I should have it again. Other compliments passed, but he would restore it, his painters being excellent at copying in water colours. The other picture being in oil, he did not like. Then he sent me word it was his birth-day, and all men made merry, and asked whether I would drink with them. I answered, I would

would do whatsoever His Majesty commanded, and wished him many happy days, and that the ceremony might be renewed a hundred years. He asked me whether I would drink wine of the grape, or made, whether strong or small. I replied, what he commanded, but hoped it would not be too much, nor too strong. Then he called for a gold cup full of mixed wine, half of the grape and half artificial, and drank; causing it to be filled again, and then sent it by one of the nobles to me with this message, that I should drink it off twice, thrice, four, or five times for his sake, and accept of the cup and appurtenances as a present. I drank a little, but it was stronger than any I ever tasted; insomuch that it made me sneeze, which made him laugh; and he called for raisins, almonds, and sliced lemons, which were brought me on a gold plate, bidding me eat and drink what I would, and no more. I made reverence for my present after my own manner, though Afaph Chan would have had me kneel, and knock my head against the ground; but His Majesty accepted of what I did. The cup was of gold, set all about with small rubies and Turkey stones, the cover with large rubies, emeralds, and Turkey stones in curious works, and a dish suitable to set the cup on. The value I know not, because the stones are many of them small, and the greater, which are many, not all clean; but they are in number about two thousand, and the gold about twenty ounces. Thus he made merry, and sent me word he esteemed me more than ever he had done, and asked whether I was merry at eating the wild boar sent me a few days before, how I dressed it, what I drank, assuring me I should want for nothing in his country: the effects of all which his public favours I presently found in the behaviour of all his nobility. Then he threw about to those that stood below two charges of new roupies, and among us two charges of hollow almonds of gold and silver mixed; but I would not scramble, as his great men did, for I saw his son take up none. Then he gave sashes of gold and girdles, to all the musicians and waiters, and to many others. So drinking, and commanding others to do the same, His Majesty and all his Lords became the finest men I ever saw, of a thousand several humours. But his son, Afaph Chan, two old men, the late King of Candahar, and myself forbore. When he could hold up his head no longer, he laid down to sleep, and we all departed.

Seven months were now spent in soliciting the signing and sealing of the articles of peace and commerce set down above, and nothing obtained but promises from week to week, and from day to day; and therefore on the 3d September, the English fleet being hourly expected at Surat, I went to the Prince, and delivered him a memorial containing the articles I desired him to give an order to be observed for the unloading of the ships. The articles were,

First, That the presents coming for the King and Prince should not be opened at the port, but sent up to court sealed by the custom-house officers.

Secondly, That curiosities sent for other presents, and for the merchants to sell, should also be sent up to court sealed, for the Prince to take the first choice.

Thirdly, That the gross merchandize be landed, reasonably rated for the custom, and not detained in the custom-house; but that the merchants paying the custom, have full liberty to sell or dispose of it; and that the ships be supplied with provisions without paying custom.

On the 4th, Afaph Chan sent me back my first articles, after so long attendance and so many false promises, some of them altered, others struck out, and an answer, that there was no articling at all, but it was enough to have an order from the Prince, who was Lord of Surat, to trade there: but for Bengala or Syndu, it should never be granted. Notwithstanding all this vexation, I durst not change my method of proceeding, or wholly quit the Prince and Afaph Chan: therefore I drew up other articles,

leaving out what was displeasing in the former, and desiring Afaph Chan to put them in form, and procure the seal, or else to give me leave to apply myself to the King, to receive his denial, and depart the country. The substance of the new articles was as follows. That all the subjects of the Mogul should receive the English in friendly manner; to suffer them to land their goods peaceably; to furnish them with provisions for their money, without paying any customs for them; to have liberty, after paying custom for their goods, to sell them to any person, and none to oblige them to sell any under rate; to have liberty to pass with such goods to any parts, without any thing being exacted further of them more than at the port; to have the presents for the Mogul and Prince sealed without opening, and sent to the ambassador; to have the goods of any that die secured from confiscation, and delivered to the other English factors; and in short, that no injury in any sort be offered to any of them.

The 8th of this month, Afaph Chan sent me word in plain terms, he would procure nothing for me sealed; but I might be satisfied with an order signed by the Prince: which made me resolve to apply myself directly to the Prince, and apply no more to Afaph Chan. Accordingly I was with the Prince the 10th, and the 11th he sent me an order, but so altered from what I had given in, that I sent it back. But at night I received a new order from the secretary, containing all my articles; though some words were somewhat ambiguous, which the secretary interpreted favourably, and at my request, writ to the Governor of Surat, explaining them to him as he had done to me. He gave me many assurances of the Prince's favour; and being a man not subject to bribery, I gave the more credit to him. So I accepted of the order, which when translated, I found very effectual. The 16th I visited the Prince, resolving to seem wholly to depend on him, till I had heard what entertainment our ships met with. I found him sad for fear of Prince Pervis coming to court, he being but eight coffes from it; but the power of Normahall, the favourite Queen, diverted it, and he was ordered away directly to Bengala. The Mogul was retired, but whither no man could certainly tell.

Several days passed in soliciting the King and great ones, and paying court to them, without any thing remarkable; till on the 9th of October I received letters from Surat with an account that four English ships were arrived there. Abdala Chan the great governor of Amadabat being sent for to court in disgrace, for many insolencies and contempts of the King's authority: it was at first thought that he would stand on his guard and refuse to appear; but the Prince Sultan Corone, whose ambition laid hold of every advantage, desiring to oblige so great a man, as being one of the chief commanders in India, prevailed with him, on his word, to submit. So he came sixty miles on foot in pilgrim's clothes with forty servants, counterfeiting great humility, and performed the rest of his journey in his palankine, till he came near the court; but had two thousand horse one day's journey behind him. On the 10th of October he was brought to the Jarruco (the place where the King sits in public to see sports, and hear complaints) with chains at his heels, and barefoot, led between two noblemen. He pulled his turban over his eyes, that he might see no man before he had the happiness to behold the King's face. After reverence made, and some few questions, the King forgave him, caused his irons to be knocked off, and him to be clothed with a new vest of gold, with a turbant and girdle suitable.

The Prince, who intended to advance his honour in the wars of Decan, which his elder brother had left with disgrace, and the great commander Chan-Channa did not prosper in, as being supposed to receive a pension from the Decannins; caused his father to recal Chan-Channa, who refusing to come, desired the King not to send Sul-
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tan Corone to that war, but one of his youngest sons, about fifteen years of age. This Sultan Corone took to heart, but holding his purpose of carrying on that war, promised Abdala Chan the command of the army under him, removing of Chan-Channa. The King fearing troubles, and being sensible of this son's ambition and factious contrivances, of the discontent of his two elder sons, and the power of Chan-Channa, was desirous to accommodate matters by accepting of peace, and confirming Chan-Channa in his post. To this purpose he secretly writ a favourable letter, and designed to send Chan-Channa a vest according to the ceremony of reconciliation; but before he dispatched it, he made it known to a kinswoman of his living in the seraglio. She, whether it was out of falsehood to her friend, or that she was corrupted by Sultan Corone, or out of pride of heart, seeing the top of her family, who had so well deserved, stand on such ticklish terms, said plainly, she did not believe Chan-Channa would wear any thing sent by the King, knowing His Majesty hated him, and had once or twice offered him poison, which he, putting into his bosom instead of his mouth, had made trial of; therefore she was confident he would not dare to put on his body any thing that came from His Majesty. The King offered to wear it himself before her an hour, and that she should write to testify it. She replied, he would trust neither of them with his life; but if he might live quietly in his command, would do His Majesty good service. Upon this the King altered his purpose, and resolved to send Sultan Corone; and to countenance his reception, would himself follow after with another army. Chan-Channa perceiving the storm, practised with the Decannins, who were at his devotion, to offer terms of peace for some time, as finding no other way to dispel this cloud that hung over both, till the King and Prince were departed and settled further off. To this purpose two ambassadors arrived at court this same 10th of October from the Princes of Decan. They brought horses with rich furniture for presents. At first the King refused to hear them, or receive their gifts; but turned them over to his son, saying, it was in his breast to chuse peace or war. The Prince, puffed up with this favour, resolved to proceed on his journey; though the conditions, I was told, were very honourable, and such as the King would have accepted of; answering, he would treat of no peace till he was in the field with his army, and Chan-Channa should not so defraud him of the honour of finishing the war. This young Prince's ambition is notorious, and become the common talk of the people; yet his father designs not the crown for him, for Sultan Cororone, the eldest brother, is beloved and honoured of all men, even to a degree of adoration, and that deservedly for his excellent qualities. The King knows it, and loves him, but thinks his liberty would be a lessening of his own glory, yet sees not that this sly youth darkens him more by his ambitious practices than the other would by virtuous actions. Thus he nourishes division and emulation among the brethren, and puts such power into the hands of the younger, believing he can reassume it at pleasure, that the wisest men foresee great distractions and troubles like to follow in this kingdom upon the King's death, and that it is in danger to be torn in pieces by a civil war. The history of this country for variety of matter, and the many subtle practices in the time of Ezbar-Sha, father of this King, and these latter troubles, were well worth writing; but because they come from such remote parts, many will despise them; and by reason these people are esteemed barbarous, few will believe them, and therefore I forbear making them public, though I could deliver as many rare and notable acts of state, subtle evasions, policies, answers, and adages, as I believe, for one age, would not easily be equalled: yet I cannot omit one thing that happened lately, to shew wisdom and patience in a father, faith in a servant, falsehood in a brother, and impudent boldness in a faction that dare attempt any thing, when the supreme Majesty allows them a

liberty beyond either the law of their own condition, or the bounds of policy and reason.

The Prince Sultan Corone, Normahall, the beloved Queen, aunt to this Prince's wife, Afaph Chan his father-in-law, brother to the Queen, and Etiman Doulet father to them both, being they that now govern all, and dare attempt any thing, resolv'd it was not possible for them to stand if Prince Sultan Corforone lived, he being beloved by the nobility, and like to punish their ambition in time, if delivered: therefore they practis'd how to get him into their power in order to take him off by poison. Normahall attempts the King with crocodile tears, telling him that Sultan Corforone was not safe, nor his aspiring thoughts laid aside. The King heard, and seem'd to assent, but would not understand more than she deliver'd in plain terms. This failing, they took the opportunity of the King's being drunk, when Prince Etiman Doulet, and Afaph Chan mov'd, that, for the safety of Sultan Corforone, and his honour, it were fitter he were in the keeping of his brother, that their company might be a comfort to one another, and he better taken care of, than in the hands of a Resbote idolater, to whom the King had committed him: therefore they humbly desired His Majesty that he might be deliver'd into the hands of his dear brother, which the King granted, and so fell asleep. They thought themselves so great, that using the King's authority no man durst refuse them, and if he were once in their possession they would dispute the restoring of him. So the same night Afaph Chan, sent by the Prince in the King's name, came with a guard to demand and receive Sultan Corforone at the hands of Annarah, a Rajah Resbote, that is, a Prince, to whose custody the King had committed him. He refus'd to deliver his charge, with this answer, That he was Sultan Corone's humble servant, but that he had received his brother from the hands of the King, and would deliver him to no other; that he should have patience till the morning, when he would discharge himself to His Majesty, and be wholly at his disposal. This answer broke the design. In the morning Annarah came to the King, and acquainted him with the Prince's demand, his refusal, and answer, adding, that His Majesty had given him charge of his son, and made him commander of four thousand horse, with all which he would die at the gate, rather than deliver up the Prince into the hands of his enemies. If His Majesty required, he was ready to obey his will, but he would clear his own innocency. The King replied, You have done honestly and faithfully; you have answered discreetly, continue your resolution, and take no notice of any orders; I will not seem to know this, nor do you stir further in it; preserve your fidelity, and let us see how far they will carry it. The Prince and the faction the next day finding the King took no notice of any thing, and therefore hoping he had forgot what pass'd in his wine, made no mention of the grant or of the refusal; but the business fell on both sides, yet not without jealousy. This I infer, that the company may not scatter their goods, or engage too far into the kingdom, because the time will soon come when all will be in a combustion; and if Sultan Corforone prevail in asserting his right, this kingdom will be a sanctuary for Christians, whom he loves and honours, favouring learning, valour, and warlike discipline, and abhorring covetousness, and the base custom of taking presents used by his ancestors and the nobility. If the other be superior, we shall be losers, for he is zealous in his superstition, an enemy to all Christians, proud, false, and barbarously tyrannical.

The 13th of this month of October the King returning from hunting, sent me a wild pig. I received advice that the four English ships before mentioned were safe in the port of Solai. There came six out of England, but they lost company of one in bad weather, and another was sent to Bantam. By the way they had fought a Portuguese galeon

galeon bound for Goa, which burnt itself. Upon this news, on the 14th I sent for a Portuguefe jesuit refiding at the court, and gave him an account of it, offering a peace upon equal terms, which he promised to acquaint the Viceroy of Goa with. Then I visited the Prince, and propofing to him that we might have a port and place to fortify, and we would defend his fhips againft the Portuguefes, he rejected it with scorn. In the evening I waited on the King with the fame account of our fhips' arrival, and he prefently asked me what presents came for him, which I could not give him an account of. He ordered I fhould have fuch things as I required fent up to court fealed, without fearching or paying any custom. The 16th, being with the Prince's fecretary about the difpatch of our affairs, he moved me by His Highnefs's order to procure him two gunners out of our fleet to ferve him in the Decan wars for good pay, which I undertook to perform, knowing that indifferent artists would ferve there. This day Abdala Chan came to vifit the Prince, fo greatly attended, that I have not feen the like: his drums and mufic on horfe-back, being about twenty, made noife enough, then followed fifty perfons carrying white flags before him, and two hundred foldiers well mounted in coats of cloth of gold, velvet, and rich filks, who entered the gate with him in order. Next his perfon were forty targetiers in fuch like liveries. He made humble reverence and prefented a black Arabian horfe with his furniture ftudded with flowers of gold, enamelled and fet with fmall ftones. The Prince, according to custom, returned a turban, a veft, and a girdle.

The Prince holding a refolution of finifhing the Decan wars in perfon, would not give any answer to thofe ambaffadors, but detained them till he came near the frontiers. Being to depart, neither he nor his party thought themfelves fecure, if Sultan Corforone remained in the hands of Annarah, becaufe in his abfence the King might be reconciled, and he getting his liberty, all the glory and hopes of their faction would vanifh, and their ambition and ill practices hardly be pardoned. On the 17th of this month therefore, they again attack the King's conftancy, defiring him to deliver up his fon into the hands of Alaph Chan, as his guardian under Sultan Corone, pretending it will fright Chan-Channa and the Decans, when they hear this Prince is fo favoured, who comes to make war upon them, that the King has delivered up his eldeft fon to him, and in him, as it were, the whole kingdom, the hope of fucceffion, and the prefent power. The King, who had yielded himfelf up into the hands of a woman, could not defend his fon from her practices. He either fees not the ambition, or truftis it too far in confidence of his own power, and confents; fo that this day he was delivered up, the foldiers of Annarah difcharged, and a fupply of Alaph Chan's placed about him, with an addition of two hundred of the Prince's horfe. His fifters and many women in the feraglio mourn, refuse their meat, exclaim againft the King's dotage and cruelty, and declare that if he dies, a hundred of his kindred will burn for him in memory of the King's inhumanity toward his worthieft fon. The King gives fair words, protefts no harm is defigned the Prince, promifes his delivery, and fends Normahall to appeafe thefe enraged ladies, who curfe, threaten, and refuse to fee her. The common people murmur, and fay the King has not delivered his fon, but his own life into the hands of an ambitious Prince, and a treacherous faction. That Sultan Corforone cannot perifh without fcandal to the father, or revenge from him, and therefore he muft go firft, and after him his fon, and fo through their blood this youth muft mount the throne. New hopes are fspread of his re-deliverance, and foon allayed; every man tells news according to his fears or defires; but the poor Prince remains in the paws of the tiger, refuses meat, and requires his father to take his life, and not fuffer it to fall a victim to his enemies. The whole court is full of whifpers, the nobility are fad, the multitude like

itself, full of rumour and noise, without head or order, and rages, but applies not to any proper means. The consequences of these troubles are much to be feared.

The 19th, the Persian ambassador Mahomet Raza Beg made his entry into the town about noon, with a great train, partly sent out by the King to meet him with a hundred elephants, and music, though no man of greater quality than the ordinary receiver of strangers. The ambassador's own retinue were about fifty horse, well equipped, and in coats of cloth of gold; their bows, quivers, and targets richly garnished, forty shot, and about two hundred common foot, and attendance on the baggage. He was carried to rest in a room within the King's outward court till evening, when he came to the Durbar, before the King. I sent my secretary to observe the fashion of this ceremony. When he approached, he made at the first rail three tefelins, and one sizeda, which is prostrating himself and knocking his head against the ground; he did so again within, and so presented Sha Abas' letter, which the King took with a little motion of his body, only asking, how does my brother? without mentioning the title of Majesty. After some few words he was placed in the seventh rank against the rail by the door, below so many of the King's servants on both sides, which in my opinion was a very mean place for his master's ambassador; but he well deserved it, for doing that reverence which his predecessors refused, to the dishonour of his Prince, and to the regret of many of his nation. It is said he had order from the Sophy to give content, and it is therefore supposed his message is for some supply of money against the Turk, which has often been liberally granted, though at the same time it is pretended he comes only to mediate a peace for the Decans, whom Sha Abas pretends to protect, being jealous of the increase of this empire. The King according to custom gave him a handsome turban, a vest of cloth of gold, and a girdle, for which again he made three tefelins, and one sizeda, or inclination down to the ground. He brought for presents three times nine Arabian and Persian horses, this being a ceremonious number among them; nine mules very fair and large, seven camels laden with velvet, two suits of European hangings, which I suppose were not Arras, but Venetian velvet wrought with gold; two chests of Persian hangings, one rich cabinet, forty muskets, five clocks, one camel laden with Persian cloth of gold, eight carpets of silk, two rubies ballaces, twenty-one camel loads of wine of the grape, fourteen camels of distilled sweet waters, seven of rose-water, seven daggers set with precious stones, five swords set after the same manner, seven Venetian looking-glasses, and these so fair and rich, that I was out of countenance when I heard it. These presents were not delivered now, but only a note of them. His own equipage was rich, having nine led horses trapped in gold and silver. About his turban was wound a string of pearls, rubies, and Turkey stones, and three pipes of gold answering to three feathers. I caused his reception to be diligently observed, and found he was not favoured above me in any point, but much less in many particulars, being placed much inferior than I, and only exceeding in being met out of town, which by reason of my sickness was not demanded; nor did the King receive Sha Abas' letter with such respect as he did my master's, whom he called the King of England his brother, and the Persian barely brother, without any addition; which was an observation of the jesuit, who understood the language.

The 20th of October I received the Prince's letter to send for Surat, with orders to the governor of that place to sit with the judge of the custom-house, and take care that no wrong was done the English. But as to the matter of sending up the presents to me sealed and unsearched, it was so unintelligible that it was subject to various constructions, which I judged to be done designedly, that they might be sent to him to be his own care. This made me send it back to his secretary, and it being returned
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more intricate than at first, I went to the Prince on the 21st, and desired him to have that part better explained. He asked me how he should have his presents, or such other curiosities as came up? and moved me to go with him where they were. I answered, I could not do it till I had delivered my message and tokens to the King, but would then attend His Highness with his presents, and all rarities that came to my hands should be sent after him. He pressed me to give my word for the performance, and so I obtained an order to my mind. His Highness looking on a white feather in my hat, asked if I would give it him. I replied, I would not offer what I had worn, but if he pleased to command it, that or any thing in my power was at his service; and I took his acceptance as a great honour. He asked me whether I had any more; I said, three or four of other colours; and he again asked, whether I would give them all, because he was to shew his horses and servants to the King within two days, and wanted some, they being very rare in those parts. I promised to bring them all on the morrow, that His Highness might take what he pleased.

Abdala Chan, in a gallant equipage both as to his person and retinue, though the apparel was strange and antic, but soldier-like in those parts, presented the Prince a white horse, the saddle and furniture gold enamelled, the beast of delicate shape, mettlesome and bold. The Prince returned a plain sword with a leather belt. Many others were brought before him with silver hilts, and chapes set with small stones, and targets covered with velvet wrought with gold, and some painted and bossed with gold and silver, which he gave to his servants against the review. Many saddles and furnitures of his own, all of gold set with stones for led horses, were shewn, his boots embroidered, and all other accoutrements of state. The value is wonderful, and the wealth daily seen inestimable.

It is reported, that this last night six of the Prince's servants went to murder Sultan Corforone, but were not admitted by the porter; and that the Queen-Mother is gone to the King with an account of all the practice.

In the evening I went to the Durbar to visit the King, where I met the Persian ambassador with the first shew of his presents. He appeared more like a jester or juggler than a person of gravity, running up and down, and acting all he said like a mimic. He delivered the presents with his own hands, which the King received with smiles, a cheerful countenance, and expressions of satisfaction. His tongue was a great advantage to him in delivering his business; which he did with so much flattery and obsequiousness, that it pleased as much as his gift; ever calling the Mogul, King and Commander of the World, forgetting his own master had a share in it; and upon every slight occasion he made his tefelins. When all was delivered for that day, he prostrated himself on the ground, and knocked it with his head as if he would have entered it. The gifts were a quiver for bow and arrows delicately embroidered, all sorts of European fruits artificial in dishes, folding purses, and knacks of leather wrought with needle-work in coloured silks, shoes embroidered and stitched, great glasses in frames inlaid, one square piece of velvet embroidered high with gold in panes, between which were Italian pictures wrought in the stuff, which he said were the King and Queen of Venice; of these six pieces were given, but only one shewed. There were besides many other curiosities of small value; after which came three times nine horses, which had either lost their flesh or beauty, for I thought them all, except two or three, unfit to be sent to, or received by princes; the mules were handsome. After this he returned with many antic tricks to his place, far inferior to that allowed me, which was alone, and above all subjects. This is but the first act of his presenting, the play will not be finished in ten days.

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The 22d the letter the Prince had promised me for the sending up of the presents unsearched, being again detained, I went to his secretary, who said they could not be sent up without visiting, lest the merchants under that pretence should steal customs. I was offended and going away, but the secretary prevailed with me to go with him to the Prince, who accepted some feathers I brought him; and knowing my resolution, ordered I should be dispatched to content. At night I went to the Durbar to observe the Persian ambassador, and found him standing in his rank, but often removed and set lower, as great men came in. The King once spoke to him, and he danced to that music, but gave no present, and the Mogul ordered he should be feasted by the nobles. The 24th the King removed to Havar Gemal, and sent for the Persian ambassador, who at night eat and drank before the King with the nobility in the same manner as I had done on the birth-day. The difference was, that the Mogul gave him twenty thousand roupees for his expence, for which he made many tefelins and sizedaes, not rising from the ground for a considerable time, which extremely pleased the King, and was base, but profitable flattery. The 25th the King returned to court, having been far gone over night in wine. Some either accidentally or maliciously spoke of the last merry night, and that many of the nobility drank wine, which none must do without leave. The King forgetting his order, asked who gave it; and an answer was made, the buxy, for no man dares say it was the King, when he seems to be willing to make a doubt of it. The custom is, that when the King drinks, which is alone, sometimes he will command the nobility to drink after him, which if they do not, it is looked upon as a crime; and so every man that takes a cup of wine of the officer, has his name writ down, and he makes his tefelin, though perhaps the King's eyes are clouded. The King not remembering his own command, called the buxy, and asked whether he gave the order; who falsely denied it, for he had it from the King, and by name called all that drank with the ambassador. The King then called for the list, and persons named in it, and fined some one, some two, and some three thousand roupies; and some that were nearer his person he caused to be whipped before him, they receiving a hundred and thirty stripes with a terrible instrument having at the ends of four cords, irons like spur-rowels, so that every stroke made four wounds. When they lay for dead on the ground, he commanded the standers by to spurn them, and after that the porters to break their staves on them. Thus most cruelly mangled and bruised they were carried out; one of them died on the spot. Some would have excused it by laying it on the ambassador; but the King replied, he only ordered a cup or two to be given him. Though drunkenness be a common vice and an exercise of the King's, yet it is so strictly forbidden, that no man can enter the Guzelcan, where the King sits, but the porters smell his breath, and if he have but tasted wine, is not suffered to come in; and if the reason of his absence be known, it will be a difficult matter to escape the whip: for if the King once takes offence, the father will not speak for the son. Thus the King made all the company pay the Persian ambassador's present.

The 28th, the King's day of removal being at hand, I sent to Afaph Chan for a warrant for carriages. The merchants having sought all the town to remove their goods to Agra, could find none. I being enrolled by His Majesty received order for twenty camels, four carts, and two coaches at the King's price. Of these I allowed the factors as many as they needed for their use. I cannot here omit a passage either of wonderful baseness in this great monarch, or else a trial put upon me. The King had condemned divers thieves, among which were some boys. There was no way to save their lives, but to sell them for slaves. His Majesty commanded Afaph Chan to offer two of them to me for money; which he appointed the Cutwall, that is the marshal,

marshal, to do. My interpreter made answer, without my knowledge, that Christians kept no slaves; that those the King had given me I had set free, and it was in vain to propose it to me. Yet afterwards of himself he told me of it. I suspected it might be a trial of me, to see whether I would give a little money to save the lives of two children; or else, I thought, though it were in earnest, it were no great loss to do a good deed, and try the baseness or scope of this offer. I commanded my interpreter to go to Afaph Chan, and tell him he acquainted me with the motion, and his answer; that I had reproved him for pretending to deliver my thoughts in any case; and therefore my own reply was, that if there were any money to be paid to redeem the lives of two children to those whom they had robbed, or to redeem them from the law, I was ready to give it, both out of respect to the King's commands, and for charity: but I would not buy them as slaves, only pay their ransom, and free them; and therefore if he would know the King's pleasure, that I might give them their liberty without offence, I was very willing to do it. Afaph Chan replied I might dispose of them as I pleased; that it was an extraordinary goodness, and with many commendations accepted of the money, desiring me to send it to the Cutwall, and to use my own discretion with the boys, never offering to inform the King, which was one end of my liberality. But I resolving not to be imposed upon, lest this should be only a trick of the officers to get money, sent to let the Cutwall know what had passed between me and Afaph Chan, and that if at night he would acquaint the King that I had offered to redeem the prisoners out of charity, and His Majesty would consent to their liberty, I was ready to pay the money, but would not buy them as slaves; and desired His Majesty to pardon them upon my redemption. Thus I put them to the test of their own offer. The sum demanded did not exceed 100. The Cutwall answered, he would know the King's pleasure. Some would persuade me this is one of the Mogul's signal favours, to pitch upon such great men, to whom he will offer the opportunity of doing good, as the redeeming of prisoners; and that the money is to make satisfaction to the party that was robbed; and that these so appointed by the King to ransom others, make the *fizada*, as for some benefit received. I went to the Durbar to see if His Majesty would himself speak to me; the Cutwall made many motions, but I understood nothing. This day I sent my secretary to the Persian ambassador, to let him know I would visit him, if he would give his word to repay the visit, with other compliments. Who answered with all respect, that it was the custom of the country for ambassadors not to visit one another without the King's leave, which he would move for, and then receive me with all friendship, and repay my visit, with many more expressions of civility.

November the 1st, Sultan Corone took his leave and went to his tents. The King at noon set out in the Durbar, whither the Prince brought his elephants, being about six hundred richly trapped and furnished, and his followers by computation one thousand horse; many of them in cloth of gold, with herons' feathers in their turbans all very gallant. The Prince himself in a coat of cloth of silver embroidered with great pearl, and glittering with diamonds like the firmament. The King embraced, kissed, and shewed him much affection. At his departure he gave him a sword, the scabbard of which was all of gold set with stones, valued at 100,000 roupies; a dagger at 4000; an elephant and two horses, all their furniture of gold set with stones; and for a close one of the new coaches made in imitation of that sent by the King my master; and commanded the English coachman to drive him to his tents. The Prince went into the coach, and sat in the middle, the sides open, his chiefest nobles a-foot walking by him to his tents about four miles distant. All the way he threw quarters of roupies, being

followed by a multitude of people. He reached his hand to the coachman, and put into his hat about 100 roupies.

The 2d the King removed about three miles to his tents with his women and all the court. I went beforehand to attend him; and coming to the palace, found him at the jarruco window, and went upon the scaffold under him. Not having seen this place before, I was glad of the opportunity. Two eunuchs stood on two tressels with long poles and feather fans at the end of them, fanning him. He bestowed my favours, and received presents. What he bestowed he let down by a silk string rolled on a turning instrument; what was given him, a venerable fat deformed old matron, wrinkled and hung round with gimbels like an image, pulled up at a hole with such another clue. At one side in a window were his two principal wives, whose curiosity made them break little holes in a grate of reed that hung before it to gaze on me. I saw first their fingers, and then they laying their faces close, first the one, and then the other, I could sometimes discern their full proportion. They were indifferently white, with black hair smoothed up; but if there had been no other light, their diamonds and pearls had sufficed to shew them. When I looked up, they retired; and were so merry, that I suppose they laughed at me. On a sudden the King rose, we retired to the Durbar, and sat on the carpets, attending his coming out. Not long after he came, and sat about half an hour, till his ladies at their door had mounted their elephants, which were about fifty, all of them richly adorned, but chiefly three with turrets on their backs, all enclosed with grates of gold wire to look through, and canopies over of cloth of silver. Then the King came down the stairs with such an acclamation of health to the King, as would have out-roared cannon. At the foot of the stairs, where I met him, and shuffled to be next, one brought a mighty carp, another a dish of white stuff like starch, into which he put his finger, and touched the fish, and so rubbed it on his forehead; a ceremony used presaging good fortune. Then another came, and sat on his sword, and hung on his buckler set all over with diamonds and rubies, the belts of gold suitable. Another hung on his quiver with thirty arrows, and his bow in a case, being the same that was presented by the Persian ambassador. On his head he wore a rich turban with a plume of herons' feathers, not many but long. On one side hung a ruby unset, as big as a walnut, on the other side a diamond as large, in the middle an emerald like a heart, much bigger. His staff was wound about with a chain of great pearl, rubies, and diamonds drilled. About his neck he wore a chain of three strings of most excellent pearl, the largest I ever saw. Above his elbows, armlets set with diamonds, and on his wrist three rows of several sorts; his hands bare, but almost on every finger a ring. His gloves, which were English, stuck under his girdle. His coat of cloth of gold without sleeves, upon a fine semain, as thin as lawn. On his feet a pair of buskins embroidered with pearl, the toes sharp and turning up. Thus armed and accoutred he went to the coach that attended him, with his new English servant, who was clothed as rich as any player, and more gaudy, and had broke four horses, which were trapped and harnessed in gold velvets. This was the first coach he ever sat in, made by that sent out of England, so like that I knew it not but by the cover, which was a Persian gold velvet. He sat at the end, and on each side went two eunuchs, who carried small maces of gold set all over with rubies, with a long bunch of horse-tail to flap the flies away. Before him went drums, base trumpets, and loud music, many canopies, umbrellas, and other strange ensigns of majesty, made of cloth of gold set in many places with rubies. Nine led horses, the furniture some garnished with rubies, some with pearls and emeralds, some only with studs enamelled. The Persian ambaf-

fador presented him a horse. Next behind came three palankines, the carriages and feet of one plated with gold, set at the ends with stones, and covered with crimson velvet embroidered with pearl, and a fringe of great pearl hanging in ropes a foot deep; a border about it set with rubies and emeralds. A footman carried a footstool of gold set with stones. The other two palankines were covered and lined only with cloth of gold. Next followed the English coach, newly covered and richly adorned, which he had given to Queen Normahall, who sat in it. After them a third, in which sat his younger sons. Then followed about twenty elephants royal, led for him to mount, so rich in stones and furniture, that they glittered like the sun. Every elephant had sundry flags of cloth of silver, gilt satin and taffety. His noblemen he suffered to walk afoot, which I did to the gate, and left him. His wives on their elephants were carried half a mile behind him. When he came before the door where his eldest son is prisoner, he stayed the coach and called for him. He came and made reverence, with a sword and buckler in his hand, his beard grown to his middle, a sign of disfavour. The King commanded him to mount one of the spare elephants, and so rode next to him, with extraordinary applause and joy of all men, who were now filled with new hopes. The King gave him one thousand roupies to cast to the people. His gaoler Afaph Chan, and all those monsters were yet afoot. I took horse to avoid the crowd and other inconveniences, and crossed out of the leskar before him, waiting till he came near his tents. He passed all the way between a guard of elephants, having every one a turret on his back, and on the four corners of each four banners of yellow taffety, and right before a piece of cannon carrying a bullet as big as a tennis-ball, the gunner behind it. They were in all about three hundred. Other elephants of state went before and behind, being about six hundred, all which were covered with velvet, or cloth of gold, and had two or three gilded banners. Several footmen ran along the way with skins of water to lay the dust before the King. No horse or man was suffered to come within two furlongs of the coach, except those that walked by afoot. So that I hastened to his tents to attend his alighting. They were walled in about half an English mile in compass, in form of a fort, with several angles and bulwarks, and high curtains of a coarse stuff made like arras, red on the outside, and within figures in panes, with a handsome gate-house, every post that bore these up headed with brass. The throng was great, I had a mind to go in; no man was permitted, the greatest in the land sitting at the door: however I made an offer, and they admitted me, but refused the Persian ambassador, and all the noblemen. Here first the Persian ambassador saluted me with a silent compliment. In the midst of this court was a throne of mother of pearl borne on two pillars raised on earth, covered over with a high tent, the pole headed with a knob of gold; under that, canopies of cloth of gold, and under foot carpets. When the King drew near the door, some noblemen came in, and the Persian ambassador. We stood on both sides making a line. The King entering cast his eye on me; I made him reverence, and he laid his hand on his breast and bowed, and turning to the other side nodded to the Persian. I followed at his heels till he went up, and every man cried, joy and good fortune; and so we took our places. He called for water, washed his hands, and departed. His women went in some other way to their apartment, and his son I saw not. Within this inclosure were about thirty divisions with tents. All the noblemen retired to theirs, which were in excellent forms, some all white, some green, some mixed, all inclosed as orderly as any house, in the most magnificent manner I ever saw. The vale shewed like a beautiful city, for the baggage made no confusion. I was ill provided with carriage and ashamed of my equipage; for five years allowance would not have provided

me an indifferent suit answerable to others, and to add to the grandeur every man has two, so that one goes before to the next ground, and is set up a day before the King rises from the place where he is. So I returned to my poor house.

November the 5th I rode about five miles to the Prince's tents. I made His Highness my compliments of leave, wishing him prosperity and success, but he ordered me to return and take my leave two days after, having presented him some business about debts due to the English, which he promised to examine and dispatch. He sat with the same greatness and magnificence I mentioned of his father, his throne being plated over with silver, inlaid with flowers of gold, and the canopy over it square, borne up on four pillars covered with silver; his arms, sword, buckler, bows, arrows, and lance on a table before him. The watch was set, for it was evening when we came abroad. I observed him curiously now he was absolute, and took notice of his behaviour and actions. He received two letters, and read them standing before he ascended his throne. I never saw so settled a countenance, or any man keep so constant a gravity, never smiling, nor by his looks shewing any respect or distinction of persons, but an extreme pride and contempt of all. Yet I perceived some inward trouble now and then assail him, and a kind of interruption and distraction in his thoughts; answering suitors disorderly, or in confusion, or not hearing them. If I can judge of it, he has left his heart among his father's women, with whom he has the liberty of conversing, Normahall the day before went to visit him in the English coach, and took leave of him. She gave him a cloak all embroidered with pearl, diamonds, and rubies, and carried away, if I mistake not, all his attention for business. The 9th the Prince being to remove, sent one of his guard in haste for me, I was not provided to go, but he pressed me, urging his master staid for me; that he ordered him not to return without me; that all the court did talk of the Prince's favour to me; that it was reported he had desired the King to let me accompany him to the army; and that he had promised to use me so well, that I should confess his favour to our nation. This news made me take horse after dinner; but I found him newly risen and marching, but met a Dutchman, his jeweller, who confirmed all the soldier had said, and added so much more that I believed none of it. I sent word I was come, and he returned answer, that I should pass before the tents, and sit till he came; and he would speak with me. It was night before he came; he only looked on me, sat a little, and went in among his women. As he passed he turned about, and sent a servant to desire me to stay a while, and he would come into the Guzalcan, and take his leave of me. Within half an hour he set out, but I could not get any man to put him in mind of me, and he was fallen to play, and either forgot it, or put a trick of state upon me; so that I staid an hour. Being much troubled I went to the door, and told the waiters that the Prince had sent for me; that I came only to receive his orders; that I had staid long, and must return to my house, it being late; and if His Highness had any business I desired him to send it after me, for I scorned such usage; and so went away to take horse. Before I could mount, messengers came running for me, and I went in. He excused himself, and blamed his officers, using me with much shew of civility; calling me to see his cards, and asking me several questions. The eunuchs and officers told me the Prince would make me a great present, and if I feared to ride home late, I should have ten horse to guard me. The present came, and was a cloak of cloth of gold which he had worn once or twice, and which they put upon my back: I made reverence for it very unwillingly; and it is here reputed the highest favour to give a garment that has been worn by the Prince, or just laid on his shoulders; yet this would have become an actor that had represented his ancestor Tamerlan. Then he bowed and I had my discharge;

yet first I urged some business, and having my answer, took my leave. Going out, I was followed by his porters and waiters in such shameful manner, that I half paid for my cloak before I got clear of them.

November the 10th almost all the town being removed, I was left behind, having got neither camel nor carts, notwithstanding my warrant; and the Persian ambassador was under the same circumstances, who complained and was soon redressed; whereupon I sent to court, and on the eleventh received two warrants for carts and camels at the King's price; but it was not easy to get either, the great men having foldiers every where to take all up; and indeed it was wonderful how the whole town and two leskars, or camps, that is the King's and Princes, could remove at once. The 16th the King gave orders to fire all the leskars or huts at Adfinere, to oblige the people to follow him; which was daily executed. The Persian ambassador and I were left in bad plight, in danger of thieves, who came daily from the camp to rob; and almost without bread to eat. This made me think of buying beasts and carriages, which would prove as cheap as hiring; but first I sent again to court to make one trial more. Having nothing material to speak of during my solitude at Adfinere, I will here say something of the condition of Sultan Corforone, of whose late delivery into the hands of his enemies, before mentioned, every man's heart and mouth was full. The King, notwithstanding he had so far condescended to satisfy his proud son at his departure, yet it seems designed not to wink at any wrong offered the elder; and therefore partly to secure him in the hands of Asaph Chan, and partly to satisfy the people, who murmured, and feared some treachery might be practised against him, took occasion to declare his mind in public. Asaph Chan had visited his new prisoner, and in his behaviour did not acknowledge him as his Prince, but rudely prest upon him against his will, and without respect. Some are of opinion he picked a quarrel, and knowing that the Prince's brave nature would not bear an affront, tempted him to draw his sword, or to use some violence, which the guard should presently revenge, or else it should be represented to the King as an attempt to kill his keeper, and make his escape. But the Prince was more patient, and only got a friend to acquaint the King with his gaoler's manners. The King called Asaph Chan at the Durbar, and asked when he saw his charge. He answered, two days before. His Majesty replied, What did you with him? He said, only visit him. The King prest to know how he behaved himself towards the Prince. Asaph Chan perceiving the King knew what had happened, said he went to see him, and to offer him his service, but the Prince refused to admit him into his chamber; which he, having charge of him, thought necessary for himself to do, and uncivil for the other to refuse, and therefore he prest in. The King presently replied, When you were in, what said you, what did you, what duty shewed you towards my son? Asaph was blank, and confessed he did him no reverence. Whereupon the King told him, he would make his proud heart know him to be his eldest son and beloved heir, his Prince and Lord; and if he once heard of any the least want of respect or duty towards him, he would command his son to set his feet upon his neck and trample on him: that he loved Sultan Corone well, but would make the world know, he did not entrust his son among them for his ruin.

The 20th of this month I received a new warrant for carriages, which procured me eight camels, but such poor ones as would not suffice me, and therefore I was forced to take order to buy the rest. The 22d I removed into my tents. The 25th I removed six coffes, but staid the following days for the caravan that was going from Agra to Surat, to send my papers with safety. December the first I removed four coffes to Ramfor, where the King had left the bodies of a hundred naked men, executed in the

fields for robbing. The 2d seven coffes, the 3d rested because of the rain, the 4th five coffes; in the way this day I overtook a camel laden with three hundred men's heads, sent from Candahar by the governor as a present to the King, these men being in rebellion. The 5th five coffes, the 6th four, where I overtook the King at a walled town called Todah, in the best country I saw since my landing; being a fair champaign, at every coffe a village; the soil fruitful in corn, cotton, and cattle. The 7th the King only removed from one side to the other of the town, which was one of the best built I ever saw in India, for some houses were two stories high, and most of them such as a pedlar might not scorn to keep shop in, all covered with tile. It had been the seat of Raja Rasbote before the conquest of Ezbar Sha, and stood at the foot of a great rock, very strong, had many excellent works of hewed stone about it, many ponds arched, vaulted, and descents to them large and deep; by it was a delicate grove, two miles long and a quarter broad, planted on purpose with mangoes, tamarinds, and other fruit-trees divided into walks, and full of little temples, and altars of pagods, and Indian idolatry, many fountains, wells, and summer-houses of carved stone curiously arched; so that a banished Englishman might have been content to live there. But it is a general observation, that all goes to ruin and destruction; for since the property of all is come to the King, no man takes care of any thing in particular, so that devastation and the spoils of war appear in every place without any reparation. The 8th I was at the King's Guzalcán, and found him so near drunk, that he made it up in half an hour, so that I could move no business to him.

The 9th I took a view of the leskar, or King's camp, which is one of the greatest wonders I ever beheld, and chiefly for that I saw it set up and finished in less than four hours, except some of the great men, who have double suits of tents, it being no less than twenty English miles in compass, the length some ways three coffes, including the skirts; in the middle, where the streets are orderly, and tents joined, there are all sorts of shops, and so regularly disposed, that every man knows whither to go directly for what he wants; each man of quality, and every trade being appointed how far from the King's tents they shall pitch, what ground they shall take up, and on what side, without ever altering. All which as it lies together is almost equal to any town in Europe for greatness; but no man must approach the royal atascanha, or quarter, by a musket shot every way; which is now so strictly observed, that none are admitted but by name, and the time of the durbar in the evening is omitted, and spent in hunting, or hawking on pools by boat, in which the King takes wonderful delight, and his barges are removed on carts with him. He sits on the sides of these pools, which are often a mile or two over. At the Jarruco in the morning he is seen, but business or speech prohibited, all being concluded at night in the Guzalcán, and there very often the opportunity is missed, His Majesty being overcome by the fumes of Bacchus. There was now a whisper at court about a new affinity of Sultan Corforone and Afaph Chan, and great hope of the former's liberty. I will find an opportunity to discourse of it, because the particulars are worth observing, and the wisdom and goodness of the King appears above the malice of others; and Normahall fulfils that observation, that a woman has always a great hand at court and in faction; she shews they are not incapable of managing business. This will discover a noble Prince, an excellent wife, a faithful counsellor, a crafty step-mother, an ambitious son, a cunning favourite, all reconciled by a patient King, whose heart was not understood by any of all those. But this will require a peculiar piece. The English at Surat complained of ill usage at this time, but their drunkenness and other exorbitances proceeding from it were so great in that place, that it was rather wonderful they were suffered to live.

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The 18th of this month of December I visited the King, who having been at his sports, and having all his game before him, desired me to take my choice of the fowl and fish, and then distributed the remainder to the nobility. I found him sitting on his throne, and a beggar at his feet, a poor silly old man, all ragged and patched, with a young rogue attending him. The country abounds in this sort of professed poor holy men, and they are held in great veneration; and in works of mortification and voluntary sufferings, they outdo all that ever has been pretended either by heretics or idolaters. This miserable wretch, clothed in rags, crowned with feathers, covered with ashes, His Majesty talked with about an hour so familiarly, and with such seeming kindness, that it must needs argue an humility not found easily among Kings. The beggar sat, which the King's son dares not do; he gave the King a present, a cake mixed with ashes, burnt on the coals, and made by himself of coarse grain, which the King willingly accepted, broke a bit and eat it, which a nice person could scarce have done; then he took the clout and wrapt it up, and put it into the poor man's bosom, and sent for one hundred roupies, and with his own hand poured them into the poor man's lap, and gathered up for him what fell beside. When his collation, or banquet and drink came, whatsoever he took to eat, he broke and gave the beggar half; and rising after many strange humiliations and charities, the old wretch not being nimble, he took him up in his arms, though no cleanly body durst have touched him, embracing him, and three times laying his hand on his heart, and calling him father, left him and all of us, and me in admiration to see such virtue in a heathen Prince, which I mention with enulation and sorrow, that we having the true vine should bring forth the bastard stock of grapes; wishing either our Christian Princes had this devotion, or that this zeal were guided by a true light of the gospel.

The 23d being about three cosses short of a city called Rantepoor, where it was supposed the King would rest, and consult what way to take, he on a sudden turned towards Mandoa, but without declaring his resolution. I am of opinion he took this way for fear of the plague at Agra, rather than out of any design of being near the army; for we marched every other day about four cosses only, with such a train of baggage as was almost impossible to be kept in order. The 26th we passed through woods and over mountains thick of bushes, where many camels perished; many people tired with the difficulties of an impassable way, went away to Agra, and all complained. I lost my tents and carts, but by midnight we met again. The King resteth two days, for the leskar could not in less time recover their order; many of the King's women, and thousands of coaches, carts, and camels lying in the woody mountains, without meat or water: he himself got through on a small elephant that will climb up rocks, and pass such straits, that no horse or beast I have seen can follow him. The 29th we lay by the river of Chambet.

January the first I complained to Asaph Chan of the injuries offered to the English at Surat, though at the same time I was perplexed with several relations which gave as bad an account of their disorders and outrages. Asaph advised me not to make my complaint to the King, which would incense the Prince, but to ask leave of the former to go visit the latter with a letter from him, recommending the dispatch of my business and good usage of our nation. That carrying His Highness a present with this letter, I should please both parties, and succeed in my business. This was the same I had before proposed to myself, and therefore pleased me the better; the King being now certainly designed for Mandoa, which is but eight days' journey from Branpore, where the Prince was, and I had as good ride over to him as lie idle in the fields. This day at noon I visited the Persian ambassador, being the first time we had leisure to do it, and

and he received me with much respect and courtesy. After our first compliments, I proposed to him the settling of trade in his master's dominions, which he undertook to forward as much as in him lay. He made me a banquet of ill fruit, but being a good fellow it appeared well. In his courtesy he outdid all my entertainment in India. He dined at the court, at the King's officers and council, and used a strange liberty. He offered to be my interpreter, desiring I would pitch my tents by his, and he would propose whatever I would to the King. Much more passed between us, but at parting he pressed me to accept of a horse with a good furniture, which was brought to the door, but I refused him; and therefore he sent for nine pieces of Persian silks, and nine bottles of wine, that I might not depart without some testimony of his love, which I also refused with all expressions of affection. He looking earnestly upon my sword, I offered it, and he by my example would not receive. At night I visited the King, who spent his time sadly with an old man, after reading long letters, and few spoke to him. At his rising he gave this gentleman that sat by him, and was a cripple for age, five thousand roupies, and with many embraces took his leave. Here I met the Persian ambassador again, who after some compliments, repenting that he had refused my sword, which he had a liking to, begged it, declaring that liberty among friends was good manners in his country. We continued removing every other day about four or five cosses, and on the 7th came to the goodly river Shind. The 18th the King passed between two mountains, having cut the way through the woods, but with so much trouble and incumbrance to the baggage, that it was left behind, without any provision for man or beast. I found my tents at midnight, having taken up my lodging till then under a tree. This country is full of thieves, and not perfectly under obedience, but as it is kept by force. It belongs to a Raja, who desires not to see the King. The exactor complained, and some few of the people that fled being taken and chained by the necks, were presented to the King; the rest kept the mountains. At night the King fired the town by which he lay, and appointed a new governor of the quarter to re-edify and re-people it, and to reduce it to more civility. He left him some horse to perform this. The 20th those that had fled into the woods, in revenge for the burning of their town, set upon a company of stragglers left behind, killing many and robbing the rest. The 22d having no news of the presents I expected from Surat, I went to visit the King at night, to observe how he received me: I found him sitting after a new manner, so that I was to seek what place to choose. Being loth to mix with his great men, as was offered, and doubting to go into the room where the King was, which was cut down the bank of a river, and none near him but Etimon Doulet his father-in-law, Afaph Chan, and three or four others; I went to the brink and stood alone. The King observed me, and let me stay a while, and then smiling, called me in, and with his hand directed me to stand by him; a favour so unusual, that it pleased and honoured me, and I soon found the effects of it in the behaviour of other men. He provoked me to talk, and I called for an interpreter; he refused it, pressing me to make use of what Persian words I had. Our discourse had not much sense or coherence, but he was pleased with it, and showed his approbation in a very courteous manner.

The 24th news came to court, that the Deccans would not be frightened out of their liberty at the hearing of the Mogul's approach, as Afaph Chan and Normahall had pretended, to persuade this expedition; but that they had sent their baggage far into the country, and lay on the borders with fifty thousand horse, resolving to give battle. The Sultan Corone was as yet advanced no farther than Mandoa, being afraid both of the enemy and Chan Channa. Hereupon these counsellors altered their advice, declaring to the Mogul, that they imagined the Deccan would have yielded upon the dread
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of his approach, before he had passed the last hills; but finding the contrary, they persuaded him to convert it into a hunting journey, and to turn his face towards Agra, for that the Decan was not an enemy worth his exposing his person. He replied, this consideration came too late, for his honour was engaged, having advanced so far; and therefore he would follow their first council, and his own resolution. He daily sent away fresh troops to his son, both from his own army, and from several governments; they were reported to be thirty thousand horse, but the musters were not so high. Water was sometimes scarce in the camp, and provisions grew daily dear, the country being not well reduced. The King not feeling it, took no care, and his Chans are followed by their provisions, so that they did not inform him; the whole burden lay upon strangers, soldiers, and the poor, who were worst able to bear it. Every other day the King removed three, four, or five coffes, yet the 29th we were sixty short of Mandoa.

February the 3d, leaving the road of the leskar for my ease, and the benefit of the shade, and resting under a tree, Sultan Corforone on a sudden came upon me, seeking the same conveniency. This was the King's eldest son, before mentioned to have been confined by the practices of his brother Sultan Corone, and his faction, and taken out of their hands by the King, at his setting out from Adsmere, as was there observed. He was now mounted on an elephant, with no great guard or attendants. His people desired me to give him room, which I did, but staid to see him, who called for me; and having asked some civil and familiar questions with much courtesy and affability, he departed. His person is comely, his countenance cheerful, his beard grown to his girdle. This only I observed, that his questions shewed ignorance of all that was done at court, inasmuch that he had never heard of any English, or their ambassador. The 4th and 5th we did not rest, and the 6th at night came to a little tower newly repaired, where the King pitched in a pleasant place upon the river Sepra, one coffe short of Ugen, the chief city of Mulwa. This place, called Calleada, was formerly a seat of the heathen kings of Mandoa, one of whom was there drowned in his drink, who being once before fallen into the river, and taken up by the hair of the head by a slave that dived, and come to himself, it was told him to procure a reward. He called for his deliverer, and asking how he durst put his hands on his sovereign's head, he caused them to be cut off. Not long after sitting alone with his wife and drunk, he had the same fortune to slip into the water, but so that she might easily have saved him, which she did not; and being asked why? replied, she knew not whether he might not cut off her hands for her reward. The 10th we removed one coffe beyond Ugen. The 11th the King rode to Ugen to speak with a dervise, or religious man, living on a hill, who is reported to be three hundred years old. I thought this miracle not worth my examining. This day I received advice by a foot-post, that the Prince had stopt the presents as they were coming to me, but not broken them open, hoping to compel the English to consent to it, which by my orders they would not do. The Prince at the same time sent to the King to acquaint him with his stopping some goods, without mentioning they were presents, and to desire his leave to buy what he thought fit. This faithless proceeding of the Prince, contrary to his word, and orders under his hand, obliged me to have recourse to the King for redress, being now blameless in the eyes of all the world for taking this course. I was afraid to go to Afaph Chan to introduce me, lest if he knew of the wrong done he should prevent me; and yet I durst not well provoke him by using any other means. The prophet, dervise, or religious man the King went to visit, offered me an opportunity of doing my business; and my new interpreter, a Greek I had sent for from Adsmere, was ready. I rode and met His Majesty

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on his elephant, and alighted, making signs to speak. The King turned his monster to me, and prevented me; saying, my son has taken your goods and my presents, be not sad, he shall not touch nor open a seal or lock. At night I will send him a command to free them. He graciously added, That he knew I came full of complaint, and to ease me he began first. Upon the way I could do no more; but at night without further seeking to Afaph Chan, I went to the Guzalcán, resolving to prosecute the complaint of forcing back our goods, and all other grievances. As soon as I came in, the King called my interpreter, and declared by his own that he had written and sent his command very effectually, that not a hair should be diminished. I replied, the injury was such, and the charge and abuses of our liberty by the Prince's officers, that I desired redress, being no longer able to endure it. It was answered, that what was past I must remit to his son; but by Afaph Chan's mediation I could procure nothing but good words, for he smoothed on both sides. So I was forced to seem content, and to seek an opportunity in the absence of my false friend and procurator. The good King fell to dispute of the laws of Moses, Christ and Mahomet, and in his drink was so kind, that he turned to me, and said, if I am a King you shall be welcome, Christians, Moors, and Jews; he meddled not with their faith, they came all in love, and he would protect them from wrong; they lived under his protection, and none should oppress them. This he often repeated, but being very drunk, fell to weeping and into divers passions, and so kept us till midnight.

I was much concerned to see the factors had detained the presents four months at Surat, and by this delay given occasion for them to fall into the Prince's hands. It was a second wrong to us that we could receive no redress of the first. Therefore considering that the complaint I had already made against the Prince had sufficiently incensed him, I thought since we must lose him quite, the best way was to use all my interest with the King. I waited for an opportunity of doing it effectually; and immediately sent back the messenger that came to me from Mr. Terry, with orders to stay wherever he met him, and expect the King's commands. During this time the King had caused the chests to be privately brought to him, and had opened them, which I resolved not to put up; and having obtained audience, made my complaint. He received me with much mean flattery, more unworthy him than even the action he had done. I suppose he did it to appease me, seeing by my countenance I was highly provoked. He told me he had found several things that pleased him extremely, and among them two embroidered sweet-bags, two glass cabinets, and the mastiff dogs. That if I would not give him any of those things, he would restore them, for he would have me pleased. I answered there was little but what was designed for him, but that this was not a civil way of dealing with the King my master, and I knew not how to give him to understand that his presents had been seized, and not delivered by me as he had appointed. That some of the presents were for the Prince, and some for Queen Normahall; the rest to remain in my hands, to make use of as occasion offered, to move His Majesty to protect us against the wrongs offered us by strangers. That there were some few for my friends and for my own use; the rest belonged to the merchants, and were not at my disposal. He desired me not to take it ill that he had caused them to be brought to him; that those things had pleased him so well, he had not the patience to stay till I presented them, and he thought he had done me no wrong, believing it was my intention he should be first served in the distribution of the presents. As for the King of England he would satisfy him, and make my excuse. That the Prince, Queen Normahall and he, were all one; and for the presents to be kept to use as occasion offered; that was a needless ceremony; for he would give me an audience at any time;

and I should be well received, though I came empty-handed, he being sensible it was not my fault that I came so. Then he began to talk of his son, and told me he would restore part of what he had taken, and satisfy the merchants for what belonged to them. In conclusion, he desired me not to take what he had done in ill part, for he had no design to wrong me. I made no answer to all this: whereupon he pressed me to speak my mind; asking me several times whether I was satisfied. I replied, I was very well pleased to see His Majesty was so. Then he began to reckon up all the things he had taken, beginning with the maffits, the sweet-bags, and the case for combs and razors; and smiling said, You would not have me restore those things, for I have a mind to them. Thus he proceeded, asking about the rest, and caused a chest of pictures to be brought, which were taken out; and there being among them one of a Venus leading a satyr by the nose, he shewed it to all about him, bidding them to expound the signification of it, observing the satyr's horns, the blackness of his skin, and other particulars. Every man spoke as he thought, but the King liked none of their expositions, yet reserved his own thoughts, and asked me what it meant, who told him it was only the painter's fancy, who often represented the fables writ by poets, which was all I could say of it. Then he put the same question to Mr. Terry my chaplain, who could give him no better satisfaction. Whereupon he said, Why do you bring me what you do not understand? I replied, the minister did not concern himself with such things, and only came with them to look to them on the road. This I relate for the information of the gentlemen of the East-India Company, and of all that shall hereafter come in my place, and advise them for the future not to send into those parts things that may be liable to an ill construction, for those people are very jealous. For though the King would not declare his opinion, yet by what he said I had ground to believe he thought that picture was made in derision of the people of Asia, whom he supposed to be represented by the satyr, as being of their complexion, and that Venus leading him by the nose denoted the great power the women in that country have over the men. He was satisfied I had never seen the picture, and therefore pressed no further for me to tell my opinion of it, but believed me to be really ignorant as I pretended. Yet this suspicion remained in his mind, and without expressing any distaste, he told me he accepted of the picture as a present from me. As for the saddle and other trifles, he said he would have them sent to his son for whom they were fit, promising to write to him so effectually, that I should not stand in need of any solicitor near him. After some more discourse about other trifles, he said I must needs help him to one of our large hordes, to a brace of Irish greyhounds, dog and bitch, and other sorts of dogs of all sorts of game; which if I would procure him, he protested on the word of a Prince, he would gratify me, and grant me more privileges than I should think of asking. I answered, I would order them to be put aboard the next ships, but could not answer they would outlive so tedious a voyage; but in case they died, to convince him I had obeyed his commands, the skins and bones should be brought him. Upon this promise he bowed to me several times, laid his hand on his breast, and shewed me so much kindness, favour, and familiarity, that all there present protested he had never done the like to any man. This was the reward I had; but he said further he would make amends for the wrong he had done me, and send me home to my country laden with favours worthy a person of my rank. Nevertheless perceiving I had only fair words for the merchandize, I again asked His Majesty for the pieces of velvet and silks, as commodities belonging to the merchants, making him believe the merchants had put them into those chests, only to prevent their falling into the hands of the Prince's officers. He sent for Mr. Biddolle to agree with and satisfy him. Then I presented a memorial containing the

privileges and franchises I desired, saying, if he would not grant them, I should have the dissatisfaction of being useless in my employment to my Prince, and consequently return home in disgrace. I pressed the payment of a debt. He answered, I should have satisfaction in all things, and return home to my Prince with honour; that he would send him a noble present by me, and with it a letter certifying the good service I had done. Then he pressed me to tell him what present I thought would be most acceptable. I said, it would not look well in me to ask a present; that it was not the custom of our country; that it was against my master's honour to do any such thing: but that I was sure His Majesty would receive any thing he sent with much satisfaction, as coming from a Prince for whom he had a great esteem. He was so earnest with me, and made such protestations of sincerity, that I was forced to tell him that the great Persian carpets were proper to send, because my master did not expect presents of great value. Whereupon he told me he would chuse a good quantity of all sorts and sizes, and add what he thought most proper to convince the King of the esteem he had for him. There was a quantity of all sorts of game laid before him. He gave me half a buck, and told me at the same time he had killed it with his own hand, and designed the other half for his women. That half was accordingly cut in pieces of about four pounds weight each, and immediately the King's third son and two women came out of the Seraglio, and took up those pieces of flesh in their hands, and carried them into the Seraglio, as if they had been beggars that had received them for charity. He then repeated his expressions of desire to satisfy me; and added, I have often admired, that your master having sent you with the character of ambassador, your presents have been inferior to those a merchant you have seen here has brought, which have gained him the affection of all men. I own you as an ambassador, your behaviour speaks you a man of quality, and yet I cannot understand why you are kept here with so little of grandeur. I am satisfied it is not yours nor your Prince's fault, and I will make you sensible I value you more than those that sent you. I will send you home with honour, and give you a present for your master without regarding those I have received; and in return I desire but one thing of you, which I do not care to commit to the merchants. It is to get me a quiver made in your country to carry my arrows, a case for my bow, a pattern whereof shall be given you, a pillow after my manner to sleep on, a pair of buskins, which you shall cause to be embroidered in England the richest that may be, and a coat of mail for my own wearing. I promised to send for them, and Afaph Chan was commanded to give patterns. The night being spent in this discourse, the Prince rose up and dismissed me.

March the 3d, I came to Mandoa: the King was expected to make his entry there, but the day was not yet fixed; for he expected the astrologers should assign an auspicious hour for performing that ceremony, so we staid without, waiting that happy moment. The sixth I went into Mandoa. My servants, whom I had sent to take up my quarters, had taken possession of a large inclosure shut in with good walls, where there was a temple and tomb. Some persons belonging to the court had also taken up their quarters there; but that did not hinder me from keeping possession, as being the best quarter in the town. It might have been made convenient in all respects with a very little charge. The air was wholesome, and the prospect pleasant; for the house was on the top of a rising ground. This inconveniency there was, that it was two miles from the King's palace. The 11th I set out to go meet the King, but was told, that a lion having killed some horses of his train, he was gone out to hunt him. I spent some time in seeking water; for though the city was on a hill, there were no wells nor cisterns; such is the forecast of those people. All that multitude of people there was in danger

of perishing with thirst. The great men at court had taken possession of those few wells there were in the country about, so that I could get no water. All the poor people were forced to leave the town; and an order was sent forth for all beasts and camels to be sent out. All that had not favour, were forced to seek other habitations three or four leagues from thence. This produced much confusion at court, and made provisions dear. For my own part I was sufficiently troubled to think what I should do, for my house was very good; and though I was far from the markets and water, yet I thought I could live there more commodiously than in the open country, where I must have gone to encamp. I mounted on horse-back to seek for water myself, and found a well that was guarded for a Chan, to whom the King had given it. I acquainted him how much I stood in need of his favour, and he granted me four loads of water a day. I valued this favour as it deserved, and returned to my quarters well pleased; and having the following days sold some goods, and eased myself of part of my carriages, I delivered myself from the public calamity. I cannot but declare, that in my travels following the Mogul's court, I endured all the inconveniencies men are subject to under an ill government, and in an intemperate climate.

The 12th of March I presented the King for a new-years gift a couple of fine knives and six glasses, from the Company; and he took in good part the excuse I made for the smallness of the present. He commanded one of his officers to call Mr. Biddolfe immediately, and to pay him what he demanded. All our creditors had orders at the same time to pay what they owed the Company. Then the King ordered me to come up the steps of his throne, and draw near him: I obeyed, and found the Persian ambassador on the one side of him, and the old King of Candahar on the other. As soon as I had taken my place near that Prince, he asked me for a knife, which I sent him the next day. Then the King called the Persian ambassador, and gave him some stones and a young elephant. He knelt, and knocked his head against the steps of the throne to thank him. This was the same throne that served the year before, and was then mentioned, having the same ornaments about it. Over the throne were the pictures of the King my master, the Queen, the Lady Elizabeth, Sir Thomas Smith, and some others. Under it were two very fine Persian carpets. The throne itself, as has been said, was of gold set with rubies, emeralds, and Turkey stones. On one side upon a little stage or scaffold was a company of women-musicians. The 30th of this month I sent Alaph Chan a compliment with a present of a pair of gloves and a curious night cap. He sent back the gloves, as of no use in that country; but the cap he received, and sent to beg some Spanish wine of me, which I sent him the next day. The 21st I discovered the Mogul was jealous that the English intended to steal away out of his country, and that they had some design of surprizing Surat; which the Prince had instilled into him, that he might have an opportunity of fortifying that place for his own use: but I satisfied His Majesty as to both points. The complaints made at that court of the misdemeanors of officers are so odious there, that they gained me the ill-will of all the men of note; who made this their own concern, as being the common cause. For they farm all the governments in the kingdom, where they exercise all manner of tyrannical exactions upon those under their jurisdiction, and will not suffer the knowledge of the wrongs they do to reach the King's ear. They grind the people under their government to get money out of them, and are afraid the King should know it; and this made me looked upon, and hated in the Mogul's court as an informer.

The 30th of April the Persian ambassador sent to excuse himself to me, for going away without paying his respects to me. His messenger told me he was not sick as he pretended; but that finding no success in his negotiations with the King, he had taken

his leave, and at parting gave him thirty fine horfes. The King, in return, prefented him three thoufand crowns, and the ambaffador testified his difatisfaction at that gift. The King to juftify himfelf, caufed two lifts to be drawn; one of them of the ambaffador's preferents, with the price fet on every one, but lower much than what they were really worth. In the other were fet down even the meaneft things the King had given him, not omitting the melons, pine-apples, and Spanifh wine fet him, with their prices, but much above the real value. Thefe two lifts being laid before the ambaffador, they offered him the reft of the money to make up the balance. This ill uſage made the Perſian feign himfelf ſick of a fever to avoid viſiting Afaph Chan and Etiman Doulet. Therefore he ſaid he could not crofs the town to fee me without difcovering the counterfeit; but to make amends he had ſent to let me know the truth, and would ſerve my nation in his country to the utmoſt of his power. I prefented him ſome Spanifh wine, and a few knives.

May the 12th a lion and a wolf by night broke into my quarters, and fell upon ſome ſheep there were in the court. I ſent to aſk leave to kill them; for in that country none but the King may hunt a lion. Leave being granted, I went out into the court, the lion quitted his prey, and fell upon a little Iriſh maſtiſſ. One of my ſervants killed the wolf, and I ſent it the King.

June the 14th there was brought to the King a trunk, which the jeſuits had ſent from Cambaya, in which there were medicines and a letter. It was betrayed into the King's hands by him that was entrusted with the carriage of it. The King opened the trunk, caufed a jeſuit that was then at court to be brought to read the letter, and looked into all the boxes; but finding nothing for his turn, reſtored all to the jeſuit. This I mention here as a caution to thoſe who deal in that country to take care what they write or ſend; for it is that Prince's humour to look into the meaneft things, and the moſt inconfiderable trifles are in danger when in his hands.

The 30th of July I received a lvice from Surat that two Dutch ſhips were run aground on the coaſt of Damam. They were loaded with ſpice and China ſilks, and bound for the Red ſea; but meeting with bad weather, they had loſt the ſeaſon for getting into that ſea. They tried to recover Socotora, or ſome port on the coaſts of Arabia; but failing, reſolved to run as far as Surat, hoping to ride it out in that road, as they had done other years: but now they found all years are not alike; for when they were come to an anchor, they were obliged by ſtorms to cut down their maſts by the board. After which, their cables failing, they were caſt upon a bank of ſand. The leſſer veſſel of fifty ton was beaten all to pieces; the other ſaved all the men, and moſt of the goods.

Auguſt the 21ſt, Marre Ruſtan King of Candabar came to viſit me. I treated him with wine and fruit. He ſtaid with me about half an hour, and concluded his viſit, begging a caſk of wine. This day Prince Sultan Corforone went out of his priſon, and came to take the air in a houſe near mine. The other Prince Sultan Corone had taken a wife at Brampore, againſt the King's will, who had declared his diſlike of it; and at the ſame time there was a diſcovery of ſome practices of his againſt his brother's life. He was ordered to come to court to clear himſelf. Queen Normahall and Afaph Chan, by the advice of Etiman Doulet, propoſed an alliance with Sultan Corforone. This news produced an univerſal joy among the people, who now began to hope that good Prince would be reſtored to his full liberty.

The 1ſt of September being the King's birth-day, and of the ſolemnity of weighing him, I was conducted into a fine garden, where beſides others there was a great ſquare pond with trees ſet about it, and in the miſt of it a pavilion or tent, under which were

the scales the King was to be weighed in. The scales were of beaten gold, set with small stones, rubies, and turkoises; they hung by chains of gold, and for more surety there were silk ropes. The beam was covered with plates of gold. The great lords of the nation sat about the throne on rich carpets, expecting the King's coming out. At length he appeared covered with diamonds, rubies, and pearls. He had several strings of them about his neck, arms, wrists and turban, and two or three rings on every finger. His sword, buckler, and throne were also covered with precious stones. Among the rest I saw rubies as big as walnuts, and pearls of a prodigious magnitude. He got into one of the scales, sitting on his legs like a tailor. Into the other scale to weigh against him, were put several parcels, which they changed six times. The country people told me they were full of silver, and that the King that day weighed 9000 roupies. Then they put into the same scale gold and precious stones; but being packed up I saw them not. After that he was weighed against cloth of gold, silks, callicoes, spices, and all other sorts of precious commodities, if we may believe the natives, for all those things were packed up. Lastly, he was weighed against honey, butter, and corn; and I was informed all that was to be distributed among the Banians; but I think that distribution was not made, and all those things were carefully carried back. They told me all the money was kept for the poor, the King using to cause some to be brought at night, and to distribute that money among them very charitably. Whilst the King was in one of the scales, he looked upon me and smiled, but said never a word, perhaps because he did not see my interpreter, who could not get in with me. After being weighed, he ascended the throne. Before him there were basons full of almonds, nuts, and all sorts of fruit artificially made in silver. He threw about a great part of them, the greatest noblemen about him scrambled for them. I thought it not decent to do so; and the King observing it, took up one of those basons which was almost full, and poured it out into my cloak. His courtiers had the impudence to thrust in their hands so greedily, that had I not prevented them, they had not left me one. Before I came in, they had told me those fruits were of massive gold; but I found by experience they were only silver, and so light, that a thousand of them do not weigh the value of 20*l*. I saved the value of ten or twelve crowns, and those would have filled a large dish. I keep them to shew the vanity of those people. I do not believe the King that day threw away much above the value of 100*l*. After this solemnity, the King spent all the night a drinking with his nobles: I was invited, but desired to be excused, because there was no avoiding drinking, and their liquors are so hot they will burn a man's very bowels. I was then ill of a flux, and durst not venture such a debauch.

September the 9th the King went to take the air upon the banks of the river Dardadar, and I took horse to meet him. It is the custom there that the masters of all the houses by whose doors the King passes must make him some present; which gift is called *maubarech*, signifying good news, or good success. These presents the King takes as a good omen of the success of what he has in hand. I had nothing to give him, and it was a shame to appear before him empty handed; besides, it had been ill manners in me not to be at home upon that day: I resolved therefore to present him an Atlas neatly bound, and make him this compliment, that my house affording nothing worthy the acceptance of so great a Prince, I presented him with all the world, he being master of so considerable and so wealthy a part of it. He received my present very courteously, often putting his hand to his breast, and protesting that any thing from me was always very acceptable to him. After other courteous expressions, he told me he had received some wild boars sent him from Goa extraordinary fat, and if I would

would eat any he would fend me some. I made my profound obeifance, and answered, I should receive any thing that came from His Majesty with the utmost fatisfaction and respect. He mounted his elephant, and having made a little halt before my lodging, liked it very well; for it was one of the best in the camp, and I had built it out of the ruins of a temple and an ancient tomb. He took leave of me several times, and would needs have me return to my lodging because the way was very bad. I took my leave, and obeyed him.

The 16th I went to pay the King of Candahar his visit, who sent me word at his door, that he could not receive me without the King's leave, or acquainting Etiman Doulet or Afaph Chan, which he would do at the durbar. I sent him word he might spare his labour, for I would take care not to come a second time to a person so ill bred. His servants would have staid me to carry in my answer, but I went away, and at night was at court, where the King asked me several questions about my book of maps.

The 25th, though I was very weak, I went again to court to see whether there was any thing to be expected from the King in relation to our debts. One of our debtors had lately given me to understand, he could not pay without selling his house. I presented the merchant's petition to the King, who caused it to be read aloud, and would hear the names of the debtors, what security they had given, and what sums they owed. Afaph Chan read it; then the King called Aradet Chan the lord steward of his household, and the Cutwall, and gave them some directions which I understood not. As the names were read he enquired into their quality, and what commodities had been sold them. It appeared that some of them were dead, and others were not the King's subjects. As for what concerned Sulph, Afaph Chan undertook to speak to the Prince about it, and conclude that affair when he came. Then my interpreter was called in, and the King turning to me, told me our merchants had trusted that money according to their own fancies, and to whom they pleased; that they had not presented him an inventory of their goods, and therefore if their debtors were not solvent it was their own fault, and they could not expect he should pay the debts of private persons. I thought he meant that of Ergon an officer of his, who was lately dead, and all his goods seized for the King. His Majesty added, that this being the first time he would ease me of my trouble, and see me paid; but that if for the future the merchants sold their goods to his officers without acquainting him, it should be at their own peril; but if when the English ships came they would deliver him an inventory of all their goods, he would take what was for his own turn, and distribute the rest among others; and if any of those proved insolvent, he would pay it out of his own pocket. This is the custom of the merchants of Persia, who carry all they have to the King; and he having taken what he likes for himself, distributes the rest among his nobility. His notaries enter what every man receives, and another officer settles the price. The merchant has a copy of this entry given him, and he has nothing to do but to go to their houses for his money. If they happen to be backward, there is a proper officer that makes them pay by force. Then my interpreter was informed what order the King had given, which was, that Arad Chan should make the creditors appear before him, and oblige them to pay. Our merchants were not pleased with this answer, but I thought it very just, and more favourable than could be expected by private persons from so great a Prince.

The 26th the King sent two Omrahs, who are great commanders, with some forces, to apprehend a Raja of the Ratbotes, who had rebelled, and was in the mountains, twenty cosses from the camp. That rebel stood his ground, and in a battle killed one
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of the Omrahs, and twelve captains. This news being brought to the King he thought it proper to send his son to reduce the Raja.

October the 2d, Prince Sultan Corone made his entry into the town, attended by the chief nobility in great splendor. The King, contrary to our expectation, received him as if he had been his only son: all the great men and the King's mother went five coffes out of town to meet him. I excused myself on account of my weakness.

The 5th I received advice that our admiral was not yet arrived at Surat, and that the ships of the company in their way thither had rescued a ship of the Queen-Mother's coming from the Red Sea, which was chased by two English pirates. If this ship had been taken, it would have been of very ill consequence to us. The 6th I went to visit the Prince upon his arrival, having need of him for our business. I designed to offer him the service of our nation, and present him with a gold chain made in China. When I sent to desire audience, word was brought me I might come in the morning at break of day, or stay till he went out to see the King, which I must have done at the door. I took this as an affront, having never been refused audience by his father; and therefore shewed my resentment, saying, I was none of his slave, but free, and the ambassador of a King, and would take care not to visit or make court to him any more; and since he refused me justice, I would for the future seek it elsewhere: accordingly at night I went to the King, who received me with much civility. I bowed to the Prince, and he would not take notice he saw me. I gave the King an account of what he had required of me, and told him, I had brought an inventory of goods in pursuance to his commands. He asked several questions, and seemed well pleased at what was in the inventory, promising me all favours and privileges I could desire. He asked whether our ships had brought any pearls, or precious stones; to which I answered, they were dearer in England than in his dominions: which answer seemed to satisfy him. I durst not say there were pearls, fearing that would set the prince upon persecuting our people; besides, I thought those pearls would be the more valued being the less expected, and hoped to make a friend with them; and therefore when Afaph Chan pressed me to tell him whether we had any jewels, I declared to him, I would have him second the answer I had given, that they were dearer in England than in India, and I had something to say to him in private: he took me at half a word, and said no more. The King seeming to me to be then in a good disposition towards us, I thought it proper season to mention our debts; and having then the petition ready drawn about me, took it out, and held it up to present it. The King having his thoughts perhaps otherwise employed at that time, did not observe it; but his courtiers presently imagined what it might be, and believing he would be very angry that his orders were not obeyed, one of them slyly drew near, and pulled down my hand, desiring not to present that petition to the King. I told him, Aradet had refused to do me justice. He hearing what I said was very uneasy, and applying himself to Afaph Chan, desired him not to let me make my complaint, I urged, our ships being now come, we could suffer no longer delays and loss of time. They consulted what was to be done, and calling for the Cutwall, told him he must execute the King's orders. That same night our debtors tents were beset, others were pursued, so that I believe this time we shall have justice done us. I had many thanks returned me for the civility used by the English, towards the passengers that were aboard the Queen-Mother's ship, and for protecting that vessel against the pirates of our nation. They represented the thing well to the King, and the great men told me they had reason to love the English; that they would do us all service in their power;

power; but that they wondered our King could not command his subjects, and that any should presume to take ships out of the kingdom without his leave. Afaph Chan and I withdrew to translate the inventory into Persian for the King: I somewhat increased the article of the money, that he might have the better opinion of our trade. I concluded, desiring His Majesty to allow us the liberty of selling the rest. That done, Afaph Chan put me in mind I had something to say to him in private. I told him it was true, I had some rarities come, but I had fared so ill the last year by having my secret divulged, that now I durst trust none but him; and therefore on his word of secrecy and advice, I declared I had a pearl of a great value, and some other rarities, and knew not whether I should tell the king, lest the Prince should become our utter enemy. I gave him an account of what happened going to visit him in the morning, that I was still sensible we stood in need of his favour, and had therefore kept that pearl to make him our friend, to which I desired his advice. He embraced me, and said I had done wisely, but must keep the secret, or it would breed me trouble; that the Prince was a tyrant, and misused all strangers. All this I saw tended to get the pearl out of my hands, advising me to send for it and trust no man, telling me instances of the ill-usage of the Portugueses upon the like occasions; that if I would sell him the pearl, he would deposit the money I should value it at in the hands of a third person; and in return for the confidence I reposed in him, he would solicit our business which could never be done without him. I said I would serve him, but feared he would reveal the secret: he swore he would keep it, and to make the oath the more solemn, we squeezed one another's thumbs, as is the custom of the country. I promised on my part to rely wholly on him, and do all things according to his direction. He said he would get me orders that our goods should not be touched, but left wholly at my disposal; that he would reconcile the Prince and me, and I should be better used than I had been; have a particular judge assigned that should take care of our business, and all the satisfaction we could wish. He said it would be proper to make his sister Queen Normahall a present, and she would prevail with the King to give me money. To this I replied, I had rather His Majesty should bestow his favours on our nation in general. Then he carried me to the King, to whom I presented the inventory translated: I had a favourable reception. He asked me whether there was any tapestry? I said some was sent me, if it were not seized by the way by the Prince's order. He said he would take a good quantity of our cloths, and other commodities, directing me to have them brought, and Afaph Chan to draw up the order for their free passage. I was well pleased with this day's success; for though experience had taught me that there was no faith among those barbarians, yet I had no cause to mistrust Afaph Chan, when it was his interest to be faithful to me, till he had got the pearl, which he might otherwise have missed of; nor could I suspect him afterwards, because he could not betray my secret without discovering his own falsehood to the Prince.

The 12th Afaph Chan according to promise went with me to the Prince, who received me in his chamber, where I presented him a small gold chain made in China, on a favour of that country. Afaph Chan persuaded him to deal more kindly with us than he had done, representing the profit our trade would yield him, and the loss it would be if we went away. The Prince immediately directed his secretary to draw the order to our mind, and write a letter to the governor to see it executed; adding I should have any other letter I desired. This made me sensible of the poor spirits of those people. Afaph Chan was become so much our friend in hopes to buy some trifles, that he would have betrayed his own son to serve us, and was my humble servant. He would needs send one of his servants aboard our ships to this purpose,
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which I could not refuse him; besides, it is no loss to us, for he is a good pay-master, bought by wholesale what we must have sold by retail, and saved us the charge of carriage. He obtained an order from the Prince to this effect, and writ a kind letter to the governor in our behalf. I now also obtained an order from the Prince for Bengala, which before he would not hear me speak of. Afterwards I found he prosecuted our debtors, as if they had been his own; and as he passed before the Cutwall's house, called him out to bid him be speedy in our business, which was an unparalleled favour. The next day Afaph Chan sent one of his servants in the Queen's name to acquaint me she had obtained another order from the Prince, that all our goods for the future should be under her protection; that this was done, and she was about sending one to see what else we wanted, and take care that no wrong was offered us. Afaph Chan sent word he had done this for fear of the Prince's passionate temper, and his delays in those affairs: but now we might be secure, since his sister had undertook our protection, for the Prince would meddle in it no more; and that he engaged on his honour that all things directed for me should be delivered to me. That she had sent a positive order directing the person that carried it to be assisting to our factors, that they might have no cause to complain of the officers of Surat. She further desired me to write to the captain of the ship and to the factors, to be kind to her messenger, and let him buy some of those toys that had been laid aside. This I could not refuse, but gave her a list of them, upon condition she would shew me a copy of the order, which was sealed. This shews how easy it is to sell such commodities here. Last year they did not regard us; now the list or inventory is translated, yet without mentioning the pearls I had given the King, every one runs to buy. Most of the great men at court desired me to give them letters to send their servants to deal with our factors; so that if I had been furnished with three times the quantity of goods, they had been sold aboard the ships, and we had saved the duties, carriage, and the seizures made before. I writ to our factors to sell to Normahall's and her brother's servants what goods they desired, even of those set apart, that I might be supported by their interest at court.

The 24th the King went twenty-four cosses from Mandoa. He went from place to place on the mountains; and nobody knowing what he intended, we were at a loss what way to take. The 26th I got an order for ten camels at the King's rates. The 29th I set out, being forced to quit my quarters which were so inconvenient. The 31st I came to the King's tents, who was gone a hunting for ten days, none going with him, but such as he had named. His camp was dispersed and scattered about the country, the water was bad, and provisions dear, much sickness, and other inconveniences; but nothing diverts him from taking his pleasure, when he sets on it. I was informed he had not yet resolved whether he should go to Agra or Guzurat; the latter was most talked of, but the former seemed more probable, because his council thought that a more commodious and pleasant place than the other. To me either was indifferent, because I had no prospect but the compassing my business. Therefore seeing he might stay there a month, I concluded it was the best way to have my presents brought thither, and endeavour to conclude my business, hoping after that I might obtain some rest, which I needed, being very ill, and wanting conveniences, whilst I followed the court, to recover my health.

November the 2d Steele and Jackman came to me with their pearls, and some other inconsiderable things they had brought ashore privately by my order. These men came with projects of water-works to me, made to advance the sale of lead, which I did not approve of, for good reasons; but was satisfied they should make a trial, to please them; and bid them bring their workmen to Amadabat, where with the assistance of

Mocreb Chan, the only man there that loves new inventions, I would offer their service to the King, and see what conditions he would propose; though I was of opinion it was labour and money lost. The company should not so easily give ear to these projectors, who generally mind their own profit more than theirs that employ them. The other project, to oblige the caravans and merchants of Lahor and Agra, who travel generally into Persia through Candahar, to change their method, and send their goods down the river Indus, to be put aboard our ships, and so conveyed into the Gulph of Persia, is a mere chimæra never to be reduced to practice; for though it is easy to run down the river, the Portugueses have a residence at the mouth of it; and then it is a matter of much difficulty to return up the river; besides that, they must insure their commodities. There are many other reasons against this design too long to insert, and needless; because there is no probability the thing should ever be put in execution. The third project of uniting the trade of the Red sea with this, is what I have always recommended, and has already begun to be practised. The danger of pirates in these seas is great, and therefore I did not question but many merchants would put their goods aboard our ships, which would make our friendship necessary for these people; and I advised to employ one of our ships this year in that trade, which might return in September. This I earnestly recommended to the captains and factors; and if executed, the company would find the advantage. Were it my own concern, most of the ships being light by reason of the small stowage the goods here take up, I would send them to the Red sea, though they were empty, for there are many good hits in that sea; and though they did nothing but bring back the goods you have at Mocca, and other ports in that sea, it would pay the charge of the voyage. Steele, Kerridge, and others, are very fond of their notions, inasmuch that they do not pay me the respect they ought, and are every day at daggers-drawn with my parson. I have told Steele, his wife cannot live in this country, for she would draw many inconveniences on us, and therefore he must send her back into England.

The 6th I went to Asaph Chan, and shewed him the pearls according to promise. He told me they were not fit for that country, which was afterwards confirmed to me by others; yet he was so pleased I had kept my word with him, that I believe I may say as Pharaoh did, "The land is before you, settle where you please." We spoke not of the price of the great pearl. He promised to keep the secret, assuring me that for my sake, and because I had confided in him, he would give more for it than it was worth, and pay ready money; for he had a great deal, and would lend me some if I had occasion. I had all imaginable good words from him, and some good actions. He further told me, there was little difference in that country between giving and selling, which I found by experience to be true. After this familiar discourse in his bed-chamber, he rose up to go to dinner, and invited me and my retinue. I dined at a table apart, because they make a scruple of eating with us.

I mentioned before that the King had sent me three criminals condemned to death, offering them to me to buy them as slaves, which is there looked upon as a favour, and what answer I returned. The King ordered the prisoners to be sent to me, and expected I should send him the money; but I hearing no more of him, hoped it was forgot, and took no care to pay it. One night the King's officers brought the prisoners to my steward's house, and took his word for sixty roupies, which I paid, and set them at liberty. This money is pretended to satisfy those that have been wronged; but the King takes it himself, and makes his advantage of his great men's charity, who look upon it as a favour that he gives them this occasion to exercise it.

The 10th I visited Afaph Chan, on account of a complaint I received that we were not allowed to lay our ships ashore, the Prince having been informed we intended to build a fort at Soali, and that our ships were to that purpose loaded with bricks and lime. This jealousy sprung from our men bringing their ships ashore to careen them. The report was so hot, that I was forced to go to court to clear myself, and had much ado to undeceive the King; this conceit being more strongly fixed in them, because I had not long before asked a port of the King for that purpose. Yet this did not prevent his sending down a body of horse to demolish a brick fort that was at the mouth of that river. They disarmed our men, but the arms were put into the custom-house, and only the sailors had theirs taken away. I told Afaph Chan I could not live in servitude; that there was no honour in a Prince who granted a favourable order one day, and recalled it the next; and that I should be blamed if I staid any longer after such usage. He said he would that night acquaint the King before the Prince, and return me his answer. The 30th he told me wonders of the Mogul's kindness for the King my master, my nation, and for me in particular; adding, he had run the hazard of losing the Prince's favour to serve us, but that he should soon be in a condition to do it effectually; for he was about being governor of Surat, which the Prince must quit, having the government of Amadabat and Cambaya conferred on him; and to demonstrate he was real, desired me to be with the King at night, with the King my master's letter translated into Persian, advising me to complain and desire leave to be gone, and I should see how he would second me. In the evening I attended the King, found a great court, presented my letter; and Etimon Doulet at the request of Afaph Chan read the Persian translation. The King said he would take upon him to conclude a peace between us and the Portugueses, answer His Majesty's letter, and perform all he desired in it. However I asked leave to return to England. The King and Prince had some contest about this matter, the latter saying he got nothing by our stay at Surat, and was willing we should be gone. Here Afaph Chan stood up boldly, and said the kingdom gained considerably by our trade, and was in some measure secured by it; that the Prince's officers used us ill, and it was impossible for us to stay without redress; and therefore it were better for His Majesty to dismiss us, than keep us to suffer new wrongs. The Prince in a passion said he had never wronged us, but that on the contrary, at his suit, he had lately granted us an order. It is true, replied Afaph Chan, you granted them the order as they desired it, but ten days after you sent another to recal it; adding, that his honour suffered by this breach of faith; that he had no interest in it, and only spoke with respect to the King's justice and reputation. For our usage Afaph Chan referred it to me, who had often complained that our goods were taken from us forcibly these two years last past; that we could never get payment, and his officers still used the same violence every fleet that came; that if the Prince was weary of us, it were better for him to turn us out, and he might be sure we would do ourselves right upon the sea. Does the Prince, or the King, said he, maintain this ambassador? He is a stranger that follows the court at his own expence; if his goods are forcibly taken from him, and he can procure no payment, how can he subsist? This was spoke with much heat, and the King two or three times repeated violence, severely checking the Prince. This open breach with the Prince succeeded as Afaph Chan had forecasted; for we were paid all that was due to us at Surat, and the custom-house officers had orders to treat us better for the future. I am satisfied had I not fallen out with the Prince, I should never have made good of it. I told the Prince's messenger before the English merchants, that if he offered any violence to me

or my merchants, it would cost him some blood; that I would ship myself aboard his own vessels, taking them out of his ports, and would carry them into England.

January the 30th the Dutch came to court with a present of several rarities brought out of Chûpa. They were not permitted to come near the third ascent. The Prince asked me who they were. I told him they were Dutch, and lived at Surat. He asked, whether they were our friends. I answered, they were a nation that depended on the King of England, and were not well received in all parts; that I knew not what brought them thither. Since they are your friends, said he, call them. I was forced to send for them to deliver their presents. They were placed near our merchants, without holding any discourse with them.

[Here ends all that is to be found of Sir Thomas Roe's Journal, the rest being lost; though Purchas in his extract says, there was nothing more material in it, but only what peculiarly related to trade, and the business of the company. It will not be amiss to add what little matter could be found worth the reader's knowledge in two volumes of Sir Thomas his letters, which have been perused to take out all that might be of use.]

An Extract of a Letter of Sir Thomas Roe's to the Company, dated at Adsmere, January the 25th 1615. Containing only what is remarkable, and not mentioned in the Journal.

AT my first audience, the Mogul prevented me in speech, bidding me welcome as to the brother of the King my master; and after many compliments I delivered His Majesty's letter, with a copy of it in Persian; then I shewed my commission, and delivered your presents, that is, the coach, the virginals, the knives, a scarf embroidered, and a rich sword of my own. He sitting in his state could not well see the coach, but sent many to view it, and caused the musician to play on the virginals, which gave him content. At night, having staid the coachman and musician, he came down into a court, got into the coach, and into every corner of it, causing it to be drawn about. Then he sent to me, though it was ten o'clock at night, for a servant to put on his scarf and sword after the English fashion, which he was so proud of, that he walked up and down, drawing and flourishing it, and has never since been since without it. But after the English were come away, he asked the jesuit, whether the King of England were a great King; that sent presents of so small value, and that he looked for some jewels; yet rarities please as well; and if you were yearly furnished from Frankfort, where there are all sorts of knacks and new devices, a hundred pounds would go further than five hundred laid out in England, and be more acceptable here. This country is spoiled by the many presents that have been given, and it will be chargeable to follow the example. There is nothing more welcome here, nor did I ever see men so fond of drink, as the King and Prince are of red wine, wherof the governor of Surat sent up some bottles, and the King has ever since solicited for more: I think four or five casks of that wine will be more welcome than the richest jewel in Cheapside; large pictures on cloth, the frames in pieces, but they must be good, and for variety some stony with many faces. For the Queen, fine needle-work toys, bone laces, cutwork, and some handsome wrought waistcoats, sweet-bags, and cabinets will be most convenient. I would wish you to spare sending scarlet, it is dear to you, and no better esteemed here than stammel. I must add, that any fair China bedsteads, or cabinets, or trunks of Japan, are here rich presents.

Lately the King of Visapour sent his ambassador with thirty-six elephants, two of them with all their chains of wrought beaten gold, two of silver, the rest of brass, and four rich furnished horses, with jewels to the value of ten lecks of roupies. Yet withal he sent China ware, and one figure of chrystal, which the King valued more than all that mass of wealth.

This place is either made, or of itself unfit for an ambassador; for though they understand the character, yet they have much ado to understand the privileges due to it, and the rather because they have been too humbly fought to before.

Extract of a Letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dated at Adsmere, January 29, 1615.

LAWs these people have none written; the King's judgment binds, who sits and gives sentence once a week, with much patience, both in civil and criminal causes, where sometimes he sees the execution done by his elephants, with too much delight in blood.

His governors of provinces rule by his firmas, which are his letters, or commissions authorizing them, and take life and goods at pleasure.

There are many religions, and in them many sects. Moors or Mahometans following Hali; and such is the King. Banians or Pythagoreans, believing the transmigration of souls, and therefore will not kill the vermin that bite them, for fear of dislodging the soul. They often buy many days respite from killing any flesh in a province or city, merely out of charity. Idolators there are of several sorts, their wives adorning the funeral piles, and casting themselves into the flames with great joy.

The extent of this dominion is on the west to Syndu, on the north-west to Candahar, on the north almost to the mountain Taurus, on the east to the borders of Ganges, and south-east all Bengala, the land forming the gulph down to Decan. It is much greater than the Persian monarchy, almost, if not quite equal to the Turkish. Agra, the ordinary residence of the King, is near a thousand miles from any of the borders, and farther from some. The right issue of Porus is here a King in the midst of the Mogul's dominions, never subdued till last year; and to say the truth, he is rather bought than conquered, won to own a superior by gifts, and not by arms. The pillar erected by Alexander is yet standing at Delhi, the ancient seat of the ancestors of Rama, the successor of Porus.

The buildings are all base, of mud, one story high, except in Surat, where there are some of stone. I know not by what policy the King seeks the ruin of all the ancient cities which were nobly built, and now lie desolate and in rubbish. His own houses are of stone, handsome and uniform. His great men build not, for want of inheritance; but as far as I have yet seen, live in tents, or houses worse than our cottages. Yet where the King likes, as at Agra, because it is a city erected by him, the buildings, as is reported, are fair and of carved stone.

In revenue he doubtless exceeds either Turk or Persian, or any eastern Prince, the sums I dare not name; but the reason. All the land is his, no man has a foot. He maintains all that are not mechanics by revenues bestowed on them reckoned by horses, and the allowance of many is greater than the estates of German Princes. All men rise to greater and greater lordships as they advance in favour, which is got by frequent presents rich and rare. The Mogul is heir to all that die, as well those that gained it by their industry, as merchants, &c. as those that live by him. He takes all their money, only leaving the widow and daughters what he pleases. To the sons of those

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that die worth two or three millions, he gives some small lordship to begin the world anew.

The King sits out in three several places at three times of the day, except something extraordinary hinder him. An hour at noon to see his elephants fight; from four till five to entertain all comers, to be seen and worshipped; from nine till midnight amidst his principal men in more familiarity, being below among them.

All the policy of his state is to keep the greatest men about him, or to pay them afar off liberally. There is no council, but every officer gives the King his opinion apart.

He (meaning Jehan Guire) is of countenance cheerful, and not proud in nature, but only by habit and custom; for at night he is very affable, and full of gentle conversation.

[There is an account in this letter of Sir Thomas Roe's audience, but that is to be seen before in the journal.]

An Extract of a Letter of Sir Thomas Roe to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dated at Adjnere, the 30th of October, 1616.

BEFORE the inundation of Temer the Great, that is Tamerlan; the ninth ancestor of this King, these countries were governed by divers heathen petty Princes, worshipping all sorts of creatures after their several manners. Tamerlan's offspring brought in the knowledge of Mahomet, but imposed it on none by the law of conquest, leaving consciences at liberty. So that the natives from the circumcision brought in by the Mahometans, called them Moguls, or chief of the circumcised. Among the Moguls there are many strict Mahometans, many that follow Hali his son-in-law, and other later prophets, who have their Xerifes, Mulhaes, and priests, their mosques, religious votaries, washings, praying, and ceremonies without end. And as for penitents, no sect in the world can shew such strange examples, nor boast of such voluntary poverty, punishments, sufferings, and chastisements as these, who are all esteemed holy men, but of a mixed religion, not upright with their prophet*. The Gentiles are of more sorts, some valiant good soldiers, drinking wine, eating hog's flesh, but worshipping the figure of a beast. Some who will not touch the flesh that is not holy by impuration; others that will not eat any thing that ever had life, nor kill the vermin that bites them, nor drink in the same cup with those that do, superstitious in washing, and most zealous in their profession; but all of them ascribe a sort of divinity to their river Ganges, at which once a year forty or fifty thousand meet, and cast in gold and silver for an oblation. In like manner they reverence a pig's head in a pagod near this city, and all living cows, and some other beasts and creatures. These have their pagods, and holy men, prophets, witches, soothsayers, and all other impostures of the devil. The Mahometan Mulhaes know somewhat in philosophy and the mathematics, are great astrologers, and can talk of Aristotle, Euclid, Averroes, and other authors. The learned tongue is the Arabian. In this confusion they continued till the time of Ezbar Sha, father to this King, without any knowledge of Christianity †. Ezbar Sha being a Prince by nature just and good, inquisitive after novelties, curious of new opi-

* Sir Thomas Roe should have excepted the idolaters in India, who far outdo the Mahometans in this particular.

† This is another mistake in Sir Thomas Roe, for they had always heard of Christianity, and there were Christians both in Persia and some parts of India.

nions, and excelling in many virtues, especially in piety and reverence towards his parents, called in three Jesuits from Goa, the chief of whom was Jerom Xaverius, a Navarrais. After their arrival he heard them discourse with much satisfaction, and dispute of religion, and caused F. Xaverius to write a book in defence of his religion against both Moors and Gentiles, which when finished he read in every night, and had some part discussed. Finally, he granted them his letters patent to build, preach, teach, convert, and to use all their rites and ceremonies as freely as in Rome, bestowing on them means to erect their churches and places of devotion. In this grant he gave liberty to all sorts of men to become Christians, even to his own court and blood, professing it should be no cause of disfavour. Ezbar Sha himself continued a Mahometan, yet he began to make a breach into the law; for considering that Mahomet was but a man, and a King as he was, and therefore revered, he thought he might prove as good a prophet himself. This defection of the King spread not far, a certain outward awe withheld him, and so he died in the formal profession of his sect. Jehan Guire Sha, his son, the present King, being the issue of this new fancy, and never circumcised, bred up without any religion at all, continues so to this hour, and is an atheist. Sometimes he will profess himself a Mahometan, but always observes the holy days, and does all ceremonies with the Gentiles. He is pleased with all religions, but loves none that changes; and falling into his father's conceit, has dared to proceed further in it, and to profess himself for the main of his religion, to be a greater prophet than Mahomet, and has formed to himself a new one, being a mixture of all others, which many have received with such superstition, that they will not eat till they have saluted him in the morning; for which purpose he comes at sun rising to a window open to a great plain before his house, where multitudes attend him. When the Moors about him talk of Mahomet, he will soothe them; but is glad when any one will lash out against him. Of Christ he never utters any disrespectful words, nor do any of all these sects; which is a wonderful secret working of God's truth, and worth observing.

As for the new planted Christian church, he confirmed and enlarged its privileges, spending two hours every night for a year, in hearing disputes; often dropping words of his conversion, but to a wicked purpose. To give the more hope, he delivered many youths into the hands of F. Francisco Corfi, still resident here, to teach them to read and write Portuguese, and to instruct them in human learning, and in the law of Christ. To that purpose the father kept a school some years, to which the King sent two Princes his brother's sons, who being brought up in the knowledge of God, and his Son our blessed Saviour, were solemnly baptized in the church of Agra, with great pomp, being first carried up and down all the city on elephants in triumph; and this by the King's express order, who would often examine them to see what progress they made, and seemed well pleased with them. This made many bend towards the same way, being ignorant of His Majesty's intention; others that knew him better, supposed he suffered this in policy to render those children odious to the Moors for their conversion, the strength of his estate consisting in them: but all men mistook his design, which was thus discovered. When these and some other children were settled, as was thought, in the Christian religion, and had learnt the principles thereof, as to marry but one wife, not to be coupled with infidels, &c. the King set the boys to demand Portuguese wives of the Jesuits; who thinking it only an idle notion of their own, chid them, and suspected no more: but that being the end of their conversion to get a woman for the King, and no care being taken in it, the two Princes came to the Jesuits, and delivered up their crosses, and all other tokens of religion, declaring they would be no longer Christians, because the King of Portugal sent them no presents nor wives, as they expected.

pected. The fathers seeing this, began to doubt there was more in it than the boys discovered; especially seeing their confidence that had cast off the awe of papists; and examining the matter, they confessed the King commanded them. The Jesuits refused to receive the crosses, answering, they had been given by His Majesty's order, and they would not take notice of any such surrender from boys, but bid them desire the King to send one of those who are, according to order, to deliver all His Majesty's commands, whose words are by privilege a sufficient warrant, and then they would accept of them; hoping the King would not discover himself to any of his officers in this poor plot. The boys returned with this message, which enraged the King; but being desirous to break up the school, and withdraw the youth without noise, he bid them call the Jesuits to the women's door, where by a lady he gave the order, and without ever taking any notice since of any thing, his kinsmen were recalled, and are now absolute Moors, without any taste of their first faith: and here have ended the conversions of these infidels.

I will add one or two more pleasant relations, and so conclude. Not long since the Jesuit's house and church being burnt, the crucifix remained untouched, which was given out for a miracle, and much talked of. The King, who never lets slip any opportunity of new talk, or novelties, hearing of this accident, calls the Jesuit, and questions him about it. He answers ambiguously; whereupon His Majesty asked, whether he did not desire to convert him? And being answered in the affirmative, replied, You speak of your great miracles, and of many done in the name of your prophet: if you will cast the crucifix and picture of Christ into a fire before me, if it burn not, I will become a Christian. The Jesuit refused the trial as unjust, answering, That God was not tied to the call of man, that it was a sin to tempt him, and that he wrought miracles according to his own will; yet he offered to cast himself into the fire for a proof of his faith, which the King would not allow of. Here arose a great dispute, began by the Prince, a most stiff Mahometan, and hater of all Christians, urging, that it was reasonable to try our religion after this manner; but withal, that if the crucifix did burn, then the Jesuit should be obliged to turn Moor. He urged examples of miracles said to be wrought for less purposes than the conversion of so mighty a King, and spoke scornfully of Christ Jesus. The King took up the argument, and defended our Saviour to be a prophet, comparing his works with those of their absurd saints, intancing the raising of the dead, which never any of theirs did. The Prince replied, that to give sight to one horn blind was as great a miracle. This being hotly debated on both sides, a third man interposed to end the controversy, saying, that both the father and the son were in the right as to their opinions; for to raise a dead body to life must be owned to be the greatest miracle ever done, but that to give sight to an eye naturally blind was the same work, because a blind eye was dead, sight being the life of it; therefore he that gave sight to a blind eye, did as it were, raise it from death. Thus this discourse ended.

The other story is this. A juggler of Bengala, of which craft there are many, and very notable at it, brought before the King a great ape, which, as he said, could divine and prophesy; and to this beast some of the Indian sects attribute a sort of divinity. The King took a ring off his finger, and caused it to be hid under a boy's girdle, there being a dozen present; then bid the ape divine, who went to the right child, and took it out. His Majesty being somewhat more curious, caused the names of twelve law-givers, as Christ, Moses, Mahomet, Haly, and others, to be writ on twelve papers in the Persian tongue; and shuffling them in a bag, bid the beast divine which was the true law, who putting in his paw, took out that inscribed with the name of Christ. This amazed

amazed the King, who, suspecting the ape's master could read Persian, and might assist him, wrote them anew in court characters, and presented them the second time. The ape found the right, and kissed it. At this a great officer grew angry, telling the King it was some imposture, and desiring he might have leave to make the scrolls anew, offering to undergo any punishment if the ape could deceive him. He writ the names, putting only eleven in a bag, and kept the other in his hand. The monkey searched, but refused all; the King commanding it to bring one, it tore them in a fury, and made signs the true law-giver's name was not among them. The King asked where it was, and the ape ran to the nobleman and caught him by the hand, in which was the paper inscribed with the name of Christ Jesus. The King was concerned, and keeps the ape. This was done in public before thousands, and no doubt is to be made of the truth of the matter of fact.

Part of a Letter to the East-India Company, dated at Adsmere, November 24, 1616.

MY HONOURED FRIENDS,

I RECEIVED your letter, &c. (*the first part omitted, as nothing material.*)

Concerning the aiding the Mogul, or waiting his subjects into the Red Sea, it is now useless, yet I made offer of your affections; but when they need not a courtesy, they regard it as a dog does dry bread when his belly is full. The King has peace with the Portugueses, and will never make a constant war, except first we displace them; then his greatness will step in for a share of the benefit; which dares not partake of the peril. When they have peace, they scorn our assistance, and speak as loud as our cannon; if war oppresses them, they dare not put out under any protection, nor will they pay for it. You must remove all thoughts of trading to their port, any otherwise than defending yourselves, and leaving them to their fortune: you can never oblige them by any benefits, and they will sooner fear than love you. Your residence you need not doubt, as long as you tame the Portugueses, therefore avoid all other charge as unnecessary. At my first arrival I understood a fort was very necessary, but experience teaches me we are refused it to our own advantage. If he would offer me ten, I would not accept of one. First, where the river is commodious the country is barren, and has no trade; the passages to better parts full of thieves, that the King's authority avails not, and the strength of the hills secures them in that life. If it had been fit for trade, the natives would have chosen it, for they feel the inconveniency of a barr'd haven; and it is argument enough of some secret inconveniency, that they make not use of it: but if it were safe without the walls, yet it is not an easy work to divert the course of trade, and draw the resort of merchants from their accustomed mart, especially for our commodity, which is bought by parcels, and cannot be called staple. Secondly, The charge is greater than the trade can bear, for to maintain a garrison will eat out the profit: an hundred men will not keep it, for if once the Portugueses see you take that course, they will use all their endeavours to supplant you. A war and traffick are incompatible. By my consent you shall never engage yourselves but at sea, where you are likely to gain as often as to lose. The Portugueses, notwithstanding their many rich residences, are beggared by keeping of soldiers, and yet their garrisons are but mean. They never made advantage of the Indies since they defended them. Observe this well. It has been also the error of the Dutch, who seek plantations here by the sword; they turn a wonderful stock, they prole in all places, they possess some of the best, yet their dead pays consume all the gain. Let this be received as a rule, that if you will profit, seek it at sea, and in quiet trade; for without controversy, it is an error to affect garrisons and

and land wars in India. If you made it only against the natives, I should agree to it; but to make it for them, they do not deserve it, and you should be very wary how you engage your reputation in it. You cannot so easily make a fair retreat as an onset. One disaster would either discredit you, or engage you in a war of extreme danger, and doubtful event: besides an action so subject to chance as a war, is most unfitly undertaken, and with most hazard, when the remoteness of the place for supplies, succours, and counsel, subjects it to irrecoverable loss; for where there is most uncertainty, remedies should be so much the nearer upon all occasions. At sea you may take and leave, your designs are not published. The road of Soali, and the port of Surat are the fittest for you in all the Mogul's territories. I have weighed it well, and to deliver you that which shall never be disproved. You need no more. It is not a number of ports, residencies, and factories that will profit you; they will increase charge, but not recompense it. The conveniency of one with respect to your sails, and to the commodity of investments, and the well employing of your servants, is all you need. A port to secure your ships, and a fit place to unlade, will not be found together. The road at Soali, during the season, is as safe as a pond. Surat, Cambaya, Baroche, and Amadabat, are better traded than all India, and seated commodiously. The inconveniences are, the Portugueses at sea, and the landing of goods. To obviate the first, you must bring to pass that your lading be ready by the end of September at the port, which may be effected by a stock beforehand, or by taking up money for three months; and so you may discharge and lade at once, and depart in excellent season for England, and the enemy will not have time to offend you, being newly arrived: and if the preparation be of longer date, we shall know it. For the second, to land goods without danger of frigates, and to save the carriage over land, you must send a pinnace of sixty tons with ten guns, that draws but seven or eight foot water, to pass up the river between Soali and Surat, and so your goods will be safe and in your own command, to the custom-house-key, and it will a little awe the town; she may afterwards proceed according to your appointment. The commodities you sell pass best in that quarter, the goods you seek being indigo and cloth; no one place is so fit for both, and the less inconveniences are to be chosen. Syndu is possessed by the Portugueses; or, if free, were no fitter than Surat, nor safer; as it is, will be more subject to peril.

For the settling your traffick here, I doubt not to effect any reasonable desire, my credit is sufficient with the King, and your force will always bind him to constancy. It will not need so much help at court as you suppose, a little countenance, and the discretion of your factors will, with easy charge, return you most profit, but you must alter your stock. Let not your servants deceive you; cloth, lead, teeth, quicksilver, are dead commodities, and will never drive this trade; you must succour it by change. Articles of treaty on equal terms I cannot obtain, want of presents has disgraced me, and yet by piece-meals I have got as much as I desired at once. I have recovered all bribes, extortions, and debts made and contracted before my time till this day, or at least an honourable composition.

The presents sent are too few to follow examples, they will scarce serve the first day. The rule is, at every arrival of a fleet, the Mogul, and the Prince, during his government of our port, will expect a formal present and some letter from the King, our solicitor from you, which need not be dear if well chosen. Your agent must be furnished with a China shop to serve small turns; for often giving of trifles is the way of preferment; it cannot be avoided, and I have been scorned for my poverty in that kind. At my delivery of the first sent by me, contentment outwardly appeared; but I will acquaint you with the cabinet council's opinion, by which you may judge three exceptions were
taken

taken and argued by the King and his great ones. First, it was censured to name presents in a King's letter, to be sent by a principal man his ambassador; and such poor ones delivered, meaner and fewer than when they came with less ostentations. That if they had not been named as from a monarch, they had been less despicable; for such is their pride, that though the coach for its form, and as a model, gave much content, yet the matter was scorned, and it was never used till two others of rich stuffs were made by it, and that covered with cloth of gold, harness and furniture, and all the tin nails headed with silver, or hatched: so that it was nine months repairing, and when I saw it I knew it not. 2. Exception was taken that His Majesty did write his name before the Mogul, but it matters not for that dull pride. 3. That His Majesty in his letter intimated, that honour and profit should arise to this Prince by the English and their trade, which he so much scorns to hear of, that he would willingly be rid of it and us, if he durst. The forgetting to send me letters diminishes my credit, which is to be maintained by all ceremonies, and Sultan Corone expected one as an honour to him.

The suffering of volunteers to pass in your fleets is an extreme incommodity. How to dispose of one here honestly, I know not. Assure yourselves they are either some unruly youths that want ground to sow their humours, and are exposed to be tamed, and may do you and me much prejudice in reputation. I have had a bitter experience of some taken by myself in good nature. Here is subject to practise all vice upon, and no virtue to be learned: or else they are sent at your charge to learn to discover the straits and fittest places of interception of Indian goods for a future voyage, and to enable them by experience to do you a mischief who bred them to it. I know many envy you this trade, and would be extreme glad to rob you of it; you cannot do better than keep all men in ignorance but yourselves, or at least as many as necessity does not oblige you to use.

The Dutch are arrived at Surat from the Red Sea, with some money and southern commodities. I have done my best to disgrace them, but could not turn them out without further danger. They come on the same ground we stand on, fear of their ships, against which I suppose you will not warrant the subjects of this King. Your comfort is, here are goods enough for both.

Concerning Persia, the factors do not understand what they have undertaken. Jafques is no port or place for sale of goods, and those they have sent not saleable. In order to secure your safety and the Portugueses, there are but two ways, peace or compulsion. The first I have undertaken by means of a Jesuit, but despair of success. The next is force, which is always used to disadvantage when you are only upon the defensive. My opinion is, that you give orders to all your fleets to make prize of them, and that as you now ride at Solia road to protect one ship, you would send that guard the next year to ride before Goa, to brave or burn them, or at least to stop them that they may not put to sea in December; so you will make them lose their seasons, and one or two returns stopt would undo them. On my word they are weak in India, and able to do your fleet no harm, but by supplies from Lisbon, where you must endeavour to have intelligence, and apply your strength accordingly. Thus you will add much reputation to your cause, and force them to that which their pride will never suffer them to see they want more than you, which is a quiet trade. For your traffick into the Red Sea, it is more important than all other projects: my counsel is, that one of your smallest ships with the fittest English goods, and such others as this country affords, go yearly in company of the Guzarats, and trade for themselves for money, which is taken in abundance, and return in September with them to supply this place. The profit exceeds all

the trades of India, and will drive this alone. The danger is rather a jealousy than substantial. When the Turks betrayed Sir Henry Middleton, our factories and courtes in those parts were unknown to them; and doubtless, we being strangers in that sea, were mistrusted for pirates. Experience has made us better known, and in company of the Guzarats, for their sake, whom they cannot spare, we shall be admitted. The King would write to the Admiral to entertain our comfort ship, and they would be glad of it, and it were one of the best securities of our friendship. The Dutch have practised it this year to great advantage, and were all well received. Our own wariness might secure us. They must ride six months for winds, time enough to send all the goods ashore by parcels, and never trust above one or two factors, and a small quantity of goods at once. They will not declare their treachery for trifles, and I doubt not you may procure the Grand Signior's command to meet them. If I have any judgment, there is not any matter for your profit of such importance. Port Pequenho, in Bengala, you are misinformed in, there is no mart, or resort of merchants; it is traded to by the Portugueses from Pegu with rubies, topazes, and saphires, and returns cloth which is fine, but you may be furnished nearer hand.

I will settle your trade here secure with the King, and reduce it to order, if I may be heard; when I have so done, I must plead against myself, that an ambassador lives not in fit honour here. I could sooner die than be subject to the slavery the Persian is content with. A meaner agent would, among these proud Moors, better effect your business. My quality often for ceremonies, either begets you enemies, or suffers unworthily. The King has often demanded an ambassador from Spain, but could never obtain one, for two reasons; first, because they would not give presents unworthy their King's greatness; next, they knew his reception should not answer his quality. I have moderated according to my discretion, but with a swollen heart. Half my charge shall correct all this court to be your slaves.

Postscript.

The best way to do your business in this court is to find some Mogul that you may entertain for a thousand roupies a year, as your solicitor at court. He must be authorized by the King, and then he will serve you better than ten ambassadors. Under him you must allow five hundred roupies for another at your port to follow the governor, and customers, and to advertise his chief at court. These two will effect all, for your other smaller residences are not subject to much inconveniency.

Concerning private trade, my opinion is, that you absolutely prohibit it, and execute forfeitures; for your business will be the better done. All your loss is not in the goods brought home; I see here the inconveniences you think not of. I know this is harsh to all men, and seems hard; men profess they come not for bare wages: but you will take away this plea, if you give great wages to their content; and then you know what you part from, but then you must make good choice of your servants, and use fewer.

The several Kingdoms and Provinces subject to the Great Mogul, Sha-Selim Jehanguire, with the principal Cities and Rivers, their Situation, Borders, and Extent, in Length and Breadth, as near as I could gather by common Computation. The Names I took out of the King's Register, and begin at the North-West.

1. **CANDAHAR.** The chief city and kingdom both of the same name. It lies N.W. from the heart of the Mogul's territories, and was formerly a province of Persia, on which it borders.

2. **Tatta.** A kingdom and chief city so called, is divided by the river Indus, which falls into the sea at Syndu. It lies south of Candahar, and west somewhat southerly from Agra.

3. **Buckor.** The chief city called Buckorsuckar, lies upon the river of Syndu or Indus to the northward, somewhat easterly of Tatta; and on the west borders on the Baloaches, a kind of rude warlike people.

4. **Multan.** The chief city called by the same name, lying also upon Indus, south-east from Candahar, northerly from Backar.

5. **Hajacan.** The kingdom of the Baloaches, north of Tatta and Backar, and on the west borders on the kingdom of Lar, subject to the King of Persia; Indus winds itself along the east side of it, and it has no city of note.

6. **Cabul.** The city has the same name. It is a great kingdom, the most northerly of this empire, and runs up to the confines of the Great Tartary.

7. **Kythmier, or Cachimir.** The chief city of it is called Sirinakra, the river Bhat passes through it, and falls into Ganges, though others say it runs into the sea in the north part of the bay Bengala: the kingdom of Cabul is bordered by it on the east, southerly it is all mountains.

8. **Bankish.** The chief city of it is called Beishar, it lies east of Cachimir.

9. **Attack or Attock.** The chief city of the same name, it lies on one side of the river Nilob, which runs on the north-west into the river Indus.

10. **The kingdom of the Kakares.** Lies at the foot of the mountains. Its principal cities are Dankely and Purchola, and borders on the north-east side of the kingdom of Cachimir.

11. **Penjah,** which signifies five waters, because it is seated within five rivers. The chief city is called Lahor. It is a great kingdom, and very fruitful. The city is the mart of India for traffic; it borders on the east side of Multan.

12. **Jenba or Jamba.** The chief city of the same name. It lies east of Benjab, and is very mountainous.

13. **Peitan or Pitan.** The chief city so-called lies north-east of Jenba, and north of Patna, and is full of mountains.

14. **Naugracut.** The chief city of the same name. It lies north between Benjab and Jamba, and is very mountainous.

15. **Siba.** The chief city of the same name, north of Jamba, and the bay of Bengala, and very mountainous.

16. **Jesval.** The chief city is called Rajapore: it reaches down to the kingdom of Bengala, and lies north of it, and east of Patna, full of mountains.

17. **Delli.** The chief city of the same name. It lies on both sides of the river Gemmi, which falls into Ganges, and runs through Agra. It is an ancient city, and the seat of the Mogul's ancestors, but ruined. Some affirm it to have been the seat

feat of Porus conquered by Alexander the Great, and that there still stands a pillar with a Greek inscription.

18. Mevat. The chief city called Narval, it lies on the east of Ganges, and Gemna, to the north-east of their meeting.

19. Sambal. The chief city bears the same name. It lies betwixt the river Ganges and Gemna, north of their meeting.

20. Bakar. The chief city is called Bikaner. Ganges borders it on the east, and the province of Delli on the west.

21. Agra, a principal and great kingdom, the chief city of the same name, the heart of the Mogul's dominions, in about 28 degrees and a half of north latitude. It lies most on the south-west side of the river Gemna; the city upon the river where one of the Emperor's treasuries is kept. From Agra to Lahor there are three hundred and twenty cosses, which is no less than seven hundred miles, all a plain, and the highway planted on both sides with trees, like a delicate wall. It is one of the great works and wonders of the world.

22. Jenupar. The city of the same name upon the river Kaul, which I suppose to be one of the five rivers inclosing Lahor; and the country lies between it and Agra, north-west from the one, and south-east from the other.

23. Bando. The chief city is so called. It borders on Agra on the east, and Jesselmere on the west.

24. Patna. The chief city has the same name. It is inclosed by four great rivers, Ganges, Jemna, Serfeli, and Kanda, and lies north-east from Agra, and north of the bay of Bengala, where all these rivers pay tribute.

25. Gor. The chief city is also so called. It lies in the northern part of the Mogul's dominions, and towards the heads of the rivers Ganges and Kanda.

26. Bengala. A mighty kingdom inclosing the east and north side of the bay of that name; whence winding towards the south, it borders on Coromandel, or rather Golconda. The chief cities are Ragmehal and Dekaka. There are many havens, as Port Grande, Port Pequenho, referred to by Portugueses; Piliptan, Siligam, &c. It contains divers provinces, as that of Prurup, Patan, &c.

27. Udeza. The chief city called Jakanat. It is the utmost extent eastward of the Mogul's dominions, north of the bay, and borders on the kingdom of Maug, a savage people lying between Udeza and Pegu.

28. Kanduana. The chief city is called Karakatanka. This and Gor are the north-east bounds of this monarchy, on the west of it is Pitan.

29. Gualeor. The chief city bears the same name, where the Mogul has one of his great treasuries, with an exceeding strong castle, where prisoners are kept. It lies south of Agra.

30. Candis. The chief city here is Brampore. It is a great kingdom, and the city one of the antient seats of the Kings of Decan, taken from them. It lies east of Guzarat, south of Chitor, west of Golconda, and north of Decan. It is watered by the river Tabeti, which runs westward into the bay of Cambaya.

31. Malva. The chief cities here are Ugen, Nar, and Seringe. It lies north-east of Chandis, and south-east of the country of Rama, and west of the province of Prurup of the kingdom of Bengala.

32. Berar. The chief city is called Shakpur. It is inclosed by the provinces of Malva, Candis, Golconda, and Prurup.

33. Guzarat. A noble kingdom, inclosing the bay of Cambaya, the chief city is Amadavat. Within it is contained the city and government of Cambaya, the beauty

of India. The territory and city of Surat, and that of Baroce. It is watered by many goodly rivers, as that of Cambaya, once falsely supposed to be Indus; the river of Narbadah falling into the sea at Baroche, that of Surat, and divers others. It trades into the Red Sea to Achem and many other places.

34. Surat. The chief city called Gunagur. It lies to the north-west of Guzarat.

35. Narvar. The chief city of Ghehud, lies east of Gualeor, and south of Sambal.

36. Chitor. The antient great kingdom. The city of the same name, walled, and about ten English miles in compass, on a mighty hill. There are still above one hundred churches standing, the King's palace, and many fine pillars of carved stone. There is but one ascent to it cut out of the rock, on which are four magnificent gates. The ruins of above one hundred thousand houses all of stone are still to be seen, but it is not inhabited. It was doubtless one of the seats of Porus, and taken from his successor Rama by Ezbar-Sha, father to Jehan Guire the Mogul. Rama flying into the strength of his kingdom, among the mountains, seated himself at Odepore, and was brought to acknowledge the Mogul for his sovereign lord by Sultan Corone, third son to the present Emperor, in the year 1614. This kingdom lies north-west from Candis, and north-east from Guzarat, in the way between Agra and Surat. Rama himself keeps the hills to the west nearer Amadavat.

The Length of the Mogul's Dominions, North-West and South-East.

FROM Candahor to Lahor three hundred and fifty cosses, being about eight hundred miles.

From Lahor to Agra three hundred and twenty cosses, about seven hundred and fifty miles.

From Agra to Hagipore Patna three hundred cosses, six hundred and eighty miles.

From Hagipore Patna to Kirafnad three hundred cosses, about six hundred and seventy miles.

The whole length one thousand two hundred and seventy cosses, about two thousand eight hundred and seventy-two miles.

The breadth in all north-east and south-west from Harduar to Duarsa six hundred and thirty cosses, about one thousand five hundred miles.

The length north and south about one thousand four hundred miles.

A Note of such Things as Sir Thomas Roe would have had sent him to bestow as Presents, inserted for the Reader's Satisfaction, to shew what Curiosities were acceptable in India to give or sell.

KNIVES large and fair, wrought with amber, coral, gold or silver, or inlaid with glass.

The figures of the lion, the buck, the greyhound, the bull, the horse, the talbot, provided they be well formed, and good shapcs, such toys will please well for ordinary turns.

Pieces of velvet and fatins, if they be good and rich, and fresh colours, blue is not esteemed.

Fowling-pieces, if they be fair, else none.

Branches of polished coral, of the largest.

Some of the fairest amber and coral beads.

Crystal boxes.

Rich embroidered sweet-bags.

Embroidered fowling-cases.

Embroidered pillows.

Saddles rich, with caparisons and furniture.

Swords, if they be very good, and with fine hilts, inlaid with gold or silver, or well cut in iron.

Choice pictures, especially histories, or other that have many figures, as church-work, night-work, or landscape, but good, for they understand them as well as we.

Hats.

Alicant wine, Malvasy, or any that will make Hipocras, and will keep.

Cloth of gold or silver, satins or flowered silks of gold or silver, or silk, French shags; fine English Norwich stuffs, half silk, these of light, fresh and choice colours.

Fine light armour.

Agates well cut, especially black and white, are highly esteemed.

Emeralds of the old rock, or any other stones, finely set and enamelled.

Enamelled work.

Cloth of Arras, so it be good, great imagery, and fresh.

Good cross-bows.

Fine English long-bows and quivers of fair arrows, the cases should be made of velvet.

Looking-glasses of two foot over, in frames of coloured wood, or covered with cloth of gold; small ones are trash.

Figures of brass or stone curiously cut.

China ware, or large counterpoints embroidered with birds in silver, and coloured silks.

Fine cabinets, embroidered purses, needle-work, French estuges, or tweezer cases, fine table-books, perfumed gloves, girdles and belts, rich perfumed skins, bone-lace, cut-work, any sort of embroidery.

Water and land-spaniels, English and Irish greyhounds, English hounds, especially blood-hounds, and good mastiffs.

Scarlet, though in some esteem, is not according to its value.

Plumes of feathers, so they be large and of good colours, especially some herons' feathers, pure white and whole.

Comb-cases covered with velvet, laced or embroidered with handsome glasses and all necessary furniture.

Some paper cuts, especially of kings, queens, and other great persons.

Some burning-glasses.

Gold chains of curious workmanship.

Watches.

Cases of bottles of strong waters.

Drinking Venice glasses.

Prospective-glasses.

Fine basons and ewers.

In general, any thing curious for workmanship, rare, and not seen in India, or rich in value, is very acceptable; and these people know the best of all kinds, and are served by the Portugueses, Venetians, and Armenians, with all the rarities of Europe. All these things will sell for ready money at the noorse, or feast of the King's birthday, at good prices.

BERNIER'S VOYAGE TO THE EAST INDIES :

CONTAINING,

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Together with the most considerable Passages for Five Years following, in that Empire.

TO WHICH IS ADDED

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TOGETHER WITH

- I. Some Particulars making known the Court and Genius of the Moguls and Indians; as also the Doctrine and extravagant Superstitions and Customs of the Heathens of Indostan.
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Englisbed out of French.*

An Extract of a Letter written to Mr. H. O. from Monsieur De Monceaux, the younger, giving a Character of the Book here englisbed, and its Author.

VIRTUE sometimes is no less interested than affection: both, Sir, are glad to receive, from time to time, pledges mutually answering for those that have united themselves in a close correspondence. Yours, indeed, should demand of me, such as might be a security to you for the advance you have been pleased to make me of your friendship. But since at present I have nothing worth presenting you with, and yet am unwilling to give you any leisure to be diffident of my realness, or to repent for having so easily given me a share in your esteem, I here send you a relation of Indostan, in which you will find such considerable occurrences, as will make you confess, I could not convey to you a more acceptable present, and that Monsieur Bernier, who hath written it, is a very gallant man, and of a mould I wish all travellers were made of. We ordinarily travel more out of unsettledness than curiosity, with a design to see towns and countries, rather than to know their inhabitants and productions; and we stay not long enough in a place to inform ourselves well of the government, policy, interests, and manners of its people. Monsieur Bernier, after he had benefited himself for the space of many years, by the converse of the famous Gassendi, seen him expire in his arms,

* Harl. Coll. ii. 101.

succeeded him in his knowledge, and inherited his opinions and discoveries, embarked for Egypt, staid above a whole year at Cairo, and then took the occasion of some Indian vessels, that trade in the ports of the Red Sea, to pass to Surat; and after twelve years abode at the court of the Great Mogul, is at last come to seek his rest in his native country, there to give an account of his observations and discoveries, and to pour out into the bosom of France, what he had amassed in India.

Sir, I shall say nothing to you of his adventures, which you will find in the relations that are to follow hereafter, which he abandons to the greediness of the curious, who prefer their satisfaction to his quiet, and do already persecute him to have the sequel of this history. Neither shall I mention to you the hazards he did run, by being in the neighbourhood of Mecca; nor of his prudent conduct, which made him merit the esteem of his generous Fazelkhan, who since is become the first minister of that great empire, whom he taught the principal languages of Europe, after he had translated for him the whole philosophy of Gassendi in Latin, and whose leave he could not obtain to go home, till he had got for him a select number of our best European books, thereby to supply the loss he should suffer of his person. This, at least, I can assure you of, that never a traveller went from home more capable to observe, nor hath written with more knowledge, candour, and integrity; that I knew him at Constantinople, and in some towns of Greece, of so excellent a conduct, that I proposed him to myself for a pattern in the design I then had, to carry my curiosity as far as the place where the sun riseth; that I have often drowned, in the sweetness of his entertainment, the bitterness, which else I must have swallowed all alone, in such irksome and unpleasant passages as are those of Asia.

Sir, you will do me a pleasure to let me know the sentiment your illustrious society hath of this piece. Their approbation begets much emulation among the intelligent, who all have no other ambition than to please them. I myself must avow to you, that if I thought I could merit so much, I should not so stiffly oppose, as I do, the publication of the observations and notes I have made in the Levant. I should suffer my friends to take them out of my cabinet, where, from the slight value I have for them, they are likely to lie imprisoned, except the King my master, by whose order I undertook those voyages, should absolutely command me to set them at liberty, and to let them take their course in the world. Mean time, Sir, you will oblige me, to assure those great men, who this day compose the most knowing company on earth, of the veneration I have for the oracles that come from their mouth, and that I prefer their Lyceum before that of Athens; and lastly, that of all their admirers, there is none that hath a greater concern for their glory, than

DE MONCEAUX.

Paris, Julii 16, 1670.

THE HISTORY OF THE LATE REVOLUTION, &c.

1. *What Depth of Policy and Craft was used by Aureng-Zebe, the Heroos of this History, and the third of the four Sons of Chah-Jehan, the Great Mogul, to supplant all his Brothers, and to settle himself in the Throne; and how the first Foundation thereof was laid by the Visier of the King of Golconda, and the Sickness of Cha-Jehan, the Father of Aureng-Zebe. — 2. A Mixture of Love Intrigues, practised by the Princess Begum-Shabeb, one of the two Daughters of the Great Mogul, Chah-Jehan. — 3. How Aureng-Zebe, having overcome all his Brothers, did secure his Father, and others, whom he had Cause to be jealous of. — 4. How the Neighbours of the Empire of Mogul demeaned themselves towards the new Emperor, Aureng-Zebe; and what Embassies were dispatched to him, first by the Usbec-Tartars (where a Description of that Country and People;) then the Dutch of Surat; as also from Mecca, from Arabia Felix, from Ethiopia and Persia; together with an Account of their respective Instructions, Receptions, Entertainments and Dismissions; particularly of that of the Hollanders, securing and improving their Trade by their Embassy. — 5. Aureng-Zebe's singular Prudence, and indefatigable Pains, in managing the Government himself; and how he treated him that endeavoured to persuade him to take his Ease and Pleasure, now he was established. — 6. Aureng-Zebe's Dislike against his favourite Sister, Rauchenara-Begum, occasioned by some Love-Cabals. — 7. His great Care in appointing a Governor and Tutor to his third Son Sultan-Ekbar. — 8. With what Wisdom and Severity Aureng-Zebe received and treated his pedantic Tutor, who expected to be made a great Lord for his former Service; together with a Model for the suitable Education of a great Prince, prescribed by Aureng-Zebe on this Occasion. — 9. In what Credit judiciary Astrology is over all Asia. — 10. How the Kings of India make themselves Heirs of all the Estate of those that die in their Service. — 11. Of the reciprocal Appearance of Kindness between Aureng-Zebe and his imprisoned Father and Sister. — 12. What passed between Aureng-Zebe and Emir-Jemla, who had laid the first Ground-work to Aureng-Zebe's Greatness. — 13. What in these Revolutions was transacted about the Bay of Bengal, and the heathen Kingdom of Rakan. — 14. How Aureng-Zebe carried himself towards his two eldest Sons, Sultan Mahmud and Sultan Mahum: and how, for a Trial of the Obedience and Courage of the latter, he commanded him to kill a certain Lion, that did great Mischief in the Country; together with the Success thereof. — 15. Divers Particulars, shewing the Interest between Indostan and Persia, supposed by this Author to be unknown, or at least not well known hitherto. — 16. How generously Aureng-Zebe recompensed those that had faithfully served him in these Revolutions. — 17. Some Account of that small Kingdom of Kachemire, or Casmire, represented as the Paradise of the Indies; concerning which the Author affirms, that he hath a particular History of it in the Persian Tongue. — 18. A considerable Relation of Surat's being strangely surprized and plundered by a stout Rebel of Vijapour; and how the English and Dutch saved themselves and their Treasure in this bold Enterprize. — 19. A particular Account both of the former and present State of the whole Peninsula of Indostan; the Occasion of its Division into divers Sovereignities, and the several Arts used to maintain themselves one against another; particularly of the present Government and State of the Kingdoms of Golkonda and Vijapour, and their Interests in reference to the Great Mogul. — 20. of the Extent of Indostan, and the Trade which the English, Portuguese, and Hollanders have in that Empire; as also the vast Quantities*

ities of Gold and Silver, circulated through the World, and conveyed into Indostan, and there swallowed up as in an Abyss. — 21. Of the many Nations, which in that vast Extent of Country cannot be well kept in Subjection by the Great Mogul. — 22. Of the Great Mogul's Religion, which is Mahometan, or the Turkish not Persian Sect. — 23. Of his Militia, both in the Field and about his Person; and how the same is provided for, employed, punctually paid, and carefully distributed in several Places. — 24. Of the Omrabs, that is, the great Lords of Indostan; their several Qualities, Offices, Attendants. — 25. The Artillery of the Mogul, great and small, very considerable. — 26. Of his Stables of Horses, Elephants, Camels, Mules, &c. — 27. Of his Seraglio. — 28. Of his vast Revenues and Expences. — 29. What Prince may be said to be truly rich. — 30. An important State Question debated, viz. Whether it be more expedient for the Prince and People, that the Prince be the sole Proprietor of all the Lands of the Country over which he reigns, yea or no?

THE desire of seeing the world having made me travel into Palestina and Egypt, would not let me stop there; it put me upon a resolution to see the Red Sea from one end to the other. I went from Grand Cairo, after I had staid there above a year; and in two and thirty hours, going the caravan pace, I arrived at Suez, where I embarked in a galley, which in seventeen days carried me, always in sight of land, to the port of Gidda, which is half a day's journey from Mecca. There I was constrained (contrary to my hopes, and the promise which the Beig of the Red Sea had made me,) to go ashore on that pretended holy land of Mahomet, where a Christian, that is not a slave, dares not set his foot. I staid there four and thirty days, and then I embarked in a small vessel, which in fifteen days carried me along the coast of Arabia the Happy to Moca, near the streight of Babel Mandel. I resolved to pass thence to the isle of Masowa and Arkiko, to get as far as Gouder, the capital town of the country of Alebech, or the kingdom of Ethiopia; but I received certain information, that since the Portuguese had been killed there by the intrigue of the Queen Mother, or expelled, together with the Jesuit patriarch, whom they had brought thither from Goa, the Roman Catholics were not safe there, a poor capuchin having lost his head at Suaken, for having attempted to enter into that kingdom: that indeed, by going under the name of a Greek or an Armenian, I did not run so great hazard, and that even the King himself, when he should know that I could do him service, would give me land to till by slaves, which I might buy if I had money; but that undoubtedly they would forthwith oblige me to marry, as they had lately done a certain friar, who had passed there under the name of a Greek physician: and that they would never suffer me to come away again.

These considerations, among others, induced me to change my resolution. I went aboard of an Indian vessel, I passed those streights, and in two and twenty days I arrived at Surat in Indostan, the empire of the Great Mogul, in the year 1655. There I found, that he who then reigned there was called Chah-Jehan, that is to say, King of the world; who, according to the history of that country, was son of Jehan-Guyre, which signifieth conqueror of the world; grandchild to Ekbar, which is great; and that thus ascending by Houmayons, or the fortunate, father of Ekbar, and his other predecessors, he was the tenth of those that were descended from that Timur-Lengue, which signifieth the lame prince, commonly and corruptly called Tamerlane, so renowned for his conquests; who married his near kinswoman, the only daughter of the Prince of the nations of Great Tartary, called Moguls, who have left and communicated their name to the strangers that now govern Indostan, the country of the Indians; though those that are employed in public charges and offices, and even those that are listed in the militia,

be not all of the race of the Moguls, but strangers, and nations gathered out of all countries, most of them Persians, some Arabians, and some Turks. For, to be esteemed a Mogul, it is enough to be a stranger, white of face, and a Mahometan; in distinction as well to the Indians, who are brown, and Pagans, as to the Christians of Europe, who are called Franguis.

I found also at my arrival, that this King of the world, Chah-Jehan, of above seventy years of age, had four sons and two daughters; that some years since, he had made these four sons vice-kings, or governors of four of his most considerable provinces or kingdoms; that it was almost a year that he was fallen into a great sickness, whence it was believed he would never recover; which had occasioned a great division among these four brothers (all laying claim to the empire) and had kindled among them a war which lasted about five years, and which I design here to describe, having been present at some of the most considerable actions, and entertained for the space of eight years at that court, where fortune and the small stock of money left me (after divers encounters with robbers, and the expences of a voyage of six and forty days from Surat to Agra and Dehli, the capital towns of that empire,) obliged me to take a salary from the Grand Mogul in the quality of a physician, and a little while after from Danech-mend-Kan, the most knowing man of Asia, who had been Bakchis, or great master of the horse, and was one of the most powerful and most considerable Omrahs or lords of that court.

The eldest of these four sons of Chah-Jehan was called Dara, that is Darius. The second was called Sultan Sujah, that is, the valiant prince. The name of the third was Aurepge-Zebe, which signifies, the ornament of the throne. That of the fourth was Morad-Bakche, as if you should say, desire accomplished. Of the two daughters, the eldest was called Begum-Sahib, that is, the mistress princess; and the youngest Rachenara-Begum, which is as much as bright princess, or the splendor of princesses.

It is the custom of the country, to give such names to their princes and princesses. Thus the wife of Chah-Jehan, so renowned for her beauty, and for having a tomb, which much more deserved to be reckoned among the wonders of the world, than those unhappened masses, and those heaps of stones in Egypt, was called Tage-Mehalle, that is to say, the crown of the Seraglio; and the wife of Jehan-Guyre, who hath so long governed the state, whilst her husband minded nothing but drinking and divertisements, was first called Nour-Mehalle, and afterwards, Nour-Jehan-Begum, the light of the seraglio, the light of the world. The reason why they give such kind of names to the great ones, and not names from their land or dominion (as is usual in Europe) is, because all the land being the King's there are no marquises, earldoms and duchies, of which the grandees might bear their names; all consists in pensions, either of land or ready money, which the King giveth, increaseth, retrencheth, and takes away, as seems good unto him: and it is even for this reason, that the omrahs have also no other but such names; one (for example) being called Raz Audaze-Kan, i. e. a thunderer; another, Safe Cheken Kan, a breaker of ranks; a third, Bare-Audaze-Kan, a man of lightning; others, Dianet-Khan, or Danech-mend-Kan, or Fazel-Kan, i. e. the faithful lord, the intelligent, the perfect, and the like.

Dara, the eldest son, wanted not good qualities. He was gallant in conversation, witty in repartees, exceeding civil and liberal, but entertained too good an opinion of his person, esteeming himself alone capable of all, and thinking it scarce possible that any body was able to give him council; insomuch that he would give reproachful names to those who pretended to advise him in any thing; whereby it came to pass, that even those who were most affectionate to him, were shy to discover to him the most secret intrigues

intrigues of his brothers. Besides, he was apt to be transported with passion, to menace, to injure, to affront even the greatest Omrahs or lords; but all passed over like a flash of light. Though he was a Mahometan, and publicly expressed in the ordinary exercises of religion to be so, yet in private, he was heathen with the heathens, and christian with the Christians. He had constantly about him of those heathen doctors, to whom he gave very considerable pensions, and who (as was said) had intilled into him opinions contrary to the religion of the land; of which I may touch something hereafter, when I shall come to speak of the religion of the Indians or Gentiles. He also hearkened of late very willingly to the reverend Father Buzee, a Jesuit, and began very well to relish what he suggested. Yet there are some who say, that at the bottom he was void of all religion, and that whatever he pretended in it, was only for curiosity; or, as others say, out of policy, to make himself beloved by the Christians, who are pretty numerous in his artillery; but above all, to gain the affection of the Rajas, or sovereign Gentiles, that were tributary to the empire, and to make them of his party upon occasion. Mean time, this hath not much furthered his affairs; on the contrary, it will appear in the sequel of this history, that the pretence used by Aureng-Zebe, his third brother, to cut off his head, was, that he was turned Kafir, that is to say, an infidel, of no religion, an idolater.

Sultan Sujah, the second brother, was much of the humour of Dara, but he was more close and more settled, and had better conduct and dexterity. He was fit to manage an intrigue well, and he made, underhand, friends by the force of presents, which he heaped upon the great Omrahs, and principally upon the most powerful Rajas, as Jessonseigne, and some others; but he did somewhat too much indulge his pleasures, in entertaining an extraordinary number of women, among whom he spent whole days and nights in drinking, singing, and dancing. He made them presents of very rich apparel, and he increased or lessened their pensions according as the fancy took him; by which kind of life his affairs did languish, and the affections of many of his people cooled. He cast himself into the religion of the Persians; also Chah-Jehan, his father, and all his brothers, were of the Turkish.

'Tis known that Mahometanism is divided into several sects, which made that famous Check-Sady, author of the Goulistan, say in verse, which is to this effect in prose: "I am a dervich drinker, I seem to be without religion, and I am known of sixty-two sects." But of all those sects there are two principal ones, whose partizans are mortal enemies to one another. The one is that of the Turks, whom the Persians call Osman-tous, that is, sectators of Osman; they believing that 'tis he that was the true and lawful successor of Mahomet, the great caliph or sovereign priest, to whom alone it did appertain to interpret the Alcoran, and to decide the controversies to be met with in the law. The other is that of the Persians, whom the Turks call Chias, Rafezys, Aly-Merdans, that is, sectaries, heretics, partizans of Aly, because they believe, contrary to the belief of the Turks, that this succession and pontifical authority, which I just now intimated, was due only to Aly, the son-in-law of Mahomet. It was by reason of state that Sultan Sujah had embraced this latter sect, considering that all the Persians being Chias, and most of them, or their children, having the greatest power at the court of Mogul, and holding the most important places of the empire, he had most reason to hope, that, when occasion served, they would all take his part.

Aureng-Zebe, the third brother, had not that gallantry, nor surprising presence of Dara; he appeared more serious and melancholy, and was indeed much more judicious, understanding the world very well, and knowing whom to choose for his service and purpose, and where to bestow his favour and bounty most for his interest. He was

reserved, crafty, and exceedingly versed in dissembling; insomuch that for a long while he made profession to be fakire, that is, poor, dervise, or devout, renouncing the world, and feigning not to pretend at all to the crown, but to desire to pass his life in prayer and other devotions. In the mean time he failed not to make a party at court; especially when he was made Vice-King of Decan; but he did it with so much dexterity, art, and secrecy, that it could hardly be perceived. He also had the skill to maintain himself in the affection of Chah-Jehan his father, who, although he much loved Dara, could not forbear to shew that he esteemed Aureng-Zebe, and judged him capable to reign; which caused jealousy enough in Dara, who began to find it, insomuch that he could not hold from saying sometimes to his friends in private; "Of all my brothers, I apprehend only this Nemazi," that is, this bigot, this great praying-man.

Morad-Bakche, the youngest of all, was the least dextrous, and the least judicious. He cared for nothing but mirth and pastime, to drink, hunt, and shoot; yet he had some good qualities, for he was very civil and liberal; he gloried in it that he kept nothing secret; he despised cabals, and he bragged openly, that he trusted only in his arm and sword. In short, he was very brave, and if this bravery had been accompanied with some conduct, he would have carried the bell from all his brothers, and been King of Indostan; as will appear in what is to follow.

Concerning the two daughters, the eldest, Begum-Sahed, was very beautiful, and a great wit, passionately beloved of her father. It was even reported, that he loved her to that degree as is hardly to be imagined, and that he alleged for his excuse, that, according to the determination of his Mullahs, or doctors of his law, it was permitted a man to eat of the fruit of the tree he had planted. He had so great a confidence in her, that he had given her charge to watch over his safety, and to have an eye to all that came to his table; and she knew perfectly to manage his humour, and even in the most weighty affairs to bend him as she pleased. She was exceedingly enriched by great pensions, and by costly presents, which she received from all parts, for such negotiations as she employed herself in about her father; and she made also great expences, being of a very liberal and generous disposition. She stuck entirely to Dara her eldest brother, espoused cordially his part, and declared openly for him; which contributed not a little to make the affairs of Dara prosper, and to keep him in the affection of his father; for she supported him in all things, and advertized him of all occurrences: yet that was not so much because he was the eldest son, and she the eldest daughter (as the people believed), as because he had promised her, that as soon as he should come to the crown he would marry her; which is altogether extraordinary, and almost never practised in Indostan.

I shall not scruple to relate here some of the amours of this Princess, although shut up in a seraglio, and well kept, like other women; neither shall I apprehend that I may be thought to prepare matter for a romancer; for they are not amours like ours, followed by gallant and comical adventures, but attended with events dreadful and tragical.

Now it is reported, that this Princess found means to let a young gallant enter the seraglio, who was of no great quality, but proper, and of a good mind; but among such a number of jealous and envious persons, she could not carry on her business so privily but she was discovered. Chah-Jehan, her father, was soon advertized of it, and resolved to surprize her, under the pretence of giving her a visit, as he used to do. The Princess seeing him come unexpected, had no more time than to hide this unfortunate lover in one of the great chaldrons made to bathe in; which yet could not be so done.

done, but that Chah-Jehan suspected it. Mean time he quarrelled not with his daughter, but entertained her a pretty while, as he was wont to do; and at length told her, that he found her in a careless and less neat posture; that it was convenient she should wash herself, and bathe oftener, commanding presently, with somewhat a stern countenance, that forthwith a fire should be made under that chaldron, and he would not part thence before the eunuchs had brought him word that that unhappy man was dispatched. Some time after she took other measures; she chose for her Kanesaman, that is, her steward, a certain Persian called Nazer-kan, who was a young Omrah, the handsomest and most accomplished of the whole court, a man of courage and ambition, the darling of all; insomuch that Cha-Hestkan, uncle of Aureng-Zebe, proposed to marry him to the Princess: but Chah-Jehan received that proposition very ill; and besides, when he was told of some of the secret intrigues that had been formed, he resolved quickly to rid himself of Nazer-kan. He therefore presented to him, as it were to do him honour, a betele, which he could not refuse to chew presently, after the custom of the country. Betele is a little knot made up of very delicate leaves, and some other things, with a little chalk of sea-cockles, which maketh the mouth and lips of a vermilion colour, and the breath sweet and pleasing. This young lord thought of nothing less than being poisoned; he went away from the company very jocund and content into his Paleky, but the drug was so strong, that before he could come to his house, he was no more alive.

Rauchenara-Begum never passed for so handsome and spiritual as Begum-Saheb, but she was not less cheerful, and comely enough, and hated pleasures no more than her sister; but she addicted herself wholly to Aureng-Zebe, and consequently declared herself an enemy to Begum-Saheb and Dara. This was the cause that she had no great riches, nor any considerable share in the affairs of the state. Nevertheless, as she was in the seraglio, and wanted no wit and spies, she could not but discover many important matters, of which she gave secret advertisement to Aureng-Zebe. Chah-Jehan, some years before the troubles, finding himself charged with these four Princes, all come of age, all married, all pretending to the crown, enemies to one another, and each of them making secretly a party, was perplexed enough as to what was fittest for him to do; fearing danger to his own person, and foreseeing what afterwards befel him: for, to shut them up in Goualeor, which is a fortress where the Princes are ordinarily kept close, and which is held impregnable, it being situated upon an inaccessible rock, and having within itself good water, and provision enough for a garrison; that was not so easy a thing: they were too potent already, each of them having a princely train. And again, he could not handsomely remove them far off, without giving them some government fit for their birth; wherein he apprehended they would cantonize themselves, and become little independent kings, as actually they afterwards did. Nevertheless, fearing lest they should cut one another's throats before his eyes, if he kept them still at court, he at last concluded to send them away: and so he sent Sultan Sujah, his second son, into the kingdom of Bengal; his third, Aureng-Zebe, into Decan; and the youngest, Morad-Bakche, to Guzarat; giving to Dara, the eldest, Cabal and Multan. The three first went away very well content with their government; and there they acted each the sovereign, and retained all the revenues of their respective countries, entertaining great troops, under the pretence of bridling their subjects and neighbours.

As to Dara, because the eldest, and designed to the crown, he stirred not from the court; which that he should not do, seemed also to be the intention of Chah-Jehan, who entertained him in the hopes of succeeding him after his death. He even permitted them,

then, that orders were issued out by him, and that he might sit in a kind of throne, beneath his, among the Omrahs; so that it seemed, as if there were two kings together. But as it is very difficult for two sovereigns to agree, Chah-Jehan, though Dara shewed him great observance and affection, always harboured some diffidence, fearing above all things the Morfel; and besides, for as much as he knew the parts of Aureng-Zebe, and thought him more capable to reign than any of the rest, he had always (as they say) some particular correspondence with him.

This it is what I thought fit to premise concerning these four princes, and their father Chah-Jehan, because it is necessary for the understanding of all that follows. I esteemed also, that I was not to forget those two Princesses, as having been the most considerable actors in the tragedy; the women in the Indies taking very often, as well as at Constantinople and in many other places, the best part in the most important transactions, though men seldom take notice of it, and trouble their heads of seeking for other causes.

But to deliver this history with clearness, we must rise somewhat higher, and relate what passed some time before the troubles, between Aureng-Zebe, the King of Golkonda, and his visier Emir-Jemla; because this will discover to us the character and temper of Aureng-Zebe, who is to be the hero of this piece, and the King of the Indies. Let us then see after what manner Emir-Jemla proceeded to lay the first foundation of the royalty of Aureng-Zebe.

During the time that Aureng-Zebe was in Decan, the King of Golkonda had for his visier and general of his armies this Emir-Jemla, who was a Persian by nation, and very famous in the Indies. He was not a man of great extraction, but beaten in business, a person of excellent parts, and a great captain. He had the wit of amassing great treasures, not only by the administration of the affairs of this opulent kingdom, but also by navigation and trade, sending ships into very many parts, and causing the diamond mines, which he alone had farmed under many borrowed names, to be wrought with extraordinary diligence. So that people discoursed almost of nothing but of the riches of Emir-Jemla, and of the plenty of his diamonds, which were not reckoned but by sacks. He had also the skill to render himself very potent and considerable, entertaining, besides the armies of the King, very good troops for his particular, and above all a very good artillery, with abundance of Franguys or Christians to manage it. In a word, he grew so rich, and so puissant, especially after he had found a way to enter into the kingdom of Karnates, and to pillage all the ancient churches of the idols of that country, that the King of Golkonda became jealous of it, and prepared himself to unsaddle him; and that the more, because he could not bear what was reported of him, as if he had used too great familiarity with the Queen his mother, that was yet beautiful. Yet he discovered nothing of his design to any, having patience, and waiting till Emir came to the court, for he was then in the kingdom of Karnates with his army. But one day, when more particular news was brought him of what had passed between his mother and him, he had not power enough to dissemble any longer, but was transported by choler to fall to invectives and menaces; whereof Emir was soon made acquainted, having at the court abundance of his wife's kindred, and all his nearest relations and best friends possessing the principal offices. The King's mother also, who did not hate him, had speedy information of the same; which obliged Emir, without delay, to write to his only son Mahmet Emir-Kan, who then was about the King, requiring him to do the best he could to withdraw with all speed from the court, under some pretence of hunting or the like, and to come and join with him. Mahmet Emir-Kan failed not to attempt divers ways; but the King causing him to be narrowly observed, none of them

all would succeed. This very much perplexed Emir, and made him take a strange resolution, which cast the King in great danger to lose his crown and life; so true it is, that he who knows not to dissemble, knows not how to reign. He writ to Aureng-Zebe, who was then in Dualct-Abad, the capital of Decan, about fifteen or sixteen days' journey from Golkonda, giving him to understand, that the King of Golkonda did intend to ruin him and his family, notwithstanding the signal services he had done him, as all the world knew; which was an unexampled injustice and ingratitude; that this necessitated him to take his refuge to him, and to entreat him, that he would receive him into his protection; that for the rest, if he would follow his advice, and confide in him, he would so dispose affairs, that he would at once put into his hands both the King and kingdom of Golkonda. This thing he made very easy, using the following discourse: "You need but take four or five thousand horse, of the best of your army, and to march with expedition to Golkonda, spreading a rumour by the way, that it is an ambassador of Chah-Jehan that goes in haste, about considerable matters, to speak with the King at Bag-naguer." The Dabir, who is he that is first to be addressed unto, to make any thing known unto the King, is allied to me and my creature, and altogether mine; take care of nothing but to march with expedition, and I will so order it, that without making you known, you shall come to the gates of Bag-naguer; and when the King shall come out to receive the letters, according to custom, you may easily seize on him, and afterwards of all his family, and do with him what shall seem good to you, in regard that his house of Bag-naguer, where he commonly resides, is unwall'd and-unfortified. He added, that he would make this enterprize upon his own charges, offering him fifty thousand rupies a day (which is about five-and-twenty thousand crowns) during the whole time of the march.

Aureng-Zebe, who looked only for some such occasion, had no mind at all to lose so fair a one. He soon undertook the expedition, and did so fortunately manage his enterprize, that he arrived at Bag-naguer without being otherwise known than as an ambassador of Chah-Jehan. The King of Golkonda being advertised of the arrival of this pretended ambassador, came forth into a garden, according to custom, received him with honour, and having unfortunately put himself into the hands of his enemy, ten or twelve slaves, gurgis, were ready to fall upon and to seize his person, as had been projected; but that a certain Omrah, touched with tenderness, could not forbear to cry out, though he was of the party, and a creature of Emir, "Doth not Your Majesty see that this is Aureng-Zebe? Away, or you are taken." Whereat the King being affrighted, slips away, and gets hastily on horseback, riding with all his might to the fortrefs of Golkonda, which is but a short league from thence.

Aureng-Zebe, seeing he was defeated in his design, yet was not therefore discomposed; but seized at the same time on the royal house, taketh all the rich and good things he finds there; yet sending to the King all his wives, (which over all the Indies is very religiously observed,) and goeth to besiege him in his fortrefs. But as the siege, for want of having brought along all necessaries, held on long, and lasted above two months, he received order from Chah-Jehan to raise it, and to retire into Decan again; so that, although the fortrefs was reduced to extremities, for want of victuals and ammunition of war, he found himself obliged to abandon his enterprize. He knew very well, that it was Cara and Begum that had induced Chah-Jehan to send these orders, from the apprehension they entertained that he would become too powerful; but in the mean time he never discovered any resentment of it, saying only, that he ought to obey the orders of his father. Yet he withdrew not, without causing underhand payment to be made to him of all the charges of his expedition: besides, he married his son Sul-

tan Mahmoud to the eldest daughter of that King, with a promise that he would make him his successor, causing him also to give him for a dowry the fortresses and the appurtenances of Bamguyre. He also made the King consent, that all the silver money that should be coined for the future in that kingdom, should bear on one side the arms of Chah-Jehan; and that Emir-Jemla should withdraw, with his whole family, all his goods, troops, and artillery.

These two great men were not long together but they framed great designs. On the way they besieged and took Bider, one of the strongest and most important places of Vifapour; and thence they went to Daullet-Abad, where they contracted so intimate a friendship together, that Aureng-Zebe could not live without seeing Emir twice a day, nor Emir without seeing Aureng-Zebe. Their union began to cause a new face in all the affairs of those parts, and laid the first foundations of the royalty of Aureng-Zebe.

This Prince having used the art to make himself to be called to the court divers times, went with great and rich presents to Agra to Chah-Jehan, presenting him his service, and inducing him to make war against the King of Golkonda, and him of Vifapour, and against the Portuguese. At first he presented to him that great diamond, which is esteemed matchless; giving him to understand, that the precious stones of Golkonda were quite other things than those rocks of Kandahar; that there it was where the war ought to be made, to get the possession thereof, and to go as far as Cape Comery. Chah-Jehan, whether it were that he was dazzled by the diamonds of Emir, or whether he thought it fit, as some believe he did, to have an army in the field, somewhat to restrain Dara, whom he found active in making himself potent, and who with insolence had ill-treated the visier Sadullah-Kan, (whom Chah-Jehan passionately loved, and considered as the greatest statesman that had been in the Indies,) causing him even to be made away with poison, as a man not of his party, but inclined to Sultan Sujah; or rather, because he found him too powerful, and in a condition to be the umpire of the crown, if Chah-Jehan should de cease; or lastly, because being neither Persian, nor of Persian extraction, but an Indian, there were not wanting envious persons, who spread abroad, that he entertained in divers places numerous troops of Patans, very gallant men, and well paid, with a design to make himself King, or his son; or at least to expel the Moguls, and to restore to the throne the nation of the Patans, of whom he had taken his wife. However it be, Chah-Jehan resolved to send an army towards Decan, under the conduct of Emir-Jemla.

Dara, who saw the consequence of this affair, and that the sending of troops for those parts was to give strength to Aureng-Zebe, opposed it exceedingly, and did what he could to hinder it. Nevertheless, when he saw that Chah-Jehan was resolute for it, he at last thought it best to consent; but with this condition, that Aureng-Zebe should keep in Daullet-Abad, as governor only of the country, without meddling at all in the war, or pretending to govern the army; that Emir should be the absolute general, who for a pledge of his fidelity, was to leave his whole family at the court. Emir struggled enough within himself, whether he should agree to this last condition, but when Chah-Jehan desired him to give that satisfaction to Dara, and promised him, that after a little while he would send him back his wife and children, he consented, and marched into Decan towards Aureng-Zebe with a very gallant army, and without any stop entered into Vifapour, where he besieged a strong place called Kalliane.

The affairs of Indolitan were in that condition, as I have been relating, when Chah-Jehan fell dangerously sick. I shall not speak here of his sickness, much less relate the particulars of it: I shall only say this, that it was little suitable to a man of above seventy

years of age, who should rather think on preserving his strength, than to ruin it as he did. This sickness did soon alarm and trouble all Indostan. Mighty armies were levied in Dehly and Agra, the capitals of the empire. Sultan Sujah did the like in Bengal; and Aureng-Zebe in Decan; and Morad-Bakche in Guzaratte: all four assembled to themselves their allies and friends; all four write, promise, and form divers intrigues. Dara having surpris'd some of their letters, shewed them to Chah-Jehan, and made great noise about them; and his sister Begum failed not to make use of this occasion, to animate the King against them. But Chah-Jehan was diffident of Dara, and fearing to be poisoned, gave order, that particular care should be had of what was brought to his table. It was also said, that he wrote to Aureng-Zebe, and that Dara, being advertis'd thereof, could not forbear to menace, and to break into very passionate expressions. In the mean time the distemper of Chah-Jehan lingered, and it was bruited every where that he was dead. Whereupon the whole court was disorder'd, the whole town alarmed, the shops for many days shut up, and the four sons of the King made openly great preparations, each for himself: and to say truth, it was not without reason, that they all made ready for war; for they all very well knew, that there was no hopes of quarter, that there was no other way than to vanquish or die, to be King or undone, and that he that should be conqueror would rid himself of all the rest, as formerly Chah-Jehan had done of his brothers.

Sultan Sujah, who had heaped up great treasures in that rich kingdom of Bengal, ruining some of the Rajas or petty kings that are in those parts, and drawing great sums from others, took the field first of all with a puissant army, and in the confidence he had of all the Persian Omrahs, for the sect of whom he had declared himself, he boldly march'd towards Agra, giving out openly that Chah-Jehan was dead, that Dara had poisoned him, that he would revenge the death of his father, and, in a word, that he would be King. Dara desired Chah-Jehan to write himself to him, and to forbid him to advance farther; which he did, assuring him that his sickness was not at all dangerous, and that he was already much better. But he having friends at court, who assured him that the sickness of Chah-Jehan was mortal, he dissembled and ceased not to advance, saying still, that he knew very well Chah-Jehan was dead; and if he should be alive, he was desirous to come and kiss his feet, and to receive his commands.

Aureng-Zebe immediately after, if not at the same time, taketh the field also in Decan, maketh a great noise, and prepareth to march towards Agra. The same prohibition was made to him also, as well from Chah-Jehan, as from Dara, who threatened him. But he dissembled for the same reason that Sultan Sujah had done, and giveth the like answer. Mean time, finding that his treasure was low, and his soldiery very inconsiderable, he devised two artifices, which succeeded admirably well; the one, in regard of Morad-Bakche; the other, in respect of Emir-Jemla. To Morad-Bakche he writes with speed a very fair letter, importing, that he had always been his true and intimate friend; that as for himself, he laid no claim at all to the crown; that he might remember, he had all his life time made profession of a Fakire, but that Dara was a person incapable to govern a kingdom; that he was a Kafir, an idolater, and hated of all the greatest Omrahs; that Sultan Sujah was a Rafezy, an heretic, and by consequence an enemy to Indostan, and unworthy of the crown: so that, in a word, there was none but he (Morad-Bakche) that could reasonably pretend to the succession; that the crown did expect him; that the whole court, which was not ignorant of his valour, would be for him; and that for his particular, if he would promise him, that being King, he would give him leave to live quietly in some corner or other of his empire, there

to serve God the remainder of his days, he was ready to make a conjunction with him, to assist him with his council and friends, and to put into his hands his whole army, to fight Dara and Sultan Sujah; that in the mean time he sent him an hundred thousand rupies (which make about fifty thousand crowns of our * money) and prayed him to accept thereof as a pledge of his friendship; and that he would advise him to come with all possible speed to seize on the castle of Surat, where he knew to be the treasure of the land.

Morad-Bakche, who was neither too rich nor too powerful, received with much joy this proposition of Aureng-Zebe, and the hundred thousand rupies sent by him; and shewed Aureng-Zebe's letter to every body, thereby to oblige the flower of that country to take up arms for him, and the substantial merchants to lend him the more willingly, such sums of money as he demanded of them. He began in good earnest to act the King, made large promises to all; and, in short, did so well, that he set a good army on foot; of whom he singled out some three thousand, who, under the conduct of Chah-Abas, one of his eunuchs, but a valiant man, should go to besiege Surat.

Aureng-Zebe sent his eldest son, Sultan Mahmoud, (him whom he had married to the daughter of the King of Golkonda,) to Emir-Jemla, who was yet employed in the siege of Kaliane, to persuade him to come to him to Daulet-Abad, pretending to have matter of the greatest importance to communicate to him. Emir, who soon suspected his intentions, excused himself, saying openly, that Chah-Jehan was not dead, that he had fresh news of his being alive, and that besides, all his family being at Agra in the hands of Dara, he could by no means assist Aureng-Zebe, nor declare himself for him. Whereupon Sultan Mahmoud returned to Daulet-Abad, without effecting any thing, and very much dissatisfied with Emir. But Aureng-Zebe lost no courage for all that, but sent the second time to Emir; yet not Sultan Mahmoud, but Sultan Mazum, his second son, who presented to him his father's letter, and handled him with that dexterity, sweetness, and protestation of friendship, that it was not possible to resist him. Emir therefore pressed the siege of Kaliane, forced the besieged to surrender upon composition, took the choice of his army, and with all diligence went away with Sultan Mazum. At his arrival, Aureng-Zebe courted him in the highest degree, treating him no otherwise than with the name of Baba and Babagy, that is, father, lord-father; and after an hundred embraces, he took him aside, and told him (according to what I could learn from persons who knew of it) that it was not just, that having his family at court, he should adventure to do any thing in his behalf that might come to be known; but that after all, there was nothing so difficult but an expedient might be found. Give me leave therefore (said he) to propose to you a design, which at first will possibly surprize you; but since you apprehend the danger of your wife and children that are in hostage, the best way of providing for their security would be, to suffer me to seize on your person, and to put you in prison: It is out of doubt that all the world will believe it done in earnest: for who would imagine that such a person as you would be content to let yourself be laid in prison? In the interim, I could make use of part of your army and of your artillery, as you shall judge most proper and convenient: you also could furnish me with a sum of money, as you have frequently offered it; and besides, methinks I might tempt fortune farther, and we might together take our measures, to see in what manner I had best to demean myself; if you would also permit that I might cause you to be transported into the fortress of Doulet-Abad, where you should be master;

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and that there I might have you kept by my own son, Sultan Mazum, or Sultan Mahmoud; this would yet better palliate the matter, and I see not what Dara could justly say of it, nor how he could reasonably treat your wife and children ill.

Emir, whether it were by reason of the friendship he had sworn to Aureng-Zebe, or for the great promises made to him, or the apprehension he had, of seeing near him Sultan Mazum, who stood by very pensive and well armed, and Sultan Mahmoud, who looked grim upon him for his coming away at the solicitation of his brother, not at that of his, and had at his very entrance lift up his foot as if he would have hit him; whatever of these considerations might induce him, he consented to all that Aureng-Zebe desired, and approved of the expedient to suffer himself to be imprisoned, so that Aureng-Zebe was no sooner gone, but the great master of the artillery was sent to approach with some fierceness to Emir, and to command him in the name of Aureng-Zebe to follow him, locking him up in a chamber, and there giving him very good words, whilst all the soldiery that Aureng-Zebe had thereabout, went to their arms. The report of the detention of Emir-Jemla was no sooner spread, but a great tumult arose; and those whom he had brought along with him, although astonished, yet put themselves into a posture of rescuing him, and with their swords drawn, ran to force the guards, and the gate of his prison, which was easy for them to do; for Aureng-Zebe had not with him sufficient troops to make good so bold an enterprize; the only name of Emir-Jemla made all tremble. But the whole matter being altogether counterfeited, all these commotions were presently calmed by the intimations that were given to the chief officers of Emir's army, and by the presence of Aureng-Zebe, who there appeared very resolute with his two sons, and spoke now to one, then to another; and at last by promises and presents, liberally bestowed on those that were concerned. So that all the troops of Emir, and evenmost of those of Chah-Jehan, seeing things troubled, and being without their general, and believing Chah-Jehan to be dead, or at best desperately sick; considering also the ample promises made to them of augmenting their stipend, and of giving them at that very time three months advance, soon lifted themselves under Aureng-Zebe; who having seized on all the equipage of Emir, even his very camels and tents, took the field, resolved to march to the siege of Surat, and to hasten the taking it; where Morad-Bakche was exceedingly embarrassed, because that his best troops were employed there, and that he found more resistance in that place than he imagined. But Aureng-Zebe, after some days march, was informed, that the governor had surrendered the place; for which he sent congratulations to Morad-Bakche, acquainting him withal of his transactions with Emir-Jemla, and assuring him that he had forces and money enough, and very good intelligence at the court; that nothing was wanting; that he was directly going to Brampour and Agra; that he had expected him on the way, and therefore desired him to join with him.

It is true, that Morad-Bakche found not so much money in the fortrefs of Surat as he imagined, whether it were that really there was not so much as was reported, or whether the governor had diverted a part of it, as some believed; yet notwithstanding that little he found there was useful to him, to pay the soldiers that had lifted themselves in hopes of the advantages they should make of the imagined vast treasure of Surat. It is not less true, that he had no greater reason to boast of the taking of this place, in regard there was not any regular fortification about it; and yet his army had lain before it above a month, and would never have reduced it without the Hollanders, who furnished them with the invention of springing a mine, which, ruining a great side of the wall, cast the besieged into such a consternation, that it made them immediately surrender. The reduction of this town did much advance his design, from proclaiming immediately throughout

throughout these countries, that Morad-Bakche had taken Surat; that he had sprung a mine, which sounded very big among the Indians, who as yet do little understand that practice; and that there he had found a vast treasure. Notwithstanding this great noise, and all the first advantages, joined to all those frequent letters and great promises of Aureng-Zebe, the eunuch Chah-Abas, a man of good sense, of a great heart, and exceedingly affectionate to the service of his master, was not of opinion that Morad-Bakche should so much tie himself in interest to Aureng-Zebe, or precipitate his conjunction with him, but advised, that he should amuse him with words, and let him advance alone towards Agra; that in the mean time there would come certain news of the sickness of Chan-Jehan; that he should first see what channel affairs would run in; that he should fortify Surat, as a very good post, able to render him master of a very large and rich country; and that perhaps in time he might seize Brampour, which is a very considerable passage of a river, and as it were a bar of Decan. But the continual letters and protestations of Aureng-Zebe, joined to the small forces, artillery, and treasure of Morad-Bakche, blinded with an excessive ambition to reign, made him regardless of all other considerations; so that he went away from Amadevad, abandoned Guzaratte, and took his way through the woods and mountains, with all expedition, to be at the rendezvous, where Aureng-Zebe had looked for him these two or three days.

Great solemnities of joy were made at the conjunction of the two armies, the Princes visited one another, Aureng-Zebe made a hundred protestations and no less promises to Morad-Bakche, assured him afresh, and solemnly, of his not caring for the crown, as also of his being there for no other end than to assist him against Dara, their common enemy, and to place him in the throne, which expected him.

Upon this interview, and confirmation of friendship, both armies marched together, Aureng-Zebe continuing always, during the march, in the protestations of friendship, and in his courtship to Morad-Bakche, treating him never otherwise, whether in public or private, but with the title of Hazaret, that is, king and majesty: so that Morad-Bakche was fully persuaded that Aureng-Zebe meant sincerely, from an excess of affection towards him; whence he even willingly, and without ceremony, suffered the submissions and respects he shewed him; instead of remembering what had lately passed at Golkonda, and of considering, that he, who had thus hazarded himself with so much boldness to usurp a kingdom, was not of a temper to live and die a Fakire.

These two armies thus joined made a body considerable enough, which begot a great noise at court, and gave cause of thoughtfulness, not only to Dara, but to Chah-Jehan himself, who knew the great parts and subtle conduct of Aureng-Zebe, and the courage of Morad-Bakche; and who foresaw very well, that a fire was kindling, which would be very hard to quench. It was to no purpose to write letters upon letters, signifying that he was well, and giving order that they should turn back to their respective governments, and expressing also, that he would forget all that had passed hitherto. All his letters were not able to hinder their advance; and as the sickness of Chah-Jehan did still pass for mortal, there being no persons wanting to bring and spread such news, they still continued to dissemble, giving out, that they were letters counterfeited by Dara, that Chah-Jehan was dead indeed; but that in case he were alive, they would go to kiss his feet, and deliver him from the hands of Dara.

What then should Chah-Jehan this unfortunate king do, who seeth that his sons have no regard to his orders; who is informed at all hours, that they march apace towards Agra, at the head of their armies, and who, in this conjuncture, finds himself sick to boot in the hands of Dara, that is, of a man who breatheth nothing but war; who pre-
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pareth for it with all imaginable earnestness, and with all the marks of an enraged resentment against his brothers? But what could he do in this extremity? He is constrained to abandon to them his treasures, and to leave them to their disposal. He is forced to send for his old and most trusty captains, whom he knows for the most part to be not very affectionate to Dara; he must command them to fight for Dara, against his own blood, his own children, and those for whom he hath more esteem than for Dara; he is obliged forthwith to send an army against Sultan Sujah, because it is he that is most advanced; and he is to send another against Aureng-Zebe and Morad-Bakche, who no less are marching towards him.

Soliman Chekough, the eldest son of Dara, a young Prince of about five and twenty years of age, very proper of body, and of good parts and conduct, generous, liberal, and universally beloved, especially of Chah-Jehan, who had already enriched him, and who considered him rather for his successor than Dara, was he that was made general of this army against Sujah. Nevertheless Chah-Jehan, who wished much rather that Sujah were returned to Bengal, than that the matter should be tried by a bloody combat, which could not but be very tragical, and wherein he run the hazard of losing one or other of his sons, gave him for companion an ancient Raja, called Jesseigne, who is at present one of the powerfulest and richest Rajas of all Indostan, and one of the ablest in the whole kingdom, with a secret order not to fight, except it were altogether unavoidable; as also to endeavour by all means to induce Sujah to retire, and to reserve his forces for a better occasion; that is to say, after they should have seen the event of the sickness of Chah-Jehan, and the success of Aureng-Zebe, and of Morad-Bakche. But this young Prince, Soliman Chekough, full of heat and courage, breathing after nothing but to signalize himself by some great action; and Sultan Sujah fearing lest Aureng-Zebe gaining a battle should first make himself master of the capital towns of the empire, Agra and Dehly; it was impossible for the Raja Jesseigne to keep them from a combat. The two armies are no sooner in fight of one another, but they prepare to fall on, and they were not long from giving some volleys of cannon. I shall not relate the particulars of this fight; for besides that the narration of it would be too long and tedious, in the sequel of this history we shall be obliged to describe more considerable ones, by which the reader will be able to judge of this. It is sufficient to know in general, that the first onset was very sharp and obstinate on both sides, but that at length Soliman Chekough did urge Sujah with that force and vigour, that he disordered him, and made him fly: so that if Jesseigne, and the Patan Delil-kan, who was one of the first captains and a valiant man, but an intimate friend of the Raja, and did not act but being moved by him, had seconded him in good earnest, it is thought the whole army of Sujah would have been defeated, and himself in danger of being taken: but that was not the design of the Raja to destroy him, no more than it was that of Chah-Jehan, who had given him orders to the contrary. Thus then had Sujah time to retreat, and that without losing any considerable number of his men; yet because Soliman Chekough kept the field, and brought away some pieces of artillery, it was presently bruited at court, that Sujah had been totally overthrown. This defeat purchased great reputation to Soliman Chekough, lessened much the esteem of Sultan Sujah, and cooled exceedingly all the Persians that had an inclination for him.

After some days were spent in the pursuit of Sujah, the Prince Soliman Chekough, who every day received news from the court, and who learned that Aureng-Zebe and Morad-Bakche did approach with great resolution, well knowing that his father Dara had no great stock of prudence, but good store of secret enemies, resolved to quit the pursuit of Sultan Sujah, and with all speed to return to Agra, where, in all appearance, Dara was

to give battle against Aureng-Zebe and Morad-Bakche. This was the best counsel he could take, for no man doubts, that if he could have been there in good time, Aureng-Zebe would not have had the advantage; and it is even believed, he would never have hazarded the combat, the party being too unequal; but the bad fortune of Dara did not permit it.

Whilst all that was thus transacted towards Elabas, which is the place where the Gemna is joined to the Ganges, the scene was very different on the side of Agra. At the court they were much surprized to hear that Aureng-Zebe had passed the river of Brampour, and all the other passages that were most difficult between the mountains; so that with all haste they sent away some troops to dispute with him the passage of the river Eugenes, whilst the whole army was making ready. For which purpose there were chosen two of the most considerable and the most powerful of the kingdom to command it; the one was Kafem-Kan, a renowned captain, and very affectionate to Chah-Jehan, but one that had no great inclination to Dara, and who went not but to oblige Chah-Jehan, whom he saw in the hands of Dara: the other was Jessomfeigne, a potent Raja, not inferior to Jesseigne, and son-in-law to that Raja Rana, who was at the time of Ekbar so puissant, as if he had been the Emperor of the Rajas. Dara at their farewell expressed to them great kindness, and presented them nobly; but Chah-Jehan took his time, before their departure, to charge them in secret, as he had done the Raja Jesseigne, when he went away in the expedition against Sultan Sujah with Soliman Chekouh. Neither were they wanting, in their march, to send several times to Aureng-Zebe and Morad-Bakche, to persuade them to turn back: but this was in vain, their envoys came not again, and the army advanced with that diligence, that they saw it much sooner than they thought upon a rising ground, not far remote from the river.

It being then summer, and the season of the greatest heats, the river was fordable; which was the cause, that at the same time Kafem-Kan and the Raja prepared themselves to give battle; besides that, they soon knew the resolution of Aureng-Zebe, that he would force them, since that, although his army was not all come up, he gave them some volleys of cannon; his design being to amuse them, fearing lest they themselves should pass the river, not only to prevent his passage, but also to hinder his army from reposing, and from taking an advantageous post; which was indeed in great disorder, and so tired by their march, and so faint by the heat, that if at the very first it had been assaulted, and kept from passing the water, it would doubtless have been routed without much resistance. I was not by in this first encounter, but thus it was generally discoursed of, and it agreeth with the after-relation of many of our Frenchmen, who served Aureng-Zebe in the artillery. But they were content to stay at the river side, to keep Aureng-Zebe from passing it, according to the order they had received.

After that Aureng-Zebe had let his army rest two or three days, and by amusing the enemy, had fitted it to pass the river, he made his whole artillery play, which was very well placed; and he commanded, that under the cover of the cannon they should pass the river. Kafem-Kan and the Raja, on their part, discharged theirs also, and did what they could to repulse the enemy, and to keep him from passing. The combat was sharp enough at first, and very obstinately maintained by the extraordinary valour of Jessomfeigne. For as to Kafem-Kan, although a great captain, and a stout man, he gave no great proof of his valour on this occasion; yea, some accuse him of treachery, charging him that he had in the night caused the bullets and powder to be hid under the sand, there being no more of them to be found after two or three discharges.

discharges. However it be, the combat, for all that, was, as I said, very resolutely carried on, and the passage long disputed. There were rocks in the bed of the river, which did much embarrass, and the banks in many places were very high and difficult to climb up; but at last, Morad-Bakehe cast himself into the water with so much resolution and force, and shewed so much valour and boldness, that there was no resisting of him. He passed over, and with him a good part of the army, which made Kafem-Kan to give back, and cast Jessomfeigne into great danger of his person. For by and by he found the whole body of the enemy upon him, and without the extraordinary resolution of his Rajpous, who almost all were killed about him, he had been a dead man. One may judge of the great danger he was in upon this occasion, by this, that after he had disengaged himself as well as he could, and was come back to his own, not daring to return to Agra, because of the great loss he had suffered, of seven or eight thousand Rajpous, he had but five or six hundred of them remaining.

These Rajpous, who take their name from the Rajas, that is to say, the children of the Rajas, are from father to son such men as make the sword their profession. The Rajas, whose subjects they are, do assign them lands for their subsistence, on condition to be always ready to go to war when summoned. So that one might say, that they were a sort of pagan nobles, if the Rajas gave them their lands in propriety for them and their children. They are great takers of opium; and I have sometimes wondered at the quantity I have seen them take: they accustom themselves to it from their youth. On the day of battle they double the dose, this drug animating, or rather inebriating them, and making them insensible of danger; inso much that they cast themselves into the combat like so many furious beasts, not knowing what it is to run away, but dying at the feet of the Raja, when he stands to it. They want nothing but order; resolution they have enough. It is a pleasure thus to see them, with the fume of opium in their head, to embrace one another, when the battle is to begin, and to give their mutual farewells, as men resolved to die. And that they do for this reason; that the Great Mogul, though a Mahometan, and by consequence an enemy of the heathen, yet for all that entertains always a good number of Rajas in his service, whom he considers as his other Omrahs, and employs in his armies as if they were Mahometans.

I cannot forbear to relate here the fierce reception which the daughter of the Rana gave to her husband Jessomfeigne, after his defeat and flight. When she heard that he was nigh, and had understood what had passed in the battle; that he had fought with all possible courage; that he had but four or five hundred men left; and that at last, not being able to resist any longer the enemy, he had been obliged to retreat: she, instead of sending one to receive him, and to console him in his misfortunes, commanded in a dry mood to shut the gates of the castle, and not to let this infamous man enter; that he was not her husband; that she would never see him; that the son-in-law of the great Rana could not have so low a soul; that he was to remember, that being grafted into so illustrious an house, he was to imitate the virtue of it; and in a word, that he was either to vanquish or die. A moment after she was of another humour; she commands a pile of wood to be laid, that she might burn herself; that they abused her; saying, that her husband must needs be dead; that it could not be otherwise. And a little while after this, she was seen to change her countenance, to fall into passion, and to break out into a thousand reproaches against him. In short, she remained thus transported eight or nine days, without being able to resolve to see her husband, till at last her mother coming in, brought her in some degree to herself, and comforted her, assuring her, that as soon as the Raja had but a little refreshed himself,

himself, he would raise another army, to fight Aureng-Zebe, and repair his honour at any rate.

By which story one may see a pattern of the courage of the women in that country ; to which I could add something I have seen some of them do, who burned themselves alive after the death of their husbands ; but we must reserve this discourse for another place, where I shall also shew, that there is nothing which opinion, prepossession, custom, hope, and the point of honour, &c. may not make men do or suffer.

Dara having understood what had passed at Eugenes, fell into that choler against Kafem-Kan, that it was thought he would have cut off his head, if he had been upon the place. He was also transported against Emir-Jemla, as the person who was the first and principal cause of the misfortune, and who had furnished Aureng-Zebe with men, money, and cannon. He is ready to kill his son Mahmet Emir-Kan, and will send his wife and daughter to Bafar, or the market-place of prostituted women ; and it is past doubt, that he would have done some such thing, if Chah-Jehan, with much art and prudence, had not moderated the excess of his passion, in remonstrating to him, that Emir-Jemla had not so little conduct, nor so great a friendship for Aureng-Zebe, as to hazard, and in a manner to sacrifice his family, for the advancing of his interest ; that Aureng-Zebe must needs have gulled and enlured him, by his usual artifice and cunning.

As for Aureng-Zebe and Morad-Bakche, the happy success of this first encounter did so swell their hearts, and gave such courage to their whole army, that henceforth they believed themselves invincible, and capable to compass any thing. Besides, Aureng-Zebe, the more to animate his soldiers, bragged openly, that he had thirty thousand Moguls at his devotion in the army of Dara ; and there was something in it, as appeared by the sequel. Morad-Bakche was for nothing but fighting, and would march with all diligence : but Aureng-Zebe represented to him, that it was necessary the army should refresh themselves for some time upon the banks of this sweet river ; that in the mean time he would write to all his friends, and get a full and certain information of the state of the court, and of the condition of all affairs. So that he marched not towards Agra till he had rested some days, and after that he marched but slowly, to inform himself of all, and to take his time and measures.

Concerning Chah-Jehan, when he plainly saw the resolution of Aureng-Zebe and Morad-Bakche, and that there was no hope left to make him turn back, he was in such a perplexity, that he knew not what to resolve, and foreseeing some great calamity, he would fain have hindered the last decisive battle, for which he saw Dara preparing himself with great eagerness. But what could he do to oppose it ? He was yet too weak of his sickness, and saw himself still in the hands of Dara, whom, as I have said, he trusted not much : so that he found himself obliged to acquiesce in his will, and to commit to him all the forces of the empire, and to command all captains to obey him. Immediately all was in arms. I know not whether there was ever a more gallant army seen in Indostan. It is said that there were little less than an hundred thousand horse, and twenty thousand foot, with four thousand pieces of cannon, without reckoning the incredible number of servants, followers, victuallers, whom historians, methinks, do often put into the number of the combatants, when they speak of those formidable armies of three or four hundred thousand men, of which their books are full. Though this army was very brave, and strong enough to cut in pieces two or three of such as Aureng-Zebe had, in which there were no more than thirty-five or forty thousand men in all, and these tired and harassed by a very long and irksome march, during the height of the heats ; and but a small number of

cannon, in respect of that of Dara. Mean time (which seems hard to believe) there was scarce any body that presaged well for Dara, all knowing, that most of the chief Omrahs had no affection for him, and that all the good soldiers that were for him, and whom he might confide in, were in the army of Soliman Chekouh, his son. And it was for this reason, that the most prudent and the most faithful of his friends, and Chah-Jehan himself, counselled him not to hazard a battle: Chah-Jehan offering, as infirm as he was, that he would go into the field himself, and be carried before Aureng-Zebe to interpose; which was looked upon as a very good expedient for peace, and for accommodating the affairs of Chah-Jehan. For it is certain, that Aureng-Zebe and Morad-Bakche would never have had the boldness to fight against their own father; and if they should have attempted it, they would have smarted for it, because, besides that the match was not equal, and all the great Omrahs were so affectionate to Chah-Jehan, that they would not have failed to fight resolutely, if they had seen him in the head of the army; besides this, I say, the captains themselves of Aureng-Zebe and Morad-Bakche, bore great affection and respect to this Prince, whose creatures they most were; and the whole army, in a manner, was his. So that in all appearance, not one of them would have presumed to draw his sword against him, nor he been at the pains of drawing his.

Then they advised Dara, that if he would not hearken to this expedient, he should at least not precipitate the business, but delay till Soliman Chekouh, who made all haste to join, were come in. Which was also very good counsel, in regard that that Prince was beloved of all, and was lately come home victorious, and had the most faithful and the bravest soldiers with him. But Dara would never hearken to any proposition that could be made to him, and he thought on nothing else but to give battle presently, and to go against Aureng-Zebe in person. And possibly he did not amiss, as to his own honour and particular interest, if he could have commanded fortune, and made things succeed as he contrived them. For the considerations he had (as he could not forbear now and then to discover) were some such as these.

He looked upon himself as master of the person of Chah-Jehan; that he could dispose of him as he pleased; that he was also possessor of all the treasures and forces of the empire; that Sultan Sujah was half ruined; that his two other brothers, with a weak and tired army, were come to cast themselves into his hands; that if he gained the battle, they could not escape him; that he should all at once be absolute master, and at the end of all his troubles, and at the height of his wishes, so as nobody could contradict him in any thing, or dispute the crown with him. Whereas, if Chah-Jehan should take the field, all affairs would be accommodated, his brothers would return to their government, Chah-Jehan, who began to recover his health, would resume the government as before, and all things would return into their first channel; that if he should stay for Soliman Chekouh, his son, Chah-Jehan might take some design to his disadvantage, or contrive something with Aureng-Zebe; that whatever he could do for gaining the victory, the reputation which Soliman Chekouh had purchased, would still give him all the honour of it. And after that, what would not he be capable to undertake, swelled with so much glory and success, and especially being supported, as he was, by the favour and affection of Chah-Jehan, and of the greatest part of the Omrahs? What did he know, whether he would keep any modesty, or any respect for him, and whither his ambition might not carry him?

These considerations made Dara resolve to stand out against the counsel of all, and to pursue his point. And for that purpose, he commanded immediately the whole army to take the field, and thereupon came to take leave of Chah-Jehan, who was in

the fortress of Agra. This good old man was ready to melt in tears, when he embraced him; but withal failed not to represent to him, with a very grave countenance: Well, Dara, since thou art resolved to follow thine own will, go, God bless thee, but remember well these few words, If thou losest the battle, take heed of ever coming into my presence. But this made no great impression upon him; he goeth forth briskly, taketh horse, and seizeth on the passage of the river Tchembel, which is about twenty miles from Agra; where he fortified himself, expecting his enemy. But the subtle and crafty Fakire*, who wanted no good spies, and people that gave him intelligence of all, and who knew that the passage was there very difficult, took good heed to attempt the forcing it. He came to encamp himself near it, so that from the camp of Dara one might discover his tents. But what doth he in the mean time? He inveigles a certain rebel of Raja, called Chempet, presents him richly, and promiseth him a thousand fine things, if he would let him pass through his territories, that so he might go with speed to gain a certain place, where he knew that the river might be passed on foot with ease. Chempet agreeth, and offers of his own accord, that he would himself attend him, and shew him the way through the woods and hills of his country. Aureng-Zebe raised his camp the same night, without any noise, leaving some of his tents to amuse Dara, and marching night and day, made such haste, that he was almost as soon on the other side of the river, as Dara could have notice of it. Which obliged Dara to abandon the river there, and to leave all his fortifications, and to follow his enemy, who, he was told, did advance with great diligence towards Agra, to gain the river of Gemna, and there without trouble, and at his ease, to enjoy the water, to fortify, and to fix himself well, and so to expect Dara. The place where he encamped is but five leagues from Agra, it was formerly called Samonguer, and now Fate-abad, which is to say, Place of Victory. A little while after, Dara also came to encamp there, nigh the bank of the same river, between Agra and the army of Aureng-Zebe.

The two armies were there between three and four days in sight of one another, without fighting. Meantime Chah-Jehan wrote several letters to Dara, that Soliman Chekouh was not far off; that he should not precipitate; that he should come near Agra, and chuse an advantageous place to fortify himself till he came. But Dara answered, that before three days were passed, he would bring to him Aureng-Zebe and Morad-Bakche, tied hand and foot, to do with them what he should see fit. And without expecting any longer, he began at that very hour to prepare for battle array.

He placed in the front all his cannon, causing them to be tied together with other with chains, to shut the passage of the cavalry. Behind them he placed men, he placed also front-ways a great number of light camels, on the forepart of the bodies whereof they fasten a small piece, of the bigness of a double musket; a man sitting on the hind part of the camel, being able to charge and discharge without lighting. Behind these camels stood the greatest part of the musqueteers. Of the rest of the army, which chiefly consisted in cavalry, furnished with bows and arrows, (as ordinarily are the Moguls, that is, at present, white men, Mahometans, strangers, as Persians, Turks, Arabians, and Usbecks;) or with a sword, and a kind of half-pike, as commonly are the Rajpous. Of all these, I say, there were made three different bodies. The right wing was committed to Cahil-ullah-Kan, with thirty thousand Moguls under his command; for he was made great bakhis, that is, great master of the cavalry,

* Aureng-Zebe.

in the place of Danechmend-Kan, that was afterwards made Aga, who voluntarily resigned this office, seeing that he was not well beloved of Dara, for having always highly maintained against him the interest and authority of Chah-Jehan. The left wing was given to Rustam-Kan-Dakny, a very renowned and very valiant captain, together with the Raja Chatrefale, and the Raja Ramfigne Routi.

On the other side, Aureng-Zebe and Morad-Bakehe put also their army almost into the same order; except that in the midst of the troops of some Omrahs, they had hid some small field pieces, which was, as was said, after the way and art of Emir-Jemla, and with no ill effect.

They hardly made use of any more art, than what hath been now related; only they placed here and there some men casting bannes, which is a kind of granado fastened to a stick, that may be cast very far through the cavalry, and which extremely terrifieth horses, and even hurts and kills sometimes.

All this cavalry turns about very easily, and they draw their arrows with marvellous swiftness; one man being able to draw six of them, before a musqueteer can twice discharge his musket. The same cavalry keeps also very close in several troops under their respective officers, especially when they are going to fight hand to hand. But after all, I see not that this way of putting an army in array is any great matter, in comparison of our armies, when in good order.

All things being thus disposed, the artillery began to play on both sides; for it is always the cannon that makes a prelude amongst them; and the arrows were now seen to fly through the air, when unexpectedly there happened to fall a storm of rain, so violent, that it interrupted the combat. The rain ceasing, the cannon began afresh to roar; and then it was that Dara appeared, who being mounted upon a proud elephant of Ceilau, commanded that an onset should be made on all sides; and himself advanced into the midst of the body of the cavalry, directly towards the enemies artillery, who received him warmly, killed store of his men about him, and put into disorder, not only the main body which he commanded, but also the other bodies of the cavalry that followed him. Yet notwithstanding, because he was seen to keep firm upon his elephant, without any appearance of giving back, and was observed to look every where about him with an undaunted look, and to make signs with his hands to advance and to follow him, this disorder soon ceased, every one resuming his rank, and advancing in the same pace with Dara. But he could not reach the enemy, without receiving another volley of cannon shot, which caused a second and great disorder in his men, and made a good part of them recoil; yet he, without any change in his countenance, stood to it, encouraging his troops, and gave still signs that they should follow him, and advance with speed, without any loss of time. Thus pressing vigorously forward, he forced the enemy's artillery, broke the chains, entered into their camp, and made a rout in their camels and infantry, and in every thing he met with on that side; opening also a good passage to the cavalry that followed him. Then it was that the enemy's cavalry facing him, a fore combat began. A shower of arrows filled the air from both sides, Dara himself putting his hand to that work; but to say truth, these arrows do but little execution, more of them are lost in the air, or broken on the ground, than hit. The first discharge of arrows being made, they fought hand to hand with their sabres, pell-mell, and the combat was stoutly maintained on both sides. Dara is still seen to continue firm on his elephant, encouraging, making a noise, and giving signs on all sides; and at last advancing with so much resolution and force, against all that opposed him in his march, that he overthrew the cavalry, and made them to retire and run away.

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Aureng-Zebe, who was not far from thence, and mounted also on an elephant, seeing this great disorder, was in great trouble, and laboured with all his might to remedy it, but to no purpose. He made the main body of his best cavalry advance, to try whether he could make head against Dara; but it was not long before this body also was forced to give back, and to retreat in great disorder, whatever Aureng-Zebe could say or do to hinder it. Meantime let us take notice of his courage and resolution. He saw that almost the whole body of his army was disordered, and in a flying posture, inasmuch that he had not a thousand men about him that kept their standing (some told me, that there were scarce five hundred). He saw that Dara, notwithstanding the difficulty of the way, which was uneven, and full of holes in divers places, made as if he would rush in upon him; yet, for all this, he lost no courage, and was so far from being struck with fear, or from retreating, that he stood firmly to it, and called by name most of his captains that were about him, crying out to them, *Delirane Kodabe* (these are his own words), that is, "Courage my old friends, God is. What hope is there in flying? Know you not, where is our Decan? *Kodabe, Kodabe*; God is, God is." And that none might doubt of his being undaunted, and that he thought on nothing less than running away, he commanded before them all (oh strange extremity!), that forthwith chains should be fastened to the feet of his elephant; and was going to fasten them in good earnest, but that they all declare their courage and resolution to live and die with him.

Dara in the interim endeavoured to advance upon Aureng-Zebe, though he was yet at a good distance from him; and though the difficulty of the way embarrassed and retarded him much, he meeting also with some resistance, even from those disordered horse of the enemy that covered all high and low places where he was to march. And this encounter with Aureng-Zebe was looked upon as the thing that was to assure Dara of the victory, and to decide the battle. And doubtless he would have overcome all these difficulties, and Aureng-Zebe, with the small number left him, would not have been able to bid head to this victorious army, if Dara had known how to profit of the prize he had in his hands. But here he failed, of which I shall now shew the occasion, and how thereby the scale was turned to Aureng-Zebe's advantage.

Dara perceived that his left wing was in great disorder, and he was informed, that Rustam-Kan and Chatrefale were killed; that Ramseigne Routlé had too far advanced, that he had indeed forced the enemy, and made way through the midst of them; but that now he was surrounded every way, and in very great danger. This it was which made Dara desist from his design of making directly towards Aureng-Zebe, that he might go to succour his left wing. There at first the battle was also very sharp, but Dara at last carried it, forcing and routing all, yet so as that there still remained something that resisted and stopped him. Meantime, Ramseigne Routlé fought with so much courage and vigour as was possible. He wounded Morad-Bakche, and came so near him, that he began to cut the girdles of his elephant, to make him fall down; but the valour and good fortune of Morad-Bakche gave not time enough for it. In short, never any man fought and defended himself more bravely than Morad-Bakche did on this occasion. All wounded as he was, and pressed by the Rajipous of Ramseigne Routlé, who were round about him, he was not daunted, nor gave way in the least, but knew so well to take his time, that although he was, besides defending himself, to cover with his shield a son of his, but of seven or eight years of age, who was sitting on his shield, he made an arrow-shot so luckily at Ramseigne Routlé, that it made him fall dead to the ground.

Dara soon heard the sad news of this accident; but at the same time he understood also, that Morad-Bakche was in very great danger, the Rajipous fighting furiously, and like lions, to revenge the death of their master. And though he saw on that side the way was very difficult, and that he still found some small body opposing and retarding him; yet he was determined to rush through to Morad-Bakche. And doubtless this was the best he could do, and that which was capable to repair the fault he had committed in not doing his business thoroughly with Aureng-Zebe. But his bad fortune kept him from it, or rather one of the blackest treacheries that ever was imagined, and the greatest oversight that was ever committed, did cause the entire loss and ruin of Dara.

Calil-ullah-Kan (he that commanded the thirty thousand Moguls which made the right wing, and were alone able to defeat the whole army of Aureng-Zebe) did, whilst Dara and his left wing fought with so much courage and success, keep off, as idle as if he were not concerned in the fray, nor permitting any one of his horsemen to shoot an arrow, with a pretence, that they were for a reserve, and that he had express order not to fight but in the last extremity. But the true cause was, that he reserved in his breast the rancour of an old affront done him by Dara, when he commanded him to be struck. But after all, this treachery would have done no great mischief, if this infamous man had contented himself with this first effect of his resentment. Behold how far he carried his rage and revengefulness! He cut himself off from his main body, and taking only a few men with him, rid with all possible speed towards Dara, at the same time when he was turning to fall on Morad-Bakche; and being come so near as to make himself to be heard, cried out with all his force, *Mohbareckbad, Hazaret, Salamet, Elhamd-ul-ellab*; "God save Your Majesty, you have obtained the victory; what will you do any longer upon your elephant? Is it not enough that you have exposed yourself so long? If the least of those shots that have been made into your Dais had reached your person, what would have become of us? Are there traitors wanting in this army? In the name of God come down quickly and take horse. What remains now to be done, than to pursue those run-aways. Let us do so, nor let us suffer that they should escape our hands."

If Dara had had wit enough to discover the cheat, and to consider upon a sudden the consequences of his not appearing any more upon the elephant, and being no more seen by the whole army, always eyeing him, or rather, if he had presently commanded to cut off the head of this parasitical traitor, he had been master of all. But the good Prince suffered himself to be blinded by these sweet words: he hearkened to this advice, as if it had been very true and very sincere; he descended from his elephant and took horse. But I know not whether there passed one quarter of an hour, but he perceived the treachery of Calil-ullah-Kan, and repented himself extremely of the great fault he had committed. He looks about him, he seeketh, he asketh where he is; he saith he is a traitor, he will kill him. But the perfidious villain is by this time at a good distance; the occasion is lost. Would it be believed, that as soon as the army perceived Dara to be no more upon the elephant, they imagined that there was treason, that Dara was killed; and all were struck with such a terror, that every one thought on nothing but how to escape the hands of Aureng-Zebe, and to save himself. What shall I say? All the army disbanded and fled. A sudden and strange revolution! He that saw himself just now victorious, finds himself in a few moments vanquished, abandoned, and obliged to fly himself to save his life. Aureng-Zebe, by holding out firm a quarter of an hour upon his elephant, seeth the crown of Indostan upon his head; and Dara, for having
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come down a little too soon, seeth himself precipitated from the throne, and the most unfortunate Prince of the world. Thus fortune taketh pleasure to make the gain or loss of a battle, and the decision of a great empire, depend upon a nothing.

These great and prodigious armies, it is true, do sometimes great things; but when once terror seizeth, and disorder comes among them, what means of stopping the commotion? It is like a great river broke through its dams; it must over-run all, without a remedy. Whence it is, that as often as I consider the condition of such armies, destitute of good order, and marching like flocks of sheep, I persuade myself, that, if in these parts one might see an army of five-and-twenty thousand men, of those old troops of Flanders, under the conduct of Monsieur le Prince, or of Monsieur de Turenne, I doubt not at all but they would trample under foot all those armies, how numerous soever they were. And this it is that now maketh me not find it any longer strange or incredible, what we are told of ten thousand Greeks; and of fifty thousand men of Alexander, overcoming six or seven hundred thousand men of Darius (if it be true that there were so many, and that the historian did not reckon the servants, and all those number of men which were to follow the army, to furnish it with forage, cattie, corn, and all other necessaries). Bear only the first brunt, which would be no very difficult thing for us to do, and behold, they are all astonished. Or do like Alexander, set vigorously upon one place, if that hold not out (which will be very hard of them to do), you may be sure the work is done; all the rest presently take fright and flight together.

Aureng-Zebe, encouraged by such a wonderful success, is not wanting to turn every stone, to employ skill, dexterity, subtilty, craft, courage, to profit by all the advantages which so favourable an occasion put into his hands. Calil-ullah-Kan is presently with him, offering him his service, and all the troops he could be master of. He, on his side, wants not words of thanks and acknowledgements, nor a thousand fair promises; but he was very cautious to receive him in his own name; he carried him presently and presented him to Morad-Bakche, who, as we may easily think, received him with open arms; Aureng-Zebe in the mean time congratulating and praising Morad-Bakche, for having fought so valiantly, and ascribing to him all the honour of the victory; treating him with the title of King and Majesty before Calil-ullah-Kan, giving him uncommon respect, and doing submissions to him becoming a subject and servant. In the interim, he labours night and day for himself; he writeth round about to all the Omrahs, making sure to-day of one, and the next day of another. Chah-heft-Kan, his uncle, the great and old enemy of Dara, by reason of an affront he had received from him, did the same for him on his part; and as he is the person who writeth best and subtlest of the empire of Indostan, so he contributed not a little by his cabals to the advancement of the affairs of Aureng-Zebe, making strong parties every where against Dara.

In the mean time, let us still observe the artifice and dissimulation of Aureng-Zebe. Nothing of what he doth, treateth, promiseth, is for himself, or in his own name; he hath still (forsooth) the design of living as a fakire. All is for Morad-Bakche, it is he that commands, Aureng-Zebe doth nothing; it is Morad-Bakche that doth all, it is he that is designed to be king.

As for the unhappy Dara, he comes with all speed to Agra, in a desperate condition, and not daring to go see Chah-Jehan, remembring, doubtless, those severe words which he let fall, when he took leave of him before the battle, viz. That he should remember not to come before him if he were overcome. Yet for all that, the good old father sent secretly a trusty eunuch to him, to comfort him, to assure him of the continuance of

his affection, to declare to him his trouble for his misfortune, and to remonstrate to him, that the case was not yet desperate, considering that there was a good army with Soliman Chekough, his son, that he should go to Dehli, where he should find a thousand horse in the royal stables; and that the governor of the fortress had order to furnish him with money and elephants; for the rest, that he should not go farther than he needs must; that he would often write to him; and lastly, that he very well knew how to find out and chastise Aureng-Zebe.

I have been informed, that Dara was then in such a confusion, and sunk so low, that he had not the power to answer a word to the eunuch, nor the courage to send any one to Chah-Jehan; but that, after having sent several times to Begum-Saheb, his sister, he went away at midnight, taking with him his wife, his daughters, and his grand-child Sepe-Chekough; and that (which is almost incredible) he was attended with not above three or four hundred persons. Let us leave him in his voyage to Dehli, and stay at Agra, to consider the dexterity and craft wherewith Aureng-Zebe proceeded to manage affairs.

He well knew that Dara, and those of his party, could yet place some hopes in the victorious army of Soliman Chekough, and therefore he resolved to take it from him, or to make it useless to him. To this end, he wrote letters upon letters to the Raja Jesseigne and to Delil-Kan, who were the chief heads of the army of Soliman Chekough, telling them, that there was no hope left for Dara and his party; that he had lost the battle; that his whole army had submitted to him; that all had abandoned him; that he was fled alone towards Dehli; that he could never escape him, and that orders were distributed every where to seize on him. And as for Chah-Jehan, that he was in a condition hopeless of recovery; that they should take good care of what they had to do; and if they were men of understanding, and would follow his fortune, and be his friends, they should seize on Soliman Chekough, and bring him to him.

Jesseigne found himself perplexed enough what he should do, still much apprehending Chah-Jehan and Dara, and more to lay hands upon a royal person, well knowing that some mischief might therefore fall on him, sooner or later, even from Aureng-Zebe himself. Besides, he knew that Soliman Chekough had too much courage to let himself be taken after that manner, and that he would rather die in defending himself. Behold, therefore, what he at last resolved. After having taken council with Delil-Kan, his great friend, and after they had renewed to one another the oath of mutual fidelity, he went directly to the tent of Soliman Chekough, who with great impatience expected him (for he also had heard the news of the defeat of Dara his father), and had already divers times sent for him. To him he frankly discovered all things, shewed him the letter of Aureng-Zebe, told him what course was for him to take, represented to him the danger he was in; that there was no reason he should trust in Delil-Kan, or in Daoud-Kan, or in the rest of his army; but that as soon as he could, he should gain the mountains of Serenaguer; that that was the best expedient he could take; that the Raja of that country, being in unaccessible places, and not apprehending Aureng-Zebe, would doubtless receive him gladly; and for the rest, he would soon see how things would go, and be always in a condition to come down from the mountains, when he should think good.

The young Prince understood well enough by this kind of discourse, that there was no ground to trust henceforth in this Raja, and that there was no more safety for his person; and that the rather, because he knew that Delil-Khan was altogether devoted to him; and he saw well enough, that there was a necessity to take this course suggested.

Whereupon he soon commanded, that his baggage should be put up to march towards the mountains. Some of his most affectionate friends, as a good number of Manfch-Dars, of Sajeds, and others, put themselves in order to attend him; the rest of the army, altogether astonished, remained with the Raja. But that which was very mean for a great Raja, and a very fordid barbarousness, was, that he and Delil-Kan, sent under hand, some to fall upon his baggage, who also took other things, and among them an elephant laden with rupies of gold, which caused a great disorder among those small troops that followed him; and which was an occasion that many of them returned and abandoned him, and invited also the country people to set upon his men, pillaging them, and even killing some of them: yet he made a shift to gain the mountains, with his wife and children, where the Raja of Serenagner received him with all the honour and civilities he could desire, assuring him, that he was in safety, as much as if he were king of that country, and that he would protect and assist him with all his forces. In the mean time, behold what happened on Agra's side.

Three or four days after the battle of Samonguer, the victorious Aureng-Zebe, together with Morad-Bakche, came directly to the gate of the town into a garden, which may be a little league distant from the fortress, and sent from thence an able eunuch, and one of those whom he most confided in, to Chah-Jehan, to salute him with a thousand fair protestations of his affection and submission; that he was exceedingly sorry for what had passed, and for having been obliged, by reason of the ambition and evil designs of Dara, to proceed to all those extremities; that for the rest, he rejoiced extremely to hear that he began to find himself better, and that he was come thither for no other end than to receive his commands.

Chah-Jehan was not wanting to express to the eunuch much satisfaction, as to the proceedings of Aureng-Zebe, and to receive the submissions of this son with all possible appearances of joy; though he saw very well that matters had been carried too far, and sufficiently knew the reserved and crafty humour of Aureng-Zebe, and his secret passion for reigning, and that therefore he was not much to be trusted, for all his fair words. And yet notwithstanding he suffers himself to be circumvented, and instead of playing the surest chart, by using his utmost power, by stirring, by appearing, by causing himself to be carried through the town, and by assembling all his Omrahs, (for it was yet time to do all this) he goes about to outwit Aureng-Zebe, him that was his craft's-master, and attempts to draw him into a snare, wherein he will be found taken himself. He then sends also an eunuch to this son to let him know, that he well understood the ill conduct and even the incapacity of Dara, that he could not but call to mind the particular inclination he always had expressed towards him, that he could not doubt of his affection; and lastly, that he should come to see him, and to advise with him, what was fit to be done in these disorders; and that he passionately wished to embrace him.

Aureng-Zebe, on his side, saw also well enough, that he was not to trust too much to the words of Chah-Jehan, knowing especially, that Begum-Saheb, his enemy as well as sister, was night and day about him, and that it was very probable he acted nothing but by her motion. And he apprehended, that if he should come into the fortress, he might be seized on, and ill treated; as it was said, that the resolution was indeed taken to do so, and several of those lusty Tartarian women, which serve in the seraglio, were armed to set upon him as soon as he should enter. Whatever it be, he would never hazard himself, and yet spread a rumour abroad, that the next day he would go to see his father Chah-Jehan. But when the day was come, he put it off till another, and so delayed it from day to day without ever making the visit. In the mean time he con-

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tinued his secret negotiations and cabals, and founded the mind of all the greatest Omrahs so far, that at last, after he had well and closely laid his design, and politely disposed all things for the success thereof, all were amazed to see, that one day, when he had sent Sultan Mahmoud, his eldest son, to the fortrefs, under a pretence of seeing Chah-Jehan in his name; this young Prince, bold and undertaking, falls presently upon the guards that were at the gate, and vigorously driveth all before him, whilst a great number of men appointed, who were there all ready, did enter with fury, and made themselves masters of the walls.

If ever a man was astonished, Chah-Jehan was, seeing that he was fallen into the snare which he had prepared for others, that himself was imprisoned, and Aureng-Zebe master of the fortrefs. It is said, that he sent presently to found the mind of Sultan Mahmoud, promising him upon his crown and upon the Alcoran, that if he would be faithful to him, and serve him in this conjuncture, he would make him king; that he should come presently to see him within, and not lose this occasion; besides, that it would be an action that would accumulate on him the blessings of Heaven, and an immortal glory; in regard it would be said for ever, that Sultan Mahmoud had delivered Chah-Jehan his grandfather out of prison.

And certainly, if Sultan Mahmoud had been resolute enough to give this stroke, and Chah-Jehan could have come abroad to shew himself to the town, and to take the field, no man doubts but that all his great Omrahs would have followed him; nor would Aureng-Zebe himself have had the boldness nor the savageness to fight against his own father in person, especially since he must have apprehended, that all the world would have abandoned him, and possibly Morad-Bakche himself. And it is the great fault which Chah-Jehan is observed to have committed after the battle, and the flight of Dara, not to have come out of the fortrefs. But yet I have conversed with many, who maintained, that Chah-Jehan did prudently in it. For this hath been a question much agitated among the politicians, and there are no reasons wanting to countenance the sentiment of the latter sort; who also add, that men almost always judge of things by the event; that often very foolish enterprizes have been observed to succeed, and which therefore are approved by all; that if Chah-Jehan had prospered in his design, he would have been esteemed the most prudent and the most able man in the world; but now being taken, he was nothing but a good old man, that suffered himself to be led by a woman, his daughter Begum, who was blinded by her passion, and had the vanity to believe, that Aureng-Zebe would come to see her, that the bird of itself would fly into the cage, or at least that he would never be so bold as to attempt the seizure of the fortrefs, nor have the power to do so. These same reasoners maintain also stily, that the greatest fault that Sultan Mahmoud could possibly commit, was, that he knew not how to take the occasion to assure himself of the crown, by the rarest and the most generous action that ever was, to put his grandfather at liberty, and thus to do himself right and justice, as the sovereign umpire of affairs; whereas, as things now stand, he must one day go and die in Goualeor. But Sultan Mahmoud (whether it was that he feared his grandfather would not keep his word with him, or that he should be himself detained within, or that he durst not play tricks with his father Aureng-Zebe) would never hearken to any thing, nor enter into the apartment of Chah-Jehan, answering very closely, that he had no order from his father to go and see him, but that he was by him commanded not to return, without bringing him the keys of all the gates of the fortrefs, that so he might come with all safety to kiss the feet of His Majesty. There passed almost two whole days before he could resolve to surrender the keys; during which time, Sultan-Mahmoud staid there unalterable in his resolutions, keeping himself upon his guard night and day, with all

his troops about him ; till at length Chah-Jehan, seeing that all his people that were upon the guard at the little gate, little by little disbanded, and that there was no more safety on his side, gave him the keys, with an order to tell Aureng-Zebe, that he should come presently if he were wise, and that he had most impertunate things to discourse with him about. But Aureng-Zebe was too cunning to commit so gross a fault : on the contrary, he made his eunuch Etbar-Khan, governor of the fortrefs, who presently shut up Chah-Jehan, together with Begum-Saheb, and all his women ; causing divers gates to be walled up, that so he might not be able to write or speak to any body, nor go forth out of his apartment without permission.

Aureng-Zebe in the mean time writ to him a little note, which he shewed to every body before he sealed it ; in which, among other things, he told him with dry expressions, that he knew from good hands, that notwithstanding those great protestations of esteem and affection he made to him, and of contempt he made of Dara, he had, for all that, sent to Dara, two elephants charged with rupies of gold, to raise him again, and to re-commence the war ; and that therefore, in truth, it was not he that imprisoned him, but Dara, and that he might thank him for it, as the cause of all these misfortunes ; and if it had not been for him, he would have come the very first day to him, and paid him all the most dutiful respects he could have looked for from a good son : that for the rest, he begged his pardon, and a little patience ; as soon as he should have disabled Dara from executing his evil designs, he would come himself and open the gates to him.

I have heard it said concerning this note, that Chah-Jehan in very deed, the same night that Dara departed, had sent to him these elephants laden with rupies of gold, and that it was Rauchnara-Begum that found a way to discover it to Aureng-Zebe ; as she also had detected to him that plot which was laid against him with those Tartarian women ; and that Aureng-Zebe himself had intercepted some letters of Chah-Jehan to Dara.

I have conversed with others, that maintain there is no such thing, and that this writing which Aureng-Zebe shewed to all, was only to cast sand into the eyes of the people, and to labour, in some degree, to justify himself in so strange an action, and to devolve the cause of it upon Chah-Jehan and Dara, as if he had been forced to such proceedings. They are things, which are difficult enough well to discover. However it be, as soon as Chah-Jehan was shut up, almost all the Omrahs were in a manner necessitated to go and make their court to Aureng-Zebe and Morad-Bakche ; and (which is almost incredible) there was not one that had the courage to stir, or to attempt the least in the behalf of his King, and for him that had made them what they were, and raised them from the dust, and perhaps from slavery itself (which is ordinary enough in that court), to advance them to riches and honour. Yet some few there are, as Danechmend-Kan, and some others, that took no side ; but all the rest declared for Aureng-Zebe.

It is notwithstanding to be noted what I said, that they were necessitated to do what they did. For it is not in the Indies, as in France, or other states of Christendom, where the grandees and nobles have large possessions of land, and great revenues, which enables them for a while to subsist of themselves. There they have nothing but pensions (as I have already touched above), which the King can take away from them at all hours, and thus ruin them in an instant ; so that they shall be considered no more than if they never had been, nor have any credit to borrow a farthing.

Aureng-Zebe therefore having thus assured himself of Chah-Jehan, and of all the Omrahs, took what sums of money he thought fit out of the treasury ; and then having

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left Chah-heft-Khan, his uncle, governor of the town, he went away with Morad-Bakche, to pursue Dara.

The day that the army was to march out of Agra, the particular friends of Morad-Bakche, especially his eunuch Chah-Abas, who knew, that the excess of civility and respect is ordinarily a sign of imposture, counselled him, that since he was King, and every body treated him with the title of majesty, and Aureng-Zebe himself acknowledged him for such, he should let him go to pursue Dara, and stay himself with his troops about Agra and Delhi. If he had followed this counsel, it is certain, that he would have embarrassed Aureng-Zebe not a little; but it was fatal, that he should neglect so good advice: Aureng-Zebe is too fortunate; Morad-Bakche entirely confideth in his promises, and in the oaths of fidelity they had sworn to one another upon the Alcoran. They went away together, and went with the same pace towards Delhi.

When they were come to Maturas, three or four small days journey from Agra, the friends of Morad-Bakche, who perceived something, endeavoured again to persuade him that he should beware, assuring him that Aureng-Zebe had evil designs, and that beyond all doubt some mischief was upon the anvil; that they had notice of it from all parts, and that by no means, for that day at least, he should go to see him; that it would be much better to prevent the stroke the soonest it might be; that he was only to forbear going to visit him that day, excusing himself with some indisposition. But whatsoever could be said to him, he believed nothing of it, his ears were stopped to all the good advice that was given him, and as if he had been enchanted by the friendship of Aureng-Zebe, he could not hold to go to him that very night, and to stay at supper with him. As soon as he was come, Aureng-Zebe, who expected him, and had already prepared all things with Mirkan, and three or four of his most intimate captains, who not wanting in embracements, and in redoubling his courtship, civilities and submissions, in so much as gently to pass his handkerchief over his face, and to wipe off his sweat and dust, treating him still with the title of king and majesty. In the mean time, the table is served, they sup, the conversation grows warm, they discourse of various things as they use to do; and at last there is brought a huge bottle of excellent Chiras wine, and some other bottles of Caboul wine, for a debauch. Then Aureng-Zebe, as a grave serious man, and one that would appear a great Mahometan, and very regular, nimbly riseth from table, and having with much kindness invited Morad-Bakche, who loved a glass of wine very well, and who relished the wine that was served, scrupled not to drink of it to excess. In a word, he made himself drunk, and fell asleep. This was the thing that was wished; for presently some servants of his that were there were commanded away, under a pretence, to let him sleep without making any noise; and then his zable and poynard were taken from about him; but Aureng-Zebe was not long, but came himself and wakened him. He entered into the chamber, and roughly hit him with his foot, and when he began to open a little his eyes, he made to him this short and surprising reprimand: What means this? (said he) What shame and what ignominy is this, that such a king as you are, should have so little temper, as thus to make himself drunk! What will be said both of you and me? Take this infamous man, this drunkard, tie him hand and foot, and throw him into that room to sleep out his wine. No sooner said but it was executed; notwithstanding all his appeal and out-cry, five or six persons fall upon him, and fetter his hands and feet. These things could not be done, but some of his men that were thereabout had news of it, they made some noise, and would enter forcibly; but Allah-Cooly, one of his chief officers, and the master of his artillery, that had been gained long before, threatened them, and made them draw back. Without any delay, men were sent through the whole army to calm this first commo-

tion, which also might have proved dangerous; they made them believe it was nothing, they having been present; that Morad-Bakche was only drunk; that in that condition he had railed at every body, and Aureng-Zebe himself, in so-much that there had been a necessity, seeing him drunk and furious, to keep him apart; that the next day they would see him abroad, after he had digested his wine. In the mean time, the presents walked about all night among the chief officers of the army, their pay was forthwith increased, they had great promises made them; and as there was none, that had long since had not apprehended some such thing, there was no great wonder to see almost all things quieted the next morning; so that the very next night this poor Prince was shut up in a little close house, such an one as is wont to be placed on elephants to carry women, and he was carried directly to Dehli into Slimager, which is a little old fortress in the midst of the river.

After that all was thus appeased, except the eunuch Chah-Abas, who caused difficulty enough, Aureng-Zebe received the whole army of Morad-Bakche into his service, and went after Dara, who marched apace towards Lahor, with an intention well to fortify himself in that place, and thither to draw his friends. But Aureng-Zebe followed him with so much speed, that he had not time to do any great matter, finding himself necessitated to retreat, and to take the way of Multan, where also he could do nothing considerable, because that Aureng-Zebe, notwithstanding the great heat, marched night and day; inasmuch, that to encourage all to make haste, he sometimes advanced, almost all alone, two or three leagues before the whole army, finding himself often obliged to drink ill water like others, to be content with a crust of dry bread, and to sleep under a tree, staying for his army in the midst of the highway, laying his head on his shield like a common soldier. So that Dara found himself constrained to abandon Multan also, that he might avoid being near Aureng-Zebe, whom he was not able to encounter. Here it is that the statesmen of this country have reasoned very diversly: for it is said, that if Dara, when he went out of Lahor, had cast himself into the kingdom of Caboul, as he was advised, he would there have found above ten thousand warlike men, designed against the Augans, the Persians and the Uibecs, and for a guard to that country, the governor whereof was Mohabet-Khan, one of the most potent and most ancient of Indostan, and that had never been Aureng-Zebe's friend; that, besides, he would have been there at the gate of Persia and Uibec; that it was likely, that there being no want of money, all that militia, and Mohabet-Khan himself, would have embraced his party, and that further he might have drawn assistance, not only from Uibec, but also from Persia, as well as from Houmayou, whom the Persians had restored to his country against Zaher-Khan, King of the Patans, who had driven him thence. But Dara was too unfortunate to follow so good advice. Instead of that, he went towards Seindy, to cast himself into the fortrets of Tatabakar, that strong and famous place, seated in the midst of the river Indus.

Aureng-Zebe seeing him take this way, found it not fit to follow him further off, being extremely glad that he had not taken the way to Caboul. He contented himself to send after him seven or eight thousand men, under the conduct of Mir-baba, his foster-brother, and turned back with the same expedition to the place whence he was come, much apprehending lest any thing should fall out about Agra; lest some or other of those potent Rajas as Jesseigne, or Jessomseigne, should make an attempt in his absence, to free Chah-Jehan out of prison; or lest Soliman Chekouh, together with the Raja of Serenaguer, should descend from the hills; or lest also Sultan Sujah should approach too near Agra. Behold a little accident, which one day befel him, for too great precipitation.

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When he thus returned from Multan towards Lahor, and marched his ordinary swift pace, he saw the Raja Jesseigne come against him, accompanied with four or five thousand of his Rajipous, in a very good equipage. Aureng-Zebe who had left his army behind, and who also knew that this Raja was very affectionate to Chah-Jehan, was sufficienty surprized, as may easily be imagined, fearing lest this Raja should make use of this occasion, and do a master-piece of State, by seizing on him to draw Chah-Jehan, out of prison, which at that time was very easy to do. Neither is it known, whether this Raja had not some such design; for he had marched with extraordinary speed, in so much that Aureng-Zebe had no news of it, believing him yet to be at Dehli. But what may not resolution and presence of mind do? Aureng-Zebe, without any alteration of his countenance, marched directly towards the Raja, and as far off as he could see him, maketh signs to him with his hands, importing that he should make haste to a nearer approach, crying out to him with a loud voice, Salamed Bached Rajagi, Salamed Bached Babagi, treating him with the titles of Lord Raja and Lord Father. When the Raja was come to him, I expected you, said he, with great impatience; the work is done, Dara is lost, he is all alone; I have sent Mir-baba after him, from whom he cannot escape: and for an excess of kindness to him, he took off his neck-lace of pearls, and put it about the neck of this Raja: and the sooner to rid himself handsomely of him, (for he wished him far enough) Go, said he, with all the expedition you can to Lahor, my army is somewhat tired; go quickly to attend me there; I apprehend that else something suttler might fall out there; I make you governor of that place, and put all things into your hands. For the rest, I am exceedingly obliged to you for what you have done with Soliman Chekouh: where have you left Delil-Kan? I shall find my revenge of him. Make all possible dispatch, Salamed Bached, farewell.

Dara being arrived at Tata-bakar, made governor of that place a very understanding, gallant, and generous eunuch, with a very good garrison of Patans and Sayeds; and for cannoners, a good number of Franguis, Portugals, English, French, and Germans, who had followed him out of great hopes he had given them (for, if his affairs had prospered, and he were become King, we must all have resolved to be Omrahs, as men of Franguis as we were). He there left also the greatest part of his treasure; he wanted as yet no gold nor silver, and staying there but a very few days he marched away with two or three thousand men only, descending along the river Indus towards Scindy, and from thence crossing with an incredible celerity all those territories of the Raja Kathe, he arrived in Guzaratte, and came to the gates of Amadevat. The father-in-law of Aureng-Zebe called Chah-Navaze-Kan was governor there, with a very good garrison, able to resist. Yet notwithstanding, whether it was that he was surprized, or that he wanted courage, (for although that he was of those antient princes of Machate, yet he was no great foldier, though a man of a very obliging and civil conversation) he did not oppose Dara, but rather received him very honourably, and even managed him afterwards with so much dexterity, that Dara was so simple as to trust himself with him, and to communicate to him his designs; insomuch that he shewed him the letters which he received from the Raja Jesseigne, and of many other of his friends, which prepared themselves to come to him; although it proved too true, what every body told him, and his friends confirmed by letters, that certainly this Chah-Navaze-Kan would betray him.

Never was any man more surprized than Aureng-Zebe, when he heard that Dara was in Amadevat: for he well knew that he wanted no money, and that all his friends, and all the discontented party, which was numerous, would not fail to betake themselves

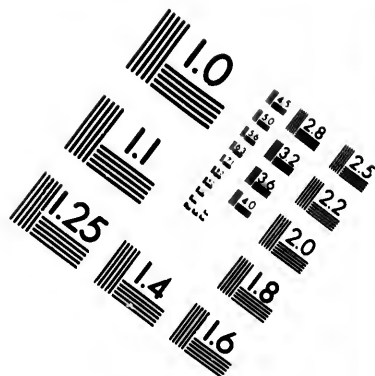
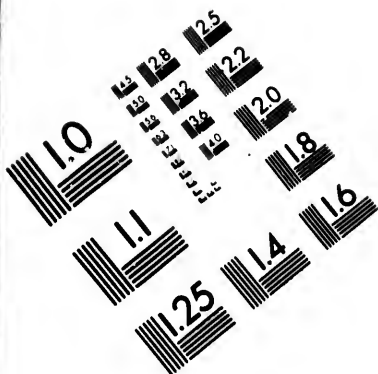
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By little and little to him : and on the other side, he found it not safe to go and find him out himself in that place, by removing himself so far from Agra and Chah-Jehan, to go and embarrass himself in all those countries of the Rajas Jessoigne, Jessomseigne, and others that are in those provinces. Besides he apprehended, lest Sultan Sujah should advance with a strong army, which was already about Elebas, and lest the Raja of Serenaguer should descend from the hills with Soloman Chekough ; so that he was sufficiently perplexed and troubled, not knowing what way to turn. At last he believed it best to leave Dara for a time quiet where he was, and to go thither where his presence and army was most necessary, which was towards Sultan Sujah, who had already passed the river Ganges at Elabas.

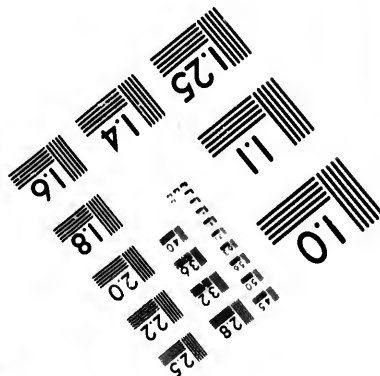
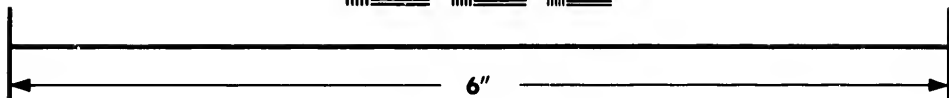
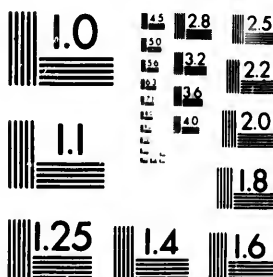
This Sultan Sujah was come to incamp in a little village called Kadjoue, and had conveniently seized himself of a reservoir of water, which is there called Talob, on the way ; and Aureng-Zebe placed himself on the side of a small torrent, at the distance of a mile and an half from the place on Agra's side. Between both was a very fair campaign, very proper for a battle. Aureng-Zebe was no sooner arrived, but being impatient to end this war, at break of day he went to face Sujah, leaving his baggage on the other side of the river. He fell upon Sujah with an effort unimaginable. Emir-Jemla, prisoner of Decan, and who arrived just on the day of the combat, fearing Dara no more, because his family was more in safety, did there also lay out all his force, courage and dexterity. But seeing that Sultan Sujah had well fortified himself, and was accompanied with a very good artillery, advantageously placed, it was not possible for Aureng-Zebe to force him, nor to make him retreat from thence, so as to make him lose those waters. On the contrary, he was obliged himself to draw back several times, so vigorously was he repulsed, in so much that he found himself in great perplexity. Sultan Sujah not being willing to advance too far into the campaign, nor to remove from that advantageous place where he was, pretending only to defend himself ; which was very prudently done. For he foresaw, that Aureng-Zebe could not stay there long, and that in that hot season he would be absolutely obliged to turn back towards the torrent for the water ; and that, when he should do so, he would fall upon his rear. Aureng-Zebe also foresaw well enough the same thing, and that was the reason why he was so forward and pressing ; but behold another more troublesome accident.

In this very time he receiveth intelligence, that the Raja Jessomseigne, who in appearance had accommodated himself with him, was fallen upon his rear, and plundered his baggage and treasure. This news astonished him much, and the more, because he perceived that his army which had heard of it was thereby frightened, and fallen into disorder. Yet he loses not his judgment for all this ; and being well aware, that to turn back was to hazard all, he resolved, as in the battle of Dara, to bear up the best he could, and to expect with a steady foot all events. In the mean time, the disorder grew worse and worse in his army : Sujah, who was resolved to profit of the occasion, taketh his time, and presseth him vigorously. He that led Aureng-Zebe's elephant is killed with the shot of an arrow ; he leads the beast as well as he can himself till another could be had in that leader's place. Arrows rain upon him ; he returns many himself, his elephant begins to be frightened, and to go back. Behold him now in great extremity, and brought to that point, that one foot of his was out of the seat, as if he meant to cast himself to the ground ; and no man knows what in that trouble he had not done, if Emir Jemla, being nigh, and performing like a great man as he was, beyond imagination, called to him, in holding up his hand, Decan-kou, Decan-cou, where is Decan ? This seems to have been the greatest extremity, to which Aureng-





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Zebe could be reduced. One would have said, it was now and here that fortune had abandoned him, and there is almost no appearance of a possibility to escape. But his good fortune is stronger than all that: Sultan Sujah must be routed, and take flight like Dara to save his life: Aureng-Zebe must remain victorious, carry away the bell, and be king of the Indies.

We are to remember the battle of Samonguer, and that, in appearance, flight accident which ruined Dara; it is the same over fight, or rather the same treason, which is now destroying Sultan Sujah. One of his chief captains, Allah-verdi-Kan, who, as some say, had been gained, useth the same artifice that Calil-ullah-Kan had employed towards Dara; though there are some who believed, that there was no malice in the case, and that it was a mere piece of flattery. For seeing that the whole army of Aureng-Zebe was in disorder, he run towards Sultan Sujah, telling him the same thing that Calil-ullah-Kan did to Dara, and begging of him with folded hands, that he would stay no longer in so great danger upon his elephant. Come down, said he, in the name of God, mount on horse-back, God hath made you sovereign of the Indies, let us pursue those fugitives, let not Aureng-Zebe escape us.

But not to stay long from declaring the strange fortune of Aureng-Zebe, and the incredible conjuncture that recovers his desperate condition; Sultan Sujah, not more considerate than Dara, commits the same fault; and he was no sooner come down from his elephant, but his army seeing him no more, was struck with a terror, believing there was treason, and that he was either taken or slain. Whereupon they disbanded without any more ado, as Dara's army did in the battle of Samonguer; and the defeat was so great, that the Sultan was fortunate in that he could save himself.

Jessomfeigne hearing this unexpected news, and perceiving it was not very safe for him to tarry there, contented himself with the spoil he had got, and with all diligence marched straight to Agra, thence to pass to his country. The noise was already in Agra, that Aureng-Zebe had lost the battle, that he was taken together with Emir-Jemla, and that Sultan Sujah brought them both prisoners. Infomuch that Chah-heft-Kan, who was governor of the town, and uncle to Aureng-Zebe, seeing Jessomfeigne, whose treachery he had heard of, at the gates, and despairing of his life, had taken into his hand a cup of poison to make himself away, and had, as they say, in very deed swallowed it, if his women had not fallen upon him and hindered him: so that it is thought, if Jessomfeigne had had the wit and courage to stay longer in Agra, if he had threatened boldly, and promised and acted vigorously for the freedom of Chah-Jehan, he might have drawn him out of prison; so much the more easily, because all Agra was for two whole days in that belief, that Aureng-Zebe was overcome. But Jessomfeigne, who knew how all things went, and who durst not long stay there, nor attempt any thing, did nothing but pass, returning with all speed homewards.

Aureng-Zebe, who apprehended mischief from Agra, and feared lest Jessomfeigne should undertake something for Chah-Jehan, was not long in the pursuit after Sultan-Sujah; he turned short for Agra with his whole army, where he staid a good while giving order for all things. Meantime he received intelligence, that Sultan Sujah had not lost many men in his being routed, for want of farther pursuit; that also from the lands of the Rajas, which are in those quarters, on the right and left of Ganges, he raised great forces upon the score of the reputation he had of being very rich, and very liberal, and that he fortified himself in Elabas, that important and famous passage of Ganges, which with its fortrefs is the first inlet into Bengal. And then he considered also, that he had about him two persons, which indeed were very capable to serve him, Sultan Mahmoud his eldest son, and Emir-Jemla; but he well knew, that those who
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have done good service to their prince, grow often insolent, in the belief that all is due to them, and that they cannot be recompensed enough. He perceived already, that the former of them began very much to emancipate himself, and that every day he became more arrogant for having seized on the fortress of Agra, and by that means had broken all the designs which Chah-Jehan could have formed, and as to the latter he knew indeed the force of his understanding, his conduct, and valour; but that was the very thing which made him apprehend him the more: for knowing that he was very rich, that his reputation was great, that he passed for the first mover in affairs, and for the ablest man in all the Indies, he doubted not, but that after the example of Sultan Mahmoud, he entertained himself with big hopes. All this certainly would have been able to perplex an ordinary spirit, but Aureng-Zebe found a remedy to all. He knew to remove them both with so much prudence, and even with so much handsomeness, that neither of them found any cause to complain of it. He sent them both against Sultan Sujah with a puissant army, letting Emir secretly know, that the government of Bengal, which is the best quarter of Indostan, was designed for him to hold it during his life, and for his son after his decease; and that thereby he would begin to express to him his acknowledgements for the great services he had done him; and that therefore it belonged only to him to defeat Sujah, and that as soon as he should have compassed it, he would make him Mir-ul Omrahs, which is the first and most honourable place of Indostan, and no less than the Prince of the Omrahs.

To Sultan Mahmoud, his son, he said only these few words: Remember that thou art the eldest of my children, that it is for thyself that thou goest forth to fight; that thou hast done much, but yet nothing, if thou overcomest not Sujah, who is our greatest and powerfulest enemy; I hope, God assisting me, to be soon master of the rest.

With these words he dismissed them both, with ordinary honours, that is, with rich vests, some horses and elephants gallantly harnessed, making in the meantime Emir-Jemla to consent that his only son, Mahmet-Emir-Kan, should stay with him for a good education, or rather for a pledge of his fidelity; and Sultan Mahmoud, that his wife should remain in Agra (which was the daughter of the above-mentioned King of Golkonda) as too troublesome a thing in an army, and in such an expedition.

Sultan Sujah, who was always in the apprehension lest the Rajas of the lower Bengal, which he had ill treated, should be raised against him, and who feared nothing more than to have to do with Emir-Jemla, had no sooner received this news, but apprehending that the passage to Bengal would be obstructed, and that Emir would pass in some other place of the river Ganges, either lower or higher than Elabas, raised his camp, and went down to Benares and Patna, whence he betook himself to Mogiere, a small town seated upon the Ganges, a place commonly called the key of the kingdom of Bengal, being a kind of streight between the mountains and the woods, which are not far from thence. He thought fit to stay in that place, and there to fortify himself; and for greater safety, he caused a great trench to be made, which I have seen, passing that way some years after, from the town and river unto the mountain, being well resolved there to attend Emir-Jemla, and to dispute that passage with him. But he was sufficiently astonished, when he was told that the troops of Emir, which slowly descended along the river Ganges, were certainly for nothing but to amuse him; that himself was not there; that he had gained the Rajas of those mountains which are on the right hand of the river; and that he and Sultan Mahmoud marched apace over their lands with all the flower of the army, drawing straight to Rage-Mehalle to intercept him, so that he was constrained to quit, as soon as he could, his fortifications; yet not-

withstanding he made so much haste, that though he was obliged to follow those windings, which the river Ganges on that side maketh toward the left hand, he prevented Emir by some days, and arrived first at Rage-Mehalle, where he had time to fortify himself; because Emir having heard this news, took his march to the left-hand towards Ganges, through very ill ways, there to expect his troops, which came down with the body of the artillery and the baggage along the river. As soon as all was come, he went to attack Sultan Sujah, who defended himself very well for five or six days; but seeing that the artillery of Emir, which played incessantly, ruined all his fortifications which were made but of sandy earth and faggots, and that he could not but with much difficulty make resistance in that place, besides that the season of the rain began, he retired himself, at the favour of the night, leaving behind two great pieces of cannon. Emir durst not follow him in the night for fear of some ambush, putting off the pursuit till the next morning: but Sujah had the good luck, that at the break of day there began to fall a rain, which lasted above three days; so that Emir could not only not stir out of Rage-Mehalle, but saw himself obliged to pass the winter there, by reason of the excessive rains in that country, which render the ways troublesome for more than four months, viz July, August, September, and October, that the armies cannot possibly march. And hereby Sultan Sujah had the means to retire himself, and to chuse what place he would, having time enough to fortify his army, and to send out of the inferior Bengal for many pieces of cannon and a good number of Portuguese that were retired thither because of the great fertility of the country: for he much courted all those Portugal fathers, missionaries that are in that province, promising them no less than that he would make them all rich, and build churches for them wheresoever they would. And they were indeed capable to serve him, it being certain, that in the kingdom of Bengal, there are to be found no less than eight or nine thousand families of Franguize, Portuguese, and these either natives or mesticks.

But Sultan Mahmoud, who for the reason above-mentioned was grown fierce, and aspired perhaps to greater things than at that time he ought, did pretend to command the army absolutely, and that Emir-Jemla should follow his orders, letting also from time to time fall insolent words in reference to his father Aureng-Zebe, as if he were obliged to him for the crown, and uttering expressions of contempt against Emir-Jemla; which caused great coldness betwixt them two, which lasted a pretty while until Sultan Mahmoud understood that his father was very much dissatisfied with his conduct; and apprehending lest Emir had order to seize on his person, he went away to Sultan Sujah, accompanied with a very small number, and to him he made great promises, and swore fidelity. But Sujah, who feared Aureng-Zebe and Emir-Jemla's snares, could not trust him, having always an eye upon his actions, without giving him any considerable command; which he so disgusted, that some months after, not knowing what would become of him, he left Sultan Sujah, and returned to Emir, who received him well enough, assuring him, that he would write in his behalf to Aureng-Zebe, and do his utmost to make him forget that fault.

I think fit here to take notice, by the bye, of what many have told me, viz. that this escape of Sultan Mahmoud was altogether made by the artifices of Aureng-Zebe, who cared not much to hazard this son of his to try to destroy Sujah, and who was glad enough, that whatever the event were, he might have a specious pretence to put him in a place of surety. However it be, he afterwards shewed himself much dissatisfied with him, and wrote to him a severe letter, in which he enjoined him to return to Dehli, but giving order in the mean time that he should not come so far: for he no

fooner had passed the river Ganges, but he met with troops that stopped him, and put him up in a small chair, (as was done to Morad-Bakche) and carried him to Goualeor, whence it is thought he will never be set at liberty: Aureng-Zebe by this means freeing himself from great perplexity; who then also let his second son, Sultan-Mazum, know that the point of reigning is so delicate a thing, that kings must be jealous even of their own shadow; adding, that if he be not discreet, the like may befall him which had befallen his brother, and that he ought to think Aureng-Zebe was not a man that would suffer that to be done to himself, what Chah-Jehan did to his father Jehan-Guyre, and what he had also lately seen done to Chah-Jehan.

And indeed we may on this occasion say, that if this son continue to behave himself as he hath done hitherto, Aureng-Zebe will have no cause to suspect him, and to be dissatisfied with him: for no slave can be more tractable, and Aureng-Zebe himself never appeared more careless of greatness, nor more given to devotion than he: yet I have known men of parts who believed that he is not so in good earnest, but by superlative policy and craft, like that of his father, which we may have the proof of, in time.

Whilst all these things were thus transacted in Bengal, and that Sultan Sujah resisted, the best he could, the forces of Emir-Jemla, passing now on one side of the river Ganges, of a channel, or some other river, (for that country is full of them,) then on the other; Aureng-Zebe kept himself about Agra, going to and fro, and at length, after he had also sent Morad-Bakche to Goualcor, he came to Dehli, where in good earnest he took upon him publicly to act the King, giving order for all affairs of the kingdom, and especially thinking on means to catch Dara, and to get him out of Guzaratte, which was a very hard thing, for the reasons already mentioned. But the great good fortune, and the singular dexterity of Auréng-Zebe soon drew him thence; which now follows next to be related.

Jessomfeigne, who had retired himself to his country, and made the best of what he had taken in the battle of Kadjoue, raised a strong army, and wrote to Dara, that he should come to Agra as soon as he could, and that he would join with his forces. Dara, who had by this time set on foot a pretty numerous army (though it consisted, for the most part, but of gathered people,) and who hoped, that approaching to Agra, many of his old friends, seeing him with Jessomfeigne, would not fail to join with him also, immediately leaveth Amadevad, and marcheth with great speed to Asmire, seven or eight days journey from Agra. But Jessomfeigne kept not his word with him: the Raja Jessfeigne interposed to make his peace with Aureng-Zebe, and to fasten him to his party, or at least to hinder his design, which was capable to ruin himself, and to make all the Rajas rise; and wrote to him several letters, giving him to understand the great danger he went to expose himself to, by espousing a party in that extremity, as that of Dara's was; that he should well consider what he was going to do; that he went about wholly to destroy himself, and all his whole family; that Aureng-Zebe would never forgive him; that he was a Raja as himself; that he should think on sparing the blood of the Rajipous; that if he thought to draw the Rajas to his party, he would find those that would hinder him from it. In a word, that it was a business which concerned all the gentry of Indostan, and exposed them to danger, if way were given to kindle a fire, which would not be extinguished at pleasure. And lastly, if he would leave Dara to himself, Aureng-Zebe would forget all that had passed, and present him with all he had taken, and give him that very instant the government of Guzaratte, which would be very convenient for him, that country being near his lands; that he could be there in liberty and safety, and as long as he pleased, and that himself would

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he caution for all. In a word, this Raja acted his part so well, that he made Jessomfeigne return to his land, whilst Aureng-Zebe approached with his whole army to Asnire, and encamped in the sight of that of Dara.

And now what could this poor Prince Dara do? He seeth himself abandoned and frustrated of his hopes. He considers, that to turn back safe to Amadevad was impossible, in regard that it was a march of thirty and five days; that it was in the heat of summer; that water would fail him: that they were all the lands of Rajas, friends or allies of Jessfeigne or Jessomfeigne; that the army of Aureng-Zebe, which was not harassed like his, would not fail to follow him. "It is as good," saith he, "to perish here; and although the match be altogether unequal, let us venture all, and give battle once more." But alas! what does he mean to do? He is not only abandoned by all, but he hath yet with him Chah-Navaze-Kan, whom he trusts, and who betrays him, and discovers all his designs to Aureng-Zebe. It is true, that Chah-Navaze-Kan was punished for his perfidiousness, and killed in the battle; whether it was by the hands of Dara himself, as many told me, or (which is more probable) by some of Aureng-Zebe's army, who being secret partisans of Dara, found means to get to him and dispatch him, fearing lest he should discover them; and have some knowledge of the letters they had written to Dara. But what did it benefit him at that time that Chah-Navaze-Kan was dead? Dara should have sooner followed the advice of his friends, and never have confided in him.

The fight began between nine and ten of the clock in the morning: Dara's artillery, which was very well placed on a little eminency, was loud enough; but, as was said, most of the pieces without bullets, so was he betrayed by all. It is needless to relate the other particulars of this battle; it was properly not a battle, but a rout. I shall only say, that hardly the onset was begun, but Jessfeigne was near and in sight of Dara, to whom he sent word, that he should fly presently, unless he would be taken. So that this poor Prince, being altogether surpris'd, was constrained to run away instantly, and with so much disorder and precipitation, that he had not leisure to put up his baggage. It was no small matter, that he was able to get away with his wife, and the rest of his family. And it is certain, that if the Raja Jessfeigne would have done what he could, he could never have escaped; but he always had a respect to the royal family; or rather, he was too crafty and politic, and had too great forecast to venture to lay hands on a Prince of the blood.

This unfortunate Prince, deserted by almost all, and finding himself accompanied but of two thousand men at most, was forced in the hottest of summer to cross, without tents or baggage, all those countries of the Rajas, that are almost from Asnire to Amadevad. Meantime the Koullis, which are the country people, and the worst of all the Indies, and the greatest robbers, follow him night and day, rifle and kill his soldiers, with so much cruelty that no man could stay two hundred paces behind the body but he was presently stripped naked, or butchered upon the least resistance. Yet notwithstanding Dara made shift to get near Amadevad, when he hoped that the next day, or soon after, he should enter into the town to refresh himself, and to try once more to gather again some forces: but all things fall out contrary to vanquished and unfortunate men.

The governor whom he had left in the castle of Amadevad, had already received both menacing and promising letters from Aureng-Zebe, which made him lose courage, and incline to that side; insomuch that he wrote to Dara, forbidding him to come nearer, if he did, he would find the gates shut, and all in arms.

Three days before I met this unhappy Prince, by a strange accident, when he obliged me to follow him, having no physician about him; and the night before that he re-

ceived this news from the governor of Amadevad, he did me the favour to make me come into the Karavan-Serrak where he was, fearing lest the Koullis should assassinate me: and (what is hard enough to believe in Indostan, where the grandees especially are so jealous of their wives) I was so near to the wife of this Prince, that the cords of the Kanates, or wind-screen, which enclosed them (for they had not so much as a poor tent) were fastened to the wheels of my chariot. I relate this circumstance by the bye only, to shew the extremity Dara was reduced to.

When these women heard this sad news (which was at the break of day, as I well remember) they broke out upon a sudden into such strange cries and lamentations that they forced tears from one's eyes. And now behold all was in an inexpressible confusion: every one looks upon his neighbour, and nobody knows what to do, or what will become of him. Soon after we saw Dara come forth, half dead, now speaking to one, then to another, even to the meanest soldiers. He seem'd astonish'd, and ready to abandon him. What council? whither can he go? He must be gone instantly. You may judge of the extremity he must needs be in, by this small accident I am going to mention. Of three great oxen of Guzaratte, which I had for my chariot, one died the night before, another was dying, and the third was tired out (for we had been forced to march for three days together, almost night and day, in an intolerable heat and dust :) whatever Dara could say or command, whether he alleged it was for himself, or for one of his women that was hurt in the leg, or for me, he could not possibly procure for me, whether ox, or camel, or horse: so that he was oblig'd, to my good fortune, to leave me there. I saw him march away, and that with tears in his eyes, accompanied with four or five hundred cavalries at most, with two elephants, that were said to be laden with gold and silver; and I heard them say, that they were to take their march towards Tatabakar; for he had no other game to play, though even that seem'd in a manner impossible, considering the small number of people left him, and the great sandy deserts to be waded through in the hottest season, most of them without water fit to drink. And indeed most of those that followed him, and even divers of his women, did there perish, either of drought, or the unwholesome waters, or the tiresome ways and ill food, or lastly, because stripp'd by the Koullis above mentioned. Yet notwithstanding all this, Dara made hard shift to get to the Raja Kathe; unhappy even herein, that he perish'd not himself in this march.

This Raja at first gave him a very good reception, even so far as to promise him assistance with all his forces, provided he would give his daughter in marriage to his son. But Jeseigne soon wrought as much with this Raja, as he had done with Jeseigne. So that Dara one day seeing the kindness of this barbarian cool'd upon a sudden, and that consequently his person was in danger there, he betakes himself to the pursuit of his expedition to Tatabakar.

To relate how I got away from those robbers the Koullis, in what manner I mov'd them to compassion, how I sav'd the best part of my small treasure, how we became good friends by the means of my profession of physick, my servants (perplexed as well as myself) swearing that I was the greatest physician of the world, and that the people of Dara, at their going away, had ill-treated me, and taken me from all my best things; how, after having kept me with them seven or eight days, they had so much kindness and generosity as to lend me an ox, and to conduct me so far, that I was in sight of Amadevad: and lastly, how from thence after some days I returned to Delhi, having lighted on an occasion to go with a certain Omrah, passing thither; in which journey I met from time to time, on the way, with carcases of men, elephants, oxen, horses, and camels, the

the remainder of that unfortunate army of Dara. These are things, I say, I must not insist upon to describe them.

Whilst Dara advanced towards Tatabakar, the war continues in Bengal, and much longer than was believed, Sultan Sujah putting forth his utmost, and playing his last game against Emir-Jemla. Yet this did not much trouble Aureng-Zebe, who knew it was a great way between Bengal and Agra, and was sufficiently convinced of the prudence and valour of Emir-Jemla. That which disquieted him much more was, that he saw Soliman Chekouh so near (for from Agra to the mountains it is but eight days' journey) whom he could not master, and who perpetually alarmed him by the rumours that went continually about, as if he were coming down the mountains with the Raja. It is certainly very hard to draw him thence; but behold how he manages the matter to compass it.

He maketh the Rajah Jaffeigne write one letter after another to the Raja of Serenaguer, promising him very great things, if he would surrender Soliman Chekouh to him, and menacing war at the same time, if he should obstinately keep him. The Raja answers, that he would rather lose his estate, than do so unworthy an action. And Aureng-Zebe, seeing his resolution, taketh the field, and marcheth directly to the foot of the hills, and with an infinite number of pikemen causeth the rocks to be cut, and the passage to be widened. But the Raja laughs at all that; neither hath he more cause to fear on that side. Aureng-Zebe may cut long enough, they are mountains inaccessible to an army, and stones would be sufficient to stop the forces of four Indostans; so that he was constrained to turn back again.

Dara in the mean time approacheth to the fortrefs of Tatabakar, and when he was but two or three days journey off, he received the news, that Mir-baba, who had long held it besieged, had at length reduced it to extremity: as I afterwards learned of our French, and other Franguis that were there, a pound of rice and meat having cost there above a crown, and so of other victuals in proportion: yet the governor held out; made sallies, which extremely incommoded the enemy; and shewed all possible prudence, courage and fidelity; deriding the endeavours of the general, Mir-baba, and all the menaces and promises of Aureng-Zebe.

And this also I learned afterwards of my countrymen, the French, and of all those other Franguis that were with him; who added, that when he heard that Dara was not far off, he redoubled his liberalities, and knew so well to gain the hearts of all his soldiers, and to encourage them to do bravely, that there was not one of them, that was not resolved to fall out upon the enemy, and to hazard all to raise the siege, and to make Dara enter; and that he also knew so well to cast fear and terror into the camp of Mir-baba, by sending spies about very cunningly to assure that they had seen Dara approach with great resolution, and very good forces; that if he had come, as was believed he would do every moment, the army of the enemy was for disbanding upon his appearance, and even in part go over to him. But he is still too unfortunate, to undertake any thing prosperously. Believing therefore, that to raise the siege with such an handful of men as he had was impossible, he did deliberate to pass the river Indus, and to endeavour to get into Persia; although that would also have had mighty difficulties and inconveniences, by reason of the desarts, and the small quantity of good waters in those parts; besides, that upon those frontiers there are but mean Rajas and Pautans, who acknowledge neither the Persian nor the Mogul. But his wife did very much dissuade him from it, for this weak reason, that he must, if he did so, expect to see his wife and daughter slaves to the King of Persia; that that was a thing altogether unworthy

worthy of the grandeur of his family, and it was better to die, than to undergo this infamy.

Dara being in great perplexity, remembered that there was thereabout a certain Patan, powerful enough, called Gion-Kan, whose life he had formerly saved twice, when Chah-Jehan had commanded he should be cast under the feet of an elephant, for having rebelled divers times; he resolved to go to him, hoping that he could give him sufficient succours to raise the siege of Tatabakar; making account, that thence he would take his treasure, and that going from thence, and gaining Kandahar, he could cast himself into the kingdom of Caboul, having great hopes of Mohabet-Kan, who was governor of it, because he was both potent and valiant, well-beloved of his country, and had obtained this government by his (Dara's) favour. But his grandchild, Sepe-Chekouh, yet but very young, seeing his design, cast himself at his feet, intreating him for God's sake not to enter into the country of that Patan. His wife and daughter did the same, remonstrating to him, that he was a robber, a revolted governor, that he would infallibly betray him; that he ought not to stand upon raising of the siege, but rather endeavour to gain Caboul, that the thing was not impossible, forasmuch as Mi-baba was not like to quit the siege to follow him, and to hinder him from getting thither.

Dara being carried headlong by the force of his unhappy destiny, rejected this council, and would hearken to nothing of what was proposed to him, saying, as was true, that the march would be very difficult, and very dangerous; and maintained always, that Gion-kan would not be so mean as to betray him, after all the good he had done him. He departed, notwithstanding all that could be said to him, and went to prove, at the price of his life, that no trust is to be given to a wicked man.

This robber, who at first believed that he had numerous troops following him, gave him the fairest reception that could be, and entertained him with very great kindness and civility in appearance, placing his soldiers here and there among his subjects, with a strict order to treat them well, and to give them what refreshments the country afforded: but when he found that he had not above two or three hundred men in all, he quickly shewed what he was. It is not known whether he had not received some letters from Aureng-Zebe, or whether his avarice had not been tempted by some mules said to be laden with gold; which was all that could be saved hitherto, as well from the hands of robbers, as of those that conveyed it. Whatever it be, on a certain morning, when nobody looked for any such thing, all being taken up with the care of refreshing themselves, and believing all to be safe; behold this traitor, who had bestirred himself all night to get armed men from all parts, fell upon Dara and Sepe-Chekouh, killed some of their men that stood up to defend themselves; forgot not to seize on the loads of the mules, and of all the jewels of the women; made Dara to be tied fast upon an elephant, commanding the executioner to sit behind, and to cut off his head upon the least sign given, in case he should be seen to resist, or that any one should attempt to deliver him. And in this strange posture he was carried to the army before Tatabakar, where he put him into the hands of Mir-baba, the general, who caused him to be conducted in the company of this same traitor to Lahor, and thence to Dehli.

When he was at the gates of Dehli, it was deliberated by Aureng-Zebe, whether he should be made to pass through the midst of the city, or no, to carry him thence to Goualoor. Many did advise, that that was by no means to be done; that some disorder might arise; that some might come to save him; and besides, that it would be a great dishonour to the family royal. Others maintained the contrary, viz. that it was absolutely necessary he should pass through the town, to astonish the world, and to shew the absolute power of Aureng-Zebe, and to disabuse the people, that might still doubt,

whether it were himself, as indeed many Omrahs did doubt; and to take away all hopes from those, who still preserved some affection for him. The opinion of these last was followed; he was put on an elephant, his grandchild, Sepe-Chekouh, at his side; and behind them was placed Bhadur-Kan, as an executioner. This was none of those brave elephants of Ceilan or Pegu, which he was wont to ride on, with gilt harness and embroidered covers, and seats with canopies very handsomely painted and gilt, to defend themselves from the sun: it was an old caitiff animal, very dirty and nasty, with an old torn cover, and a pitiful seat, all open. There was no more seen about him, that necklace of big pearls, which those princes are wont to wear, nor those rich turbans and vests embroidered. All his dress was a vest of coarse linen, all dirty, and a turban of the same, with a wretched scarf of Kachimere over his head, like a varlet; his grandson, Sepe-Chekouh, being in the same equipage. In this miserable posture he was made to enter into the town, and to pass through the greatest streets of Inerchandize, to the end that all the people might see him, and entertain no doubt any more whether it was he.

As for me, I fancied we went to see some strange massacre, and was astonished at the boldness of making him thus pass through the town, and that the more, because I knew that he was very ill guarded, neither was I ignorant, that he was very much beloved by the lower sort of people, who at that time exclaimed highly against the cruelty and tyranny of Aureng-Zebe, as one that kept his father in prison, as also his own son Sultan-Mahmoud, and his brother Morad-Bakche. I was well prepared for it, and with a good horse and two good men I went, together with two others of my friends, to place myself in the greatest street where he was to pass. But not one man had the boldness to draw his sword, only there were some of the Fakires, and with them some poor people, who seeing that infamous Gion-Kan ride by his side, began to rail and throw stones at him, and to call him traitor. All the shops were ready to break for the crowd of spectators, that wept bitterly; and there was heard nothing but loud outcries and lamentations, invectives and curses, heaped on Gion-Kan. In a word, men and women, great and small (such is the tenderness of the hearts of the Indians) were ready to melt into tears for compassion; but not one there was that durst stir to rescue him. Now after he had thus passed through the town, he was put into a garden called Heider-Abad.

There were not wanting to tell Aureng-Zebe, how the people at this sight had lamented Dara, and cursed the Patan that had delivered him; and how the same was in danger to have been stoned to death, as also that there had been a great apprehension of some sedition and mischief. Hereupon another council was held, whether he should be carried to Goualeor, as had been concluded before; or whether it were not more expedient to put him to death without more ado? Some were of opinion, that he should go to Goualeor with a strong guard; that that would be enough; Danechmend-Kan, though Dara's old enemy, insisting much upon that. But Rauchenara-Begum, in pursuance of her hatred against this brother of hers, pushed Aureng-Zebe to make him away, without running the danger there was of sending him to Goualeor; as also did all his old enemies, Calil-ullah-Kan, and Chah-heft-Kan, and especially a certain flatterer, a physician, who fled out of Persia, first called Hakim-Daoud, and afterwards being become a great Omrah named Takarrub-Kan: this villain boldly rose up in a full assembly, and cried out, that it was expedient for the safety of the state, to put him to death immediately, and that the rather, because he was no Mussulman; that long since he was turned Kafir, idolater, without religion, and that he would charge the sin of it upon his own head; of which imprecation he soon after felt the smart; for within a short time he fell into disgrace, and was treated like an infamous fellow, and died miserably. But

Aureng-Zebe, carried away by these instances and motives, commanded that he should be put to death, and that Sepe-Chekouh, his grandchild, should be sent to Goualeor.

The charge of this tragical execution was given to a certain slave called Nazer, that had been bred by Chah-Jehan, and was known to have been formerly ill treated by Dara. This executioner, accompanied with three or four parricides more, went to Dara, who was then himself dressing some lentils with Sepe-Chekouh his grandchild. He no sooner saw Nazer, but cried out to Sepe-Chekouh, "My dear son, behold those that come to kill us!" laying hold at the same time of a small knife, which was all the arms that were left him. One of these butchers immediately fell upon Sepe-Chekouh; the others upon the arms and legs of Dara, throwing him to the ground, and holding him under, till Nazer cut his throat. His head was forthwith carried to the fortrefs to Aureng-Zebe, who presently commanded it to be put in a dish, and that water should be fetched; which when brought, he wiped it with an handkerchief, and after he had caused the face to be washed clean, and the blood done away, and was fully satisfied that it was the very head of Dara, he fell a weeping, and said these words; *Ab, Bed-bakt!* "ah, unfortunate man!" Take it away, and bury it in the sepulchre of Houmayon.

At night, the daughter of Dara was brought into the seraglio, but afterwards sent to Chah-Jehan, and Begum-Saheb, who asked her of Aureng-Zebe. Concerning Dara's wife, she had ended her days before at Lahor: she had poisoned herself, foreseeing the extremities she was falling into, together with her husband. Sepe-Chekouh was sent to Goualeor. And after a few days, Gion-Kan was sent for, to come before Aureng-Zebe in the assembly: to him were given some presents, and so he was sent away; but being near his lands, he was rewarded accorded to his desert, being killed in a wood. This barbarous man not knowing, or not considering, that if kings do sometimes permit such actions for their interest, yet they abhor them, and sooner or later revenge them.

In the mean time the governor of Tatabakar, by the same orders that had been required of Dara was obliged to surrender the fortrefs. It was indeed upon such a composition as he would have, but it was also with an intention not to keep word with him; for the poor eunuch, arriving at Lahor, was cut in pieces, together with those few men he had then with him, by Kalil-ullah-Kan, who was governor thereof. But the reason of the non-observance of the capitulation was, that there was come intelligence, that he secretly prepared himself to go directly to Soliman-Chekouh, sparing no gold, which underhand he conveyed into the hands of our Frangueze, and to all those that were come with him out of the fortrefs to follow him, under pretext of accompanying him as far as Dehli to Aureng-Zebe, who had often said, that he should be very glad to see so gallant a man, and who had so valiantly defended himself.

There remained therefore none of the family of Dara, but Soliman-Chekouh, who could not easily be drawn away from Serenaguer, if the Raja had been steady to his first declarations. But the secret practices of the Raja Jesseigne, the promises and threats of Aureng-Zebe, the death of Dara, and the other Rajas his neighbours that had been gained, and were prepared by the orders, and at the cost of Aureng-Zebe, to make war against him, did at last shake the faith of this perfidious protector, and made him consent to their demands. Soliman-Chekouh, who was advertised of it, fled through the midst of those horrid countries and fearful deserts, towards the great Tibet. But the son of the Raja, soon pursuing and overtaking him, caused him to be assaulted with stones. The poor Prince was hurt, seized, and carried to Delhi, where he was imprisoned in Serenguer, that little fortrefs, where at first they had put Morad-Bakche.

Aureng-Zebe, to observe what he had practised towards Dara, and that nobody might doubt it was Soliman-Chekouh himself, commanded him to be brought before him in the presence of all the grandees of the court. At the entry of the gate, the chains were taken from his feet, leaving those he had about his hands, which seemed gilt. When this proper young man, so handsome and gallant, was seen to enter, there was a good number of Omrahs that could not hold their tears; and, as I was informed, all the great ladies of the court, that had leave to see him come in, fell a weeping. Aureng-Zebe, who appeared himself to be touched at his misfortunes, began to speak very kindly to him, and to comfort him; telling him, amongst other things, that he should fear nothing, that no hurt should be done to him; on the contrary, that he should be well treated, and therefore be of good courage; that he had caused his father to be put to death for no other reason, than that he was turned Kafir, and a man without religion. Whereupon this young prince returned him the salam, and blessed him, abasing his hands to the earth, and lifting them, as well as he could, up to his head, after the custom of the country; and told him with resolution enough, that if he were to drink the poust, he intreated him that he might die presently, being very willing to submit to his fate. But Aureng-Zebe promised him publicly that he should drink none of it; that he should rest satisfied as to that, and not entertain any sad thoughts about it. This being said, he once more repeated the salam; and after they had asked him several questions, in the name of Aureng-Zebe, touching that elephant which was charged with roupies of gold, taken from him when he went to Serenaguer, he was sent to Goualeor to the rest. This poust is nothing else but poppy expressed, and infused a night in water. And it is that potion, which those that are kept at Goualeor, are commonly made to drink; I mean those princes whose heads they think not fit to cut off. This is the first thing that is brought them in the morning, and they have nothing given them to eat till they have drank a great cup full of it; they would rather let them starve. This emaciates them exceedingly, and maketh them die insensibly, they losing little by little their strength and understanding, and growing torpid and senseless. And by this very means it is said that Sepe-Chekouh, and the grand-child of Morad-Bakche, and Soliman-Chekouh, were dispatched.

As to Morad-Bakche, he was made away by a more violent death. For Aureng-Zebe seeing that, though he was in prison, yet the generality had an inclination to him, and that many verses were spread in praise of his valour and courage, thought himself not safe enough by putting him to death in private, by giving him poust like others; apprehending, that his death would be still doubted of, and that that might one time or other occasion some commotion, and therefore devised the following charge against him.

The children of a certain Sayed, very rich, whom he had caused to be put to death in Amadevad, to get his estate, when he there made his preparations for war, and borrowed, or took by force, great sums of money from all the rich merchants, appeared in full assembly, making their complaints, and demanding justice, and the head of Morad-Bakche, for the blood of their father. Not one of the Omrahs durst contradict it, both because he was a Sayed, that is, one of Mahomet's kindred, to whom great veneration was paid; and that every body sufficiently understood the design of Aureng-Zebe, taking this for a pretence to rid himself openly of Morad-Bakche, under a shew of justice. So that the head of him, that had killed the father of the plaintiffs, was granted them without any other form of process. Whereupon they went with necessary orders issued out for that purpose, to cut it off in Goualeor.

There remained no other thorn in the foot of Aureng-Zebe but Sultan Sujah, who kept himself still in Bengal; but he also was forced to yield at last to the power and fortune of Aureng-Zebe. There were sent so many troops of all forts to Emir-Jemla, that at last he was encompassed on all sides, both on this and that side of the river Ganges; so that he was necessitated to fly to Dake, which is the last town of Bengal on the sea side; and here comes the conclusion of this whole tragedy.

This prince being destitute of ships to put to sea, and not knowing whither to fly, sent his eldest son, Sultan Banque, to the King of Racan or Moy, a heathen or idolatrous king, to know whether he would give him leave to make his country his place of refuge only for some time, and do him the favour, when the monsons, or the season winds should come, to furnish him with a vessel for Mecha, from thence to pass into some part of Turkey or Persia; that king sent answer, that he should be very welcome, and have all possible assistance. So Sultan Banque returned to Dake with some galleasses, manned with Franguis, (I mean with those fugitive Portugueze, and other straggling Christians, that had put themselves in service to that King, driving no other trade than to ravage all this lower Bengal;) upon which Sultan Sujah embarked, with his whole family, viz. his wife, three sons, and daughters. They were well enough received; whatever was necessary for their subsistence, such as that country would afford was provided for them, in the name of that king. Some months pass, the season of the favourable winds come in, but not a word of the vessel, though he demanded it no otherwise than for his money; for as yet he wanted no rupies of gold, nor silver, nor gems; he had too great a plenty of them: his riches were, in all appearance, the cause of his ruin, or at least contributed much to it. Those barbarous kings have no true generosity, and are not much refrained by the faith they have given, regarding nothing but their present interests, without so much as considering the mischiefs that may befall them for their perfidiousness and brutality. To get out of their hands, one must either be the stronger, or have nothing that may tempt their avarice. Sultan Sujah may long enough solicit for a vessel; all is in vain, he effects nothing: on the contrary, the King begins to shew much coldness, and to complain of his not coming to see him. I know not, whether Sultan Sujah thought it unworthy of himself, and too mean a thing to give him a visit; or rather, whether he feared, that being in the King's house, he might not there be seized on, to take away all his treasure, and then be delivered into the hands of Emir-Jemla, who for that purpose promised, in the name of Aureng-Zebe, great sums of money, and many other considerable advantages. Whatever the matter was, he would not go thither himself, but sent his son Sultan Banque, who being near the King's house, began to shew liberality to the people, throwing out to them a good quantity of half rupies, and whole rupies, of gold and silver. And being come before the King, he presented him with store of embroideries, and of rare pieces of goldsmith's work, set with precious stones of great value, excusing his father Sultan Sujah, as being indisposed, and beseeching him in his name, that he would remember the vessel, and the promise made to him thereof. But all that did not advance his business; on the contrary, five or six days after, this king sent to Sultan Sujah, to ask of him one of his daughters in marriage; which he could never resolve to grant him, whereat this barbarous prince was highly offended. What then could he do in this case? The season passeth away. What shall become of him? What other resolution can he take but to do a desperate action? Behold a strange undertaking, which may give a great example of what despair can do!

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Although this King Racan be an heathen, yet there is in his dominions store of Mahometans mingled with the people, that are retired thither, or have been, for the most part, taken slaves, here and there by those Franguis above mentioned. Sultan Sujah did under-hand gain these Mahometans; and with two or three hundred men, whom he yet had remaining of those that had followed him from Bengal, he resolved, one day to fall unexpectedly upon the house of this barbarian, to kill all, and to make himself proclaimed king of Racan. This was a very bold enterprize, and such a one, as had more of a desperado in it, than of a prudent man. Yet notwithstanding, as I was informed, and by what I could learn from many Mahometans, and Portugeuze, and Hollanders, that then were there present, the thing was feasible enough. But the day before the stroke was to be given, the design was discovered; which did altogether overthrow the affairs of Sultan Sujah, and was soon after the cause of his ruin. For not finding hereafter any way more to recover himself, he attempted to fly towards Pegu; which was a thing in a manner impossible, by reason of the vast mountains and forests to be passed. Besides, he was immediately pursued so close, that he was overtaken the same day he fled. It may well be thought, that he defended himself with as much courage as possible. He killed so many of those barbarians, that it will scarce be believed; but he was so overpowered by the multitude of pursuers, that he was obliged to quit the combat. Sultan Banque, who was not so far advanced as his father, defended himself also like a lion; but at length, being all bloody of the wounds, by stones poured upon him from all sides, he was seized on, and carried away, with his two little brothers, his sisters, and mother.

As to the person of Sultan Sujah himself, all that could be learnt of it, is this: that he, with one woman, one eunuch, and two other persons, got up to the top of the mountain; that he received a wound in his head by a stone, which struck him down, and yet he rose again, the eunuch having wound his head about with his turban, and that they escaped through the midst of the woods.

I have heard the relation three or four other manner of ways, even by those persons that were upon the place. Some did assure, that he had been found among the dead, but was not well known; and I have seen a letter of the chief of the Dutch factory, confirming this. So that it is difficult enough to know aright what is become of him. And this it is, which hath administered ground to those so frequent alarms, given us afterwards at Dehli: for at one time it was rumoured, that he was arrived at Mallipatan, to join with the kings of Golkonda and Visapour; another time it was related for certain, that he had passed in sight of Suratte with two ships, bearing the red colours, which the King of Pegu or the King of Siam had given him; by and by, that he was in Persia, and had been seen in Chiras, and soon after in Kandahar, ready to enter into the kingdom of Caboul itself. Aureng-Zebe one day said smiling, that Sultan Sujah was at last become an agy or pilgrim. And at this very day there are abundance of persons who maintain, that he is in Persia, returned from Constantinople, whence he is said to have brought with him much money. But that which confirms more than enough, that there is no ground for any of these reports, is that letter of the Hollanders; and that an eunuch of his, with whom I travelled from Bengal to Mallipatan, as also the great master of his artillery, whom I saw in the service of the King of Golkonda, have assured me, that he is no more in being, though they made difficulty to say any more concerning him; as also, that our French merchants, that lately came out of Persia and from Hispahan, when I was yet at Dehli, had in those parts heard no news at all of him; besides that, I have heard that a while after his defeat

defeat; his sword and poignard had been found : so that it is credible, that if he was not killed upon the place, he soon died afterwards, and was the prey of some robbers, or tigers, or elephants, of which the forests of that country are full. However it be, after this last action his whole family was put in prison, wives and children, where they were treated rudely enough; yet some time after they were set at more liberty, and they received a milder entertainment; and then the King called for the eldest daughter, whom he married.

Whilst this was doing, some servants of Sultan Banque, joined with divers of those Mahometans which I have mentioned, went to plot another conspiracy like the first. But the day appointed for it being come, one of the conspirators, being half drunk, began too soon to break out. Concerning this also I have heard forty different relations, so that it is very hard to know the truth of it. That which is undoubted is this, that the King was at length so exasperated against this unfortunate family of Sujah, that he commanded it should be quite rooted out. Neither did there remain any one of it, that was not put to death, save that daughter, which the King had made his wife. Sultan Banque, and his brothers had their heads cut off with blunt axes; and the women were immured up, where they died of hunger and misery.

And thus endeth this war, which the lust of reigning had kindled among those four brothers, after it had lasted five or six years, from 1655, or thereabout, to 1660 or 1661; which left Aureng-Zebe in the peaceable possession of this puissant empire.

Particular Events : or the most considerable Passages after the War of five Years, or thereabout, in the Empire of the Great Mogul.

THE war being ended, the Tartars of Usbec entertained thoughts of sending ambassadors to Aureng-Zebe. They had seen him fight in their country, when he was yet a young prince; Chah-Jehan having sent him to command the succours which the Kan of Samarkand had desired of him, against the Kan of Balk. They had experienced his conduct and valour on many occasions, and they considered with themselves, that he could not but remember the affront they did him, when he was just taking balk, the capital town of the enemy; for the two Kans agreed together, and obliged him to retreat, alledging, that they apprehended he might render himself master of their whole state, just as Ekbar had formerly done of the kingdom of Kachimere. Besides, they had certain intelligence of all he had done in Indostan, of his battles, fortunes, and advantages; whence they might sufficiently estimate, that though Chah-Jehan was yet living, yet Aureng-Zebe was master, and the only person that was to be owned King of the Indies. Whether then they feared his just resentments, or whether it was that their inbred avarice and fardidness made them hope for some considerable presents, the two Kans sent to him their ambassadors to offer him their service, and to congratulate him upon the happy beginning of his reign. Aureng-Zebe saw very well, that the war being at an end, this offer was out of season, and that it was nothing but fear or hope, as we said, that had brought them. Yet for all this, he received them honourably; and, since I was present at their audience, I can relate the particulars of it with certainty.

They made their reverence at a considerable distance from him, after the Indian custom, putting thrice their hands upon their heads, and as often letting them down to the ground. Then they approached so near, that Aureng-Zebe himself might very well

well have taken their letters immediately from their hands; but yet it was an Omrah that took and opened them, and gave them to him. He forthwith read them with a very grave countenance; and afterwards commanded, there should be given to each of them an embroidered vest, a turban, and a girdle of silk in embroidery, which is that which they call *ser-apah*, that is, an habit from head to foot. After this, their presents were called for, which consisted in some boxes of choice lapis lazulus, divers camels with long hair, several gallant horses, some camel-loads of fresh fruit, as apples, pears, raisins, and melons (for it is chiefly Usbec that furnishes these sorts of fruit, eaten at Dehli all the winter long); and in many loads of dry fruit, as prunes of Bokara, apricots, raisins without any stones that appeared, and two other sorts of raisins, black and white, very large and very good.

Aureng-Zebe was not wanting to declare how much he was satisfied with the generosity of the Kans, and much commended the beauty and rarity of the fruit, horses, and camels; and after he had a little entertained them of the state of the academy of Samarkand, and of the fertility of their country, abounding in so many rare and excellent things, he desired them to go and repose themselves, intimating wishal, that he should be very glad to see them often.

They came away from their audience full of contentment and joy, not being much troubled, that they had been obliged to make their reverence after the Indian custom, though it have something of slavish in it; nor much resenting it, that the King had not taken their letters from their own hands. I believe if they had been required to kiss the ground, and even to do something of a lower nature, they would have complied with it. It is true, it would have been in vain, if they had desired to make no other salute but that of their own country, and to deliver to the King their letters with their own hands; for that belongs only to the ambassadors of Persia, nor have these this favour granted them but with much difficulty.

They stayed above four months at Dehli, what diligence soever they could use to be dispatched, which did incommode them very much; for they fell almost all sick, and even some of them died, because they were not accustomed to such heats as are in Indostan, or rather because they were fordid, and kept a very ill diet. I know not whether there be a more avaricious and uncleanly nation than they are. They laid up the money, which the King had appointed them for their maintenance, and lived a very miserable life, altogether unworthy of ambassadors. Yet they were dismissed with great honour. The King, in the presence of all the Omrahs, presented each of them with two rich *ser-apahs*, and gave order, that eight thousand rupies should be carried to their lodgings, which amounted to near two thousand crowns each. He also gave them, for presents to the Kans their masters, very handsome *ser-apahs*, store of the richest and best wrought embroideries, a good quantity of fine cloth, and silk stuffs, wrought with gold and silver, and some tapestries, and two poniards set about with precious stones.

During their stay, I went thrice to see them, being presented to them as a physician by one of my friends, that was son of an Usbec, that had made his fortune in that court. I had a design to have learned something in particular of their country, but I found them so ignorant, that they knew not so much as the confines of their state, much less could they inform me of any thing concerning the Tartars that have conquered China of late years. In short, they told me nothing that I knew not before. I had once the curiosity to dine with them, which liberty I obtained easily enough. They are not men of much ceremony; it was a very extraordinary meal for such a one as I, it being mere horse-flesh; yet for all this I got my dinner with them; there was a certain ragout which

which I thought past : and I was obliged to express a liking of so exquisite a dish, which they so much lost after. During dinner there was a strange silence ; they were very busy in carrying in with their whole hands, for they know not what a spoon is ; but after that this horse-flesh had wrought in their stomachs, they began to talk, and then they would persuade me, they were the most dextrous at bows and arrows, and the strongest men in the world. They called for bows, which are much bigger than those of Indostan, and would lay a wager, to pierce an ox or my horse through and through. Then they proceeded to commend the strength and valour of their women, which they described to me quite otherwise than the Amazons ; telling me very wonderful stories of them, especially one which would be admirable indeed, if I could relate it with a Tartarian eloquence as they did. They told me, that at the time when Aureng-Zebe made war in their country, a party of twenty-five or thirty Indian horsemen came to fall upon a small village ; whilst they plundered and tied all those whom they met with to make them slaves, an old woman said to them ; " Children, be not so mischievous, my daughter is not far off, she will be here very shortly, retreat if you be wife, you are undone if she light upon you." They laughed at the old woman and her advice, and continued to load, to tie, and to carry away herself ; but they were not gone half a mile, but this old woman, looking often backward, made a great outcry of joy, perceiving her daughter coming after her on horseback ; and presently this generous she-Tartar, mounted on a furious horse, her bow and arrows hanging at her side, called to them at a distance, that she was yet willing to give them their lives, if they would carry to the village all they had taken, and then withdraw without any noise. The advice of this young woman affected them as little as that of her old mother ; but they were soon astonished, when they found her let fly at them in a moment three or four great arrows, which struck as many of their men to the ground, which forced them to fall to their quivers also. But she kept herself at that distance from them, that none of them could reach her. She laughed at all their effort and at all their arrows, knowing how to attack them at the length of her bow, and to take her measure from the strength of her arm, which was of another temper than theirs ; so that after she had killed half of them with her arrows, and put them into disorder, she came and fell upon the rest with the sabre in her hand, and cut them all in pieces.

The ambassadors of Tartary were not yet gone away from Dehli, when Aureng-Zebe fell exceedingly sick ; a violent and continued fever made him sometimes lose his understanding : his tongue was seized with such a palsy, that he lost almost his speech, and the physicians despaired of his recovery ; nothing was heard for the time, than that he was gone, and that his sister Rauchenara Begum concealed his death out of design. It was already bruited, that the Raja Jessonseigne, governor of Guzaratte, was on the way to deliver Chah-Jehan ; that Mohabet-Kan (who had at length obeyed the orders of Aureng-Zebe), quitting the government of Caboul, and being already on this side Lahor to come back, made haste also with three or four thousand horse for the same end ; and that the eunuch Etbar-Kan, who kept Chah-Jehan in the fortress of Agra, would have the honour of his delivery. On one side we see Sultan Mazum bestir himself exceedingly with bribes, endeavouring by promises to assure himself of the Omrahs, so far, as that one might be went disguised to the Raja Jessonseigne, entreating him with expressions of deep respect, that he would engage himself for his interest.

We knew from other hands, that Rauchenara-Begum, together with Today-Kan, the great master of artillery, and many Omrahs, declared for the young Prince Sultan Ekbar, the third son of Aureng-Zebe, though he was but seven or eight years old ; both parties in the mean time pretending, they had no other design than to deliver Chah-

Jehan : so that the people believed, that now he was going to be set at liberty, though none of the grandees had any such thing in their thoughts, spreading this rumour only to gain credit and concurrence, and because they feared, lest by the means of Ekbar-Kan, or some other secret intrigue, he should one day appear in the field. And indeed of all the parties, there was not one that had reason to wish for his liberty and restoration to the throne, except Jessomfeigne, Mohabet-Kan, and some others, that as yet had done no great matter to his disadvantage. The rest had been all against him, at least they had vilely abandoned him. They knew very well he would be like an unchained lion if he came abroad : who then could trust him ? And what could Etbar-Kan hope for, who had kept him up so close ? I know not, if by some adventure or other he should come out of prison, whether he would not have stood single, and been alone of his party.

But though Aureng-Zebe was very sick, yet for all this he gave order for all things, and particularly for the sure custody of Chah-Jehan his father ; and though he had advised Sultan Mazum to go and open the gates to Chah-Jehan, in case he should die, yet he omitted not to have Etbar-Kan incessantly writ to. And the fifth day, in the height of his sickness, he caused himself to be carried into the assembly of the Omrahs to shew himself, and to disabuse those who might believe him to be dead, and to obviate popular tumults, or such accident as might have caused Chah-Jehan to be set at liberty. The seventh, ninth, and tenth day, he made himself to be carried again into the said assembly for the same reason ; and what is almost incredible, the thirteenth, after he had recollected himself from a fit of swooning, which occasioned a rumour through the whole town of his being dead, he called for two or three of the greatest Omrahs, and the Raja Jessigne, to let them see that he was alive, made himself to be raised in his bed, called for ink and paper to write to Etbar-Kan, and sent for the great seal, which he had trusted with Rauchenara-Begum, and commonly enclosed in a small bag, sealed with a seal he always wore about his arm, fearing lest she had already made use of it for her designs. I was nigh my Aga when all this news was told him ; and I understood, that lifting up his hands to Heaven, he said, " What a soul is this ? A matchless fortitude and courage of spirit ! God preserve thee Aureng-Zebe for greater things ; certainly he will not that thou shouldst yet die. And indeed after this fit he recovered by little and little.

He had no sooner recovered his health, but he sought to get out of the hands of Chah-Jehan and Begum Saheb, the daughter of Dara, to secure the marriage of Sultan-Ekbar, his third son, with this Princess, on purpose thereby to gain him authority, and to give him the greater right to the empire ; for he it is, who is thought to be by him designed for it. He is yet very young, but he hath many near and powerful relations at the court, and is born of the daughter of Chah-Navazekan, and consequently of the blood of the ancient sovereigns of Machate ; whereas Sultan Mahmoud and Sultan Mazum are only sons of Ragipontnis, or daughters of Rajas. These kings, though Mahometans, do for all that, marry of the daughters of the heathen, either for state interest, or for extraordinary beauty. But Aureng-Zebe was disappointed in this design. It will hardly be believed, with what height and fierceness of spirit Chah-Jehan and Begum rejected the proposition, and the young Princess herself, who in the fear of being carried away, was for some days desperate, and protested she would rather kill herself an hundred times over, if it were possible, than marry the son of him that had murdered her father.

He had no better satisfaction from Chah-Jehan about certain jewels which he asked of him, in order to finish a piece of work which he caused to be added to a famous throne,

throne, which is so highly esteemed. For he fiercely answered, that Aureng-Zebe should take no other care but to rule better than he did; that he should let his throne alone; that he was weary to hear of these jewels, and that the hammers were ready to beat them to dust the first time he should be importuned again about them.

The Hollanders would not be the last in doing reverence to Aureng-Zebe; they had thoughts of sending an ambassador to him. They pitched upon Monsieur Adrican, the commander of their factory at Surat; and being a right honest man, and of good sense and judgment, not neglecting to take the counsel of his friends, he well acquitted himself of this employment. Aureng-Zebe, though he carries it very high, and affects to appear a zealous Mahometan, and consequently to despise the Franguezé or Christians, yet thought fit to receive them with much respect and civility. He even was desirous, that this ambassador should compliment him in the mode of the Franguezé, after he had been made to do it the Indian way. It is true, he received his letters by the hand of an Omrah; but that was not to be taken for any contempt, he having shewed no more honour to the ambassadors of Usbec. After this he intimated to him, that he might produce his present; and at the same time he caused him, and some of his train, to be dressed with a ser-apah embroidered. The present consisted of store of very fine scarlet; some large looking-glasses, and divers excellent pieces of Chinese and Japanese work, among which there was a Paleky, and a Tackravan, or a field throne of admirable workmanship.

This ambassador was not so soon dispatched as he wished, it being the custom of the Kings of Mogul to detain ambassadors as long as they well can, from a belief they have; that it is the interest of their greatness to oblige strangers to give long attendance at their court; yet he was not kept so long as the ambassadors of Usbec. Meantime he had the misfortune that his secretary died there, and the rest of his retinue began to grow sick. When the King dismissed him, he gave him such another ser-apah embroidered, as the first was, for himself; and another, a very rich one, for the general of Batavia, together with a poignard, set about with jewels, all accompanied with a very obliging letter.

The chief aim of the Hollanders in this embassy was, to make themselves immediately known to the King, thereby to gain credit, and to intimidate the governors of the seaports, and other places, where they have their factories; that so they may not attempt, when they please, to insult over them, or to trouble them in their trade; thereby letting them know, that they had to do with a potent nation, and that hath a door open to address themselves, and to complain immediately to the King. Their end also was to make it appear, what interest the King had in their commerce; and therefore they shewed long rolls of commodities, bought up by them through the whole kingdom, and lists of considerable sums of gold and silver every year brought thither by them; but saying not a word of those which they draw thence, from the copper, lead, cinnamon, cloves, muscadin, pepper, wood of aloes, elephants, and other commodities which they vend there.

About this time, one of the most considerable Omrahs of Aureng-Zebe addressed himself to him, and represented, that this multitude and variety of perplexing affairs, and this perpetual attention of mind in him, might soon cause a great alteration in his temper, and a dangerous inconvenience in his health. But Aureng-Zebe seeming to take almost no notice of what that Omrah said, turned himself another way, and approaching to another of the prime Omrahs of the court, a person of great knowledge

and judgment, spoke to him in this purpose (as I was informed by the son of this lord, who was my friend):

“ You other sages, are you not all of my mind, that there are times and conjunctions so urgent, that a king ought to hazard his life for his subjects, and sacrifice himself for their defence with arms in his hands? And yet this effeminate man would dissuade me from taking pains, and dehort me from watching and solicitude for the publick; and carrying me by pretences of health, to the thoughts of an easy life, by abandoning the government of my people, and the management of affairs, to some Visir or other. Doth he not know, that Providence having given me a royal extraction, and raised me to the crown of Indostan, hath not made me for myself alone, but for the good and safety of the public, and for the procurement of tranquillity and happiness to my subjects as far as that may be obtained by justice and power? He seeth not the consequence of his councils, and what mischiefs do attend visirships. Doth he think it to be without reason that our grand Sady hath so generously pronounced; O kings, cease, cease to be kings, or govern your kingdoms yourselves? Go tell thy countryman, that I shall well like of the care he is constantly to take of the faithful discharge of his place; but advise him also, not any more to run out himself so far as he hath done. We have natural inclination enough to a long, easy, and careless life, and there need no counsellors to shake off business and trouble. Our wives that lie in our bosom, do too often, besides our own genius, incline us that way.”

At the same time there happened an accident, that made a great noise at Dehli, especially in the seraglio, and disabused a great many, that could as hardly believe as myself, that eunuchs, though they had their genitals quite cut away, could become amorous as other men. Didar-kan, one of the chief eunuchs of the seraglio, who had built an house, where he came often to divert himself, fell in love with a very beautiful woman, the sister of a neighbour of his, that was an heathen scrivener.

These amours lasted a good while before any body blamed them, since it was but an eunuch that made them, which sort of men have the privilege to go where they please; but the familiarity grew so great, and so extraordinary betwixt the two lovers, that the neighbours began to suspect something, and to rally the scrivener, which did so touch him, that he threatened both his sisters and the eunuch to kill them if they should continue their commerce. And soon after, finding them in the night lying together, he stabbed the eunuch outright, and left his sister for dead. The whole seraglio, women and eunuchs, made a league together against him to make him away; but Aureng-Zebe dissipated all these machinations, and was content to have him turn Mahometan. Meantime it is thought, he cannot long avoid the malice and power of the eunuchs; for it is not, as is the common saying, with men as with brutes; these latter become gentler and more tractable when they are castrated; but men more vicious, and commonly very insolent, though sometimes it turneth to an admirable fidelity and gallantry.

It was also about the same time, that Aureng-Zebe was somewhat discontented with Rauchenara-Begum, because she was suspected to have given access to two young gallants into the seraglio, who were discovered and brought before Aureng-Zebe. Yet this being but a suspicion, he expressed to her no great resentment of it; nor did he make use of so great rigour and cruelty against those poor men, as Chah-Jehan had done against the person above spoken of. The matter was related to me by an old Portuguese woman (that had a long while been slave to the seraglio, and went out and in at pleasure), as followeth: she told me that Rauchenara-Begum, after she had drawn from a young man, hidden by her, all his ability, delivered him to some women to convey

convey him away in the night through some gardens, and so to save him: but whether they were discovered, or whether they feared they should be so, or what else might be the cause, they fled, and left him there wandering in the midst of those gardens, not knowing which way to get out: and being at last met with, and brought before Aureng-Zebe, who examined him strictly, but could draw nothing else from him, than that he was come in over the walls, he was commanded to get out the same way by which he entered: but it seems the eunuchs did more than Aureng-Zebe had given order for, for they cast him down from the top of the walls to the bottom. As for the other young gallant, this same woman assured me, that he was found wandering in the garden like the first; and having confessed that he was come in by the gate, Aureng-Zebe commanded likewise that he also should pass away again by the same gate; yet reserving to himself a severe chastisement for the eunuchs, since not only the honour of the royal house, but also the safety of the King's person, is herein concerned.

Some months after, there arrived at Dehli several ambassadors, almost at the same time. The first was Xerif of Meccha, whose present did consist of some Arabian horses: the second and third ambassadors were, he of the King of Hyeman, or Happy Arabia, and he of the Prince of Bassora, who likewise presented Arabian horses. The two remaining ambassadors were sent from the King of Ethiopia. To the three first, no great regard was given; they appeared in so miserable and confused an equipage, that it was perceived they came only to get some money by the means of their present, and of the many horses and other merchandize, which under the pretence of ambassadors, entered without paying any duty into the kingdom, there to be sold, and to buy for the money a quantity of Indian stuffs, and so to return without paying likewise any impost at all.

But as to the Ethiopian embassy, that deserves to be otherwise taken notice of; the King of Ethiopia having received the news of the revolution of the Indies, had a design to spread his name in those parts, and there to make known his grandeur and magnificence by a splendid embassy; or, as malice will have it, or rather as the very truth is, to reap some advantage by a present as well as the rest. Behold therefore this great embassy! He chose for his ambassadors two persons, that one would think were the most considerable in his court, and the most capable to make such a design prosper. And who were they? The one was a Mahometan merchant, whom I had seen some years ago at Moka, when I passed there coming out of Egypt over the Red Sea, where he was to sell some slaves for that prince, and to buy of the money raised thence, some Indian commodities. And this is the fine trade of that great Christian King of Africa. The other was a Christian merchant of Armenia, born and married in Aleppo, known in Ethiopia by the name of Murat. I had seen him also at Moka, where he had accommodated me also with the half of his chamber, and assisted me with very good advice, whereof I have spoken in the beginning of this history, as a thing taking me off from passing into Ethiopia, according to my first design. He also came every year to that place, in that king's name, for the same end that the Mahometan did, and brought the present which the king made every year, to the gentlemen of the English and Dutch company of the East-Indies, and carried away theirs. Now the King of Ethiopia, suitably to his design, and the desire he had of making his ambassadors appear with great splendor, put himself to great expences for this embassy: he gave them thirty-two young slaves, of both sexes, to sell them at Moka, and thence to make a sum of money to bear their charges. A wonderful largess! Slaves are commonly sold there for twenty-five or thirty crowns a piece, one with another. A considerable sum. Besides, he gave them for a present to the Great Mogul five and twenty choice slaves, among which there were 9 or 10 very young, proper to make eunuchs of. A very worthy present for a king, and

he a Christian, to a Mahometan Prince! It seems the christianity of the Ethiopians is very different from ours. He added to that present, twelve horses, esteemed as much as those of Arabia, and a kind of little mule, of which I saw the skin, which was a very great rarity, there being no tyger so handsomely speckled, nor silken stuff of India so finely, so variously; and so orderly streaked, as that was. Moreover, there were for a part of the present, two elephant's teeth, so prodigious, that they assured it was all that a very able-bodied man could do to lift up one of them from the ground. Lastly, an horn of an ox full of civet, and so big, that the aperture of it being measured by me, when it came to Dehli, it had a diameter of half a foot, and somewhat better. All things being thus prepared, the ambassadors depart from Gondez, the capital of Ethiopia, situated in the province of Dambea, and came through a very troublesome country to Beiloul, which is a dispeopled sea-port over against Moka, nigh to Babel-mandel, not daring to come (for reasons elsewhere to be alledged), the ordinary way of the Caravans, which is made with ease in forty days to Arkiko, and thence to pass to the Isle of Masoua. During their stay at Beiloul, and expecting a bark to Moka, to waft over the Red Sea, there died some of their slaves, because the vessel tarried, and they found not in that place those refreshments that were necessary for them. When they came to Moka, they soon sold their merchandize to raise a stock of money according to order: but they had this ill luck, that that year the slaves were very cheap; because the market was glutted by many other merchants; yet they raised a sum to pursue their voyage. They embarked upon an Indian vessel to pass to Surat: their passage was pretty good; they were not above five and twenty days at sea; but whether it was that they had made no good provision, for want of stock, or what else the cause might be, many of their slaves and horses, as also the mule, whereof they saved the skin, died. They were no sooner arrived at Surat, but a certain rebel of Visapour, - called Seva-Gi, came and ransacked and burned the town, and in it their house, so that they could save nothing but their letters, some slaves that were sick, or which Seva-Gi could not light on, their Ethiopian habits which he cared not for, and the mule's skin, and the ox's horn, which was already emptied of the civet. They very much exaggerated their misfortune; but those malicious Indians that had seen them arrive in such a wretched condition, without provisions, without habits, without money, or bills of exchange, said, that they were very happy, and should reckon the plunder of Surat for a piece of their best fortune; for as much as Seva-Gi had saved them the labour of bringing their miserable present to Dehli, and had furnished them with a very specious pretence for their beggarly condition, and for the sale they had made of their civet, and of some of their slaves, and for demanding of the Governor of Surat provisions for their subsistence, as also some money and chariots to continue their voyage to Dehli.

Monseur Adrican, Chief of the Dutch factory, my friend, had given to the Armenian Murat a letter of recommendation to me, which he delivered himself at Dehli, not remembering that I had been his host at Moka. It was a very pleasant meeting when we came to know one another, after the space of five or six years. I embraced him affectionately, and promised him that I would serve him in whatever I could; but that, though I had acquaintance at the court, it was impossible for me to do them any considerable good office there: for since they had not brought with them any valuable present, but only the mule's skin, and the empty ox's horn, and that they were seen going upon the streets without any paleky or horses, save that of our father missionary, and mine (which they had almost killed), cloathed like beggars, and followed with seven or eight slaves, bare-headed and bare-foot, having nothing but an ugly sharfe tied between their legs, with a ragged cloth over their left shoulder, passing under their left arm like a summer cloak; since, I said, they were in such a posture, whatever I could say for them

was insignificant; they were taken for beggars, and nobody took other notice of them. Yet notwithstanding I said so much of the grandeur of their king to my Aga Danechmend-kan, who had cause to hearken to me, as managing all foreign affairs there, that Aureng-Zebe gave them audience, received their letters, presented them each with an embroidered vest, a silken embroidered girdle, and a turban of the same, gave order for their entertainment, and dispatched them in a little time, and that with more honour than there was ground to expect: for in dismissing them, he presented them each with another such vest, and with 6000 rupies for them all, which amounteth to about 3000 crowns, of which the Mahometan had four thousand, and Murat, because a Christian, but two thousand. He also gave them for a present to their master, a very rich ser-apah or vest, two great silver and gilt trumpets, two silver timbals, a poignard covered with jewels, and the value of about twenty thousand francs in gold and silver rupies, to let their king see money coined, as a rarity he had not in his country: but Aureng-Zebe knew very well that these rupies would not go out of the kingdom, and that they were like to buy commodities for them, and it fell out so; for they laid them out, partly in fine cotton cloth, to make shirts of for their king, queen, and their only lawful son that is to be the successor; partly in silken stuffs streaked with gold or silver, to make vests and summer drawers of; partly in English scarlet, to make two Arabian vests of for their king also; and lastly, in pieces, and in store of coarser cloth, for divers ladies of his seraglio, and for the children he had by them; all without paying any duty.

For all my friendship with Murat, there were three things which made me almost repent to have served them. The first, because Murat having promised me to leave with me 50 rupies, a little son of his, that was very pretty, of a delicate black, and without such a swelled nose, or such thick lips as commonly the Ethiopians have, broke his word with me, and let me know, that he should take no less for him than 300 rupies. For all this, I had thoughts of buying him for rarity's sake, and that I might say, a father had sold me his son. The second, because I found that Murat, as well as the Mahometan, had obliged themselves to Aureng-Zebe, that they would employ their interest with their king, that he might permit in Ethiopia to rebuild an old mosque ruined in the time of the Portuguese, and which had been built for a tomb of a great dervich, which went from Mecha into Ethiopia for the propagation of Mahometanism, and there made great progress. They received of Aureng-Zebe two thousand rupies for this engagement. This mosque had been pulled down by the Portuguese, when they came with their succours into Ethiopia, which the then king, who turned catholic, had asked of them against a Mahometan Prince, invading his kingdom. The third, because they desired Aureng-Zebe, in the name of their king, to give them an alcoran, and eight other books, which I well remember were of the most reputed in the Mahometan religion: which proceeding seemed to me very unworthy of a Christian ambassador, and Christian king, and confirmed to me what I had been told at Moka, that the christianity of Ethiopia must needs be some odd thing; that it favours much of Mahometanism, and that the Mahometans increase exceedingly in that empire, especially since the Portuguese, that came in there for the reason lately expressed, were either killed, upon the death of the king, by the cabal of the queen mother, or expelled, together with the patriarch Jesuit, whom they had brought along from Goa.

During the time that the ambassadors were at Delhi, my Aga, who is more than ordinary curious, made them often come to him, when I was present, to inform himself of the state and government of their country, and principally to learn something of the source of the Nile, which they call Ababile, of which they discoursed to us as a thing so well known, that nobody doubted of it. Murat himself, and a Mogol, who was
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turned out of Ethiopia with him, had been there, and told us very near the same particulars with those I had received of it at Moka, viz. : that the Nile had its origin in the country of Agaus; that it issued out of the earth by two springs bubbling up, near to one another, which did form a little lake of about thirty or forty paces long; that coming out of this lake, it did make a considerable river: and that from space to space it received small rivers increasing it. They added, that it went on circling, and making as it were a great ile; and that afterwards it tumbled down from steep rocks into a great lake, in which there were divers fruitful isles, store of crocodiles, and (which would be remarkable enough, if true), abundance of sea-calves, that have no other vent for their excrements than that by which they take in their food; this lake being in the country of Danbea, three small days journey from Gondar, and four or five days journey from the source of the Nile. And lastly, that this river did break out of this lake, being augmented with many river-waters, and with several torrents falling into it, especially in the rainy season (which do regularly begin there, as in the Indies, about July, which is very considerable and convincing for the inundation of the Nile), and so runs away through Sonnar, the capital city of the King of Fungi, tributary to the King of Ethiopia, and from thence passeth to the plains of Mesre, which is Egypt.

The ambassadors were not wanting to say more than was liked, on the subject of their King's greatness, and of the strength of his army; but the Mogolian did not over much agree with them in it; and in their absence represented to us this army, which he had seen twice in the field, with the Ethiopian King at the head of it, as the most wretched thing in the world.

They also related to us divers particulars of that country, which I have put in my journal, one day perhaps to be digested and copied. In the mean time I shall insert here three or four things which Murat told me, because I esteem them very extravagant for a Christian kingdom. He said then, that there were few men in Ethiopia, who besides their lawful wife, had not many others; and himself owned that he had two, without reckoning her which he had left at Aleppo: that the Ethiopian women did not so hide themselves as they do in the Indies among the Mahometans, nor even as among the Gentiles: that those of the meaner sort of people, maids or married women, slaves or free, were often together pell-mell, night and day, in the same chamber, without those jealousies so common in other countries: that the women of lords did not stick much to go into the house of a simple cavalier, whom they knew to be a man of execution. That if I had gone into Ethiopia, they would soon have obliged me to marry, as they had done, a few years since, a certain European who named himself a Greek physician. That an ancient man, of about fourscore years of age, did one day present to the king fourscore sons, all of age, and able to bear arms; and that the king asked him, Whether he had no more but them? To whom having answered, no, but only some daughters, the king sent him away with this reproach: "Begone, thou calf, and be ashamed for having no more children at that age, as if women were wanting in my dominions!" That the king himself had at least fourscore sons and daughters running about pell-mell in the seraglio, for whom he had caused to be made a number of round varnished sticks, made like a little maze; those children being fond of having that in their hand like a scepter, distinguishing them from those that were children of slaves, or from others living in that place.

Aureng-Zebe sent also twice for these ambassadors, for the same reason that my Aga did, and especially to enquire after the state of Mahometanism in that country. He had also the curiosity of viewing the skin of the mule, which remained, I know not how, in the fortress among the officers, which was to me a great mortification, because they

they had designed it for me for the good services I had done them. I made account to have one day presented it to some very curious person in Europe. I urged often, that together with the mule's skin, they should carry the great horn to Aureng-Zebe, to shew it him; but they feared lest he should make a question, which would have perplexed them; viz. how it came to pass that they had saved the horn from the plunder of Surat, and lost the civet?

Whilst these ambassadors of Ethiopia were at Dehli, it came to pass that Aureng-Zebe called together his privy-council, and the most learned persons of his court, to chuse a new master for his third son, Sultan Eckbar, whom he designed for his successor. In this council he shewed the passion he hath to have this young prince well educated, and to make him a great man. Aureng-Zebe is not ignorant of what importance it is, and how much it is to be wished, that as much as kings surmount others in greatness, they may also exceed them in virtue and knowledge. He also well knows, that one of the principal sources of the misery, of the mis-government, of the unpeopling, and the decay of the empires of Asia proceeds from thence, that the children of the kings thereof are brought up only by women and eunuchs, which often are no other than wretched slaves of Russia, Circassia, Mingrelia, Gurgistan and Ethiopia; mean and servile, ignorant and insolent souls. These princes become kings when they are of age, without being instructed, and without knowing what it is to be a king; amazed when they begin to come abroad out of the seraglio, as persons coming out of another world, or let out of some subterraneous cave, where they had lived all their life time; wondering at every thing they meet, like so many innocents, believing all, and fearing all, like children, or nothing at all, as if they were stupid: and all this according to their nature, and suitable to the first images imprinted upon them; commonly high and proud, and seemingly grave, but of that kind of pride and gravity, which is so flat and distasteful, and so unbecoming them, that one may plainly see it is nothing but brutality or barbarousness, and the effect of some ill-studied and ill-digested documents, or else they fall into some childish civilities, yet more unfavoury; or into such cruelties as are blind and brutal; or into that mean and gross vice of drunkenness, or into an excessive and altogether unreasonable luxury, either ruining their bodies and understandings with their concubines, or altogether abandoning themselves to the pleasures of hunting, like some carnivorous animals, preferring a pack of dogs before the lives of so many poor people, whom they force to follow them in the pursuit of their game, and suffer to perish of hunger, heat, cold, and misery. In a word, they always run into some extreme or other, being altogether irrational and extravagant, according as they are carried by their natural temper, or by their first impressions that are given them; thus remaining, almost all, in a strange ignorance of what concerns the state of the kingdom; the reins of the government being abandoned to some visir, who entertains them in their ignorance and in their passions, which are the two strongest supports he can have to rule always according to his own mind, with most assurance, and the least contradiction; and given over also to those slaves their mothers, and to their eunuchs, who often know nothing but to continue plots of cruelty, whereby they strangle and banish one another, and sometimes the visirs, and even the grand seignors themselves, so that no man whatsoever, that hath any estate, can be in safety of his life.

But to return; after all these ambassadors which we have spoken of, there came at last news, that the Ambassador of Persia was upon the frontiers. The Persian Omrahs, that are at the service of the Mogul, spread a rumour that he came for affairs of great importance, though intelligent persons much doubted of a commission of that nature, considering that the time of great conjunctures was passed, and that those Omrahs, and

the other Persians did what they did, rather to make a show than for any thing else. Meantime, on the day of the entry, this ambassador was received with all possible respect. The bazars, through which he passed, were all new painted, and the cavalry attending on the way for above the length of a whole league. Many Omrahs accompanied him with music, timbals and trumpets, and when he entered in the fortress, or palace of the king, the guns went off. Aureng-Zebe received him with much civility, and was content he should make his address to him after the Persian mode, receiving also, without any scruple, immediately from his hands the letters of his king, which, out of respect, he lifted up even to his head, and afterwards read them with a grave and serious countenance; which done, he caused an embroidered vest to be brought, together with a rich turban and girdle, commanding it to be put on him in his presence. A little after, it was intimated to him, that he might order his present to be brought in, which consisted of twenty-five as handsome horses as ever I saw, led, and covered with embroidered trappings, and of twenty very stately and lusty camels, as big as elephants; moreover, of a good number of boxes, said to be full of most excellent rose-water, and of a certain distilled water, very precious, and esteemed highly cordial; besides, there were displayed five or six very rich and very large tapisseries, and some embroidered pieces exceeding noble, wrought in small flowers, so fine and delicate, that I know not whether in all Europe any such can be met with. To all this were added four damaskined swords, with as many poignards, all covered with jewels; as also five or six harnesses of horses, which were much esteemed, being also very fine and rich, the stuff being raised with rich embroidery set with small pearls, and very fair turcoises of the old rock.

It was observed, that Aureng-Zebe beheld this present very attentively; that he admired the beauty and rarity of every piece, and that several times he extolled the generosity of the King of Persia, assigning to the ambassador a place among his chief Omrahs. And after he had entertained him awhile with a discourse about the inconveniences and hardships of his voyage, he dismissed him, and made instance, that he should come every day to see him.

During the four or five months that the ambassador staid at Dehli, he was always splendidly treated at Aureng-Zebe's charge; and the greatest Omrahs presented him one after another, and at last he was very honourably dismissed; for Aureng-Zebe had him apparelled with another rich sera-pah or vest, to which he added considerable presents for himself, reserving those he intended for his king, till he should send an ambassador expressly, which some time after he did.

Notwithstanding all these testimonies of honour and respect which Aureng-Zebe had shewed to his ambassador, the same Persians, above spoken of, gave out, that their king had sensibly reproached him in his letters with the death of Dara, and the imprisonment of Chah-Jehan, as actions unworthy of a brother and a son, and a Mussulman; and that he had also hit him with the word *Alem-Guire*, or conqueror of the world, which Aureng-Zebe had caused to be engraven on his coin. But it is hard to believe, that the King of Persia should do any such thing to provoke such a victorious prince. Persia is not in a condition to enter into a war with Indostan*; I am rather apt to believe, that Persia hath work enough to keep Kandahar on the side of Indostan and the frontiers on the side of Turkey. Its forces and riches are known; it produceth not always such great kings as the Chah-Abbas, valiant, intelligent, and politic, knowing to make use of every thing, and to do so much with small expences. If it were in a condition of undertaking any thing against Indostan, or really sensible of piety, and the

* Though the present Emperor of Persia has conquered it.

Musliman faith, why was it that in these last troubles and civil wars, which continued so long in Indostan, the Persians sat still and looked on when Dara, Chah-Jehan, Sultan Sujah, and perhaps the Governor of Caboul desired their assistance; and they might, with no very great army, nor great expences, have seized on the fairest part of India, beginning from the kingdom of Caboul, unto the river Indus, and beyond it, and so made themselves umpires of all things? Yet notwithstanding there mult needs have been some offensive expressions in those Persian letters, or else the ambassador must have done or said something that displeased Aureng-Zebe, because two or three days after he had dismissed him, he made a rumour to be spread abroad, that the ambassador had caused the ham-strings of the presented horses to be cut; and the ambassador being yet upon the frontiers, he made him return all the Indian slaves which he carried along with him, of which he had a prodigious number.

Meanwhile Aureng-Zebe was not so much concerned, nor troubled himself so much with this ambassador, as Chah-Jehan, upon a like occasion, did with him that was sent to him from the great Chah-Abbas. When the Persians are in the humour of rallying against the Indians, they relate these three or four little stories of them: they say, that Chah-Jehan, seeing that the courtship and promises made to their ambassador were not able to prevail with him, so as to make him perform his salute after the Indian mode, he devised this artifice:—he commanded to shut the great gate of the court of the Amkas, where he was to receive them, and to leave only open the wicket, through which one man could not pass but very difficultly, by stooping and holding down his head, as the fashion is when one maketh an Indian reverence, to the end that it might be said, he had made the ambassador put himself in a posture which was something lower than the Indian salam or salute; but that that ambassador, being aware of this trick, came in with his back foremost: and that Chah-Jehan, out of indignation to see himself caught, told him Ehbédbakt, ‘Thou wretch, dost thou think thou comest into a stable of asses, such as thou art?’ And that the ambassador, without any alteration, answered, ‘Who would not ink so, seeing such a little door?’

Another story is this: that at a certain time Chah-Jehan taking ill some coarse and fierce answers returned to him by the Persian ambassador, could not hold to tell him, What, hath Chah-Abbas no other men at his court, that he must send to me such a fool as thyself? And that the ambassador answered, He hath many better and wiser men than me, but to such a king, such an ambassador. They add, that on a certain day Chah-Jehan, who had made the ambassador to dine in his presence, and fought some occasion to affront him, seeing that he was busy in picking and gnawing of bones, asked him smilingly, ‘Eh Eltchi-Gy, my Lord Ambassador, what will the dogs eat?’ And that he answered readily, Kicherry, that is, a dish of pulse, which is the food of the meaner sort of people, and which he saw Chah-Jehan eat, because he loved it.

They say also that Chah-Jehan once asked him, what he thought of his new Dehli (which was building), in comparison of Hispahan? And that he answered aloud, and with an oath, ‘Billah, Billah, Hispahan doth not come near the dust of Dehli, which Chah-Jehan took for a high commendation, though the ambassador mocked him, because the dust is so troublesome at Dehli.

Lastly they relate that Chah-Jehan, one day pressing him to tell him, what he thought of the grandeur of the kings of Indostan, compared to that of the kings of Persia? He answered, that in his opinion, one could not better compare the kings of India than to a large moon of fifteen or sixteen days old, and those of Persia, to a small moon of two or three days. And that this answer did at first please Chah-Jehan; but that soon after he perceived, that that comparison did him but little honour, the ambassador’s

senſe being, that the kings of Indoftan were decreasing, and thoſe of Perſia increaſing.

Whether theſe points are ſo commendable, and ſuch marks of wit, every one is free to judge as he ſeeth cauſe. My opinion is, that a diſcreet and reſpectful gravity is much more becoming ambaffadors, than railery and roughneſs, eſpecially when they have to do with kings, who will not be rallied with, witneſs an accident that beſel this very ambaffador ; for Chah-Jehan was at length ſo weary of him, and his freedom, that he called him no otherwiſe than fool ; and one day gave ſecret order that when he ſhould enter into a pretty long and narrow ſtreet, that is near the fortrefs, to come to the hall of the aſſembly, they ſhould let looſe upon him an ill-conditioned and fierce elephant ; and certainly if the ambaffador had not nimbly lept out of his paleky, and, together with his dexterous attendants, ſhot ſome arrows into the trump of the elephant, which forced him to turn back, he had been utterly ſpoiled.

It was at this time, upon the departure of the Perſian ambaffador, that Aureng-Zebe received with that admirable wiſdom his tutor Mallah-Sale, the hiſtory of which is rare and conſiderable. This old man, who long ſince had retired himſelf towards Caboul, and ſettled himſelf on ſome lands which Chah-Jehan had given him, had no ſooner heard of the great fortune of Aureng-Zebe his diſcipline, who had overcome Dara and all his other brothers, and was now King of Indoftan, but he came in haſte to the court, ſwelled with hopes of being preſently advanced to no leſs than the dignity of an Omrah. He maketh his court, and endeavours to engage all his friends, and Rauchanara-Begum, the King's ſiſter, employs herſelf for him. But yet there was three whole months, that Aureng-Zebe does not ſo much as look upon him ; till at length, wearied to have him always at his elbow, and before his face, he ſent for him to a place apart, where there was nobody but Hakim-lul-Mouluk, Danech-mend-Kan, and three or four of thoſe Omrahs, that pretend to ſcience, and then ſpoke to him to this effect, (as I was informed by my Agah) :

What is it you would have of me, doctor ? Can you reaſonably deſire I ſhould make you one of the chief Omrahs of my court ? Let me tell you, if you had inſtructed me as you ſhould have done, nothing would be more juſt : for I am of this perſuaſion, that a child well educated and inſtructed is as much, at leaſt, obliged to his maſter as to his father : but where are thoſe good documents you have given me ? In the firſt place you have taught me, that all that Frangaltican (ſo it ſeems they call Europe) was nothing, but I know not what little iſland, of which the greateſt King was he of Portugal, and next to him he of Holland, and after him he of England ; and as to the other kings, as thoſe of France and Andaluſia, you have repreſented them to me as our petty Rajas ; telling me that the Kings of Indoftan were for above them altogether, and that they were the true and only Houmajons, the Ekbars, the Jehan-Guyres, the Chah-Jehans, the fortunate ones, the great ones, the conquerors and kings of the world ; and that Perſia and Uſbec, Kach-guer, Tartar and Catay, Pegu, China, and Matchina did tremble at the name of the Kings of Indoftan. Admirable geography ! You ſhould rather have taught me exactly to diſtinguiſh all thoſe different ſtates of the world, and well to underſtand their ſtrength, their way of fighting, their cuſtoms, religions, governments, and intereſts ; and by the peruſal of ſolid hiſtory, to obſerve their riſe, progreſs, decay, and whence, how, and by what accidents and errors thoſe great changes and revolutions of empires and kingdoms have happened. I have ſcarce learnt of you the name of my grandfires, the famous founders of this empire ; ſo far were you from having taught me the hiſtory of their life, and what courſe they took to make ſuch great conqueſts. You had a mind to teach me the Arabian tongue, to read and to

write, I am much obliged to you (forsooth) for having made me lose so much time upon a language, that requires ten or twelve years to attain to its perfection; as if the son of a king should think it to be an honour to him, to be a grammarian or some doctor of the law, and to learn other languages than those of his neighbours, when he cannot well be without them; he, to whom time is so precious for so many weighty things, which he ought by times to learn. As if there were any spirit that did not with some reluctance, and even with a kind of debasement, employ itself in so sad and dry an exercise, so longsome and tedious, as is that of learning words.

Thus did Aurenge-Zebe resent the pedantic instructions of his tutor: to which it is affirmed in that court, that after some entertainment which he had with others, he further added the following reproof:

“ Know you not, that childhood well governed, being a state which is ordinarily accompanied with an happy memory, is capable of thousands of good precepts and instructions, which remain deeply impressed the whole remainder of a man's life, and keep the mind always raised for great actions? The law, prayers, and sciences, may they not as well be learned in our mother-tongue, as in Arabic? You told my father Chah-Jehan, that you would teach me philosophy. It is true, I remember very well, that you have entertained me for many years with airy questions, of things that afford no satisfaction at all to the mind, and are of no use to human society, empty notions, and mere fancies, inat have only this in them, that they are very hard to understand, and very easy to forget, which are only capable to tire and spoil a good understanding, and to breed an opinion that is unsupportable. I still remember that after you had thus amused me, I know not how long, with your fine philosophy, all I retained of it, was a multitude of barbarous and dark words, proper to bewilder, perplex, and tire out the best wits, and only invented, the better to cover the vanity and ignorance of men like yourself, that would make us believe, that they know all, and that under those obscure and ambiguous words, are hid great mysteries, which they alone are capable to understand. If you had seasoned me with that philosophy, which formeth the mind to ratiocination, and insensibly accustoms it to be satisfied with nothing but solid reasons; if you had given me those excellent precepts and doctrines, which raise the soul above the assaults of fortune, and reduce her to an unshakeable and always equal temper, and permit her not to be lifted up by prosperity, nor debased by adversity; if you had taken care to give me the knowledge of what we are, and what are the first principles of things, and had assisted me in forming in my mind a fit idea of the greatness of the universe, and of the admirable order and motion of the parts thereof; if, I say, you had instilled into me this kind of philosophy, I should think myself incomparably more obliged to you than Alexander was to his Aristotle; and believe it my duty to recompence you otherwise, than he did him. Should not you, instead of your flattery, have taught me somewhat of that point so important to a king, which is, what the reciprocal duties are of a sovereign to his subjects, and those of subjects to their sovereign? And ought not you to have considered, that one day I should be obliged with the sword to dispute my life and the crown with my brothers? Is not that the destiny almost of all the sons of Indostan? Have you ever taken any care to make me learn what it is to besiege a town, or to set an army in array? For these things I am obliged to others, not at all to you. Go, and retire to the village, whence you are come, and let nobody know who you are, or what is become of you.”

At that time there arose a kind of tempest against astrologers, which did not displease me. Most people of Asia are so insatuated by judiciary astrology, that they believe there is nothing done here below, but it is written above (for so they speak). In all their

their undertakings therefore they consult astrologers. When two armies are ready to give battle, they beware of falling on, till the astrologer hath taken and determined the moment he fancies propitious for the beginning of the combat. And so, when the matter is about electing a captain-general of an army, of dispatching an ambassador, of concluding a marriage, or beginning a voyage, and of doing any other thing, as buying a slave, putting on new apparel, &c. nothing of all that is done without the sentence of Mr. Star gazer; which is an incredible vexation, and a custom drawing after it such important consequences, that I know not how it can subsist so long. For the astrologer must needs have knowledge of all that passeth, and of all that is undertaken, from the greatest affairs to the least.

But behold, it happened, that the prime astrologer of the King was drowned, which occasioned a great noise at court, and was a great discredit to astrology: for he being the person that determined the moments of all enterprizes and actions for the King, and the Omrahs, every one wondered, how a man so experienced, and that for so long time had dispensed good adventures to others, could not foresee his own misfortune. There were not wanting those, who pretended to be wiser than others, and said, that in Frangistan, where sciences did flourish, the grandees do suspect all such kind of people, and that some hold them even no better than mountebanks, that it is much doubted, whether this knowledge is grounded upon good and solid reasons, and that it may very well be some fancy of astrologers, or rather an artifice to make themselves necessary to the great ones, and to make them in some measure to depend on them.

All these discourses very much displeas'd the astrologers; but nothing angri'd them so much as this story, become very famous, viz. That the great Chah-Abas, King of Persia, commanded to be digg'd and prepared a little place in his seraglio, to make a garden; that the young trees were all ready, and the gardener made account to plant them the next day. Meantime the astrologer taking upon him, said, that a good nick of time was to be observ'd for planting them, to make them prosper. Chah-Abas being content it should be so, the star-gazer took his instruments, turn'd over his books, made his calculation, and concluded, that, by reason of such and such a conjunction and aspect of the planets, it was necessary they should be set presently. The master gardener, who minded nothing less than this astrologer, was not then at hand; yet for all that they fell to work immediately, making holes, and planting the trees, Chah-Abas himself setting them, that it might be said that they were trees set with Chah-Abas's own hands. The gardener returning at night, was sufficiently amaz'd when he saw the work done; and finding that the right place and order designed by him was not taken; that, for example, an apricock-tree stood where an apple-tree should stand, and a pear-tree where an almond-tree; being heartily angry with the astrologer, caus'd all the trees to be plucked up again, and laid them down, with some earth about them, for next morning, the time chosen by himself. The news hereof came soon to the ears of the astrologer, who presently told Chah-Abas of it: he forthwith sent for the gardener, and with some indignation ask'd him, What had made him so bold as to pull up those young trees he had planted with his own hand; that the time had been so exactly taken for them, that so good an one would never be had again, and that so he had marred all. The rude gardiner, who had a cup of Chiras wine in his head, look'd aside upon the astrologer, and grumbling and swearing, said to him these words, Billah, Billah, that must needs be an admirable point of time which thou hast taken for these trees; unhappy astrologer! they were planted this day noon, and this evening they have been plucked up again. When Chah-Abas heard this, he fell a laughing, turn'd his back upon the astrologer, and went away.

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I shall here add two particulars, though they happened in the time of Chah-Jehan, because such things fall out often enough, and do withal give occasion to observe that ancient and barbarous custom, which makes the kings of India heirs of the goods of those that die in their service. The first was of Neiknam-kan, one of the most ancient Omrahs of the court, and who, for the space of forty or fifty years, wherein he had always been employed in considerable offices, had heaped up great store of gold and silver. This lord seeing himself near his end, and thinking upon this unreasonable custom, which often renders the wife of a great man, upon his decease, poor and miserable in an instant, and necessitates her to present a petition, begging some small pension for her subsistence and for that of her children, who are constrained to lift themselves for common soldiers under some Omrah; who, I say, considering this with himself, secretly distributed all his treasure to indigent knights and poor widows, filled his trunks with old pieces of iron, old shoes, rags and bones, and locked and sealed them, telling every body that they were goods belonging to Chah-Jehan the King. These trunks, after his death, were brought before Chah-Jehan, when he was in the assembly, and by his command instantly opened in the presence of all the Omrahs, that saw all this fine stuff, which so provoked and discomposed Chah-Jehan, that he rose in great fury, and went away.

The other is only a piece of gallantry. A rich Banean, or heathen merchant being a great usurer (as most of them are), who had always been in employment, and in the pay of the King, came to die. Some years after his death, his son did extremely importune the widow, his mother, to let him have some money: she finding him to be a prodigal and debauched youth, gave him as little as she could. This young fool, by the persuasion of others like himself, made his complaints to Chah-Jehan, and was so silly as to discover to him all the goods his father had left, which amounted to two hundred thousand rupies, or hundred thousand crowns. Chah-Jehan, who soon got an itch for this treasure, sent for the widow, and commanded her in the open assembly to send him an hundred thousand rupies, and to give fifty thousand to her son, giving order at the same time to put her away. The old woman, though surpris'd at this command, and perplexed enough that she was so suddenly thrust out, without the liberty of speaking, yet lost not her judgment, but with a loud voice gave out, that she had something of moment to discover to His Majesty: Whereupon being brought in again, she said, "God save Your Majesty; I find that my son hath some reason to demand of me the goods of his father, as being of his and my flesh and blood, and therefore our heir; but I would gladly know, what kindred Your Majesty is to my deceased husband, to be his heir. When Chah Jehan heard so plain a piece of raillery, and a discourse of parentage of the King of the Indies with a she-Banian, or idolatrous she-merchant, he could not hold laughing, and commanded she should be gone, and that nothing should be asked of her.

But to return, I shall not relate all the other considerable things that have happened since the end of the war, that is, since 1660 unto my departure, which was above six years after; though doubtless that would tend much to the design I had in relating the other particulars, which is, to make known the genius and temper of the Moguls and Indians. This I may do in another place: here I shall only give an account of five or six particulars, which those that shall have read this relation, will doubtless be curious of.

The last, that though Aureng-Zebe made Chah-Jehan, his father, to be kept in the fortrefs of Agra, with all imaginable care and caution; yet notwithstanding he still left him his old apartment with Begum-Saheb, his eldest daughter, his other women, sing-

ers, dancers, cooks, and others; nothing of that kind was wanting to him. There were also certain Mullahs, that were permitted to come and to read the Alcoran to him, (for he was become very devout). And when he thought fit, there were brought before him brave horses, and tamed Gazelles, (which is a kind of goat) to make them fight with one another; as also divers sorts of birds of prey, and several other rare animals, to divert him as formerly. Aureng-Zebe himself used an art to overcome at last his fierceness and obstinacy, which he had hitherto kept, though a prisoner. And this was the effect of the obliging letters, full of respect and submission, which he often wrote to his father, consulting him often as his oracle, and expressing a thousand cares for him; sending him also incessantly some pretty present or other; whereby Chah-Jehan was so much gained, that he also wrote very often to Aureng-Zebe touching the government and state affairs, and of his own accord sent him some of those jewels, which before he had told him of, that hammers were ready to beat them to powder the first time he should again ask for them. Besides, he consented that the daughter of Dara, which he had so peremptorily denied, should be delivered to him; and granted him at length that pardon and paternal blessing, which he had so often desired without obtaining it. Yet, under all this, Aureng-Zebe did not always flatter him; on the contrary, he sometimes returned sharp answers, when he met with strains in his father's letters that were pregnant, or expressed something of his former height and authority. Of this we may judge by the letter, which I know from a very good hand was once written to him by Aureng-Zebe, to this effect:

“ Sir, You would have me indispensably follow those ancient customs, and make myself heir to all those that are in my pay with the wonted rigour: an Omrah, and even a merchant can no sooner die, and sometimes even before his death, but we seal up his trunks, and seize on his goods, and make a strict enquiry into his estate, imprisoning and ill-treating the officers of the house to discover to us all he hath, even to the least jewels. I will believe that there is some policy in doing so, but it cannot be denied that it is very rigorous, and sometimes very unjust; and to speak the very truth, we may deserve well enough, that the same should befall us every day, what happened to you from your Neikman-kan, and from the widow of your rich Indian merchant. Moreover (said he) it seems, I am by you reputed proud and haughty now I am King; as if you knew not by the experience of more than forty years of your reign, how heavy an ornament a crown is, and how many sad and restless nights it passeth through; as if I could forget that excellent passage of Mir-Timur (commonly called Tamerlane) which is so seriously delivered to us by that great grand-father of ours, Ekbar, to the end that we might the more weigh the importance and value of it, and consider whether we have cause to pride ourselves so much in a crown. You well know that he said, that the same day when Timur took Bajazet, he made him come before him, and having fixed his eyes on him, fell a laughing; at which Bajazet being highly offended, fiercely said to him, Laugh not at my fortune, Timur; know that it is God that is the dispenser of kingdoms and empires; and that the same can befall you to-morrow, that hath befallen me to day. Whereupon Timur made this serious and brave answer; I know as well as you, Bajazet, that it is God that distributeth kingdoms and empires; I laugh not at your ill fortune, God forbid I should do so: but beholding your face, I smiled, and had this thought, That certainly these kingdoms and empires must in themselves be very little and contemptible things in the eyes of God, since he giveth them to persons so ill made as you and I both are; a deformed one eyed man, as you; and a lame wretch as myself. You require also, that abandoning all my other employments, which I believe very necessary for the establishment and happiness of this state, I should think

nothing but conquests, and the enlargement of the empire. I must confess that this is indeed the business of a great monarch, and of a soul truly royal, and that I should not deserve to be of the blood of the great Timur, if I were not of that mind, and had not such inclinations. Meantime, I think I fit not idle, and my armies are not useless in the kingdoms of Decan and Bengal: but we must also aver, that the greatest conquerors are not always the greatest kings; that we too often see a barbarian making conquests, and that those great bodies of conquests do ordinarily fall of themselves, and by their own weight. He is a great king, that knows to acquit himself worthily of that great and august employment and charge of kings, which is to dispense justice to their subjects, &c."

The rest is not come to my hands.

The second is in regard of Emir-Jemla. It were to injure this great man, to pass by with silence his deportment to Aureng-Zebe after the war, and the manner of ending his days. This eminent person, after he had dispatched the affair of Bengala, with Sultan Sujah (the second of these four brothers), not like Gion-kan, that infamous Patan, with Dara, nor like the Raja of Serenaguer with Soliman-Chekouth, but like a great captain and dexterous politician, pursuing him as far as the sea-side, and necessitating him to fly and to escape out of his hands; after, I say, he had done these things, he sent an eunuch to Aureng-Zebe, intreating him, that he would give him leave to transport his family to Bengal; that now that the war was at an end, and he broken with age, he hoped he would grant him the advantage of ending his life in the company of his wife and children.

But Aureng-Zebe is too sharp-sighted, not to pierce into the designs of Emir. He seeth him triumphing over Sujah; he knows his great credit and reputation, and that he hath the esteem of a very wise, undertaking, valiant and rich man; and that the kingdom of Bengal is not only the best of all Indostan, but strong of itself; and further, that this Emir is in the head of a well disciplined army, which both honours and fears him. Besides, he is not ignorant of his ambition, and foreseeth well enough, that if he should have with him his son Mahmen-Emir-kan, he would aspire to the crown, and at least take full possession of Bengal, if he should not be able to advance things further. At the same time he is also well aware, that there is danger in refusing him, and that he may possibly prove such a man, as, in case of denial, may run into some dangerous extreme, as he had done in Golkonda. How then, think ye, did he carry himself in this conjuncture? He sends to him his wife and daughter, and all the children of his son: he maketh the Emir a Mir-ul-Omrah, which is in that empire the greatest degree of honour that a favourite can be raised to; and as to Mahmet-Emir-kan, he maketh him the Great Bakchis, which is a dignity and charge like that of our great master of the horse, the second or third office in the state, but such a one as absolutely obligeth the possessor of it to be always at the court, not suffering him, but very difficultly, to be absent from the person of the King.

The Emir soon perceived, that Aureng-Zebe had skilfully put by the stroke; that it would be in vain the second time to ask of him his son; that he could not do it without offending him; and that therefore the safest way would be to rest contented with all the testimonies of friendship, and with all the honours, together with the government of Bengal; being in the mean time always upon his guard, and in such a posture, that since he could attempt nothing against Aureng-Zebe, Aureng-Zebe should not be able to attempt any thing against him.

Thus have we seen these two great men carrying themselves to one another; and in this condition did affairs remain for almost a year, till Aureng-Zebe, too well knowing

ing that a great captain cannot be long at rest; and that, if he be not employed in a foreign war, he will at length raise a domestic one; proposed to him to make war upon that rich and potent Raja of Acham, whose territories are on the north of Dake, upon the gulf of Bengal. The Emir, who in all appearance had already designed this same thing of himself, and who believed, that the conquest of this country would make way for his immortal honour, and be an occasion of carrying his arms as far as China, declared himself ready for this enterprize. He embarked at Dake with a puissant army, upon a river which comes from those parts; upon which having gone about an hundred leagues north-eastward, he arrived at a castle called Azo, which the Raja of Acham had usurped from the kingdom of Bengal, and possessed for many years. He attacked this place, and took it by force in less than fifteen days; thence marching over-land towards Chamdara, which is the inlet into the country of that Raja; he entered into it after twenty-six days journey, still northward: there a battle was fought, in which the Raja of Acham was worsted, and obliged to retreat to Guerguon, the metropolis of his kingdom, four miles distant from Chamdara. The Emir pursued him so close, that he gave him no time to fortify himself in Guerguon; for he arrived in sight of that town in five days, which constrained the Raja, seeing the Emir's army, to fly towards the mountains of the kingdom of Lass'i, and to abandon Guerguon, which was pillaged, as had been Chamdara. They found there vast riches, it being a great, very fair and merchant-like town, and where the women are extraordinarily beautiful. Meantime the season of the rains came in sooner than usually; and they being excessive in those parts, and overflowing all the country, except such villages as stand on raised ground, the Emir was much embarrassed. For the Raja made his people of the mountains come down from all parts thereabout, and to carry away all the provisions of the field; whereby the Emir's army (as rich as it was) before the end of the rains, fell into great straits, without being able to go forward or backward. It could not advance, by reason of the mountains, very difficult to pass, and continually pestered with great rains; nor retreat, because of the like rains and deep ways; the Raja also having caused the way to be digged up as far as to Chamdara: so that the Emir was forced to remain in that wretched condition during the whole time of the rain; after which, when he found his army dishearted, tired out, and half starved, he was necessitated to give over the design he had of advancing, and to return the same way he was come. But this retreat was made with so much pains, and so great inconveniences, by reason of the dirt, the want of victuals, and the pursuit of the Raja falling on the rear, that every body (but he) that had not known how to remedy the disorder of such a march, nor had the patience to be sometimes five or six hours at one passage to make the soldiery get over it without confusion, would have utterly perished, himself, army and all; yet he, notwithstanding all these difficulties and obstacles, made a shift to come back with great honour and vast riches. He designed to return thither again the next year, and to pursue his undertaking, supposing that Azo, which he had fortified, and where he left a strong garrison, would be able to hold out the rest of the year against the Raja. But he was no sooner arrived there, but fluxes began to rage in his army: neither had himself a body of steel more than the rest; he fell sick and died, whereby fortune ended the just apprehensions of Aureng-Zebe. I say, the just apprehensions; for there was none of those that knew this great man, and the state of the affairs of Indostan, who did not say, It is this day that Aureng-Zebe is King of Bengal. And himself could not forbear to express some such thing; for he publicly said to Malunet-Emir-kan, You have lost your father, and I the greatest and most dangerous friend I had; yet notwithstanding he comforted his son, and withal

assured him, that he would ever be a father to him. And whereas it was thought that he would at least cut off his salary, and make inquisition into his treasury, he confirmed him in his office of Bakchis, augmented his pension to a thousand rupies a month, and left him heir of all the estate of his father, although the custom of the country empowered him to seize on all.

The third is concerning Chah-heft-kan, whom Aureng-Zebe made first governor of Agra, when he went out to the battle of Kaajoue against Sultan Sujah; and afterward, governor and general of the army in Decan; and at last, after the death of Emir-Jemla, governor and general of the army in Bengal, together with the charge of Mir-ul Omrah, which Emir-Jemla had possessed. This Chah-heft-kan is he, whom in our history we have mentioned as uncle to Aureng-Zebe, and one that hath so much contributed to his happiness by his eloquent and skilful pen, as well as by his intrigues and counsels. It would be injurious to his renown also, to be silent of the important enterprize which he undertook presently when he entered upon his government; and that the rather, because Emir-Jemla, whether out of policy, or for another cause, had no mind to tempt him; as also, because the particularities, which I am going to relate, will shew not only the passed and present state of the kingdoms of Bengal and Rakan, which hitherto hath not been well described to us by any; but also some other things that are worth knowing.

To the end therefore that the importance of Chah-heft-kan's attempt may be well understood, and a good idea be had of what passeth about the gulf of Bengal; we are to know, that these many years there have always been in the kingdom of Rakan or Moy, some Portugueze, and with them a great number of their Christian slaves, and other Franguis, gathered from all parts. That was the refuge of the run-aways from Goa, Ceilan, Cochin, Malague, and all those other places which the Portugueze formerly held in the Indies; and they were such as had abandoned monasteries, men that had been twice or thrice married, murderers; in a word, such as had deserved the rope, were most welcome and most esteemed there, leading in that country a life that was very detestable, and altogether unworthy of Christians, insomuch that they impudently butchered and poisoned one another, and assassinated their own priests, who sometimes were not better than themselves. The King of Rakan, in the apprehension he hath ever had of the Mogul, kept them for a guard of his frontiers, in a port-town called Chategon, giving them land, and liberty to live as they pleased. Their ordinary trade was robbery and piracy. With some small and light gallies they did nothing but coast about that sea, and entering into all rivers thereabout, and into the channels and arms of the Ganges, and between all those isles of the lower Bengal, and often penetrating even so far as forty or fifty leagues up into the country, surprized and carried away whole towns, assemblies, markets, feasts, and weddings of the poor Gentiles, and others of that country, making women slaves, great and small, with strange cruelty; and burning all they could not carry away. And thence it is, that at present there are seen in the mouth of the Ganges so many fine isles quite deserted, which were formerly well peopled, and where no other inhabitants are found but wild beasts, and especially tigers.

This great number of slaves, which thus they took from all quarters, behold what use they made of. They had boldness and impudence enough, to come and sell to that very country the old people, which they know not what to do with; where it so fell out, that those who had escaped the danger by flight, and by hiding themselves in the woods, laboured to redeem to-day their fathers and mothers, that had been taken yesterday. The rest they kept for their service, to make rowers of them, and such

Christians as they were themselves, bringing them up to robbing and killing; or else they sold them to the Portuguese of Goa, Ceilan, St. Thomas, and others; and even to those that were remaining in Bengal at Ogouli, who were come thither to settle themselves there by the favour of Jehan-Guyre, the grandfather of Aureng-Zebe, who suffered them there upon the account of traffic, and of his having no aversion to Christians, as also because they promised him to keep the bay of Bengal clear from all pirates. And it was towards the isles of Galles, near the cape of Palmes, where this fine trade was. These pirates lay there in wait at the passage for the Portuguese, who filled their ships with them at a very easy rate; this infamous rabble impudently bragging, that they made more Christians in one year, than all the missionaries in the Indies in ten; which would be a strange way of enlarging Christianity.

These were the pirates that made Chah-Jehan, who was a more zealous Mahometan than his father Jehan-Guyre, to express at last his passion, not only against the reverend fathers the Jesuits, missionaries of Agra, in that he caused to be pulled down the best part of a very fair and large church that had been built, as well as that of Lahor, by the favour of Jehan-Guyre, who, as I said, did not hate Christianity; and upon which there stood a great steeple with a great bell in it, whose sound might be heard all over the town; not only, I say, against those Jesuits, but also against the Christians of Ogouli: for being impatient to see them connive at the pirates, to make the name of the Franguis formidable, and to fill their houses with slaves that were his own subjects, he wasted and utterly ruined them, after he had both with fair words and menaces drawn from them as much money as he could: and because they were indiscreetly obstinate in refusing what he demanded of them, he besieged them, and caused them all to be brought to Agra, even their very children, their priests and friars. This was a misery and desolation not to be paralleled; a kind of Babylonian transmigration. There they were all made slaves: the handsome women were shut up in the Seraglio; the old women and others were distributed among divers Omrahs. The young lads were circumcised, and made pages; and men of age renounced for the most part their faith, either terrified by the threatenings they heard daily, that they should be trampled upon by elephants, or drawn away by fair promises. It is true, that there were some of those friars, who persisted, and that the missionaries of Agra, who, notwithstanding all this unhappiness, remained in their houses, found means afterwards, partly by friends, partly by money, to get many of them away, and to have them conveyed to Goa, and to other places belonging to the Portuguese.

They were also the same pirates, who some time after the desolation of Ogouli, offered to the vice-roy of Goa to put the whole kingdom of Rakan into their hands for the King of Portugal; but he refused, they say, this offer, out of arrogance and jealousy, and would not send the succours, which for that end was demanded of him by a certain Bastian Consalve, who had made himself head of those people, and was become so potent and considerable, that he married one of the King's daughters; being unwilling that it should be said that a man of so mean extraction as this Bastian was, had done such a master-piece. But it may be said on this occasion, that this is not much to be wondered at, considering that the Portuguese in the Indies by such a conduct have divers times been faulty on the like occasions, in Japan, in Pegu, in Ethiopia, and other places; not to mention, that by this way, and that perhaps by a just divine chastisement (as they all frankly confess themselves), they are become a prey to their enemies, and fallen so low in the Indies, that I know not whether they will ever recover there; whereas formerly, before they were corrupted by vice, and degenerated through pleasure, they made all others tremble in those parts; forasmuch as

then they were brave and generous men, zealous for the Christian religion, considerable for gallant exploits and for riches; all the Indian kings seeking their friendship.

Besides this, the same pirates seized at that time on the isle of Sondir an advantageous post to command a part of the mouth of the Ganges: in which is a certain Augustin friar, a very famous man, acted the king for many years, having taken a course, God knows how, to rid himself of the commander of that place.

Moreover the same robbers took Sultan Sujah at Daka, to carry him away to their galeasses to Rakan, as we related above, and found means to open his coffers, and to rob him of good store of jewels, which afterwards were secretly and at a very cheap rate sold at Rakan, most of them being fallen into the hands of people that had no skill in them, and afterwards into the hands of the Hollanders, and others, who knew how to buy them up quickly, making those fellows believe that they were soft diamonds, and that they would pay them according to the degrees of their hardness.

Lastly, they are they that for many years have given exercise to the Great Mogul in Bengal; having obliged him there to keep always garrisons every where upon the passes, and a great militia, and a fleet also of galeasses to oppose their courses, and who, notwithstanding all this, have made shift to make strange devastations, and often to enter far into the country, and to laugh at all the soldiery of the Moguls; in regard they were become so bold, and so dextrous at their weapons, and so skilful in piloting their galeasses, that four or five of them stuck not to set upon fourteen or fifteen Mogolians, which they also actually worsted, and took, or run a-ground. And upon these pirates Chah-heft-kan cast his eyes as soon as he came into Bengal, taking a resolution to deliver the country of this plague of people, that had so long wasted it; and designing afterwards to pass on, and attack the King of Rakan, according to the order of Aureng-Zebe, who at any price had a mind to revenge the blood of Sultan Sujah, and all his family, that had been so cruelly handled, and to teach that barbarian how the blood royal was to be regarded and esteemed on any occasion whatsoever. Behold now with what dexterity Chah-heft-kan carrieth on his design!

Knowing that it is impossible to pass any cavalry by land, no not so much as any infantry, from Bengal into Rakan, because of the many channels and rivers upon the frontiers; and also that on the other side, those pirates of Chatigon, whom we just now were speaking of would be powerful enough to hinder him from transporting them by sea; he thought upon this experiment, viz. to engage the Hollanders in his design. He therefore sent a kind of ambassador to Batavia, empowering him to treat upon certain conditions, with the general of that company, jointly to subdue the whole kingdom of Rakan; as formerly Chah-Abba subdued that of Ormus in conjunction with the English. The general of Batavia seeing the thing to be possible, and that it was a means more and more to break the Portugueze in the Indies, and that it would turn to a very good account to the company, dispatched away two men of war for Bengal, to favour the transportation of the Mogolian troops in spite of those pirates. But observe what Chah-heft-kan did before these men of war arrived: he equipped a great number of galeasses, and many large vessels to transport the army; threatened the pirates, utterly to spoil and ruin them; acquainted them with the design of Aureng-Zebe upon Rakan; that a potent army of the Dutch was near; that they should think on themselves and their families, if they were wise; and in a word if they would abandon the service of the King of Rakan and take that of Aureng-Zebe, he would procure very good conditions for them, distribute amongst them as much land in Bengal as they desired, and pay them the double of what they had now.

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It is doubtful whether these menaces and promises made impression upon them, or whether it was an accident that moved them; they having about that time assassinated one of the chief officers of the King of Rakan, and apprehending a punishment for that crime: however it be, they were caught, and they were one day struck with such a panic terror, that they shipped themselves all at once in forty or fifty of their galleasses, and waded over to Bergal to Chah-heft-kan, and that with so much precipitation, that they hardly took time to embark their wives and children and what else was most precious to them. Chah-heft-kan received them with open arms, courted them exceedingly, gave them very considerable pay, and without letting them cool, made them jointly with his whole army, to attack and take the isle of Sondiva, which was fallen into the hands of the King of Rakan; and thence to pass with all his horse and foot to Chatigon. About this time the two Holland vessels arrived; but Chah-heft-kan, who thought that henceforth it would be easy for him to compass his design, thanked them. I saw these ships in Bengal, and their commanders who were but little contented with such thanks and liberalities of Chah-heft-kan. As to the pirates, since now he holds them fast, and hopeless of ever returning to Chatigon, and hath no more need of them, he makes nothing of all those large promises he made them, and treats them not as he should, but as they deserve, leaving them whole months without pay, and not looking upon them otherwise than traitors, and infamous men, unfit to be trusted, after they have so vilely deserted him, whose salt they had eaten so many years. After this manner did Chah-heft-kan put an end to this rabble, which, as I said, have ruined and despoiled all the lower Bengal. Time will shew whether he will be as happy in the remainder of his enterprize against the King of Rakan.

The fourth particular is concerning the two sons of Aureng-Zebe, viz. Sultan Mahmud, and Sultan Mazum. He still keeps the first of them in Goualeor, but (if one may believe the common report) without making him take the poust, which is the ordinary drink of those that are put into that place. As to the other, though he hath always been a pattern of reservedness and moderation, yet one knows not whether he was not too forward in making a party, when his father was so extremely sick; or whether Aureng-Zebe has not upon other occasions perceived something that might give him cause of jealousy; or whether he had not a mind to make an authentic proof of both his obedience and courage. However it be, one day he commanded him in an unconcerned manner, in a full assembly of the Omrahs, to go and kill a lion, that was come down the mountains, and had made great havock and waste in the country; and this he did without giving order to furnish him with those strong and large nets, which they are wont to employ in this dangerous kind of hunting in a real mood; telling the great hunting-matter, who presently called for those nets, that when he was prince, he did not look for such formalities. It was the good fortune of Sultan Mazum, that he prospered in this attempt, not loosing any more than two or three men, and some horses that were wounded, although on the other hand, the matter went off not so pleasantly, the wounded lion having leaped up to the head of the Sultan's elephant. Since that time Aureng-Zebe hath not been backward to express much affection to him; he hath given him even the government of Decan, though with so little power and treasure, that there is no great cause to apprehend any thing upon that account.

The fifth thing toucheth Mohabet-Kan, the governor of Kabul, whom Aureng-Zebe took from this government, and generously pardoned; not willing, as he said, to lose so brave a captain, and that had stuck so close to his benefactor Chah-Jehan. He made him even governor of Guzeratte, in the place of Jessomfeigne, whom he sent to make

make war in Decan. It may very well be, that some considerable presents he made to Rauchenara-Begum, and a good number of excellent Persian horse and camels, wherewith he presented Aureng-Zebe, together with fifteen or sixteen thousand rupies of gold, did contribute to make his peace.

On this occasion of mentioning the government of Kaboul, which borders on the kingdom of Kandahar, which is now in the hands of the Persians, I shall here briefly add some particulars, that serve to this history, and will still more discover that country and declare the interests between Indostan and Persia, which no-body that I know of, hath explained hitherto.

Kandahar, that strong and important place, which is the capital and the swaying city of this noble and rich kingdom of the same name, hath in these latter ages been the subject of grievous wars between the Moguls and Persians, each of them pretending a right thereto. Ekbar, that great King of the Indies, took it by force from the Persians, and kept it during his life. And Chah-Abbas, that famous King of Persia, retook it from Jehan-Guyre, the son of Ekbar. Afterwards it returned to Chah-Jehan, son of Jehan-Guyre, not by the sword, but by the means of the governor Aly-Merdan-kan, who surrendered it to him, and went over to live at his court, apprehending the artifices of his enemies, who had brought him into disfavour with the King of Persia, that sent for him to make him give an account, and to deliver up his government. The same city was besieged and retaken afterwards by the son of Chah-Abbas, and since that besieged twice again, yet without being taken by Chah-Jehan. The first time it was saved from being taken by the ill understanding and jealousy between the Persian Omrahs, that are pensioners of the Great Mogul, and the most powerful of his court as also by the respect they bear to their natural king: for they all behaved themselves very effeminately in the siege, and would not follow the Raga Roup, who had already planted his standards upon the wall on the sides of the mountain. The second time it was saved by the jealousy of Aureng-Zebe, who would not fall into the breach of the wall, that our Franguis, the English, Portuguese, Germans, and the French had made by their cannon, though it was a large one; being unwilling to have it said, that in the time of Dara, who was in a manner the first mover of that enterprize, and was then in the city of Caboul, with his father Chah-Jehan, the fortress of Kandahar was taken. Chah-Jehan, some years before the late trouble, was also ready to besiege it the third time, had not Emir-Jenila diverted him from it, advising him to turn his forces towards Decan, (as hath been said,) with whom Ali-Merdan-kan himself concurred, who was so earnest in his dissuading him from it, as to say to him these words, which I shall punctually relate, as having something extravagant in them:

“Your majesty will never take Kandahar, unless you had such a traitor there as myself; except you were resolved never to bring a Persian into it, and to make the bazars or markets wholly free, that is to lay no impost on those that furnish the army with provision.”

At length, Aureng-Zebe, like the others, had prepared himself in these latter years to besiege it also; whether it was that he was offended at the tart letters, written to him by the King of Persia, or by reason of the affronts and ill treatment which he had offered to Tabiet-kan his ambassador; that hearing of the King of Persia's death he turned back, saying, (which yet is not very credible) that he would not meddle with a child, a new king, although Chah-Solimán, who hath succeeded his father, is, in my opinion, about twenty-five years of age.

The sixth particular we purposed to speak of, concerns those that have faithfully served Aureng-Zebe. Those he hath almost all raised to great places. For first, as we have

have already related, he made Chah-heft-kan, his uncle, governor and general of the army of Decan, and afterwards governor of Bengal. Next he made Mir-kan governor of Kaboul; then Kalil-ullah-kan of Lahor; and Mirbaba of Elabas; and Laker-kan of Patna. The son of that Allah-Verdi-kan of Sultan Sujah, he appointed governor of Scindy; and Fazel-kan, who had considerably served him both by his counsels and dexterity, he made Kane-faman, that is, great steward of the house royal: and Danechmend-kan, governor of Delili, with this particular grace and privilege, that since he is perpetually employed in studies and foreign affairs, he so dispenseth with him for not coming twice a day (after the ancient custom) to wait on the King in the assembly, as not to retrench any thing of his pension for his absence, as he doth to the other Omrahs, if they fail. He hath given to Dianet-kan the government of Kachimer (alias Cassimere), that little and in a manner inaccessible kingdom, which Ekbar seized on by craft, that earthly paradise of the Indies; which hath its histories written in its peculiar language; whereof I have an abridgment in the Persian tongue, made by the command of Jehan Guyre, containing a large catalogue of many very ancient kings, that often were so powerful, that they subdued the Indies as far as China.

It is true, that Aureng-Zebe dismissed Nejabat-kan, who did very well in the two battles of Samonguer and Kadjoue, but then it is not fit at all that a subject should ever reproach his King, as he did, with the services done him.

As to those infamous men, Gion-kan and Nazer, it is known, that the former hath been recompensed as he deserved; but the other no man knows what is become of him.

What concerns Jessomfeigne and Jesseigne, there is something as to them that is intricate, which I shall endeavour to unfold. There is a certain heathen revolted from the King of Visapour, who knew how to possess himself of many important fortresses, and of some sea-ports of that King. His name is Seva-Gi, that is, Lord Seva. He is a stout man, valiant, bold, and undertaking in the highest degree, who gave Chah-heft-kan more work and trouble in Decan, than the King of Visapour with all his forces, and all his Rajas joined with him for their common defence. Infomuch, that having designed to take away Chah-heft-kan and his treasures out of the midst of his army and of the town of Aurenge-Abad, he carried on his design so far, that he had effected it if he had not been discovered a little too soon; for one night, accompanied with a number of resolute fellows he hath about him, he was got into the very apartment of Chah-heft-kan, where his son, who was forward in the defence, was killed, and himself grievously wounded; Seva-Gi, in the mean time, getting away as well as he came: who for all this was so far from being daunted, that he undertook another very bold and very dangerous enterprize, which succeeded much better. He took two or three thousand chosen men of his army, with whom he took the field without noise, spreading a report by the way, that it was a Raja going to the court. When he was near Suratte, that famous and rich port of the Indies, instead of marching further (as he made the great provost of that country, whom he met, believe), he fell into that town, where he staid about three days, cutting off the arms and legs of the inhabitants, to make them confess where were the treasures; searching, digging, and loading away, or burning what he could not carry with him. Which done, he returned, none opposing his return, loaden with millions of gold, silver, pearls, silken stuffs, fine linen, and other rich merchandize. Jessomfeigne was expected to have had since intelligence with this Seva-Gi, which was the cause that Aureng-Zebe called him away from Decan; but he, instead of going to Dehli, went to his own territory.

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I forgot to mention, that in the plunder of Surat, that ring-leader Seva-Gi, like a faint, had so much respect to the house of the reverend Father Ambrose, a missionary Capuchin, that he gave order it should not be plundered; because, said he, I know that the fathers Franguis are good men. He had also regard to the house of the deceased de Lale, because he understood that he had been great almoner. He also considered the houses of the English and Dutch, not from devotion, as he did the former, but because they were in a good posture of defence; especially the English, who having had time to send for assistance from some of their ships that lay near the town, behaved themselves gallantly, and saved, besides their own, several other houses near them. But a certain Jew of Constantinople, who had brought rubies of a very great value, to sell them to Aureng-Zebe, carried away the bell from all, by saving himself from the hands of Seva-Gi; for, rather than to confess that he had any jewels, he was brought thrice upon his knees, and the knife held up to cut his throat. But it became none save a Jew, hardened in avarice, to escape in such a manner.

Touching Jesseigne, King Aureng-Zebe made him content to go general of the army in Decan, sending Sultan Mazum with him, without any power. He presently and vigorously besieged the principal fortrefs of Seva-Gi, and knowing more than all the rest in matter of negotiation and treaty, he so ordered the business, that Seva-Gi surrendered before it came to extremity; and then he drew him to Aureng-Zebe's party against Visapour, King Aureng-Zebe declaring him a Raja, taking him under his protection, and giving the pension of a very considerable Omrah to his son. Some time after, Aureng-Zebe designing to make war against Persia, wrote to Seva-Gi such obliging letters touching his generosity, ability, and conduct, that he made him resolve, upon the faith of Jesseigne, to come to him to Dehli. There a kinswoman of Aureng-Zebe, the wife of Chah-hest-kan (who was then at court), by the influence she had upon the spirit of Aureng-Zebe, persuaded him to arrest him that had murdered her son, wounded her husband, and sacked Surat; so that one evening Seva-Gi saw his pavilions beset with three or four Omrahs; but he made shift to get away in the night. This escape made a great noise at court, every one accusing the eldest son of the Raja Jesseigne to have assisted him in it. Jesseigne, who presently had news that Aureng-Zebe was very angry with him and his son, and was advised no more to go to the court, was day and night upon his guard, apprehending lest Aureng-Zebe should take this for a pretence to fall upon his lands, and possess himself of them. Whereupon he also soon left Decan to secure his estate; but when he was at Brampour, he died. Yet notwithstanding Aureng-Zebe was so far from expressing any coldness or resentment to the son of Jesseigne, that he sent to condole with him for the death of his father, and continued to him his pension; which confirms what many say, that it was by the consent of Aureng-Zebe himself that Seva-Gi escaped, for as much as he could retain him no longer at court, because all the women there had too great a spleen against him, and looked upon him as a man that had embroiled his hands in the blood of his kinsmen.

But to return to Decan, we are to consider, that that is a kingdom which these forty years hath constantly been the theatre of war, and upon the score whereof the Mogul hath much to do with the Kings of Golkonda, and of Visapour, and divers little sovereigns; which is not to be understood, unless it be known, what considerable things have passed in those parts, and the condition of the princes that govern them.

All this great peninsula of Indostan, cutting it from the bay of Cambaja unto that of Bengal, near Jaganrate, and passing thence to Cape Comori, was scarce two hundred years since entirely (some mountainous parts excepted) under the dominion of one only

Prince, who consequently was a very great and very potent monarch; but now it is divided among many different sovereigns, that are also of different religions. The cause of this division was, that the King Ramras, the last of those that have possessed this mighty state entirely, did imprudently raise three slaves, Gurgis, he had about him too high, so as to make them all three governors of places: the first, of the greatest part of those countries, which at present are possessed by the Mogul in Decan, about Daulet-Abad, from Bider, Paranda, Surat, unto Narbadar: the second, of all the other lands, now comprehended under the kingdom of Visapour: and the third, of all that is contained under the kingdom of Golkonda. These three slaves grew very rich, and found themselves supported by a good number of the Moguls that were in the service of Ramras, because they were all three Mahometans, of the sect Chyas, like the Persians. And at length they all revolted together with one accord, killed King Ramras, and returned to their government, each taking upon him the title of Chah or King. The issue of Ramras, not finding themselves strong enough for them, were content to keep themselves in a corner, viz. in that country which is commonly called Karnatek, in our maps, Bisnaguer, where they are still Rajas to this very day. All the rest of the state was also at the same time divided into all those Rajas, Naiques, and petty kings such as we see there. These three slaves and their posterity have always defended themselves very well in their kingdoms, whilst they kept a good mutual correspondence, and assisted one another in their grievous wars against the Moguls. But when they once came to think every one to defend their lands apart, they soon found the effects of their division. For the Mogul so well knew to take his time on that occasion (which is now about thirty-five or forty years since), that he possessed himself within a little time of all the country of Nejam-Chah, or King Nejam, the fifth or sixth of the family of the first slave, and at last took him prisoner in Daulet-Abad, the capital, where he died.

After that time, the Kings of Golkonda have maintained themselves well enough; not as if they could compare with the power of the Mogul, but because the Mogul hath always been employed against the two others; from whom he was to take Amber, Paranda, Bider, and some other places, before he could conveniently march towards Golkonda: and because they have always been so politic, being very opulent, as to furnish underhand the King of Visapour with money, and thereby to help him to maintain a war against the Mogul. Besides that, they ever have a considerable army on foot, which is always ready, and never fails to take the field, and to approach to the frontiers, at the time when there is news that that of the Mogul marches against Visapour; to let the Mogul see, not only that they are always ready to defend themselves, but also that they could easily assist the King of Visapour, in case he should be reduced to any extremity. Next, which is very considerable, they know also how to convey money underhand to the chieftains of the Mogolian army; who thereupon advise the court, that it is more to purpose to attack Visapour, as being nearer to Daulet-Abad. Further, they send every year very considerable presents to the Great Mogul, by way of tribute; which consist partly in some rare manufactures of the country; partly in elephants, which they send for from Pegu, Siam, and Ceilan; partly in fair ready money. Lastly, the Mogul considers that kingdom as his own, not only because he looks upon the King thereof as his tributary, but chiefly since that agreement heretofore spoken of, which the present King made with Aureng-Zebe, when he besieged Golkonda; and there being also no place able to resist, even from Daulet-Abad unto Golkonda, he judgeth, that when he shall think fit to push for it, he may take in the whole kingdom in one campaign; which in my opinion he would certainly have done, if he did not apprehend,

prehend, left sending his forces towards Golkonda, the King of Visapour would enter into Decan; as, no doubt, he would do, knowing it to be very important to his conservation, that that kingdom may always subsist as now it is.

From all which, something may be understood of the interests and government of the King of Golkonda with the Mogul, and what way he taketh to support himself against him. Yet notwithstanding all this, I find this state much shaken, in regard that the King that now is, since that unhappy affair of Aureng-Zebe and Emir-Jemla, seems to have lost heart, and as it were abandoned the reins of the kingdom, not daring any more to go forth of this fortress of Golkonda, nor so much as appear in public to give audience to his people, and to render justice according to the custom of the country: which discomposeth things very much, and occasions the grandes to tyrannize over the meaner sort of people, and to lose even their respect to the King, often slighting his commands, and considering him no more than a woman; and the people, weary of the injustice and ill-treatment, breathing after nothing but Aureng-Zeb. It is easy to judge of the straits this poor King is in, by four or five particulars I am about to relate.

The first, that an. 1667, when I was at Golkonda, King Aureng-Zebe having sent an ambassador extraordinary to declare war to that King, unless he would furnish him with ten thousand horse against Visapour, he did extraordinary honour, and give excessive presents to that ambassador, as well for him in particular, as for Aureng-Zebe, and made an agreement with him, to send him, not ten thousand horse, but as much money as is necessary to maintain so many; which was all that Aureng-Zebe looked for.

The second is, that Aureng-Zebe's ambassador in ordinary that is constantly at Golkonda, commands, threatens, striketh, gives passports, and saith and doth whatsoever he will, no man daring with the least word to cross him.

The third is, that Mahmet-Emir-Kan, the son of Emir-Jemla, though he be no more than a simple Omrah of Aureng-Zebe, is yet so much respected through that whole kingdom, and especially in Maslipatan, that the Taptata, his commissioner, is as it were master thereof, buying and selling, bringing in and sending abroad his merchant ships, no body daring to contradict him in any thing, nor to demand any customs. So great was once the power of Emir-Jemla, his father, in this kingdom, which time hath not yet been able to root out.

The fourth is, that the Hollanders scruple not to threaten him sometimes, to lay an embargo upon all the merchant ships of the country that are in that port, and not to let them go out until their demands be granted; as also to put in protestations against him; which I have seen actually done, upon the account of an English vessel, which they had a mind to take by force in the port of Maslipatan itself, the governor having hindered it, by arming the whole town against them, and threatening to put fire to their factory, and to put them all to death.

A fifth is, that the Portuguese, as poor, and miserable, and decayed as they are in the Indies, yet stick not to threaten that King also with war; and that they will come and sack Maslipatan, and all that coast, if he will not render them that place of St. Thomas, which some years ago they chose to put into his hands, rather than to be constrained to yield it up to the Dutch.

Yet for all this, I have been informed in Golkonda, by very intelligent persons, that this King is a Prince of very great judgment, and that whatever he so does and suffers, is only in policy, to the end to provoke no body, and principally to remove all suspicion from Aureng-Zebe, and to give him to understand, that he hath in a manner no share

any more in the kingdom; but that in the mean time a son of his, that is kept hid, grows up, the father watching for a fit time to declare him King, and so to laugh at the agreement made with Aureng-Zebe. Of this, time will shew us more; in the mean time, let us consider somewhat of the interests of Visapour.

The kingdom of Visapour hath also not been wanting to support itself, though the Mogul do almost continually make war against it; not so much as if he of Visapour were able to bid head to the Mogolian forces, but because there is never any great effort used against him. For it is not very frequent there, no more than it is elsewhere, for generals of armies to desire the end of a war; there being nothing so charming, as to be in the head of an army commanding like little kings, remote from the court. It is also grown to a proverb, that Decan is the bread and life of the soldiers of Indostan. Besides, the country of Visapour is, on the side of the Mogul's dominions, of a very difficult access upon the account of the scarcity of good waters, forage, and victuals; and because Visapour, the capital city, is very strong, and situate in a dry and sterile country, there being almost no good water but in the town. And lastly, because there are many fortresses in that country seated on hills hard to climb.

Yet notwithstanding all this, that state is much shaken, if considering that the Mogul hath taken Paranda, the key, as it were, of that kingdom, as also that fair and strong town Bider, and some other very important places: but principally, because the last King of Visapour died without heirs male; and he that now calls himself King is a youth, whom the Queen, sister of the King of Golkonda, hath raised, and taken for her son (a favour for which he hath made an ill return, having shewed no esteem for this Queen after her return from Mecca, under the pretext of some ill demeanour in her on a Dutch vessel that carried her to Moka). Lastly, because that in the disorders of that kingdom, the heathen rebel, Seva-Gi, above discoursed of, found means to seize on many strong holds, mostly seated on steep mountains, where he now acteth the King, laughing at the Visapour and the Mogul, and ravaging the country every where, from Surat even to the gates of Goa. This notwithstanding, if he wrongs Visapour one way, he helps to support it another, so far as he is resolutely bent against the Mogul, preparing always some ambush, and cutting so much work for his army, that there is no discourse, no apprehension but of Seva-Gi, inasmuch that he hath come and sacked Surat, and pillaged the isle of Burdes, which belongs to the Portuguese, and is near the gates of Goa.

The seventh particular, which I learned at Golkonda, when I was come away from Dehli, is the death of Chah-Jehan; and that Aureng-Zebe had been exceedingly affected therewith, having discovered all the marks of grief, that a son can express for the loss of his father; that at the very hour of receiving that news, he went towards Agra; that Begum-Saheb caused the mosque, and a certain place, where he was at first to stop before he entered the fortress, to be hung with richly embroidered tapisseries; that at his entering into the seraglio, she presented him with a great golden bason, wherein were all her jewels, and all those of Chah-Jehan; and in short, that she knew to receive him with so much magnificence, and to entertain him with that dexterity and craft, that she obtained his pardon, gained his favour, and grew very confident with him.

To conclude, I doubt not but most of those who shall have read my history, will judge the ways taken by Aureng-Zebe, for getting the empire, very violent and horrid. I pretend not at all to plead for him, but desire only, that before he be altogether condemned, reflexion be made on that unhappy custom of this state, which, leaving the succession of the crown undecided, for want of good laws settling it, as amongst us,

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upon the eldest son, exposeth it to the conquest of the strongest, and the most fortunate, subjecting at the same time all the princes born in the royal family, by the condition of their birth, to the cruel necessity either to overcome, or to reign, by destroying all the rest, for the assurance of their power and life, or to perish themselves, for the security of that of others. For I am apt to believe, that upon this consideration the reader will not find Aureng-Zebe's conduct so strange as at first it appeared. However I am persuaded, that those who shall a little weigh this whole history, will not take Aureng-Zebe for a barbarian, but for a great and rare genius, a great statesman, and a great king.

A Letter to the Lord Colbert, of the Extent of Indostan; the Circulation of Gold and Silver, coming at length to be swallowed up there, as in an Abyss; the Riches, Forces, Justice, and the principal Cause of the Decay of the States of Asia.

MY LORD,

SINCE it is the custom of Asia, never to approach very great persons with empty hands, when I had the honour to kiss the vest of the Great Mogul, Aureng-Zebe, I presented him with eight rupies * as an expression of respect; and the illustrious Fazel-Kan, the prime-minister of state, and he that was to establish my pension as physician, with a case of knives garnished with amber. My Lord, though I intend not to introduce new customs in France, yet I cannot forget this upon my return from those parts; being persuaded, that I ought not to appear before the King, for whom I have a far deeper veneration than for Aureng-Zebe, nor before you my Lord, for whom I have a much greater esteem than for Fazel-Kan, without some little present to both, which is rare, at least for its novelty, though it be not so upon the account of the presenting hand. The revolution of Indostan, by reason of its extraordinary occurrences and events, hath to me seemed worthy of the greatness of our monarch, and this discourse, for the quality of the matters therein contained, suitable to the rank you hold in his councils; to that conduct, which at my return appeared to me so admirable in the order, which I found settled in so many things, that I thought incapable of it; and to the passion you entertain to make it known to the ends of the earth, what a monarch we have, and that the French are fit to undertake, and with honour to achieve, whatsoever you shall have designed for their honour and advantage.

It is in the Indies, my Lord, (whence I am lately returned after twelve years absence) where I learned the felicity of France, and how much this kingdom is obliged to your cares; and where your name is so diffused, and so well known. This was a fair theme for me to enlarge upon; but my design being no other than to discourse of things new, I must forbear to speak of those that are already so notorious to all the world. I shall doubtless please you better, by endeavouring to give you some idea of the state of the Indies, which I have engaged myself to give you an account of.

My Lord, you may have seen before this, by the maps of Asia, how great every way is the extent of the empire of the Great Mogul, which is commonly called India or Indostan. I have not measured it mathematically; but to speak of it according to the ordinary journeys of the country, after the rate of three whole months march, traversing from the frontiers of the kingdom of Golkonda, as far as beyond Kazni

* A rupie is about half-a-crown.

near Kandahar, which is the first town of Persia, I cannot persuade myself otherwise, but that it is at least five times as far as from Paris to Lyons, that is, about five hundred common leagues.

Next, you may please to take notice, that of that vast extent of land, there are large countries that are very fertile, and some of them to that degree (for example, that whole great kingdom of Bengal,) that they exceed those of Egypt, not only upon the account of the abundance of rice, corn, and all other things necessary for life, but also upon the score of all those commodities so considerable, which Egypt is destitute of, as silks, cottons, indigo, and so many others sufficiently related by authors.

Moreover, that of these same countries there are many that are well enough peopled and cultivated, and where tradesmen, though naturally very lazy there, are not wanting, either from necessity or other causes, to apply themselves to work, as to tanneries, embroideries, cloth of gold and silver, and to all those kinds of silk and cotton manufactures, that are used in the country, or transported to other parts.

You may further observe, how that gold and silver, circulating as it were upon the earth, comes at last to be swallowed up in this Indostan. For of that which comes out of America, and is dispersed through the several kingdoms of our Europe, we know, that one part is carried into Turkey many ways, for the commodities drawn thence; and that another part is conveyed into Persia, by the way of Smyrna, for the silks afforded there; that all Turkey generally needs coffee, which comes out of Hyeman, or Happy Arabia, and is the common drink of the Turks; that the same Turkey as well as Hyeman and Persia cannot be without the commodities of India; and that thus all those countries are obliged to carry Moka over the Red Sea, near Babelmandel; and to Bassora the utmost part of the Persian Gulf; and to Bandar-Abbasi, or Gomonon near to Ormus, a part of that gold and silver, that had been brought into their country, to be thence transported into Indostan, in vessels that yearly, in the season of the monsoons, come purposely to those three famous parts; that on the other hand, all those ships of India, whether they be Indian ones, or Dutch, or English, or Portuguese, that every year transport merchandize out of Indostan to Pegu, Tanasserri, Siam, Ceilan, Achem, Macasser, the Maldives, Mofambic, and other places, bring back also much gold and silver from all those countries, which meets with the same destiny, that the other doth; that of that quantity of gold and silver which the Hollanders draw from Japan, (which is stored with mines) a part also comes to be at length discharged in this Indostan; and that lastly what is carried thither directly by sea, whether from Portugal, England, or France, seldom comes back from thence but in merchandize, the rest remaining there, as the former.

I very well know, that it may be said, that this Indostan needs copper, cloves, nutmegs, cinnamon, elephants, and sundry other things, which the Hollanders carry thither from Japan, the Molucques, Ceilan, and Europe; as also that it hath occasion for lead, which in part it is furnished with out of England; likewise for scarlet, which it hath from France; moreover, that it stands in need of a good number of horses, it being certain, that from the side of Ubec it receives yearly more than two thousand five hundred. That out of Persia also it is furnished with abundance of the same; as also out of Ethiopia, Arabia, the ports of Moka, Bassora, and Bander-Abbasi: besides that it needs that store of fresh fruit, which comes thither from Samarkan, Ballbocara, and Persia, as melons, apples, pears, and grapes, that are spent at Dehli, and bought at great rates, almost all the winter long, as well as dry fruit, which are had there all the year long, and came from the same countries, as almonds, pistaches, nuts, prunes, apricots, raisins, and the like; and that lastly, it wants those little sea cockles of the
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Maldives, which serve for common coin in Bengal, and in some other places; as also amber-grease, carried thither from the said Maldives and Mofambic, rhinoceros', horns, elephant's teeth, musk, China dishes, pearls of Baharen, and Tutucoury near Ceilan; and I know not of how many other things of this kind.

But all this makes not the gold and silver to go out of that empire, because the merchants at their return freight their ships with the commodities of the country, finding a better account by so doing, than if they should bring back money; so that that hinders not, but that Indostan proves, as we have said, a kind of abyss for a great part of the gold and silver of the world, which finds many ways to enter there, and almost none to issue thence.

In a word, you may take notice, that this Great Mogul makes himself heir of the Omrahs or lords, and of the Mansab-dars, or petty lords, that are in his pay; and (which is of very great consequence) that all the lands of that empire are his property, excepting some houses and gardens, which he giveth leave to his subjects to sell, divide, or buy amongst them, as they shall think fit.

These are the things, which sufficiently show, both that there must needs be a very great store of gold and silver in Indostan, though there be no mines, and also that the Great Mogul, the sovereign of the same, at least of the best part of it, hath immense revenues and riches.

But on the other hand, there are also many things to be observed, which are a poise to these riches. The first, that among those vast tracts of land there is much, which is nothing but sand and steril mountains, little tilled or peopled; that even of those that would be fertile, there is much, that is not used for want of workmen, some of which have perished by the too evil treatment of the governors, who often take from them their necessary livelihood, and sometimes their very children whom they make slaves when they are not able, or are unwilling to pay: others have abandoned the field for the same reason, and desponding out of the consideration that they laboured only for others, have cast themselves into towns or into armies, to serve there for porters, or waiting men, and many have fled to the lands of the Rajas, because there they found less tyranny, and more kindness.

The second is, that in this same extent of country there are sundry nations, which the Mogul is not full master of, most of them retaining yet their particular sovereigns and lords, that obey him not, nor pay him tribute but from constraint; many that do little, some that do nothing at all; and some also, that receive tribute from him, as we shall see anon. Such are those petty sovereigns, that are seated on the frontiers of Persia, who almost never pay him any thing, no more than they do to the King of Persia; as also the Balouches and Augans, and other mountaineers, of whom also the greatest part pay him but a small matter, and even care but very little for him: witness the affront they did him, when they stopped his whole army by cutting off the water, which they kept back within the mountains, when he passed from Atek on the river Indus to Caboul, to lay siege to Kandahar; not suffering the water to run down into the fields, where was the highway, till they had received presents, although they asked them by way of alms. Such also are the Patans, a Mahometan people, issued from the side of the river Ganges towards Bengal; who before the invasion of the Moguls in India, had taken their time to make themselves potent in many places, and chiefly at Dehli, and to render many Rajas thereabout their tributaries. These Patans are fierce and warlike, and even the meanest of them, though they be waiting men and porters, are still of a very high spirit, being often heard to say by way of swearing, Let me never be king of Dehli, if it be not so: a people that despite the
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Indians, heathens, and Moguls, and mortally hate the last, still remembering what they were formerly, before they were by them driven away from their large principalities, and constrained to retire hither and thither, far from Dehli and Agra, into the mountains, where now they are settled, and where some of have made themselves petty sovereigns, like Rajas, but of small strength.

Such an one also is the King of Visapour, who pays to the Mogul nothing, and is always in war with him; maintaining himself in his country, partly by his own forces, partly because he is very remote from Agra and Dehli, the ordinary places of residence of the Great Mogul; partly also because his capital city Visapour is strong and of difficult access to an army, by reason of the ill waters and the want of forage on the way; and partly because many Rajas join with him for their common defence, as did the famous Seva-Gi, who not long since came pillaging and burning that rich sea-port Surat, and who sometimes will pay little or no tribute.

Such is likewise that potent and rich King of Golkonda, who under-hand gives money to the King of Visapour, and hath always an army ready on the frontiers for his own defence, and for the assistance of Visapour, in case he find him too much pressed.

Of the like sort are more than an hundred Rajas, or considerable heathen sovereigns, dispersed through the whole empire, some near to, others remote from Agra and Dehli; amongst whom there are about fifteen or sixteen that are very rich and puissant; such as is Rana, (who formerly was, as it were, emperor of the Rajas, and who is said to be of the progeny of King Porus;) Jesseigne, and Jessomseigne, which are so great and powerful, that if they three alone should combine, they would hold him tack; each of them being able, in a very short time, to raise and bring into the field twenty-five thousand horse, better troops than the Moguls. These cavaliers are called Rajipous, or the children of the Rajas. They are men, who, as I have elsewhere said, carry swords from father to son, and to whom the Rajas allot land, on condition to be always ready to appear on horseback, when the Raja commands. They can endure much hardship, and they want nothing to make them good soldiers, but good order and discipline.

The third thing to be noted is, that the Mogul is a Mahometan, not of the sect called Chias, who follow Aly and his offspring (such as the Persians are, and consequently the greatest part of his court); but of that, which follows Osman, and thence are called Osmanlys, such as the Turks are. Besides, that he is a stranger, being of the race of Tamerlane, who was the head of those Moguls, that about the year 1401, over-ran India, where they made themselves masters: so that he is in a country almost all hostile; and that the more, because not only for one Mogul, but in general, for one Mahometan, there are hundreds of Gentiles, or heathens; which obligeth him, constantly to entertain (for his defence among so many domestic and potent enemies, and against the Persians and Uibeas, his neighbours,) very great armies, whether in time of peace or war, as well about his person as in the field; as well of the people of the country, (Rajahs and Patans,) as chiefly Mogolians, or at least esteemed such because they are white, and Mahometans; which susceeth at present, his court being no more now as it was at first, consisting altogether of true Moguls; but a mixture of all sorts of strangers, Uibeas, Persians, Arabians, and Turks, or their children; but with this distinction, that the children of the third or fourth generation, and that have taken the brown colour, and the soft humour of the country, are not so much esteemed as the new-comers, being also seldom raised to public offices; but counting themselves happy, if they may serve as simple horsemen or foot.

Of these armies I am now going to give you some description, that thereby knowing the great expences which the Grand Mogul is obliged to be at, you may the better judge of his true riches; let us first take a view of the field militia he is necessitated to maintain.

The chief thereof are the Rajas, such as Jesseigne, Jessomseigne, and many others, to whom he allows very great pensions to have them always ready with a certain number of Rajipous, esteeming them like Omrahs, that is, like other strangers, and Mahometan lords; both in the army, that is always about his person, and in those also, that are in the field. These Rajas are generally obliged to the same things that the Omrahs are, even to the point of keeping guard; yet with this distinction, that they keep not the guard within the fortrefs, as those, but without, under their tents; they not liking to be shut up twenty-four hours in a fortrefs, nor so much as ever to go thither but well attended with men resolute to be cut in pieces for their service; as hath appeared, when they have been ill dealt withal.

The Mogul is obliged to keep these Rajas in his service for sundry reasons. The first, because the militia of the Rajas is very good (as was said above); and because there are Rajas (as was intimated also), one of whom can bring into the field above twenty-five thousand men. The second, the better to bridle the other Rajas, and to reduce them to reason, when they cantonize, or when they refuse to pay tribute, or when out of fear or other cause they will not go out of their country to the army, when the Mogul requireth it. The third, the better to nourish jealousies and keenness amongst them, by favouring and caressing the one more than the other, which is done to that degree, that they proceed to fight with one another very frequently.

The fourth, to employ them against the Patans, or against his own Omrahs and governors, in case any of them should rise.

The fifth, to employ them against the King of Golkonda, when he refuseth to pay his tribute, or when he will defend the King of Visapour, or some Rajas his neighbours, which the Mogul hath a mind to rise, or to make his tributaries; the Mogul in those cases not daring to trust his Omrahs over much, who most are Persians, and not of the same religion with him, but Chias, like the Kings of Persia and Golkonda.

The sixth, and the most considerable of all is, to employ them against the Persians upon occasion; not daring then also to confide in his Omrahs, who for the greatest part, as was just now said, are Persians, and consequently have no stomach to fight against their natural king; and the less, because they believe him to be their Imam, their Caliph, or high-priest, descended from Aly, and against whom, therefore, they believe they cannot make war without a crime or a great sin.

The Mogul is farther obliged to entertain some Patans for the same, or somewhat like reasons that he doth the Rajas.

At last he must entertain that stranger militia of the Moguls, that we have taken notice of; and as this is the main strength of his state, and which obliges him to incredible charges, methinks it will not be amiss to describe to you of what nature it is, though I should be somewhat long in doing it.

Let us therefore consider, if you please, this stranger militia, both cavalry and infantry, as divided into two; the one being always near the Mogul's person; the other dispersed up and down in the several provinces. And in the cavalry that is about his person, let us first take notice of the Omrahs; then, of the Mansfedars; next, of the Roufindars; last of all, of the simple horsemen. From thence let us proceed to the

infantry, in which we shall consider the musqueteers, and all those men on foot that attend the ordnance; where something will occur to be said of their artillery.

It is not to be thought, that the Omrahs or lords of the Mogul's court are sons of great families as in France: all the lands of that empire being the Mogul's property, it follows that there are neither duchies, nor marquisats, nor any family rich in land, and subsisting of its own income and patrimony. And often enough they are not so much as Omrah's sons, because the king being heir of all their estates, it is consequent that the houses cannot subsist long in their greatness; on the contrary they often fall, and that on a sudden, inasmuch that the sons, or at least the grandsons of a potent Omrah, are frequently, after the death of their father, reduced in a manner to beggary, and obliged to list themselves under some Omrah for simple horsemen. It is true, that ordinarily the Mogul leaves some small pension to the widow, and often also to the children; or if the father liveth too long, he may, by particular favour, advance them sooner, especially if they be proper men, white of face, having as yet not too much of the Indian complexion and temper, and so passing yet for true Moguls, though this advancement by favour do always proceed in a slow pace, it being almost a general custom that a man must pass from small pays and small places to great ones. These Omrahs then are commonly but adventurers and strangers of all sorts of nations, such as I have said, which draw one another to this court; men of a mean descent, some of them slaves; most of them without instruction, which the Mogul thus raiseth to dignities as he thinks good, and degrades them again as he pleaseth.

Amongst these Omrahs, some are Hazary, others Don Hazary, others Penge, Hecht, and Deh Hazary, and even (such as was the king's eldest son). Dovazdeh Hazary, that is to say, lord of a thousand horse, of two thousand, five thousand, seven, ten, and twelve thousand; their pay being less or more in proportion to the number of horses; I say of horses, because they are not paid in respect of the horsemen, but of the horse; the Omrahs having power to entertain horsemen of two horses a man, to be the better able to serve in the hot countries, where it is a common saying, that the horseman that hath but one horse, is more than half a footman. Yet we must not think that they are obliged to entertain, or that the king effectually pays so many horse, as these great names of Dovazdeh, or Hech Hazary do import, that is, 12,000 or 8,000 horse. These are specious names to amuse and attract strangers; the king determines the number of horses in actual service, which they are bound to entertain, pays them according to this number, and besides that, he pays them a certain number which they are not bound to entertain, and this is that which makes the principal part of their pensions, not to speak of what they finger out of the pay of every horseman, and the number of the horses, which certainly amounts to very considerable pensions, especially if they can obtain good Jah-ghirs, that is, good lands for their pension. For I saw that the Lord, under whom I was, that was a Penge-hazary, or one of five thousand horse, and who was only obliged to entertain five hundred in effect, had, after all his cavalry was paid, remaining for his pension near five thousand crowns a month, though he was Nagdy, that is, paid in money drawn out of the treasury, as all those that have not lands. Yet notwithstanding all these great pensions, I see none, but very few, that are rich, but many that are uneasy and indebted, not that they are ruined by keeping too plentiful tables, as elsewhere great Lords frequently are; but that which exhausteth them, are the great presents which they are obliged to make to the king at certain festivals of the year, every one after the rate of his pay: next, the vast expences they must be at for entertaining their wives, servants, camels, and many horses of great value, which they keep in their particular stables.

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The number of the Omrahs, as well of those that are in the field in the provinces and armies, as of those that are at the court, is very great. I never could precisely learn it, nor is it determined: but I have never seen less of them at court than twenty-five or thirty, that are thus pensionaries according to a greater or lesser number of horses to be entertained by them, from 12,000 downwards to 1,000. These are the Omrahs that arrive to the governments and principal offices of the court and armies, that are, as they speak, the pillars of the empire, and that keep up the splendor of the court, never going abroad, but richly decked, sometimes riding on elephants, sometimes on horseback, sometimes carried in a palkey or chair, commonly attended by a good number of horsemen, to wit, of those that have the guard at that time, as also by many footmen, marching before and on his sides, to make way, to drive away the flies, to take off the dust with peacocks' tails, to carry water for drink, and sometimes books of accounts, or other papers.

All those that are at court, are obliged, under a considerable penalty, to come twice every day to salute the king in the assembly, once about ten or eleven o'clock in the morning, when he renders justice; and the second time, about six hours at night. They are also obliged by turns to keep the guard in the castle once a week, during twenty-four hours. Thither they carry at that time their beds, tapisseries and other moveables, the king furnishing them with nothing but provisions of meat and drink, which they receive with great reverence, making a treble obeysance, with their faces turned to his apartment, their hands down to the ground, and then lifted up upon their heads. Besides, they are obliged on horseback, to follow the king whithersoever he marcheth, in any weather, whether rainy or dusty, whether he be carried in his chair, or on an elephant, or a field throne, which last is done by eight men carrying him on their shoulders, eight others marching on his side, to relieve the others, himself being in all marches well covered from the inconveniences of the weather, whether he go to war or to hunt, or to exercise his soldiery. And this attendance those Omrahs are to give, except some of them be exempted by the Mogul because of their peculiar offices, or upon the account of sickness or old age, or to avoid embarrassment, as commonly it is practiced, when he goeth only to some neighbouring town to hunt, or to some house of pleasure, or to the mosque, there being then seldom any about him but those that keep guard that day.

Mansebdars are cavaliers of Manseb, which is particular and honourable pay; not so great indeed as that of the Omrahs, but much greater than that of the others; they being esteemed as little Omrahs, and of the rank of those that are raised to that dignity.

These acknowledge also none for their head but the king, and they are generally obliged to whatever we have said the Omrahs are. In a word, they would be true Omrahs if they had, as divers heretofore have had, some horsemen under them, whereas they have ordinarily but two, four, or six horses having the king's mark, and their pay goes no higher than from 200, to 600 or 700 rupies a month. Their number also is not fixed, but much exceeds that of the Omrahs, there being of them at the court always two or three hundred, besides those that are in the provinces and armies.

Rouzindars are also a sort of cavaliers, but such as have their pay by the day, (as the word itself imports), which yet sometimes is greater than that of many Mansebdars, but not so honourable; but then they are not bound, as the Mansebdars, to take at a set price (which sometimes is not too reasonable), of those tapisseries and other household stuff, that hath served for the king's palace. Their number is very great: they enter

into the meaner offices, many of them being clerks, under-clerks, signet-men, and the like.

Simple cavaliers are those that are under the Omrahs, amongst whom the most considerable, and having most pay, are those that have two horses marked on the leg with the mark of their Omrah. Their pay is not absolutely fixed, but depends chiefly from the generosity of the Omrah, who may favour whom he pleaseth. Yet the Mogul's intention is, that the pay of a simple cavalier, or horseman, be no less than twenty-five rupies or thereabout a month, stating his account with the Omrahs upon that foot.

The pay of the foot is the least; and their musqueteers are pitiful men, unless they discharge when their musquet leans on that small wooden fork hanging to it; yet even then they are afraid of singeing their great beards, and of burning their eyes, but most of all, lest some Dgen or evil spirit burst their musquet. Some of these have 20 rupies a month, some 15, some 10. But there are some gunners that have great pay, especially those of the Frangic, or Christians, as Portugueze, English, Dutch, Germans, French, that retire thither from Goa, flying from English and Dutch companies. Heretofore when the Moguls did not yet know how to manage artillery, their pay was very great. And there are yet some of that time, who have 200 rupies a month; but now they will receive none for more than thirty-two.

Their artillery is of two sorts; the one is the great and heavy artillery; the other the light. As for the former, I remember, that when the king, after his sickness, went with his whole army abroad into the country, diverting himself every day in hunting, sometimes of cranes, sometimes of the grey oxen (a kind of elks), sometimes of gazels, leopards and lions, and making his progress towards Lahor and Kachemire (that little paradise of India), there to pass the summer; the army had seventy pieces of cannon, most of them cast, not counting the two or three hundred camels, carrying each a small field-piece of the bigness of a good double musquet, fastened to those animals. The other light artillery is very brave and well ordered, consisting of fifty or sixty small field-pieces all of brass, each mounted on a little chariot, very fine and well painted, with a small coffer before and behind for the powder, drawn by two very fair horses, driven by a coachman like a Caleche, adorned with a number of small red streamers, each having a third horse led by the chariot for relief.

The great artillery could not always follow the king, who often left the highway, and turned sometimes to the right, sometimes to the left hand, crossing the fields, to find the true places for game, and to follow the course of the rivers. That therefore was to keep the highway to go the more easily, and to avoid the embarrassments which it would have met with in the hill passages, especially in those boat-bridges made to pass rivers. The light artillery is inseparable from the person of the king, it marcheth away in the morning, when the king comes out of his tent; and whereas he commonly goes a little aside into the places for game, this artillery passeth on straight with all possible speed, to be in time at the rendezvous, and there to appear before the king's tent, which is there made ready the day before, as are also the tents of the great Omrahs; and this whole artillery giveth a volley just when the king enters into his tent, thereby to give notice to the army of his arrival.

The militia of the field is not different from that which is about the king. There are every where Omrahs, Mansebdars, Rousindars, simple horsemen, and foot artillery wherever any war is made. The difference is only in the number, which is much greater in the field-army than in the other. For that army alone, which the Mogul is constrained perpetually to maintain in Decan, to bridle the potent king of Golkonda,

to make war upon the King of Visapour, and upon all the Rajas that join with him, must consist at least of twenty or twenty-five thousand horse—sometimes of thirty.

The kingdom of Kaboul, for its ordinary guard against the Persians, Augans, Balouches, and I know not how many mountaineers, requireth at least fifteen thousand; the kingdom of Kachemire, more than four thousand; and the kingdom of Bengal much more—not counting those that are employed in the war, which must almost always be maintained on that side; nor those which the governors of the several provinces do need for their defence, according to the particular extent and situation of their governments, which maketh an incredible number.

Not to mention the infantry (which is inconsiderable), I am apt to believe with many others, well informed of these matters, that the number of the horse in actual service about the king's person, comprehending the cavalry of the Rajas and Patans, amounteth to thirty-five or forty thousand; and that this number, joined to those that are abroad in the field, may make two hundred thousand and better.

I say that the infantry is inconsiderable, for I can hardly believe, that in the army which is about the king, comprising the musqueteers, and all the gunners and their mates, and whatever serves in this artillery, can amount to much more than fifteen thousand, whence you may make a near guess what the number of the foot must be in the field. So that I know not whence to take that prodigious number of foot, which some do reckon in the armies of the great Mogul, unless it be, that with this true soldiery they confound all the serving men and victuallers that follow the army; for in that sense I should easily believe, that they had reason to reckon two or three hundred thousand men in that army alone which is with the king, and sometimes more, especially when it is certain that he is to be long absent from the capital city, which will not seem so strange to him, that considers the multitude and confusion of tents, kitchens, baggage, women, elephants, camels, oxen, horses, waiting-men, porters, foragers, victuallers, merchants of all sorts that must follow the army; nor to him, that knows the state and particular government of that country, wherein the king is the sole proprietor of all the lands of the kingdom, whence it necessarily follows, that a whole metropolitan city, such as Dehli and Agra, liveth almost of nothing but of the soldiery, and is consequently obliged to follow the king when he taketh the field; those towns being nothing less than Paris, but indeed no otherwise governed than a camp of armies, a little better and more conveniently lodged than in the open field.

Besides all these things, you may also consider, if you please, that generally all this militia, which I have been representing to you, from the greatest Omrah to the meanest soldier, is indispensably paid every two months, the king's pay being its sole refuge and relief; nor can its pay be deferred there, as it is sometimes with us, where, when there are pressing occasions of the state, a gentleman, an officer, and even a simple cavalier, can stay awhile, and maintain himself of his own stock, rents, and the incomes of his land. But in the Mogul's country, all must be paid at the time prefixed, or all disbands and starves, after they have sold that little they have, as I saw in this last war, that many were going to do, if it had not soon ceased. And this the more, because that in all this militia there is almost no soldier that hath not wife and children, servants and slaves, that look for this pay, and have no other hope of relief. And hence it is, that many wonder, considering the huge number of persons living of pay, (which amounts to millions), whence such vast revenues can be had for such excessive charges, although this need not be so much wondered at, considering the riches of the empire, the peculiar government of the state, and the said universal property of the sovereign.

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You may add to all this, that the Grand Mogul keeps nigh him at Dehli and Agra, and thereabout, two or three thousand brave horses, to be always ready upon occasion; as also eight or nine hundred elephants, and a vast number of mules, horses, and porters, to carry all the great tents and their cabinets, to carry his wives, kitchens, household-stuff, Ganges-water, and all the other necessaries for the field, which he hath always about him as if he were at home; things not absolutely necessary in our kingdoms.

To this may be added those incredible expences upon the Seraglio, more indispensible than will be easily believed; that vast store of fine linen, cloth of gold, embroideries, silks, musk, amber, pearls, sweet essences, &c. consumed there.

All these charges being put together, and compared with the revenues of the Mogul may be thought to have, it will be easy to judge, whether he be indeed so very rich, as he is made to be. As for me, I very well know, that it cannot be denied, that he hath very great revenues; I believe he hath more alone than the Grand Seigneur and the King of Persia both together: but then to believe all those extravagant stories made of the vastness of his revenues, is a thing I could never do: and if I should believe the best part of them, yet should I not believe him in effect and truly so rich as the world rings of him; unless a man would say, that a treasurer, who receiveth great sums of money from one hand at the same time when he is obliged to disburse them to another, were therefore truly rich. For my part I should count that king rich indeed, who, without oppressing and impoverishing his people too much, should have a revenue sufficient to keep a great and gallant court (after the manner of that of ours, or otherwise) and a militia sufficient both to guard his kingdom, and to make an important war for divers years against his neighbours; as also to shew liberality, to build some royal edifices, and to make those other expences which kings are wont to make according to their particular inclinations; and who, besides all this, should be able to put up in his treasury, for a reserve, sums big enough to undertake, and maintain a good war for some years. Now I am apt enough to believe, that the Great Mogul enjoyeth very near these advantages, but I cannot persuade myself, that he hath them in that excess as is thought and pretended. Those vast and unavoidable expences that I have taken notice of, will certainly incline you to my opinion, without any other consideration; but you will doubtless be altogether of my mind, when I shall have represented to you these two things, which I am very well informed of.

The one is, that the great Mogul, now reigning, about the end of this last revolution, though the kingdom was every where in peace (except in Bengal, where Sultan Sujah yet held out), was much perplexed where to find means for the subsistence of his armies, though they were not so well paid as at other times, and the war lasted no longer than five years or thereabout, and though also he had laid hold of a good part of the treasury of his father Chah-Jehan.

The other is, that all this treasure of Chah-Jehan, who was very frugal, and had reigned above forty years without considerable wars, never amounted to six Kourours of rupies. A rupy is about twenty-nine pence. An hundred thousand of them make a Lecque, and an hundred Lecques make one Kourour*. It is true, I do not comprehend in this great treasure that great abundance of goldsmith's work, so variously wrought in gold and silver; nor that vast store of precious stones and pearls of a very high value. I doubt, whether there be any king in the world that hath more. The throne alone, covered with them, is valued at least three Kourours, if I remember

* So that the six Kourours would make about seven millions and an half English money.

aright; but then it is to be considered also, that they are the spoils of those ancient princes, the Patans and Rajas, gathered and piled up from immemorial times, and still increasing from one king to another, by the presents which the Omrahs are obliged yearly at certain festival days to make him; and which are esteemed to be the jewels of the crown, which it would be criminal to touch, and upon which a King of Mogul, in case of necessity, would find it very hard to procure the least sum.

But before I conclude, I shall take notice, whence it may proceed, that though this empire of Mogul be thus an abyss of gold and silver, as hath been said, yet notwithstanding there appears no more of it amongst the people than elsewhere; yea, rather that the people is there less monied than in other places.

The first reason is, that much of it is consumed in melting over and over all those nose and ear-rings, chains, finger-rings, bracelets of hands and feet, which the women wear, but chiefly in that incredible quantity of manufactures, wherein so much is spent which is lost, as in all those embroideries, silk stuffs, interwoven with gold and silver, cloth, scarfs, turbans, &c. of the same: for generally all that militia loveth to be gilded from the Omrahs to the meanest soldiers with their wives and children, though they should starve at home.

The second, that all the lands of the kingdom being the King's property, they are given either as benefices, which they call Jah-ghirs, or, as in Turkey, Timars, to men of the militia for their pay or pension (as the word Jah-ghir imports): or else they are given to the governors for their pension, and the entertainment of their troops, on condition that the surplus of those land-revenues they give yearly a certain sum to the King, as farmers, or, lastly, the King reserveth them for himself as a particular domain of his house, which never, or very seldom, are given as Jah-ghirs, and upon which he keeps farmers, who also must give him a yearly sum; which is to say, that the Timariots, governors and farmers, have an absolute authority over the countrymen, and even a very great one over the tradesmen and merchants of the towns, boroughs, and villages depending from them; so that in those parts there are neither great lords nor parliaments, nor presidial courts, as amongst us, to keep these people in awe; nor Kadis or judges powerful enough to hinder and repress their violence: nor in a word, any person to whom a countryman, tradesman, or merchant can make his complaints to, in cases of extortion and tyranny. often practised upon them by the soldiery and governors; who every where do impunely abuse the authority royal, which they have in hand, unless it be perhaps a little in those places that are near to capital cities, as Dehli and Agra, and in great towns, and considerable sea-ports of the provinces, whence they know that the complaints can be more easily conveyed to the court. Whence it is, that all and every one stand in continual fear of these people, especially of the governors, more than any slave doth of his master: that ordinarily they affect to appear poor and moneyless, very mean in their apparel, lodging, household-stuff, and yet more in meat and drink; that often they apprehend even to meddle with trade, lest they should be thought rich, and so fall into the danger of being ruined: so that at last they find no other remedy to secure their wealth, than to dig and hide their money deep under ground, thus getting out of the ordinary commerce of men, and so dying. neither the King nor the state having any benefit by it: which is a thing not only happens among the peasants and artizans, but (which is far more considerable) amongst all sorts of merchants, whether Mahometans or Heathens, except some that are in the King's or some Omrah's pay, or that have some particular patron and support in power: but principally among the heathen, which are almost the only masters of the trade and money, infatuated with the belief that the gold and silver which they hide in
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thier life-time, shall serve them after death. And this, in my opinion, is the true reason, why there appears so little money in trade among the people.

But thence ariseth a question very considerable, viz. Whether it were not more expedient, not only for the subjects, but for the state itself, and for the sovereign, not to have the prince such a proprietor of the lauds of the kingdom, as to take away the Meum and Tuum amongst private persons, as it is with us? For my part, after a strict comparing the state of our kingdoms, where that Meum and Tuum holds, with that of those other kingdoms where it is not, I am thoroughly persuaded, that it is much better and more beneficial for the sovereign himself, to have it so as it is in our parts. Because that in those parts where it is otherwise, the gold and silver is lost, as I was just now observing: there is almost no person secure from the violence of those timariots, governors and farmers: the kings, how well soever they be disposed toward their people, are never almost in a condition (as I lately noted) to get justice administered to them, and to hinder tyrannies; especially in those great dominions, and in the provinces remote from the capital towns; which yet ought to be, as doubtless it is, one of the chief employments and considerations of a King. Besides, this tyranny often grows to that excess, that it takes away what is necessary to the life of a peasant or tradesman who is starved for hunger and misery; who gets no children, or if he does, sees them die young for want of food; or that abandons his land, and turns some cavalier's man, or flies whither he may to his neighbours, in hopes of finding a better condition. In a word, the land is not tilled but almost by force, and consequently very ill, and much of it is quite spoiled and ruined, there being none to be found, that can or will be at the charge of entertaining the ditches and channels for the course of waters to be conveyed to necessary places: nor any body that care to build houses, or to repair those that are ruinous; the peasant reasoning thus with himself—Why should I toil so much for a tyrant that may come to-morrow to take all away from me, or at least all the best of what I have, and not leave if the fancy taketh him, so much as to sustain my life even very poorly? And the Timariot, the governor and the farmer, will reason thus with himself—Why should I bestow money and take pains of bettering or maintaining this land, since I must every hour expect to have it taken from me, or exchanged for another? I labour neither for myself nor for my children; and that place which I have this year, I may perhaps have no more the next. Let us draw from it what we can, whilst we possess it, though the peasant should break or starve, though the land should become a desert, when I am gone!

And for this very reason it is, that we see those vast estates in Asia go so wretchedly and palpably to ruin. Thence it is, that throughout those parts we see almost no other towns but made up of earth and dirt; nothing but ruined and deserted towns and villages, or such as are going to ruin. Even thence it is that we see (for example those Mesopotamia's, Anatolia's, Palestina's, those admirable plains of Antioch, and so many other lauds, anciently so well tilled, so fertile, and so well peopled, at the present half deserted, untilled and abandoned, or become pestilent and uninhabitable bogs. Thence it is also, that of those incomparable lands of Egypt it is observed, that within less than four-score years more than the tenth part of it is lost, no people being to be found, that will expend what is necessary to maintain all the channels, and to restrain the river Nile from violently overflowing on one hand, and so drowning too much the low lauds, or from covering them with sand, which cannot be removed from thence but with great pains and charges. From the same root it comes, that arts are languishing in those countries, or at least flourish much less than else they would do, or do with us. For what heart and spirit can an artizan have to study well, and to apply

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his mind to his work, when he sees, that among the people, which is for the most part beggarly, or will appear so, there is none that considers the goodness and neatness of his work, every body looking for what is cheap? And that the grandees pay them but very ill, and when they please? The poor tradesman often thinking himself happy that he can get clear of them without the Korrah, which is that terrible whip, that hangs nigh the gate of the Omrahs: further when he seeth that there is no help at all ever to come to any thing, as to buy an office, or some land for himself and children, and that even he dares not appear to have a penny in cash, or to wear good cloths, or to eat a good meal, for fear he should be thought rich, and indeed the beauty and exactness of arts had been quite lost in those parts long ago, if it were not that the kings and grandees there did give wages to certain workmen, that work in their houses, and there teach their children, and endeavour to make themselves able in order to be a little more considered, and to escape the Korrah; and if also it were not, that those great and rich merchants of towns, who are protected by good and powerful patrons, payed those workmen a little better: I say, a little better; for, what fine stuffs soever we see come from those countries, we must not imagine, that the workman is there in any honour, or comes to any thing; it is nothing but mere necessity or the cudgel, that makes him work, he never grows rich; it is no small matter, when he hath wherewith to live and to cloath himself narrowly. If there be any money to gain of the work, that is not for him, but for those great merchants of towns I was just now speaking of: and even these themselves find it often difficult enough to maintain themselves, and to prevent extortion.

'Tis from the same cause also, that a gross and profound ignorance reigns in those states. For how is it possible there should be academies and colleges well founded, where are such founders to be met with? And if there were any, whence were the scholars to be had? Where are those that have means sufficient to maintain their children in colleges; and if there were, who would appear to be so rich? And if they would, where are those benefices, preferments and dignities that require knowledge and abilities, and that may animate young men to study?

Thence it is likewise, that traffic languishes in all that country, in comparison of ours. For how many are there that care to take pains, to run up and down, to write much, and to run danger for another, for a governor, that shall extort, if he be not in league with some considerable sword-man, whose slave he in a manner is, and that makes his own conditions with him?

It is not there, that the kings find for their service princes, lords, gentlemen, sons of rich and good families, officers, citizens, merchants, and even tradesmen well born, well educated, and well instructed; men of courage that have a true affection and respect for their king, that often live a great while at court and in the army at their own expences, entertaining themselves with good hopes, and content with the favourable aspect of the prince; and who upon occasion fight manfully, covetous to uphold the honour of their ancestors and families. Those kings, I say, never see about them but men of nothing, slaves, ignorants, brutes, and such courtizans as are raised from the dust to dignities, and that for want of good education and instruction almost always retain somewhat of their offspring, of the temper of beggars, enriched, proud, unfufferable, heartless, insensible of honour, disingenuous, and void of affection and regard for the honour of their king and country. Here it is, where those kings must ruin all to find means to defray all those prodigious charges, which they cannot avoid for entertaining their great court, which hath no other source to subsist but their coffers and treasure, and for maintaining constantly the vast number of soldiers, necessary for them to keep the people in subjec-

tion, to prevent their running away, to make them work, and to get what is exacted from them, they being for many desperadoes, for being perpetually under hatches, and for labouring only for others.

Thence it is also, that in an important war that may happen (which may be almost at all times) they must almost of necessity sell the government for ready money and immense sums; whence chiefly that ruin and desolation comes to pass which we see. For the governor, which is the buyer, must not he be reimbursed of all those great sums of money, which he hath taken up, perhaps the third or fourth part, at high interest? Must not a governor also, whether he have bought the government or not, find means, as well as a timariot and a farmer, to make every year great presents to a vizir, an eunuch, a lady of the seraglio, and to those other persons that support him at court? Must he not pay to the King his usual tributes, and withal enrich himself, that wretched slave, half famished, and deeply indebted when he first appeared, without goods, lands, and revenues of house; such as they all are? Do not they ruin all, and lay all waste; I mean, those that in the provinces are like so many tyrants with a boundless and unmeasured authority, there being nobody there, as hath been already said, that can restrain them, or to whom a subject can have refuge to save himself from their tyranny, and to obtain justice?

'Tis true, that in the empire of the Mogul the Vakea-nevis, that is, those persons whom he sends into the provinces to write to him whatsoever passeth there, do a little keep the officers in awe, provided they do not collude together (as it almost always happens) to devour all; as also that the governments are not there so often sold, nor so openly as in Turkey; I say, not so openly (for those great presents, they are from time to time obliged to make, are almost equivalent to sales) and that the governors ordinarily remain longer in their governments; which maketh them not so hungry, so beggarly, and so deep in debt, as those new comers, and that consequently they do not always tyrannize over the people with so much cruelty; even apprehending, lest they should run away to the Rajas; which yet falls out very often.

'Tis also true, that in Persia the governments are not so frequently nor so publicly sold as in Turkey; the sons of the governors also succeeding often enough to their fathers; which is also the cause that the people there is often not so ill treated as in Turkey, and occasions withal, that there is more politeness, and that even some there are that addict themselves to study. But all that is really but a slight matter; those three states of Turkey, Persia, and Indostan, so far as they have all three taken away the *Meum* and *Tuum* as to land and propriety of possessions (which is the foundation of whatever is good and regular in the world) cannot but very near resemble one another: they have the same defect, they must at last, sooner or later, needs fall into the same inconveniences, which are the necessary consequences of it, viz. tyranny, ruin, and desolation.

Far be it therefore, that our monarchs of Europe should thus be proprietors of all the lands which their subjects possess. Their kingdoms would be very far from being so well cultivated and peopled, so well built, so rich, so polite and flourishing as we see them. Our kings are otherwise rich and powerful; and we must avow that we are much better and more royally served. There would be kings of deserts and solitudes, of beggars and barbarians, such as those are whom I have been representing; who, because they will have all, at last lose all; and who, because they will make themselves too rich, at length find themselves without riches, or at least, very far from that which they covet after, out of their blind ambition and passion of being more absolute than the laws of God and nature do permit. For, where would be those princes, those prelates, those

those nobles, those rich citizens and great merchants, and those famous artizans, those townes of Paris, Lyons, Touloufe, Rouen, London, and so many others? Where would be that infinite number of boroughs and villages, all those fair country-houses, and fields, and hillocks tilled and maintained with so much industry, care and labour? And where would consequently be all those vast revenues drawn thence, which at last enrich the subjects and the soveraign both? We should find the great cities, and the great boroughs rendered inhabitable because of the ill air, and to fall to ruin without any body's taking care of repairing them; the hillocks abandoned, and the fields overspread with the bushes, or filled with pestilential marshes, as hath been already intimated.

A word to our dear and experienced travellers: they would not find those fair conveniencies of travelling; they would be obliged to carry all things with them, like the Bohemians; and all those good inns, for example, that are found between Paris and Lyons, would be like ten or twelve wretched Caravans-ferrahs, that is, great barns, raised and paved, such as our Pont-neuf is, where hundreds of men are found pel-mel together with their horses, mules and camels, where one is filled with heat in summer, and starved with cold in winter, if it were not for the breathing of those animals, that warm the place a little.

But it will be said, we see some states, where the *Meum* and *Tuum* is not (as for example, that of the Grand Seignor, which we know better than any, without going so far as the Indies) that do not only subsist, but are also very powerful, and encrease daily.

'Tis true that that state of the Grand Seignor, of such a prodigious extent as it is, having so much a quantity of lands, the soil of which is so excellent, that it cannot be destroyed very difficultly, and in a long time, is yet rich and populous; but it is certain also, that if it were cultivated and peopled proportionably to ours, (which it would be, if there were property among the subjects throughout) it would be quite a different thing; it would have people enough to raise such prodigious armies as in old times, and rich enough to maintain them. We have travelled through almost all the parts of it; we have seen how strangely it is ruined and unpeopled; and how in the capital city there now needs three whole months to raise five or six thousand men. We know also, what it would have come to ere this, if it had not been for the great number of Christian slaves that are brought into it from all parts. And no doubt but that, if the same government were continued there for a number of years, that state would destroy itself, and at last fall by its own weakness, as it seems that already it is hardly maintained but only by that means, I mean, by the frequent change of governors; there being not one governor, nor any one man in the whole empire, that hath a penny to enable him to maintain the least thing, or that can almost find any men, if he had money. A strange manner to make states to subsist! There would need no more for making an end of the seditious, than a Brama of Pegu, who killed the half of the kingdom with hunger, and turned it into forests, hindering for some years the lands from being tilled, though yet he hath not succeeded in his design, and the state have afterwards been divided, and that even lately Ava, the capital town, was upon the point of being taken by an handful of China fugitives. Mean time we must confess, that we are not like to see in our days that total ruin and destruction of this empire we are speaking of (if so be we see not something worse), because it has neighbours, that are so far from being able to undertake any thing against him, that they are not so much as in a condition to resist him, unless it be by those succours of strangers, which the remoteness and jealousy would make slow, small, and suspect.

But it might yet be further objected, that it appears not why such states as these might not have good laws, and why the people in the provinces might not be enabled to come and make their complaints to the Grand Visir, or to the King himself. 'Tis true, that they are not altogether destitute of good laws, and that if those which are amongst them were observed, there would be as good living there, as in any part of the world. But what are those laws good for, if they be not observed, and if there be no means to make them to be executed? Is it not the Grand Visir, or the King that appoints for the people such beggarly tyrants, and that hath no others to set over them? Is it not he that sells those governments? Hath a poor peasant or tradesman means to make great journeys, and to come and seek for justice in the capital city, remote perhaps one hundred and fifty or two hundred leagues from the place of his abode? Will not the governor cause him to be made away in his journey (as it hath often happened) or catch him sooner or later? And will he not provide his friends at court, to support him there, and to represent things quite otherwise than they are? In a word, this governor, hungry as well as the Timariots, and farmers (that are all men for drawing oil out of sand, as the Persian speaks, and for ruining a world, with their heap of women-harpies, children and slaves), this governor, I say, is he not the absolute master, the superintendant of justice, the parliament, the receiver, and all?

It may perhaps be added, that the lands, which our kings hold in *Domaine*, are no less well tilled and peopled, than other land. But there is a great difference between the having in property some lands here and there in a great kingdom, (which changes not the constitution of the state and government,) and the having them all in property, which would alter it altogether. And when we in these parts have laws so rational, which our kings are willing to be the first to observe, and according to which they will that their particular lands shall be governed as those of their subjects are, so as to give way, that actions of law may be laid against their own farmers and officers, so that a peasant or tradesman may have means to obtain justice, and to find remedy against the unjust violence of those that would oppress him: whereas in those parts of Asia I see almost not any refuge for those poor people; the cudgel and the hammer of the governor being in a manner the only law that rules, and decides all controversies there.

Lastly, it may be said, that 'tis at least certain, that in such states there is not such a multitude of long-lasting suits of law, as in these parts, nor so many lawyers of all sorts, as amongst us. It is, in my opinion, very true, that one cannot too much applaud that old Persian saying, *Na-hac Keuta Beter-Ez hac Deraz*, that is, "Short injustice is better than long justice;" and that the length of the law-suits is insufferable in a state, and that it is the indispensable duty of the sovereign by all good means to endeavour a remedy against them. And 'tis certain, that by taking away this *Meum* and *Tuum*, the root, would be cut off an infinite number of law-processes, and especially of almost all those that are of importance, and long and perplexed; and consequently there would not need so great a number of magistrates, which our sovereigns do employ to administer justice to their subjects, nor that swarm of men, which subsist only by that way. But 'tis also manifest, that the remedy would be an hundred times worse than the disease, considering those great inconveniencies that would follow thereupon, and that in all probability the magistrates would become such as those of the Asiatic states, who deserve not that name; for in a word, our kings have yet cause to glory upon the account of good magistracy under them. In those parts, some merchants excepted, justice is only amongst the meanest sort of people, that are mean and of an unequal condition, who have not the means of corrupting the judges, and to buy false witnesses, that are there

in great numbers, and very cheap, and never punished. And this I have learned every where by the experience of many years, and by my solicitous enquiries made among the people of the country, and our old merchants that are in those parts, as also of ambassadors, consuls and interpreters; whatever our common travellers may say, who, upon their having seen by chance, when they passed by, two or three porters or others of the like gang, about a Kady, quickly dispatched one or other of the parties, and sometimes both, with some lashes under the sole of their feet, or with a *Maybalé Baba*, some mild words, when there is no wool to shear; who, I say, upon sight of this, come hither, and cry out, Oh the good and short justice! Oh what honest judges are those in respect of ours! Not considering in the mean time, that if any one of those wretches that is in the wrong, had a couple of crowns to corrupt the Kady, or his clerks, and as much to buy two false witnesses, he might either win his process, or prolong it as long as he pleased.

In conclusion to be short, I say, that the taking away this property of lands among private men, would be infallibly to introduce at the same time tyranny, slavery, injustice, beggary, barbarism, desolation, and to open a highway for the ruin and destruction of mankind, and even of kings and states: and that on the contrary, this *Meum* and *Tuum*, accompanied with the hopes that every one shall keep what he works and labours for, for himself and his children, as his own, is the main foundation of whatever is regular and good in the world: insomuch that whosoever shall cast his eyes upon the different countries and kingdoms, and taketh good notice what follows upon this property of sovereigns, or that of the people, will soon find the true source and chief cause of that great difference we see in the several states and empires of the world, and avow, that this is in a manner that which changes and diversifieth the face of the whole earth.

A Letter to Mr. de la Mothe le Vayer, written at Dehli, July 1, 1663; containing the Description of Dehli and Agra, and divers Particulars, discovering the Court and Genius of the Moguls and Indians.

SIR,

I know that one of the first questions you are like to ask me, at my return in France, will be, whether Dehli and Agra are cities as fair and large, and as well peopled as Paris. Concerning its beauty, I shall tell you by way of preface, that I have sometimes wondered to hear our Europeans that are here, despising the towns of the Indies, as not coming near ours, in respect of the edifices. Certainly they ought not to resemble them; and if Paris, London, and Amsterdam stood in the place where Dehli is, the greatest part of them must be thrown down, to build them after another manner. Our cities indeed have great beauties and embellishments, but they are such that are proper to them, and accommodated to a cold climate. Dehli also may have its beauties peculiar to it, and suitable to a very hot climate: for you are to know, that the heat here obligeth all people, even the great lords and the King himself, to go without stockings, in a kind of slippers only, a fine and slight turban on their heads, and the other garments accordingly; that there are months in the summer so excessively hot, that in the chambers one can hardly hold one's hands against a wall, nor one's head on a cushion; and that the people are obliged, for the space of more than six months, to lie without covering, at the door of their chamber, as the rabble doth in the open streets, or as the merchants and other people of some quality do, in some airy hall or garden,

garden, or upon some terras well watered at night : thence you may judge, whether if there were such streets as that of St. Jacques, or St. Denis, with their houses shut, and of so many stories high, they would be habitable? And whether in the night, especially when the heats are without wind and stuffing, it would be possible to sleep there? And who is there (I pray) that would have a mind in summer, when he returns on horseback from the city half dead, and in a manner stifled of the heat and dust, and all in a sweat (for so it is), to go climbing up an high pair of stairs, which often is narrow and dark, to a fourth or fifth story, and to abide in this hot and suffocating air? On such occasions they desire nothing, but to throw down into the stomach a pint of fresh water, or lemonade, to undress, to wash the face, hands, and feet, to lie down in some cool and shady place all along, having a servant or two to fan one by turns with their great panhas, or fans. But to leave this, we shall now endeavour to entertain you with the representation of Dehli as it is, that so you may judge whether it be truly said, that it is a fair city.

It is now about forty years that Chah-Jehan, father of the Grand Mogul Aureng-Zebe now reigning, to eternize his memory, caused to be built a town contiguous to old Dehli, which he called after his name Chah-Jehan-Abad, and by way of abbreviation, Jehan-Abad; that is to say, a colony of Chah-Jehan, designing to make it the capital of the empire, instead of Agra, where he said that the summer heats were too violent. This nearness hath occasioned, that the ruins of old Dehli have served to build a new city; and in the Indies they scarce speak any more of Dehli, but only of Jehan-Abad. Yet notwithstanding, since the city of Jehan-Abad is not yet known amongst us, I intend to speak of it under the old name of Dehli, which is familiar to us.

Dehli then is a town altogether new, seated in a plain campaign, upon a river like our Loire, called Gemna, and built along one side of the river only; there being but one boat-bridge to pass over into the plain. This town is surrounded with walls, except the river side; these walls are of bricks, and without a considerable defence, they being without a ditch, and having nothing to flank them but round towers after the old way, distant from each other an hundred common paces, and a rampart behind them four or five feet thick. The compass of these walls, comprizing the fortrefs, is not so big as is commonly believed: I have gone it round with ease in three hours; and I believe not, though I was on horseback, that I dispatched more than one league in an hour; 'tis true, that if you will take into the town a very long suburb, which goeth towards Lahor, as also what remains inhabited of old Dehli, which is likewise a great and very long suburb, and besides, three or four small suburbs more, all that would make in a direct line above a league and a half, and such a compass which I cannot well determine, because that between the suburbs are great gardens, and large spaces not built; but I may say, that thus taken it would be of a prodigious bigness.

The fortrefs, in which is the mehalla, or seraglio, and the other royal apartments, which I shall hereafter speak of, is built round upon the river; yet there is between the water and the walls a pretty large and long sandy space, where commonly elephants are exercised, and where frequently the militia of the Omrahs and Rajahs is mustered in the King's presence, who looks out of the windows of one of his apartments. The walls of the fortrefs, as to their round antique towers, are very near like those of the town; but they are partly of bricks, and partly of a certain red stone resembling marble, which maketh them look fairer than those of the town; besides that, they are much higher, stronger, and thicker, being able to bear some field-pieces that are there planted towards the town; and encompassed also, excepting that side which respects the

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river, with a fair ditch, walled up with free-stone, full of water and fish. But yet they are so inconsiderable for strength, that a battery of some middle sized cannon would, in my opinion, soon cast them down.

Round about the ditch there is a pretty large garden, at all times full of flowers and green apricots, which, together with those great walls all red, maketh a very fine sight.

About this garden is the great street, or rather the great place royal, to which the two great and principal gates of the fortress do answer, and to these gates the two chief streets of the town.

In this great place it is, where the tents of the Rajas are that are in the King's pay, to keep there, every one in his turn, their weekly guard; whereas the Omrahs and Mansabdars, or small Omrahs, keep it within the fortrefs. These little sovereigns are not pleased to see themselves thus and so long shut up in a fort.

In this very place it is where, at the break of day, are exercised the horses of a long royal stable near it. And here it is also that the Kobat-kan, or great commissioner of the cavalry, carefully vieweth the horses of those cavaliers that have been received into service, to the end that if these horses are of Turkistan or Tartary, and large and strong enough for service, the King's mark, and that of the Omrahs under whom such cavaliers are to be listed, may be branded upon them: a thing not ill devised, to prevent the mutual loan of horses in the musters.

This same place is also a kind of Bazar, or market, of an hundred things fold there, and a rendezvous of players and jugglers of all sorts, as the Pont-neuf at Paris. It is no less the meeting-place of the poor astrologers, as well Mahometan as heathen. These doctors (forsooth) sit there in the sun upon a piece of tapestry, all covered with dust, having about them some old mathematical instruments, which they make shew of to draw passengers, and a great open book representing the animals of the Zodiack. These men are the oracles, but rather the affronters of the vulgar, to whom they pretend to give for one payssa, that is, a penny, good luck; and they are they, that looking upon the hands and the face, turning over their books, and making a shew of calculation, determine the fortunate moment when a business is to be begun to make it successful. The mean women, wrapt up in a white sheet from head to foot, come to find them out, telling them in their ear their most secret concerns, as if they were their confessors, and (which smells very strongly of stupidity and folly) entreat them to render the stars propitious to them and suitable to their designs; as if they could absolutely dispose of their influences.

The most ridiculous of all these astrologers, in my opinion, was that mongrel Portuguese, fugitive from Goa, who sat in that place with much gravity upon his piece of tapestry, like the rest, and had a great deal of custom, though he could neither write nor read; and as for instruments and books, was furnished with nothing else but an old sea-compass, and an old Romish prayer-book in the Portuguese language, of which he shewed the pictures for figures of the Zodiack: *A tal bestias, tal astrologuo*: "For such beasts, such astrologer;" said he to the Reverend Father Buze, a Jesuit, who met him in that place.

I here speak only of the pitiful astrologers of the Bazar; for there are others in these parts, that are in the courts of the grandees, and are considered as great clerks, and are very rich; whole Asia being overspread with this superstition. The kings and the great lords, who would not undertake the least things without consulting them, allow them great salaries, that they may read to them what is written in the heavens (for so

they speak here), and take out for them that fortunate moment I was lately speaking of; or find out, at the opening of the Alcoran, the decision of all their doubts.

To return; these two principal streets, which I said do answer to the two gates of the fortrefs, and to the place, may have twenty-five or thirty common paces in breadth, and they run in a strait line as far as you are able to see: yet that which leads to the gate of Lahor, is much longer than the other; but they are both alike as to the houses. There is on both sides nothing but arches, as in our *Place Royal*; yet with this difference, that they are but of bricks, and that there is not any building upon them, but only the terras. There is also this difference, that they are not continued galleries. These arches are generally covered by rails that make shops which are not to be shut, where tradesmen work in the day, where bankers sit for their business, and where merchants set out their wares, which at night they lock up in a magazine, the little door of which, to be shut, is in the bottom of every arch.

It is upon this magazine, which is in the back part of the arches, that the houses of merchants are built and raised, which make a shew good enough towards the street, and are also pretty convenient, being well aired, out of the way of the dust, and having for their floor the terrasses of the arches, upon which they can walk to look out upon the street, and to sleep at night *in fresco*. But excepting these houses of the chief streets, and a few others, there are not many of these fair houses that are thus raised upon terrasses; nor are even these two streets universally furnished with them, there being mostly upon the magazine, or on the side, nothing but a small building, not seen from the street, the great merchants having their houses somewhere else, whither they retire at night.

Besides these two principal streets, there are yet five others, which indeed are not so long nor so strait, but for the rest are altogether like them. There are also a great many other streets crossing those on all sides, whereof there are also some furnished with arches; but because they have been built piece-meal by such particular persons, as have not observed the symmetry that was requisite; they are, for the most part, neither so large, nor so straight, nor so well built as the others.

Amongst all these streets are spread every where the houses of the *Mansebdars*, or little *Omrachs*, and those of the men of the law, as also of many great merchants, and other private men; of which there is a good number that are passable. It is true, there are but few that are all of brick or stone, and there is even a good number of these, that are made all of earth only, and thatched; but for all that, they are convenient, because they are generally airy, being furnished with courts and gardens. Nor are they disagreeable within, for as much as besides the fine moveables, these thatched coverings are supported by a layer of certain long canes, that are hard and strong, and very pretty, and because also these earthen walls are plastered over with very fine and very white chalk.

Amongst these houses I have been speaking of that are tolerable, there is also a prodigious number of other small ones, that are only made up of earth and straw, where all the simple cavaliers, and their servants, and all those little people of the market, that follow the court and the army, are lodged.

It is from these thatched houses that *Dehli* is so subject to fires. This last year there were burnt above sixty thousand such, at two or three times that they took fire, when there blew certain impetuous winds, that rise chiefly in summer. The fire was so quick and so violent, that it surprized the houses, and many houses also that could not be time enough loosened; and there were even some of these poor women burnt, that

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that never had been out of the seraglio, and that are so weak and shame-faced when they see people, that they know nothing else but to hide their faces.

And it is upon the account of these pitiful houses of earth and straw, that I look upon Dehli almost no otherwise than as many villages joined together, and (which I have already said in another place) as a camp of an army, a little better and more commodiously placed than in the field.

As to the houses of the Omrahs, that are also up and down in this city, and principally upon the river, and even in the suburbs. You are to know that in these hot countries, to entitle an house to the name of good and fair, it is required it should be commodious, seated in a place well aired, and capable to receive the wind from all sides, and principally from the north; having courts, gardens, trees, conservatories, and little jets of waters in the halls, or at least at the entry; furnished also with good cellars, with great flaps to stir the air, for reposing in the fresh air from twelve till four or five of the clock, when the air of these cellars begins to be hot and stuffy; or having in lieu of cellarage certain kas-kanays, that is, little houses of straw, or rather of odoriferous roots, that are very neatly made, and commonly placed in the midst of a parterre near some conservatory, that so the servants may easily, with their pompion-bottles, water them from without. Moreover it is required for the beauty of an house, that it be seated in the midst of some great parterre, that it have four great divans or ways raised from the ground to the height of a man, or thereabout, and exposed to the four parts of the world, to receive the wind and the cold from all the parts it may come from. Lastly, it is requisite for a good house to have raised terrasses, to sleep upon in the night, such as are of the same floor with some great chamber, to draw in one's bedstead upon occasion; that is to say, when there comes some tempest of rain or dust, or when that rousing freshness of the break of day awakens you, and obliges you to look for a covering; or else when you apprehend that small and light dew of the morning, which pierceth, and causeth sometimes benumbing and paralytical symptoms in the limbs.

As to the interior part of an house, it is requisite that the whole floor be covered with a mattress of cotton four inches thick, covered with a white fine linen sheet during summer, and with a piece of silk tapestry in winter; that in the most conspicuous part of the chamber, near the wall, there be one or two cotton quilts, with fine flowered coverings, and set about with small and fine embroidery of silk, wrought with gold and silver, for the master of the house, or persons of quality coming in, to sit upon; and that every quilt have its cross-board, purfled with gold, to lean upon; that round about the chamber, along the walls, there be several of these cross-boards, as I just now mentioned, handsomely covered with velvet or flowered satin, for by-standers also to lean upon. The walls five or six foot from the floor, must be almost all with niches, or little windows, cut in an hundred different manners, or shapes, very fine, well measured and proportioned to one another, with some porcelain vessels and flower-pots in them; and the ground must be painted and gilded, yet without any figure of man or beast, their religion not allowing thereof.

This is as near as I know, the idea of a handsome and convenient house in these parts; and as there is a good number of them in Dehli, that have all these qualities mentioned, or at least in part, according to which they are more or less fair and gallant, I believe one may say, without any injury to our towns, that Dehli is not without houses that are truly handsome, although they be not like ours in Europe.

Concerning the appearance and riches of the shops, (which is the thing that contributeth most to the beauty of our towns in Europe) although Dehli be the seat of a

very potent and magnificent court, and consequently the resort of infinite quantities and varieties of rich wares; yet we are not to imagine, that you shall find there our streets of St. Denis; I know not whether there be any such in all Asia. And even as to the most fine and the most rich stuffs, they are commonly but in the magazines, their shops are not furnished with them: so that for one shop that maketh any show, that is, where there are sold those fine sorts of linen, those stuffs of silk streaked with gold and silver, cloth of gold, turbans embroidered with gold, and other commodities of great price, you shall always find five-and-twenty and more, that are filled with nothing but pots of oil and butter, and panniers one upon another full of rice, barley, pease, corn, and many other sorts of grain and legume; which are the ordinary food, not only of all the Gentiles, that never eat any meat, but also of the meaner sort of the Mahometans, and of a good part of those of the soldiery.

It is true that there is a fruit-market that maketh some shew. One may there see in summer abundance of shops full of dry fruit, that come out of Persia, Balk, Bokara, and Samarkand, as almonds, pistaches, small nuts, raisins, prunes, apricots, and the like. And in winter there are found excellent raisins, fresh, black and white, brought from the same countries, well wrapt up in cotton; also apples and pears of three or four sorts, and of these admirable melons that last all winter. But all this fruit is very dear; I have seen melons sold even for a crown and an half a piece. And they are indeed the great delicacy and expence of the Omrahs. I have often seen in the house of my Aga, that there was eaten in melons in one morning for more than twenty crowns. There are none but the melons of the country that are cheap in summer, but those are not so good. The grandees only, that send for seed out of Persia, and to get the ground well fitted for them, may eat good ones; yet that but rarely neither, the ground being not so proper but that the seed degenerateth the very first year.

It is true, there is yet another fruit called amba, or mangue, which in its season, during two summer months, is found in great plenty and very cheap; but those of Dehli are none of the best, being very loose and starchy: those of Bengala, Golkonda, and Goa are admirable. It hath a certain sweetness so peculiar, that I doubt whether there be any comfit in the world so pleasant. There are also pateques, or water-melons in abundance, and almost all the year long; but they also do not thrive well at Dehli; they never have their meat so ruddy, firm, and sugary; and if there be any good, they are not to be found but amongst the great ones, who take the pains of making them grow as melons, with extraordinary care and cost.

There be also up and down in Dehli shops of comfit-makers; but all their comfits are very ill done, being full of dust and flies.

There are besides many shops of bread every where, but because they have no ovens like ours, it is never well baked: yet in the fortrefs there is sold some that is reasonably good; and the Omrahs cause such to be made in their houses that is very delicate, sparing no new butter, milk, nor eggs: yet though they leaven it, it is always much inferior in goodness to our bread of Gonesse, and to those other sorts of excellent bread of Paris, it favouring always of the cake or simnel.

In these bazars there are also some tents, where they trade in roast meat, and in dressing I know not how many sorts of dishes; but all that is but beggarly, nasty, and ill meat. I fear you sometimes meet with the flesh of camels, horses, or oxen dead of sickness: I do not much trust them; so that if you will eat any thing worth eating, you must have it dressed at home.

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There are also many shops every where, where they sell flesh; but you may take heed lest they give you mutton for kid; the mutton and beef, but especially the mutton, though well enough tasted, being here very hot, windy, and of ill digestion. The best meat here is young kid, but it is very rarely sold in the market by quarters; so that if you have a mind to eat any, you must buy a whole and a live one; which is inconvenient enough, because the meat is spoiled between one morning and evening, and is commonly so lean, that it is tasteless. Ordinarily you find in the shambles nothing but the quarters of great kids, which often also are very lean and hard. It is true, that since I have learned something of the manner of the country, I find both meat and bread good enough, because I send my servant to the fortrels to the King's caterers, who are very ready to let him have what is good for good payment, though it cost them nothing. And it was in reference to this that one day I made my Agah smile, when I told him that I had I know not how many years lived by artifice and stealing, and that for all the 150 crowns pay he monthly allowed me, I was ready to be starved; whereas in France, for half a rupie, I could every day eat as good a bit of meat as the King.

They have no capons, all that people being too tender hearted towards all animals but men, whom they need for their seragios. But the markets are full of hens, that are very good and cheap: among the rest there is one sort of little ones, that I called Ethiopian hens, because they have their skin black like the Ethiopians, which are very tender and very delicate.

Pidgeons there are, but no young ones, because they will not kill them young; they would be (say they) too small, and it were ill done to kill such poor little animals.

There are also partridges, but smaller than ours, and generally (seeing they bring them afar off alive, knowing how to take them with nets) they are worse than our pullets. The like may be said of their ducks and hares, of which they also bring whole cages full alive.

Concerning fish, the people here are no great fishmongers; yet at times one meets with very good fish, especially of two sorts, the one resembleth our pike, and the other our carp; but that is only when it is not cold, for the Indians fear that much more than we Europeans apprehend heat. And if at any time you meet accidentally with any, the eunuchs who love them excessively (I know not why) carry them presently away. None but the Omrahs have power to make men fish when they please, which they do with the korrah, that great common whip always hanging at their gates.

From all that I have said, you may, by the bye, see whether a man ought to leave Paris to come to Dehli to make good cheer. Certainly the grandees have all things, but that is upon the account of their many servants, of the korrah, and of the plenty of money. And thence it was I once said, "That at Dehli there is no mean; there you must either be a great lord, or live miserably:" for I have experienced it myself, in a manner dying of hunger this good while, though I have had considerable pay, and was resolved to spare nothing that way, because commonly there is found nothing in the markets but the refuse of the grandees. Besides that, the soul of a feast, which is good wine, is not there; not that no grapes do grow there to make wine, (for I have drunk some at Amadevad and Golkonda, in the houses of Englishmen and Hollanders, that was not ill,) but because it is prohibited to make wine, in regard that not only by the law of Mahomet, but also by that of the heathen, it is not permitted to drink any: so that it is very rare to find wine, and that which we find comes out of

Persia from Chiras by land to Banderabafy, from thence by sea to Surat, and from Surat hither by land in forty-six days: or it comes from the Canaries, brought also over sea to Surat by the Dutch. And both are so dear, that the cost (as the saying is) maketh it lose the taste; for a bottle holding about three Parisian pints cometh often to six or seven crowns, and more. That which is of this country's growth is called Arrac, a strong water made of sugar not refined, and even this is expressly prohibited to be sold, and there are none but Christians that dare drink of it, except others do it by stealth. This is a drink very hot and penetrant, like the brandy made of corn in Poland. It so falls upon the nerves, that it often causeth shaking hands in those that drink a little too much of it, and casts them into incurable maladies. Here we must accustom ourselves to fair and good water, and to lemonade, which is excellent, and may be made with small charges, and doth not spoil the stomach. But to say all, a man hath no great inclination, in such hot countries as these, to drink wine; and I am willing notice should be here taken together with me, that the abstinence from wine in these parts, joined to the general sobriety of the natives, and to the sweats and perpetual transpiration made by the pores, are the cause (in my opinion) that we almost know not what is the gout, the stone, aches of the kidneys, rheumatifms, quartans; and that those that bring any of these sicknesses hither, as I did, are at length totally freed from them: and further, that the pox itself, though very frequent, is not so pernicious here as in Europe: so that people generally live here more healthily than with us. But then, on the other hand, there is not so much vigour here in people, as in our cold climate; and this feebleness and languor of body is a kind of perpetual malady, very troublesome to all, especially in the great heats of summer, and more so to the Europeans, whose bodies are not yet inured to heat.

As for shops of excellent handycraftsmen, that is also a thing we must not look for here: all we find is but very little; not that the Indians have not wit enough to make them successful in arts, they doing very well (as to some of them) in many parts of India, and it being found that they have inclination enough for them, and that some of them make (even without a master) very pretty workmanship, and imitate so well our work of Europe, that the difference thereof will hardly be discerned. I have seen amongst them even of our kind of guns, very fine and very good; and pieces of goldsmith's work so well done, that I doubt whether in Europe they could be made better: I have also seen in picture and miniature such curious and delicate pieces that I admired them. Amongst others, I have seen the combats of Echar, represented upon a buckler by a famous painter, who was said to have been seven years working at it, which seemed to me an admirable piece of work. It is manifest, that they want nothing but good masters, and the precepts of art, to give them just proportions; and above all that life of the face, to which they have not yet been able to attain. The reason therefore why in the shops of Dehli there are rarely found good handycraftsmen, is not want of wit, but contempt of the workmen, who are ill treated, and whose work is debased to too low a price. If some Omrah or Manfebdar will have any thing made by a workman of the Bazar, he will send for him, and make him work in a manner by force, and afterwards pay him as he pleaseth; and the man will think himself happy too, if in part of payment he receive not the Korrah. What heart then can a poor workman have to take pains to succeed in his workmanship? He considers nothing but to dispatch his work, thereby to earn something to put bread into his mouth. So that if there be any of them that succeed, they are of those whom the great lords entertain in their service, and that work only for them.

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Touching the things within the fortrefs, where are the seraglio, and some other royal edifices, you must not look for a Louvre or an Efcorial; those buildings do not resemble ours, nor by what I have said ought they to resemble them; it is enough that they have that stateliness, which is proper for the climate.

I find nothing remarkable at the entry, but two great elephants of stone, which are on the two sides of one of the gates. Upon one of them is the statue of Jamel, that famous Raja of Chitar; and upon the other, that of Polta his brother. These are those two gallant men, that together with their mother, who was yet braver than they, cut so much work for Eckbar; and who in the siege of towns, which they maintained against him, gave such extraordinary proofs of their generosity, that at length they would rather be killed in the out-falls with their mother, than submit: and for this gallantry it is, that even their enemies thought them worthy to have these statues erected for them. These two great elephants, together with the two resolute men sitting on them, do at the first entry into this fortrefs make an impression of I know not what greatness and awful terror.

After you have passed this gate, you find a long and large street, divided into two by a channel of running water, and having on both sides, as our Pont-neuf, a long raised wall five or six foot high, and four broad; and further off some arches shut, that follow one another all along in the form of gates. It is upon this long raised place, that those clerks, comptrolers, and other small officers sit to do their office, without being incommoded by the horses and people that pass along beneath. And it is there also where the Mansebdars or little Omrahs, are at night to keep the guard. The water of the channel runneth dividing itself through the whole seraglio, and at length falleth into the ditches to fill them. It is drawn out of the river by a channel opened five or six leagues above Dchli, and conveyed cross the field, and that through some rocks that have cost great pains to be cut in divers places. And this is very near what may be seen at the entry into one of the two principal gates, that answer to the great piazza.

If you enter at the other gate, you also find presently a pretty long and large street, having its risings on the sides as the other, together with shops upon them in lieu of the arches. This street is properly a Bazar, which is very commodious during the season of the rains and summer, because it is covered by a long and large vault, which hath on the top great openings to let in light.

Besides these two streets, there are many other small ones on the right and left hand, that lead to the apartments where the Omrahs keep their guard, each in his turn, once a week, for twenty-four hours. These places are stately ones for *Corps des gardes*, the Omrahs striving to beautify them at their own charges. These are ordinarily great raised places respecting a parterre, that hath its little channels of running water, small conservatories and jets of water. The Omrahs, during the twenty-four hours of guard, take no care for their table, the King sending them all their meat ready dressed, and they being but to receive it, as they do, with very much ceremony and respect, making three obeysances of thanks, by elevating their hand upon their head, and bowing down to the ground, their face turned toward the King.

There are also found many raised walks and tents in sundry places, that are the offices of several officers. Besides, there are many great halls that are the *Kar-kanays*, or places where handy-craftmen do work. In one of these halls you shall find embroiderers at work, together with their chief that inspects them; in another you shall see goldsmiths; in a third, picture-drawers; in a fourth, workmen in Lacca; in others, join-

ers, turners, taylors, shoe-makers; in others, workmen in silk and purfled gold, and in all those sorts of fine cloth, of which they make turbans, girdles with golden flowers, and those drawers of ladies, that are so fine and delicate, as that sometimes they last them but one night, though they often cost them ten or twelve crowns, when they are of that fashion, as I have mentioned; I mean enriched with those fine embroideries of needle-work.

All these handy-craftmen come in the morning to those Kar-kanays, and work there all day long, and at night return to their several homes, every one passing his life quietly, without aspiring above his condition: for the embroiderer maketh his son an embroiderer, the goldsmith maketh his son a goldsmith, and a physician in a town maketh his son a physician; and no body marrieth but with those that are of his trade; which is religiously observed, not only among the Heathen that are obliged to it by their law, but almost always among the Mahometans themselves: whence it is that you may often see very handsome young women that remain unmarried, passing their time as well as they can, though they might meet with good matches, if their parents would or could marry them into another family, esteemed less noble than their own.

After all these apartments, we come at length to the Am-kas, which is something very royal. This is a great square court with arches, as may be our Place Royal; with this difference, that there are no buildings at top, and that the arches are severed from one another by a wall, yet so that there is a small gate to pass from one to the other. Over the great gate, which is in the middle of one of the sides of this square, there is a large raised place, all open on the side of the court, which is called Nagar-kanny, because that is the place where the trumpets are, or rather the hautboys and timbals, that play together in consort at certain hours of the day and night. but this is a very odd consort in the ears of an European that is a new comer, not yet accustomed to it; for sometimes there are ten or twelve of those hautboys and as many timbals, that sound all together at once; and there is a hautboy which is called Karna, a fathom and a half long, and of half a foot aperture below; as there are timbals of brass or iron, that have no less than a fathom in diameter; whence it is easy to judge what a noise they must needs make. Indeed this music in the beginning did so pierce and stun me, that it was unufferable for me; yet I know not what strange power custom hath, for I now find it very pleasing especially in the night, when I hear it afar of in my bed upon my terrass; then it seemeth to me to carry with it something that is grave, majestic and very melodious. And there is some reason for this melody; for seeing it hath its rules and measures, and that there are excellent masters taught from their youth to manage it, and perfectly know how to qualify and temper those strong sounds of the hautboys and timbals, it cannot be otherwise, but they must thence obtain some sympathy that cannot be displeasing to the ear, provided (as I said) that it be heard at a distance. And even for this reason it is, that they have placed the Nagar-kanay very high, and remote from the ears of the King, as you will hear by and by.

Over against the great gate of the court upon which is the Nagar-kanay, beyond the whole court, there is a great and stately hall with many ranks of pillars high raised, very airy, open on three sides, looking to the court, and having its pillars and ground painted and gilded. In the midst of the wall, which separateth this hall from the seraglio, there is an opening or kind of great window, high and large, and so high that a man cannot reach to it from below with his hand: there it is where the King appears seated upon his throne, having his sons on his sides, and some eunuchs standing, some of which drive away the flies with peacock's tails, others fan him with great fans others standing there ready with great respect and humility for several services. Thence

he seeth beneath him all the Omrahs, Rajahs, and ambassadors, who are also all of them standing upon a raised ground encompassed with silver rails, with their eyes downwards, and their hands crossing their stomachs: somewhat farther off he seeth the Mansabdars, or lesser Omrahs, which are also standing in the same posture and respect as the Omrahs do: and somewhat farther off, in the remaining part of the hall, and in the court he seeth a great crowd of all sorts of people. For there it is where the King every day about noon giveth a general audience to all; which is the reason that this great hall is called Am-kas, that is place of audience, or a place of meeting common to great and small.

During an hour and an half, or thereabouts, whilst this assembly lasteth, the King is diverted by seeing pass before him a certain number of the handfomest horses of his stables, to see whether they be well dressed, and in good plight. So he doth see a good number of elephants passing also before him, whose dirty bodies are then well washed and cleansed, and painted black like ink, except that they have two great streaks painted red, which from the top of their head come down to their trunk, where they meet. These elephants have then also certain deckings embroidered with a couple of silver bells hanging down on the sides, fastened to the two ends of a great silver chain, passing over their shoulders; as also certain cow-tails of the great Tibet, white and very dear, hanging at their ears like great mustachoes, and two little elephants well accoutred going by their sides, as if they were their slaves and appointed to serve them. These great colosses, as if they were proud to see themselves so bravely adorned and attended, march with much gravity; and when they are come before the King, the conductor that sits upon their shoulders, with a pointed iron in his hand, pricketh them, and speaketh to them, and maketh them bow with one knee, and lift up their trunk into the air and make a noise, which the people take for a Tassim, or deep salute.

After these elephants, there are brought divers tamed Gazelles, which are made to fight with one another; as also some Nilgaus, or gray oxen, which, in my opinion, are a kind of Elands, and Rhinoceros, and those great Buffaloes of Bengala with their prodigious horns, to combat with a lion or tiger; likewise leopards, or panthers tamed, which he useth in the hunting of Gazelles: further, some of those handsome hunting dogs of Oibec of all sorts, every one with his little red cover; store of birds of prey of all kinds, some of which are for partridges, others for cranes, others to fall upon hares, and, as they say, upon the very gazelles, beating their heads, and blinding them with wings and claws.

Often also one or two of the Omrahs cause, at that time, to pass their cavalry for a review before the King; the Omrahs coveting that their horsemen should appear gallant, advantageously decked with extraordinary garments, and their horses trapped with iron, and harnessed with I know not how many different and odd fashions.

The King taketh sometimes pleasure himself to cause cutlasses, or short swords, to be tried upon dead sheep, brought to him without their bowels, and very neatly packed up, where the young Omrahs, Mansabdars, and Gourze-bardars, or mace-bearers, strive to shew their force and dexterity by cutting asunder the four legs joined together, and the body of the sheep all in one stroke.

Mean time all these divertisements are nothing but an interlude of serious affairs: for, as I have said, the King omits not to make a muster of his cavalry, and well to view them himself. We have seen, that the war being ended, there is not one cavalier, nor any other foldier, but he hath seen him and examined him, either to increase his pay, or to lessen it, or quite to cashier him. Besides it is seen every day, that he commands the petitions, which are shewed him afar off in the crowd of the people, to be brought

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to him and to be read; ordering the parties concerned to approach, and examining them, and often causing justice to be done them immediately, although he hath the Adalet-kanay, the chamber of justice, where he ordinarily is present once a week, attended by his two first kays, or chief justices; and though also at one other time in the week he hath the patience to hear in private, for the space of two hours, ten persons of the common people, whom a good and rich old man presents to him. Whence it appears (to note by the bye) that those kings, how barbarous soever esteemed by us, do yet constantly remember, that they owe justice to their subjects. All that I have been relating to you of what is transacted in this assembly of the Am-kas, seems to me great and royal; but that which hath extremely offended me there, is a kind of adulation too mean and flat, commonly heard in that place. For the King cannot say a word to any purpose, but he is presently exalted, and some of the first Omrahs lifting up their hands, as if they were to receive some benediction from Heaven, cry out, "Karamat! Karamat! Wonder! Wonder!" Neither is there any Mogolian but he knoweth and glorieth in reciting this proverb in Persian verse:

*"Aguer chach ronzra Gouyed cheb eⁿ in
"Bubayed Gouft inek mah ou peruin."*

"If the king saith at noon-day, it is night; you are to say, behold the moon and the stars."

This vice passeth even unto the people. I have seen an hundred times people of Mogol, who having need of me in some business, made no scruple to come and tell me to my face, for a preamble, that I was Aristotalis, Boerate, and Abouysina Ulzaman; the Aristotle, the Hippocrates, and the Avicenna of the time. At first I endeavoured to fence myself against it by this ordinary compliment, that I was none such, and was far inferior to the merit of those men: but that made them worse; so that I thought it better to accustom my ears to their flattery, as I have done to their musick. I cannot forbear imparting to you this little piece of flattery, because that will let you see the more how far they carry it. A Pendet Brachman, or heathen doctor, whom I had put to serve my Aeah, at the entering into his service would needs make his panegyric, and after he had compared him to the greatest conquerors that ever were, and told him an hundred grofs and impertinent flatteries, at last concluded seriously with this: "When you put your foot into the stirrup, my lord, and when you march on horseback in the front of the cavalry, the earth trembleth under your feet, the eight elephants, that hold it up upon their heads, not being able to support it." I could not hold laughing, and I strove seriously to tell my Aeah, who could not hold neither, that then he would do well not to go on horseback but very seldom, to prevent earthquakes, which often cause so great mischiefs. Who quickly made this repartee, with a constrained countenance between serious and smiling: "And it is therefore, that I cause myself ordinarily to be carried in a palekey.

But no more of this: from the great hall of the Am-kas one enters into a more retired place, called the Gofel-kané, that is, the place to wash in: but few are suffered to enter there; neither is the court of it so great as that of the Am-kas; but the hall is very handsome, spacious, painted and gilded, and its floor raised four or five foot high. There it is where the King is seated in a chair, his Omrahs standing round about him, and giveth a more particular audience to his officers, receiveth their accounts, and treateth of the most important affairs of state. All the Omrahs are obliged to be, without fail, every evening at this assembly, as in the morning at the
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Am-kas, else something is retrenched of their pay. There is only my Agah Danechmend-kan, that because he is a person of learning, and perpetually busy in studying, or in foreign affairs, is dispensed with, except Wednesday, which is his day of being upon the guard. These are indispensable customs, and it is very just they should be so in respect to the Omrahs, because they are in a manner so in respect of the King; for he almost never faileth to be at these two assemblies, unless some urgent affair do supervene, or he be exceedingly sick. And we did see, that Aureng-Zebe, even in his last sickness, which was very dangerous, failed not to make himself to be carried thither once a day at least. It is true, he being sick to extremity, that if he had not been seen there, the whole kingdom would presently have been in disorder, and the shops shut up in the city.

Whilst the King in this hall of Goslekanay is busy, as I was saying, they omit not to let pass before him most of the things that are made to pass at the Am-kas. There is only this difference, that this assembly being held in the evening, and the court being then less, the review of the cavalry of the Omrahs is not made, as in the morning at the Am-kas; but then there is this of particular, that all the Mansabdars that are upon the guard, do salute the king, and pass before him with ceremony enough.— Before them marcheth with sufficient pomp that which is called the Kours, which are many figures of silver carried at the end of some great silver sticks, that are very fine and very artificially made; of which there are two that represent two great fishes,—two others that exhibit a fantastick animal of an horrid figure, by them called Eiedeha; others that represent two lions, others two hands, others scales, and many more whereof they make mysteries. Amongst these Kours and Mansabdars are mixed many Gourzebendars, or mace-bearers, who are chosen men, tall of stature, and of a good mein, (spoken of elsewhere), and appointed to prevent disorders in assemblies, and to run about with speed to carry the orders, and to execute the commands of the king.

I now wish I could lead you about in the seraglio, as I have done in the rest of the fortrefs. But who is the traveller that can speak of that as an eye-witness? I have sometimes entered into it when the King was not at Dehli, and I think pretty far, upon the occasion of a great lady, that was so sick that she could not be carried to the gate, according to custom; but I had always a covering of Kachemire over my head, which like a great scarf hung down to my feet, and an eunuch conducted me by the hand, like a blind man, so that I cannot particularly describe to you what it is. Only in general I can tell you, according to what I have learnt from some eunuchs, that in it there are very handsome apartments severed one from another, more or less great and stately, according to the quality and the pensions of the women; that there is almost no chamber but it hath at its door a store-house of running water; that 'tis full of parterres, pleasant walks, shady places, rivulets, fountains, jets of water, grottos, great caves against the heat of the day, and great terraces raised high, and very airy, to sleep upon in the cool. In a word, you there know not what 'tis to be hot. They principally boast of a little tower respecting the river, being, say they, covered with plates of gold, as those that are at Agra, and within all gold and azure, very handsome and rich pictures and looking-glasses.

This is very near what I can tell you of the fortrefs; yet before we leave it, let us return once more to the Am-kas. I am now going to represent it to you after the manner I saw it at certain festivals of the year, especially at that which was kept after the war for an extraordinary rejoicing; for this is one of the most remarkable things I have seen.

The King appeared sitting upon his throne, in the bottom of the great hall of the Am-kas, splendidly apparelled. His vest was of white satin flowered, and raised with a very fine embroidery of gold and silk. His turban was of cloth of gold, having a

fowl wrought upon it like an heron, whose foot was covered with diamonds of an extraordinary bigness and price, with a great oriental topas, which may be said to be matchless, shining like a little sun. A collar of big pearls hung about his neck down to his stomach, after the manner that some heathens wear here their great beads. His throne was supported by six high pillars, or feet, said to be of massy gold, and set with rubies, emeralds and diamonds. I am not able to tell you aright, neither the number nor the price of this heap of precious stones, because it is not permitted to come near enough to count them, and to judge of their water and purity: only this I can say, that the big diamonds are there in confusion, and that the throne is estimated to be worth four Kourours of rupies, if I remember well. I have said elsewhere, that a rupie is almost equivalent to half a crown, a Lecque to an hundred thousand rupies, and a Kourour, to an hundred Lecques: so that the throne is valued at forty millions of rupies, which are worth about sixty millions of French livres. Chah-Jehan, the father of Aureng-Zebe, is he that caused it to be made, to shew so many precious stones as successively had been amassed in the treasury, of the spoils of those antient Patans and Rajas, and of the presents which the Omrahs are obliged to make yearly upon certain festival days. The art and workmanship of this throne is not answerable to the matter: that which I find upon it best devised are two peacocks covered with precious stones and pearls which are the work of a Frenchman, called _____ that was an admirable workman, and after that having circumvented many princes with his doublets, which he knew how to make admirably well, fled unto this court, where he made his fortune. Beneath this throne there appeared all the Omrahs in splendid apparel, upon a raised ground covered with a great canopy of purpled gold with great golden fringes, and inclosed by a silver balistre. The pillars of the hall were hung with tapestries of purpled gold, having the ground of gold; and for the roof of the hall, there was nothing but great canopies of flowered fatten fastened with red silken cords, that had big tufts of silk mixed with threads of gold hanging on them. Below there was nothing to be seen but great silken tapestries very rich, of an extraordinary length and breadth. In the court there was set abroad a certain tent they call the Aspek, as long and large as the hall and more. It was joined to the hall by the upper part, and reached almost as far as to the middle of the court; mean time it was all inclosed by a great balistre covered with plates of silver. It was supported by three pillars, being of the thickness and height of a barge-mast, and by some lesser ones, and they all were covered with plates of silver. It was red from without, and lined within with those fine Chites, or cloth painted by a pencil of Maslipatan, purposely wrought and contrived with such vivid colours, and flowers so naturally drawn of an hundred several fashions and shapes, that one would have said, it were an hanging parterre. Thus was the great hall of the Am-kas adorned and set out.

As to those arched galleries which I have spoken of, that are round about the court; each Omrah had received orders to dress one of them at his own charges. And they now striving who should make his own most stately, there was seen nothing but purpled gold above and beneath, and rich tapestries under foot.

The third day of the feast, the King caused himself to be weighed with great ceremony, and after him divers Omrahs, in great scales, and with weights said to be of massy gold. I remember that all the Omrahs expressed a great joy, that the King weighed two pounds more now than the year preceding.

Every year there are held such kind of festivals, but never any was seen done with so much splendor and charge. It is said, that that which induced Aureng-Zebe to celebrate this splendid feast was nothing else but to make the merchants of purpled gold recover themselves, who had whole magazines full of it, much spoiled in these four or

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five years of war, wherein they could not sell them. These expences of the Omrahs were great; but the simple cavaliers paid their share of it, because that the Omrahs after the feast made them take off that commodity to make vests thereof.

There is an antient custom accompanying these feasts, which little pleaseth the Omrahs: and it is this, that then they are by respect obliged to make some fair presents to the King in proportion of their pay. There are some, that to appear brave, or for fear of being searched for the rapines by them committed in their offices and governments; or to purchase the favour of the King, in the hopes of having their pensions augmented, make them presents that are extraordinary. Some (which is ordinary enough) do present fine vessels of gold set with precious stones; others present fair pearls, diamonds, emeralds, or rubies (which also is very common); give him without other ceremony, a quantity of those pieces of gold, that are worth about a pistole and an half. I remember that Aureng-Zebe, being gone to visit (during this great festival) his visir, Jafer-kan, not as visir, but as a kinsman, and under the pretence of desiring to see a piece of building, which he had caused to be raised a-new, Jafer-kan presented him in these pieces of gold, with the value of an hundred thousand crowns, some good pearls, and one ruby valued forty thousand crowns; but which Chah-Jehan, who was admirably well skilled in jewels, discovered not to be worth five hundred crowns; the which perplexed the first jewellers exceedingly, that had been deceived therein.

There is another thing sometimes attending these feasts, which is odd enough: and that is a kind of fair, then held in the Mehale, or the King's seraglio. The women of the Omrahs and of the great Mansabdars, or little Omrahs (I mean those that are the handsomest and most gallant) are the she merchants that keep the fair, and sell commodities; the King is the merchant that buyeth, as also all those Begums or princesses, and other great ladies of the seraglio. The wares are fine purfled gold, or rich embroideries of the new fashion, some rich ribbons well wrought upon cloth of gold, or some pieces of that fine cloth which is worn by the great ladies, and other such merchandize of great price. If they ever have a handsome daughter, they forget not to bring her along with them to let the King see her, and so make her known to those Begums. The jest of this fair is, that the King comes to bargain with those she-merchants, like a petty merchant, penny by penny, contesting that they are not in earnest, that it is too dear, that he will give no more than so much; that the merchandize of such a one is far better, and the like. The women, on the other hand, do their best to make good their part, and without considering that 'tis the King, (which is the best of the sport) they contend and stand upon their price, till sometimes they come to high words, as that that is to be a merchant of snow (one of their phrases), that he understands nothing in the matter of wares, that he may go to another place, that that commodity is not for him, &c. The Begums do the like, or worse, for they sometimes fall to downright railing, so that there is such a cry and noise, and buffoonery, that it cannot be paralleled. But when any price is agreed on, whoever buyeth on this or that side, the King payeth, and the Begums pay, all with ready money: and it also falls out often enough, that the King and the Begums, instead of silver rupies, let slide (in favour of the handsome she-merchant or her daughter) some rupies of gold, as if it were by mistake, and without taking notice of any thing. The she-merchants also take it in like manner, all puffed with expressions of raillery and gallantry. Chah-Jehan, who did not hate the sex, would still multiply this fair, and have it all festival days, though he knew it did not very well please some Omrahs. But there is one thing which to me seems to be a little too extravagant; which is, that the public women, I mean not those of the Bazar, but those more retired and considerable ones, that go to the great marriages in the houses of the Omrahs and Mansabdars to sing and dance, those that are called Kenchen, as if you would say, The gilded

gilded, the blossoming ones, that those, I say, did also enter in the time of Chah-Jehan into the seraglio at such fairs, and there passed even the whole night in singing and dancing. These are not of that sort which prostitute themselves promiscuously to all; and they are most of them handsome and well appalled, and excellent singers and dancers, after the mode of the country, surprizing in the suppleness of their body, and the nimbleness of their motions, yet in the upshot of the rank of public women. Chah-Jehan was not content only to have them come to the seraglio at those feasts, but when they came to salute him, according to that ancient custom that obligeth him to come every Wednesday to do obeysance to the King in the Am-kas, he often made them enter there, and to pass all night with him in such sports and *boisfonneries*. Aureng-Zebe is more serious, he suffers them not to come into the seraglio; he permits only (not to abrogate the custom) that they may ordinarily come every Wednesday to give him the Salam, or salute, in the Am-kas, at a distance, but they must presently return home again.

But since we are upon these feasts and fairs, and speak of these Kenchens, what hurt were it if I should tell you a story to make you merry, of one of our Frenchmen; since Plutarch is of opinion, that little things are not always to be passed by, and that they often mind us more of the genius and temper of men than the greatest. This Frenchman called Bernard, was at this court about the latter years of King Jehan-Guire. He must needs have been some good physician, and withal excellent in chirurgery, according to the relations that are made of him. He was welcome to Jehan-Guire, and became very familiar with him, to that degree that they drank and debauched together. Nor did this Jehan-Guire ever think on any thing but a good cup and merriment, leaving the management of the state to his wife, the renowned Nour-Mehale, or Nour-Jehan-Begum, which, he used to say, had wit enough to govern the empire without his giving himself any trouble about it. Besides that this our countryman had of the King ten crowns daily pay, he gained yet more by treating those great ladies of the seraglio, and the grand Omrahs, that all made use of him, and presented him who could best, because he was both successful in his cures, and extraordinarily favoured by the King: but he was a man that could keep nothing; what he received with one hand, he at the same time gave away with the other; so that he was known and loved by all, especially by those Kenchens, upon whom he made great expences, having always a set of them that passed the night at his house in singing and dancing. Meau time he chanced to fall in love with one of these women that was young and beautiful, and danced exceeding well; but the mother apprehending least the daughter, by prostituting herself, should lose her strength and vigour (as it will fall out) would not let her go out of her sight: so that Bernard could never find any other way to compass his ends but this. One day, when the King made him a present in the Am-kas before all the Omrahs, for a considerable cure he had done in the seraglio, he very submissively gave His Majesty thanks, waving the present, but instead of it, begged this favour of him, that he would vouchsafe to give him this young Kencheny, which he was amorous of, and which stood behind him, ready to make the usual obeysance to the King. The whole assembly brake out into laughter to see him wave the present, and to hear him make so ridiculous a demand, he being a christian, and the woman a Mahometan, and a Kencheny. But Jehan-Guire, who never troubled his head much with Mahometanism, and could not hold laughing aloud, presently commanded that this young woman should be given him, saying, 'Lay her on his shoulders, and let him carry her away.' So said so done; and in the presence of the whole assembly this Kenchen was put on Bernard's back, who went away thus charged, and carried her to his house.

I cannot forbear giving you here an account of a divertisement, which usually these feasts

feasts end with, and which is unknown to us in Europe: and that is the combat of the elephants, which the King, the ladies of the court, and the Omrahs do behold from several apartments of the fortrefs, and which is shewn before all the people in this great sandy place which looks to the river.

They raise a wall of earth three or four foot broad, and five or six foot high. The two elephants that are to fight, meet one another face to face, one on the one side of the wall, the other on the other, each having two riders upon him, that so if the first, who sits on his shoulders (having a great pointed iron in his hand, to turn the beast on the right or left hand) should fall, the other who sits backward, may cast himself into his place. These four riders or guides do animate their elephants to the combat, and vigorously to fall upon their enemy, now flattering them, and by and by chiding them as cowards, and very rudely kicking them with their heels. After they have been a good while thus chafed and pushed on, then you shall see these two bulky masses come to the wall, and bluntly assault one another, and give such cruel blows with their teeth, head, trunk, that you would think they would soon strike one another dead. This fight continues a while, then ceaseth, and begins afresh several times, until the mud-wall being overthrown, the stoutest of the two passeth upon the other, maketh him turn his back, pursueth him with blows of his teeth and trunk, and gets such an hold-fast upon him, that there is no means of separating them, except it be with the Cherkys, that is, certain artificial fires cast betwixt them, this animal being very fearful of fire: whence it comes, that since fire-arms have been used in armies, elephants do almost no good at all. It is true indeed, that some of those brave ones that come out of Ceileau, are not so timorous; but that is not till they have been whole years accustomed to it, by discharging every day muskets before them, and by casting squibs between their legs. Mean time this conflict of the elephants would be no such displeasing fight, if it were not so cruel, it often happening that some of those poor guides are trod under foot and perish: for the elephants in the combat have this malice, that they strive above all things to strike with their trunk, and to pull down the conductor of their adversary; and thence it is, that on the day when these poor riders know they are to make the elephants fight, they bid farewell to their wives and children, as if they were condemned to death. That which encourages and comforts them, is, that if they escape and quit themselves well of their duty, the King increases their pay, and commands a sack of Peyffas, which amounts to about fifty French livres, to be forthwith given them; or if they be killed upon the spot, he orders that pay be made to the widow, and the office to be given to his son, if he have any. There is another mischief, which often accompanieth this combat; which is, that in this great throng there are always some persons overthrown by the elephant, or trod underfoot by the horses, and people, that on a sudden run away all at once, and fall one upon another, when the elephants are enraged, and the one pursueth the other, so that then one cannot at any nearness look on but without danger. For my part, the second time I saw it I did sufficiently repent for having approached so nigh, and if I had not had a good horse, and two good servants, I believe I should have paid for my curiosity as dear as others.

But it is time we should leave the fortrefs, and return into the city, there to observe to you two things I had forgot. The first is the great Mosquee, seen afar off in the midst of the town, standing upon a rock, flatted to build upon, and to make round about a large place for four long and fair streets to end upon, and answering to the four sides of the Mosquee, viz. one to the principal gate, or frontispiece, another behind that, and the two others to the two gates that are in the middle of the two remaining sides. To come to the gates, there are twenty-five or thirty steps of fair and large stones going round about, except the back-part, which is covered with other great quarry-stones to cover the unevenness of the cut rock: which contributes much to make

make this fabrick make a shew. The three entries are stately, there is nothing but marble, and their large gates are covered with copper-plates exceedingly well wrought. Above the principal gate, which is much statelier than the two others, there are many small turrets of white marble as well without as within; that in the middle is much bigger and higher than the two others. All the rest of the Mosquee, I mean from these three domes unto the great gate, is without covering, because of the heat of the country; and the whole pavement is of large squares of marble. I grant willingly, that this structure is not according to the rules and orders of architecture, which we esteem is indispensably to be followed; yet I observe nothing in it that offends the eye; but rather find all to be well contrived, and well proportioned: and I do even believe, that if in Paris we had a church of this way of architecture, it would not be disliked, if there were nothing else in it but that it is of an extraordinary and surprising aspect, and because that, excepting the three great domes and all the turrets, which are of white marble, it appears all red, as if all were nothing else but great tables of red marble, though it be nothing else but a stone very easy to cut, and which even flaketh off in time. I shall add by the bye, that if it be true what is said of the quarries of this stone, it is remarkable, that it grows again every year; whether it be by a petrescent water yearly filling it, or otherwise, I decide not.

This Mosquee it is to which the king repaireth every Friday (which is the Sunday of the Mahometans) to pay his devotion. Before he goes out of the fortress, the streets he is to pass, are constantly watered because of the heat and dust. Two or three hundred musqueteers are to stand and make a lane about the gate of the fortress, and as many more on the sides of a great street that ends at the Mosquee. Their musquets are small, but well wrought, and they have a kind of scarlet-coat with a little streamer upon them. Besides there must be five or six cavaliers well mounted ready at the gate, and ride at a good distance before the king, for fear of raising dust; and their office is to keep off the people. Things being thus prepared, the king is seen to come out of the fortress seated upon an elephant richly harnessed, under a canopy with pillars painted and gilded; or else on a throne shining of gold and azure, upon two beams, covered with scarlet or purpled gold, carried by eight chosen and well accoutered men. The king is followed by a body of Omrahs, some of which are on horseback, some in a palekey. Among these Omrahs there are many Mansebdars, and mace-bearers, such as I have before spoken of. And though this be not that splendid and magnificent procession, or rather masquerade of the Grand Seigneur, (I have no proper name for it) nor the warlike order of our kings, it being altogether of another fashion, yet for all that there is something great and royal in it.

The other thing I had forgot to acquaint you with, is an edifice in the city, called the Karvanfarah of the princess; the renowned Begum-Saheb, eldest daughter of Chah-Jehan, having caused it to be built at her charges, and willing to contribute something to the decoration of the town, as all the Omrahs strove to do to please Chah-Jehan. This is another great square, arched like our Place-royal, but still with this difference, that one arch is separate from the other by a wall, and that in the bottom of every arch there is a little chamber; and besides that, above the arches there is a gallery which rangeth round about the building, to enter into as many high chambers, as there are below. This place is the rendezvous of all the great merchants, Persians, Usbeks, and other strangers that ordinarily do there find empty chambers convenient enough, to stay in for some time in great safety, the gate being shut every night. If there were a score of such structures in divers parts of Paris, strangers newly arriving would not be in that trouble, as often they are to find safe lodgings; for there they might be until they had seen their acquaintance, and looked for good accommo-

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dation: besides that, they would serve for magazines of all sorts of commodities, and for the rendezvous of all merchants strangers.

Before we leave Dehli, I shall add a few lines in reference to this question, which doubtless you will make, viz. Whether in Dehli there be as much people and gallantry as at Paris? Certainly when I consider those three or four cities of Paris that are one above another, all those chambers and other rooms full from top to bottom; when I farther consider that incredible throng and confusion of men and women, of horse-men, and passengers on foot, of chariots, sedans and coaches, and that there are but few great piazzas and gardens in Paris; this city seems to me a nursery of the world; and I can hardly believe, that there are as many people in Dehli. Yet notwithstanding; when I reflect upon that multitude of shops on one side of Dehli, and on the other, upon the vast extent of that city, and that there are never less in it than 35,000 cavaliers, not to speak of the houses of the Omrahs; that of all these cavaliers, there are very few but have wives and children, and a great number of servants having their houses apart as their masters; and that all these houses swarmed with women and children; that in many places of Dehli, though the streets be broad, and there be but few chariots and no coaches, yet at the hours when the heat suffers people to come abroad for their business, there is great confusion: when (I say) I consider all this on the other hand, I do not well know what to determine about the question; and I imagine, that if there be not altogether so much people in Dehli as in Paris, yet at least there wants not much of it.

Concerning the number of gallant people, it must be acknowledged, that there is this difference between those of Paris and Dehli, that of ten persons met with upon the streets of Paris, you shall see seven or eight well clothed and of some fashion, which no man will count rascally or beggarly people; whereas in Dehli, for two or three persons that are pretty well covered, you shall always find seven or eight poor and ragged people; the army which is there drawing after it all that crew of beggars and rascals. Yet this is to be acknowledged for a truth, that in Dehli, as well as in Paris, one meets with a very great quantity of persons, well made, gallant, well mounted, well dressed, and well attended: and indeed, to be upon the great place before the fortress, at the hours when all those Omrahs, Rajas, and Mansebdars go to the assembly and to the guard, that hath something great and splendid in it; when you shall see there every where arrive those Mansebdars well accoutered, shining with gold, and well mounted, a couple of men going before them to make place, and as many behind; when you shall also see many of those great Omrahs and Rajas riding upon proud elephants, and some of them on horseback like the Mansebdars, and most of them sitting in their rich palekys, carried upon the shoulders of six men, their back leaning against some thick cushion of purpled gold, chewing their betele, to have a good breath and vermilion lips, with a servant on the side carrying a tooth-pick, and a porcelain, or silver spitting-vessel; and two more, fanning him and keeping off the flies and dust from him with peacock's tails, and three or four others marching before him, led by the people; to which is to be added part of their cavalry (I mean the bravest and best mounted of them) following after: when, I say, all this is seen together marching, as hath been said, with the croud made there as well as at Paris, it will not be denied to be something great and very gallant.

As to the country about Dehli, it is considerable for its fertility; for it beareth rice, millet, and three or four other sorts of legumes, (which is the ordinary food of the common people) corn, sugar, indigo, and all that in abundance. At two leagues off the city on the south side, in a place by the Mahometans called Koja Kotubeddine, there is a very ancient edifice which hath been a temple of idols, where are inscriptions that must

must also be very ancient, the characters of them being such, that no body knows what they are, and different from those of all the languages of the Indies.

On another side, at two or three leagues distance from the town, you see a house of pleasure of the King's, which indeed is a stately and royal house, but yet you must not think it approacheth to Fontainebleau, or to St. Germain, or to Versailles. Neither must you imagine that in this champaign of Dehli there are any St. Clou's, Chantilly's, Meudon's, Liancour's Vau's, Reulle's, and many such others; or that you see there any of those other inferior houses of pleasure belonging to simple gentlemen, citizens and merchants. The maxim, that the subjects of a kingdom have no property in any thing, hinders all that.

Lastly, to make you pass quickly those fifty or sixty leagues, which are betwixt Dehli and Agra, you are not to think, that upon this road you shall see any such large and rich boroughs as there are upon our roads. Set aside Maturas, where you see still an ancient and stately temple of idols, and, excepting some Karavan-faras, that are well enough, found on the high-way to serve for night-lodgings, I find nothing considerable there, but that royal alley of trees planted by the command of Gehan-Guyre, and continued by the same order for an hundred and fifty leagues, with little pyramids or turrets erected every half league, to mark the ways, and with frequent wells to afford drink to passengers, and to water the young trees.

Of AGRA.—To pass to the description of Agra, you have the idea of it, if you have well taken that of Dehli; at least in respect of its situation, which is also upon the Gemma, and in regard of the fortrefs, or royal house, and of most of the buildings. It is true, that Agra hath this advantage over Delhi, that being a city where the Kings have already resided a long while, viz. since Akber, who caused it to be built, and called it after his name Akber-abad; it is of greater extent than Dehli, and hath more of those fine houses of the Omrahs and Rajas, and more of the fair Karavanfarahs, as also more of those pretty houses of stone and brick belonging to particular persons; besides that, it hath two famous tombs, of which I shall speak hereafter: but then it hath these disadvantages, that it wants walls; that having been built altogether by one design, it hath not those fair and large streets of uniform buildings as Dehli; and that, excepting four or five of those principal streets of merchants, which are very long and well enough built, all the rest, for the most part, is nothing but a number of little streets, strait without proportion, and nothing but windings and turnings; which cause strange confusions when the court is there. I see no other difference between Agra and Dehli, than that I have been just now speaking of; except it be that Agra hath more of a country town than Dehli, especially when we look upon it from an higher place: but it is not such a country aspect as disgraceth it, but a very agreeable and diverting one; for there being betwixt the houses of Omrahs, Rajas and others, store of big green trees mixt, every one having been curious to plant of them in his garden and in his court for shade; and besides, those high houses of the Banians, or heathen merchants, appearing here and there between those trees, as reliicks of old castles of forests; all that causeth, within the town, very pleasing sights and perspectives, especially in a dry and hot country, where people's eyes seem to desire nothing but verdure and shade.

Meantime you need not go out of Paris, to find the most pleasing and the most gallant sight in the world. Take only a walk upon the *terrasse*, attentively beholding in the day-time all things surrounding you, together with that incredible and strange confusion of people; and at night, the infinite number of lights in the windows of those high buildings that are round about you; and the same confusion which continues till after mid-night; the good citizen, and (which you shall not

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see in any part of Asia) the fair she-children walking without fear of robbers, and without the inconvenience of dirt: and then the long files of stars that brave the wind, the rain and darkness: take only, I say, such a walk upon that bridge, observing all those things together, and then (upon my word) you may boldly maintain it, that you are upon the spot of the fairest, bravest and most magnificent artificial view of the earth; unless it be some part of China or Japan, where I have not been. What will it be then when the Louvre, that work which was once thought would never be seen but in design and upon paper, shall be finished? I have purposely added the word artificial, because speaking of the best perspectives that are, we must always except Constantinople, when one is in a boat in the midst of that great channel, over against the point of the seraglio: for there you shall find yourself altogether surprized, as it were, in the midst of some great and vast enchanted amphitheatre; but in this perspective, the workmanship of nature is most considerable, whereas in that of Paris, art and dexterity is most conspicuous, which doubtless renders it more eminent, so far as thereby it looks more like the seat of a great king, the capital of a great empire; and is really, without flattering ourselves, and all those beauties of Dehli, Agra and Constantinople, well considered and compared, the fairest, the richest, and the chiefest city of the world.

In Agra, the reverend fathers the Jesuits have a church and a college, where, in private, they teach the children of some twenty-five or thirty Christian families, that have (I know not how) gathered and settled themselves there, by the charity of those fathers, the Christian doctrine. It was Ekbar who (in the time of the great power of the Portuguese in the Indies) called them, and gave them a pension for their subsistence, permitting them to build churches in the capital cities of Agra and Lahor. And his son Jehan-Guyre favoured them yet more. But Chah-Jehan, son of Jehan-Guyre, and father of Aureng-Zebe now reigning, took from them their pension, caused their church at Lahor to be pulled down, and the greatest part of that in Agra, overthrowing also the steeple of the church, wherein that bell was that could be heard over all the town.

These fathers the Jesuits entertained great hopes of the progress of Christianity in the time of king Jehan-Guyre, because of his contempt of the Mahometan law, and the esteem he professed to the Christian, even giving way to two of his nephews to embrace the Christian religion, and to a certain Mirza-Zul-Karmin (that had been bred in the seraglio, and was circumcised), to turn Christian too, under the pretence that he was born of Christian parents, and son of the wife of a rich Armenian, which Jehan-Guyre had caused to be brought to him into the seraglio.

The same fathers say, that this king, to begin in good earnest to countenance the Christian religion, designed to put the whole court into the habit of the Franqui, and that after he had prepared all things for it, and even dressed himself in that fashion, he called to him one of the chief Omrahs, asking his opinion of this dress; but that this Omrah altogether surprized at it, having answered him very seriously, that it was a very dangerous thing, he thought himself obliged to change his mind, and turned all into raillery.

These fathers affirm further, that he being upon the point of death, commanded that they should be called to make him a Christian, but that then they were not made acquainted with it. Many say, that this is not so, and that he died as he had lived, without any religion, and in the design he had, as well as his father Ekbar, to set himself up for a prophet, and to become the head of a particular religion of his own composition. However it be, there is another thing I have learned of a Mahometan, that was son to an officer of Jehan-Guyre, namely, that this king being one day in a debauch, called to him a certain religious man of Florence, whom he called father Atech, as be-

ing a little fiery man; and after he had commanded him to say all he could against the law of Mahomet, and for the law of Christ, in the presence of many knowing Mullahs, he would have made this terrible trial of both those laws, viz: that a great pit should be made, and a good fire in it, and that father Atech with the gospel under his arm, and one of those Mullahs with the Alcoran under his, should cast themselves both together into that fire, and that he would embrace the law of him that should not burn. But that the sad countenance of the Mullahs, altogether astonished, and the compassion he had of the Florentine father, who accepted the condition, diverted him from it. Whatever the truth be of this story, it is certain, that whilst Jehan-Guyre lived, these fathers were respected and honoured in this court, and that they conceived great hopes of the advancement of Christianity in those parts; but that since that time they have had no great cause to hope much of, except perhaps what they received by the familiarity which our father Buze had with Dara. But I shall say no more of this matter of our missions, intending to give you a particular long letter of it another time.

Certainly I cannot but exceedingly approve of missions, and the good missionaries, especially our Capuchins and Jesuits, and some others of our neighbourhood, because they give meek instructions, without that indiscreet zeal and transport which is expressed by some others, and they charitably entertain the Christians of the country in their religion, whether they be Christianicks or Greeks, or Armenians, Nestorians, Jacobites, or others; and so far as they are the refuge and comfort of poor strangers and travellers, and by their knowledge, sober, and exemplary life, they confound the ignorance and licentious life of the infidels, which some others do not always practise; who therefore would do better to keep themselves close in their convents, and not come hither and give us a masquerade of our religion, and by doing so, and by their ignorance, jealousy, looseness and the abuse of their authority and character, become a stumbling-block to the law of Jesus Christ. But a particular thing infers no general; and notwithstanding those miscarriages, I very much applaud the missions, and pious and learned missionaries—they are absolutely necessary: it is the honour and prerogative of Christianity to have every where through the world substitutes of the apostles. But after all that I have seen, and after all the converse and discourse I have so often had with those obstinate infidels, I may take leave to say, that I almost despair to see struck such great strokes as the apostles did, who converted two or three thousand people in one sermon; finding by experience, and knowing very well upon other accounts, after I have travelled through all the places of the missions in the East, that all the missionaries together, not only in the Indies, but in all the Mahometan dominions, do indeed by their instructions, accompanied with charity and alms, make some progress among the Gentiles, but do in ten years not make one Christian of a Mahometan. Truly these infidels have high thoughts of our religion, they never speak of Jesus Christ but with veneration; and they never pronounce the word Ayfa, that is to say, Jesus, without adding that of Azeret, which is Majesty. They even agree with us, that he was miraculously born of a virgin-mother, and that he is the Kelum-Allah, and the Rouh-Allah, the word of God, and the spirit of God; but it is not to be hoped, that they will approve the rest of our religion, so as to abandon theirs in which they were born, and their false prophet, to embrace ours, what reasons soever be given them. Our Christians of Europe ought to wish, and even to employ their power, care, and charity, that missionaries may be sent over all, such as may be no charge to the people of the country, and whom want may not induce to do mean things, as well for the reasons already alledged, as for this cause, that they may be ever ready to lay hold on all occasions, always to bear witness to the truth, and to labour in the vineyard when it shall please God to give them an overture.

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But for the rest we ought to be disabused, and not to suffer ourselves to be so easily persuaded of so many stories, and not to believe the thing to be so facile as some make it. The sect is too much libertine, and too attractive to quit it; it is a pernicious law, which hath been introduced by arms and force, and still gets ground by those means; and I hardly know any other way capable to shake and root it out. If therefore there intervene not some of those grand and extraordinary strokes of heaven, and God by his powerful and particular evidence interpose not, (as we ought always to hope, according to the great appearances there have been in China, in Japan, and in the person of King Jehan-Guyre), considering the irreverence of the Christians in their churches, so dissident from our belief of the particular presence of God upon our altars, and so different from that deep and astonishing respect which those infidels bear to their mosques, where they would not so much as turn their heads, or speak the least word to one another; there will always be great obstacles to their conversion.

In Agra the Hollanders have also an house, where ordinarily they keep four or five persons. Formerly they had a good trade there in selling scarlet, great and small looking-glasses, plain lace, and gold and silver lace, and some small wares, and in buying indigo, which is gathered round about Agra, but especially at Biances, but two leagues distant from it, and whither they go once a year, having an house there for that purpose, as also in buying those cloths of Jelapour and Laknau, at seven or eight days journey from Agra, where they also keep a house, and whither they send some factors once a year. But now they say that there is little profit for them in that trade, whether it be that the Armenians drive the same traffic, or that it is so far from Agra to Surat, or that commonly some mischief or other befalls their Caravans, which must pass by Amad-avad over all the countries of the Rajas to avoid the ill ways, and the mountains that are on the side of Goualeor and Brampour, which is the nearer way. Yet notwithstanding these discouragements, they will never (I believe), abandon this factory, as the English have done theirs in that place, if it were for nothing else but their spices, which there they sell very well, and for having some of their people near the court taking care of their concerns, since it cannot be otherwise, but that frequently some trouble will befall their factories, by the tyranny of the governor and other officers now from the side of Bengala and Patna, another time from Surat and Amad-avad.

We will conclude this part with those two wonderful mausolees, or tombs, that give to Agra so much advantage over Dehli. It was Jehan-Guyre that caused the first to be erected to honour the memory of his father Eckbar, and Chah-Jehan raised the second in honour of Taje-Mehalle his wife, that extraordinary and celebrated beauty of the Indies, whom he loved so passionately, that it is said he never enjoyed any other woman but her whilst she lived, and that when she died, he was in danger to die himself.

I shall not stay to discourse of the monument of Eckbar, because whatever beauty is there, is found in a far higher degree in that of Taje-Mehalle, which I am now going to describe unto you. You may therefore represent to yourself, that at the going out of the city of Agra eastward, you enter into a long and broad paved street, which riseth gently, and hath on one side a high and long wall, making the side of a square garden that is much bigger than our Place Royal, and on the other side a row of new houses arched, such as those of the principal streets of Dehli above spoken of. Having gone the length of half the wall, you shall find on the right hand of the side of the houses a great gate well made, by which one enters into a caravan-serah, and over against it, on the wall's side, a stately gate of a great square pavilion, by which you enter into the garden between two conservatories built up with free-stone. This pavilion is longer than it is large, built of a stone-like red marble, but not so hard. The frontispiece seems to

are very magnificent, after their way, and as high as that of St. Louis in the street of St. Anthony. It is true you do not there see columns, architraves and cornishes, cut out after the proportion of those five orders of architecture so religiously observed in our palaces: it is a different and particular kind of structure, but such an one as wants no agreeableness even in the unusualness of its contrivance, and which, in my opinion, would very well deserve a place in our books of architecture. It is almost nothing but arches upon arches, and galleries over galleries, disposed and ordered a hundred different ways; and yet all appears stately, well enough contrived and managed. There is nothing that offends the eye; on the contrary all is pleasing, and a man cannot be weary in beholding it. The last time I saw it, I was there with one of our French merchants, who also could not behold it enough. I durst not tell him my thoughts of it, apprehending it might have spoiled my gulf, and framed it according to that of Indostan.— But he being lately come from France, I was very glad to hear him say, 'He had never seen any thing so august and bold in Europe.'

After you are somewhat entered into the pavilion to pass into the garden, you find yourself under a high vault made like a cap, which hath galleries-round about and below, on the right and left side, two divans or causeys, made up of earth of eight or ten foot high. Opposite to the gate there is a great arch quite open; by which you enter into an alley, which cuts almost the whole garden into two equal parts. This alley is by way of terrass so large, as that six coaches can pass on it a-breast, paved with great squares of hard stone, raised some eight feet above the garden-plots, and divided in the middle by a channel walled up with free-stone, having jets of water at certain distances. After you have gone twenty-five or thirty paces upon this alley, turning your eye to behold the entry, you see the other face of the pavilion, which though it be not comparable to that which looks to the street, yet wants not its stateliness, being high and of a structure approaching the other. And on both sides of the pavilion, along the wall of the garden, you see a long and profound gallery by way of terrass, supported by many low columns near one another. And in this gallery it is, that during the season of the rains, the poor are permitted to enter, who come there thrice a week, receiving alms from a foundation made there by Chah-Jehan for ever.

Advancing further in this alley, you discover at a distance before you a great dome, where is the sepulchre, and below on the right and left hand you see divers alleys of a garden set with trees, and several parterres covered with flowers. At the end of this alley, besides the dome before you, you discover on the right and left two great pavilions, built of the same stone, and consequently, looking all red as the first. These are great and spacious square edifices, made by way of terrass, opening by three arches, and having at the bottom the wall of the garden, so that you march under them as if they were high and large galleries.

I shall not stay to describe unto you the ornaments within these pavilions, because in respect to their walls, ground-plot, and pavement, they are not much unlike the dome, which I am going to delineate to you, after I shall have observed, that between the end of the alley (which we have spoken of) and the dome, there is a pretty large space of a floor, which I call a water-parterre, because that the diversly cut and figured stones you march upon, are there instead of the box-wood of our parterres. And it is from the midst of this parterre, that you may conveniently see a part of this edifice, where the sepulchre is, which remains now to be considered.

It is a great and vast dome of white marble, which is near the height of that of our Val de Grace in Paris, surrounded with many turrets of the same matter, with stairs

in them. Four great arches support the whole fabric, three of which are visible, the fourth is closed in by the wall of an hall, accompanied with a gallery, where certain Mullahs (entertained for that end) do continually read the Alcoran, with a profound respect to the honour of Taje-Mehalle. The mould of the arches is enriched with tables of white marble, wherein are seen engraven large Arabian characters of black marble, which is very agreeable to behold. The interior or concave part of this dome, and the whole wall from top to bottom is covered with white marble; and there is no place which is not wrought with art, and hath not its peculiar beauty. You see store of agat, and such sort of stones as are employed to enrich the chapel of the great duke of Florence; much jasper, and many other kinds of rare and precious stones, set a hundred several ways, mixed and enclafed in the marble that covers the body of the wall. The squares of white and black marble, that make the floor, are likewise set out with all imaginable beauty and stateliness.

Under this dome is a little chamber inclosing the sepulchre, which I have not seen within, it not being opened but once a year, and that with great ceremony, not suffering any christian to enter, for fear (as they say) of prophaning the sanctity of the place: but really by what I could learn, because it hath nothing rich or magnificent in it.

There remains nothing else, than to give you occasion to take notice of an alley in the fashion of a terrafs, twenty or twenty-five paces large, and as many or more high, which is betwixt the dome and the extremity of the garden, whence you see below you, at the foot of it, the river Gemna running along a great campaign of gardens, a part of the town of Agra, the fortrefs, and all those fair houses of the Omrahs that are built along the water. There remains no more, I say, than to cause you to observe this terrafs, which taketh up almost the whole length of one side of the garden, and then to desire you to judge, whether I had reason to say, that the Mausoleum, or tomb of Taje-Mehalle, is something worthy to be admired. For my part I do not yet well know, whether I am not somewhat infected still with Indianism; but I must needs say, that I believe it ought to be reckoned amongst the wonders of the world, rather than those unshapen masses of the Egyptian pyramids, which I was weary to see after I had seen them twice, and in which I find nothing without, but pieces of great stones ranged in the form of steps one upon another, and within nothing but very little art and invention.

A LETTER written to Mr. Chaplain, sent from Chiras, in Persia, October 4, 1667. Concerning the superstitious, strange fashions, and the doctrine of the native Indians, or Gentiles of Indostan. Whence may be seen, that there are no opinions so ridiculous, and so extravagant, which the spirit of man is not capable of.

SIR,

If I should live whole ages, I know not whether I could ever forget those two eclipses of the sun, of which I saw one in France, in the year 1654, and the other in the Indies at Dehli in the year 1666, if I remember aright. The former seemed very remarkable to me upon the account of the childish credulity of our common people, and of that panic terror which had so seized the heart, that some bought drugs against the eclipse; others kept themselves close in the dark in their caves, and their well-closed chambers; others cast themselves in great multitudes into the churches: those apprehending some malign and dangerous influence, and these believing that they were come to their last day, and that the eclipse would shake the foundations of nature, and

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overturn it, notwithstanding any thing that the Gassendi's, Robervals, and many other famous philosophers cou'd say or write against this persuasion, when they demonstrate, that this eclipse was of the same nature with so many others that had preceded without any mischief, and that it was a known accident, foreseen and ordinary, which had nothing peculiar, but what some cheating astrological mountebank might have devised.

That which I saw at Dehli seem'd also very considerable to me, by reason of the ridiculous errors and superstitions of the Indians. At the time when the said eclipse was to appear, I went up to the terrass of my house, which was situate on the side of the river Gemna, thence I saw both sides of the river, for near a league in length, covered with the heathen idolaters, that stood in the water up to their girdle, demurely looking up into the sky, to the end that they might plunge and wash themselves at the moment when the eclipse should begin. The little boys and girls were stark naked; the men were almost so too, but that they had a scarf round their thighs to cover their nakedness: and the married women, together with the young maids that were not above six or seven years old, were covered with a single cloth. Persons of condition, as the Rajahs, or sovereign princes of those Gentiles, (who commonly are about the person and in the pay of the king,) and the Serrahs or exchangers, the bankers, jewellers, and other great merchants, were most of them gone to the other side of the water with all their family, and had there put up their tents, and fastened in the river certain kanates, which are a kind of skreens, to perform their ceremonies, and conveniently to wash themselves with their wives, so as not to be seen by others. These idolaters no sooner saw the eclipse begin, but they raised a great cry, and all at once plunged themselves wholly into the water, I know not how many times one after another; standing up afterwards in the water, and lifting up their eyes and hands to heaven, muttering and praying with great devotion, and from time to time taking water with their hands, which they threw up towards the sun, bowing down their heads very low, moving and turning their arms and hands sometimes one way, sometimes another, and thus continuing their plunging, praying and apishness unto the end of this eclipse; at which time every one retired, casting some pieces of silver a good way off into the water, and giving alms to the Brachmans or men of the law, who failed not to be at that ceremony. I took notice, that at their going out of the water, they all took new clothes that were laid ready for them folded up on the sand, and that many of the devouter sort left there their old garments for the Brachmans. And in this manner did I see from my terrass this great solemnity of the eclipse; which was celebrated after the same manner in the river Indus and Ganges, and in all the other rivers, as also in the receivers of waters in the Indies, but especially in that of the Tanaiser, where were met together above an hundred and fifty thousand persons, come together from all parts of the Indies, because the water of it is on that day reputed more holy and efficacious than on any other.

The Great Mogol, though he be a Mahometan, suffers these heathens to go on in these old superstitions, because he will not, or dareth not cross them in the exercise of their religion, and besides it is not performed without presenting him, by the hands of the Brachmans as commissioners, a lecque or an hundred thousand rupies, which are worth above fifty thousand crowns, for which he returns nothing but a few vells and an old elephant. Now you shall see those solid reasons (forsooth) which they alledge for this feast, and for the ceremonies by them observed in it.

We have (say they) our four Bets, that is, books of the law, sacred and divine writings, given us by God through the hands of Bramha. These books do teach us, that a certain Deuta, which is a kind of corporeal divinity very malign and mischievous, very black and

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very filthy (these are their own expressions in their language) seizeth on the sun, blackens it as it were with ink, and so darkens it: that this sun, which is also a Deuta, but of the best and the most beneficent and perfect divinities, is at that time in very great pains and terrible anguish, to see himself thus seized on and misused by that black villain: that it is a general duty to endeavour to deliver him from this miserable condition; which cannot be effected but by the force of prayers, washings and alms, and that these actions are of a very extraordinary merit, to such a degree, that an alms given at that time is worth an hundred given at another. Who is there, say they, that would not give cent per cent?

Sir, these are the two eclipses I spoke of, which I shall hardly ever forget, and which minister occasion to me to proceed to some other extravagancies of these Gentiles, when you may draw what consequences you shall please.

In the town of Jagannat, which is seated upon the gulf of Bengala, and where is that famous temple of the idol of the same name, there is yearly celebrated a certain feast which lasts eight or nine days, if I remember well. There is found an incredible number of people, as there was antiently in the temple of Hammon, and as it is at this day at Mecca. This number, it is said, amounts sometimes to above an hundred and fifty thousand persons. They make a stately engine of wood, as I have seen of them in many other places of the Indies, with I know not how many extravagant figures, almost such as we are wont to paint monsters with two heads or bodies, half man and half beast, or gigantic and terrible heads, satyrs, apes or devils; which engine is put upon fourteen or sixteen wheels, such as the carriages of cannons may be, which fifty or sixty persons more or less do draw, or thrust forwards: upon the middle of it appears most conspicuously the idol Jagannat, richly dressed and adorned, which is thus transported from one place to another.

The first day that they shew this idol with ceremony in the temple the crowd is usually so great to see it, that there is not a year, but some of those poor pilgrims, that come a-far off, tired and harrassed, are suffocated there; all the people blessing them for having been so happy, as to die on so holy an occasion. And when this hellish triumphant chariot marcheth, there are found (which is no fable) persons so foolishly credulous and superstitious as to throw themselves with their bellies under those large and heavy wheels, which bruise them to death, having suffered themselves to be persuaded, that there is no action so heroic nor so meritorious as that, and that Jagannat will at the same time receive them as his children, and cause them to be born again in a state of felicity and glory.

The Brachmans for their particular advantage and interest, I mean that of alms and respect given to them as persons devoted to these mysteries, do entertain the people in these errors and superstitions, and they proceed even to such infamous cheats and villainies, that I could never have believed them, if I had not fully informed myself of it.

These impostors take a young maid, of the fairest they can meet with, to be the bride (as they speak, and bear the bestotted people in hand,) of Jagannat, and they leave her all night in the temple (whither they have carried her,) with the idol, making her believe that Jagannat himself will come and embrace her, and appointing her to ask him, whether it will be a fruitful year, what kind of processions, feasts, prayers and alms he demands to be made for it. In the mean time one of these lustful priests enters at night by a little back-door into the temple, deflowereth this young maid, and maketh her believe any thing he pleaseth; and the next day, being transported from this temple into another with the same magnificence, she was carried before upon the chariot of triumph on the side of Jagannat her bridegroom; these Brahmins make
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her say aloud before all the people, whatsoever she had been taught of these cheats, as if she had learnt it from the very mouth of Jagannat. But let us go on (if you please), to follies of another kind.

Before this chariot and often in the very temples of the idols, on festival days, you shall see public women dance, making an hundred indecent and extravagant postures; and yet the Brahmans find a way to accord all that with their religion. I have seen some women, that are not only famous for their beauty, but also for great reservedness, which refused very considerable presents of certain Mahometans and Christians, and even of heathen strangers, as if they were only dedicated to the ministry and the ministers of Deuta, or the idol temple, to the Brahmans and these Fakires, which are there seated most of them upon athes round about, altogether naked with their fearful hair of Megera, and in the posture I shall speak of hereafter. But let us say no longer upon these follies.

There are so many writers of voyages relating the custom of the Indian women, burning themselves with their husbands, that I think something at last will be believed of it. For my part I am going to take my turn also, and to write to you of it like others; yet in the mean time observing withal, that it is not all true what is said of it, and that now they do not burn themselves in so great a number as formerly, because the Mahometans, that bear sway at present in Indostan, are enemies to that barbarous custom, and hinder it as much as they can: not opposing it absolutely, because they are willing to leave their idolatrous people, who are far more numerous than themselves, in the free exercise of their religion, for fear of some revolt. But by indirectly preventing it, in that they oblige the women, ready to burn themselves, to go and ask permission of the respective governors, who send for them, make converse with their own women, remonstrate things to them with annexed promises, and never give them this permission, but after they have tried all these gentle ways, and till they find them fixed in their foolish resolution, which yet hinders not but that many burn themselves, especially of those that live upon the lands of the Rajas, where no Mahometan governors are. I shall not stay to give you the history of all those, which I have seen burn themselves; that would be too long, and too tedious.—I shall only relate unto you two or three examples of them, whence you may judge of the rest; but first you shall have the relation of a woman, which I was sent unto to divert her from such a mischievous design.

A friend of mine called Bendidas, the first clerk of my Aga Dancch-mend-kan, died of an hec tick, having been treated by me above two years. His wife immediately resolved to burn herself, together with the body of her husband; but her parents, by the order of my Agah, whose servants they were, endeavoured to dissuade her from it, representing to her, that though it were indeed a generous and laudable resolution, and would be a great honour and happiness in the family, yet she ought to consider, that her children were yet little, that she could not abandon them, and that she was to prefer their good, and the affection she had for them, to the love she had for her husband, and to her own satisfaction. These parents not having been able to prevail with her by all these representations, bethought themselves to desire me to go to her, as sent from my Agah, and as an ancient friend to the family. I went and when I came, I did, as soon as I came in, see a cluster of seven or eight fearful old women, together with four or five insatuated and brain-sick Brahmans, who all cried by turns, beating their hands about the dead corps, and the widow in her loose hair, looking pale, yet with dry and sparkling eyes, sitting and crying also aloud, and beating her hands, as the rest, with a kind of cadency, upon the feet of her husband. The out-cry and noise being ended, I approached to this company of people, and addressing myself to the widow

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widow, I gave her softly to understand, that I came from Danechmend-kan; that he had appointed a monthly pension of two crowns to each of her two sons, but on condition that she should not burn herself, to the end that she might take care of them, and breed them up as was fit; that else we knew ways enough to hinder her from burning herself, if she were obstinate for it, and to make those repent that should allure and incite her to such an unreasonable resolution, especially since none of her kindred was satisfied with it, and that she would not be counted infamous, as those are that want the resolution to burn themselves after the death of their husbands, when they have no children. I often inculcated to her all these considerations, without hearing a word of answer from her; though at last she said, looking fiercely upon me: Well, if I am hindered to burn myself, I am resolved to break my head against the wall. Then said I to myself, what diabolical fury doth possess thee? And to her I answered, full of indignation: Then take thy children, thou unhappy creature, and cut their throats, and burn them with thee; for they will be starved, I being now ready to return to Danechmend-kan, and to annul their pension. These words being spoken by me, with the loudest and most menacing tone I could, made impression upon the spirit of this woman, and upon that of all the assistants: she presently, without any repartee, let her head sink down upon her knees, and most of the old women and Brahmans went away. Whereupon her relations, that were come with me, entered and parleyed with her. And I, thinking I had done enough, took horse and came away to my lodgings, supposing they would do the rest well enough. In short, about evening, when I was going to give an account to my Agah of what I had done, I met with her parents, who thanked me, and said, that the dead corps had been burnt, and the widow persuaded to remain alive.

Concerning the women that have actually burned themselves, I have so often been present at such dreadful spectacles, that at length I could endure no more to see it, and I retain still some horror when I think on it. Yet I shall represent to you some of them but pretend not to exprefs to the life, with what courage and resolution these poor women achieved such a direful tragedy; for there is nothing but the eye itself that can exhibit a right idea thereof.

When I was passing from Amad-avad to Agra, over the lands of the Rajas, that are in those parts, there came news to us in a borough, where the caravan rested under the shade (staying for the cool of the evening to march on their journey) that a certain woman was then upon the point of burning herself with the body of her husband. I presently rose and ran to the place where it was to be done, which was a great pit, with a pile of wood raised in it, whereon I saw laid a dead corps, and a woman which at a distance seemed to me pretty fair, sitting near it on the same pile, besides four or five Brahmans, putting the fire to it from all sides; five women of a middle age, and well enough dressed, holding one another by the hand, and dancing about the pit, and a great crowd of people, men and women looking on. The pile of wood was presently all on fire, because store of oil and butter had been thrown upon it, and I saw at the same time through the flames, that the fire took hold of the cloaths of the woman, that were imbued with well scented oils, mingled with powder of santal and saffron. All this I saw, but observed not that the woman was at all disturbed; yea, it was said, that she had been heard to pronounce with great force these two words, *Fire. Two*, to signify, according to the opinion of those that hold the soul's transmigrati on, that this was the fifth time she had burnt herself with the same husband, and that there remained but two times for perfection; as if she had at that time this remembrance, or some prophetic spirit. But here ended not this infernal tragedy: I thought it was only by way of ceremony,

that these five women sung and danced about the pit; but I was altogether surprized, when I saw, that the flame having taken hold of the cloaths of one of them, she cast herself with her head foremost into the pit, and that, after her, another, being overcome by the flame and smoke, did the like: and my astonishment redoubled afterwards, when I saw, that the remaining three took one another again by the hand, continued their dance without any apparent fear, and that at length they precipitated themselves, one after another into the fire, as their companions had done. It troubled me sufficiently, that I knew not what that meant, but I learnt shortly after, that these had been five slaves, who, having seen their mistress extremely afflicted at the sickness of her husband, and heard her promise him that she would not survive him, but burn herself with him, were so touched with compassion and tenderness towards this their mistress, that they engaged themselves in a promise to follow her in her resolution, and to burn themselves with her. Many persons, whom I then consulted about this custom of women burning themselves with the bodies of their husbands would persuade me, that what they did was from an excess of affection they had for them: but I understood afterwards, that it was only an effect of opinion, prepossession and custom; and that the mothers, from their youth, besotted with this superstition, as of a most virtuous and most laudable action, such as was unavoidable to a woman of honour, did also insatiate the spirit of their daughters from their very infancy; although at the bottom, it was nothing else but an art of the men the more to enslave their wives, thereby to make them have the more care of their health, and to prevent poisoning of them.

But let us proceed to another tragedy, which I will rather represent to you than many others, at which I have been present, because it hath something uncommon in it. It is true, I was not there myself; but you may do as I do, who do not stand out against crediting these things, because I have seen so many of them which seemed incredible to me. This action is grown so famous in the Indies, that nobody doubts of it, and it may be, that even yourself have already heard of it in Europe.

It is of a woman that was engaged in some love-intrigues with a young Mahometan her neighbour, that was a taylor, and could play finely upon the tabor. This woman in the hopes she had of marrying this young man, poisoned her husband, and presently came away to tell her taylor, that it was time to be gone together as they had projected, or else she should be obliged to burn herself. The young man fearing lest he might be entangled in a mischievous business, flatly refused her. The woman not at all surprized at it, went to her relations, and advertised them of the sudden death of her husband, and openly protested that she would not survive him, but burn herself with him. Her kindred well satisfied with so generous a resolution, and the great honour she did to the whole family, presently had a pit made, and filled with wood, exposing the corps upon it, and kindling the fire. All being prepared, the woman goes to embrace and bid farewell to all her kindred that were there about the pit, among whom was also the taylor, who had been invited to play upon the tabor that day, with many others of that sort of men, according to the custom of the country. This fury of a woman being also come to this young man, made as if she would bid him farewell with the rest; but instead of gently embracing him, she taketh him with all her force about his collar, pulls him to the pit, and tangleth him together with herself into the ditch, where they both were soon dispatched.

She which I saw burn herself, when I parted from Surat to travel into Persia, in the presence of Monsieur Chardin of Paris, and of many English and Dutch, was of a middle age, and not unhandsome. To represent unto you the undaunted cheerfulness that appeared in her countenance, the resolution with which she marched, washed herself,

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self, spoke to the people; the confidence with which she looked upon us, viewed her little cabin, made up of very dry millet-straw and small wood, went into this cabin and sat down upon the pile, and took her husband's head into her lap, and a torch into her own hand, and kindled the cabin, whilst I know not how many Brahmans were busy in kindling the fire round about: to represent to you, I say, all this as it ought, is not possible for me; I can at present scarce believe it myself, though it be but a few days since I saw it.

'Tis true, that I have seen some of them, which at the sight of the pile and fire, appeared to have some apprehension, and that perhaps would have gone back, but 'tis often too late: those demons the Brahmans, that are there with their great sticks, altonish them, and hearten them up, or even thrust them in; as I have seen it done to a young woman that retreated five or six paces from the pile, and to another that was much disturbed when she saw the fire take hold of her cloaths, these executioners thrusting her in with their long poles. Yet I have often seen one, that is still a handsome woman and had saved herself out of their hands, falling into the hands of the Gadous, that sometimes met there in great numbers, when they know that it is some fair and young woman that is to be burnt, and that hath no great kindred, nor much company with her: for the women that are afraid of the pile, and fly away from it, knowing that they cannot be received again amongst the Gentiles, nor live with them, because they repute them infamous, after they have committed such a fault, and brought such a disgrace upon their religion; such women, I say, are ordinarily a prey of this kind of men, who are also counted infamous in the Indies, and that have nothing to lose. A Mogolian durst not save nor receive any, for fear of bringing himself into great trouble. Some Portuguese living in sea-ports, where they were strongest, have sometimes carried away some of them. For my part, I have often been so enraged against those Brahmans, that if I durst, I had strangled them. I remember among others, that at Lahor, I saw a very handsome and a very young woman burnt: I believe she was not above twelve years of age. This poor unhappy creature appeared rather dead than alive, when she came near the pile; she shook, and wept bitterly: mean time three or four of these executioners, the Brahmans, together with an old hag that held her under the arm, thrust her on, and made her sit down upon the wood, and lest she should run away, they tied her legs and hands, and so burnt her alive. I had enough to do to contain myself for indignation; but I was forced to content myself with detesting this horrid religion, and to say by myself, what the poet once said of such another, upon the occasion of Iphigenia, whom her own father Agamemnon sacrificed to Diana for the interest of the Grecians, amongst whom he was one of the principal leaders.

—*Tantum religio potuit suadere malorum!*

These are certainly very barbarous and cruel customs, but that which the Brahmans do in some other places of the Indies is yet more so: for instead of burning those women that will die upon the death of their husbands, they bury them to the ground alive up to the very throat, and then two or three of them fall at once upon them and wring their neck round, and so choak them, covering them quickly with some earth, and then marching over their heads. But let us pass to some other customs of those countries.

Most of the Gentiles burn their dead; but some there are, that do no more than with some straw broil them on a river's side, casting them thereupon from the height of a steep bank into the water; which I have often seen upon the river Ganges.

Some of these Gentiles there are, who, when they perceive a sick person near death, carry him to the side of a river, (at which barbarous action I have been once present) and then first put his feet into the water, and afterwards let him slide down as to his throat, and then, when they think he is now expiring, they sink him quite under water, and there leave him, after they have made a great clamour, and clapping with their hands: and this, say they, to the end that the soul leaving the body may be washed from all the impurities she may have contracted in the body. And this is not only a reason given by the vulgar; for I have spoken with the most learned of them, who delivered the same with great seriousness. But let us go on to other extravagancies.

Amongst that vast number and great variety of Fakires, Derviches, or religious Heathens of the Indies, there is abundance of them that have convents, in which there are superiors, and wherein they make certain vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience, leading so odd a life, that I doubt whether you can give credit to it. These are commonly called Jaguis, as if you should say, united to God. You shall see many of them sit stark naked, or lie days and nights upon ashes, and, commonly enough, under some of those large trees that are on the sides of the Talabs or ponds, or else in those galleries that are about their Deuras or idol-temples. Some of them have their hair hanging down to the middle of their legs, and that wreathed into several parcels, as the large main of our barbes, or rather, as the hair of those that have the sickness of Poland, called the plica. Of these I have seen some in divers places, who held one arm, and sometimes both, lifted up perpetually above their heads, and that had at the end of their fingers wreathed nails, that were longer by measure than half my little finger. Their arms were small and lean, as of heretical persons, because they took not sufficient nourishment in that forced posture, and they could not let them down to take any thing with them, either meat or drink, because the nerves were retired, and the joints were filled and dried up; wherefore also they have young novices, that serve them as holy men with very great respect. There is no Megara in hell so terrible to look on, as those men are, all naked, with their black skin, long hair, dried arms, and in the posture mentioned, and with crooked nails.

I have often met in the field, especially upon the lands of the Rajas, whole squadrons of these Faquires, altogether naked, dreadful to behold. Some held their arms lifted up in the posture mentioned; others had their terrible hair hanging about them, or else they had wreathed them about their head; some had a kind of Hercules's club in their hand; others had dry and stiff tyger-skins over their shoulders. I saw them pass thus quite naked, without any shame, through the midst of a great borough. I admired how men, women, and children could look upon them so indifferently, without being moved no more than if we should see pass some Eremite through our streets; and how the women brought them alms with much devotion, taking them for very holy men, much wiser and better than others.

I have seen, for a long while, a very famous one in Dehli, called Sarmet, who went thus stark naked along the streets, and who at length would rather suffer his neck to be cut off, than to put on any cloaths, what promises or menaces soever Aureng-Zebe might send to him.

I have seen many of them, who out of devotion went long pilgrimages, not only altogether naked, but charged with iron chains, like those that are put about the legs of elephants. Others, who, out of a particular vow, stood for seven or eight days upright upon their legs, which thereupon swelled as big as their thighs, without sitting

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or lying down, or without reposing themselves otherwise than by leaning some hours of the night upon a stretched cord; others, who stood for whole hours upon their hands without wavering, the head down, and the feet upward: and so of many other sorts of postures so constrained, and so difficult, that we have no tumbler able to imitate them; and all this, it seems upon the account of religion, of which yet there appears not the least shadow in it.

All these so extraordinary things did (to tell you the truth) exceedingly surprize me at first; I knew not what to say or think of it. Sometimes I looked upon them as a remainder, or rather as the authors of that ancient and infamous sect of the Cynicks, but only that I found nothing in them, but brutality and ignorance, and that they seemed to me a kind of trees, somewhat moving from one place to another, rather than rational animals. Another time I considered them as men altogether enthusiastical; though as I lately said, I could not find any shadow of true piety in all they did. Sometimes I thought, that this lazy, idle, and independent life of beggars might have something attractive in it. Sometimes I imagined that the vanity, which creeps in every where, and which is as often found under the patched mantle of Diogenes, as under the comely garment of Plato, there might lurk that spring, which might set a going so many engines; and then reflecting withal upon the miserable and austere life they led, I knew not what judgment to make of them.

It is true, that many say, that they do not exercise these strange austerities but in the hopes they entertain of becoming Rajas in their renascence, or of returning again in a more happy life. But, as I have often told them to their faces, how is it possible for any man to resolve upon such a miserable life from the hope of another, that is to be no longer, and hath also, in the upshot, but very little happiness in it, though one should return a Raja, or even a Jessingue or a Jessomseingue, which are the two most puissant Rajas of the Indies? There must needs, said I, lye something else under it, which you have no mind to discover to us, or you must be arrant fools.

Amongst those, I have been speaking of, there are such that are believed to be true saints, illuminated and perfect Janguis, entirely united to God. These are people that have altogether abandoned the world, and sequestered themselves into some very remote corner or garden, like Eremites, without ever coming to town. If you carry them any meat they receive it; if they do not, it is believed they can live without it, and subsist by the sole favour of God in perpetual fasting, prayer, and profound meditations: for they sink themselves so deep in these raptures, that they spend many hours together in being insensible, and beholding in that time, as they give out, God himself, like a bright and ineffable light, with an unexpressible joy and satisfaction, attended with an entire contempt and forsaking of the world: for thus much one of them that pretended he could enter into this rapture when he pleased, and had been often in it, told me; and others that are about them, affirm the thing with so much seriousness, that they seem to believe in earnest, as if there were no imposture in it. God alone knows whether there be any truth in it, and whether in this solitude and fasting the imagination debilitated, may not suffer itself to be carried away into these illusions: or whether they be not of that kind of natural raptures, into which Cardan said he fell when he listed; and this the rather, because I see, there is used some art in what they do, forasmuch as they prescribe to themselves certain rules, by little and little to bind up their senses: for they say, for example, that after they have fasted many days, using nothing but bread and water, it is requisite first to keep themselves alone, retired from all company, directing the eyes steadily towards heaven for a while, when gently casting

casting them down again, and then fixing them both so as to look at one and the same time upon the tip of the nose equally, and as much on one side as the other (which is troublesome enough) and remaining firm and intent in that posture, until such a light do come. Whatever the matter be, I know, that these raptures, and these ways of falling into them, make the great mystery of the Cabala of the Janguis, as the Soufys do also. I call it mystery, because they keep it very secret amongst them; and if it had not been for this Pendet or Indian doctor, to whom Danechmend-kan gave a pension, and who durst hide nothing from him; and if also Danechmend-kan had not known the mysteries of the Cabala of the Soufys, I should not have discovered so much of it. I know besides, that as for the extremity of poverty, of fastings, and austerities, that also can do much of it. We must not think (or I am much deceived) that any of our religious friars or Eremites go in this point beyond those men, nor generally beyond all the Asiatic monks; witness the life and fastings of the Armenians, Coptes, Greeks, Nestorians, Jacobites and Maronites. We must rather avow, that we are but novices, when compared with those religious men: But then we must also acknowledge, according to what I have experimented, in respect of those of the Indies, that they can much more easily bear hunger than we can in our colder climates.

There are others very different from those, but very strange men likewise; they are almost perpetually travelling up and down, they deride all, take care of nothing, men that brag of secrets, and who, as the people say, know no less than to make gold, and so admirably to prepare Mercury, that a grain or two of it taken every morning restores the body to perfect health, and so strengthens the stomach, that it feeds greedily and digests with ease. This is not all: When two of these Janguis, that are eminent, do meet, and you stir them up in the point and power of their knowledge of Janguisme, you shall see them do such tricks out of spite to one another, that I know not whether Simon Magus could have outdone them. For they divine what one thinketh, make the branch of a tree blossom and bear fruit in less than an hour, hatch eggs in their bosom in less than half a quarter of an hour, and bring forth such birds as you demand, which they make fly about the chamber, and many other such prodigies. I mean, if what is said of them be true; for I remember, that one day my Agah sent for one of these famous diviners, and when he was come, agreed with him to give him the next day 300 rupees, which is about 150 crowns, if he should tell him, as he said he would, his present thought, which he was to write before him upon a paper: As also, that I myself made a bargain with the same, to give him 25 rupies, if he should divine mine; but the prophet failed us; as also did at another time one of those pretended producers of birds, to whom I had also promised 20 rupies. I am still to be understood, if it be true what is said of them. For, as for me, I am with all my curiosity none of those happy men, that are present at, and see those great feats; and if I should chance to see any of such things as are thought strange, I am always considering and seeking, whether the thing may not be done by some juggle, art, or trick of leger-de-main: and I am sometimes even so unhappy, or, if you will, so fortunate, as to find out the cheat, as I did, that made a cup run, to discover who it was, that had stolen money from my Agah.

Lastly, there are some in many places, that are quite of another way than all those I have discoursed of. Their life and their devotion is more meek and more polished; they go over the streets bare-foot and bare-headed, girt about with a scarf hanging down to their knees, and having a white sheet which passeth under their right arm, and comes out over their left shoulder like a cloak, without other cloaths under it. They are always very clean and neat in all things, and commonly go two and two together with

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with great modesty, holding in their hand a small earthen trevet, with two handles, very neat. They do not go gossiping from shop to shop, as many of the other Fakires do. They go freely every where into the houses of the Gentiles, where they are welcome, and much made of, they being esteemed a blessing to the house. They are by no means to be accused of any thing; though it be well enough known, what in such visits among the women passeth: But it is the custom, they are in possession of being saints for all that, and any house thinks itself honoured with their visit. But it is not only there so; many other places there be in the world, where things are not so strictly looked to. But that which I find most ridiculous in those people is, that they are impertinent enough to compare themselves with our religious men they meet with in the Indies. I have often taken pleasure to catch them using much ceremony with them, and giving them great respect; but I soon hear of some by to one another: This François knows who we are, he hath been a great while in the Indies, he knows that we are the Padrys of the Indians. A fine comparison within myself, made by an impertinent and idolatrous rabble of men!

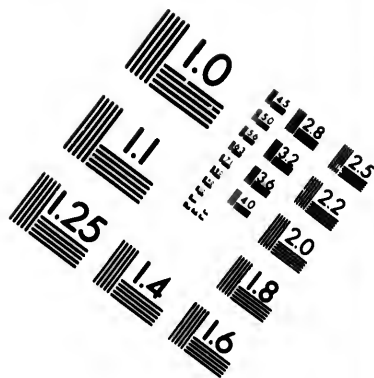
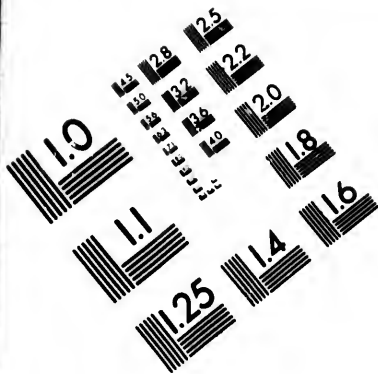
But we stay too long upon these heathen books. Let us go on to their books of law and sciences; you may afterwards judge, whether most of what I am going to say of it may be put, as I think it may, in the number of extravagancies.

Do not wonder, if, though I know not the Manuscript, the language of the learned (of which somewhat may be said hereafter, and which is perhaps the same with that of the old Brachmans) do notwithstanding tell you many things taken out of books written in that tongue. For you must know, that my Agah Danechmendkan, partly upon my solicitation, partly out of his own curiosity, took into his service one of the famousst Pendets that was in all the Indies, and that formerly had had a pension of Dara, the eldest son of king Chah-Jehan; and that this Pendet, besides that he drew to our house all the most learned Pendets, was for three years constantly of my conversation. When I was weary of explaining to my Agah those late discoveries of Harvey and Pecquet in anatomy, and of discoursing with him of the philosophy of Gassendi and Descartes, which I translated to him into Persian (for that was my chief employment for five or six years) that Pendet was our refuge, and then he was obliged to discourse, and to relate unto us his stories, which he delivered seriously, and without ever smiling. It is true, that at last we were so much disgusted with his tales and uncouth reasonings, that we scarce had patience left to hear them.

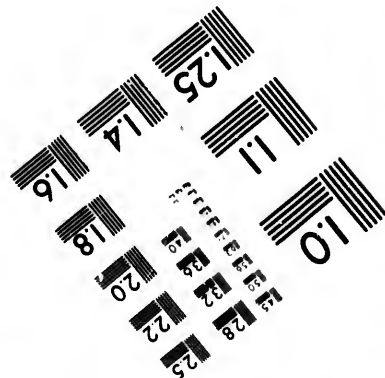
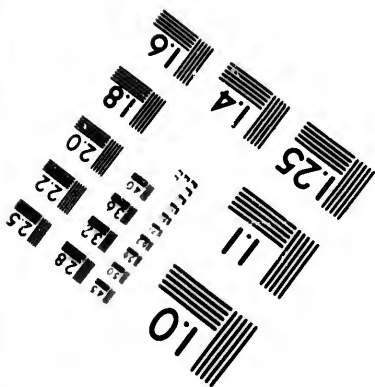
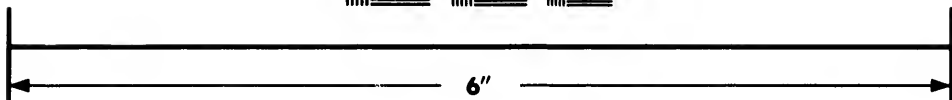
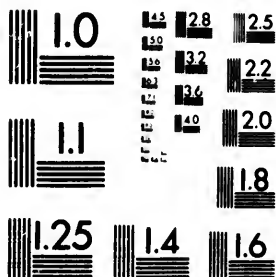
They say then, that God, whom they call Achar, that is to say, immoveable or immutable, hath sent them four Books, which they call Beths, a word signifying science, because they pretend that in these books all sciences are comprehended. The first of these books is called Athen-babed, the second Zager-bed, the third Rek-bed, the fourth Sama-bed. Conform to the doctrine of these books, this people ought to be distinguished, as really they are, into four tribes: the first is of Brahmans, men of the law; the second, of Quetterys, men of arms; the third, men of Bescue, or traffick, commonly called Banians; and the fourth, men of Scydra, that is handicraftsmen and labourers. And these are so discriminated, that those of one tribe cannot marry into another; that is, a Brahman cannot marry with a woman Quettery, and so of the rest.

They all agree in one doctrine, which is that of Pythagoras concerning the Metempsychosis, or transmigration of souls, and in this, that they must not kill or eat of any animal. However, there are some of the second tribe that may eat of them, provided it be neither cow's nor peacock's-flesh, they all having a great veneration for these two





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creatures, especially the cow, because they fancy I know not what river lying between this life and that to come, which they are to pass by holding themselves fast on a cow's tail. Possibly their ancient legislators had seen those shepherds of Egypt crossing the Nile, by holding with their left-hand the tail of an ox, and in their right-hand a stick to guide him with; or rather they have imprinted in them this respect for cows, because they draw from them milk and butter, which is a great part of their subsistence; and because also they are so serviceable for the plough, and consequently for the life of man; and that the rather, because it is not so in the Indies as in our parts, for maintaining so great a number of cattle as we do: if but half as many of them should be killed in the Indies, as there are in England or France, the country would quickly be destitute of them, and the land remain untill'd. The heat there is so violent for eight months of the year, that all is dry, and oxen and cows are often starved, or die of eating trash in the fields like hogs. And it is upon the account of the scarcity of cattle, that in the time of Jehan-Guyre, the Brahmans obtained an edict, that no cattle should be killed for a certain number of years, and that of late they presented a petition to Aurenge-Zebe, and offered him a considerable sum, if he would make the like prohibition. They remonstrated, that for fifty or sixty years past, much land had remained unploughed, because the oxen and cows were become too scarce and too dear. It may be also, that these law-givers considered, that cows and ox-flesh in the Indies is not very favourable nor wholesome, unless it be for a little time in winter, during the cooler season: or lastly, that they would take the people off from mutual cruelty, (to which they were too much inclined) by obliging them, as by a maxim of religion, to exercise humanity to the very beasts, and by making them believe, that killing or eating an animal, it might happen that they did kill or eat one of their grandfathers; which would be an horrid crime.

According to the doctrine of these Bets, they are obliged to say their prayers at least thrice every day, in the morning, at noon, and at night, with their face turned to the east. They are also bound to wash their whole body thrice, or at least before they eat; and they believe, that it is more meritorious to wash themselves in running water than in any other. And it may be, that the legislators in this point also have had a respect to what is proper and convenient for this country, where nothing is more desirable than washing and bathing. And they find it troublesome enough to observe this law, when they are in cold countries: I have seen some of them that were like to die, because they would there also observe their law of washing their body by plunging themselves into rivers or ponds, when they found any near; or by throwing whole buckets of water over their heads, when they were remote from them. When I told them, upon occasion, that in cold countries it would not be possible to observe that law of theirs in winter (which was a sign of its being a mere human invention) they gave this pleasant answer: that they pretended not their law was universal; that God had only made it for them, and it was therefore that they could not receive a stranger into their religion; that they thought not our religion was therefore false, but that perhaps it was good for us, and that God might have appointed several differing ways to go to heaven; but they will not hear that our religion should be the general religion for the whole earth; and theirs a fable and pure device.

These same books do teach them, that God having determined to create the world, would not execute it immediately, but made first three perfect beings: the first was Brahma, which signifies penetrating into all things; the second Beschen, that is, existing in all things; and the third Mehahden, that is, great lord. That by the means of Brahma he created the world, by the means of Beschen he preserveth it, and by the

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means of Mehaden he will destroy it. That it is Brahma, who by the command of God did publish the four Beths, and that therefore he is in some of their churches represented with four heads.

As to those three Beings, I have seen some European missionaries that were of opinion, that these Gentiles had some idea of the Trinity; and said, it was expressly contained in their books, that there are three persons and one only God. For my part, I have made the Pendets sufficiently discourse upon this point; but they declare themselves so poorly, that I could not clearly understand their sense. I have even heard some of them, who said, that these are three creatures very perfect, which they called Deütas; yet without explaining well what they understood by this word Deütas; as our ancient idolaters never explained what they meant by these words Genius and Numina, which is (I think) the same with Deüta among the Indians. 'Tis true, that I have spoken with others of the most knowing amongst them, who said, that these three Beings were indeed nothing but one and the same God, considered three manner of ways, viz. as he is the producer, conservator, and destroyer of things; but they said nothing of three distinct persons in one only Deity.

Moreover, I have seen the reverend father Roa, a German Jesuit and missionary at Agra, who, being well versed in their Manuscript, maintained that their books did not only import there was one God in three persons, but that even the second person of their Trinity was incarnated nine times. And that I may not be thought to ascribe to myself the writings of others, I shall relate unto you word for word, what a certain Carmelite of Chiras hath lighted upon, which he related when the above-mentioned father Roa passed that way to come back to Rome. The Gentiles (saith he) do hold, that the second person of the Trinity was incarnated nine times, and that because of divers necessities of the world, for whom he hath delivered it: but the eighth incarnation is the most notable; for they hold, that the world being enslaved under the power of giants, it was redeemed by the second person, incarnated and born of a virgin at midnight, the angels singing in the air, and the heavens pouring down a shower of flowers all that night. This favours much of Christianity: but then there follows a fable again, which is, that this God incarnate killed first of all a giant that slew in the air, and was so big as to obscure the sun, and by his fall to make the earth to shake, and that by his great weight he sunk as deep as hell; that this God incarnate being wounded in the side, in the first conflict with this giant, fell, but by his fall put his enemies to flight; that after he had raised himself again, and redeemed the world, he ascended into heaven; and that by reason of his wound, he is commonly called the Wounded in his Side. In the tenth incarnation, which shall then be, when according to our supputation Antichrist shall come, the world shall be delivered from the slavery of the Mahometans: but this is only a vulgar tradition, which is not found in their books.

They say also, that the third person of the Trinity hath manifested himself to the world; concerning which they relate, that the daughter of a certain king, being fit to be married, and asked by her father, whom she would marry, answered, that she would not be united but to a divine person; and that at the same time, the third person of the Trinity appeared to the King in the form of fire; that that King forthwith gave notice of it to his daughter, who presently consented to the marriage: that this person of the Trinity, though altogether in a fiery appearance, was called before the King's council, and seeing that the counsellors opposed this marriage, took hold of their beards and burned them, together with the whole royal palace, and then married the daughter. Ridiculous!

They add, that the first incarnation of the second person, was in the nature of a lion; the second, in that of a swine; the third in that of a tortoise; the fourth, in that of a serpent; the fifth, in that of Brahma, the dwarf, only a foot and a half high; the sixth, in that of a monster, a man-lion; the seventh in that of a dragon; the eighth, as hath been said already; the ninth, in an ape; the tenth, in that of a great cavalier.

Concerning this I shall acquaint you, that I doubt not but that the reverend father Roa, hath taken all the faith of this matter out of the books of the Gentiles, and that is the main ground of their mythology. I had written many things of it at large in my papers, and had also taken the figures of their gods or idols, which I had seen in their temples, having also got of them the characters of their language Hanferit; but finding at my return all those things, or at least the best part of it, printed in the China Illustrata of father Kircher, who had obtained it at Rome from the same father Roa; I shall content myself to have named the book to you. 'Tis true, that the word Incarnation, which the reverend father useth, was new to me, having never seen it so expressly used; I had only heard some Pendets thus explaining the thing, viz. that God had formerly appeared in those figures, when he did all those wonders they relate. Others explained it to me after this manner, to wit, that it was the souls of certain great men, such as we call heroes, that had passed into these bodies, and that these heroes were thus become Deütas, or to speak in the phrase of our idolaters, some powerful and considerable divinities, Numen's, Genio's, Demons, Spirits; for I see not that this word Deüta can signify any other thing: but this second explication of the Pendets cometh in effect to the first, for as much as most of them believe that our souls are portions of God.

Others there were that gave me a much sublimer explication, saying, that all those incarnations and apparitions, which their books speak of, are not to be understood according to the letter, but mystically, forasmuch as thereby are explained the several attributes of God. Some there were, and those of the most learned, acknowledging to me candidly, that there was nothing more fabulous than those incarnations, and that they were only the inventions of legislators, to retain people in some religion: and though this were so, if there were nothing else but this, (which is common to them all) that our souls were portions of the Deity, it were to be exploded in four philosophies, without making any mysteries in religion of it, seeing that in respect of our souls we should be God, and that in effect it should be ourselves that had imposed upon us a religious worship, metempychofes, paradise and hell, which would be ridiculous.

I shall here add a few words, to declare that I am not less obliged to Monsieur Henry Lor, and to Monsieur Abraham Roger, than to the reverend fathers Kircher and Roa. I had compiled an hundred things relating to the Gentiles, which I found in the books of those gentlemen, and which would have been great trouble to me to range them as they have done. I shall therefore content myself to say something in general to you of their studies and sciences, not indeed in that good order which possibly you might expect, but just as I have learnt it, and as 'tis probably found in their books; I mean by fragments, and without coherence.

The town of Benares, which is seated upon the Ganges in a very fine and rich country and place, is the general school, and as it were the Athens of the gentry of the Indies, where the Brachmans and the Religious (those that addict themselves to study) come together. They have no colleges nor classes ordered as with us; methinks, 'tis more after the way of the school of the antients; the masters being dispersed over the town in their houses, and especially in the gardens of the suburbs, where the great merchants

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merchants do suffer them. Of these masters some have four disciples; others, six or seven; and the most famous, twelve or fifteen at most, who spend ten or a dozen years with them. All this study goeth on very coolly, because most Indians are of a slow and lazy humour, to which the heat and diet of the country contributes much; and because they are not animated to industry as we, by that great emulation, and by the great hopes we have of coming thereby to great preferment. They study leisurely, and without much tormenting themselves, eating their Kichery or mixture of legums, which the rich merchants cause to be dressed for them.

Their first study is of the *Hanscrit*, which is a language altogether different from the common Indian, and not known but by the *Pendets*. And this is that tongue, of which father Kircher hath published the alphabet received from father Roa. It is called *Hanscrit*, that is, a pure language; and because they believe this to be the tongue in which God, by the means of Brahma, gave them the four *Beths*, which they esteem sacred books; they call it an holy and divine language. They pretend also, that it is as ancient as Brahma, whose age they do not reckon but by *Lecques*, or hundred thousands of years. But I would gladly have a warrant for such an antiquity. However, it cannot be denied that 'tis very old, in regard that the books of their religion, which certainly is very ancient, are written in this tongue: and besides that, it hath its authors in philosophy and physick in verses, and some other poems, and many other books, of which I have seen a great hall quite full in Benares.

After they have learned the *Hanscrit*, (which is very difficult to them, because they have no grammar worth any thing) they commonly apply themselves to read the *Purane*, which is as it were the interpretation and sum of the *Beths*, which are very large, at least if those be they which were shewed me at Benares: and besides, they are so very rare, that my *Agah* could never find them to be sold, what industry soever he used in it. And they keep them very secret, for fear lest the *Mahometans* should lay their hands on them, and burn them, as they have already done several times.

After the *Purane*, some fall upon philosophy, wherein certainly they go not far. I have already intimated, that they are of a slow and lazy temper, and are not excited by the hopes to obtain some good place by their study.

Among their philosophers there have been principally six very famous, who make so many different sects, which causeth also a difference and emulation among the *Pendets* or doctors: for they know, that such a one is of this sect, another of another; and every one of them pretends his doctrine to be better than that of others, and more conform to the *Beths*. There is indeed another, a seventh sect, called *Bauté*, whence do proceed twelve other different sects; but this is not so common as the others, the votaries of it being hated and despised, as a company of irreligious and atheistical people, nor do they live like the rest.

All these books speak of the first principles of things, but very differently. Some say, that all is composed of little bodies that are indivisible, not by reason of their solidity, hardness and resistance, but smallness; adding divers things which approach to the opinions of *Democritus* and *Epicurus*, but with so much confusion that one knows not where to fasten, all seeming like a rope of sand; which yet may be as much, or more the fault of the *Pendets*, which seem to me very ignorant, than of the authors.

Others say, that all is made up of matter and form; but not one of them explains himself clearly about the matter, and less about the form. Yet so much I have found, that they understand them not at all, as they are wont to be explained in our schools, by educing the form out of the power of the matter; for they always alledge examples of

things artificial, and among them that of a vessel of soft clay, which a potter turns and shapes divers ways.

Others hold, that all is composed of four elements and a nothing; but they do not all explain themselves concerning mixtion and transmutation. And as for their nothing, which comes near to our privation, they admit I know not how many sorts of them, which (I believe) they understand not at all, nor are able to make out to others.

There are also some, that maintain light and darkness to be the first principles, and say a thousand impertinent and confused things upon it, making long-winded discourses, which favour nothing at all of philosophy, but are like the talk of the vulgar.

Others there are that admit privation for the principle, or rather privations, which they distinguish from nothing, and of which they make long enumerations, so useless and little philosophical, that I can scarce imagine them to be in their books, or that their authors could have entertained themselves with such uncouth things.

Lastly, some of them do pretend that all is composed of accidents; of which also they make odd, long, and tedious enumerations, and such as favour only some pettifogger, that can amuse the common people.

Touching these principles in general, they all agree that they are eternal; our production out of nothing not having come (it seems) into their thoughts, as it hath neither to many others of the ancient philosophers: yet they say, that there is one of them that hath touched something of it.

As to physick, they have many little books, that are rather collections of receipts than any thing else; the most ancient and chief whereof is in verse. I shall here tell you, that their practice is sufficiently different from ours, and that they ground themselves upon these principles; that one who is sick of a fever, needs no great nourishment: that the main remedy of sicknesses is abstinence: that nothing is worse for a sick body than flesh-broth, nor which corrupts sooner in the stomach of a feverish patient: that no blood is to be let but in great and evident necessity, as when you apprehend some transflation into the brain, or find some considerable part, as the chest, liver, kidneys, inflamed.

Whether this practice be better than ours, I leave to physicians to decide; but I see 'tis successful among them. The same practice is not peculiar to the physicians of the Gentiles, but the Mogolian and Mahometan doctors, that follow Avicen and Averroes, do also very strictly observe it, especially as to meat-broths. 'Tis true that the Mogols are somewhat more prodigal of their blood than the Gentiles; for in those sicknesses wherein they fear those accidents lately specified, they commonly let blood once or twice; but these are none of those petty venesections of the new invention of Goa and Paris, but they are of those plentiful ones used by the ancients of 18 or 20 ounces of blood, which often come to a swooning, and frequently choak the disease in the very beginning, as Galen saith, and as I have often experienced.

Concerning anatomy, I may safely say, that the Gentiles understand nothing at all of it, and they can speak nothing as to that subject but what is impertinent. Nor is it a wonder they are so ignorant in it, since they never open any body of man or beast: they do so much abhor it, that when I opened some living kids and sheep before my Agah, to make him understand the circulation of the blood, and to shew him the Pecquetian vessels, through which the chyle at last comes into one of the ventricles of the heart, they trembled for fear, and ran away. Yet notwithstanding they affirm, that there are five thousand veins in man, neither more nor less, as if they had well counted them all.

Touching astronomy, they have their tables, according to which they foresee the eclipses; and though they do not do it with that exactness as our European astro-

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mers, yet they come pretty near. Meantime they discourse of the eclipse of the moon, as they do upon that of the sun, believing that it is the Rah, that black villain, and mischievous Deuta, who at that time seizeth on the moon and blackens her. They hold also, that the moon is an hundred thousand kosses, that is, about fifty thousand leagues above the sun: that she is lucid of herself; and that it is she, from whom we receive a certain vital water, which gathereth and disposeth itself in the brain, descending thence as from a source into all the members for their functions. Besides this, they are of opinion, that the sun and moon, and generally all stars are Deutas; that 'tis night when the sun is behind the Someire, that imaginary mountain, which they place in the midst of the earth, and make I know not how many thousand leagues high, and to which they give the shape of an inverted sugar-loaf; so that it is not day with them, but when the sun gets out from behind this mountain.

In geography they have sped no better. They believe the earth to be flat and triangular, and that it hath seven stories, all differing in beauty, perfection, and inhabitants; each of which is encompassed, they say, by its sea; that of these seas one is milk, another of sugar, the third of butter, the fourth of wine, and so forth: so that after one earth, there comes a sea, and after a sea an earth, and so on unto seven, beginning from Someire, which is in the midst of the stories: that the first story, which is at the foot of Someire, hath Deutas for its inhabitants, which are very perfect; that the second contains likewise Deutas, but less perfect; and so the rest, still lessening the perfection unto the seventh, which they say is ours, that is, of men far less perfect than all the Deutas; and lastly, that this whole mass is sustained upon the heads of divers elephants, which, when they stir, cause an earthquake.

All these strange impertinences, which I have had the patience to relate, have often made me think, that if they be those famous sciences of the ancient Brahmans of the Indies, very many have been deceived in the great opinion they entertained of them. For my part, I can hardly believe it, but that I find the religion of the Indians to be from immemorial times; that it is written in the language of Sanscrit, which cannot be but very ancient, since its beginning is unknown, and 'tis a dead language, not understood but by the learned; that all their books are only written in that tongue: all which are as many marks of a very great antiquity. Let us now add a few words about the worship of their idols.

When I descended along the river Ganges, and passed through Banares, that famous school of all the Indian gentility, I went to see the chief of the Pendets, who hath there his ordinary residence. This is a Fakire, or religious monk, so renowned for his knowledge, that Chah-Jehan, partly for his science, partly to please the Rajas, gave him a pension of 2000 rupies, that is, about a 1000 crowns. This was a big and proper man, goodly to look on; who for all his cloaths had nothing but a white silken scarf tied about his waist, and hanging down to the mid-leg with another red scarf about his shoulders, like a little cloak. I had often seen him, at Dehli, in this posture before the King, in the assembly of all the Omrahs, and marching upon the streets, sometimes on foot, sometimes in a palekey. I had also frequently seen, and many times conversed with him, when for a whole year together he constantly came to our conference before my Agah, whom he courted, that he might procure him again that pension which Aurenge-Zebe (being come to the crown), had taken from him, that he might appear a great Musulman. In the visit I made him at Banares, he was exceedingly courteous to me, and even gave me a collation in the library of his university, attended with six of the most famous Pendets of the town. When I found myself in so good company, I prayed them all to tell me their sense about the adoration of their idols, intimating to them,

them, that I was leaving the Indies, extremely scandalized upon that score; and reproaching them, that their worship was a thing against all reason, and altogether unworthy such scholars and philosophers as they were. Whereupon I received this answer:

“ We have indeed” (said they). “ in our deuras or temples store of divers statues, as those of Brahma, Mehaden, Genich and Gavani, who are some of the chief and the most perfect Deutas: and we have also many others of less perfection, to whom we pay great honour, prostrating ourselves before them, and presenting them flowers, rice, scented oils, saffron, and such other things, with much ceremony: but we do not believe these statues to be Brahma or Bechen, &c. themselves, but only their images and representations, and we do not give them that honour, but upon the account of what they represent. They are in our temples, because 'tis necessary for praying well, to have something before our eyes, that may fix the mind; and when we pray, it is not the statue we pray to, but he that is represented by it. For the rest, we acknowledge that 'tis God that is absolute, and the only omnipotent Lord and Master.”

This is, without adding or subtracting any thing, the resolution they gave me. But, to tell you true, this seemed a little too much accommodated to our christianity, in respect of what I had learned of it from several other Pendets.

After this, I put them upon their chronology, where they pretended to shew me far higher antiquities than all ours. They will not say, that the world is eternal; but they make it so old, that I almost know not which is best. Its determined duration, say they, is of four Dgugue. This Dgugue is a certain determined number of years, as amongst us we have a seculum, (an age,) with this difference, that an age of ours contains only an hundred years, but their Dgugue is made up of an hundred Lecques, that is, an hundred times an hundred thousand years. I do not precisely remember the number total of the years of each Dgugue; but this I know very well, that the first, called Sate-Dgugue, is of twenty-five Lecques of years: that the second, which they call Trita, is of above twelve Lecques: the third, called Duaper, of eight Lecques, and sixty-four thousand years, if I remember well; and the fourth, called Kale-Dgugue, is of I know not how many Lecques. The three first, say they, and much of the fourth, are elapsed; so that the world shall not last so long as it hath done, because it is to perish at the end of the fourth, all things being then to return to their first principles. I made them compute again and again, to have their age of the world aright; but finding that that perplexed them, and that they agreed not amongst themselves about the number of the Lecques, I contented myself to see that they make the world exceeding old. But being pressed a little to make out this antiquity, they pay you with nothing but little stories, and at length come to this, that they find it so in their Beths, or the books of their law, given them by the hands of Brahma.

After this I urged them concerning the nature of their Deutas, of which I desired to be particularly instructed; but I received nothing but what was very confused. They said, that there were three sorts of them, good, evil, and indifferent ones, that were neither good nor bad; that some thought they were made of fire, others of light; others that they were Biapeck, of which word I could not get a clear explication; only they said, that God was Biapeck, and our soul was Biapeck, and what is Biapeck is incorruptible, and depends neither from time nor place: that others would have them to be nothing else but portions of the Deity; and lastly, that some there were, that made them certain kinds of divinities severed and dispensed over the world.

I remember, that I also put them upon the nature of the Lengue-cherire, which some

of their authors do admit: but I could obtain nothing else of it but what I had long since understood from our Pendet, which was, that the seeds of plants and animals are not formed anew, but were contrived in the first production of the world, and dispersed abroad every where, and mixed in all things; and that they are (not only potentially but actually), the very and entire plants and animals, though so small, that their parts cannot be distinguished; but when put into a convenient womb, and there nourished, they extend themselves, and increase, so that the seeds of an apple and pear-tree are a *Lengue-cherire*, that is, a little entire and perfect apple and pear-tree, having all its essential parts: and so the seeds of a horse, an elephant, and a man, &c. are a *Lengue-cherire*; a little horse, a little elephant, a little man, in which there wants nothing but the soul and nourishment to make them appear what they are.

For a conclusion, I shall discover to you the mystery of a great Cabala, which in these last years hath made great noise in Indostan, because certain Pendets, or heathenish doctors, had possessed with it the minds of Dara and Sultan-Sujah, the two first sons of Chah-Jehan.

You cannot but know the doctrine of many of the ancient philosophers, touching that great soul of the world, which they will have our souls, and those of animals to be portions of. If we did well penetrate into Plato and Aristotle, we might perhaps find that they were of this sentiment. It is in a manner the general doctrine of the heathen Pendets of the Indies, and 'tis the same which still maketh the Cabala of the Soufys, and of the greatest part of the learned men in Persia, and which is found explained in Persian verses, so sublime and emphatical in their *Goulchenraz* or *parterre* of mysteries; which is also the very fame of Dr. Flud's, whom our great Gassendus hath so learnedly refuted; and that wherein most chemists lose themselves. But these Indian cabalists or Pendets I speak of, drive this impertinence farther than all those philosophers, and pretend that God, or that sovereign being, which they call *Achar* (immutable), hath produced, or drawn out of his own substance, not only souls, but also whatever is material and corporeal in the universe; and that this production was not merely made by way of an efficient cause, but by a way resembling a spider that produceth a web, which it draws forth out of its own body, and takes in again when it will. Creation therefore, say these doctors, is nothing else but an extraction and extension, which God maketh of his own substance, of those webbs he draws from his own bowels; as destruction is nothing else but a reprisal, or taking back again this divine substance, and these divine webbs into himself: so that the last day of the world, which they call *Maperlé* or *Pralea*, when they believe that all shall be destroyed, shall be nothing else but a general reprisal of all those webbs which God hath drawn forth out of himself. There is therefore nothing (so they go on) that is real or effective in all we think we see, hear, smell, taste or touch: all this world is nothing but a kind of dream and a mere illusion, in regard that all this multiplicity and diversity of things that appear to us, is nothing but one and the same thing, which is God himself; as all those several numbers of 10, 20, 100, 1000, &c. are indeed nothing but one and the same unity many times repeated. But if you demand any reason for this phantasy, or any explanation of the manner, how this issuing from and reprisal into the substance of God, this extension, and this variety of things is made; or how it can be, that God being not corporeal, but *Biapeck* and incorruptible (as they acknowledge), should yet be divisible into so many portions of bodies and souls; they never make any other return, but of some pretty comparisons, as, that God is like an immense ocean, in which if many vials full of water should be floating, they would, wherever they should move, be found always in the same ocean, in the same water; and that coming to break, their

their water would at the same time be united with their whole, and with that great ocean of which they were portions. Or they will tell you, that it is with God as with light, which is the same through the whole universe, and which yet appears an hundred different ways, according to the diversity of the objects it falls upon, or according to the several colours and shapes of glasses through which it shineth. They will say, I say, only with such kind of similitudes, that bear no proportion at all with God, and are good for nothing, but to cast dust into the eyes of the ignorant people: and you must not expect any solid answer from them, if you would tell them, that those vials would indeed be in a like water, but not in fame; and that it is indeed a like light over all the world, but not the same: or if you should make any other objections against them, they return always to the same comparisons, pretty expressions, or as the Soufys, to the fine verses of their Goultchen-raz.

Now sir, what think you? Had I not reason, from this great heap of extravagancies, I mean, from that panick and childish terror struck into those Indians by eclipses; from that superstitious compassion for the sun to deliver it from that black dæmon, accompanied with those apish prayers, washings, plungings and alms cast into the river; from that mad and infernal obstinacy of the women, burning themselves with the corps of their husbands; from those several madneses of the Fakires; and lastly, from all that fabulous stuff of the Beths and other Indian books: had I not reason, I say, to premise in the title of this letter, (which is but a poor advantage to me from so long travelling)—that there are no opinions so ridiculous or extravagant, of which the mind of man is not capable.

To conclude, I have no more to add than to desire you, to do me the favour and deliver with your own hands the letter to Monsieur Chapelle. It is he that first procured me that familiar acquaintance I had with Monsieur Gassendi, your intimate and illustrious friend, that hath been so advantageous to me; which maketh me acknowledge my great obligations to him, and exceedingly engageth me to love him, and to remember him in what part of the world soever I am: as I am no less bound to honour you as long as I live, as well for the peculiar affection you have always expressed to me, as for the good counsel you have assisted me with in your many letters during the whole course of my voyages, and for that favour of sending to me with so much generosity (without interest or money) unto the end of the world, whither my curiosity had carried me, a chest of books, when those, of whom I demanded them for money, ordered by me to be paid at Marfeilles, and who should have honestly sent them me, abandoned me there, and laughed at all my letters, looking upon me as a lost man, whom they should never see again.

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When the Great Mogol, Aureng-Zebe, went with his army from Dehli, the capital of Indoftan, to Lahor; from Lahor to Bember, and from thence to the Kingdom of Kachemire, commonly called by the Mogols, The Paradife of the Indies, &c.

By way of feveral Letters, written by the AUTHOR to his Friends.

LETTER I.—*To Monsieur de Merccilles.—Written at Dehli, December 1664. Aureng-Zebe being ready to march.—Containing the Occafion and Cause of this Voyage of Aureng-Zebe; together with an Account of the State and Pofture of his Army, and the Equipage and ordinary Provvifions of the chief of his Cavalry; and fome curious Particulars observable in the Voyages of the Indies.*

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SINCE that Aureng-Zebe began to find himfelf in better health, it hath been conftantly reported, that he would make a voyage to Lahor, and go from thence to Kachemire, to change the air, and to be out of the way of the approaching fummer heats, for fear of a relapfe: that the more intelligent fort of men would hardly be perfuaded, that as long as he kept his father Chah-Jehan prifoner in the fort of Agra, he would think it fafe to be at fuch a diftance. Yet notwithstanding we have found, that reafon of ftate hath given place to that of health, or rather to the intrigues of Rauchenara-Begum, who was wild to breathe a more free air than that of the feraglio, and to have her turn in fhewing herfelf to a gallant and magnificent army, as her fiftter Begum-Saheb had formerly done during the reign of Chah-Jehan.

He departed then the 6th of December, about three o'clock in the afternoon; a day and hour that muft needs be fortunate for a great voyage, if we may give credit to the gentlemen aftrologers, who have fo decreed it. And he arrived at Chah-limar, his houfe of pleafure, diftant about two leagues from hence, where he fpent fix whole days, thereby to give to all fufficient time to make neceffary preparations for a voyage that would take up a year and an half. We have this day news, that he is gone to encamp on the way of Lahor; and that, when he hath ftayed there two days he intends to continue his march without any further expectation. He hath with him not only the thirty-five thoufand horfe, or thereabout, and ten thoufand foot, but alfo both his artilleries, the great or heavy, and the fmall or lighter, which is called the artillery of the ftirrup, becaufe it is infeparable from the perfon of the King, whereas the heavy fometimes leaveth him to keep the high and well beaten roads.

The great artillery is made up of feventy pieces of cannon, moft of them caft; of which fome are fo ponderous that they need twenty yoke of oxen to draw them; and fome of them require elephants to help all thofe oxen, by thrufting and drawing the wheels of the waggons with their trunks and heads, when they ftick in any deep way, or are to pafs fome fteep mountain. That of the ftirrup is compofed of fifty or fixty

small field-pieces, all of brass each carried upon a little, pretty and painted chariot (as hath been already said in another place) beautified with many little red streamers, and drawn by two very handsome horses, driven by the gunner himself, together with a third horse which the gunner's assistant leads for a relief. All these chariots go always a great pace, that they may be soon enough in order before the tent of the King, and discharge all at once at the time of his entry to give the army notice.

All these great preparations give us cause to apprehend, that instead of going to Kachemire, we be not led to besiege that important city of Kandahar, which is the frontier to Persia, Indostan, and Usbeck, and the capital of an excellent country, yielding a very great revenue, and which for this very reason hath been ever the bone of contention between the Persians and Indians. Whatever it be, there is now a necessity to dispatch at Dehli, any business whatsoever notwithstanding; and I should find myself much cast behind the army, if I should tarry any longer: besides, I know that my Navah, or Agah, Danechmend-kan, stays for me abroad with impatience. He can no more be without philosophizing in the afternoon upon the books of Gassendi and Descartes, upon the globe and the sphere, or upon anatomy, than he can be without bestowing the whole morning upon the weighty matters of the kingdom, in the quality of secretary of state for foreign affairs, and of great master of the cavalry, I shall depart this night, after I have given the last order for all my business, and provided all necessaries for my voyage, as all the principal persons of the cavalry do; that is, two good Tartarian horses, whereto I am obliged by reason of the one hundred and fifty crowns of pay, which I have by the month; a camel of Persia, and a groom; a cook, and another servant, which must be had ordinarily to march in these countries before the horse, and to carry a flaggon with water in his hand. I also have provided the ordinary utensils; such as are a tent of a middle size, and a proportionate piece of foot tapistry, and a little bed with girdles, made up with four strong and light canes, and a pillow for the head; two coverlets, whereof one folded up four-fold serveth for a matras; a round table-cloth of leather to eat upon; some napkins of dyed cloth, and three small sacks for plate, which are put up in a greater sack, and this sack into a very great and strong sack made of girdles, in which are put all the provisions, together with the linen of the master and servants. I have also made provision of excellent rice for five or six days, for fear I should not always find so good; of some sweet biscuit, with sugar and annis; of a linen sleeve with its little iron hook, to let, by the means thereof, run out, and to keep curdled milk; and of store of lemons with sugar to make lemonade; such milk and lemonade being the two great and sovereign refreshments of the Indies: all which, as I said, is put into the last-named sack, which is so large and heavy, that three or four men have pains enough to lift it up; though two men do first fold and turn one side upon the other when it is full, and though the camel be made to stoop very nigh it, and there need no more than to turn one of the sides of that sack upon the camel. All this equipage and provision is absolutely necessary in such voyages as these. We must not look for such good lodgings and accommodations as we have in our country. We must resolve to encamp and live after the Arabian and Tartarian mode, without expecting any other inns than tents. Nor must we think to plunder the country-man; all the lands of the kingdom being in propriety to the King: we are well to consider, that we must be sober and prudent, and that to ruin the country-man were to ruin the demesne of the King. That which much comforts me in this march is, that we go northward, and depart in the beginning of the winter, after the rains; which is the right season for travelling in the Indies, because it raineth not, and we are not so much incommoded by heat and dust. Besides that, I

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find myself out of danger of eating the bread of Bazar, or of the market, which ordinarily is ill baked, full of sand and dust; nor obliged to drink of those naughty waters, which being all turbid, and full of nastiness of so many people and beasts that fetch thence, and enter into them, do cause such fevers, which are very hard to cure, and which breed also certain very dangerous worms in the legs. They at first cause a great inflammation, accompanied with a fever, and ordinarily come forth a little after the voyage, although there have been some, that have stayed a whole year and more before they appeared. They are commonly of the bigness and length of a small vial-string, so that one would sooner take them for some nerve than for a worm; and they must be drawn out little by little, from day to day, gently winding them about a little twig of the bigness of a needle, for fear of breaking them. This I say comforteth me not a little, that I find myself exempt from these inconveniencies; my Navah having vouchsafed me a very particular favour; which is, that he hath appointed to give me every day a new loaf of his house, and a fouray of the water of Ganges, with which he hath laden several camels of his train, as the whole court doth. Souray is that tin flaggon full of water, which the servant that marcheth on foot before the gentleman on horseback, carrieth in his hand, wrapt up in a sleeve of red cloth. Ordinarily it holdeth but one pint; but I had some of them expressly made, that hold two. We shall see whether this cunning will succeed. The water cooleth very well in this flaggon, provided that care be had always to keep the sleeve moist, and that the servant that holds it in his hand, do march and stir in the air, or else that it be held towards the wind; as is commonly done upon three pretty little sticks, crossing one another, that they may not touch the earth: for the moistness of the linnen, the agitation of the air or wind, are absolutely necessary to keep the water fresh; as if this moistness, or rather the water imbibed by the sleeve, did keep out the little igneous bodies or spirits that are in the air, at the same time when it giveth entrance to the nitrous or other parts, which hinder the motion in the water, and cause coolness; in the same manner as glass keeps out water, and giveth passage to the light, by a reason of the particular texture and disposition of the parts of the glass, and the diversity there must be between the particles of light and those of water. We do not use this tin-flaggon for keeping our water cool but in the field: when we are at home, we have jars of a certain porous earth, in which it is much better cooled, provided it be exposed to the wind, and moistened with a linnen cloth, as the flaggon; or else use is made of salt-petre, as all persons of quality do, whether in towns or in the army. They put water, or any other liquor, to be cooled, in a round and long-necked tin flaggon, such as are the English bottles, and for the space of half a quarter of an hour this flaggon is stirred in water, into which hath been cast three or four handfuls of salt-petre; this maketh the water very cold, neither is it unwholesome, as I did apprehend; but only that sometimes it causeth gripings at first, when one is not accustomed to it.

But to what purpose, to play so much the philosopher, when we should think to depart, and to endure the sun, which at all seasons is incommodious in the Indies, and to swallow the dust, which is never wanting in the army; to put up, to load, to unload every day our baggage, to help the servants to fasten sticks, to draw cords, to put up tents, and to take them down again, to march in the day, and in the night to devour cold and heat, and, in a word, to turn Arabians for a year and an half, during which time we are to be in the field. Adieu; I shall not fail to acquit myself of my promise, and from time to time to inform you of our adventures: and besides, since the army for this time will make but small journies in its march, and pass on with all that pomp and magnificence which the Kings of Indostan do affect, I shall endeavour to boferve

the most considerable things, that I may impart them to you, as soon as we shall arrive at Lahor.

LETTER II.—*Containing the Number and Magnificence, the Order and the Disposition of the Tents of the Great Mogol in the Field.—The Number of Elephants, Camels, Mules, and Porters, necessary to carry them.—The Disposition of the Bazars or royal Markets.—That of the particular Quarters of the Omrah's, or Lords, and of the rest of the Army.—The Extent of the whole Army when encamped.—The Confusion there met with; and how it may be avoided.—The Order of preventing Robberies.—The different Manners of the March of the King, the Princesses and the rest of the Scraglia.—The Danger there is in being too near the Women.—The several Ways of the royal Hunting, and how the King hunts with his whole Army.—The Abundance of People there is in the Army, and the Method of making them all subsist.*

SIR,

THIS indeed is called marching with a gravity, and as we speak here, *a la Mogole*; it is no more but fifteen or sixteen days journey from Dehli to Lahor, which make little more than six score leagues; and yet we have spent almost two months on this way. 'Tis true, the King with the best part of the army went somewhat aside from the highway the better to enjoy the divertisements of hunting, and for the conveniency of the water of Gemna, which we went to look for on the right hand, and which we leisurely followed long enough in our hunting, crossing fields of tall grass, full of all sorts of game, where the horsemen could scarcely been seen. At present, whilst we are at rest, I am going to make good what I have promised you in the title of this letter; hoping shortly to make you come to Kachemire, and to shew you one of the best countries in the world.

When the King is in the field he hath usually two camps, I mean two bodies of tents separated, to the end that when he breaketh up and leaveth one, the other may have passed before by a day, and be found ready when he arriveth at the place designed to encamp in: and 'tis therefore, that they are called *Picche-kanes*, as if you should say, houses going before. These two *Picche-kanes* are almost alike, and there are requisite above three-score elephants, more than two hundred camels, above an hundred mules, and as many more porters to carry one of them. The elephants carry the most bulky things, such as are the great tents, and their great pillars, which being too long and too heavy, are taken down in three pieces. The camels carry the lesser tents: the mules, the baggage and kitchens. And to the porters are given all the little moveables, and such as are delicate and fine, that might easily be broken; as porcelain, which the King usually employeth at table; those painted and gilded beds, and those rich Karguais, which I shall speak of hereafter.

One of these two *Picche-kanes*, or bodies of tents, is no sooner arrived at the place designed for encamping, but the great marshal, that orders the lodgings, chuseth some fair place for the King's quarters; yet with regard, as much as is possible, to the symmetry and order that is to be observed for the whole army; and he marketh out a square, of which each side is above three hundred ordinary paces long. An hundred pikemen presently clear and level this place, making square planes to raise the tents upon, and furrrounding all this great square with *Kanates* or *skreens* seven or eight foot high, which they fasten with cords tied to sticks, and with perches fixt in the ground, by couples, from ten to ten paces, one without, and the other within, inclining the one upon the other. These *Kanats* are made of a strong cloth lined with stained linen. In

the middle of one of the sides of this square is the entry or royal gate, great and magnificent, and the Indian stuff which 'tis made of, as also those stuffs, of which the whole side of the square of the face is lined without, are far better and richer than the others.

The first and the greatest of the tents, that is reared in this inclosure, is called Amkas, because it is the place where the King and all the lords in the army do assemble about nine o'clock in the morning, when the Mokam, that is, the usual public meeting, is held. For the kings of Indostan, although they are in a march, do not dispense but very rarely with this almost inviolable custom, which is passed into a kind of duty and law, viz: to appear twice a day in the assembly, there to give order for state-affairs, and to administer justice.

The second, which is little less than the first, and a little farther advanced into the inclosure, is called Gost-kane, that is to say, a place to wash in: and here it is, where all the lords every night meet, and where they come to salute and do obeisance to the King, as ordinarily they do when they are in the metropolis. This assembly, in the evening, is very inconvenient to the Omrahs; but it is a thing that looks great and stately, to see afar off, in an obscure night, in the midst of a campaign, cross all the tents of an army, long files of torches lighting these Omrahs to the King's quarters, and attending them back again to their tents. 'Tis true, these lights are not of wax as ours, but they last very long: they are only an iron put about a stick, at the end of which are wound rags of old linen from time to time, which is moistened with oil, held by the link-men in their hands in a brass or latten flaggon with a long and straight neck.

The third tent, which is not much less than the two first, and is yet farther advanced into the inclosure, is called kalvetkane, a retired or the privy council place, because none but the first officers of the kingdom enter into it; and 'tis there where the greatest and the most important affairs are transacted.

Yet farther into the square are the particular tents of the King, encompassed with small kanates or screens, of the height of a man, and lined with stained Indian stuff, of that elegant workmanship of Maslipatam, which do represent a hundred sorts of different flowers, and some of them lined with flowered satin, with large silk fringes.

The tents joining to the King's are those of the Begum or Princesses, and the other great ladies and she-officers of the seraglio, which are likewise encompassed, as those of the King, with rich kanates; and amidst all these tents are placed those of the lower she-officers, and other serving-women, always, upon the matter, in the same order, according to their office.

The Amkas, and the five or six principal tents are raised high, that they may be seen at a good distance, and the better fence off the heat. Without it is nothing but a coarse and strong red cloth, yet beautified and striped with certain large stripes, cut variously and advantageously to the eye, but within it is lined with those fine Indian flowered stuffs, of the same work of Maslipatam; and this work is raised and enriched with silk, gold and silver embroideries having great fringes, or with some fine flowered satin. The pillars supporting these tents, are painted and gilt: one marcheth on nothing but rich tapestry, having matrasses of cotton under them four or five inches thick, and round about these tapestries there are great square rails richly covered to lean upon.

In each of the two great tents where the assembly is kept, there is raised a theatre richly adorned, where the King giveth audience under a great canopy of velvet, or purpled with gold. In the other tents are found the like canopies, and there you may see also set up certain karguais, that is, fine cabinets, whose little doors are shut with
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silver locks. To conceive what they are, you may represent to you two small squares of our screens, set upon one another, and neatly round about fastened to one another with a filken string; yet so, that the extremities of the sides of the uppermost come to incline upon one another, so as to make a kind of a little tabernacle, with this difference from our screens, that all the sides of these are of very thin and slight fir boards, painted and gilt without, and enriched round about with gold and silk fringes, and lined within with scarlet, or flowered satin, or purpled with gold.

And this is very near what I can tell you of what is contained within the great square.

What concerns the particulars that are without the square, there are first two pretty tents on both the two sides of the great entry or royal gate, where are found two choice horses saddled, and richly harnessed, and altogether ready to be mounted upon occasion, or rather for state and magnificence.

On the two sides of the same gate are placed in order those fifty or threescore small field-pieces, that make up the artillery of the stirrup above-mentioned, and which discharge altogether, to salute the King entering into his tent, and to give notice thereof to the whole army.

Before the gate there is always left void, as much as may be, a great place, at the end of which there is a great tent, called Nagar-kane, because that is the place of the timbals and trumpets.

Near this tent there is another great one, which is called Tchauky-kane, because it is the place where the Omrahs keep guard, every one in his turn, once a week twenty-four hours together; yet notwithstanding most of the Omrahs on the day of their guard, cause close by, to be reared one of their own tents, to be the more at liberty, and to have more elbow-room.

Round about the three other sides of the great square are set up all the tents of the officers, which are always found in the same order and disposition, unless it be that the place permit it not: they have all their peculiar names; but as they are hard to pronounce, and I pretend not to teach you the language of the country, it will be sufficient to tell you, that there is a particular one for the arms of the King, another for the rich harnesses of horses, another for vests purpled with gold, which are the ordinary presents bestowed by the King. Besides, there are four more, near one another; the first of which is designed for keeping fruit; the second for comfits; the third for Ganges water, and the saltpetre to cool it; and the fourth for the betele, which is that leaf whereof I have spoken elsewhere, which is offered to friends as coffee is in Turkey, and chewed to make ruddy lips, and a sweet breath. Next to these, there are fifteen or sixteen others that serve for kitchens and what belongs to them. Amongst all these tents are those of a great number of officers and eunuchs. Lastly, there are four or five long ones for led horses, and some others for the best elephants, and all those that are for hunting: for there must needs be a retreat for all that great number of birds of prey that are always carried for game and magnificence; and so there must be for those many dogs, and those leopards serving to take wild goats; for those nyлгаus, or grey oxen, which I take for elks; for those lions and rhinoceros's that are led for greatness; for those great buffaloes of Bengal fighting with lions; and lastly, for those tamed wild goats, they call gazelles, that are made to sport before the King.

This vast number of tents, now spoken of, together with those that are within the great square, make up the King's quarter, which is always in the middle, and as it were in the centre of the army, except the place do not allow it. It will easily be thence concluded, that this quarter of the King must needs be something great and royal

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royal, and afford a very fine prospect, if one behold from some high place this great body of red tents in the midst of the army, encamped in a fair and even campaign, where may be easily seen all that order and disposition that is to be observed in the whole.

After that the great marshal of the camp hath chosen a place fit for the King's quarter, and hath made the Am-kas to be set up highest of all the tents, and by which he is to take his measure for the ordering and disposing the rest of the army accordingly; he then marketh out the royal bazars or markets, whence the whole army is furnished with necessaries, drawing the first and chief of all, like a great street running straight, and a great free way traversing the whole army, now on the right-hand, and by and by on the left of the Am-kas and the King's quarter, and always in the straightest line that may be towards the encamping of the next day. All the royal bazars, that are neither so long nor so broad, commonly cross this first, some on this, others on the other side of the King's quarter; and all these bazars are discerned by very high canes like great perches, which are fixed in the ground from three hundred to three hundred paces, or thereabout, with red standards, and cows' tails of the great tibet fastened on the top of these canes like perukes.

The same marshal designs, next, the place of the Omrahs, so as they may always keep the same order, and be ever as near as may be the King's quarter; some on the right, others on the left-hand, some on this side of him, others beyond him; so that none of them may change the place that hath been once appointed for him, or that himself hath desired in the beginning of the voyage.

The quarters of the Omrahs and Rajas, as to their particular order and disposition, are to be imagined in a manner like that of the King: for commonly they have two peiche-kanes with a square of canates, which enclōseth their principal tent and those of their women; and round about these are put up the tents of their officers and cavaliers, with a peculiar bazar, which is a street of small tents for the lower sort of people that follow the army, and furnisheth the camp with forage, grain, rice, butter, and the other things that are most necessary, whereby they are so accommodated, that they need not always go to the royal bazars, where generally all things are to be found, as in the capital city. Each bazar is marked at the two ends by two canes planted in the ground, which are as tall as those of the royal bazars, that so at a good distance the particular standards fastened to them may be discovered, and the several quarters distinguished from one another.

The great Omrahs and Rajahs affect to have their tents very high. But they must beware lest they be too high, because it may happen, that the King, passing by, might perceive it, and command them to be thrown down; of which we have seen an example in this last march. Neither must they be altogether red from without, since those of the King alone are to be so. Lastly, out of respect, they must all look towards the Am-kas or the quarter of the King.

The residue of the space between the King's quarter, and those of the Omrahs and the Bazars, is taken up by the Manseb-dars or little Omrahs, and of that infinite number of great and small merchants that follow the army; of all those that belong to the law; and lastly, of all such as serve both the artilleries; which maketh indeed a prodigious number of tents, and requireth a very great extent of ground. Yet is it not all true what is said of either of them. And I believe, that when the whole army is in a fair and even campaign, where it may encamp with ease, and that, following the ordinary plot, it comes at length to be lodged, as near as may be, in a round, (as we have often seen it does upon this road) the compass of it will not be above two leagues, or

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two leagues and an half; and with all this there will yet be left here and there several void places; but then the great artillery, which taketh up a great tract of ground, doth very often a day or two go before.

Nor is all true, what is said of the strange confusion, which commonly strikes an astonishment into all new comers. For a little acquaintance with the method of the army, and some heeding of the order observed in the camp, will soon enable one to avoid all embarrassment, and to go to and fro about his business, and to find his quarter again; forasmuch as every one regulateth himself by the King's quarter, and the particular tents and standards of the Omrahs, that may be seen afar off, and by the standards and perukes of the royal Bazzars, which may also be seen at a great distance.

Yet for all these marks, it will sometimes fall out, that one shall be extremely perplexed, and even in the day time, but especially in the morning, when a world of people do arrive, and every one of those is busy and seeks to lodge himself: and that not only, because there is often raised so great a dust, that the King's quarter, the standards of the Bazzars and the Omrahs, which might serve for guides, cannot be discovered: but because a man finds himself between tents that are putting up, and between cords, which the lesser Omrahs, that have no Peiche-kane, and the Mansheb-dars stretch out to mark their lodgings, and to hinder that no way may be made nigh them, or that no unknown person may come to lodge near their tents, where often they have their women: if in this case you mean to get by on one side, you will find the ways obstructed by those stretched-out cords, which a troop of mean serving-men, standing there with big cudgels, will not suffer to be lowered, to suffer the baggage to pass: if you will turn back, you'll find the ways shut since you passed. And here it is, where you must cry out, storm, intreat, make as if you would strike, and yet well beware of doing so, leaving the men, as well as you can, to quarrel against one another, and afterwards to accord them for fear of some mischief; and, in short, to put yourself into all imaginable postures to get away thence, and to make your camels pass: but the great trouble is, when a man is obliged to go in an evening to a place somewhat remote, because that those offensive smokes of the fire of green wood, of cow-shares, of camel-dung, which the common people then make in their kitchens, and do raise a mist (especially when there is no wind) so thick, that you can see nothing at all. I have been three or four times surprized with it, so as not to know what to do. Well might I ask the way; I knew not whither I went, and I did nothing but turn. Once among other times, I was constrained to stay till this mist was past, and the moon risen. And another time I was forced to get to the Aguacy-die to lie down at the foot thereof, and there to pass all the night as well as I could, having my servant and horse by me. This Aguacy-die is like a tall mast, but very slender, which can be taken down in three pieces, and 'tis planted towards the King's quarter, near that tent which is called Nagar-kane: in the evening is drawn up to the top of it a lanthorn with a light burning in it all night long, which is very commodious, as being seen a great way off; and thither it is that people gone astray do retire, from thence to get again to the Bazzars, and to ask the way, or there to pass the rest of the night; for nobody hinders one from doing so, and a man may be there in safety from robbers. It called Aguacy-die, as if you should say, light of heaven, in regard that from afar off it appears like a star.

For the prevention of robberies, each Omrah causeth a guard to be kept all the night long, in his particular camp, of such men that perpetually go the round, and cry Kaber-dar, have a care. Besides, there are round about the army set guards, at five hundred common paces from one another, that keep a fire, and cry also, Kaber-dar.

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And over and above all these, the Cotoual, who is, as it were, the great provost, sends out troops of guards every way, that pass through all the Bazars, crying out and trumpeting all night long. Yet for all this, some robberies there are now and then committed; and 'tis necessary always to be upon one's guard, to go to sleep by times, that so you may be awake the rest of the night, and not to trust your servants too much to keep guard for you.

But let us now see, how many different ways the great Mogol is carried in the field.

Ordinarily he causeth himself to be carried on men's shoulders, in a kind of sedan or litter, upon which is a Taet-ravan, that is, a field-throne, on which he is seated: and this is like a magnificent tabernacle, with pillars, painted and gilded, which may be shut with glass, when 'tis ill weather; the four branches of the litter are covered with scarlet or purpled gold, with great gold and silk fringes; and at each branch there are two robust and well clothed porters, that change by turns with as many more that follow.

Sometimes, also, he goeth on horse-back, especially when 'tis a fair day for hunting. At other times he rideth on an elephant, in a Mik-dember, or Hauze; and this is the most splendid appearance; for the elephant is decked with a very rich and magnificent harness; the Mik-dember, being a little square house or turret of wood, is always painted and gilded; and the Hauze, which is an oval seat, having a canopy with pillars over it, is so likewise.

In these different marches he is always accompanied with a great number of Omrahs and Rajas following him close and thick on horse back, without any great order: and all those that are in the army are obliged to be at the Am-kas at break of day, unless he do exempt them from it, upon account either of their peculiar office, or their great age. This march is very inconvenient to them, especially on hunting days; for they must endure the sun and dust as the simple soldiers, and that sometimes until three of the clock in the afternoon; whereas, when they do not attend the King, they go at ease in their Palekys, close covered, if they please, free from the sun and dust; sleeping in them couched all along as in a bed, and so coming in good time to their tent, which expects them with a ready dinner, their kitchen being gone the night before, after supper. About the Omrahs, and amongst them, there is always a good number of horsemen well mounted, called Gourze-berdars, because they carry a kind of silver mace of arms. There are also many of them about the right and left wings, that precede the person of the King, together with store of foot-men. These Gourze-berdars are choice men, of a good mien and a fair stature, appointed to carry orders, and having all of them great sticks in their hands, whereby they put people aside at a good distance, and hinder that no body march before the King to incommode him.

After the Rajas marcheth a train mixed of a great number of timbals and trumpets. I have already said in another place, that this train consists of nothing but of figures of silver representing strange animals, hands, scales, fishes, and other mysterious things, that are carried at the end of great silver sticks.

At last, a great troop of Mansabdars, or little Omrahs, well mounted, and furnished with swords, arrows and quivers, follow after all the former: and this body is much more numerous than that of the Omrahs, because, besides that all those that are of the guard dare not fail to be at break of day, as the Omrahs, at the gate of the King's tent to accompany him, there are also many that come amongst them to make their court, and to become known there.

The princesses, and the great ladies of the seraglio, are also carried in sundry fashions; some are carried, like the King, on men's shoulders, in a Tchaudoule, which is a kind of Taët-ravan, painted, gilded, and covered with great and costly net-work of silk of divers colours, enriched with embroidery, fringe, and thick pendant tufts. Others are carried in very handsome Palekys closed, that are likewise painted and gilded, and covered with that rich silken net-work. Some are carried in large litters by two strong camels, or by two small elephants, instead of mules: and in this manner I have sometimes seen carried Rauchenara-Begum; when I also observed, that in the fore-part of her litter, being open, there was a little she-slave, that with a peacock's tail kept off from her the flies and dust. Lastly, others are carried upon elephants richly harnessed, and covered with embroidered deckings, and great silver bells, where these ladies sit, raised, as it were, into the middle region of the air, four and four in Mik-dembers, latticed, which always are covered with silken net-work, and are no less splendid and stately than Tchaudoules and Taët-ravans.

I cannot forbear relating here, that in this voyage I took a particular pleasure in beholding and considering this pompous march of the seraglio. And certainly nothing more stately can be imagined, than to see Rauchenara-Begum march first, mounted upon a lusty elephant of Pegu, in a Mik-dember, all shining of gold and azur, attended by five or six other elephants with their Mik-dember, almost as splendid as hers, filled with the principal she-officers of her house; some of the most considerable eunuchs, richly adorned, and advantageously mounted, riding on her side, each with a cane in his hand; a troop of Tartarian and Kachemirian maids of honour about her, oddly and fantastically dressed, and riding on very pretty hackney-horses; and lastly, many other eunuchs on horseback accompanied with store of pages and lackeys, with great sticks in their hands, to make way afar off. After this Rauchenara-Begum, I saw pass one of the principal ladies of the court, mounted and attended in proportion: and after this, a third in the same fashion; and then another, and so on to fifteen or sixteen, all (more or less) bravely mounted and accompanied according to their quality, pay, and office. Indeed this long file of elephants to the number of fifty, or sixty, or more, thus gravely marching with paces, as it were, counted, and withal this gallant train and equipage, does represent something that is great and royal; and if I had beheld this pomp with a kind of philosophical indifference, I know not whether I should not have suffered myself to be carried away to those extravagant sentiments of most of the Indian poets, who will have it, that all these elephants carry as many hidden goddesses. 'Tis true, one can hardly see them, and they are almost inaccessible by men; it would be a great misfortune to any poor cavalier whosoever, to be found in the field too near them in the march; all those eunuchs, and all the crew of servants are to the highest degree insolent, and desire nothing more than such a pretext and occasion to fall upon a man, and give him some bastinadoes. I remember I was once thus unfortunately surprized, and certainly I had been very ill used, as well as many other cavaliers, if at length I had not resolved to make my way out by my sword, rather than suffer myself to be thus maimed, as they began to order the matter; and if by good luck I had not been provided with a good horse, that carried me vigorously out of the press, when I put him on through a torrent of people, that was to be repass'd. And it is grown in a manner a common proverb of these armies, that, above all, one must beware of three things: first, not to let himself to be engaged amongst the troops of the chosen led horse; they never failing to strike: secondly, not to come into the places of hunting: thirdly, not to approach too near the women of the seraglio. Yet notwithstanding,

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by what I hear, it is much less dangerous here than in Persia; for there 'tis death to be found in the field in sight of the eunuchs that attend them, though you were half a league distant from them. It is required, that as many men as there are in the villages and boroughs, where they pass, do all abandon them, and retire afar off.

As to the hunting of the King, I knew not first how to imagine what is commonly said, which is, that the great Mogol goes to hunt with an hundred thousand men: but now I see, it may very well be said, that he goes to hunt with above two hundred thousand; nor is it a thing hard to comprehend. In the neighbouring places to Agra and Dehli, along the river Gemma as far as to the mountains, and even on both sides of the high-way to Lahor, there is abundance of untilled lands, some of copse-wood, and some of grass above a man's height: in all these places there are great numbers of guards, incessantly roving up and down, and hindering all other people from hunting, except partridges, quails, and hares, which the Indians know to take with nets: so that every where in those places there is very great store of all kind of game. This being so, the hunting guards, when they know that the King is in the field, and near their quarters, give notice to the great hunting master, of the quality of the game, and of the place where most of it is; then the guards do line all the avenues of that quarter, and that sometimes for above four or five leagues of ground, that so the whole army may pass by, either this or that way, and the King being in his march may at the same time enter into it with as many Omrahs, hunters and other persons as he shall please, and there hunt at his ease, now in one manner and then in another, according to the difference of the game. And now behold first, how he hunted the Gazelles or wild fawns with tamed Leopards.

I think, I have elsewhere told you, that in the Indies there is store of Gazelles, that are in a manner shaped as our hinds or fawns; that these Gazelles commonly go in several troops, and that every troop, which never consists of above five or six, is always followed by one only male, discernable by the colour. One of such troops being discovered, they endeavour to make the leopard see them, who is held chained upon a little chariot. This crafty animal doth not presently and directly run after them, but goes winding and turning, stopping and hiding himself, so to approach them with more advantage, and to surprize them: and as he is capable to make five or six leaps with an almost incredible swiftness, when he finds he is within reach, he lanceth himself upon them, worrieth them, and gluts himself with their blood, heart and liver: if he faileth (which often happens) he stands still, and it would be in vain for him to attempt to take them by running after them, because they run much faster, and hold out longer than he. Then the master comes gently about him, flattering him, and throwing him some pieces of flesh, and thus amusing him, puts something over his eyes to cover them, and so chains him, and puts him upon the chariot again. One of these leopards gave us once in our march this divertisement, which frightened store of people. A troop of Gazelles appeared in the midst of the army, as they will do every day; it chanced that they passed close to two leopards that were carried, as they used to be, upon their little chariot. One of them not blinded, made such an effort that he burst his chain, and darted himself after them, but without catching any of them: yet the Gazelles, not knowing which way to escape, being pursued, cried after, and hunted on every side, there was one of them that was forced to repass again near the leopard, who, notwithstanding the camels and horses that pestered all the way, and contrary to what is commonly said of this beast, that it never returns to its prey when it hath once failed of it, flew upon it and caught it.

The hunting of the Nilgau or grey oxen, which I said were a kind of elcks, hath no great matter in it. They are inclosed in great nets, that are by little and little drawn cloſer together, and when they are reduced to a ſmall compaſs of enclosure, the King, the Omrahs, and the hunters do enter and kill them at pleaſure with arrows, half-pikes, ſables, or muſquets; and ſometimes in ſo great numbers, that the King ſends quarters of them for preſents to all the Omrahs.

The game of the Cranes hath ſomething of divertiſement. 'Tis a pleaſure to ſee them defend themſelves in the air againſt the birds of prey; they ſometimes kill ſome of them; but at length, not being nimble in turning, many ſtrong birds maſter them.

Of all the games that of the Lion is the moſt royal, becauſe there is none but the King and princes that can exerciſe it (unleſs it be by a very particular leave); but it is alſo the moſt dangerous. The manner of it is this: when the King is in the field, and the hunting guards have diſcovered the place of the lion's retirement, they tie faſt an afs thereabout, which the lion ſoon comes to devour, and without caring to look out for other prey, as oxen, cows, mutton, or ſhepherds, he goes to ſeek for drink, and returns to his ordinary lodging place, where he lies down and ſleeps until next morning, when he finds another afs in the ſelf ſame place, which the hunters have faſtened there as the day before; and when they have thus baited and amuſed him ſeveral days in the ſame place, and now know that the King is nigh, they at length tie faſt another afs, but whom they have made to ſwallow a quantity of opium, to the end that his fleſh may the better lull aſleep the lion, and then all the countrymen of the circumjacent villages ſpread large and ſtrong nets, made for that purpoſe, which they alſo by degrees reduce to a ſmall compaſs, as is practiſed in the hunting the Nil-gaux. All things thus prepared, the King mounted on an elephant trap'd with iron, being attended by the great hunting maſter, ſome Omrahs riding alſo on elephants, by abundance of Gourze-bedars on horſeback, and by a numerous hunting-guard on foot, armed with half-pikes, approacheth to the nets from without, and with a great muſquet ſhoots at the lion; who when he finds himſelf wounded, comes directly to the elephant, as his cuſtom is; but he meets with thoſe big nets ſtopping him, and the King ſhoots ſo often at him, that at laſt he kills him. Yet in this laſt hunting there was a lion that leapt over thoſe nets, fell upon an horſeman whoſe horſe he killed, and then ran away; but the hunters met with him, and incloſed him again in the net, which cauſed a great diſturbance to the army; we were three or four days padling in ſmall torrents running down the mountains, betwixt under-wood and ſuch long graſs as that camels hardly can be ſeen therein; and happy were theſe that had ſome proviſion of victuals, for all was in diſorder: the Bazars could not range themſelves, and the villages were remote. The reaſon why they were to ſtop there ſo long, was, that as it is a good omen with the Indians when the King kills a lion, ſo it is a very ill one, when he faileth, and they think that the ſtate would run great hazard if they ſhould not maſter him. Hence 'tis alſo that they make many ceremonies upon the account of this hunting; for they bring the dead lion before the King in the general aſſembly of the Omrahs, and after he hath been well viewed, and exactly meaſured, 'tis recorded in the archives, that ſuch a king, at ſuch a time, ſlew a lion of ſuch bigneſs, of ſuch hair, of ſo long and large teeth and claws, not omitting the leaſt circumſtances.

I ſhall here only add a word in reference to what is commonly ſaid of the opium, that the afs is made to ſwallow, viz. that one of the chief hunters aſſured me, that it was but a tale of the vulgar, and that the lion ſlept ſufficiently without it, when he had his belly full.

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Now to return to our march. When the great rivers, which in these quarters commonly have no bridges, are to be passed, there are made two boat bridges, about two or three hundred paces distant from one another; which they know well enough how to chain and fasten together. Upon them they cast earth and straw mingled together, which preventeth the sliding of the animals. The first passing upon, and the coming from it are only dangerous, because, that besides the great crowd, which then commonly throngeth, and the great confusion and embarrassment, it often happens that pits or holes are made when it is moving earth; and then you shall have horses and burthened oxen tumble upon one another, over whom people do pass with an incredible disorder; which would be yet greater, if all were to pass in one day: but ordinarily the king encamped but half a league from the bridge, where he stays a day or two, and he never almost encampeth farther than half a league from the river on the other side of the bridge, that so the army may have at least three days and three nights to pass more conveniently.

Lastly, as to the number of people that is found in the army, it is not so easy a thing to determine it. It is so differently spoken of, that one knows not what to judge of it. What I can tell you of it in the general, that is most probable, is this: that in this march there were at least, as to soldiers and others, an hundred thousand horsemen, and above an hundred and fifty thousand animals, as horses, mules or elephants; that there were near fifty thousand camels, and almost as many oxen or asses, that serve to carry the grain, and other provisions of these poor people of the Bazars, their wives and children: for they lug all with them, as our Bohemians do. Upon this measure, you may reckon pretty near the number of the serving people, supposing that nothing is there done but by the force of servants, and that I, who am but in the rank of a cavalier of two horses, can hardly do my business with less than three men: some say, that in the whole army, there is scarcely less than between three or four hundred thousand persons. Others reckon more; others less. Nobody ever told them to determine the precise number. I can say nothing of certainty, but only that it is a prodigious and almost incredible number; but then you are to imagine, it is all Dehli, the capital city, that marcheth, because that all the inhabitants of that town, living upon the court and the army, are obliged to follow them, especially when the voyage is to be long, as this; or else they must starve.

The difficulty is to know, whence, and how so great an army can subsist in the field, so vast a number of people and beasts. For that, we must only suppose (which is very true), that the Indians live very soberly, and observe a very simple diet, and that of all this great number of cavaliers, there is not the tenth, no not the twentieth man, that in his march eats flesh; provided they have their kichery, that is, their mixture of rice, and of other legums, upon which they pour butter when they are boiled, they are content.

We are also to know, that camels endure labour, hunger and thirst extremely well, live upon little, and eat almost any thing: and that as soon as the army encampeth any where, the camel-drivers let them go into the field to brouze, where they eat whatever they light upon. Besides, that the merchants that entertain Bazars in Dehli, are obliged to entertain them in the field; and that all the small merchants that keep shop in the Bahars of Dehli, keep them also in the army, either by force, or out of necessity; and lastly, that as to forage, all these poor people go roving up and down every where in the villages, to buy what they can get, and to gain something by it; and their great and common refuge is, with a kind of trowel to raspe or knock down whole fields, to beat and wash what they have there gotten, and so to carry it to sell to the army.

army, which they do sometimes very dear, and sometimes very cheap. I forgot to mention one thing that is remarkable, viz. that the king enters into the camp, now on one side, then on another; and to-day he passeth near the tents of certain Omrahs, and to-morrow near those of others, which he doth not without design; for the Omrahs, which he passeth by so near, are obliged to meet him, and to make him some small present or other; so that some will present him with twenty roupies of gold, which maketh thirty pistoles; others with fifty, and so others in proportion, according to their generosity, and the greatness of their pay.

For the rest, you will excuse me, that I do not observe to you the towns and boroughs that are between Dehli and Lahor. I have seen in a manner none of them, for I went almost always cross the fields, and in the night, because my Agah was not placed in the middle of the army, where often is the high way, but very forward in the right wing. We went as well as we could by star-light cross the fields to gain the right wing of the camp, without seeking for the high-way; though sometimes we found ourselves much perplexed, and in lieu of three or four leagues, which is the ordinary distance of one encampment from another, we sometimes made five or six; but when the day comes on, we soon found ourselves where we should be.

LETTER III.—*A Description of Lahor, the Capital of Penjab, or the Kingdom of the Five Waters.*

SIR,

IT is not without reason, that this kingdom, of which Lahor is the capital city, is called Penje-ab, or the country of the five waters, because there are actually five considerable rivers coming down from those mountains, within which the kingdom of Kachemire is locked up, and that run cross this tract of land to fall into the river Indus, discharging themselves together into the ocean at Scymdi, towards the entry of the Persian gulf. Whether Lahor be that ancient Bucephalos, I decide not. Mean time, Alexander is sufficiently known here under the name of Sekander Filifous, that is, Alexander son of Philip; but as to his horse, they know it not. The city of Lahor is built upon one of these five rivers, which is not less than our river Loire, and for which there is great need of a like bank, because it maketh great devastation, and often changeth its bed, and hath but lately retired itself from Lahor for a quarter of a league; which very much incommodeth the inhabitants. The houses of Lahor have this peculiar above those of Dehli and Agra, that they are very high, but most of them are ruinous, because it is now more than twenty years that the court is always at Dehli or at Agra, and that in these later years the rains have been so excessive, that they have overthrown many of them, whereby also much people hath been killed. It is true, there remains still five or six considerable streets, of which there are two or three that are above a league long; but in them also are many buildings found that fall down. The king's palace is no longer upon the river-side, as it was formerly, because that the river hath left it. It is very high, and magnificent; yet those of Agra and Dehli do much surpass it. It is now above two months that we are here, expecting the melting of the snow of the mountains of Kachemire, for a more convenient passage into that kingdom. But at length we are to depart to-morrow. The king hath been gone these two days. I have got a little Kachemirian tent, which I bought yesterday. I was advised to do like others, and to leave here my ordinary tent, which is big and heavy enough, because, they say, that between the mountains of Kachemire, whither we are now marching, it will be difficult to find room enough, and that the camels

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not having place enough to pass, we shall be obliged to get our baggage carried by porters, and that so my large tent would cost me much to carry. Adieu.

LETTER IV.

SIR,

I believed, that after we had overcome the heats of Moka, near Babel-mandel, I could defy those of the rest of the earth, but since these four days that the army left Lahor, I find I come very short of my reckoning, and I have experimented to the hazard of my life, that it is not without reason, that the Indians themselves did apprehend the eleven or twelve days march of the army, from Lahor to Bamber, the entry of the mountains of Kachemire. I protest unto you, without any exaggeration, that the heats have been so excessive, that sometimes they have reduced me to extremity, insomuch that I knew not in the morning whether I should live till night. The cause of this extraordinary heat is, that the high mountains of Kachemire being on the north of our road, keep from us all the cool wind that might come and refresh us from that quarter, and do reflect the sun-beams upon us, and leave the field burnt up and choking. But to what purpose, to play the philosopher, and to seek reasons for that, which perhaps will kill me to-morrow.

LETTER V.

SIR,

I PASSED, yesterday, one of the greatest rivers of the Indies, called the Lchenau. The excellency of its water, of which the great Omrahs make provision, in lieu of that of Ganges, (whereof they have drunk hitherto) keeps me from believing this to be some river to pass to hell, rather than to Kachemire, where they would make us believe we should find snow and ice: for I find it grow worse and worse every day, and that the more we advance, the more heat we feel. It is true that I passed the bridge at noon-day, but I almost knew not which was best, to march in the field, or to keep one's self stuffed up under a tent: at least, I have succeeded in my design, which was, to pass the bridge with ease, whilst all men did repose themselves, expecting to leave the camp towards evening when the heat is not so violent: whereas if I had staid as the rest did, some mischief perhaps might have befallen me. For it hath been, I hear, the most terrible confusion, and the greatest disorder that ever was in any the like former passage from Dehli; the entering upon the first boat, and the going off from the last, having been made very difficult, because it was mere moving sand, which as people marched upon it and stirred it, did slide away into the water, and left a pit, insomuch that a great number of camels, oxen and horses were, in the crowd, overturned and trampled under foot, and store of blows distributed besides. There are ordinarily, upon such occasions, some officers and cavaliers of the Omrahs, who, to make way for their masters and baggage, are not sparing of them. My navab hath lost one of his camels with the iron oven it carried; which maketh me apprehend, I shall be reduced to the bread of Bazar. Farewell.

LETTER VI.

SIR,

IT is too much curiosity, it is folly, or at least temerity in an European to expose himself to such heats and dangerous marches. It is putting one's self into manifest peril

peril of life. Yet, notwithstanding, misfortune is good for something. Whilst we itayed at Lahor, I was seized on by a flux, and by gripings, which did very much incommode me, caused by my constant lying upon a terrass, and taking the cool of the night, as we used to do at Dehli without danger : but since we have been marching these eight or nine days, the sweat hath dissipated all these humours. My body is become a right sieve, very dry; and I have no sooner taken into my stomach a pint of water (for less will not serve our turn), but I see it at the same time issue out of my limbs, like a dew, to the very ends of my fingers. I believe I have this day drank above ten pints. And this is some comfort, that one may drink of it as much as one lists without danger, provided it be good water.

LETTER VII.—*To the same.—Written from the Camp of the Army, marching from Labor to Kachemire, the tenth of March in the Morning.*

SIR,

THE sun is but just now rising, yet he is intolerable; there is not a cloud in the sky; nor a breath of wind; my horses are spent, they have not seen a green herb since we came out of Lahor; my Indians, for all their black, dry and hard skin, sink under it. My face, hands and feet are peeled off, and my body is covered all over with pimples, that prick me as so many needles. Yesterday one of our poor cavaliers, that had no tent, was found dead at the foot of a small tree he had seized on. I doubt whether I shall out-live this day's journey; all my hope is in a little dry curdled milk, which I am going to dilute with water and sugar, and some lemons, I have left, to make lemonade, farewell; the ink dryeth at the end of my pen, and the pen falls out of my hand. Farewell.

LETTER VIII.—*To the same.—Written from Bember, the entry of the Mountains of Kachemire, after having Two Days encamped there.—What Bember is; the Change of Carriages for the Mountains; the incredible Number of Porters, and the Order observed in the Army.*

SIR,

WE are at length arrived at Bember, the foot of a steep, black and burned mountain, and we are encamped in the channel of a large torrent dried up, full of sand and stones burning hot. It is like an hot oven: and if it were not for the shower of rain we had this morning, and for the curdled milk, the lemons, and the fowl brought to us from the mountains, I know not what would have become of me, and you would perhaps never have seen this letter. But, God be thanked, I feel the air a little cooler; my stomach, strength and tongue are returned. So then take this account of our new kind of march and trouble.

Yesterday the king first of all, together with Rauchenara-Begum, and the other women of the seraglio, the Raja Raguat that performs the office of the prime minister, and Fazel-kan the high-steward, went away from this burning place, and last night the great hunting-master departed, with some of the greatest and most necessary officers of the royal family, and many considerable women. This night it is our turn; my Navab, Danech-mend-kan, will go away, and Mahmet-Emir-kan, the son of that famous Emir-Jemla, of whom I have spoken so much in another place, will be of our company; and so will Danes-kan, our good friend, with his two sons, and many other Omrahs, Rajas and Mansibars: and after us, all the other lords, that are bound for Kachemire,

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Kachemire, will be gone all in their turns, to avoid in these difficult and narrow ways of the mountains, the trouble and confusion, during these five days of marching between this place and Kachemire. All the rest of the court, as Feday-kan, the great master of the artillery, three or four great Rajas, and many Omrahs, are to stay here about, for a guard, during three or four months, until the king do return after the great heats are over. Some shall go to dress their tents on the one side of the river Tchenau, others in the neighbouring towns and boroughs, and others will be obliged to camp here in this fire of Bember.

The king, for fear of starving this small kingdom of Kachemire, first carries with him the least number of women he can, the greatest ladies, the best friends of Rauchenara-Begum, and those that are most necessary for service. Nor doth he carry more of the Omrahs and Militia than needs he must: and the Omrahs that have leave to come with him, cannot take with them all the cavaliers, but only 25 of 100; yet without comprehending therein the particular officers of their family. And that is to be religiously observed; because there is an Omrah upon the guard at the entry of the mountains, that reckons all that pass, one by one, and hinders the passing of that great number of Mansab-dars and other cavaliers, that would fain go and enjoy the cool air of Kachemire; as also all those small merchants and little people of Bazar that seek to gain a livelihood. The king, for the carriage of necessaries and the women of the seraglio, taketh with him some of the strongest and best elephants: these beasts, though gross and unweildy, are very sure-footed, and in an ill way they march very warily, assuring themselves first of one foot before they remove the other. He taketh also some mules with him; but camels, the most necessary, he cannot make use of in this passage; these mountains being too steep and craggy for their long shank-ed and stiff legs: porters must supply their places; and what number, think you, must there be, if the king alone, as they say, hath above six thousand for his occasions, and I, a private man, though I have left at Lahor my ordinary tent and much of my baggage, as every one hath done, even the king himself and the Omrahs, find myself obliged to have three of them? It is believed, there are already no less here than fifteen thousand, partly of those which the governor of Kachemire, and the Rajas, hereabout have compelled to be here, partly of those that come hither of their own accord out of the neighbouring villages to earn something; for a man is obliged, following the king's order, to give them ten crowns for an hundred pound weight. It is said, that, in all, there are above thirty thousand of them, without reckoning that a month ago the king and the Omrahs sent away some baggage before, and the merchants all sorts of commodities.

LETTER IX.—*An exact Description of the Kingdom of Kachemire, and the present State of the neighbouring Mountains; together with an Answer to Five considerable Questions of a Friend.*

SIR,

THE histories of the ancient kings of Kachemire tells us, that all that country was formerly nothing but a great lake, and that there was an old holy man, called Kacheb, that gave an outlet to the waters, by a miraculous cut he made in the mountain of Baramoule. This may be seen in the abridgement of these histories, which Jehan-Guyre caused to be made, and which I am translating out of the Persian tongue. For my part, I would not deny, all this land to have once been covered with water; the like is affirmed of Thessaly, and some other countries; but it is hard to believe, that this

opening is the work of one man, because the mountain is very big and very high. I should rather think, that some great earthquake (those parts being subject enough to them) had opened some cavern under ground, which the mountain did sink into, after the same manner as the opening of Babel-Mandel is made (if it be true what the Arabians of that country say of it), and as whole towns and mountains have been seen to be swallowed up in great lakes.

However it be, Kachemire is no lake now, but a very fair champaign, diversified by many little hillocks, about thirty leagues long, and ten or twelve leagues broad; situated in the extreme of Indoftan, north of Lahor, locked up within the mountains of Caucasus, between those of the kings of the great Tibet, the little Tibet, and the Raja Gamon, its next neighbours.

The first mountains surrounding it, I mean those that are next to the plain, are of a middle height, all green with trees of pasture, full of all sorts of cattle, as cows, sheep, goats, horses; and of game of divers kinds, as partridges, hares, gazelles, and of some animals yielding musk. There are also abundance of bees, and (which is rare in the Indies) there are found no serpents, tigers, bears, lions, but very seldom. So that it may be said, that these are not only very innocent mountains, but flowing with milk and honey, as were those of the land of promise.

Beyond those middle sized mountains, there rise others, very high ones, the top of which are always covered with snow, and appear above the ordinary clouds and mists, always calm and clear, as well as mount Olympus.

Out of all these mountains do issue innumerable sources and rivulets on all sides, which the inhabitants know how to convey to their rice-fields, and even through raised ground unto their little hillocks; and which, after they have made a thousand other little rivulets, and a thousand cascates every where, come at last to meet, and to make a very fair river, that carryeth boats as big as our river of Seine; and after it hath gently turned about the kingdom, and passed through the midst of the capital city, finds its out-let at Baramoule between two steep rocks; and having afterwards taken in many small rivers that come down from the mountains, falls about Atex into the river Indus.

All these rivulets, descending from the mountains, make the plain and all those hillocks so fair and fruitful, that one would take this whole kingdom for some ever-green garden, intermixed with villages and boroughs discovering themselves between the trees, and diversified by meadows, fields of rice, corn, and divers other legumes, of hemp and saffron; all interlaced with ditches full of water, with channels, with small lakes and rivulets here and there. Up and down, every where, are also seen some of our European plants, flowers, and all sorts of our trees, as apples, pears, prunes, apricots, nuts, vines. The particular gardens are full of melons, water-melons, skirrets, beets, radishes, all sorts of our pot-herbs, and of some we have not.

'Tis true, there are not so many sorts of fruit as with us, nor are they so excellent as ours; but I believe that that is not the fault of the soil, but that if they had as good gardeners as we, knowing to cultivate and graft trees, to chuse proper places and proper stocks, and to send for grafts from foreign countries, they would have as many and as good as we; because among that number of divers sorts, which I often caused to be brought to me, I have frequently met with very excellent ones.

The capital city, which is of the same name with that of the kingdom, is without walls; 'tis three quarters of a league long, and half a league broad; situate in a plain about two leagues distant from mountains, which seem to make, as it were, a semi-circle, and standing upon a lake of sweet water of four or five miles in compass, which is

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made up of live springs, and of rivulets running down the mountains, and disgorgeth itself, by a navigable channel, into the river which passeth through the midst of the town. This river hath, in the town, two wooden bridges over it, for communication. Most houses are of wood, but well built, and of two or three stories high; not as if they had not very good free-stone there (many old idol-temples ruined, and other buildings made of it, being yet to be seen); but the abundance of wood, easily descending from the mountains by little rivers, which it is cast into, maketh people find that way of building turn to better account. The houses that stand upon the river have almost all of them their little garden, lying upon the water, which maketh a very pleasant perspective, especially in the spring and summer, when men walk on the river-side. The other houses that stand not upon the river, have also almost all of them some garden; and there are a good number of such that have a channel answering to the lake, and a little boat to go and divert themselves upon it.

In one end of the town there appears an hill, loose from all the rest, which maketh another very agreeable perspective, because on its declivity there stand very fine houses with gardens, and on the top, a mosque and an hermitage well built, with a garden and store of fine green trees; and 'tis upon the account of these trees and gardens, that in the language of the country 'tis called Haryperbet, as if you should say, the mountain of verdure.

Opposite to this hill there is seen another, on which there is also a mosque, but a little one, together with a garden, and a very ancient building, which seems to have been a temple of idols, though they call it Taët Soulinan, that is, the throne of Solomon, because that Solomon, as the Mahometans say, caused it to be built when he came to Kachemire; but how they will prove that Solomon made this voyage, I know not.

The lake hath this peculiar, that 'tis full of little isles, which are as many gardens of pleasure, that appear all green in the midst of the water, by reason of those fruit-bearing-trees, and of the walks, on both sides set with arbours, and because they are surrounded with large leaved aspen-trees, standing at two foot distance from one another, the biggest whereof may be clasped about, but as tall as masts of great ships, having only a tuft of branches at the top like palm-trees.

Beyond the lake, upon the side of the hills, there is nothing but houses and gardens of pleasure, the place having been found wonderfully proper for it, as being in a very fine air, in the view of the lake, the isles and the town, and full of springs and rivulets.

The most admirable of all these gardens is that of the King, which is called Chah-limar. From the lake, one enters into it by a great canal, bordered with great green turfs. This canal is above five hundred common paces long, and runs betwixt two large alleys of poplars: it leadeth to a great cabinet in the midst of the garden, where begins another canal far more magnificent, which runs with a little rising unto the end of the garden. This canal is paved with large free-stone; its sloping side covered with the same; and in the midst of it there is a long row of jets of water, from fifteen to fifty foot. There are also, from space to space, great rounds of water serving for store-houses, whence many jets of water, variously figured, do spring up: and this canal ends at another great cabinet, which is almost like the first.

These cabinets, which are in a manner made like domes, situate in the middle of the canal, and encompassed with water, and consequently between those two great alleys of poplars, hath a gallery that reigneth round about, and four gates opposite to one another, two of which do respect the alleys, with two bridges to pass over, one on one side, and the other on the other; the other two look upon the opposite canals. Each

cabinet consists of a great chamber in the midst of four other lesser chambers, which are in the four corners. All is painted and gilded within, the great chamber as well as the little ones, having sentences with great letters in the Persian tongue written upon them. The four gates are very rich; they are made of great stones with two columns, taken from those ancient idol-temples ruined by Chah-Jehan. The price of these great stones and pillars is not well known, nor what kind of stone they be; though it appears sufficiently, that 'tis a sort of precious stone, finer than marble or porphyry.

From all that hath been said, one may easily conjecture, that I am somewhat charmed with Kachemire, and that I pretend, there is perhaps nothing in the world like it for so small a kingdom. It deserves very well to reign over all those neighbouring mountains as far as Tartary, and over all Indostan as far as Ceylon, as once it did: and 'tis not without some cause, that the Mogols call it the terrestrial Paradise of the Indies; that Ekbar took so much pains to make himself master of it, and that his son Jehan-Guyre became so amorous thereof, that he could not leave it, and often said, he would rather lose all his empire, than Kachemire. And from the time that we arrived there, all the poets, both Kachemirians and Mogolians, strove to make poems to the praise of this little kingdom, to present them to Aureng-Zebe, who gladly received and rewarded them. I remember, that among others, there was one, that exaggerating the extraordinary height of the mountains encompassing it, and rendering it almost inaccessible any where, said, that the top of these mountains was the cause, that the heavens did retire into the figure of a vault, as we see it; and that Kachemire being the master-piece of nature, and the king of the kingdoms of the world, it was suitable it should be hard of access, and so enjoy an undisturbed peace and tranquillity, commanding all, and not being liable to be commanded by any. He added, that the reason why nature had surrounded it with mountains, of which some, namely the highest and most remote, were always white and covered with snow, the lowermost and the next to the plain, all green and covered with wood, was, because that the king of the kingdoms of the world was to wear the most precious crown, the top whereof was to be of diamonds, and the bottom of emeralds. If the poet had added (said I to my Naveh Danechmend-kan, who was willing to make me admire all those poems), that all those great countries of mountains that environ it, as the little Tibet, the state of the Raja Gaonon, Kachguer and Serenaguer, are to be comprehended under the kingdom of Kachemire, since, according to the history of the country, they once depended from it, and consequently that the river Ganges on the one side, that of Indus on the other, the Chenau on a third, and the Gemma on the fourth, do issue out of the Kachemire; that these rivers, with so many others that run thence, do countervail the Gihon, the Pison*, and the two others; and if at last he had concluded, that this was certainly the true terrestrial paradise, rather than that in Armenia, this would have much enhanced the worth of all his commendations.

The Kachemirians have the reputation of being a very witty people, much more intelligent and dextrous than the Indians, and as fit for poetry and sciences as the Persians. Besides, they are very industrious, and willing to take pains: they make palekys, trunks, bedsteads, standishes, boxes, spoons, and many other pieces, and all of good and very handsome workmanship, sent over all the Indies. They know how to give it a good varnish, and so dextrously to counterfeit the veins of a certain wood that hath very fine ones, by applying gold strings upon it, that there is nothing finer. But what is peculiar and considerable in them, and which draws the trade and silver into the

* Gen. ii. 11, 12, 13, 14.

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country, is that prodigious quantity of stuffs called chales, which they work there, and employ their little children in. These chales are certain kinds of stuff an ell and an half long, and about an ell broad, which are embroidered at each end with a kind of embroidery about a foot large. The Mogols and Indians, both men and women, wear of them in winter upon their heads, passing them over their left shoulder like a mantle. They make two sorts of them; one, of the wool of the country, which is finer than that of Spain; the other, of a wool, or rather of an hair, they call touz, taken from the breast of a wild goat of the great Tibet. These latter are of a far greater price than the former: neither is there any castor so soft and delicate. The mischief is, the worms get easily into it, unless you have a particular care often to unfold and air them. I have seen of these, which the Omrahs purposely caused to be made, which cost an hundred and fifty rupies: of the others, that are made of the wool of the country, I have seen none that cost above fifty.

'Tis observed of these chales, that, work them never so carefully in Patna, Agra, and Lahor, you shall never make the stuff so soft and fine, as in Kachemire; which is commonly imputed to the particular water of the country: as at Maslipatam they make those fine stuffs, which become fairer by washing.

The Kachemirians are also famous for their good complexion. They look as well as our Europeans, and have nothing of a Tartarian flat-nosed and little-eyed face, as those of Kachguer, and most of the people of the great Tibet. The women, especially, are very beautiful; and therefore all strangers, that are new comers to the court of Mogol, are furnished from thence, that so they may have children whiter than the Indians, and which by this means may pass for true Mogols. And certainly, if one may judge of the beauty of the retired women by that of the common people, met with in the streets, and seen up and down in the shops, we must believe, that there are very handsome ones. At Lahor, where they have the repute of being proper and slender, and the handsomest of the brown lasses of the Indies (as really they are), I used an art which is ordinary among the Mogols, which is, to follow some elephants, especially those that are richly harnessed; for as soon as those women hear the two bells hanging on the sides of those beasts, they all put their heads out of the windows. The same trick I used here; and I made also use of another, in which I succeeded very well; it was devised by an old and famous master of a school, whom I had taken to help me to understand a Persian poet. He made me buy store of comfits; and he being known and welcome every where, carried me into above fifteen houses, telling them that I was his kinsman, newly come out of Persia, that I was rich and to be married. As soon as we came into a house, he distributed comfits to the children, and presently all came about us, women and children, great and small, to have their share, or to be seen. This curiosity alone cost me many a good rupy; but it confirmed me, that in Kachemire there are as fair faces, as in any place of Europe.

There remains only to impart unto you what I observed most considerable between the mountains, from Bember hither, (with which perhaps I should have begun;) and after having given you an account of some other little voyages I have been obliged to make in divers parts of this kingdom, you will learn all I could come to know of the rest of the circumjacent mountains.

Concerning therefore, first, our voyage from Bember hither, it seemed to me surprizing enough to find myself, from the first night that we parted from Bember, and entered into the mountains, pass from a torrid to a temperate zone: for, we had no sooner mounted this dreadful wall of the world, I mean, this high, steep, black and bald mountain of Bember, but that in descending on the other side, we found an air

that was pretty tolerable, fresh, gentle and temperate. But that which surprized me more in these mountains was, to find myself, in a trice, transported out of the Indies into Europe. For, seeing the earth covered with all our plants and shrubs, except sissop, thyme, marjoram and rosemary, I imagined I was in some of our mountains of Auvergne, in the midst of a forest of all our kinds of trees, pines, oaks, elms, plane-trees. And I was the more astonish'd, because in all those burning fields of Indostan, whence I came, I had seen almost nothing of all that.

Among other things relating to plants, this surprized me, that one and a half days journey from Bember, I found a mountain that was covered with them on both sides, but with this difference, that on the side of the mountain that was southerly toward the Indies, there was a mixture of Indian and European plants, and on that which was expos'd to the north I observed none but European ones; as if the former had participated of the air and temper of Europe and the Indies, and the other had been merely European.

As to the trees, I admir'd this natural course of generations and corruptions; below in these bottoms, where perhaps no man ever was, I saw hundreds that were falling, or fallen, one upon another, dead and half rotten of age, and other young and verdant ones growing out of the foot of those that were dead: some of them also I saw burnt, whether it was from lightning, or that in the heat of summer they had taken fire by rubbing themselves against one another, when they were agitated by some hot and impetuous wind; or, as the country people say, that they take fire of themselves, when they are grown old and dry.

I admir'd also those natural cascates of water, which we found between those rocks. We met, among others, one of them so wonderful, that doubtless it cannot be paralleled. One fetch'd afar off from the side of an high mountain, running down, a torrent of water, in a channel covered with trees, and precipitate itself in a trice to the bottom of a steep rock of a stupendous height, with a noise that is able to strike one deaf, like a cataract. There was erected near it a theatre, upon a rock, which Jehan-Guyre had caus'd purposely to be made plain, that the court passing, might there repose themselves, and from thence, with conveniency, behold this admirable workmanship of nature; which, as well as those old trees I was just now speaking of, seems to resemble something of great antiquity, and of the first production of the world.

All these divertisements were blended with an odd accident. On the day that the King went upon the mountain of Pirepenjale, which is the highest of all, and whence one begins to discover afar off the country of Kachemire; on that day, I say, that the King ascended this mountain, being followed by a long row of elephants, upon which sit the women in Mik-dembars, and Embarys, one of those elephants was frighted by beholding, as the Indians would have it, such a long and steep ascent, and fell back upon him that was next, and he upon the next, and so on to the fifteenth, so that not one of them being able to turn in this way, which was extremely rude and steep, they all tumbled into the precipice. It was good fortune for those poor women, that the precipice itself was not very steep, so that there were but three or four of them killed; but the fifteen elephants remained upon the place. When these bulky masses do once fall under those vast burdens they are loaden with, they never rise again, though the way be never so fair. We saw them two days after, in passing by, and I observed some of them yet stirring their trunk. This accident put the whole army, which had march'd four days along the mountains in file, into great disorder, because to recover these women and all that wreck, a stop was made for the remainder of that day and all the night, every one being necessitated to stop where he was, because it was in many places

places impossible to advance or go back, and none had near him those porters that carried his tent and victuals. As for myself, I was not in the worst condition, having found means to creep out of the way, and to take the conveniency of a small place to lie down in, for myself and my horse. And, to my good luck, one of my servants that followed me, had a little bread, which we shared together. I remember, it was there where, stirring some stones, we found a great black scorpion, which a young Mogol of my acquaintance took, and squeezed it in his own hand, and then in the hand of my servant, and at last in mine, without our being stung by him. This young cavalier said, that he had charmed him, as he had done many others before, by a passage of the Alcoran, which he would not teach me, because, said he, the power of charming would pass to me and leave himself, as it had passed to him by quitting his teacher.

In traversing this same mountain of Pirepenjale, where the elephants tumbled down, there occurred those things which called to my mind some of my former philosophical thoughts. The first was, that in less than an hour we felt summer and winter; for in ascending we did sweat gross drops, all men going on foot in a burning sun; and when we came to the top of the mountain, we yet found the icy snow, that had been cut to open the way; there was a frost upon a misting rain, and there blew a wind so cold, that all people shook and ran away, especially the silly Indians, who never had seen ice or snow, nor felt such a cold.

The second was, that in less than two hundred paces I met with two quite contrary winds; one from the north, which blew in my face ascending, especially when I came near the top and another from the south, which blew against my back in descending; as if this hill had protruded exhalations out of its bowels from all sides, which coming forth had caused a wind that had descended and taken its course in those two opposite dales.

The third was the meeting an old hermit, that had lived on the top of this mountain since the time of Jehan-Guyre, and whose religion was not known; though it was said, that he did miracles, caused strange thunders when he would, and raised storms of hail, snow, rain, and wind. He looked somewhat savage-like, having a long and large white beard uncombed. He asked alms somewhat fiercely; suffered us to take up water in earthen cups, he had ranged upon a great stone; made sign with his hand, importing that we should speedily march away, and grumbled at those that made a noise, because, said he to me, (when I was come into his cave, and had a little sweetened his looks with half a rousy, which with much humility I put into his hand) a noise raiseth furious storms and tempests. Aureng-zebe, said he further, did very well in following my counsel, and not permitting to make any noise: Chah-Jehan always took care of the same; but Jehan-Guyre once mocking at it, and causing trumpets and cymbals to sound, was like to have perished here.

In reference to the little voyages I have made in divers parts of this kingdom, behold the particulars I took notice of as I passed. We were no sooner arrived at Kachemire, but my Navab Danechmend-kan sent me, together with one of his horsemen for a convoy, and a countryman, to one of the extremities of this kingdom, three small days journey from hence, upon the relation made him, that this was the very time to see the wonders (for so they speak of them) of a spring that is thereabout. These wonders are, that in the month of May, the time when the snow begins but to melt, this fountain, for about the space of fifteen days, regularly flows and stops thrice a-day, at break of day, at noon, and at night: its flowing ordinarily lasts three quarters of an hour, more or less, and that plentifully enough to fill a square receptacle having steps to go down to it, and being about ten or twelve foot broad, and as many foot deep.

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After the first fifteen days, its course begins to be less regular, and less copious; and at length, after a month or thereabout, it quite stops and runs no more for the rest of the year, unless it be, that during some rains, it flows incessantly and without rule, as other fountains do. The Gentiles have on the side of the receiver a little temple of the idol Brare, which is one of their false deities; and thence it is that they call this fountain Send-Brary, as if you should say, Water of Brare; and that thither they come from all parts in pilgrimage, to bathe and sanctify themselves in this miraculous water. Upon the origin of this water they make many fables, which I shall not recite to you, because I find not the least shadow of truth in them. During the five or six days of my stay there, I did what possibly I could to find the reason of this wonder. I did attentively consider the situation of the mountain, at the foot of which this spring is found: I went to the very top with great pains, searching and prying every where. I observed that it extends itself in length from north to south; that 'tis severed from other mountains, which are very near to it; that it is in the form of an ass's back; that its top, which is very long, hath not much more than an hundred paces where it is largest; that one of the sides of the mountain, which is covered with nothing but green grass, is exposed to the east, yet so that the sun comes not to shine out before eight a clock in the morning, because of the other opposite mountains; and lastly, that the other side, which is exposed to the west, is covered with trees and bushes. All this being considered, I did imagine, that the heat of the sun, together with the particular situation, and the internal disposition of the mountain, might very well be the cause of this pretended miracle; that the morning sun, coming briskly to strike on the side opposite thereto, heats it, and melts part of the frozen waters, which, during the winter, when all was covered with snow, had insinuated themselves into the inner parts of the earth of this mountain; that these waters penetrating, and by little and little running down unto certain beds of quick rock, which retain and convey them toward the spring head, cause the flowing of the fountain at noon; that the same sun, raised to the south, and leaving that other side, now growing cold, for to strike with its beams as it were perpendicularly, the top, doth also melt other frozen waters, which likewise run down by little and little as the other, but by other turnings, unto those rocky beds, and cause the flowing at night: and that lastly, the sun heating likewise this western side, produceth the like effect, and causes the third flux in the morning; which is slower than the two others; either because this western side is remote from the eastern where the source is; or because that being covered with wood, it is not so soon heated; or by reason of the cold of the night. Now I found this my reasoning the more cogent, forasmuch as it seems to agree with what is affirmed, that in the first days the water comes in greater abundance than in the latter, and that at last it stops, and runs not at all; as if indeed in the beginning there were of those frozen waters great plenty in the earth than at last. It seems also to agree with what is observed, that there are some days in the beginning, in which one flux is found more abounding than the other, and sometimes more at noon than in the evening or morning, or in the morning more than at noon; it commonly falling out so that some days there are hotter than others, or that some clouds arise which interrupt the equality of the heat, and consequently make the flux unequal.

Returning from Send-brary I turned a little aside from the road to go and lie at Achiavel, which is an house of pleasure of the ancient kings of Kachemire, and at present of the great Mogol. That which most adorns it, is a fountain, the water whereof diffuseth itself on all sides round about that fabrick (which is not despicable) and into the gardens by an hundred canals. It breaks out of the earth, as if by some violence

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violence it ascended up from the bottom of a well, and that with such an abundance as might make it to be called a river rather than a fountain. The water of it is admirably good, and so cold that one can hardly endure to hold one's hands in it. The garden itself is very fine, there being curious walks in it, and store of fruit-bearing trees of apples, pears, prunes, apricocks and cherries, and many jets of waters of various figures, and ponds replenished with fish, together with a very high cascade of water, which by its fall maketh a great nape of thirty or forty paces long, which hath an admirable effect, especially in the night, when under this nape there is put a great number of little lamps fitted in holes purposely made in the wall; which maketh a curious shew.

From Achiavel I went yet a little more out of my way to pass through another royal garden, which is also very beautiful, and hath the same pleasantness with that of Achiavel; but this is peculiar in it, that in one of its ponds there are fishes that come when they are called, and when you cast bread to them; the biggest whereof have golden rings in their noses, with inscriptions about them, which, they say, that renowned Nour-Mehalle, the wife of Jehan Guyre, the grandfather of Aurenge-Zebe, caused to be fastened in them.

I was no sooner returned from Send-brary, but Danech-mend-kan, well satisfied with my voyage, made me undertake one more, to see another sure miracle, as he called it, which should be capable to make me soon change my religion, and turn Musselman. Go, saith he, to Baramoulay, which is not further from hence than Send-brary; there you shall find a mosque, in which is the tomb of one of our Pires or saints, which still every day works miracles in curing sick people, that flock thither from all parts: it may be, that you will believe nothing of all those miraculous cures you shall see; but you will at least believe one miracle, which is done every day, and you may see with your own eyes: and that is of a big round stone, which the strongest man is hardly able to raise in the least from the ground, but yet eleven men, by praying to that saint, lift up, as if it were a straw, with the end of their eleven fingers, without any trouble at all, and without being sensible of any weight. Hereupon I began this journey also, accompanied with my horseman and the country fellow, and being arrived at Baramoulay, I found it a place pleasant enough. The mosque is sufficiently well built, the tomb of the pretended saint well adorned, and round about it there was store of people of great devotion, who said they were sick. Near the mosque there was a kitchen with large kettles full of flesh and rice, which, in my opinion, was the magnet drawing the sick people thither, and the miracle that cured them. On the other side was the garden and the chambers of the Mullahs, who with great convenience and delight spend their life there, under the shadow of the miraculous sanctity of this Pire, which they are not wanting to celebrate: but as I am always very unhappy in such occasions, he did not miracle that day upon any of the sick. As for the great stone, which was the business I came for; there were eleven cheats of these Mullahs that crouded together in a round, and by their long vests hindred me from seeing well in what manner they took and lifted it up, yet said all, that they held it only with the end of one of their fingers, and that it was as light as a feather. For my part, who had my eyes open and looked on narrowly, I perceived well enough, that they took great pains, and they seemed to me, that they used also the thumb, which they held very firm upon the second finger bent and closed: but yet I was not wanting to cry out as well as the Mullahs and all the other assistants, Karamet, Karamet, miracle, miracle; giving at the same time a ropy for the Mullahs, and with great shew of devotion praying them to favour me with suffering me once to be one of the eleven lifters up of the

stone. They did hesitate long before they resolved to permit it; but having given them another roupy, and made them believe I was persuaded of the truth of the miracle, one of the eleven gave me his place; they doubtless imagined, that ten of them joined together would be sufficient to do the business; though I should not add much to it; and that they would so range themselves and croud together, that I should perceive nothing of their imposture. But they found themselves egregiously deceived, when they saw that the stone, which I would not support but only by the end of my finger, always inclined and fell to my side, until at length I found it necessary to put my thumb to it, and to hold it with my finger as they did; and then we lifted it up from the earth, yet not without much pain. Notwithstanding which, when I saw that they all looked upon me a-quint, not knowing what to make of me, I still went on crying like the rest, Karamet, miracle, miracle, and over and above casting to them another roupy to secure myself from being stoned: and stealing away from among the crowd, I presently took horse, without eating or drinking, and left the faint and the miracles to those that had faith enough to believe them: observing, as I passed along, that famous opening, which is an outlet to all the waters of this kingdom, of which I have already said something in the beginning of this book.

I left my way again, to approach to a great lake, which I saw afar off, through the middle whereof passeth the river that runs to Baramoulay. It is full of fish, especially eels, and covered with ducks and wild-fowl, and many other river-fowl, and 'tis where the governor comes in winter, at which time 'tis covered with those creatures to divert themselves with fowling. In the midst of this lake there is an eremitage with its little garden, which, as they say, doth miraculously float upon the water, and where the eremite passeth his life without ever going from it. Besides which, they make a thousand other ridiculous tales of it, which are not worth reciting, unless perhaps you will except what some have told me, that it was one of those ancient kings of Kachemire, who out of curiosity caused this eremitage to be built upon thick beams fastened to one another.

Thence I went to find out a fountain, which hath something that's rare enough in it bubbling up gently, and rising with some little impetuosity, and making small bubbles of air, and carrying with it, to the top, some small sand that is very fine, which goeth away again as it came, the water becoming still, a moment after it, without ebullition, and without bringing up sand; and soon after beginning afresh as before, and so continuing its motion by intervals, which are not regular. But the wonder, as they say, consists in this, that the least noise, made by speaking, or by knocking one's foot against the ground, moveth the water, and maketh it run and bubble as was said. Yet I found plainly, that speaking or knocking availeth nothing to produce that effect, and that it moveth as well when one saith nothing, as when one speaks or knocketh. But now to give the true cause of it, that requireth more thinking than I have bestowed upon it; unless one should say, that the sand, by falling down again, obstructeth the narrow channel of this small and weak spring, until the water, being closed up and kept in, make an effort to remove and raise again the sand, and so to disengage itself; or rather that some wind, pent in the channel of the spring, rises by turns, as it comes to pass in artificial fountains.

After we had considered this fountain, we entered into the mountains to see a great lake, which hath ice in summer, and looketh like a little icy sea, having heaps of ice, made and unmade by the winds. Afterwards we passed through a certain place, called Seng-safed, that is, white stone; which is famous for being full all the summer long of all sorts of flowers like a parterre, and for this observation, that when much people go thither, making a great noise and much stirring the air, there presently falls a shower of

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of rain. This is certain, that when, some years since, Chah-Jehan went thither, he was in danger of perishing by the great and extraordinary rain survening, though he had commanded, they should make the least noise they could. This agreed with what my eremite of Pirepengale had told me.

And now I was going to a grotto of odd congelation, which is two days journey from thence; but I received news, that after my so long absence my Navah was troubled about me.

As to the condition of the neighbouring mountains round about, I have, since our being here, done what possibly I could to inform myself about them; but I have profited but little, for want of people that are intelligent and observe things; yet notwithstanding I will not omit to relate to you what I have learned of it.

The merchants of Kachemire, that go every year from mountain to mountain, gathering fine wool to make those stuffs I have above been speaking of, do all agree, that between the mountains, which still depend from Kachemire, there are found very fine places of good land, and that amongst others there is one place, which pays its tribute in leather and wool, sent for by the governor every year: and where the women are extreme handsome, chaste and laborious; that there is also another farther off from Kachemire, which also pays its tribute in leather and wool, and hath very pretty, though but small fertile plains, and most pleasant vallies, abounding in corn, rice, apples, pears, apricocks and melons; as also in raisins yielding very good wine; the inhabitants whereof have sometimes refused to pay the tribute, relying upon the difficulty of access to their country; but there hath always been a way found to enter and to reduce them. The same merchants agree also, that among the other mountains, that are more distant and depend no more from Kachemire, there are likewise found very pleasant countries, peopled with very handsome whites, but such as almost never come out from their homes; of which some have no kings, nor as far as could be perceived, any religion; only that some of them do eat no fish, counting them unclean.

I shall add here, what I was lately told by a good ancient man, that had married a wife of the ancient family of the Kings of Kachemire. He said, that when Jehan-Guyre made a strict inquiry after all those that were of that family, he was afraid to be taken, and thereupon fled with three servants thro' these mountains, not knowing in a manner whither he went; that thus wandring he came at last into a very fine small canton, where, when it came to be known who he was, the inhabitants came to visit him and brought him presents, and that, to make up their kindness, they brought to him in the evening one of the beautifullest of their young maidens, praying him that he would bed with her, because they desired very much to have issue of his blood: that passing from thence into another canton, not much distant from the former, the people likewise came to see him, and to present him; but that the kindness of the evening was far different from the other, in that these inhabitants brought to him their own wives, arguing that those of the other canton were beasts, because that his blood would not remain in their house, since the maidens would carry the child with them into the house of him to whom they should be married.

I may further add, that some years since, there being a dissention risen between the family of the King of the little Tibet, which borders upon Kachemire, one of the pretenders to the crown did secretly call for the assistance of the governor of Kachemire, who by order of Chah-Jehan gave him powerful succours, and put to death or flight all the other pretenders, and left this man in possession of the country, on condition of an annual tribute to be paid in crystal, musc, and wool. This petty king

could not forbear coming to see Aureng-Zebe, bringing with him a present of those things I just now named; but he had so pitiful a train, that I should never have taken him for what he was. My Navah entertained him at dinner, that he might receive the better information concerning those mountains. I heard him say that his country on the east-side did confine with great Tibet; that it was about thirty or forty leagues broad; that there was indeed some little crystal, musc, and wool, but for the rest very poor; and that there were no gold mines, as was said; that in some places there was very good fruit, especially melons; that they had very hard winters and very troublesome, because of the deep snows; and that the people, which formerly had been heathen, were almost all become Mahometan, as himself, namely, of that sect called Chia, which is that of all Persia. Besides, that seventeen or eighteen years ago Chah-Jehan had attempted to make himself master of the kingdom of the great Tibet, as formerly also had done the Kings of Kachemire; that his army after sixteen days difficult march, always among mountains, did besiege a castle which they took; that there remained no more for him to do, than to pass a river, which is famous and very rapid, and thereupon to march directly to the capital town, which he would have easily carried, the whole kingdom being in a panick terror; but that the season being far spent, the governor of Kachemire, who was the general of that army, did apprehend that he should be surprized by the snow, and so returned, leaving in that castle a garrison, which, whether it was for fear of the enemy, or from want of sufficient provision, he could not say, soon abandoned it; which broke the design the governor had of returning thither the next spring.

Now that the King of this great Tibet knows that Aureng-Zebe is at Kachemire, and threatens him with war, he hath sent to him an ambassador, with presents of the country, as crystal, and those dear white cow-tails, by way of ornament fastened to the ears of elephants, as also musc, and a stone of Jachen of great price, because of an extraordinary bigness. This Jachen is a blueish stone with white veins so hard that it is wrought with nothing else but the powder of diamond, highly esteemed in the court of the Mogol. They make cups of it and other vessels, of which I have some richly wrought with threads of gold, of very curious workmanship. The train of this ambassador did consist of three or four cavaliers, and ten or twelve tall men, dry and lean, having three or four hairs in their beards like the Chinese, and plain red bonnets upon their heads like our seamen, the rest of their garments suitable. I think there were four or five of them with swords, but the rest marched behind the ambassador without any rod or stick. He treated with Aureng-Zebe in his master's name, promising him that he would suffer a mosque to be built in the capital city, wherein prayers should be made after the Mahometan way; that the money henceforth to be coined should on the one side have the impress of Aureng-Zebe, and that he would pay him a certain annual tribute. But 'tis believed, that as soon as this king shall know that Aureng-Zebe is gone from Kachemire, he will laugh at all this treaty, as he did formerly at that which he had made with Chah-Jehan.

This ambassador had in his suite a physician, which was said to be of the kingdom of Lassa, and of the tribe Lamy or Lama, which is that of the men of the law in that country, as the Brahmans are in the Indies; with this difference, that the Brahmans have no Caliph, or high-priest, but the Lamians have one that is not only acknowledged for such by the kingdom of Lassa, but also by all Tartary, and who is honoured and revered like a divine person. This physician had a book of receipts, which he would never sell to me; the writing of it seemed, at a distance, somewhat like ours. We made him begin to write the alphabet, but he wrote so slowly, and his writing was so bad in respect of that in his book, that we soon judged this must needs be a poor doctor.

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He was much wedded to the Metempsychosis or transmigration of souls, and was full of admirable stories of it; among the rest he related of his great Lama, that when he was old and ready to die, he assembled his council, and declared to them, that now he was passing into the body of a little child lately born, that this child was bred up with great care, and when it was about six or seven years old, they brought to it store of household-stuff, pel-mel, with his own, and that the child was able to distinguish those that were or had been his, from that of others; which was, said this doctor, an authentic proof of the transmigration. For my part, I thought at first he rallied, but I found at last that he spoke very seriously. I was once to see him at the ambassador's, with a merchant of Kachemire that knew the language of Tibet, and was an interpreter to me. I made as if I would buy some stulls he had brought to sell, which were some kind of ratines of about a foot and a half broad; but it was really to learn something of that country; yet it was no great matter I obtained from him. He only told me in general, that all the kingdom of the great Tibet was, in comparison to his, a miserable country, full of snow for more than five months of the year; that his king made often war with the Tartars; but he could never distinguish to me, what kind of Tartars they were. At length, after I had made a good many questions to him, without receiving any satisfaction upon them, I saw I lost only my time with him.

But there is another thing, which is so certain, that nobody here doubts of it. It is not yet twenty years that there went caravans every year from Kachemire, which crossed all those mountains of the great Tibet, entered into Tartary and arrived in about three months at Cataja, notwithstanding the very ill ways, and the rapid torrents; which latter are to be passed over cords stretched from one rock to another. These caravans brought back musc, chinawood, rhubarb, and mamiron, which last is a small root exceeding good for ill eyes. Repassing over the great Tibet, they also loaded themselves with the merchandise of that country, viz. musc, cristal and jachen; but especially with store of very fine wool of two sorts, one of sheep, and the other called Touz, which is rather, as I have said, a kind of hair approaching to our castor, than a wool. But since the attempt which Chah-Jehan made on that side, the king of the great Tibet has altogether shut up the way, and suffers not any one from Kachemire to enter into his country: and thence it is, that the caravans at present go from Patna upon the Ganges, not passing through his country at all, but leaving it on the left-hand, and coming directly to the kingdom of Lassa.

Concerning this kingdom, here called Kacheguer, which doubtless is that which our maps call Kasgar, I shall relate to you what I was able to learn of it from the merchants of the country itself, who, knowing that Aureng-Zebe was to stay a-while at Kachemire, were come thither with a good number of slaves, of both sexes, whom they had to sell. They say, that the kingdom of Kacheguer lyeth east of Kachemire, drawing a little northward; that the shortest way thither was to go directly to the great Tibet; but that passage being obstructed, they were forced to take their way through the little Tibet: that first they went to a small town called Gourteche, the last town depending from Kachemire, and four days journey distant from the same; that from thence, in eight days, they came to Eskerdou, the capital of the king of the little Tibet; and thence in two days more to a small town called Cheker, likewise belonging to the little Tibet, and situate upon a river very famous for being medicinal; that in fifteen days they came to a great forest upon the confines of the little Tibet, and in fifteen days more to Kacheguer, a small town, once the seat of the king of Kacheguer, which is now at Jourkend, lying somewhat more to the north,
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and ten days journey distant from Kacheguer. They added, that from the town of Kacheguer to Katay, it is no more but two months voyage; that every year there go caravans, bringing back all those commodities I have named, and passing into Persia through Ulbeck, as there are others that do pass to Patna in Indostan. They said moreover, that to go from Kacheguer to Katay, travellers must get to a town that is eight days journey from Coten, the last town of the kingdom of Kacheguer; that the ways from Kachemire to Kacheguer are very difficult; that among others there is a place, where, in what season soever it be, you must march for about a quarter of a league upon ice. This is all I could learn of those parts, which though indeed it be very much confused and very little, yet will it be found much, considering I had to do both with people so ignorant, that they almost know not to give a reason of any thing; and with interpreters, who, for the most part, know not how to make the questions to be understood, nor intelligibly to deliver the answers made thereto.

I thought once, I would have here concluded this letter, or rather this book, and taken my leave of you until I came to Dehli, whither we are now returning: but since I am in the vein of writing, and at some leisure, I shall endeavour to give you some satisfaction to those five particulars you demanded of me in your last letter, in the name of Monsieur Thevenot, that illustrious person, who daily giveth us more discoveries, without going out of his study, than we have learned of those that have gone round the world.

The first of his demands is; whether it be true, that in the kingdom of Kachemire there are Jews settled there from immemorial times; and if so, whether they have the holy scripture, and if their old testament be altogether conform to ours?

The second is; that I would give you an account of what I have observed touching the Monsons, or the season of the ordinary rains in the Indies.

The third is; that I would give you my observations, and declare to you my thoughts concerning the wonderful regularity of the current of the sea, and the winds in the Indies.

The fourth is; whether the kingdom of Bengal is so fertile, so rich, and so beautiful, as it is said to be?

The fifth is; that I would at length decide unto you the old controversy touching the causes of the increase of the Nile.

Answer to the first demand, concerning the Jews.

I should indeed be very glad, as well as M. Thevenot, that there were Jews to be found in the valley of those mountains, who might be such, as I believe he would have them; I mean, of those ten tribes transported by Salmanaſſer. But you may assure him, that if anciently there have been of them in this place (as there is some reason to believe there were, there are none of them at present, and all the inhabitants of it are now either Gentiles or Mahometans; and that perhaps it is China where they may be found. For I have lately seen, in the hands of our reverend father, the Jesuit of Dehli, some letters of a German Jesuit, written from Pekin, taking notice, that he had there seen some of them that had preserved the Jewish religion, and the Old Testament, that knew nothing of the death of Jesus Christ, and that they would have even made this Jesuit their Kacan, if he would have foreborn to eat swine's flesh.

Mean time here also are not wanting several marks of Judaism. The first is, that at

the entering into this kingdom, after having passed the mountains of Pirepenjale, all the inhabitants I saw in the first villages seemed to me to be Jews in their garb and mein, and in something peculiar, which maketh us often discern nations from one another. I am not the only person that hath had this thought; our father, the Jesuit, and many of our Europeans had the same before me. The second is, that I have observed, that among the meaner sort of the people of this town, though they be Mahometans, yet the name of Mousa, that is Moses, is much used. The third, that commonly they say, that Solomon came into their country, and that it was he that cut the mountain of Baramoule to give an outlet to the waters. The fourth, that they say, Moses died at Kachemire, and that his tomb is one league distant from this town. The fifth, that they pretend, that that little and very ancient edifice, which appears from hence upon an high mountain, was built by Solomon, and that thence they call it to this very day the Throne of Solomon. So that I would not deny, but that some Jews may have penetrated hither; and that in length of time they may have lost the purity of their law, turned idolaters, at last Mahometans. In short, we see store of the Jewish nation that have passed into Persia to Lar, Hpahan, and also into Indostan, on the side of Goa and Cochin. I have been informed, that there were of them in Æthiopia, even gallant and military men, and some of them so considerable and potent, that there was one of them, fifteen or sixteen years ago, that had attempted to make himself king of a little country of the mountains of a very hard access; if it be true, what two ambassadors of the king of Æthiopia, that were lately in this court, related to me.

Answer to the second demand, about the stated rains in the Indies.

The sun is so strong and violent in the Indies all the year long, and principally for the space of eight months, that he would burn all, and render the country barren and uninhabitable, if providence had not particularly provided and disposed things in so admirable a way, as in the month of July, when the heats are most violent, rains begin regularly to fall, which continuing for three months together, do temper the earth, and render it very fruitful, and so qualify the air that it may be endured. Yet are not these rains so regular, that they fall always just at the same time; of which I have made many observations in different places, and principally at Dehli, where I lived a long while. The like is found in other countries; and there is always some difference in the time from year to year: for sometimes they begin or end a fortnight or three weeks sooner, sometimes later; and there are also some years, in which they are not so plentiful as in others; inasmuch that two years together it did almost not rain at all, which caused much sickness, and great famine. Besides, there is also this difference, in respect of countries different and remote from one another; that these rains ordinarily begin sooner, or are more plentiful in one than in the other. For example, in Bengal and along the coast of Coromandel, as far as to the isle of Ceilan, they begin and end a month sooner than towards the coast of Malabar: and in Bengal these rains are pouring down for four months, and sometimes continue for eight days and nights together without intermission; whereas at Dehli and Agra they are never so strong, nor so durable, there passing sometimes two or three whole days without any rain; and ordinarily the whole morning, from break of day until about nine or ten o'clock, it rains but very little or nothing. But the most considerable difference I have observed, is, that the rains in divers places come from different quarters of the world; as about
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Dehli they come from the east, where lies Bengal; whereas, on the contrary, in the parts of Bengal, and upon the coast of Coromandel, they come from the south; and upon the coast of Malabar they proceed almost always from the west.

I have also observed another particular, about which they all agree in those parts; viz. That according as the heat of the summer comes sooner or later, is more or less violent, and lasts longer or a shorter time; the rains also come sooner or later, are more or less plentiful, last longer or a shorter time.

These observations have given me ground to believe, that the heat of the earth and the rarefaction of the air must be the principal cause of these rains, and draw them; forasmuch as the air of the seas, which lie near round about the lands, being colder, more condensed and more gross, filled with clouds which the great heats of the summer raise from the waters, and which the winds drive and agitate, dischargeth itself easily upon the land, where the air is hotter, more rarified, in more motion and less resisting than upon the seas, so as that this discharge is more or less tardy and abundant, according as the heat comes sooner and is more violent.

Suitable to the same observations, I was persuaded, that if the rains begin sooner upon the coast of Coromandel than upon that of Malabar, it is by reason that the summer begins there sooner, it being possible that there it may do so for some particular reasons which perhaps would not be hard to find, if the country were well examined: for we know, that according to the different situation of a land in respect of seas or mountains, and according as it is more sandy, or hilly, or woody, the summer comes there either sooner or later, and with more or less violence.

I am further persuaded, that it is no wonder, that the rains come from different quarters; that upon the coast of Coromandel, for example, they come from the south, and upon that of Malabar from the west; because that in all appearance it must be the nearest seas that send them, and the coast of Coromandel is nearer to the sea, which lyeth southerly in respect of it, and is more exposed to it, as the coast of Malabar is to the west of it, lying towards Babel-mandel, Arabia, and the gulf of Persia.

Lastly, I have imagined, that if at Dehli, for example, the rains come from the east, it may yet be that the seas which are southerly to it are the origin of them; but that they are forced by reason of some mountains, or some other lands where the air is colder, more condensed and more resisting, to turn aside and discharge themselves another way, where the air is more rarified, and where consequently they find less resistance.

I forgot to tell you, that I also observed at Dehli, that there it never rains to purpose, till for many days there have passed store of clouds westward; as if it were necessary that those spaces of air which are beyond Dehli westward, should be first filled with clouds, and that these clouds finding there some obstacle, as it may be some air less hot and less rarified, and consequently more condensed and more able to resist, or some other contrary clouds and winds repelling them, should become so thick, so burthenome and so heavy, that they must fall down in rain, after the same manner as it often enough falls out, when the wind driveth the clouds against some high mountain.

Answer to the third demand, concerning the regularity of the current of the sea, and of the winds in the Indies.

As soon as the rains do cease (which ordinarily comes to pass towards the month of October,) it is observed, that the sea taketh its course southward, and that the cold northern wind ariseth. This wind blows for four or five months without intermission,

termiffion, and without ftorms, always keeping the fame equality as to its ftrength and quarter, unlefs it change or ceafe a day or fo by accident, but then it returns again unto its former place and temper. After that time, for two months or thereabout, the other winds do reign without any rule. Thefe two months being paff, which is called the intermediate feafon, or, according to the Hollanders, the wavering or changing feafon, the fea returns back from fouth to north, and the fouth wind rifeth to reign alfo in his turn for four or five months, as the current of the fea doth; fo that there pafs two months of intermediate feafon; during which navigation is very difficult and dangerous whereas during the two feafons it is very eafy, pleafant, and without peril, except it be about the end of the feafon of the fouth-wind. Hence you may find caufe not to wonder, if you hear that the Indians, though elfe very timorous and inexpert in the art of navigation, do notwithstanding make pretty long and confiderable voyages; as when they fail from Bengal to Tanaffery, Achem, Malaque, Sian and Makaffar; or to Malipatan, Ceilan, the Maldives, Moka, and Bender-Abaffy; becaufe they take their time to go with one good feafon, and to return with the other. 'Tis true, that oft enough they are furprized and caft away; but that is, when they cannot difpatch their affairs in good time, or fail of taking their meafures. Our Europeans alfo do fometimes lofe themfelves, though they be far better feamen, bolder and more understanding, and their fhips better condition'd and equipp'd.

Of thefe two intermediate feafons, that which maketh the fouth-wind is incomparably more dangerous than the other, and much more fubject to tempefts and ftorms: and even in the feafon itfelf this wind is ordinarily much more impetuous and unequal than that of the north. And here I muft not omit to give you a remark, which is, that about the end of the feafon of the fouth-wind, during the time of the rain, although there be a great calm out at fea, yet 'tis very tempeftuous near the coafts, to the diftance of fifteen or twenty leagues, whence the fhips of Europe, or others, when they will approach the Indian coafts, for example, of Surat, or Malipatan, muft be very careful of taking their time to arrive juft after the rains; or elfe they run great hazard of being fplit and loft upon the coaft.

This is very near what I could obferve of the feafons in thefe parts; of which I much wifh I could give you a good reafon. I fhall venture to tell you, that it came into my thoughts, firft, that the air, which environs the globe of the earth, ought to be efteemed to have a fhare in it, as alfo the water of the fea and rivers, forasmuch as both the one and the other gravitate upon this globe, tend to the fame centre of it, and fo are in fome manner united and faftened to it; fo that from thefe three bodies, the air, the water and the earth, there results, as it were, one great globe. Next, that the globe of the earth being fufpended and balanced, as it is, in its place, in that free and unrefifted fpace, where the Creator thought good to place it, would be capable to be eafily moved, if fome adventitious body fhould come againft it and hit it. Thirdly, that the fun having paff the line to move towards one of the poles, for example, the Arctic, coming to caft its rays that way, maketh there impreffion enough to deprefs a little the Arctic pole, and to do that more and more according as it advanceth towards the Tropic; letting it rife again by little and little, according as he returns towards the line, until by the force of his rays he do the like on the fide of the Antartic pole.

If thefe fuppositions, joined to that of the diurnal motion of the earth, were true, it were not, methinks, without reafon what is commonly affirmed in the Indies, viz. that the fun conducts and carries with him the fea and wind. For, if it be true, that having paffed the line to go towards one of the poles, he caufeth a change in the direction of the axis of the earth, and a depression in the pole on that fide, the other pole muft needs

be raised, and that consequently the sea and the air, being two fluid and heavy bodies, run down in this inclination: so that it would be true to say, that the sun advancing towards one pole, causeth on that side two great regular currents, viz. that of the sea, and that of the air which maketh the monsoon wind, as he causeth two opposite ones, when he returns towards the other pole.

Upon this ground, methinks, it might be said, that there are no other but two main opposite fluxes of the sea, one from the side of the pole Arctic, the other from that of the Antarctic; that if there were a sea from one pole to the other, that passed through our Europe, we should see, that these two currents would there be regular every where, as they are in the Indies, and that that which hinders this regularity of the flux from being general, is, that the seas are intercepted by lands, which impede, break, and vary their course; in like manner as some say, that the ordinary flux and reflux of the sea is hindered in those seas that lie in length, as the Mediterranean doth from east to west. And so likewise might it be said upon the same foundation, that there are but two principal opposite winds or fluxes of the air, and that they would be universally regular, if the earth were perfectly smooth and equal, and one part like another every where.

An answer to the fourth question, concerning the fertility, riches, and beauty of the kingdom of Bengal.

All ages have spoken of Egypt, as of the best and fruitfulest part of the world; and writers will not grant, there is any country comparable to it: but as far as I can see by the two voyages I have made in the kingdom of Bengal, I am of opinion, that that advantage belongs rather to it, than to Egypt. It bears rice in that abundance, that it not only furnishes its neighbours, but many very remote parts. 'Tis carried up the river Ganges to Patna; and 'tis transported by sea to Malipatan, and to many other ports of the coast of Cormandel. Besides, 'tis sent away into foreign kingdoms, and principally into Ceilon and the Maldives. Further, it also abounds in sugar, so that it furnishes with it the kingdoms of Golkonda and Karnates, where there grows but very little. Arabia also and Mesopotamia are thence provided with it, by the way of Moka and Bassora; and Persia itself, by Bander-Abassy. Moreover, Bengal is also the country of good comfits, especially in those places where the Portuguese are, who are dextrous in making them, and drive a great trade with them. They ordinarily make store of those big pome-citrons, as we have in Europe; and a certain root, which is longish, like sarsaparilla, and very delicate; and of that common fruit of the Indies called amba, and of ananas, and the small miribolans, which are excellent; as also of lemons and ginger.

'Tis true, that the country of Bengal yields not so much corn as Egypt; but if that be a defect; it is imputed to its inhabitants that eat very little bread, and much more rice than the Egyptians; yet it always bears what is sufficient for the country, and to afford excellent biscuits, very cheap, for the provision of our European ships, English, Dutch, and Portuguese. You may there have, almost for nothing, those three or four kinds of legumes, which together with rice and butter, are the most usual food of the meaner people. And for a rupy, which is about half a crown, you may have twenty good pullets or more; geese and ducks in proportion. There are also kids and sheep in abundance, and such store of Pork, that the Portuguese, settled there and accustomed to the country, live almost on nothing else but that; and the English and Dutch victual their ships with it. There is also plenty of many sorts of fish, both fresh and salt: and in a word, Bengal is a country abounding in all things; and 'tis for this

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very reason, that so many Portugueze, Mesticks, and other Christians are fled thither from those quarters, which the Dutch have taken from them. For the Jesuits and Augustinians, that have great churches there, wherein they exercise their religion with all freedom, did assure me, that in Ogouli alone there were no less than eight or nine thousand souls of Christians; and (which I will easily believe) that in the rest of that kingdom there were above twenty-five thousand. And 'tis this affluence of all those things necessary for life, joined to the beauty and good humour of the women natives, that hath occasioned this proverb amongst the Portugueze, English and Hollanders, viz. that there are an hundred open gates to enter into the kingdom of Bengal, and not one to come away again.

As to the commodities of great value, and which draw the commerce of strangers thither, I know not whether there be a country in the world, that affords more and greater variety; for, besides the sugar I have spoken of, which may be numbered amongst the commodities of value, there is such store of cottons and silks, that it may be said, that Bengal is, as it were, the general magazine thereof, not only for Indostan or the empire of the great Mogol, but also for all the circumjacent kingdoms, and for Europe itself. I have sometimes stood amazed at the vast quantity of cotton cloth of all sorts, fine and others, tinged and white; which the Hollanders alone draw from thence; and transport into many places, especially into Japon and Europe; not to mention what the English, Portugal and Indian merchants carry away from those parts. The like may be said of the silks and silk-stuffs of all sorts; one would not imagine the quantity that is hence transported every year; for this country furnishes generally all this great empire of Mogol, as far as Lahor and Caboul; and most of the other foreign parts, whither cotton cloth is carried. 'Tis true, that these silks are not so fine as those of Persia, Syria, Sayd and Barnt; but then there is also a great difference in the price; and I know from good hands, that whosoever shall take care of choosing them well, and of getting them well wrought, may have very good stuffs made of them. The Hollanders alone have sometimes seven hundred or eight hundred men of the natives at work in their factory of Kasse-Bazar; as the English and other merchants have theirs in proportion.

It is also in Bengal, where that prodigious quantity of salt-petre is found, which is so conveniently carried down the river Ganges from Patna, and where the English and Dutch load whole ships full for many places of the Indies, and for Europe.

Lastly, 'tis Bengal, whence the good lacca, opium, wax, civet, long pepper do come; and even butter is to be had there in so great plenty, that though it be a gross commodity, yet notwithstanding 'tis thence transported into divers places.

It cannot be denied that the air, in regard of strangers, is not so healthy there, especially near the sea: and when the English and Hollauders first came to settle there, many of them died; and I have seen in Balafor two very fine English ships, which having been obliged, by reason of the war of the Hollanders, to stay there above a year, were not able to go to sea, because most of their men were lost. Yet since the time they have taken care and made orders, as well as the Hollanders, that their people shall not drink so much Bouleponges, nor go so often ashore to visit the sellers of arrack and tobacco, and the Indian women, and since they have found, that a little wine of Bourdeaux, Canary or Chiras is a marvellous antidote against the ill air, there is not so much sickness amongst them, nor do they now lose so many men. Bouleponge is a certain beverage made of arrack, that is, of strong water, black sugar, with the juice of lemon-water and a little muscadine upon it; which is pleasant enough to the taste, but a plague to the body and to health.

And to the beauty of the country, you are to know, that all Bengal, taking it near an hundred leagues in length on both sides of Ganges, from Rajehale unto the sea, is full of great channels, formerly cut out of the river Ganges with vast labour, reaching far into the country for the conveniency of transporting commodities, and the water itself, which by the Indians is counted the best in the world. These channels are on both sides lined with well peopled villages and boroughs of Gentiles, and the large fields, lying near them, bear abundance of rice, sugar, corn, legumes, mustard, sezamum for oil, small mulberries of two or three foot high, to feed silk worms. But then the vast number of great and small isles that are in the midst of Ganges, and fill all that great space of six or seven days journey, (as there is in some places of this river from one side to the other;) this giveth an incomparable beauty to the country: for, they are very fertile, filled with fruit-bearing trees, Ananas', and all sorts of verdure, and interlaced with a thousand little channels, which you cannot see the end of, as if they were so many water mails all covered with trees. The worst of it is, that many of these isles that are next the sea, are now abandoned, by reason of those Corsairs, the Franguis of Rakan, elsewhere spoken of; and that they have at present no other inhabitants but tigers (which sometimes swim over from one island to the other), and gazelles, and hogs, and poultry grown wild. And 'tis upon the account of these tigers, that for people travelling between these little isles in small boats, as usually they do, 'tis dangerous in many places to land; besides, great care is to be had, that the boat, which in the night is fastened to trees, be not too near the bank; for there are now and then some men surprized; and I have heard it said, that tigers have been so bold as to come into the boats, and to carry away men that were asleep, chusing the biggest and fattest of them, if one may believe the water-men of the country.

I remember, I made once a voyage of ten days, from Pipli to Ogouli, between those isles and channels; which I cannot forbear to relate to you, because there passed not a day without some extraordinary accident. My chaloupe of seven oars was no sooner got out of the river Pipli, and advanced 3 or 4 leagues into the sea along the coast, to gain the isles and channels, but we saw the sea covered with fishes like huge carps, pursued by a shoal of dolphins. I made my men row that way, and saw that most of those fishes lay along the coast as if they were dead; that some advanced a little, others played and tumbled as if they were drunk. We all laboured to take some of them, and we caught 24 with our hands without any difficulty. Viewing them, I observed, that out of all their mouths there came out a bladder (like those that are in carps,) which was full of air, and reddish at the end. I imagined easily, that this must be the bladder which kept them from sinking; but I could not conceive, why it should thus come out of their mouth, unless it were that they had been long and close pursued by those dolphins, and had made so great an effort to fly away as to make this bladder thus swell, and colour, and to hang out of their mouth. I afterwards told this thing to an hundred seamen, but they could not believe it, and I never found but one Dutch pilot, who told me, that sailing once upon the coast of China, he had met with the like, and that presently they put out their boat to sea, and took, as I did, with their hands abundance of fishes.

The day after, about even, we came among those isles, and after we had looked for a place where 'twas likely no tigers would come, we landed, made a fire, dressed a couple of pullets, and our fish, which was excellent. Presently after supper I made my men row until night, and for fear of losing our way between those channels in the dark, we retired out of the great channel, and found a good shelter in some small creek, where we fastened our boat to a thick branch of a tree, far enough from the

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land, for fear of tygers. In the night, when I was watching, there fell out a philosophical accident, of which kind two had happened to me before at Dehli. I saw a rainbow of the moon, which I shewed to all my company, and which very much surpris'd two Portugueze pilots I had taken into my boat at the desire of a friend, who had never seen nor heard of such a thing.

The third day we went a-stray between these channels, and if we had not met with some Portuguezes making salt in one of the isles, that directed us in our way, I know not what would have become of us. But behold another philosophical accident. In the night, being got again under shelter in a little channel, my Portuguezes that still were concerned about the rainbow of the last night, and whom that observation had made more curious to behold the heavens, awakened me, and shew me another, as fair and as well formed as that was, which I had shewed them. Mean time I would not have you think, that I mistook an Iris or rainbow for a Corona, or crown. There is no month almost but at Dehli these lunar rainbows are seen in the season of the rains, when the moon is high above the horizon : and I found that it must be so ; having seen of them three or four nights one after another, and sometimes double ones. They were not circles about the moon, but opposite to her, and in the like position with solar rainbows : and as often as I have seen them, the moon was westward, and the rainbow eastward. The moon was also near full ; which, in my opinion, is necessary ; because at other times she would not have light enough to form any. Lastly, these rainbows were not so white as the crowns use to be, but much more coloured, insomuch that there might be discern'd in them some distinction of colours. And thus you see, how I have been more happy than the ancients, who, according to Aristotle, had observed none such before him.

The fourth day about evening we retired out of the great channel, as we used to do, into a very fair place of safety ; but had one of the most extraordinary nights that ever I knew. There was not a breath of wind, and the air was so hot and stuffy that we could scarce breathe. The bushes round us were so full of those little shining worms, that they seem'd to be on fire ; and there arose fires here and there, which were like flames, and frightened my seamen, who said, they were devils. Among the rest there arose two, that were very extraordinary ; one was a great globe of fire, which in falling and spinning lasted above the time of saying a Pater-noster ; and the other, which lasted about a quarter of an hour, was like a little tree all in a flame.

The night of the fifth day was terrible and dangerous. There arose so great a storm, that though we were under the shelter of trees, and that our small boat was well fastned, yet notwithstanding all that, the wind broke our cable, and was casting us into the great channel, where we had infallibly perished, if I had not, together with my two Portuguezes, presently laid hold on the branches of some trees, where we held fast for above two hours, whilst the storm lasted : for there was no assistance to be expected from my Indian oar-men, whom fright had made incapable to help us in this occasion. But, what was most troublesome and amazing, there fell a rain as if it had been poured down with buckets, which filled our boat, and was accompanied with such lightning and thunder-claps, very near our head, that every moment we thought we should sink.

The remainder of our voyage unto the ninth day, when I arriv'd at Ogouli, we pass'd very well and with pleasure ; for I could not be satisfis'd with beholding such beautiful countries : mean time my trunk and all my baggage was wet, my pullets dead, my fish spoiled, and all my biscuit drunk with water.

Answer

Answer to the Fifth Question, about the increase of the Nile.

I do not know, whether I shall acquit myself, in respect of this Fifth Question, as it were to be wished: but I shall faithfully impart to you what I have set down of it, after I had twice observed the Nile's increase, and carefully examined the same, and taken notice withal of some things in the Indies, which have afforded me greater aids for it, than that learned man could have, that hath so ingeniously written of it, though he never saw Egypt but in his study.

I have already said in another place, that at the time when the two ambassadors of Ethiopia were at Dehli, my Agah Danechmend-kan, who is extraordinarily curious, sent often for them, to inform himself, in my presence, of the condition and government of their country; and one day, amongst other things, we occasioned them to discourse of the source of the Nile, which they call Abbabile; whereof they spake to us as a thing so known that no body doubted of it, and where one of these ambassadors, and a Mogolian that was returned with him out of Æthiopia, had been in person. They told us, that it taketh its origin in the country of Agaus, and issueth out of the earth at two big bubbling springs, near one another, which form a small lake of about thirty or forty paces long; that at the coming out of this lake it is then already a pretty river, and that from place to place it receiveth other rivers which enlarge it. They added, that it runs hending, and forming a great peninsula, and that after several Cascata's from steep rocks, it falls into a great lake, which is not above four or five days journey from its source, in the country of Dumbia or Dembea, three little days journey from Gonder, the metropolis of Æthiopia; that having traversed that lake, it issueth thence swelled with all the waters that fall there, passeth through Sonnar, the principal city of the King of Funges or Barbaris, tributary to the King of Æthiopia, running on and making the cataracts, and so entering into the plains of Messer which is Egypt.

After we had learned these particularities of the source and course of the Nile, I asked him, (to judge whereabout the source of the Nile might be) towards which part of the world they believed the country of Dumbia, wherein is Gonder, to be, in respect of Babel-mandel? But they knew not what to answer to this, but only, that they went always westward; and especially the Mahometan ambassador (who was obliged to know better, and to take more notice of the position of the world, than the Christian, because the Turks are obliged, in saying their prayers to turn themselves towards Mecca) did assure me that I was not at all to doubt thereof; which did astonish me very much, because, according to their description, the source of the Nile should be much on this side of the equinoctial, whereas all our maps, with Ptolemy, place it a good way beyond it.

We also asked them, at what time it did use to rain in Æthiopia, and whether there were regular seasons of rain as in the Indies? To which they answered, that it rained almost never upon that coast of the Red-Sea, from Suaken, Arkiko, and the isle of Masouva to Babel-mandel, no more than it doth at Moka, which is on the other side, in the Happy Arabia; but that in the heart of the country, in the province of Agaus, and in that of Dumbia and the circumjacent places it rained much for two of the hottest months of the summer, and at the same time when it rained in the Indies; which was also, according to my computation, the very time of the increase of the Nile in Egypt. They said further, that they knew very well, it was the rain of Ethiopia,

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which swelled the Nile, overflowed Egypt, and fertilized the ground of it by the slime it carried upon it; and that it was even therefore, that the kings of Ethiopia pretended a tribute to be due to them out of Egypt, and that, when the Mahometans made themselves masters of it, ill treating the Christians of the country, they had a mind to turn the course of the Nile another way, viz. into the Red Sea, thereby to ruin Egypt and to render it infertile; but that this design miscarried by reason of the great difficulties in effecting the thing.

All these particulars, which I had already learned, when I passed over to Moka, from a dozen merchants, that come there every year in the name of the King of Ethiopia to attend the Indian trading vessels, are considerable to make us judge, that the Nile increaseth not but by the rains which fall without Egypt towards the source of that river: but the particular observations, I have made upon two increases of this river, make them yet more so; for, in reference to all those stories, that are made of it, as, that 'tis on a determined day it begins to increase; that on the first day of its increase there falls a certain dew, which maketh the plague cease, so that nobody dieth any more of it after that hath once fallen; and that there are peculiar and hidden causes of the overflowing of the Nile: in reference, I say, to these stories, I have found during the said two inundations, that they are but tales fancied and amplified by the people of Egypt, naturally inclined to superstition, and amazed to see a river swell in summer in a country where it rains not: and I have found, that 'tis no otherwise with the Nile than 'tis with other rivers, that swell and overflow by plentiful rains, without any such fermentations of the nitrous soil of Egypt, which some have suggested as the cause thereof.

I have seen it swelled above a foot, and very turbid, near a whole month before that pretended determined day of its increase. I have observed during its increase, and before the channels were opened, that when it had grown for some days a foot or two, it afterwards decreased little by little, and then began to increase anew, and so went on to increase and decrease without any other measure but that of the rains that fall nigh the source, and, as is often seen in our river of Loire, according to the fall of more or less rain in the mountains whence it flows, and the days or half-days of fair weather there.

In my return from Jerusalem, going up from Damietta to Cairo, I chanced to be upon the Nile about a month before the pretended day of the dew-fall, and in the morning we were all wet of the dew fallen in the night.

I have been in Rosette at supper with Monsieur de Bermon, vice-consul of our nation, eight or ten days after this day of the dewfall, when three persons were struck with the plague, of whom there died, two within eight days, and the third, which was M. de Bermon himself, had perhaps not escaped, if I had not pierced his plague-sore; which presently infected myself like others; so that, if I had not forthwith taken some butter of Antimony, I might have been, as well as they, an example of the little certainty there is in the plague after the dew; but this emetic medicine in the beginning of the evil did wonders, and I kept but three or four days within doors, during which, I remember, my Bedouin that served me made no scruple to drink, in my presence, the remainder of my broth, to encourage me, and from his principle of predestination, to laugh at the fear we have of the plague. Yet experience shews, that after the day of the dew the plague is commonly not so dangerous as before, but the dew contributes nothing to that; 'tis only in my opinion, that then there is a greater opening of the pores, which gives a vent to the malign and pestiferous spirits, that were shut up in the body.

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Moreover, I have carefully enquired of some masters of boats, that had gone up as far as the ends of the plains of Egypt, that is, to the very rocks and cataracts; who assured me, that when the Nile did overflow in the plains of Egypt, where that pretended fermenting nitrous earth is, 'tis at the same time much swelled between those mountains of the cataracts, where, in all appearance, there is no such nitrous earth.

Besides, I have made diligent inquiry of those negroes of Sonnars, that come to serve at Cairo, and whose country, being tributary to the King of Ethiopia as I have said, lies upon the Nile between the mountains above Egypt; and they have assured me, that at the same time when the Nile is high and overflowing in Egypt, 'tis so also with them by reason of the rains then falling in their mountains, and higher up in the country of Habesche or Ethiopia.

The observations I have made in the Indies concerning the regular rains that fell at the same time when the Nile swells in Egypt, are also very considerable in this matter, and may make you imagine, that the Indus, Ganges, and all the other rivers of those parts are so many Niles, and the land, that is near their fall into the sea, so many Egypts. This was my thought of it in Bengal, and what follows are the very words I set down about it.

That great number of isles which are found in the gulf of Bengala at the mouth of the river Ganges, and which by lapse of time are joined to one another, and at length with the continent, put me in mind of the mouths of the Nile, where I have observed almost the same thing; so that as 'tis said, after Aristotle, that Egypt is the workmanship of the Nile, so it may be said, that Bengal is the work of the Ganges, only with this difference, that as the Ganges is incomparably bigger than the Nile, so he carrieth with him towards the sea a far greater quantity of earth; and so forms greater and more islands than the Nile; and that the islands of the Nile are destitute of trees, whereas those of Ganges are all covered with them, because of those four months of constant and plentiful rains that fall in the heart of the summer, and render it needless to cut channels in Bengal, to water and enrich the earth, as they do in Egypt. It is just so with Ganges and the other rivers of Indostan, as with the Nile; this and those increase in summer by the means of rain, which ordinarily fall at that time; except that then, and almost never, there are no rains in Egypt; but a little towards the sea, and that it rains not about the source of the Nile; whereas in the Indies it rains in all the countries, through which any rivers pass; except the kingdom of Scymdi towards the Persian gulf, where is the mouth of the river Indus; it happening that in some years it doth not rain there at all, though for all that the Indus swells there, and the fields are watered by the means of cut channels, just as in Egypt.

For the rest, concerning the desire of M. Thevenot, to impart to you my adventures of the Red Sea, of Suez, of Tor, of mount Sinai, of Gidda (that pretended holy land of Mahomet, half a day's journey distant from Mecca), as also of the isle of Camarane and Louhaya, and of whatever I could learn at Moka of the kingdom of Ethiopia, and of the most commodious way to enter into it; these particulars, I say, I shall in time draw fair out of my manuscripts if God permit.

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Some Particulars forgotten to be inserted in my first Book, to perfect the Map of Indostan, and to know the Revenue of the Great Mogol.

TO understand the better what follows, 'tis requisite to know the signification of these terms, viz.

1. Soubah, that is government and province.
2. Pragna, that is, the principal town, borough or village that hath many others depending from it, where rents are paid to the King, who is absolute lord of all the land of his empire.
3. Serkar, that is the exchequer of the King's treasure.
4. Kazinc, that is, treasure.
5. Roupie, the money of the country, equivalent to 29 or 30 pence.
6. Lecque, that is, an hundred thousand Roupies.
7. Courour, that is, an hundred Lecques.

1. Jehan-Abad, or Dehli, is the first Soubah ; it hath sixteen Serkars in its dependence, and 230 Pragnas : it yields to the King nineteen millions and five hundred twenty-five thousand Roupies.

2. Agra, otherwise called Akber-abad, is the second. It hath 14 Sekars, and 260 Pragnas ; yielding to the King twenty-five millions two hundred and twenty-five thousand Roupies.

3. Lahor hath 14 Serkars, and 314 Pragnas, bringing in to the King the rent of twenty-four millions six hundred and ninety-five thousand Roupies.

4. Hafner, which belongs to a Raja, yields to the King a tribute of twenty-one millions nine hundred and seventy thousand Roupies.

5. Gufarate, the capital whereof is Amadavad, hath 9 Serkars, and 190 Pragnas ; yielding to the King thirteen millions three hundred and ninety-five thousand Roupies.

6. The kingdom of Caudahar belongs to the King of Persia ; but the Pragnas that remain united to the crown of the Great Mogol, are 15, and yield in rent 1992500 Roupies.

7. Maloia hath 9 Serkars, 190 Pragnas ; bringing in 9162500 Roupies.

8. Patna, or Beara, hath 8 Serkars, and payeth the rent of 9580000 Roupies.

9. Elabas hath 17 Serkars, and 260 Pragnas ; rendring 9470000 Roupies.

10. Haoud hath 5 Serkars, and 149 Pragnas : it yields 6430000 Roupies.

11. Moulta hath 4 Serkars and 96 Pragnas : brings in 11840500 Roupies.

12. Jagannat, in which is comprehended Bengal, hath 11 Serkars, and 12 Pragnas ; it yields 7270000 Roupies.

13. Kachemire hath 5 Serkars, and 45 Pragnas ; yields 350000 Roupies.

14. Caboul hath 35 Pragnas, and brings in 3272500 Roupies.

15. Tata hath 4 Serkars and 54 Pragnas, and giveth 2320000 Roupies.

16. Aureng-abad, formerly Dault-abad, hath 8 Serkars, and 79 Pragnas : yields 17227500 Roupies.

17. Varada hath 20 Serkars and 191 Pragnas ; yielding 15875000 Roupies.

18. Candays, whose principal town is Brampour, hath 3 Serkars, and 103 Pragnas : it brings in 18550000 Roupies.

19. Talengand, which borders upon the kingdom of Golkonda on the side of Maslipatan, hath 43 Pragnas, and payeth in rent 6885000 Roupies.

20. Baganala, on the confines of the lands of the Portugueses, and the mountains of Seva-gi (that Raja which plundered Surat), hath 2 Serkars, and 8 Pragnas; paying the rent of 500000 Roupies.

According to these particulars, which I take not to be the most exact or the most true, the Great Mogol's yearly revenue of his lands alone would amount to above two Kourours of Roupies.

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EXTRACT FROM TAVERNIER'S VOYAGES.

CHAP. I.—*Of Diamonds, and the Mines and Rivers where they are found; and in the first place of the Author's Journey to the Mine of Raolconda.*

THE diamond is the most precious of all stones, and it is the trade to which I am the most attached. In endeavouring to acquire a perfect knowledge of them I visited all the mines, and one of the two rivers where they are found; and as the idea of danger has never impeded me in my travels, the dreadful picture given me of these mines, as being placed in the most barbarous countries, only attainable by the most dangerous roads, was neither capable of frightening or deterring me from my design. I have consequently visited the four mines mentioned in the following description, and one of the two rivers from whence diamonds are procured, and have neither met with those difficulties nor that barbarity, which some persons, but ill acquainted with the nature of these countries, had taught me to expect. I can also say that I have set an example for others, and am the first European who have shewn the way to these mines to the Franks, as these are the only parts of the earth where diamonds are found.

The first of the mines I visited, is situated in the territories of the King of Visapour in the province of Carnatica, the place is called Raolconda, it is five days' journey from Golconda, and eight or nine from Visapour. As the kings of Golconda and Visapour were formerly subjects of the Mogul, and governors of these provinces, which they possess in consequence of their revolt, it may be said, and is said by many persons, that diamonds are found in the kingdom of the Great Mogul. It is but two hundred years since or thereabouts, that the mine of Raolconda has been discovered, according to the information I received from the people of that country.

All around the place where the diamonds are found, the earth is sandy and full of rocks and coppice woods, nearly similar to the environs of Fontainebleau. In these rocks are several veins, sometimes half an inch in breadth, and sometimes an entire inch, and the miners have little iron rods bent at the end, which they thrust in these veins to draw out the sand or earth, which they put into vessels, and it is amongst this earth that the diamonds are found. But because these veins are not always regular, sometimes rising and sometimes falling, they are obliged to break the rocks in order to follow their track. After they have opened them all, and collected the earth or sand they contain, they wash it two or three times, and seek for the diamonds. It is from this mine that the diamonds of the finest water are procured; but the worst is, that in order to facilitate the separating the sand from the rock, they give such forcible strokes with a great iron lever, that shocking the diamonds it causes them to be flawed; This is the cause of so many damaged stones being found in this mine; for when the miners see a stone where the crack is a little large, they cleave it, a practice in which they are more skilled than we. If the stone is clear they only turn it on the wheel, taking no pains to shape it for fear of diminishing its weight. But if it has some little flaw, or any small specks of red or black sand, they cover the stone with facets, in order to conceal its defects; and if it has some very small flaw, they cover that also by

the edge of one of the facets. But it must be observed, that as the merchant likes better to see a black spot than a red one in a stone; when they meet with a stone having a red spot, they burn it, which causes it to appear black. With this artifice I became at length so well acquainted, that on seeing a quantity of stones produced from the mine, some of which had facets, and particularly those with small facets, I was well assured such stones had some little speck or flaw.

There are a number of diamond cutters belonging to this mine, each of which has one wheel only, which is of steel, and is nearly the size of our plates. They place but one stone on each wheel, which they keep continually supplying with water, till they have found the way of the stone. That done, they take oil and are not sparing of the diamond powder, it being cheap, causing the stone to run quicker, and they load the stone with more of it than is usual with us. I have seen one hundred and fifty pounds of lead put upon one stone; it was, it is true, a large stone, and weighed one hundred and three carats after it was cut, which was done on a mill after our fashion, and the great wheel was turned by four negroes. The Indians are not of the same opinion with us, and do not believe it is the burden which occasions the flaws in the stones. If theirs take no flaw, it is because they keep always a little boy, who, with a small spatula of wood held in his hand, continually supplies the wheel with oil and diamond powder: to which may be added, their wheel goes not so fast as ours, because the wooden wheel which works that of steel is not much more than three feet in diameter.

They have not the art of giving that fine polish to the stones, as we do in Europe; which I suppose is owing to their wheel not running so smooth as ours. For it being of steel, they, when it requires to be rubbed with emery, which is necessary every twenty-four hours, are obliged to take it from the tree, and in replacing it are not able to make it run so smooth as it should do. If as with us they had iron wheels, for which no emery is required but the file is used; as there is no occasion to take the wheel from the tree in order to file it, they might then give a finer polish to their stones than they are at present able to do. I have before observed, that it is necessary every twenty-four hours to rub the wheel with emery, or to file it, and it would if the workman is not idle be better if it was done every twelve hours. For when the stone has run a certain time, that part of the wheel on which it turned becomes smooth as glass, and if fresh furrows are not made with emery or the file the powder will not stay on it; without which so much work cannot be done in two hours as in one with it.

Though the diamond is naturally hard and has in it a sort of knot similar to that in wood, yet the Indian diamond cutters always cut the stone, which Europeans find great difficulty in doing, and frequently will not undertake, choosing rather to give something to the Indians for shaping it.

To return to the order of the mines. Traffic is there carried on liberally and with fidelity. On all that is bought, a duty of two per cent. is paid to the King, who also derives a revenue from the merchants for permission to dig the mines. These merchants, after having in company with the miners examined the spots where the diamonds are found, select a place of about two hundred feet in extent, where they employ fifty and sometimes a hundred miners, according to the expedition required. From the time they commence mining, the merchants for fifty men pay daily to the King two pagodas, and four when a hundred are employed.

These poor people gain no more than three pagodas a-year, and must be expert at their trade to acquire even that. As their wages are so small, they make no scruple in searching among the sand to conceal if possible a stone for their own profit, and being entirely naked with the exception of a small cloth around their middle, they

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dexterously endeavour to swallow them. The chief of the merchants one day pointed out to me a miner that had worked for him several years, who had secreted a stone that weighed a mengelin, which is nearly equal to two of our carats. He had hid it in the corner of his eye, from whence it was taken on discovering the theft. To prevent this knavery, over every fifty miners, there are always from twelve to fifteen persons employed by the merchants, to see that they steal nothing. If they by chance find a stone that weighs beyond 7 or 8 mangelins they carry it to the head miner, who rewards them with a *farpo* which is a piece of linen cloath to make a cap, of the value of from twenty-five to thirty-pence, which is generally accompanied with half a pagoda in silver, and sometimes a pagoda when they don't give them rice, and a dish of sugar.

The merchants who resort to the mine to trade, remaining at their homes, every morning about ten or eleven o'clock, the master miners after they have dined (for the Banians never stir from their houses till they have washed their bodies and broken their fast) bring the diamonds for their inspection. If the quantity is large and there be amongst them stones of the value of from two thousand to perhaps fifteen or sixteen thousand crowns, they leave them in trust for seven or eight days or more with the merchant for his consideration. When he has examined the stones, the seller again visits him, and he must then if he wishes to purchase, conclude the bargain immediately; otherwise the owner takes them away tied in the corner of his girdle, or cap, or shirt, and he never sees the same stones again, at least they are mixed with others if he comes to visit you with another collection. When the bargain is concluded, the buyer gives a note for the amount, drawn on the *cheraf*, who is the person that pays and receives all bills of exchange. If it is agreed to pay in three or four days, and a longer delay is required, he must pay at the rate of one and a half per cent. per month interest. In general when they know the merchant to be safe, they like better to receive a bill of exchange for Agra, Golconda, or Visapour, but more especially for Surat, where as being the greatest Indian port, they go to buy the merchandize exported in foreign vessels, which tells to their advantage.

It is a pleasing sight of a morning to see the young children of the merchants and others, from the age of ten to fifteen or sixteen, all assembled under a great tree, which is in the market place; each with a quantity of diamonds in a little bag hung on one side, and on the other a purse fastened to his sash, in which some have from five to six hundred pagodas of gold. There they sit waiting till some person comes to offer them diamonds for sale, either from that or any other mine. When any thing is brought, it is put into the hands of the oldest, who is regarded as the chief of the band; he after examining it, puts it into the hands of the next, and so on from one to another till it returns to his own, without any one speaking a word. He then enquires the price of the merchandize, in order to purchase it if possible, and if by chance he buys it too dear it is at his own loss. When evening comes, these children collect together all they have bought in the course of the day, and after examining the different stones, separate them according to their water, weight, and clearness, then affixing on each a price nearly according with what they can sell them for to strangers, they, by comparing it with the price given, see what advantage remains to themselves. Lastly, carrying them to some of those great merchants who have always large assortments on hand, the profit is divided amongst them, only he that is the head or chief receives one quarter per cent. more than the rest. Although so young they are nevertheless such good judges of the value of stones, that if one of them should happen to purchase any thing, on which he is willing to lose half per cent. there is
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always one ready to give him the money; and in offering them a parcel of stones consisting perhaps of a dozen, they seldom fail to select four or five with some flaw, or speck or defect in the corners.

In general these Indians are much attached to strangers, and especially to those they call Fringuis. As soon as I had arrived at the mine I was welcomed by the governor of the place, who was also commander of the province for the King of Visapour. This was a Mahometan, who loaded me with caresses, assured me I was welcome, and observed that as no doubt I had brought gold with me, (for at all the mines of Golconda and Visapour they make use of new pagodas only, which is a particular species of gold), I had only to deposit it in my chamber where it would be perfectly secure, and he himself would be answerable for the whole of my effects. In addition to the servants I had brought with me, he presented me with four others, commanding them to keep a strict watch over my gold day and night, and do whatever I desired of them. A little while after I had taken my leave, he desired me to be brought to him; when entering his presence, I sent for you again, said he, to assure you once more that you have nothing to fear; eat, drink, and sleep, and take care of your health. I had also forgot to caution you against defrauding the King of his duty, to whom you must pay two per cent. on all that you buy. Don't you, continued he, do as some Mahometans that come to the mine, who leaguings with the merchants and courtiers to cheat the King of his duty, say they have bought for ten thousand pagodas only, when they have very likely purchased to the amount of fifty thousand. Then beginning to buy, I saw that there was a very great profit, the market being on the whole twenty per cent. better than at Golconda; added to which they sometimes discover very large stones.

One day towards evening a Banian but ill apparelled, having nothing but a sash round his body, and an old handkerchief on his head, civilly accosted me and seated himself down by my side. In that country they pay but little attention to dress, and some who have only an old wrapper round their loins, have nevertheless a large quantity of diamonds concealed about them. I civilly saluted the Banian on my part, who after he had been some time seated, enquired by my interpreter if I wished to buy some rubies? the interpreter replied, that he might shew them me, on which he drew from his sash a quantity of small cloths, in which were about twenty ruby rings. After having well examined them, I caused him to be told they were too small for me, and that I was in search of large stones. Nevertheless, recollecting that I had been requested by a lady at Ispahán to buy her a ruby ring of about one hundred crowns value, I bought one of these, which cost me something near four hundred francs. I was very well aware it was not worth more than three hundred, but willingly ventured a hundred francs in the idea that he had not accosted me on account of these rubies only; and judged rightly by his look that he wished to be alone with me and my interpreter, in order that he might shew me something better. As the time of prayer with the Mahometans drew near, three of the servants that the governor had given me retired, leaving the fourth to wait on me, whom I found means to get rid off, by sending him to buy us some bread, which I knew would take him a considerable time. For the people of this country being all idolators are accustomed to live on rice and eat no bread, which any one that wants must send for at a considerable distance to a fortress of the King of Visapour, which is inhabited by none but Mahometans. The Banian then being left alone with me and my interpreter, after many formalities drew off his turban, and untwisted his hair which according to their custom was fastened up to his head. He then drew from his hair a small piece of linen cloth in which was inclosed a diamond weighing 48 of our

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As I was examining the stone, the Banian observing the attention with which I surveyed it, said to me, don't trouble yourself to examine it now, you shall see it to-morrow morning at leisure when you are alone. When a quarter of a day has passed, (it is thus they speak), you will find me at the outside of the town, when if you wish to have the stone you can bring me the money, at the same time telling me what sum he would take for it. For it must be observed by the bye, that after a quarter of the day has passed, these Banians, men as well as women, return to the city or town where they live, having previously quitted it, as well to satisfy the ordinary calls of nature, as to wash their bodies and attend their priests at prayer. The Banian had appointed me to meet him at this time, not being willing that any person should see us together. I did not fail to attend, taking with me the sum he had demanded, except two hundred pagodas which I set apart; but at last after some dispute I was obliged to give him another hundred. At my return to Surat, I sold this stone to a Dutch captain, by which I gained an honest profit.

Three days after I had made this purchase, there came to me a messenger from Golconda on the part of an apothecary named Boete, whom I had left at Golconda to receive and take care of a part of my money, which in case the cheraf paid in rupees he was to get changed for pagodas of gold. The day succeeding that on which he received payment, he was taken with so violent a diarrhoea, that he died in a few days. In the letter which he wrote me, he informed me of his sickness, and of his having received my money, which was all in my chamber concealed in bags, and not expecting to live more than two days, he urged me to hasten my return, as not thinking it perfectly secure in the hands of the servants I had left with him. As soon as I had received his letter, I repaired to the governor in order to take leave of him; at which he was much surprised and asked me if I had expended all my money? I replied, that I had not yet spent half of it, and had still twenty thousand pagodas left. He then said, he would if I was willing employ it for me, at the same time assuring me I should lose nothing by any purchases of his making. He also asked me to let him see what I had bought, although previously very well informed on that head, from the custom of the sellers being obliged to give him an account of what they sell, in order that the king may not lose the two per cent. payable on all that is bought. I then shewed him what I had purchased, at the same time declaring what it had cost me, which was entered in the book of the Banian who receives the King's duty. I likewise paid him the two per cent on the amount, which having received, he said he saw plainly that the Franguis were honest people, of which he was still better persuaded on my producing the stone of 48½ carats; saying, Signior, that is not entered in the book of the Banian, and there is no one in the city knows of my buying it, neither would you yourself have known it, but for my own confession, for I do not wish to defraud the King of his duty; there is what is due according to the price I gave for the stone. The governor seemed much surprised and pleased with the whole proceeding, praised me much, told me I had acted like an honest man, and that no other merchant in the country, either Mahometan or idolater would have behaved in a similar manner on such an occasion. On that he sent for some of the richest merchants in the place, and after relating the circumstance, desired them to bring the finest stones they had got, which they accordingly did, and by that means I disposed of my twenty thousand pagodas in an hour or two. The bargain being concluded, and the money paid, he told the merchants that

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having to do with a man of honour, they should present me with something as a remembrance, on which with a good grace they gave me a diamond of near an hundred crowns value, and the governor himself presented me with a turban and fash.

Here I have to remark the singular and curious manner which the Indians, idolaters as well as Mahometans, adopt in disposing of every sort of merchandize. All passes in profound silence, not a word being spoke. The seller and the buyer are seated opposite to each other like two tailors, and one of the two opening his fash, the seller taking the right hand of the buyer covers it with his, under which, in the presence of perhaps several other merchants met together in the same room, the bargain is concluded secretly without any one's knowledge. The buyer and seller making use of neither mouth nor eyes; carry on the traffic with their hands only, which is done in the following manner. When the seller takes the whole of the buyer's hand, that signifies a thousand, and as many times as he presses it, so many thousand pagodas or rupees are required, according to the matter in question. When he takes the five fingers only, it signifies five hundred, and if one finger, only one hundred. When he takes hold of half the finger just by the middle joint, it stands for fifty, while the tip of the finger to the first joint signifies ten. This is all the mystery used by these Indians in their traffic, and it oftentimes happens that at a place where there are several people together, one article is sold seven or eight times without any of the company knowing at either time what it is.

In regard to the weight of the stones, they are never deceived except when they buy them in secret, for at all public sales there is a man expressly employed by the King, without deriving any private advantage, to weigh the diamonds, who declaring the weight, the buyer and seller take it at his word, as having no interest to favour either party.

Having concluded my business at the mine, the governor gave me six horse soldiers to conduct me in safety to the confines of his government, which extends as far as the river that separates the kingdom of Visapour from that of Golconda. The passage of this river is very difficult, it being wide, deep, and rapid, and has neither bridge nor boats, and in order to pass it they employ the same means I have elsewhere spoken of in passing other Indian rivers, as well for men, as for their luggage, carriages, cattle and horses. A circular vessel from ten to twelve feet in diameter, made of osier twigs like our baskets, and covered on the outside with bull hides, serves in the place of a boat, and their manner of transporting passengers over I have before observed. They could easily build good barks or erect a bridge across this river; but the Kings of Golconda and Visapour will not allow it, because it divides the two kingdoms. Every evening the boatmen on both sides the river are obliged to give in to two petty governors, who are stationed on each side about a quarter of a league from the river, an exact account of all passengers; beasts of burden, and merchandize that has passed over in the course of the day.

When I arrived at Golconda, I found the apothecary Brete had been dead three days, and the chamber in which I had left him put under two seals, the one of the Cadi, who acts as chief justice, and the other of the Cha-Bander, who acts as provost of the merchants. An officer of justice attended day and night at the door of the chamber in company with the valets I had left with the defunct. Immediately on my arrival, notice was sent to the Cadi and Cha-Bander, who presently sent to fetch me. After satisfying them, the Cadi demanded whether the money found in the chamber of the defunct belonged to me, and how I could prove it? I replied, I had no better way of proving it than by producing the letters of exchange I had brought to the Cheraf, and that since my departure he had by my order paid the money to the defunct; that I had afterwards

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afterwards written to him desiring, that in case the Cheraf payed the money in specie, he would get it exchanged for pagodas of gold and bring them to me. Upon hearing this, they sent for the two Cherafs, who had paid the money, who both agreed as to the truth of my statement, on which the Cadi ordered his lieutenant to go with me to my chamber, and see that the seals had not been removed from any of the bags. Accordingly he did not leave me till I had declared that all was right and nothing wanting. I then returned with him to make the same declaration before the Cadi and Cha-Bander, and thank them for the trouble they had taken, as also to sign a paper they had written in the Persian language, by which I declared myself perfectly satisfied. The lieutenant then told me I must pay the charges of Boetes' interment, as also that of the person who had sealed the bags, and the officer who had guarded the door of the chamber: all which amounted to nine roupes only, or four crowns and a half of our money, which is much less than would have been charged in most European countries:

CHAP. II.—*An Account of the Author's Journey to the other Mines, with a description of the Manner in which the Diamonds are found.*

ABOUT seven days from Golconda, going due east, there is another diamond mine, which by the people of the country is called Gani, and by the Persians Coulour. It is situated near a large town through which passes the river I crossed in coming from the other mine, and at about the distance of a league and a half from the town, are several high mountains in the form of a crescent. The place where the diamonds are found, is a plain situated between the town and the mountains, and the nearer they approach the latter, the larger stones they find; but when they ascend too high it produces nothing.

It is not more than a hundred years ago, since this mine was first accidentally discovered by a poor man, who digging a spot of ground in order to sow some millet, found a native stone weighing nearly twenty-five carats, which he being unacquainted with the value of, and seeing it shine bright, carried to Golconda, where fortunately he addressed himself to a person who traded in diamonds. This merchant on hearing from the countryman where he had found the stone, was much surpris'd at seeing a diamond of that size, as hitherto the largest they were acquainted with weighed no more than from ten to twelve carats. The noise of this discovery soon spread itself throughout the country; and several of the town, who were people of property, began to dig up the earth, where they found and still find large stones in a greater quantity than at any other mine; so much so, that at this present time, they find many weighing from ten to forty carats, or sometimes even larger, and amongst others the great diamond that weighed nine hundred carats before it was cut, which Mirgimolas presented to Aurengzeb, as I have before observed.

But while the Coulour mine is remarkable for the large stones found it, it is to be regretted that in general they are not clear, partaking in their colour the quality of the soil in which they are found. If the ground is marshy and damp, the stone is of a black cast, if it be red, it approaches to red also, while in other places it borders on green, and sometimes on yellow, according to the soil, which is greatly diversified between the town and the mountains. On most of these stones after they are cut, there appears to be a greasy cast, which is occasioned by their continually putting their hand to their handkerchief to wipe it.

As to what relates to the water of the stones, it must be observed, that whereas in Europe we examine the rough stones by day, in order to judge of their water and the spots which may be found on them; the Indians on the contrary do it by night, and in a hole which they make in a wall of a foot square, they place a lamp with a large wick, by the light of which they judge of the water and clearness of the stone held between their fingers. The water which they call celestial is the worst of all, and it is impossible to know it while the stone is unpolished, but as little can be discovered on the wheel, the infallible secret of judging its water, is to carry it under a thick tree, where by the shade of the verdure they easily discover whether it is blue.

The first time I visited this mine, it employed nearly sixty thousand persons, men as well as women and children in various offices, the men to dig, and the women and children to carry away the earth, for in working this mine they take a method totally different from that used at Raolconda.

As soon as the miners have pointed out the place for them to work, they select another spot of ground of equal extent, or even larger, and after making it perfectly smooth, encompassed it with a wall of about two feet high, and at the foot of this little wall, they make at every other step openings to carry off the water, which they inclose till they wish to let it out. This place being so prepared, those who are appointed to work, assemble all together, men, women, and children, with the master that employs them, accompanied by a party of his relations and friends. He brings with him a stone figure of the god they worship, which being fixed in the earth they all adore it, by prostrating themselves three times before it, their priest in the mean time accompanying them with a prayer. This being finished, he makes a certain mark on all their foreheads with a paste composed of saffron and gum, upon which he also sticks seven or eight grains of rice. Then after washing their bodies with water which each brings in a pot, they all arrange themselves in order, to partake of the feast which the master provides them at the commencement of their work to put them in spirits, and encourage them to be faithful to him. This feast consists of nothing else than a plate of rice for each, which is distributed to them by the Bramin, because every Idolater is allowed to eat what comes from the hand of their priest, although, such is their superstition, that they will not eat any thing of their wives preparing, choosing rather to prepare their own victuals. The dish on which the rice is served to them is nothing more than leaves sewed together, which somewhat resembles our walnut leaves. To this also is added about a quarter of a pound of butter in a small brass cup, mixed with some sugar.

The repast finished, all begin to work, the men digging the earth, and the children carrying it to the place I have before spoke of, as previously prepared for it. They dig to the depth of ten, twelve, or fourteen feet, but as soon as they meet with water there is no hope of success. All the earth being carried to this place, men, women, and children taking pitchers of water from the pit they have dug, throw them on it, in order to moisten it, so letting it remain for a day or two according to the hardness, till it is perfectly soft. That done, they open the holes they have made in the wall to give passage to the water, when throwing still more on it, they by that means draw away all the mud, so that nothing remains but the sand. There is some earth requires to be washed two or three times, when letting the whole dry in the sun, which by reason of its great heat is soon done, they take certain baskets, made somewhat like our sifters, into which putting the earth, they sift it as we do grain, by which the small dust is separated from it.

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Having in this manner sifted all the earth, they spread it out with a sort of rake, keeping it as smooth as possible. Then with a billet of wood in the shape of a large pebble, of about half a foot broad at the bottom, they all begin to beat the earth, from one end to the other, which they do twice or thrice, when putting it again into the baskets they sift it once more, after that they spread it out as before, and lastly collect it altogether in one spot in order to search for the diamonds, in doing which, they are superintended in the same manner as at Raolconda.

Formerly, instead of billets of wood to beat the earth with, they made use of pebbles, which was the occasion of so many flaws in the stones.

In regard to the King's duty, the sum they pay annually to the miners employed, and the reward they bestow on any one's bringing to the master a larger stone than ordinary, the same custom is observed as at Raolconda. Until latterly they made no difficulty in buying diamonds externally of a green colour, because when cut they appear white, and of a very fine water.

Within this thirty or forty years, they have discovered a mine between Colour and Raolconda, but the King caused it to be shut up on account of the impositions practised, which I will explain in a few words. At this mine they found stones that externally presented this green crust, large and transparent, and which appeared even finer than the others, but when they came to grind them they broke in pieces. Nevertheless, when they grind them with a diamond of the same nature, produced from the same mine, they do not break, but if placed on the wheel immediately fly in pieces. This is the reason they are careful not to buy any which have been ground, for fear of being deceived, and it is owing to the discovery of this imposition, as I have before observed, that the King has caused the mine to be shut up.

During the time that Messieurs Fremelin and Francis Breton were partners for the English company at Surat, a Jew, named Edward Ferdinand, a free merchant, that is to say, not belonging to any particular company, entered into a partnership with these two gentlemen for the purchase of a stone, a short time after the mine was discovered. This stone was clear, of a good shape, and weighed forty-two carats. Edward coming to Europe, Messieurs Fremelin and Breton delivered the stone into his hands to sell it to the best advantage he could on their account. On his arrival at Leghorn, he shewed it to some Jews, his friends, who offered him for it near twenty-five thousand piastres, but he not being willing to take less than thirty thousand, and they not agreeing to give it, he carried the stone to Venice in order to get it cut. It had been well ground without receiving any damage, but no sooner was it placed on the wheel than it broke in nine pieces. I was myself once deceived with one of these stones which weighed two carats, and broke in small pieces on the wheel when it was half cut.

CHAP. III.—*Continuation of the Author's Journey to the Diamond Mines.*

I NOW come to the third mine, which is the most ancient of all, and situated in the kingdom of Bengala. This mine may be called Soumelpour, being the name of a large town, near the place where the diamonds are found, or rather Gouel, which is that of the river, in whose sand they are discovered. The land through which this river takes its course, is part of the territory of a Rajah who formerly was tributary to the Great Mogul, having revolted during the wars which took place between Cha-Gehan and Gehan-guire, his father. As soon as Cha-Gehan was raised to the throne, he sent to demand tribute of this Rajah, as well for the present as the past, when, he

seeing that his revenues would not enable him to pay it, quitted the plain country, and intrenched himself with his subjects in the mountains. On the news of the Rajah's refusal, Cha-Gehan, who had no idea of his retiring to the mountains, but thought rather, he would obstinately defend himself, led an army into his country, where he had been taught to believe he would meet with quantities of diamonds. But it happened quite the contrary, for those he sent into the Rajah's territories found neither diamonds, nor people, nor subsistence, the Rajah having caused all the grain his subjects were unable to carry away to be burnt, so that the greater part of Cha-Gehan's army perished with famine. The issue of this enterprize was, that the Rajah returned to his country on condition of paying annually a small tribute to the Great Mogul.

The following is an account of the road in going from Agra to the mine.

From Agra to Halabas, coffes	- - - - -	130
From Halabas to Bauarous, coffes	- - - - -	33
From Banarous to Saferon, coffes	- - - - -	4

From Agra to Saferon you keep always to the east; but in going from Saferon to the mine, you turn to the south, when you presently meet with a large town, coffes 21. This town is in the territories of the Rajah before mentioned, to whom also belongs the land through which the river where the diamonds are found takes its course.

From this town you come to a fortress called Rodas, coffes - - 4

This is one of the strongest places in all Asia, being built on a mountain, having six large bastions and twenty-seven pieces of cannon, with three moats full of water, in which are good fish. There is but one way to gain the summit of this mountain, on which is a plain nearly half a league in extent, where they sow corn and rice, and is supplied with more than twenty springs which water the earth, and all around the mountain, from the bottom almost to the top, there are nothing but precipices for the most part covered with wood. The Rajahs generally maintain a force of seven or eight hundred men in this fortress, but at present it belongs to the Great Mogul, who gained it through the address of that great Captain Mirgimola, of whom I have so often had occasion to speak.

The last Rajah left three sons, who betraying each other, the eldest was poisoned, the second fled to the court of the Great Mogul, who gave him the command of four thousand horse, and the youngest remained in possession of the country, on paying the same tribute as his father. All the Indian kings, successors of Tamerlane, have besieged this place without being able to take it, and two of these Kings died in the town of Saferon.

From the fortress of Rodas to Soumelpour, coffes - - - 30.

Soumelpour is a large town, the houses of which are made with earth, and covered with branches of the cocoa tree. In travelling these last 30 coffes, you pass through nothing but woods, rendered extremely dangerous on account of robbers, who knowing the merchants never go to the mine without money, sometimes lay wait to murder them. The Rajah lives about half a cofs from the town, and his dwelling is under tents erected on a charming eminence, at the foot of which runs the Gouel, and it is in this river, which takes its source from the high mountains on the south side, afterwards losing itself in the Ganges, that the diamonds are found.

The following is the method of searching for diamonds in this river. After the rainy season has passed, which generally lasts till December, they yet wait all the month of January till the river be clear; because then in several places it is not more than two feet deep, leaving much of the sand discovered. About the end of January

or beginning of February, from the town of Soumelpour, as also from another, which is twenty cosses above on the same river, and some small villages on the plain, there issue about eight thousand persons of both sexes and all ages capable of labour. Those who are expert, know by the appearance of the sand whether there are any diamonds in it, and when they see amongst it small stones which very much resemble what we call thunder stones, they begin to search the river at the Town of Soumelpour, and always in returning go up as far as the mountains from whence it issues, which are about fifty cosses distant from the town. At those places where they think there are diamonds, they examine the sand in the following manner.

First they surround it with stakes, fascines, and earth, as is done in building the arch of a bridge, to drain off the water and leave the place dry, then they draw out the sand, yet not digging more than two feet deep. All this sand is carried and spread in a large place prepared on the bank of the river and encompassed with a small wall of about a foot and a half high, at the foot of which holes are made, and when they have brought as much sand into this place as they think proper, they throw water on it to wash it, after which, the same method is pursued as at the Colour mine.

From this river all the fine stones are produced, which are called native, but it is seldom that they find a large stone. Several years have elapsed since any of these stones have been seen in Europe, on which account many dealers have thought the mine was exhausted, which is not the case, though for a long time nothing has been drawn from this river on account of the wars.

I have spoken elsewhere of another diamond mine in the province of Carnatica, which Mirgimola, general of the army and prime minister to the King of Golconda, commanded to be shut up, not allowing it to be worked any more, because the stones found in this mine, or rather in the six mines, (for there are six close to one another,) were all black or yellow, neither of them producing a clear stone.

Lastly, in the island of Borneo, which is the largest island in the world, there is a river called Succadan, whose sand produces fine stones, having the same hardness as those of the river Couel, or the above mines before mentioned. General Vandime one day sent me six from Batavia to Surat, weighing from 3 to 4 carats each, which he thought were not so hard as those found in other mines, and had therefore sent them to me to know the truth, but in this he was mistaken, since there is no difference between them. When I was at Batavia, one of the heads of the company shewed me a native stone weighing 25½ carats, quite perfect, found in this river Succadan, but according to the price he told me it had cost him, he had paid 50 per cent. more than I would have given, although it is true I have always heard these stones mentioned as being very dear. The principal reason which prevented me from going to this river of Borneo, is that the Queen of the island not allowing strangers to export the diamonds, there is great difficulty in getting them away, and the few which they contrive to bring secretly, are sold at Batavia. Here, doubtless, it will be asked why I mention the Queen of Borneo only, and not the King. The cause is, that in this kingdom women alone reign, men not being allowed, by reason that the people are extremely fearful of not having a legitimate heir to the throne, and as the husband cannot be certain that the children his wife brings him are really his, while the wife on the contrary, is always certain as to her own children, they like better to have a woman rule over them, on whom they confer the title of Queen, while her husband being her subject, has no more power than what she chooses to invest him with.

CHAP. IV.—*Of the various sorts of Weights used at the Mines for weighing the Diamonds; of the different Gold and Silver Coins there current; of the several Roads leading to the Mines, and of the Rule they have to ascertain the price of Diamonds.*

I NOW come to speak of some particulars observed in the diamond trade, which I doubt not will be acceptable to the reader, no one having before written on this subject.

In the first place, I come to speak of the various sorts of weights in use, as well at the mines as in the other parts of Asia.

At the Raolconda mine they weigh by mangelins, and the mangelin there is $1\frac{1}{2}$ of a carat, that is to say seven grains.

At the mine of Gani or Coulour they use the same as at Raolconda.

At the mine of Soumelpour in Bengala, they weigh by the ratis, which is $\frac{7}{8}$ of a carat, or $3\frac{1}{2}$ grains, and they use the same weights throughout the Great Mogul's empire. In the kingdoms of Golconda and Visapour they likewise make use of the mangelin, but in these places it is only $1\frac{1}{4}$ of a carat. The Portuguese also use the same kind of weight in Goa, but there it is only five grains.

I come in the next place to speak of the coins used for buying diamonds in the Indies.

First, at the kingdom of Bengala in the territory of the Rajah before mentioned, being tributary to the Great Mogul, they make their payments in roupees.

At the two mines, which are in the kingdom of Visapour, in the neighbourhood of Raolconda, the payment is made in new pagodas, which the King causes to be coined in his name, as being entirely independent of the Great Mogul. The new pagodas are not always of the same value, sometimes going for three roupees and a half, sometimes for more, and sometimes for less, rising and falling according to the course of trade, and the agreement entered into by the money changers with the princes and governors.

At the Coulour or Gani mine, which belongs to the King of Golconda, the payment is also made in new pagodas, which are of the same value as those of the King of Visapour. Although they are sometimes obliged to buy them at from one to four per cent. more, on account of their being better gold, and their not taking any other at this mine. These pagodas are made by the English and the Dutch, who are privileged by the King, either of his own accord or from necessity, to coin them in their forts. Those of the Dutch cost one or two per cent. more than the English, because they are of a finer standard, and the miners like them much better. But as the merchants in general are prepossessed with the false opinion, that the people at the mine are rude and almost like savages, as also that the roads from Golconda to the mines are very dangerous, they generally remain at Golconda, where those who speculate in mining have their correspondents, who send them the diamonds. They pay there in old pagodas, coined several centuries ago, bearing the impressions of the various princes who reigned in the Indies before the Mahometans had got footing there. These old pagodas pass for four rupees and a half, that is one roupee more than the new ones, although they have no more gold in them, and of course do not weigh more, which might occasion some surprisè, did I not explain the cause, which is, that the cherafs or money changers to influence the King in their favour, pay him annually a large sum, they themselves deriving a great profit; for the merchants never receive any of these pagodas, without having one of the money changers to examine them, some being defaced, others of a bad standard,

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standard, and some again short of weight, so much so, that were they to take them without examining, they would be considerable losers, and for the trouble of perfecting them, incur a charge of from one to perhaps five or six cent. added to which they give the changers a quarter per cent. for their trouble. When the miners are paid, they also never receive these pagodas without the changer's presence, who points out the good and the bad, taking as before a quarter per cent. for himself. But to save time, when they are about to make a considerable payment, of perhaps a thousand or two thousand pagodas, the changer on receiving his duty, incloses them in a little sack, on which he fixes his mark, and when they are about to pay the merchant for his diamonds, they bring him with the bag to the changer, who seeing his mark unaltered, assures him that he has examined the contents, and will be answerable for any that are not good.

With regard to the roupees, they take indifferently both those of the Great Mogul and the King of Golconda, because such as are coined by the King bear the Mogul's impression, as they agree.

Besides, the Indians have more wit, and are more refined than people think. The pagoda is a thick little piece of gold, not bigger than the nail of the little finger, and as from their size it is impossible to clip them without its being known, they have the address to bore little holes all round, from whence they get to the value of about three or four pence in gold dust, and they know how to conceal it so cleverly, that no one can perceive they have been touched. Moreover, when they go to buy any thing in a village, or when they pass a river, if a roupee is given to them in change, they directly light a fire and put it in, when if it comes out white they keep it, if on the contrary it is black they return it, for all the money in the Indies is of the first standard, and if any be brought from Europe, it must be carried to the mint. I must also observe, that they are much deceived, who (as a merchant would have persuaded me during my first travels) imagine it is quite enough to carry to the mines, spices, tobacco, looking glasses, and other trifles of that sort, in order to receive diamonds in exchange; but I have had convincing proof to the contrary, and can positively affirm, that the merchants who sell the diamonds at the mine will take nothing but fine gold of the best quality.

Lastly, with respect to the roads we must pass to arrive at the mines.—In some modern accounts, which are a little fabulous, we are told, as I have before observed, that they are dangerous and difficult, abounding with lions, tigers, and savages; but I found them quite different to what they had been represented, meeting with no wild beasts, and the people full of kindness and frankness towards strangers. As to Golconda, they can have been but little acquainted with the map of that country, to be ignorant of its situation; but from Golconda to Raolconda, which is the principal mine, the road is less known, and the following is the route I have taken. In this country the roads are measured by the gos, one of which is equal to four French leagues.

From Golconda to Canapour, gos	- - - - -	1
From Canapour to Parquel, gos	- - - - -	2½
From Parquel to Cakenol, gos	- - - - -	1
From Cakenol to Canol-Candanor, gos	- - - - -	3
From Canol-Candanor to Setapour, gos	- - - - -	1
From Setapour to the River, gos	- - - - -	2

This river is the frontier of the kingdoms of Golconda and Visapour.

From the River to Alpour, gos	- - - - -	½
From Alpour to Canal, gos	- - - - -	½
From Canal to Raolconda, where the mine is, gos	- - - - -	2½

So that in all, from Golconda to the mine, it is 17 gos, which is equal to 68 French leagues.

From Golconda to the Colour or Gani Mine; by the same measure, they reckon 13½ gos, which is equal to 55 of our leagues.

From Golconda to Almaspinde, gos	- - - -	3½
From Almaspinde to Kaper, gos	- - - -	2
From Kaper to Montecour, gos	- - - -	2½
From Montecour to Naglepar, gos	- - - -	2
From Naglepar to Eligada, gos	- - - -	1½
From Eligada to Sawaron, gos	- - - -	1
From Sawaron to Mellaferou, gos	- - - -	1
From Mellaferou to Ponocour, gos	- - - -	1½

From Ponocour you have only the river to pass to arrive at Coulour or Gani. I come now to an important article, known to but few persons in Europe.

A Rule to ascertain the exact Price or Value of Diamonds of any Weight, from three to One Hundred Carats and upwards.

I shall say nothing of diamonds weighing less than three carats, their value being so well known.

In the first place you must learn how much the diamond weighs, and see if it is perfect, if it is a thick stone, well squared and got all its corners, and also if it is of a fine white lively water, and without spots or flaws. If it is a stone cut facet wise, which is generally called a rose, you must observe that it is of a good round or oval form, if it be of a proper breadth, and not of an aukward form; and lastly, that it has the water and other properties above mentioned.

A diamond of this nature, weighing a carat, would be worth one hundred and fifty livres, or more, and the question is, to show, by an example, how much a stone of the same perfection, weighing twelve carats would be worth? The following method will serve to explain this.

Multiply the twelve again by twelve, which will produce one hundred and forty-four, then multiply the one hundred and forty-four by one hundred and fifty, which is the value of the stone weighing one carat, and the produce will be, twenty-one thousand six hundred livres.

Example of the foregoing rule.

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Which is the value of the diamond weighing twelve carats.

But it is not alone sufficient to know the value of perfect diamonds, since we should also be able to tell the worth of those that are not perfect, which may be learnt by the same method, as for example:

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Let us suppose an imperfect diamond is offered you, weighing fifteen carats, which is not of a good water, or of a bad shape, or full of spots or flaws. A stone of this quality weighing a carat, would not be worth more than sixty livres, or from that to eighty or one hundred at most, according to the beauty of the diamond. You must then multiply the weight of the diamond, which is fifteen carats, by fifteen, then again multiply the produce, which will be two hundred and twenty-five, by the value of the stone weighing one carat, which for example is eighty livres, and the produce, which will be eighteen thousand livres, is the value of the diamond weighing fifteen carats.

Example of the foregoing rule :

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By this the great difference between a perfect and an imperfect stone is easily perceived; for if the stone of fifteen carats was perfect, the second multiplication would be by one hundred and fifty, which is the value of a perfect stone weighing one carat; and then the diamond, instead of eighteen thousand livres, would amount to thirty-three thousand seven hundred and fifty; that is, to fifteen thousand seven hundred and fifty livres more, than an imperfect diamond of the same weight.

According to the foregoing rule, the following estimate may be formed of the value of the two largest cut diamonds in the world; the one in Asia belonging to the Great Mogul, and the other in Europe, in the possession of the Grand Duke of Tuscany.

That belonging to the Great Mogul, weighs $279\frac{2}{3}$ carats, is of a perfectly fine water, good shape, and has but one small flaw, which is on the edge of the bottom of the stone.

Without this little flaw, the first carat might be valued at 160 livres, but on account of that I have put it at 150 only, at which calculation, according to the rule laid down, it amounts to the sum of 11,723,278 livres, 14 sols, and 3 liards. Had this diamond weighed 279 carats only, it would have amounted but to 11,676,150 livres, these $\frac{2}{3}$ making a difference of 47,128 livres, 14 sols, 3 liards.

The diamond belonging to the Grand Duke of Tuscany, weighs 139 $\frac{1}{2}$ carats, is clear, of a fine form, and cut on all sides facet-wise, but as it somewhat approaches to a lemon colour, I have estimated the first carat at 135 livres only, according to which calculation it amounts to 2,608,335 livres.

As a conclusion to the remarks contained in this chapter, I have to observe, that according to the language used at the mines the diamond is called Iri; in Turkish, Persian and Arabic, they call it Almas, while in all the European languages, it is known by the name of diamond only.

Thus have I in a few words discovered all the information I have been able to collect on this subject during my several journies to the mines; and if by chance some other person has written on this matter before me, they must necessarily have derived their intelligence from my communication.

CHAP. V.—*Of coloured Stones, and the Parts where they are found.*

THERE are but two places in the East in which coloured stones are found, that is the kingdom of Pegu, and the island of Ceylon. The first is at a mountain about a dozen days journey from Siren, on the north-east, and is called Capelan. This is the mine which produces the greatest quantity of rubies and spinels, otherwise called the mother of rubies, yellow topazes, blue and white sapphires, jacinths, amethysts, and other stones of different colours. Amongst these of a hard nature they find others of various colour, but very soft, which in the language of the country are called Bacan, but they are in little estimation.

Siren is the name of the city in which the King of Pegu has his residence, and Ava is the port of his kingdom. From Ava to Siren you go up the river in large barks, which are very flat. It is about sixty days voyage, and cannot be performed on land by reason that you have to travel through woods full of lions, tigers, and elephants. This is one of the poorest countries in the world, producing nothing but rubies, and those not in so great a number as is generally believed, seeing that taking one year with another the exportation does not amount to one hundred thousand crowns. In the number of these stones you rarely meet with a fine one weighing three or four carats, by reason of the great difficulty in conveying them away till the King has seen them, who always retains all the fine ones he meets with. Whence it happens, that in all my voyages, I had a very considerable profit to derive from European rubies brought to Asia; and the relation of Vincent le Blanc, who boasts of having seen rubies in the King's palace as big as eggs, is very doubtful.

The following is an account of the price of some rubies, that might pass for fine ones, which I have in my various travels seen for sale by merchants who came from the mine, when I was at Maslipatan and Golconda. All rubies are sold by a weight called a ratis, which is three grains and a half, or seven eights of a carat, and the payment is made in old pagodas, of which I have spoke in the preceding chapter.

	Pagodas.
A ruby weighing one ratis has been sold for	20
A ruby weighing 2 ratis and $\frac{1}{4}$	85
A ruby weighing 3 ratis and $\frac{1}{4}$	185
A ruby weighing 4 ratis and $\frac{1}{4}$	450
A ruby weighing 4 ratis	525
A ruby weighing 6 ratis and $\frac{1}{2}$	920

When a ruby weighs more than six ratis and is perfect, it will fetch almost any price.

In this country they call all coloured stone rubies, only distinguishing them by the colour itself. Thus in the language of Pegu, the sapphire is a blue ruby, the amethyst a violet ruby, the topaz a yellow ruby, and so on with all others.

In trading they are so greedy of gain, that they will not shew you a parcel of rubies, of however little value, without you promise beforehand to make them a small present, such as a turban or sash, in case you do not buy, but if you behave liberal to them, they will shew you the whole of their merchandize, when you may generally buy to advantage.

The other part of the East, from which rubies and other coloured stones are produced, is a river in the island of Ceylon. It runs from the high mountains which are

about the middle of the island, and as it is greatly swelled by the rains, three or four months after they have fallen and the water is low, the poor people go and search amongst the sand, where they find rubies, sapphires, and topazes. All the stones found at this river are generally finer and clearer than those of Pegu.

I had forgot to observe, that in the mountains which run from Pegu to the kingdom of Camboya, there are places where rubies are found, though they are more of balays than the others, with many spinels, sapphires, and topazes. In these mountains gold mines are also met with, and it is from this place that the fine rhubarb is produced, which is held in high estimation, because it does not spoil so soon as that which grows in other parts of Asia.

There are also two other places in Europe in which coloured stones are found, that is Bohemia and Hungary. In Bohemia is a mine, containing certain flint stones of various sizes, some as big as eggs, and others as large as the fist, which on breaking are found to enclose rubies as hard and fine as those of Pegu. I remember being one day at Prague with the viceroy of Hungary, to whose suite I belonged, when he, washing with General Wallestein, Duke of Fridland, before sitting down to table, saw on the finger of the general a ruby, of which he greatly praised the beauty: but his admiration was further increased on the general's informing him that the mine which yielded those stones was in Bohemia, and in fact on the viceroy's departure he presented him with about a hundred of these pebbles in a basket. As we were on our return into Hungary, the viceroy ordered them to be broke, but in all the number there was only two that each contained a ruby; the one, a large stone, might weigh near five carats, and the other about one carat.

In Hungary there is also a mine in which alone opals are found, it being the sole place on earth that produces them.

The turquoise is only found in Persia, being produced from two mines, one called the old rock, about three days journey from Meched, approaching to the north-west near a large town called Nichabourg; and the other which they call the new mine, at about five days journey from the same place. Those found at the new mine are of a bad blue approaching to white, they are but little valued, and a great number of them may be purchased for a small sum. But for several years past the King of Persia has forbid any one digging in the old rock except for himself, because there being no goldsmiths in that country, but those who work in thread or wire, and who understand nothing of enamelling on gold, as people that have few designs or patterns, he instead of enamel, causes his sabres, poignards, and other articles to be ornamented with these turquoises from the old rock, which they cut and fix in the collets in the shape of various flowers and figures, according to fancy. This strikes the eye as a tedious minute work, but is without any design.

Lastly, with respect to the emerald, it is an ancient mistake of many well-informed persons, that they are found originally in the East, and even to this day the greater part of the jewellers and goldsmiths, as soon as they see an emerald of a high colour approaching to black, are accustomed to call it an oriental emerald, in which they are mistaken. I confess that I have not yet been able to discover those places on our continent, from whence these stones are procured, but I am well assured that they are never brought from the East, nor in the continent of Asia, nor any of its isles; and that having made a diligent enquiry in all my travels, I have never been able to meet with any person that could point out any part of Asia in which they were found. It is true that since the discovery of America, they have often brought by the south seas some unpolished stones from Perou to the Philippine islands,

islands; from whence they have passed into Europe; but that neither authorises us to call them oriental, or to suppose they were produced in the East, seeing that before this discovery and passage they were accustomed to trade in emeralds all over Europe, but now that they have quitted this route, they send them all by the north sea to Spain. In the year 1668, I saw them purchased in India twenty per cent. cheaper than they could have been bought in France.

But with regard to this navigation, and the American trade to the Phillippine islands, it must be observed that the Americans export from these islands, as well as from Bengala, Aracan, Pegu, Goa, and other places, all sorts of linen cloth, quantities of precious stones, as diamonds, rubies, &c. with various works in gold and silver, silk stuffs and Persian carpets. Yet it is also necessary to notice, that as they are not permitted to sell any thing directly to the Americans, but only to those who reside at the Manilles, it is of them they purchase these articles on their return; and even if any one should obtain permission to depart from Goa to Spain by the way of the South Sea, he would be obliged to pay from eighty to one hundred per cent. as far as the Philippines, without being allowed to purchase any thing, and the same again from the Philippines to New Spain.

CHAP. VI.—*Of Pearls, and the Places where they are found.*

PEARLS are found both in the eastern and western seas, and as well for the satisfaction of the reader, as also to omit nothing on this subject, although I have never been in America, I shall here take notice of all those places that contain pearl fisheries, beginning with those of the east.

In the first place, there is a pearl fishery round the island of Bahren in the Persian gulf, which belongs to the King of Persia, and there is a good fortress, garrisoned with three hundred men. The water they use in this island, and also on the Persian coast, is salt and of a bad taste, and it is only the natives of the country that can drink it. With respect to strangers, it costs them a considerable sum to get it good, for they have to draw it from the sea at a distance of from half a league to two leagues beyond the island. Those that go to fetch it are commonly five or six in a bark, from which one or two of them dive to the bottom of the sea, having a bottle or two hung at their girdle, which they fill with water, and then cork them tight; for at about two or three feet from the bottom of the sea the water is sweet and of the very best quality. When those who are let down have filled their bottles, they pull a small cord which has one end fastened to some person in the boat, and it serves as a signal for their comrades to draw them up.

While the Portuguese were in possession of Ormus and Mascaté, every terate or bark that went out to fish was obliged to have a passport which cost fifteen abassis, and they continually employed several brigantines to sink those that had not got them. But since the Arabs have retaken Mascaté, and the Portuguese have no strength on the gulf, every man that goes a fishing pays to the King of Persia five abassis only, whether his success be good or bad. The merchant also pays some small trifle to the King on every thousand oysters.

The second pearl fishery is over against that of Bahren, on the coast of Arabia the Happy, near the city of Catifa, which as well as the surrounding country belongs to an Arabian prince. All the pearls that are fished in these places, are generally sold in the Indies, because the Indians are not so difficult as we, and buy indifferently the rough

ones as well as the smooth, taking the whole at a fixed price. They also carry some to Balfora, while those that are carried to Persia and Muscovy, are sold at Bander-Congo, two days journey from Ormus. In all these places I have mentioned, as well in other parts of Asia, they like better to see the water of a yellow cast than white, because they say that those pearls in which the water is a little tinged like gold, always retain their brightness, and never alter: while those that are white, seldom last longer than thirty years without changing; when, owing as well to the warmth of the country as the heat of the body, they take a dull yellow colour.

Before taking leave of the gulf of Ormus, I shall speak a little more in addition to what is mentioned in my account of Persia, of the admirable pearl in the possession of the Arabian prince that took Mefcaté from the Portuguese, on which occasion he assumed the name of Imenhect prince of Mafcaté, being before called Aceph Ben-Ali, prince of Norenuac. This, though but a small province, is the finest in all Arabia the Happy, containing every thing necessary for the life of man, but particularly fine fruits, and above all, most excellent grapes, from which they can make very good wine. It is this prince that possesses the finest pearl in the whole world, not on account of its size, for it weighs but 12 carats and $\frac{1}{10}$, nor for its perfect roundness, but because it is so bright and transparent, that you can almost see the light through it. As the gulf over against Ormus is little more than twelve leagues from Arabia the Happy, on the Persian side, and the Arabs are at peace with the Persians, the prince Mafcaté came to visit the Khan of Ormus, by whom he was magnificently treated, at the same time inviting the English, Dutch, and French, amongst which number I was one. At the close of the entertainment, the prince drew out this pearl from a little purse, which he wore suspended from his neck, and shewed it to the Khan and all the company. The Khan would have bought it, to present to the King of Persia, and offered as far as two thousand tomans, but the prince would not sell it, since which I crossed the sea in company with a Bania merchant, sent by the Great Mogul to this prince, with an offer of forty thousand crowns for his pearl, but which he also refused. This story shews us that with respect to jewels, those which are very fine, should not always be brought to Europe, but rather, as I have before noticed, carried from Europe to Asia, where they highly value those jewels and pearls, which are of extraordinary beauty, with the exception of the Chinese and Japanese, who set no esteem upon them.

Another place in the East remarkable for a pearl fishery is in the sea which washes a large town called Manar in the island of Ceylon. These are the finest with respect to water and roundness of all the other fisheries, but they rarely find any that weigh more than three or four carats.

Also on the coast of Japan there are large pearls, and of fine water, but very rough, however they never fish for them, because, as I have already observed, the Japanese hold jewels in no estimation.

Notwithstanding the pearls found at Bahren and Catifa approach a little upon the yellow, they are yet, as I have already remarked, in as much esteem as those of Manar, and throughout all the East they say they are ripe, and never change their colour.

I now come to the western fisheries, which are all in the great gulf of Mexico, extending along the coast of New Spain, where there are five, stretching from east to west.

The first is along the island of Cubagua, which is not more than three leagues in circuit, and about five distant from Terra Firma. It is placed at ten degrees and a half in the northern latitude, and is about one hundred and sixty leagues from St. Domingo, in the island of Hispanolia. The land is here quite barren, and destitute of every

every thing, particularly of water, which the inhabitants are obliged to fetch from Terra Firma. This island is noted throughout the west for producing the greatest number of pearls, though the largest never exceed five carats.

The second fishery is at the island of Marguerite, that is to say, the island of pearls, and is about a league's distance from Cubagua, which it much surpasses in size. It contains every thing essential for life, except water, in which like Cubagua it is deficient, and they go to fetch it from the river Cumana, near New Cadiz. This fishery, though not the largest of the five found in America, is yet reckoned the principal one, by reason that its pearls surpass the others in perfection, as well for water as in size. One of these pearls I had formerly in my possession, which was finely shaped like a pear, and of clear water, it weighed fifty-five carats, and I sold it to Cha-Est-Kan, the Great Mogul's uncle.

Many persons are much surpris'd at pearls being carried from Europe to the East, where they are found in great quantities; but it must be considered that the eastern fisheries never produce any so large as the west, to which may be added, that all the kings and great lords in Asia, give a much better price than Europeans, not only for pearls, but all sorts of jewels when they are any ways uncommon, diamonds alone excepted.

The third fishery is at Comogote also near Terra Firma. The fourth is at Rio de la Hacha, along the same coast.

The fifth and last is at Saint Martha, sixty leagues from Rio de la Hacha. All these three fisheries produce pearls of a large size; but they are in general ill shaped and of a lead coloured water.

With regard to the pearls of Scotland, and those found in one of the rivers of Bavaria, although necklaces are made of them to the value of one thousand crowns and upwards, yet they will not bear a comparison with those of the East and West Indies.

I believe no one that has preceded me in writing on pearls, has taken any notice of the fishery that within these few years has been discovered on the coast of Japan, many of which pearls brought from thence by Dutchmen I have seen. They are of a very fine water, and some of them large, but are all rough. The Japanese, as I have observed elsewhere, hold them in no estimation, and it is not unlikely, were they disposed to search, that they might meet with some sand banks containing finer.

Before closing this chapter, I wish to make an important remark respecting pearls and the difference of their water, some being very white, others bordering upon yellow, and some again of a blackish or lead colour. With respect to the latter, they are found only in America, and their colour is owing to the nature of the bottom, which contains more mud than in the East. In a cargo that the late Monsieur du Jardin, the famous jeweller, had in the Spanish galleons, he found six pearls perfectly round, but black as jet, which, taking the one with the other, weighed twelve carats. He gave them to me, in company with other articles to carry to the East and endeavour to sell, but I brought them back to him, not having been able to find any person who was pleas'd with them. As to those which have a yellow cast, this arises from the pearl fishers selling the oysters to the merchants by heaps, who sometimes keep them as long as fourteen or fifteen days until they open of themselves when they take out the pearls; during which time some of these oysters losing their moisture, spoil and waste, by means of which infection the pearl turns yellow, which is so true, that in all the oysters that have preserv'd their moisture, the pearls are always white. The reason why they keep them till they open of themselves is, that if opened by force as we do our shell-oysters, they would run the risk of damaging or breaking the pearl. The oysters at
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Manar open naturally five or six days sooner than those in the Persian Gulf, because the heat is greater at Manar, which is in the tenth degree of north latitude, than at the island of Bahren, which is about twenty-seven degrees: thus amongst those pearls that come from Manar there are few yellow. In short, all the eastern nations are exactly of our taste with regard to whiteness, and I have always observed that they like the whitest pearls, the whitest diamonds, the whitest bread, and the whitest women.

CHAP. VII. *Shewing in what Manner the Pearls are engendered in Oysters, how they fish for them, and at what Time.*

I AM well aware that, according to the opinion of some ancient authors, not very conversant in these matters, pearls have commonly been thought to be engendered by the dew from heaven, and that never more than one is found in each oyster, all which experience has shewn to be erroneous. With respect to the first, the oysters are found only at the bottom of the sea, where the dew cannot penetrate, they being sometimes, as I shall presently shew, obliged to dive for them as low as twelve fathoms; and in regard to the other, it is certain, that as many as six or seven pearls have been found in one oyster; nay, I myself have had one that contained to the number of ten, regular in a train of formation. They were not it is true all of the same bigness; because they engender in the oysters in the same manner as eggs in the belly of a fowl, where as the largest egg being most advanced towards the orifice, comes out first, leaving the smaller ones behind till further perfected, so likewise in the oysters the largest pearl first presents itself, leaving the smaller ones not yet arrived at perfection under the oyster at the bottom of the shell, until they have attained their natural size. But yet I do not mean from this to infer that it is a general rule, as, on the contrary, many oysters are met with containing no pearls at all.

It must not be imagined that these pearl divers derive any great advantage from their labour, for if the poor people thus occupied had any thing else to employ them, they would willingly quit this trade, which they follow only to keep them from starving. I have, in my account of Persia, before observed, that from Balfora as far as Cape Jafque, on both sides the Persian Gulf, the earth produces nothing. The people are there so poor, and live in a manner so pitiable, that they see neither bread nor rice, living entirely on dates and salt-fish, as they must go twenty leagues up the country before they meet with any herb.

They fish in the oriental seas twice a year, first in March and April, and secondly, in August and September, and the time for felling them is from June till November. But this fishery is not carried on every year, because those who undertake it wishing to learn beforehand, whether or not it will tend to their advantage; send out to the place where they fish six or seven barks, when each of them bringing back about a thousand oysters, they open them, and if in every thousand, pearls are not found to the value of five fanos, which is about equal to half-a-crown of our money, it is a sign that the fishery will not be productive, and these poor people would not be able to make good the expences they are put to, since as well to cloath as support them during the time of the fishery, they borrow money at three and four per cent. per month; so that if the thousand oysters does not produce pearls to the amount of at least five fanos, they fish none that year. The merchants that buy these oysters must do it at a venture, taking their chance as to their contents. This, when they find large pearls, turns out fortunate, although it happens but seldom

feldom, especially at the Manar fishery, where, as I have already observed, none but small ones are found, the most part of them being such as are sold by the ounce. They have several as large as half a grain or a grain, but it is a great thing when they find one to weigh two or three carats. There are some years that a thousand oysters are worth seven fanos, and that the fishery amounts to an hundred thousand piaftres or more. When the Portuguese were in possession of Manar, they imposed a duty on every bark, and since the Dutch have taken possession of it, from every diver they receive eight piaftres, and sometimes nine, which, in a profitable year, has brought them in as much as seventeen thousand two hundred reals. The reason why the Portuguese took this tribute of these poor people, as likewise why the Dutch continue it, is to defray the expence of defending them against the Malavares their enemies, who, coming in armed barks, endeavour to take them for slaves. All the time the fishery is carried on, the Dutch have two or three armed barks at sea, on the side that the corsairs come from, by which means they are enabled to work in peace. These divers are for the most part idolaters, although there are some Mahometans who have their barks by themselves. They never mix together, and the Dutch receive more from these latter than the former, for besides that the Mahometans pay as much as the idolaters, they also give the produce of one day's fishery, which day is at the choice of the Dutch.

The more it rains in the course of the year, the more productive it is for the fishery, but many persons imagine that the deeper water the oyster is found in, so much is the pearl the whiter, because the water is not so hot, the sun not penetrating to the bottom, but this is an opinion I beg leave to contradict. They fish in from four to twelve fathom water, which fishery is carried on upon the banks, where there are sometimes as many as two hundred and fifty barks, in the greater part of which there is but one diver, some of the largest only having two.

These barks sail from the coast every morning before sun rise, with a constant breeze from the land, which lasts till ten o'clock. After dinner they return with a breeze from the sea, which succeeds that of the land, regularly springing up about eleven or twelve o'clock as soon as the other has ceased. The banks on which they fish, are five or six leagues out in the sea, and when there, the following is the method used to procure the oysters.

Under the arms of those who dive, they fasten a cord, one end of which is held by them that remain in the bark, while to their great toe a stone is tied of eighteen or twenty pounds weight, the cord also being held by those in the bark. Then they have a net made like a sack, the mouth being encircled with a hoop to keep it open, and this net is fastened like the rest. The diver is now let down into the sea, where directly he gets to the bottom, which he very soon does by means of the stone fastened to his toe, he immediately unties it, and those who are in the bark draw it up. He now keeps filling the net with the oysters as long as he can hold his breath, which when he finds beginning to fail him, he pulls the cord fastened under his arms, and that serving as a signal to those in the boat, they draw him up as quick as possible. The divers at Manar are much cleverer at fishing, and remain longer under the water than those of Bahrea and Catifa, neither closing up their nostrils with pincers, nor putting cotton in their ears to hinder the water from entering, as they do at the Persian Gulf.

After the diver is drawn into the bark, they drag up the net with the oysters, when he remains about half a quarter of an hour, as well to allow them time to take out the oysters as to give him time to breathe, which done he returns again to the bottom of the sea in the same manner as before, repeatedly continuing so to do for the space of ten or twelve hours, when they make for land. Some that are in want of money sell

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what they have immediately, whilst those that have wherewith to live, keep them till the fishing season is over. They leave the oysters to open of themselves, which they do as soon as they begin to spoil. Some of the shells are four times as large as those we have at Rouen; but as the oysters are of an insipid, unpleasant taste, they always throw them away.

As a conclusion to this discourse on pearls, it must be observed, that throughout all Europe, they sell them by the carat, which is four grains, the same as in diamonds, whereas in Asia, they have various weights. In Persia they weigh their pearls by the Abas, which is one eighth less than our carat, while in the Indies, and throughout all the Great Mogul's territories, as also in the kingdoms of Golconda and Visapour, they weigh them by the ratis, which is likewise one eighth less than the carat.

Goa was formerly the greatest mart in Asia for diamonds, rubies, sapphires, topazes, and other stones. Here all the miners and merchants resorted to sell the finest productions of the mines, because they were at free liberty to dispose of them as they pleased, whereas in their own country, upon shewing any thing particular to any of the kings or princes they were obliged to accept just what he chose to give them. Goa was also famous for the great trade there carried on in pearls, as well those brought from the island of Bahren in the Persian Gulf, as from Manar on the coast of Ceylon, and also those from America. It must be observed, that at Goa and all other Portugueze possessions in the Indies, they weigh their pearls with a particular weight, not used at any other place either in Europe, Asia, or America. I make no mention of Africa, because this trade is not known there, the women in that part of the world contenting themselves, in the place of jewels, with some grains of false coral or yellow amber, of which they make collars and bracelets to ornament their legs and arms.

Notwithstanding the Portugueze, in all their Indian possessions, sell the pearls by a weight called chegos; they nevertheless buy them of the merchants according to the custom of their various countries, either by the carat, abas, or ratis.

A NEW ACCOUNT OF THE EAST INDIES,

BEING

The Observations and Remarks of Capt. ALEXANDER HAMILTON,

Who spent his Time there from the Year 1688 to 1713; trading and Travelling, by Sea and Land, to most of the Countries and Islands of Commerce and Navigation, between the Cape of Good Hope, and the Island of Japon*.

To his Grace, JAMES, Duke of Hamilton, Chatlerault and Brandon, Marquis of Clydsdale, Earl of Arran, Lanerk and Cambridge, Lord Avon, Polnmount, Machanfscher, and Innerdale, and Baron of Dutton, Knight of the most noble Order of the Thistle.

MY LORD,

I HAVE known some scribblers, or authors, dedicate their works to great men, who they hardly knew any more of than their illustrious names; but my ambition or presumption has a juster plea in claiming your Grace's patronage, since you have been pleased to honour me with several influences of your favour; therefore, I humbly presume to lay these cursory observations that I made in my travels to the East Indies, at your Grace's feet; and if they find acceptance, I shall not much mind the censure of critics, or satyrists: for I am persuaded, that the very name of so illustrious a patron will be sufficient to protect and defend me.

If I had thought, while I was in India, of making my observations or remarks public, and to have had the honour of presenting them to so noble a patron, I had certainly been more careful and curious in my collections, and of keeping memorandums to have made this work more complete: but it must now appear, to some disadvantage, (for want of these ornaments) in its native simple dress, as it came posting through a weak and treacherous memory with little elegance.

I have seen the elaborate works of several ingenious pens, who had travelled through many countries, in maps, that I have travelled to by sea and land; they may have many advantages to recommend their works that I want; yet, few (if any) ever had the living acquaintances that I have had, to inform or instruct them in many particulars relating to the ancient, or present state of their countries, whose vernacular languages can best illustrate their histories, some of which I understood.

All that have travelled in those countries before me, have omitted some things worthy of observation, and have remarked some things impertinent enough; and, as I take the liberty to censure them, I expect the same treatment from those that may travel after me, and for the very same fault.

Those five or six and thirty years that I spent in the East Indies, strolling from place to place, gave me opportunities to know some topographical, historical, and theogonical parts of this work, from the natives, of their respective countries, who may be presumed to be better acquainted with their own traditions and customs, than strangers, who are often at a loss for want of language.

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I will not apologize (as many) for my weakness or unfitness for this undertaking, for I assure your Grace, if I had not thought myself pretty well qualified for it, I had never set about it.

And, as my travels have been most along the sea-coasts, I have described the harbours, rivers, and dangers of them, pretty punctually. I hope those remarks may be useful to some of my fraternity, who may have occasion to go into those seas; and though they may get better pilots than I, yet they cannot be the worse of my remarks.

I will not trouble your Grace with encomiums, either on yourself, or your illustrious ancestors, for your names and characters are so well known all over Europe, and in some parts farther off, by distinguishing marks, that it would be but presumption in me to offer to add any thing to them; but please to accept of my best wishes for the welfare of your Grace, and your illustrious family and kindred; and that the Almighty may protect and direct you in a virtuous life, and make you a peculiar favourite in the court of heaven, shall always be the sincere prayer of,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most devoted, and most affectionate humble Servant,

ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

PREFACE.

A BOOK without a preface, now a-days, is as unfashionable as a lady to pretend to be dress'd a-la-mode without a hoop, or a nice beau without a snuff-box: therefore I am resolv'd to be in the fashion at any rate, if I do appear a little awkward in my performance, and I will make no other apology, but the thread-bare one, (that many scriblers have done before me) that it was at the request, and by the persuasions of some particular friends and acquaintances, that I commit these observations and remarks to writing.

I know such a miscellany as this must be, will hardly find favour with every body, however if it please my friends, I shall not be very solicitous about what others may say of it, or me; and, if there are any notable errors, or mistakes in the work, (which is more than I know of, if there is) yet take all the piece together, without vanity, I presume you will find it more particular, correct and extensive, than any of this kind, at least, of any that ever I saw; and if any things are mentioned or advanced, that may seem dubious or fabulous, the best way that I know, how to cure your scruples or doubts is, to take a trip to those countries whence they come, and inform yourselves better than I have done; and when ye return to Britain, and convict, or convince me of my mistakes, I will readily acknowledge them, and beg pardon.

But I'll neither do the one nor the other, if I am arraigned before the tribunal of map travellers, or who have only the sanction of other men's journal, or memoirs to qualify them judges; and, although some amuse the world with large and florid descriptions of countries that they never saw, and of customs they never saw used, yet, since their stock of knowledge is all on tick, the want of being eye and ear witnesses very much depreciates their accounts; besides, common experience teacheth us, that time alters religions, customs, commerce, economy, &c. in all countries; therefore, as these observations are the most modern, consequently they are the nearer related to the times we live in.

I knew a reverend gentleman, in anno 1690, who came to Bombay in India, chaplain

of the ship Benjamin, the ship was sent on a voyage to Atcheen, and the streights of Malacca, while the chaplain stayed at Bombay and Surat, employed in his ministerial duties, and in making his ingenious observations and remarks, which he published when he returned to England, for which he received a great deal of applause, and many encomiums from some of his reverend brethren, and a particular compliment from the governors of the of the church; yet I know, that his greatest travels were in maps, and the knowledge he had of the countries, any way remote from the aforementioned places, was the accounts he gathered from common report; and, perhaps, those reports came successively to him by second or third hands; for, to my certain knowledge, there were none then at Surat or Bombay that could furnish him with any tolerable accounts of some countries that he describes, particularly of the growth and nature of tea, and shews its bush very prettily among his cuts; which accounts are not easily procured, even in China, much less at Bombay.

The taste of those times relished all he presented with a very good gusto, and the reverend traveller received almost as ample rewards and praises for his personal travels to Surat by sea, and over the rest of India by maps, as Sir Francis Drake had for his tour round the world; so, that if this age has retained any relish for personal travels, and new observations of India, these have as good a right to claim a favourable reception as any that ever came to Britain before them.

The reverend traveller, nor any that had made trips to India before him, could not well be acquainted with many occurrences that have come within the reach of my observations; and I can perceive several things worth noticing, they have neglected or leaped over, either for want of curiosity, language, or some other impediments, so that if any of them are found in this, I presume they will not be unacceptable.

But, after all, I am not so vain, or so ill acquainted with the world, to think, that I shall go Scot-free, without censure, though my observations had been much nicer, and this work much more perfect than it is, since so great a man as Bishop Burnet has been so severely lashed by one that could know no more of his affairs or negotiations, than he knows of mine, or of many countries that I have been in.

And many a hard lash, and scurrilous name the right reverend father has gotten for writing so favourably of himself, and his own conduct in his management of various important affairs, among politicians and statesmen; yet I am obliged to follow his example in some particular cases, where I had occasion to act on the stage of the eastern world, though I am not ignorant of the great odds that the bishop had of me, both in education and capacity; yet when I consider, that the sun is placed in a much higher orb than the moon, and his splendour much brighter, and his influences much more beneficent, nevertheless she has some very useful qualities, that gains her some admirers as well as he, though not so numerous.

I also follow the right reverend father in giving some people characters, whom I praise or censure according to my own experience, or acquaintance with their candour or matverfation in the course of their affairs with myself or others, or by good information of their conduct and abilities, which maxim I am not afraid to follow through all my observations, if I should be called before the arbitrary tribunal of critics or censurers.

My task in compiling this had been much lighter, and my performance perhaps had been better, if gazettes and other useful public papers were used in those countries where I travelled, or if I could have read their different histories in their various vernacular languages, then the general accounts of their laws, religions, politicks, &c. material observations, had been much fuller and exacter than now they are; but such

helps could not be had. Indeed, as to their laws, their kings or princes being all arbitrary, the law is lodged in their breasts, who make and repeal when they please; but, for the ease of the populace, they have national customs and courts to manage distributive justice, and that runs in a pretty even channel, when it is not interrupted by the Prince's order, or stopp'd by bribes, to those governors or judges who have the distribution of them; and this is not more in use among the black Indians than among the white.

Their religions are a complex of mysteries, church-policy, and superstition, and they are all safely locked up in their temples, as being too holy to be expos'd to the vulgar, and they seldom appear abroad, but in a language generally unknown to the populace; and the priests are both authors and interpreters of the sacred dreams, and, in most parts, the priests have the keeping of the keys of their histories too; and when they come abroad, it may easily be observ'd, that a Levite had been trinning or tampering with them, for they are generally grossly debauch'd with hyperboles and fables, and a little God often brought in to father their inventions, affirmations, or notions.

So that what knowledge I have acquired or gather'd, is from the much converse I had with the natives of the respective countries I travel'd in, or from those that were familiarly acquainted with the religions, laws, and customs of their neighbours.

One great misfortune that attends us European travellers in India, is, the want of knowledge of their languages, and they being so numerous, that one intire century would be too short a time to learn all: I could not find one in ten thousand that could speak intelligible English, tho', along the sea-coasts, the Portugueze have left a vestige of their language, though much corrupted, yet it is the language that most Europeans learn first, to qualify them for a general converse with one another, as well as with the different inhabitants of India.

And we Britons, who either go voluntarily, or are sent to Neptune's schools in our youth, to learn politeness and eloquence, very rarely meet with Apollo's bright sons or disciples to instruct us in the knowledge of languages, or of the state of all nations, but of that one we are born in, and that but imperfectly so. That may be one reason, among many, why we appear so simple and awkward in dressing up the observations we make of foreign countries, that we travel in; but I dare say, nobody will, or can be so ill-natur'd as to be offend'd, when he sees a plowman take out his mistress to dance a minuet a-la-mode, because his performances are not exactly squared with a dancing-master's rules and figures, which reflection makes me hope, that this my virgin essay will be civilly treated by the unprejudic'd lovers of travels.

And now, to animadvert a little on the subject of my travels. The geographical, cosmographical or topographical parts of my observations have most of their places been settl'd by others, though I think some of them are a little out of their true positions, and some I have correct'd in the annexed maps, according to my own observations; and those maps, will shew the places and their names in a much easier and clearer light than if I had mark'd them down in margins; and, since most of the continents and islands lie pretty near the equator, the errors in longitude are not very great, if at all material.

The theogon and moral parts may, without doubt, deserve some serious thoughts or attention, because every body is, or ought to be concern'd in those speculations, since they shew some parts of their religions and customs, and, comparing them with the inestimable blessings that we enjoy by reveal'd religion and rational laws, may afford us no small satisfaction, when rightly consider'd, and that their wild notions of a Deity overclouded with superstition and folly, deserve our pity and charity; and that our duty towards God and our neighbour is, by the Holy Scriptures, set before us in
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the brightest light, while theirs is to be groped out by the dark glimmerings of very fallible reason; yet, for all these disadvantages, I have known many of them practise very much holiness in their lives by the help of morality, so that some animadversion on our advantages, compared with their disadvantages, may be, in some measure, both useful and delightful to all thinking men, except the atheist, whose numbers, I hope, are very few among us, and I never met with one in India.

What relates to navigation, in different seas, and dangers lying in them, and the sea-coasts, with the dangers and harbours on them, is purely calculated for the use of my fraternity, who may have occasion to navigate in those seas, or on those coasts, but to others, who have no call that way, they are almost useless.

The commerce on the continent and the islands, with the account of their productions, fertility or sterility, are merely designed for the assistance of strangers, merchants or seamen, who may hereafter attempt a trade with the inhabitants of them: and I am persuaded, that there are several places, both on the continent and among the islands, that lie now neglected by Europeans, that might produce a good advantageous trade, if factories were settled, and commerce cultivated with the inhabitants, and would yield much better profits than many of the old factories do at present, some of which, I know, carry on but a very faint trade for their respective companies, that can hardly defray their little charges: but indolent people are generally wedded to their old customs, or their crazy habitations, without considering what changes time makes, in bodies politic as well as natural, which distemper is a lethargy in trade, and in all other of industry, which I can point out in particulars, if need were.

Now, as our dear friends and allies have engrossed all the Moluccos or spice islands, I can give but a superficial historical account of them; and, as they were acquired by bloody and barbarous industry, they keep and govern them with arbitrary violence. A poor Briton dares not approach them, lest they meet with the fate that some of our countrymen met with there formerly: and even an English seaman cannot be employed in that company's service, for fear of making observations in navigation, and remarks on trade, that may (some time or other, but God knows when) prove detrimental to their commerce. What I could learn of those islands were some cursory accounts from some of my fraternity, when a bottle or two had opened their breasts.

Yet I could have enlarged these observations, and made my book look much bigger than it is; but, as I hate prolixity myself, I treat my reader with what brevity I can, in every part, except it be where the subject cannot bear too narrow a contraction in its illustration.

But, before I end this preface or prologue, I will tell my reader, who perhaps is unacquainted with me, who I am, and who I am not. First then, I am one who went very young to travel, not for want, for there ever was, and is enough of that in my own country; but having a rambling mind, and a fortune too narrow to allow me to travel like a gentleman, I applied myself to the study of nautical affairs at Neptune's school, and, in process of time, I came to be a master of arts in that university. My younger days I spent in visiting most of the maritime kingdoms of Europe, and some parts of Barbary. Then my curiosity led me to Jamaica, and then to the East Indies, where I spent between five and six and thirty years, still learning my trade, and how to get money, and, meeting with some encouragement, I set up for myself, and took some apprentices, and, according to my abilities, I taught them, and gave them encouragement. Now, one would think, that in so long a time in India, I might have made a great deal of money as well as observations and remarks; but Fortunatus will

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not lodge in every house there. With honest and industrious men more than in Europe; yet, after many strugglings with adverse fortune, and heavy oppressions, I have brought back a charm that can keep out the meagre devil (poverty) from entering into my house, and so I have got holy Agur's wish in Prov. xxx. 8. and I have learned a pretty good lesson from St. Paul in his epistle to the Philippians, chap. iv. ver. 11. which I am resolved to follow as long as I live.

And now I'll tell you who I am not. I assure you I am no mercenary scribbler, for, although I was proffered a good round sum for a copy of these following observations, I refused it, and have made a present of them to a particular friend, and, if he thinks them worth the printing, he may print them for his own benefit and advantage; and, if he has good luck in putting them off, perhaps I may make some additions, appendixes or supplements to those observations already made.

Moreover, I left England before King William came into it as King, which I look on as a singular providence, considering the revolutions and wars that soon followed King James's abdication, for being then young and thoughtless, and having but little experience of the affairs of the politick world, a fair tale plausibly told, with a little smooth persuasion, might have drawn me into a wrong way of thinking, or might have led me away (by taking part with a wrong faction) to an untimely end, or, at least, have given me time enough to make observations on the miseries of a penurious life, as I see many now in Holland do at this time, who are plentifully fed with the bread of affliction, and their heat quenched with the waters of sorrow, and the tears of repentance.

Now, as these observations have been mostly from the store-house of my memory, and are the amusement or lucubrations of the nights of two long winters, I have even let my thoughts take their places, as they came out of my little magazine, without studying to put them in rank and file, according to nice rules and forms. So in the same order I leave them to my reader, with the old proverb to accompany them, 'that the proof of the pudding is in eating it;' so, according to your taste or appetite, you may either condemn or commend.

A NEW ACCOUNT OF THE EAST INDIES.

CHAP. I.—*Giveth a traditional Account of the first settling of Europeans at the Cape of Good Hope, with some historical Remarks on the maritime Countries between the said Cape and Cape Guardafoy, with the inhabited Islands of that Coast.*

THE first Europeans that settled at Cabo de bona Esperanza, or, in English, the Cape of Good Hope, were the English, in Queen Elizabeth's time; but the natives were so unfociable and indocile, that they thought fit to leave it. A few years after they had left it, the English East India company considering what importance a port would be of to their shipping, both in their outward and homeward bound passages to and from India, were resolved to make another trial for a settlement there, and, in order to accomplish their design, obtained a reprieve for three condemned malefactors, to be carried thither in order to learn the language, to serve for interpreters, and to inspect, as far as they could, into the manners and customs of the native Hottentots, and of the product and commerce of the country.

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After they had been there three years without being able to learn any of their language, or to teach any of the natives a word of English, a ship was ordered, in her passage from India, to call there, to know what was become of these three persons, and arriving there, found them all alive, but very tired with their manner of living, insomuch that they fell on their knees, and, with tears in their eyes, beseeched the captain of the ship to carry them back to England, to receive the punishment due to their crimes, rather than be left among the very dregs of human nature, who had neither religion nor laws, except what every master of a family prescribed, and allowed those under his authority to observe and obey.

Some years after the experiment was made on the aforesaid criminals, an English ship coming there for water and provisions, in their way homeward to England, the captain had the curiosity to detain a youth that came to board his ship, and, being ready to sail, carried him to England, where he staid some years, clothed well after the English fashion, and kept at school to learn to speak and read English; and, when the East India company thought him well enough qualified to serve for an interpreter, they sent him back to his own country, very well clothed. As soon as he appeared ashore among his friends and relations, he pulled off his English apparel, and put on his country habit, which is a sheep's skin about his shoulders. The sheep's guts serve both sexes for bracelets, and the tallow mixed with foot is their pomatum, with which they bedaub their woolly heads, faces, and the rest of their bodies. And when they come on board of our shipping to traffic their fowls, roots, and herbs, with our needles, scissars, knives, toys, &c., they go first to the cook-room, and look out for some grease to anoint their nasty carcases, and scrape the bottoms of the kettles for foot, to beautify their skins.

Notwithstanding that they are so brutal and indocile, they know the value of liberty, and will by no means be slaves, at least to any Europe nations; and, in their dispositions, are not cruel, through revengeful. They are not superstitious, for what adoration they pay, is to the sun, and that but seldom. The country is mountainous. The hills are strewed with deer and sheep, black cattle, lions, tigers, and other voracious animals. The vallies produce good wheat and legumen, grapes in abundance, and many other excellent fruits, ostriches, and good fowl both wild and tame: and the sea and rivers good store of fishes, besides the manatee, or sea-cow.

The English, despairing of settling a colony there, left it, and settled at St. Helena, a very high mountainous island; lying between the coast of Guinea and America, about 620 leagues north-west half west from the Cape of Good Hope; and the Dutch East India Company settled a colony at Cape Bona Esperanza, by the assistance of some French refugees, who have penetrated near 300 English miles into the land, and manure the ground to very good purpose, it yielding them wines and wheat in abundance. The Dutch company has a strong fort, and a town on the south side of a bay, that serves for a good road for shipping in all winds, except those that blow between the north and west. The English called generally there, in their way to and from India, in former times, for refreshments; but of late the white Hottentots will not permit the poor Britons to carry on board their ships any cattle, sheep, or fowls with life in them, for the support or relief of their dear friends and allies, notwithstanding the conscientious prices we would willingly bestow for their edibles. The black Hottentots would shew the English much more humanity, if the white did not restrain them; and so I leave them, and proceed to the eastward.

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produces nothing worth the merchants adventuring thither for, I know not; but to Natal I have known some English vessels go from India, for elephants teeth, and so make pretty good voyages; but they were two years and a half in performing a voyage. The country is fertile, but unwholesome. The woods are thick set with several sorts of trees, and stored with elephants, lions, leopards, bears, wolves, deer and foxes; the rivers with fish, manatees and crocodiles. Here lived, in anno 1718, a penitent pirate, who sequestered himself from his abominable community, and retired out of harm's way.

There is no commerce on the coast between Natal and Delagoa, I believe, for the same reason that I gave for the unfrequentedness of the coast between the Cape of Good-Hope and Natal; and I believe, the first communicative commerce, either to Natal or Delagoa, with the English, came by accident; for about the year 1683, an English ship, called the Johanna, was lost somewhere about Delagoa. The natives, who were reputed great barbarians, shewed the shipwrecked men much more civility and humanity than some nations that I know, who pretend much religion and politeness, for they accommodated their guests with whatever they wanted of the product of their country, at very easy rates, and assisted what they could, to save part of the damaged cargo, receiving very moderate rewards for their labour and pains. Their language was by signs; and for a few glass-beads, knives, scissars, needles, thread, and small looking-glasses, which they are very fond of, they hired themselves to carry many portable things (that were saved from the shipwreck) to a neighbouring country, and procured others, who also served them for guides towards the Cape of Good-Hope, and provided eatables for their masters, all the while they were under their conduct; and having carried them about 200 miles on their way, by land, they provided new guides and porters for them, for some of the aforesaid trilles, who conducted them, and provided for them, as the others had done, for 7 or 800 miles farther, which they travelled in 40 days, and so delivered their charge to others, who conducted and provided for them, till they arrived at the Cape; and some of the English falling sick on the way, they carried the sick in hammocks, till they either recovered or died, and out of 80 men there were but 3 or 4 died; but how long they journeyed before they arrived at the Cape, I have forgotten. This account I had from one of the trilles. He told me, that the natural fertility of those countries he travelled through, made the inhabitants lazy, indolent, indocile and simple. Their rivers are abundant with good fish and water-fowl, besides manatees or sea-cows, and crocodiles. The woods with large trees, wild cattle and deer, elephants, rhinoceroses, and wolves and foxes for game; also many sorts of winged fowl and birds, besides. They have some notions of a Deity, whom they worship with dancing and singing, &c. they are generally very much inclined to mirth, an instance whereof I will venture to relate, on the account I had from a master of a ship, who went thither to trade in anno 1718, viz. when they had got their ship secured in a river, the natives assembled in good numbers to traffick, near the place where the ship lay: an arch Indian youth, who was a very good drummer, carried his drum ashore, and in a thicket pretty near the assembly, beat his drum very briskly, on which the young of both sexes fell a skipping, and a little after the adult and old followed their example, so that none stood idle spectators; but the old beginning to tire, some went to the drummer, and presented him with eggs, fowl and fruits, and intreated him to leave off, which as soon as he did, they all sat down again on the ground, well heated.

I saw several rhinoceroses horns brought thence to Bombay, much longer than ever I saw in India or China, and one was three horns growing from one root; the

longest was about 18 inches, the second about 12, and the third about 8, but smaller in proportion than what is in India, and much sharper about the point. The master of the forenamed ship brought also a black fowl, as big in the body as a large duck. It had a long, straight, thick, but pointed bill, and hollow eyes, its legs about 12 or 14 inches long, but thick and strong; it was very voracious after flesh or fish, and was an excellent frog and rat-catcher. As soon as he caught any living game, he tossed it up about two yards high, and caught it on the point of his bill, and so repeated his tossings till the animal died, and then greedily devoured it.

Between Delagoa and Mofambique is a dangerous sea-coast; it formerly was known by the names of Suffola and Cuama, but now by the Portugueze, who know that country best, it is called Sena. It finds dominions for many different princes, for they are contented with small territories. The inhabitants are all negroes, and almost all barbarians, except a few that the Portugueze have converted to Popery; and they, by their conversion, are generally less humane to European strangers than the Barbarians.

Sena abounds in elephants teeth and low gold, of 18 or 19 carects fineness; but the people having plenty of all things convenient for them, are very supine. They have large strong bodies and limbs, and are very bold in war. They will have commerce with none but the Portugueze, who keep a few priests along the sea-coasts, that overawe the silly natives, and get their teeth and gold for trifles, and send what they get to Mofambique.

I have heard a Portugueze say, who went from Mofambique thither, that, carrying some small glass-beads of divers colours for traffick, the natives made a hole in some clay ground, which would hold as many beads as they wanted, and taking the beads out of the hole, filled it up with gold-dust. He also told me, that for some coarse chequered cloth, called Cambaya Lungies, made of cotton-yarn, the natives would bring elephants teeth, and measure the length of a tooth by the cloth, and bartered the tooth for so much cloth as it measured: but the Portugueze relations are hardly to be credited, for if gold and teeth were so easily purchased, how can they be so miserably poor as they are, every where in their colonies, all over India?

I rather believe, that this was the Ophir or Tarshish of the Jews, whither Solomon sent his ships out of the Red Sea, than Sumatra, where they could not possibly go and return in three years along the sea-coasts, which might easily be effected to Sena.

Mofambique is an island belonging to the crown of Portugal, it is well fortified both by art and nature, but is very unwholsome, in so much, than when any Reynol, or European Portugueze in the King of Portugal's service in India commits any capital crime, instead of punishing him according to their national or martial laws, they are banished to Mofambique, for as many years as the viceroy of Goa and his council shall order, and very few ever return from their exile, for 5 or 6 years is a long life there. It also serves for a refreshing place for the Portugueze ships, that are bound from Europe to India, where they generally stay about 30 days to recruit their soldiers and seamen, (not with fresh numbers, but fresh victuals and whores), who, by their inactivity and laziness at sea, contract the scurvy and dropsy, which the acid fruits and nourishing roots soon dispel. Their ships are generally at sea the whole month of August, between Mofambique and Goa.

The inhabitants of Mofambique, as well as those on the continent, are all Negroes, of a large size, handsome, and very well limbed, and make good slaves. The King's ships, as well as private traders, bring good store of them to India, both sexes being in high esteem with the Indian Portugueze, both having services proper to their sex a.

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lotted them. As soon as the boys can speak a little Portuguese, they are baptized, and so become very zealous Catholics, fit to execute any base designs their ghostly fathers shall think fit to put them on; and after baptism, they have a little crucifix, or a faint of brass or ivory, hung about their necks, which they are as fond of as a monkey is of a young kitten to play with.

And some that have the good fortune to be young and docile, and fall into the hands of a zealous superstitious master, are brought up to letters, and in the end come to be priests. I have known many coal-black priests about Goa.

The country of Quiloa lies between Mosambique and Mombasa; its sea-coast is dangerous, which admits of no trade but in boats. The distance between Mosambique and Mombasa is about 225 leagues.

Mombasa is also an island that lies near the continent, slightly fortified by art, but very well by nature; it belonged to the Portuguese for near 200 years, but in anno 1698, the Muskat Arabs took it with very little trouble, and put about 20 Portuguese to the sword, that were there to defend it, and the conquerors found a booty of about 200 tuns of teeth, which was worth in India, about 125,000l. sterling. The elephants of this country are very large, and so are the men, who are all barbarians, except those who were near neighbours to the Portuguese, who, for conveniency, were baptized, and became good Catholics; and since the Arabians are become their neighbours, they are turned very zealous Mussulmen, which religion pleases their stupidity better, being better adapted to their humours, and dear custom of polygamy and concubinage.

Patta is now in the hands of the Muskat Arabs, and affords good store of teeth and slaves for Muskat. Formerly the English, Portuguese, and Moors from India, had a small, but advantageous trade thither, which the Arabs envied them of, and sent a colony about the year 1692, and settled there, prohibiting commerce with all other nations. The inland countries are inhabited by barbarians, but on the sea-coasts of Magadoxa, Zeyla and Yeman, to Cape Guardafoy, which stretches about 330 leagues north eastward. The religion, by law established, is Mahometan, yet every country retains some fragments of their ancient customs and ceremonies, with the traditions of their fathers. The Arabians from Mocha, and other parts of Arabia the Happy, who reckon themselves Mahomet's best disciples, and who have travelled much to teach and confirm them in their religion and philology, declare them to be the greatest schismatics and obdurate heretics that profess the Mahometan religion.

Magadoxa, or, as the Portuguese call it, Magadocia, is a pretty large city, about 2 or 3 miles from the sea, from whence it has a very fine aspect, being adorned with many high steeples and mosques. There are several reasons why merchants do not frequent it on account of traffick; one is, that a reef of rocks lies all along the shore, about a mile more or less from the sandy strand, between which and the rocks it is pretty smooth, and two or three fathoms water; but there is no river to secure vessels when a strong sea wind bloweth. The second impediment is, that violence and robberies are so much practised and countenanced, that common faith is not to be relied on; and I will give a very tragical instance of their barbarity, viz. In anno 1700, the English new East India company sent out a ship called the Albemarle, commanded by Captain William Beawes. Being bound for Surat, he had the misfortune to meet the easterly monsoons or trade-winds, sooner than he expected. In the channel between Madagascar and the coast of Ethiopia, those easterly monsoons always bring strong currents with them from the eastward, which checked him over to the coast of Magadoxa, but that being a dangerous shore, he stood over to the island of Johanna, and

was forced to harbour his ship on the south-west side of that island, till the easterly monsoons were blown over, and in the month of March he ventured to put to sea, which was too soon, because the currents still ran strong to the westward, and he standing over to the Ethiopian coast, fell in again with Magadoxa, which, by the handsome figure it made from the sea, made him believe it to be some place of commerce, and being curious to know if it was so or no, sent his yawl ashore, with his purser and four seamen, to bring information, and gave them strict orders to be on their guard, and only one person to go ashore at a time. When the boat got over the rocks, they anchored close to the beach, and the natives came from the town, driving store of cattle and sheep before them for sale. The purser, being young and inexperienced, forgot his orders, and went ashore himself with three of his crew, leaving one only to stay in the boat, and those that went ashore, were so silly, as to leave their fire-arms in the boat, and by the feigned civilities that the natives shewed them, they heedlessly mingled themselves with the natives, who, finding so unexpected an opportunity, hurled them away to the town; and the boat keeper, neither hearing nor seeing what was done to his comrades, suffered some natives to come into the boat, who seized him also, and hauled the boat a good way up on the land.

Those on board the ship saw, by their prospectives, what was acted ashore, and sent their other boats, well manned, to try if they could ransom the captives, but in four days fruitless endeavours, they could never bring the natives to a parley, and so the ship was obliged to leave them to repent of their folly; but it never came to our knowledge in India, what became of them, or what their fate was.

Yet on the coasts of Zeyla and Yeman, which both terminate at Cape Guardafoy, the natives will bring off sheep, goats, hens, fish and fruits, to sell to shipping that sometimes lay becalmed on their sea, near the shore. The people are tall, meagre, and large boned, very swarthy, but not quite black in their complexions; they are treacherous, cruel, and avaricious in their temper; their habit is a pair of breeches to their ankles, or a piece of coarse cloth about their loins, and a gown open before, and without sleeves, called a camlin; it is made of camel's hair, or of their sheep's wool, that is fully as hard and coarse as hog's hair. On their heads they wear a turban of coarse calico, and then they are equipped. Their sheep are white, with jet black heads, and small ears, their bodies large, and their flesh delicate, their tails as broad as their buttocks, and about 6 or 8 inches long; so they are in the shape of a pillow wanting corners, and from the lower end of that bundle, comes a small tail about 6 inches long, almost like a pig's.

And now having travelled along the shore of the continent, from the Cape of Good-Hope to Cape Guardafoy, I'll survey the islands that lie in the Ethiopian sea; but as they afford nothing for commerce, but slaves and provisions, they are little minded by merchants: so beginning with the westmost, I'll bring them in order to the eastward.

CHAP. II.—*Giving a short Description of the Islands in the Ethiopian Seas, with some remarkable Passages historical and accidental.*

MADAGASCAR, or, as the Portuguese christened it, St. Laurence, is one of the largest islands in the known world, and affords most part of the requisites of human life: it produces very large cattle, whose flesh is excellent, especially their large humps that grow between their neck and shoulders. They have also goats and deer plenty enough, and when the Portuguese first sailed along the coasts of this island, they left a brood

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brood of hogs, that has greatly increased. They also christened many rivers and capelands that are not now frequented, but only known by their names, and serve for nests to pirates. The French made a settlement on the east side of it, and called it Port Dauphin; but finding that the commerce there would not bear the expence of the colony, they left it again.

The English formerly drove a trade for slaves on the west side of the island, particularly at St. Augustine's bay, and at new and old Messalige, but now they are afraid of the pirates, though some venture their necks in going to trade with them. There have been several squadrons of British men of war sent to cruize on the pirates, but have had very ill success in finding them out; but one Scots ship commanded by one Millar, did the public more service in destroying them, than all the chargeable squadrons that have been sent in quest of them; for, with a cargo of strong ale and brandy, which he carried to sell them, in anno 1704, he killed above 500 of them by carousing, though they took his ship and cargo as a present from him, and his men entered, most of them, into the society of the pirates.

It was reported in India, that Commodore Littleton had some of that gang on board the Anglesey at Madagascar, but, for some valuable reasons, he let them go again; and because they found a difficulty in cleaning the bottoms of their large ships, he generously assisted them with large blocks and tackle-falls for careening them. Whether those reports were true or false, I will not undertake to determine, but I saw a pirate at Bengal, in the French company's service, that affirmed it.

Madagascar is environed with islands and dangerous shoals, both of rocks and sand. St. Mary's, on the east side, is the place where the pirates first chose for their asylum, having a good harbour to secure them from the weather, though in going in there are some difficulties, but hearing that squadrons of English ships were come in quest of them, they removed to the main island for more security, and there they have made themselves free denizens by marriage; and I am of opinion, that it will be no easy matter to dispossess them. In anno 1722, Mr. Matthews went in quest of them, but found they had deserted the island of St. Mary's, leaving behind them some marks of their robberies, for in some places they found pepper a foot thick, lying on the ground in the open air. The Commodore aforesaid went with his squadron over to the main island, but the pirates had carried their ships into rivers or creeks, out of danger of the men of war, and to offer to burn them with their boats, would have been impracticable, since they could have easily distressed the boat's crews out of the woods. The Commodore had discourse with some of them, but they stood on their guard, ready to defend themselves, if any violence had been offered them.

I have heard it reported by some who had frequented Madagascar for trade, that the natives that live far from the sea, are of a tawny complexion, and have long hair on their heads, whereas those that are born near the sea, are very black, and their hair like lambs-wool. What religion they profess, I know not, and the pirates are but scurvy school-masters to teach them morals.

There are many islands and shoals lying to the eastward of Madagascar. St. Apolloni is uninhabited; Domascarenhas is inhabited by the French, but formerly by the English, and was called by them, the English Forest. Marius was formerly inhabited by the Dutch, but in anno 1703, they had orders to leave it, and repair to Batavia, and the Dutch Company sent shipping for their transportation. Diego Rais, which is the next island to Marius, was made a French settlement, but finding it barren, they left it in 3 years; all the rest were always uninhabited, as well to the eastward as the northward,

ward, and but 3 or 4 to the westward, who lie in the channel between Quiloa and Madagafcar.

Comora is the westmost of the inhabited islands, and affords nothing but a scanty maintenance for a parcel of poor miserable creatures. Johanna is within sight of Comora, and is a plentiful island in cattle, goats, fowls and fish, with good lemons and oranges, so that most part of the English shipping bound to Mocha, Persia, and Surat, usually called there for refreshments, till the pirates began to frequent it. There are two memorable accidents fell out at that island, to the English East India Company's shipping. One was in the year 1690 or 91, to Captain Burton in the *Herbert*, a ship of 800 tons, mounting 56 guns. He was attacked by three French ships, each gunned and manned as well as he. On their approach, he cut his cables and put to sea; about two in the afternoon began an hot engagement, which lasted till eight at night; the *Herbert* blew up, and lost all her men, but six or seven that were in the pinnace, some whereof I saw afterwards at Muskat. The other was lately, in anno 1720, when two of our East India ships were watering there, with an Ostend ship in their company; they agreed to stand by one another in case of assault, or engaging with the common enemy, but when two pirates drew near, the *Greenwich* and *Ostender* weighed, and stood to sea, and left the *Cassandra* to shift for herself, who was obliged to engage the smallest pirate (being a ship of 24 guns, Dutch built) in the bay, and soon after they began, the *Cassandra* went aground on some rocks and the pirate striving to board her, was also taken up by some rocks, not above twenty yards from the *Cassandra*. The pirate's head lay towards the *Cassandra*'s broadside, and they pelted one another furiously, many falling on both sides, but the pirates finding too hot work on their decks, were forced to quit them, and run down into the hold for shelter. Captain Mackraw, who commanded the *Cassandra*, seeing the other pirate approach near him, and manning all his boats to reinforce his comrade, thought it a good time for him, and who else could get ashore, to embrace the opportunity, and accordingly they got into their boats, and saved their lives. The inhabitants shewed much humanity to the distressed, and carried them above a dozen of miles up in the country, for fear the pirates in their mad fury should have murdered the poor men that escaped from their ship. The pirates, soon after they had possession of the *Cassandra*, got her afloat again, she having received little or no damage; they also got their own ship off, but she was very much shattered, and disabled in her masts.

Captain Mackraw, being a gentleman that was well versed in conversation with men of any temper, ventured on board the pirates, and they were so much taken with his address, that they made him a present of that ship which he had so bravely battered, to carry him and his crew to India; in the mean while, the *Greenwich* came to Bombay in September, who brought the account of the loss of the *Cassandra*, and in November, Captain Mackraw arrived himself with his new ship, and his ship's company all in rags, but were soon equipped by the benevolence and generosity of the Governor, Mr. Boone, who was a gentleman of as much honour and good sense as any that ever sat in that chair.

Mohilla is but a little distance from Johanna, pretty well inhabited, but the people not so well civilized as Johanna; and the Kings of these neighbouring Islands have continual war. The Johanna men, by the assistance of Commodore Littleton, landed on Mohilla, and made great slaughter and devastation; but what his policy was in breaking the neutrality that the English held among those islanders, I know not. Mayotta lies about 35 leagues from Johanna, and is the largest of the inhabited islands, but

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being furrounded with dangerous rocks under water, it is not much frequented, and so the manners of the inhabitants not so well known. The religion of those islands is Mahometan, but there are very few zealots among them; and so I leave them, and return to Cape Guardafoy, and travel up the Red Sea.

The navigation of the Ethiopian seas is very dangerous, and their maps are very deficient; for I saw a Dutch skipper at Mocha, who had orders to sail from Batavia towards Mocha, in the month of January, and to navigate to the north end of Madagafcar, and from thence to the Red Sea; he affirmed to me, that he saw several large islands, and many rocks and sands in those seas that were not placed in his maps, for which reason he was obliged to anchor in the night, when he could have anchor ground; and that the currents run very strong to the southward, among those banks and rocks.

CHAP. III.—*Gives a Description of Zeyla's Sea-coast, and of a Part of Ethiopia, Zuakin, and Upper Egypt.*

BUT to return again to Cape Guardafoy, from thence up to Zeyla is about 120 leagues. The coast is inhospitable as well as the people. There are only two places in all that tract that afford fresh water; one is a little to the eastward of Mount Felix, but in Arabic it is called Baba-fileck, or the mountain of camels, where there is a small fresh water river; the other is called Khagi, 10 leagues more westerly; it may be easily known by the side of a hill close to the sea, whose north aspect is of white sand, that shews at a distance like a sail, but may be seen in that figure 10 leagues off. Several ships from India, that have been necessitated to call at those places for water, have been cut off; and one poor man they surpris'd with his own boat that he sent for water. The boat's crew were surpris'd whilst filling water, then they killed, except two boys whom they sav'd; they then came off in the night, and those in the ship not examining them in time, they boarded the ship, and took them all unarmed, and killed every man, and carrying the ship close to the shore, they unladed her, and then sunk her. The two youths who gave the account of that tragical accident, were brought to Aden, which lies opposite to that place, and were sold for slaves. A Surat ship being there, bought the youths, and brought them to Surat.

There is no anchoring on that coast above a mile off shore, the sea is so deep; and above Zeyla, in a deep bay opposite to Babelmandel, which makes the entry into the Red Sea, there is a large river that disembogues into the sea, but though the mouth be large, yet it is so deep, and full of banks and rocks, with such whirlpools, that no ship dare go near it. At that river begins the Ethiopian shore, shewing many high mountains, which are easily seen from the Arabian shore; and all the coast from this river, as far north as Zuakin, which is near 200 leagues, is called the Ethiopian coast.

And though I never was on that south-west coast of the Red Sea, and know but few that traffick there, except Romish priests, yet I will venture to relate what I learned from them. There are two or three small ports between Zeyla and Mossava, but an inconsiderable trade, being most in slaves of both sexes, which the Ethiopians bring to Mocha for a market, where I have seen a drove of those unfortunate creatures carried like a flock of sheep, most part of them insensible of their own misery, and the highest bidder carries the bargain. They also bring some elephants teeth, the best that ever I saw, and some ostriches feathers.

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Moffava is situated on the north-west end of a large island, and affords a very good harbour for shipping of any size; it has a garrison of about 250 Turks in a castle built formerly by the Portuguese, who, according to their impolite custom, oppress strangers as well as natives, that come there to trade.

The country produceth low gold, elephants teeth, slaves, and some coffee, but of a larger grain than what grows on the land opposite to it in Arabia, at Betlesackee. The current small money of Ethiopia is salt, which is dug out of the mountains as we do stones from our quarries, which they break in pieces of several sizes, the largest weighing about 80 pounds, the others in 40, 20, 10, or 5 pounds, and are so expert in dividing it, that they err not above 5 per cent. more or less in their calculation of weight; 20 pounds is in value about one shilling sterling, and those pieces of salt is the current money in their markets for provisions, and likewise for cloth, when they buy a yard or two at a time; and when a merchant has got any considerable quantity by him, there are bankers to give gold for it.

The religion on the sea-coast is Mahometan, but within land Coptics, who are circumcised Christians. The males they circumcise sometimes at eight days old, but that ceremony is often delayed till forty days, and sometimes not till the seventh or eighth year of their age. They circumcise females as well as males. The circumcision, they think, is necessary in memory of Jesus Christ, and on a certain day yearly, they immerse themselves in rivers or lakes, in remembrance of Christ's immersion or baptism. They forbear eating some beasts flesh, according to the Mosaical law. They hold from Saturday's noon to Sunday's noon their Sabbath. They receive the sacrament standing, and only in the church, and the wine only from the deacon's hand in a spoon. Their priests eat no idle bread, but maintain themselves by labour. They have many bishops, but one they call Abunah above the rest; he is held in great veneration, and when he goes abroad, he has great attendance, and rides on a mule, with a cross in his right hand.

They enter their churches bare-footed, because God commanded Moses to put off his shoes, for the ground he stood on was holy. They allow but one wife, but as many concubines as they please. They allow of repudiation, but neither party can marry again, till the term of three years be expired, and if the parties are not reconciled in that term, they think the breach too great ever to be closed up again.

They have all the canonical books of our scriptures, and several more. They reckon the prophet Iddo one of the greater prophets, and put him in the class with Isaiah, Ezekiel, Elisha, Elijah, and Daniel, and that he wrote 14,000 prophecies, many of which they have at this day; that his prophecies of Jesus Christ were clearer, or more distinct than any the other prophets left behind them; but the substance of their practical religion consists in their fasts and feasts, for they do not much trouble themselves about the doctrine of faith, repentance, and good works, which makes them very dissolute in their lives.

We Europeans generally call the King of Ethiopia Prester John, but his subjects know no such appellation; 'tis true, he is supreme in ecclesiastical as well as civil affairs. His dominions are very large, and he has many tributaries, who stile themselves kings, and act despotically. The royal family are all kept at Amara, which is a pleasant round hill, situated in 12 degrees north from the equator, though I saw an old Portuguese geographical description of Ethiopia, place it under the equinoctial. The Hill is walled round with a high wall, at least 12 leagues in circumference, which cuts off all communication with strangers or mal-contented. Within the walls are palaces, gardens, orchards, woods for wild game, rivulets and ponds for fish, and all that the

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Their empire is hereditary, but not in a direct line, the succession being kept in the ancient family, which they reckon up as high as Solomon, but on the demise of one emperor, they make choice of a royal youth out of the paradise of Amara, so he that behaves best in that state of probation, or has the best friends to recommend him, succeeds without contention, which political custom makes their youths very tractable and studious. There are none reckoned princes of the blood after second cousin-germans, and it seems they have something like the Salic law in force against them, for their histories mention no female reign since Candace's time, if Ethiopia, as it now is, was her country.

They are very nasty in their apparel and diet, for though their country is well stored with fire-wood, yet they do not take pains to dress their meat by fire, but having killed their animal food, before it be well cold, they mince it, and mix salt and a sharp hot bark of a tree well powdered, and make the morsel up in small balls about the bigness of a walnut, and greedily eat it: but the princes eat in state, for they being seated on a mat spread on the ground, his favourite female slave or concubine makes up those balls of flesh or fish seasoned with the aforesaid sauce of salt and bark, and squeezes them into fashionable morsels, his highness gapes like a young crow, and she throws it cleverly in, which he presently devours. The commons eat of the same sort of viands with the grandees, but many of both sexes die by excoriations of the guts and the right intestine; but whether their diet be the cause of their distemper, I leave to physicians to determine, who are generally the best judges. They have a good pleasant liquor made of honey and potatoes, which they carouse in plentifully, and often get drunk by it, and then they are rather mad than inebriated, which renders them very quarrelsome and furious; their honey, as it is very plentiful in their country, so it is the whitest, hardest, and best tasted that ever I met with.

I had the above relation of Abafina from four Romish priests, who had their mission there for eight years together, but made but few profelytes: they had been meddling in state affairs, and, for fear of losing their heads, they fled, and left two of their brethren being old, and not fit for travel; what became of them they knew not; but those four transgressed their superior's orders, and left their stations, and travelled three or four hundred miles to the sea-coast, and got a passage over the Red Sea to Mocha, where I entertained them about four months: they also told me, that seven tributary kings had lost their heads in six months time, for mal-administration or treason, and if my guests had not removed their quarters when they did, they had been honoured with the name of Roman martyrs, in anno 1714. The country abounds plentifully in wheat, rice, barley, legumens or pulse of several sorts, notwithstanding they eat their raw meat without bread. Their woods abound in elephants (reckoned the largest in the world), also some lions and tigers, and innumerable troops of wolves, monkeys, and ostriches, all much larger than in other countries. The aforesaid priests also told me, that the head of Nilus, which the ancients so much sought for, is in this country, about the latitude of 6 degrees north, and about 400 miles from the lower end of the Red Sea. How far the Ethiopian coast stretches to the northward I know not, but it has no sea-ports to the northward of Mossava, and the next country to it is the barbarous Zuakin, whose inhabitants are very different both in complexion and customs from the Abasines, whose colour is only as black as foot, but the Zuakins are as black as jet, and their skins as soft as velvet.

Their religion is still Paganism, though they do not worship images. They shew outward civility to Europeans, but kill them, and feast on their flesh, when any are unfortunately shipwrecked on their coast. At first they shew a seeming humanity, allowing them a convenient place to lodge in, with plenty of animal food to eat, and sometimes entertain them with their music, and then destroy the fattest, as they have occasion to feast on them, an instance whereof I had from a missionary at Mocha, in Anno 1712. viz.

A Turk'sh galley bound from Mossava to Judda in Arabia Felix, had on board about twenty European Turks, and one Italian priest, as passenger; that galley was drove ashore on the coast of Zuakin by a storm, the galley was lost, but all the men got safe ashore and found the above mentioned entertainment. They had not been long ashore, till some people of distinction visited them, and seemed to condole their misfortune, but withal, told them in Arabic, that the king had a great desire to see some of them, and they chose the youngest and plumpest of the Turks to shew to the King, who very willingly went away with them, but none came back to bring news how they were entertained at court; and every fourth or fifth day, another of the best favoured and best fleshed were carried from their comrades, on the same, or such like errand, till near one half were carried away, those that remained had no suspicion, but were lulled asleep by the good words and good treatment they received daily: but one day, an Abasine, who had fled his country for some misdemeanour, came to visit them, and in discourse they told him how courteously they had been entertained by the hospitable natives, and how many of their company had gone to the King, but that none returned. The Abasine told them, that they were treated after the common custom of that country, that when any white men were shipwrecked on their coast, they found such treatment as they had, to make them fat, and then to kill and eat them, by cutting such morsels of the body as they had present occasion for, and kept life as long in the poor victim as they could; and that very morning a janissary had been carried on the aforesaid errand, and had one leg cut off, and the half of a thigh, and he saw them roasting and broiling the flesh as he happened to pass in his way to visit them, and told the disconsolate Turks that remained, that if one or two would accompany him a little way in the evening, he would convince them of the truth of that he told them, but they must immediately after return to their lodging. The priest was one that went to behold the sad spectacle, whom they found not quite dead, though speechless, on which the Abasine went speedily away, as the others did to acquaint their fellows what they had seen. As soon as they made their report, they were under the greatest consternation, and unanimously resolved to flee to the woods that very same night, and trust the wild inhabitants rather than the crueller beasts, the Zuakins. And the woods are plentifully inhabited with lions, tigers, large monkeys, but above all with wolves. The priest took his way in the dark along the sea-shore to the northward, but knew nothing of his fellows, which way they took, or how they fared. In the day-time he sculked in caverns and hollows of rocks, which that sea-coast abounds in, and is not so much frequented by the brutal cannibals, as the inland parts; sometimes he sallied out to get shell fish, or what else he could get to eat, and in the night he travelled, so that after seventeen nights and days hard fatigue, he arrived at a village in Upper Egypt, inhabited by Mahometans and Cophties, who relieved him, and sent him to Grand Cairo, from whence he wrote to a missionary at Mocha, in Anno 1714, who resided with me, and gave him the above account, with the addition of a very strange paradox, viz. That himself being then about twenty-eight years of age (when he fell on the coast of Zuakin), his hair was of a dark
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There are no sea-ports from Zuakin on the south-west side of the Red Sea, till we come to Seues, which lies near the head of the bay of that sea, which sends his opposite shores down to the south-eastward, as far as Babelmandel.

Sues, or Seues seems to be the Ezion-geber, or Eloth, from whence Solomon sent his ships to Ophir, for I have conversed with several pilots of that navigation, who assured me, there is no clean bottom for anchoring, but Seues, on that part of the coast, for most part of the Red Sea is incumbered with coral rocks under water, and pestered with banks, which make the navigation very dangerous. At present, Seues is the only sea-port for Grand Cairo, from whence it is three days journey by land, with a caffilla or caravan, but on horse-back but two short days. In Cairo the English and French keep their consuls, for the support of the trade of their respective countries.

In Anno 1714, Mr. Farrington was consul for the English, he had a very fair character from all people, as well merchants as the religious that came from Cairo to Mocha, which made me presume to trouble him with a letter, giving him the best account I could of the state of merchandize in India, and to have his advice, whether it might be practicable to cultivate trade from India to Seues, which letter he very civilly answered, and next year it came to my hand, but he dissuaded me from any attempt that way; because of the intolerable avarice and insults of the Turkish bashaws, and other officers of note, with the contempt they have for merchants, especially christians, he assured me, that it is impossible to be a gainer by such commerce.

CHAP. IV.—*Gives a little Description of the Coast of Arabia the Happy, from Mount Sinai to Mocha; with some Observations on the Religion, Customs and Laws, as they are now established.*

OVER against Seues, on the Arabian shore, stands Mount Sinai, about 5 or 6 leagues from the sea; and on its south-west side, near the bottom, is the monastery of St. Katharina. The mount is much revered by the Jews, and the monastery by the Christians; it is very ancient, and held in some veneration by the Mahometans, whose pilgrims to Mecca, from Egypt, Turkey, and Palestine, pass close by, both in their going and returning, as do likewise the Caffillas, and other passengers that go on traffic to Judda, a city four days journey from Mecca, where Mahomet lies interred: and the great concourse of pilgrims (from all parts where his religion is spread) brings a great trade thither.

There is a tradition, that, as Mahomet was going on an expedition to Palestine, he called at that monastery for refreshments, and the monks generously assisted him; and in acknowledgement of their civility he gave them a charter, which they still keep, wherein he gave them many immunities, and laid his heavy curse on all, who should after that time dare to molest that monastery.

The building is strong and high, and no gate or door to enter into it but one, which stands about ten yards high (in the wall) from the ground. It has a large inclosure adjoining to it, with a high wall, to keep the wild Arabs from robbing them of their animal provisions; for they are such vile thieves, that they had rather venture to lie under the anathema of their prophet, than to keep their hands from robbery.

Its present possessors are Nestorian and Jacobin monks, who are maintained by the charity of passengers, and a little revenue that belongs to the monastery. The christians,

tians, in that part of Arabia, are Nestorians and Jacobins, whose priests may marry, and they allow of no images but the cross, and many other things repugnant to the Romish tenets.

Judda is the next place of note below St. Katharina. It is a small, but well fortified city, belonging to the Turk. It stands close to the sea, and is governed by a bashaw, who keeps a garrison in it, with four or five gallies to cruize on the Red Sea, to hinder the passing of all ships or vessels up the sea, without first calling at Judda.

The inland country about it, belongs to a sheek, who pretends to be a descendant of Mahomet. He has the title of Xeriff given him, to distinguish his eminency from other sheeks. And, although he be so near a-kin to the prophet, yet he squeezes above 100,000 pounds sterling yearly out of the pilgrims, who go to worship at his ancestor's tomb. And so much gain he can make of their folly.

It is between this country and Sinai, that the famous balm of Gilead grows. It is reported to proceed from a shrub, the bark of which is slit, and vessels set under the wound to receive it, as it drains from that wound. The wild Arabs about Sinai, have a tradition, that Abraham was their countryman, and are not a little proud of that honour; but if it was so, that he was their sheek, as they alledge, they neither follow him in morals or religion.

The sea-coasts of Arabia Felix, from Judda to the southward, as far as the latitude of 15 degrees, are governed by several sheeks, who are so avaricious, that no pilgrims can pass through their dominions, but beggars; for if strangers carry any thing of value about them, or if they have good clothes, they are stript of all, and about a yard of coarse cloth given them to cover their nakedness; and lectures of humility and devotion are preached to them, that whoever goes on so solemn an errand, ought to shew, by their outward appearance, that the inward man is humble, and that those who love riches, ought to sequester themselves from the world, before they approach that holy place, where, after the Musfi (or his deputy, the 'sackee) had bestowed a benediction on them, if they had any grace, they would never covet riches again.

The Immaum of Mocha's dominions reach along the sea-coast from the latitude of 15 degrees, to the southward, as far as Babelmandel, very barren and inhospitable, affording neither fresh water, nor wood for shipping, either for drink or fuel. Only on the island of Commera, which lies about 5 or 6 leagues from Betlesackee, there is both a good harbour, and plenty of provisions for strangers, as well as for the inhabitants, whose temperance makes them easily satisfied, both with their coarse diet and apparel.

Betlesackee is the first town of note (near the sea-coast) of the Immaum's dominions. It stands about 25 English miles from the sea, and it is the greatest market for coffee in the world. It supplies India, Persia, Turkey in Asia, Africa and Europe, besides England, France, and Holland, with coffee beans. Other goods and merchandize may be bought and sold on credit, for a certain time; but coffee is always bought for ready money. The Europe shipping lades yearly at Mocha, (from whence Betlesackee is about 100 English miles) about 2000 tuns, rather more than less, and the other nations above 20,000 tuns more. The whole province of Betlesackee is planted with coffee trees, which are never suffered to grow above 4 or 5 yards high; and the bean or berry grows on the branches and twigs, first green, then red, at last a dark brown colour. The berries cling to the branches like so many insects, and when they are ripe, they shake off.

Zibet is the next town, and serves for a sea-port for Betlesackee. It was large, and famous in ancient times for trade, but in the fourteenth century, the Turks over-ran

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over-ran all the coasts of the Red Sea, and made them tributaries to them. They ruined all the trade from India to Zibet, and settled their emporium at Aden, about 35 leagues without Babelmandel, to the eastward: and the Immaum holds his kingdom in feoff from the Turk at this time; and when the Turks come to Betlesackee, none dare break the price of the market, nor buy before they are first served.

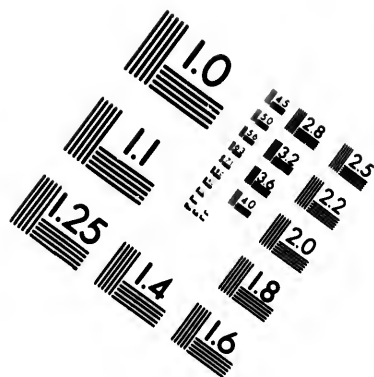
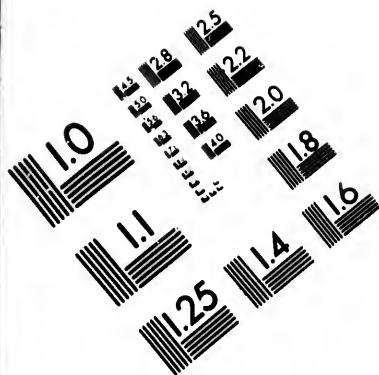
The Immaum or King keeps his court generally at a town called Mohaib, about 200 English miles to the east, north-eastward of Mocha. He has little splendour about it, and he that reigned in anno 1714, was about 80 years of age. His government has been of a long time very ill-managed. His lust having the ascendant over his reason, he had seldom less than three hundred wives married to him, of the most beautiful young women in his dominions. He often marries one, at one new-moon, and, on the next new-moon, remarries her to one of his minions, and bestows a good patrimony on her to help her off; so that with his frequent marriages, and those of his minions, he exhaults all his revenues, which are always necessitous, which forces him on many unjust and mean ways to supply the deficiency from his miserable subjects. And, in anno 1720, their heavy burdens made a rebel, and involved the whole country in a civil war. One part was for depositing the crown, and another for keeping him on the throne; but what the event was I never heard.

The Turks being baffled in several projects and expeditions from Aden, and that they could not well maintain their ground in that part of Arabia (being so very far distant from their own dominions) without much charge and trouble, they, in the latter end of the sixteenth century, withdrew their garrison from Aden, and left it, with all its fortifications and buildings, to the Immaum; who finding Aden to lie inconvenient for the trade of the Red Sea, because of the fresh winds usually blowing at its mouth, in both easterly and westerly monsoons, made him remove the trade about 15 leagues within its mouth, in a bay not very commodious for shipping, to a fishing town called Mocha.

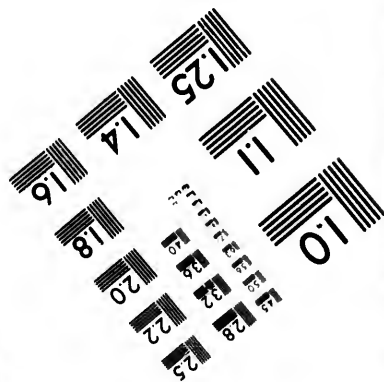
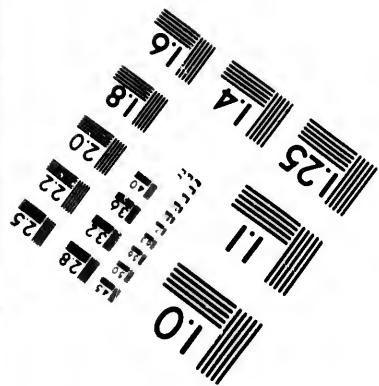
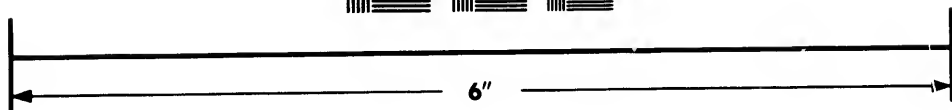
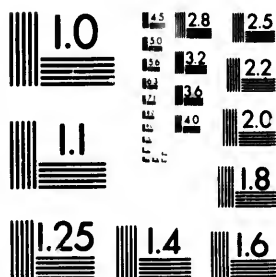
CHAP. V.—*Gives a Description of the Immaum of Mocha's Country, particularly of Mocha, its Situation, Laws, Customs and Commerce; with some historical Observations.*

MOCHA, upon the foregoing account, was built for an emporium or mart for the trade of India to the Red Sea, and was mightily forwarded by the persuasion of a sheek, who bore the character of a saint amongst his countrymen. His name was Sheek Seddley; and he pretended to prophecy, that Mocha should be a place of great trade to the country, and consequently of great profit to the Immaum. They had such a veneration for him, that the greatest mosque in the town, and the greatest gate, bear his name, and did, even in his own lifetime, see the town walled, though but very weakly. It is situated close to the sea, in a large, dry, sandy plain, that affords no good water within 20 miles, all the wells nearer the city being brackish, so that nothing of fruits grows near it, but a few dates and water melons. The water for drinking comes from Mofa, about 20 miles off, as I said before, and by that time we get it to the town, it costs us as dear as small beer is sold for in England. Those who are obliged to drink of the wells near the town, are in danger of having a long small worm breed in their legs or feet, that inflames the place where it breeds, which is accompanied with extreme burning pains. In 5 or 6 days it appears between the cutany and outward skin, and then puts its head through, which when the patient observes, he takes hold of it with





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with a pair of tweezers, and pulls it very gently out, about an inch or two at a time, in 24 hours, and rolls it round an hen's quill, or some other thing of that thickness. It is no thicker than the treble string of a violin; and I have seen of them, after they have been pulled out, about two foot and an half long. While it is in the leg, it is daily covered with a plaister, and if it chance to break in the operation, the patient will be troubled with intolerable pains for a long time; and sometimes they are crippled by it. But the Mofa water coming from springs amongst the mountains is very sweet and wholesome.

Mocha is a place of good trade, notwithstanding its bad situation; for besides the commerce with Sues and Judda, the English and Dutch companies have their factories there, besides a trade from India, carried on by English free merchants, Portugueze, Banyans and Moors, and by vessels from Bosforah, Persia and Muskat in Arabia Petrea. The country, of itself, affords or produces very few valuable commodities, besides coffee, and some drugs, such as myrrh, olibanum or frakincense from Cassin, and aloes soccatrina from Soccotra, liquid storax, white and yellow arsenick, some gum Arabick and mummy; with some balm of Gilead, that comes down the Red Sea. The coffee trade brings in a continual supply of silver and gold from Europe, Spanish money, German crowns, and other European coins of silver; also zequins, German and Hungarian ducats of European gold; and from Turkey, ebramies and mograbies, gold of low matt.

The pirates, for many years, infested the mouth of the Red Sea, committing frequent robberies and barbarities. Captain Evory was the first that led the way, in anno 1695, and the pirates finding great booty, purchased with small danger, from the traders into the Red Sea, had a project to be masters of the key of that door, so they found the island Prim, which lies within gun-shot of Babelmandel, to have a good commodious bay for the security of their shipping; upon which consideration, they began to build regular fortifications, and dig for fresh water, and with much labour, they dug through an hard rock, 15 fathoms deep, but found none, but brackish water; wherefore they desisted, and removed to St. Mary's island, on the east side of Madagascar, as I observed before, and are since removed, for more security, over to the main island, and there they fortify themselves by marriages into the noble families of that great island, from whence they come into India, and cruize in those Seas. In anno 1696, they met with a ship from Bombay, commanded by one Sawbridge, who was carrying Arabian horses for Surat. After they took the ship, Sawbridge began to expostulate with them about their way of life. They ordered him to hold his tongue, but he continuing his discourse, they took a sail-needle and twine, sewed his lips together, and so kept him several hours, with his hands tied behind him. At length they unloosed both his hands and lips, and carried him on board their ship, and after they had plundered Sawbridge's ship, they set her on fire, and burned her and the horses together. Sawbridge and his people were set ashore near Aden, where he died presently after.

Captain Evory was not so inhumane; for the year before, he took a large ship belonging to the Mogul, and got a booty of 2,600,000 rupees, which amount to, in sterling money, about 325,000*l*. He freed the ship, and let her go, without torturing the people; but carried a young Mogul lady with him, and some of her female servants, who had been at Mecca to perform a vow, laid on her by her mother on her death-bed.

But, to return again to Mocha, from my long digression: the town is large, but meanly fortified; and, from the sea, it has a fine aspect. The buildings are lofty, and make a much better appearance without than within. The steeples of five or six
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mosques raise their heads pretty high above the rest of the buildings. Their markets are well stored with animal provisions, such as beef, mutton of sheep and goats, lamb and kid, camels and antelope's flesh, dung-hill fowls, Guinea hens, partridge and pigeon. The sea affords variety of fish, but not favoury. I believe their unfavouriness proceeds from the extreme saltness of the sea-water, and the nature of their aliment. The town is well furnished, all the year round, with good fruits, such as grapes, peach, apricocks and quinces, of which they make store of marmelade, both for their present use and exportation, though near the town, there is not a tree or shrub to be seen, but a few date trees. And they seldom have more than two or three showers of rain in a year, and often no rain in two or three years; but amongst the mountains, about 20 miles off, seldom a morning passes without a moderate shower, which makes the vallies very prolific in fruit and corn, such as the soil will bear; but they have no rice, though plenty of barley and wheat.

The governor of Mocha, and the officers of the town, are merchants, when they think to get good bargains, and are very ready to break their contracts, both in payment of their debts, and in the time of payment, some instances whereof I saw. And in anno 1716, I had an experimental one; for the deputy-governor having bought a part of my cargo, agreed to pay me the first day of June, according to our aera and computation. At the appointed time I demanded my money; but he told me, that notwithstanding he had agreed at that time to pay me, yet the custom was not to pay before the middle of July, and custom must be observed before contract; besides, the King having much need of money, sent pressing demands on the town for money, as fast as it came in by customs and other subsidies; therefore he could not, nor would not pay me before the customary time, nor would he clear my account customs (which is a part of his office) before that time. I often solicited him to clear my account, and pay the balance; but to no purpose. I then fell on a project to frighten him into compliance. I went very calmly to him, and told him that I had some goods left, which would be proper for the inland markets, and that I would let him have a pennyworth of them. He knew the goods were proper enough, as I had told him, and so came to my house, which was four stories high. I carried him up to the highest, and having seated him in a small balcony, I shewed him the musters of my goods, and asked prices which he thought too high; and because we could not agree, he was for going abruptly away, and so got on his feet: but I being much too strong for him, took him by the shoulders and forced him to sit down again, and ordered my linguist to tell him, that before we parted, he must clear my account-customs, and give me bills on the King's banker, for the balance, otherwise I would teach him to fly from the balcony to the ground, be the consequence what it would. He had never been so treated before, and fear seized him so, that he could not speak for a little time, but recovering a little, ordered his clerk, who was in the room with us, to make up my account and draw bills immediately, who readily obeyed orders; and in half an hour we became good friends again. The noise of this action run like a squib through the town, and before I came to the banker with the bill, (which was for about 1200l. sterling) he was apprised how I had served the deputy governor, and upon presenting it, accepted it to be paid in seven days; but withal desired, that I would constantly keep two European seamen at his door with arms, and as money came in, they were to receive one bag, and the King's people another, till the sum should be completed: and accordingly in seven days I got every penny, and sent the governor word that I wanted to wait on him, in order to take my leave. He returned me answer, that I should be very welcome; and accordingly I went, and he received me very civilly;

civilly; and all the while I staid, he pass'd jokes on his deputy about the fright I had put him into.

The King's customs are very easy, being but 3 per cent. from Europeans, and 5 on Gentiles; and the custom-houle as easy, for they only desire to see the musters of goods, and the quantity of goods in each parcel or bale, and so cause some, that they choose, to be opened; and if they find the quantity and quality agree with the invoice given in, the remainder of the cargo is carried directly from the landing place to the warehoules without more trouble; and after sale, they receive an account from the feller, and rate the customs accordingly.

They are very ignorant in history and natural philosophy; for they tell, that Alexander the Great was Mahomet's general, though they lived about 900 years distant from one another; and that, having a mind to transport his army over the mouth of the Red Sea, from Babelmandel to Zeyla, in order to conquer Ethiopia, he went about building a bridge there; and, there being seven islands in these streights, called the Seven Stones, he placed them there for a foundation to build on: and they are of opinion, that the world is supported on the horns of a great bull, who sometimes shakes his head, which they assign to be the cause of earthquakes, which frequently are felt there.

There are abundance of beggars in Mocha, and in most other towns in Arabia, who brag of the sanctity and verity of their religion; and, for proof, when they pass in the streets, they are always bawling out, there is but one God, and Mahomet his prophet and best beloved servant; and carrying a piece of iron like the tooth of an harrow in their right hand, they strike it with great force into the cavity of the eye, and yet the eye is not blemished, nor the eye-lids, or skin about the eye, seem to be hurt; and they often let the iron hang down, as if the point was fastened to the corner of the eye next the nose. As for mad people of either sex, they venerate them, believing them to be inspired, or actuated by a prophetick spirit.

Their religion is Mahometism, and are superstitiously rigid in their way, but abominable hypocrites; for in their promises, which they seldom keep, with lifted up eyes they call on God to be witness to their sincerity: but in no part of the world is justice bought and sold more publickly than here; and the judge, who generally is the governor of the place, whilst he is passing unjust sentences, looks as grave as an old cat, declaiming against partiality.

In anno 1716, I saw justice executed on a notorious criminal, guilty of no less than robbery and murder. A poor peasant had raised a stock of 500 dollars amongst his friends and neighbours, and was on his way to Mocha, to lay it out in merchandize proper for the parts he lived in. A villain, who knew of his journey, and the stock he carried with him, way-laid him, and cut his throat from ear to ear, and then stabbed him in the breast with his dagger, and so possess'd the money and went off with it. Some passengers coming that way soon after, found the mangled corps not quite cold, went and informed the neighbourhood of the tragedy. On information, they went and viewed the carcass, and knew it. They gave the account to the murdered person's relations, who lived but a little way off, and they buried the corps.

Some months after, one of the relations being at Mocha, chanced to see his dead kinsman's ring on the murderer's finger, and challenged it; for it is the custom of all the eastern countries, both Mahometans and Gentiles, to wear rings. They wear no gold rings, but silver among the Mahometans, and the Gentiles commonly wear gold. The person who knew the ring, informed the Cadjee or Judge what had pass'd, and the Cadjee ordered the murderer to be apprehended, and brought before him; and ordering him

to be searched, to see if farther proof could be found about him; the very purse that the money was in, was found in his bosom. However, the murderer denied all, but was sent to prison and fettered, till other persons were sent for that were particularly well acquainted with the defunct. Five or six evidences who were sent for appeared, and the ring and purse being produced, they swore, that they knew them to be with the unfortunate defunct when he set out on his journey for Mocha; and he at length confessed the fact himself. The judge, and the rest of his court, desired him to return the money, and they would solicit the murdered person's relations to spare his life, it being in their power to take away or save his life; but he absolutely denied the returning back any part of it, and impudently asked the judge, how he thought his wife and children should be supported, if he should return the money.

Three months had passed in unfruitful persuasions, but finding him obstinate, they bid him prepare to die next day about noon. And accordingly, with a guard of about 500 horse and foot soldiers, he was carried without the city, with his hands tied behind him; and about 200 yards from Sheek Sedley's gate, he was delivered to the defunct's relations, who first gave him a deep stab under the left pap, and one of the relations standing behind, pulled back his head, while another cut his throat from ear to ear, and so left him with all speed. For as soon as the mob saw him killed, they assaulted the executioners with stones and brick-bats so furiously, that the guards had much ado to save them from being murdered; for there is a passage in the Alcoran, importing, that whoever spilt a believer's blood, is accursed, and ought to be stoned to death.

The soldiery of Mocha are very insolent and licentious; for in the months of May, June, and July, the air being fired with heat, and the greatest concourse of strangers come to town, either about traffick, or getting passage by sea to foreign countries, and about that time cash is plentiful in town, then those undisciplined cowards seldom fail to set fire to some huts that the labouring people live in, and they being built of a few spars, covered with the branches and leaves of date trees, which are very combustible materials, the flame soon grows fierce and violent, and very often penetrates through the doors and windows of merchant's houses, though built of brick. And, in the consternation, when people are intent on saving what they can, by removing their goods from their burning houses to the streets, those varlets plunder publickly there with impunity; and although those villains are detected in setting fire to houses and plundering, and complaints made of them to the governor, those grievances are so far from being redressed, that I have known a complainer well bastonaded for detecting the rogues. When I traded there, I always kept a part of my ship's company ashore for a guard, and I acquainted the governor, that if any person came through our street in the night with fire in their hands, as they often did through several other streets where merchants kept their ware-houses, I would order my men to fire on such fire-carriers, which kept me pretty secure from them.

The largest city in the Immaum of Arabia Felix's dominions, is Sounan. It is 15 days journey north-east from Mocha. It drives a great inland trade, and is the mart for many of the India goods that are brought to Mocha. The mechanicks of different trades have each their peculiar different street; so that whatever commodities strangers may want, they readily know where to find them. And in all the streets there are brokers for wives, so that a stranger, who has not the conveniency of an house in the city to lodge in, may marry, and be made a free burgher for a small sum. When the man sees his spouse, and likes her, they agree on the price and term of weeks, months or years, and then appear before the Cadjee or Judge of the place, and enter their

names and terms in his book, which costs but a shilling, or thereabouts: and joining hands before him, the marriage is valid, for better for worse, till the expiration of the term agreed on. And if they have a mind to part, or renew the contract, they are at liberty to choose for themselves what they judge most proper; but if either want to be separated during the term limited, there must be a commutation of money paid by the separating party to the other, according as they can agree; and so they become free to make a new marriage elsewhere.

CHAP. IV.—*Contains a Description of Aden, with some historical Remarks about the Turkish Expedition from thence into India: also an Account of the Sea-coast of Arabia Petrea; as far as Muskat and Bassora; with a particular Account of an English Ship lost on the Island of Maccira.*

THE eastmost town of note in the Immaum of Mocha's dominions on the sea-coast, is Aden, built by the Turks in the fourteenth century, as has been hinted before. It is built on the east-side of a barren island, and has no fresh water but what the rains afford them, which they keep in cisterns. The Turks had great designs when they built it, for they thought of driving the Portugueze out of their settlements in India, and to have possessed them themselves. Accordingly about the middle of the sixteenth century, they made an expedition into India, against the Portugueze, but were unsuccessful, and so have never attempted since to settle in India. It continued many years after the staple port for the Red Sea commerce, but the charges of keeping it, so far from the Turkish dominions, made them leave it to the Immaum, as was already observed, and he removed the trade to Mocha.

It has a good road for shipping in the westerly monsoons, and a pretty good mould, or bason, for the easterly, close to the town, and the road is not half gun-shot from it. It has been well fortified, being naturally strong in its situation; but the Badows, or wild Arabs, who inhabit about the sea-coast of Arabia Petrea, have several times taken and plundered it, since it fell into the Immaum's hands. The country adjacent produces barley, wheat, and legumen, and store of fruits and roots, camels, asses, mules, and horses, all very finely shaped and mettlesome; but money being pretty plenty in that part of the country, their horses are very dear, for 50 or 60l. sterling is reckoned but a small price for one. They have also plenty of sheep, with large broad tails, that reach almost to the ground, and their goats are the finest, both for beauty and taste, that ever I saw. And they have poultry and Guinea-hens in abundance. And the sea affords variety of good fish. The Immaum's dominions reach about 20 leagues to the eastward of Aden, along the sea-coast; but there are no places of trade till we come to

Cassin, that lies almost under the meridian of Cape Guardafoy, and under the prodigious high mountains of Megiddo, on the coast of Arabia. I have seen those mountains, in a clear day, above 40 leagues off.

The religion of Cassin is Mahometan, and the civil government democracy. Death is capital, and is punished with death, but not by the civil magistrate; for the tribe or clan of the defunct pursues the murderer or homicide, and when they have found him, he is immediately beheaded, and his head put upon the point of a lance, and brought to his relations in triumph, with musick and dancing. And the tragi-comedy ends in feasting.

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The product of the country (besides the common roots, and fruits and animals) is myrrh and olibanum or frankincense, which they barter for coarse calicoes from India; but they have no great commerce with strangers. Nor has Doffar any better trade, but is more noted for barbarity to those they can circumsene. I knew an English ship in anno 1705, that called there for fresh water, and the natives came flocking on board with animal provisions to sell or barter. They found the English supinely negligent, and being but six or seven in number, they mixed with them, and suddenly stabbed them all; but did no harm to the Indian seamen and merchants, who were about 40 in number. They took every thing out of the ship, and then burnt her.

Curia Muria is another port on that shore, but of small account. It is in the middle of seven islands, each having a very high mountain, which makes them conspicuous from the sea. There are none that frequent it but Trankies, that navigate from the Gulf of Persia to the Red Sea, who call there for fresh water and recruits of provision. The inhabitants, along all that coast, are Badows, who wear no clothes above the navel. Their hair grows long, which they plat, and wreath about their heads. The next remarkable place is Maceira, a barren uninhabited island, lying about 5 leagues from the continent, and within 20 leagues of Cape Rasselgat. It has dangerous shoals lying on its west end, which reach above 30 leagues along the shore to the westward, and so far in the sea, that the land (though pretty high) cannot be seen, before the unskilful or unwary pilot feels the rocks with his ship's keel. The inhabitants on the main continent, seem to be forcerers; for about the year 1684, a ship from London, called the Merchant's Delight, Captain Edward Say supercargo, this ship unfortunately run ashore on in the island in the night, being very dark, notwithstanding they kept their deep sea lead going every half hour; yet they were so lucky as to run her fast a-ground between two rocks very close to the shore. In a few minutes the ship was full of water, but being dry on the upper decks, the people kept on them till day-light, and then they discovered about 4 or 500 wild Arabs, with some tents pitched at a little distance from them.

The Arabs, by signs, shewed themselves ready to assist the distressed English, and being excellent swimmers, swam to the ship, and brought the end of a rope ashore. There was one on board, whom I was afterwards well acquainted with, who, before that, had sailed some years in India, and had learned the Indostan language, and some Arabick; he served for an interpreter. They bid the English heist their boats out, and come ashore without fear, which they accordingly did, with their arms. They told the English that they were not come there to rob them, but to assist them for reasonable rewards, and that they would take no advantage of the ill circumstances they were in; but would make a fair contract with them, and perform their part, as should be stipulated in their agreement. The English, though very diffident of the treacherous Arabs, were obliged to covenant and agree, that whatever was saved of the treasure, cargo, or the ship's furniture, should be equally divided, and the English to have the choice which part they might have a mind to; and that the Arabs should transport the English's part to Mukat, about 60 leagues off, freight free.

As soon as the contract was made, the Arabs went courageously to work, and in a week or ten days, got every thing ashore that was portable, and they, according to agreement, divided the whole into two equal parts, and gave the English their choice, and then got trankies, (or barks without decks) and shipped what belonged to the English for Mukat. All the while they were getting the goods ashore, they treated the English with excellent mutton, both of sheep and goat, and laid in provision for their passage to Mukat, free of charge to the supercargo.

After the interpreter aforesaid was grown familiar with those Arabs, that were so kind and benevolent, he asked them why so many of them had assembled on that barren island. They answered, that about eight days before the ship was lost, a fakce, who is an ecclesiastical officer in their church, prophesied that near such a time, a ship would be lost there, and pressed them to go to the assistance of the shipwrecked people, who would be glad to come under contract with them, to have one half of what was gotten out of the wreck; and conjured his auditory to perform their part faithfully, which accordingly they did; though at other times the Badows are peridious, treacherous, and cruel.

Cape Raffelgat lies about 16 leagues to the eastward of Maceira, and the sea-shore is clear of danger; and just within the Cape, to the northward, is a village called Teywee, which stands on the side of a small river near the sea; but it is best known by a little mountain (close by it) shaped like an high-crowned hat. And about 16 leagues farther to the northwestward, is Curiat, a large village in a valley close to the sea. To the northward of it is a very large high mountain, whose foot is washed by the sea, and there are 40 fathoms within 200 paces of it. It may be seen above 40 leagues from the sea. There are neither trees nor grass to be seen along the sea-coast, but at Curiat; and yet the country has plenty of cattle, great and small, with variety of fruits and roots from the vallies, and fish from the sea. Their wells are dug in the vallies very deep before they come to springs, but the water is very good.

CHAP. VII.—*Treats of the Kingdom and City of Muskat, and of their religious and civil Customs; with some historical Account of their Wars and Oeconomy. And a little Account of the Sea-coast of Arabia Deserta, as far as Baffora.*

MUSKAT lies about 22 leagues to the north-westward of Curiat, and is the mart town of Arabia Petrea. It is built on the bottom of a small bay, that almost has the shape of an horse-shoe. It was built and fortified by the Portuguese, in the fifteenth century, but taken from them about the year 1650. The King of that province (for though there be many kings in Arabia, yet none assumes the title of King of Arabia) having war at that time with the Persians, had raised an army of 40,000 men to insult the sea-coast of Persia; and had provided a sufficient number of small vessels, called trunkies, for their transports. His army lay at a little distance from Muskat, and his fleet at Muttera, a small bay about a mile from the entrance of Muskat harbour. The King sent a civil message to the Portuguese governor, desiring the liberty of his markets to buy provisions.

The insolent governor, thinking himself safe within a walled town, with many small forts to annoy any enemy that could come to attack the walls of the town, instead of returning a civil answer to the King's request, sent a piece of pork wrapped up in paper, as a present to the King, and bid the messenger tell him, that if he wanted such provisions, he could furnish him. The messenger, not knowing what was in the paper, carried it to his master, with the rude answer. Now pork being forbidden the Mahometans as well as Jews, they hold it in abomination, and consequently it aggravated the designed affront. The King was much surprized at the governor's ill manners, but dissembled his resentment, in expectation to find a proper time at his return from his Persian expedition, to correct the governor's insolence, or revenge the affront put on him: but the whole army being enraged at the affront, breathed nothing but present revenge. And the queen, who was of the Seid extraction, who are a tribe or family

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family descended from Mahomet, by Fatima his daughter and Alli his apostle, being of a masculine, fiery temper, reproached the King for not resenting so gross an affront, swore by her ancestor the Prophet, that she would never stir out of the tent she then sat in, till Muskat was taken from the Portuguese. All the army applauded the Queen, and threatened to mutiny, if they were not forthwith led by their officers to the scalade of the city walls. And at last the King finding that no persuasions could cool their fury, though the day was far spent, ordered them to be led on. The Portuguese flanked them, from their forts on the mountains, with plenty of great and small shot; but the Arabs never looked back, nor minded the great numbers of their dead companions, but mounted the walls over the carcases of their slain. About sun-set they drove the Portuguese from two of the city gates, and pursued their enemy so hard, that not one escaped, though they fled in great haste towards the great fort, where the governor staid. That fort is built on a rock almost surrounded by the sea, and has no way to get up to it, but by a stair-case hewn out of the rock, above 50 yards high, and not above two or three persons can ascend a-breast. The Arabs thought it impracticable to attack it, so made a blockade of it. In the attack of the town, the Arabs lost between 4 and 5000 of the best of their forces; and the Portuguese, in their forts, were reduced to 60 or 70. Those in the small forts were obliged soon to surrender for want of ammunition and provisions; and all were put to the sword, except those, who, to save their lives, promised to be circumcised, and abjure the Christian religion. Those in the great fort held out about six months, under great want and fatigues; and all hopes of relief being cut off, they resolved on a surrender, on which motion, the imprudent governor, who was the sole cause of their calamity, leaped down a precipice in to the sea, where the water being very shallow, he was dashed to pieces on the rocks.

The little garrison would fain have come to a capitulation, but the Arabs would grant them no terms, but that they must yield, or be starved: and though the terms were hard, yet they thought best to surrender, and all were put to the sword, except a few who embraced Mahometism, which in all were eighteen persons. And this relation I had from a very old renegado, who was at the tragedy, being then a soldier, who reckoned himself about 100 years old, and by his aspect, could not be much less.

The city of Muskat is very strong, both by nature and art; but the buildings very mean, as most fabricks are under the œconomy of a people who abominate luxury and pride, as the Muskat Arabs do. The cathedral built by the Portuguese still retains some marks of its ancient grandeur, and is now converted into a palace for the King, when he resides there, which is generally a month or two yearly. The wall of the town that faces the harbour, has a battery of large cannon, about 60 in number, and there are 8 or 10 small forts built on the adjacent rocks or mountains, which guard all the avenues to the town, both by sea and land; and there are none permitted to come in or go out of the harbour between sun-set and rising.

The pirates that infested the Indian seas at the latter end of the sixteenth century, made a breach between the English and them. The pirates having made prize of one of their ships, they retaliated on the English private shipping: they seized Captain Morrice's little ship, and detained him and all his crew as slaves, and would never ransom them. In anno 1705, they took Captain Murvel in a rich ship from Bengal, bound to Persia: but that might be attributed to pusillanimity, in not offering to make a defence.

They put their slaves to no manner of labour, and allow them a soldier's pay for subsistence; and what they can earn otherwise by industry, is wholly their own.

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There are neither trees, shrubs nor grafs to be feen on the fea-coaft from Curiat to Muskat, and but a few date trees in a valley at the back of the town, and yet there is not the leaft want of them felt in the city; and it has as good markets for wheat, barley and legumen, and for excellent fruits, roots and herbage, and good cattle, both great and fmall, as any where in India, where the foil is moft luxurious. And the fea furnifhes them with plenty and variety of excellent fifh. Their cattle look to be very lean, but when killed, they are very fat and good, affording a great deal of tallow. They are not well stocked with fowl, but thofe they have, are very good.

From May to September the heats are exceffive in the town, fo that none appear on the ftreets, from 10 in the morning till 3 or 4 afternoon. Their bazaars or markets are all covered with date tree leaves, fpread on beams of the fame tree, that reach from houfe to houfe-top; and the houfes being all flat on their tops, terraffed with clay and ftraw mixed: in the aforefaid months every body lodges on them in the night; for below fairs they cannot fleep for heat, and the nights afford plentiful dews, that fometimes wet them through their thick cotton quilts; and thefe dews are reckoned very falubrious.

The reafon of fo intense heats proceeds from the nearnefs of the fun in thofe months, who fends his beams almoft perpendicularly down on the fides of the mountains, which being all naked, and nothing but an hard black rock appearing, the fun heats them to fuch a degree, that between 10 and 11 in the forenoon, I have feen the flaves roaft fifh on them. And the horfes and cattle, who are accuftomed to that food, come daily, of their own accord, to be ferved their allowance, and when they have break-fafted, retire again to fhades built for them; and yet their beef and mutton, that are partly nourifhed by that fort of food, have not the leaft favour of fifh. And the reafon why fifhes are fo plentiful and cheap in the markets, is by the eafy and odd way they have in catching them, or rather conjuring of them; for I have feen a man and two boys catch a ton weight in an hour or two. The man ftands on a rock, where the fea is pretty deep near it, and calls *tall, tall*, for a minute or two, and the fifh come fwarming about the rock. The two boys, in a little boat, fhut them in with a net about 20 or 30 yards long, and 3 or 4 deep, and, drawing the net near the rock, keep all in; and, when people come for fifh, he afkes them what forts they want, and puts an hoop-net, fixed to the end of a pole, into the water, and ferves every body with what kind they afk for; and when he has done, he hauls out his net, and gives the reft their liberty.

Their eftablifhed religion is Mahometan, of the feft of Alli. They hinder nobody, of what perfuafion foever, to go into their mosques, even in time of divine fervice. And their molahs or priefts often preach themfelves into violent paffions, efpecially if the fubject of their fermon be about the verity of their religion; and then they will challenge the priefts of any other religion whatever, to confirm theirs with as good evidences as they can; for, being well verfed in legerdemain tricks, (which all we chriftians, except one fet of our priefts, are ignorant of) they will take live coals out of the fire, and feem to eat them, with as good an appetite as a fchool-boy can eat a bergamy pear; which trick the poor deluded auditory takes for a miracle, to confirm the fanctity of their religion.

The King keeps his court generally at Nazawa or Reyltock, two towns four or five days journey from Muskat within land. He has no fplendid equipage, and his garb very plain, and no finer than an ordinary foldier's is. He has about 100 of his own flaves armed with matchlocks and fhort broad fwords, for his guard; who always attend on him. He nor his fubjects ufe no tables, but plain mats fpread on the ground

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serve for table and chairs. Their viands are a dish of rice, either plain, or made in pillaw, and a dish or two more of stewed or fried flesh, fish or fowl, placed near the dish of rice: and he, with his table companions, sit on the same mat, with their buttocks on their heels, and, in that posture, they feed very plentifully. Their right hand serves them for spoon, knife and fork, except when they eat broth or milk, and then they have large wooden spoons. Their usual drink is water, or four milk, and in hot weather sherbets.

They make no great difference about table guests; for the king and a common soldier, the master and slave, sit promiscuously, and dip in the same dish: but women never eat in company with men. The men's apparel is a pair of breeches down to their ankles, with a loose vest on their backs, with very large sleeves, and the body of the vest girded about their bodies with a sash, and a large turban carelessly wreathed about their heads, and a poniard, or a short broad sword stuck into their girdle perpendicularly; their shoes clumsily made, and very low and stiff at the quarter-heels; and thus a gentleman is equipped; but in cold weather they use camelins, a sort of loose coat, without sleeves, made of camel's wool. Their women wear breeches to their heels, of finer stuffs, and better colours than the men. The body of the vest made for their use, is straight, but short waisted, and gathered above the navel in plaits, which makes the lower part look like a petticoat. Their shoes are shaped like the men's, flat and broad.

The reason why their shoes are made so, is for their easier slipping off or on, when they enter, or come out of a room, that they may not dirty the carpets or mats where-with the rooms are spread, which serve them for beds in cold weather. And, except some large round pillows of broad cloth or velvet, stuffed with cotton, for the ease of those who sit on the carpets or mats, to lean upon as they sit cross-legged, there is no other furniture in a room.

Over all the three Arabias, their custom in treating strangers or friends, is the same; for as soon as every one is seated, a servant brings a pot of coffee, and serves it about in small cups, that contain not a quarter of a gill; but as soon as one cup is out, they fill again, and perhaps a third time: then a pipe of tobacco is presented, their pipes differing much from ours in Europe, in shape and magnitude; which service lasts till near the time of breaking up company, when comes in a little pot of hot burning coals, on which they throw some chips of Agala wood; or some powder of benjoin, myrrh, or frankincense, which produces a thick smoke, that incenses or perfumes the whole room. And, as I observed before, it is the custom of wearing very great sleeves to their garments. They open their sleeves as wide as they can, and hold them over the smoke, which perfumes their arms, shoulders, neck and beard. And the last course is some rose-water to besprinkle the company, which is the signal to be gone every one about their business; so, without any forms of ceremony, every one walks off.

The products of Arabia Petrea for exportation, are but few, as horses, dates, fine brimstone, some coffee, but not so good as at Mocha; some ruinofs, which is the root of a small shrub, that dyes crimson, and some pearl. Their manufacture is some coarse cotton, linen, and camelins, which they consume most in their own country; but the Badows need none, since they wear none. The Arabs wear no pearl or gold; but the women of distinction wear pearl of a small price, though I saw one there as big as a large hazel-nut, exactly round, and of a fine water. It was valued at 1000 tomans, which is above 3000l. sterling. I have sometimes gone in a boat to see them dive for pearl and have bought some pearl oysters of them; but the divers are cheats, putting the oysters in the fun, which makes them gape, and then the rogues rummage them,

and shake out the pearl; and, after they are robbed of their treasure, they put them into water again, and they close. I bought at times above 100 oysters, and got nothing; they cost me but seven-pence halfpenny a-piece. At last I found one that had an excrescence growing to the shell on the inside, which I carefully took off; and, at Carwar in India, I sold it for 9l. sterling.

The women in this country have some peculiar privileges beyond the men; for if one complain that a man has offered violence to her person, without further proof than her word of honour, he is punished with 100 bastinadoes on the soles of the feet, or put into a dungeon under ground, which has only an hole at the top, big enough to receive a man; and when he is in, there is a stone put over the hole, too big to be removed by a single person, and there he must stay three days and as many nights, without meat or water, or room to lie at his length. And if a wife complain of her husband for unkindness in any kind, particularly of due benevolence, as by law established in the Jewish and Mahometan churches, the husband must undergo the punishment of the dungeon. But if a lady trespasses, and her spouse detect her crime, he has the law in his own hand, and may chastise her with the whip severely; but must not touch her life, on pain of death.

The Muskat Arabs are remarkable for their humility and urbanity. I had one instance of their civility. As I was one morning walking the streets, I met accidentally the governor of the city, by them called the waaly, and according to my duty, I went into the door of a shop, to let him and his guards have the street, which generally are narrow; but he observing, by my complexion and garb, that I was a stranger, made his guard go on one side, and beckoned me to come forward, and stood till I past by him. And for an instance of their cool temper, in hearing debates and rectifying mistakes between parties disagreeing about commerce: the before mentioned interpreter at Maccira, was commander of a ship from India, and had freighted her to Muskat. The freighter, who was a Mahometan, delayed paying the freight, long after it was due by the tenor of the charter-party; upon which he being in a passion with the freighter for his continued delays, went to the waaly to complain. He observing by the gentleman's countenance, that his mind was discomposed, answered him, that being at that time very busy about some of the King's affairs, he had not time to send for his freighter, but desired that he would come some other time, and he would hear him, and order the payment. The delays still continuing, the captain went again in an angry mood to make his complaint, but was still put off with gentle excuses: but at last addressing the waaly with coolness, he was desired to sit down, and he would send for the freighter, which accordingly he did; and on his appearance, the waaly asked him why he did not comply with his contract, as was stipulated by charter-party; and his excuses being thought insufficient, he was ordered to make payment forthwith, or go to prison; but the freighter chose rather to bring the money, and end the dispute. The captain asked the waaly why he did not do him justice sooner, who received for answer, that it was his own fault for coming drunk to make complaint. The captain protested that he had not been drunk in many years; but the waaly replied, that he saw him drunk with passion, which was the most dangerous sort of drunkenness.

The countries to the southward of Muskat, as far as Curia Muria, are under the dominions of Muskat, and the sbeeks or princes are their tributaries. The land is mountainous; but the plains and vallies very fertile and well watered, and consequently well peopled. And to the northward of Muskat, the same chain of rocky mountains continue as high as Zoar, above Cape Musenden, which Cape and Cape

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Jaques begin the Gulf of Persia, on the Arabian side. About Zoar begins the desert, that runs as far northerly as Aleppo. The mountains near the sea are sandy, and the vallies and plains sterile, and ill inhabited, and as ill watered.

About the year 1620, Persia was in a flourishing condition, and was a terror to all its neighbours. Shaw Tamas, son to the famous Shaw Abas, was then King, and being of a martial disposition, had a design to annex all the Arabian coast opposite to Persia, to his own dominions, and accordingly transported from Cong, a city of his own that lies on the sea-shore, an army of 35 or 40,000 men to conquer it. The army met with no opposition in landing, and they soon overran the country wherever they went; but they had not been long in pursuit of their conquest, till provisions began to be scarce in the army, which, with the scarcity of fresh water, and the intolerable heats, both of sun and winds, brought a contagion on the Persians, that killed the better half of them, and obliged what was left to return back to Persia by shipping, as they had come from it.

Those barren coasts are needlessly secured by sandy banks, that run 10 or 12 leagues off from the shore, which would make navigation impracticable, if it should meet with encouragement; but the two islands of Bareen, lying in the latitude of 29 degrees 30 minutes, almost in the bottom of the gulf, and belonging to the crown of Persia, have the best pearl fishing in the world.

About the beginning of this century, the Muskat Arabs took possession of the Bareen islands; but the honest pearl fishers deserted it whilst the Arabs kept possession, who finding that their new settlement could not defray the charge of keeping, without the pearl fishers, they left it; and the fishers, who are mostly Arabs, returned to their industry, and continue the fishery.

The great Turk gives laws to all the countries that lie between the river Euphrates and Ethiopia; but there are many sheeks who inhabit those deserts, that make but small account of him or his orders, because the sterility of their country makes them secure from great armies coming amongst them, and a small one dares not venture amongst them as enemies. They being naturally thieves, rob friend or foe, or one another; so that few people of substance have any commerce with them.

There are no towns of note between Muskat and Bassora, but Zoar, and but very few inconsiderable villages; but there are two or three pretty convenient harbours for shipping. The southermost is about 6 leagues to the southward of Cape Mofenden, called Courforcaun. It is almost like Muskat harbour, but somewhat bigger, and has excellent fresh water in deep wells, about a quarter of a mile from the landing-place. The village contains about twenty little houses; yet there are pretty good refreshments to be had there. Cape Mofenden is of itself but a good number of small high islands lying near one another, but they appear like a promontory on terra firma. And up to the westward of the Cape there is another harbour, whose name I have forgot; but there are good fresh water and animal provisions to be had there. And now having described Muskat and its territories as well as I can, I'll make one observation more, and proceed on my travels.

Ever since the Portugueze left Muskat to the Arabs, there has been a continual war; but in the main the Arabs have been the gainers, yet they have been obliged to build and buy ships of force to confront the Portugueze at sea, and to keep their coasts free from their insults. Their fleets have often met, and had some engagements, but few ships have been taken or sunk on either side; but merchant ships of both sides have been taken. The Portugueze use their captives with great severity, making them labour hard, and inure them to the discipline of the whip; but the Arabs use theirs with

very much humanity, only making them prisoners at large, without putting them to hard labour, and allow them as much diet money as their own soldiers receive, and this is duly paid them twice a month. And if any of the Portugueze are artificers or mechanics, they may freely work at their trade, to earn money to redeem themselves.

In anno 1715, the Arabian fleet consisted of one ship of 74 guns, two of 60, one of 50, and 18 small ships from 32 to 12 guns each, and some frankies or rowing vessels from 4 to 8 guns each, with which sea-forces they keep all the sea-coasts in awe, from Cape Comerin to the Red Sea. They have often made descents on the Portugueze colonies on the coast of India, destroying their villages and farms, but spare their churches, for better reasons than we can give for plundering them. They kill none in cold blood, but use their captives courteously. In anno 1695, they quarrelled with the Carnatic rajah, a potent prince by land; yet they came with their fleet, and plundered and burned the towns of Barfalore and Mangalore, two of the best and richest towns on that coast. And now I leap from Muskat to

CHAP. VIII.—*Gives an Account of Bassora City, and that Part of Arabia Deserta; with Remarks on its Government and Commerce, and some Occurrences, both Ancient and Modern, that have happened to it; with some Account of the famous River of Euphrates.*

BASSORA is the easternmost city or town in the Turkish dominions, standing about two miles from the famous Euphrates, and has a small river that washes its walls on the west side, and discharges its waters into the Euphrates. This city stands about 30 leagues from the sea, and it is alledged, was built by the Emperor Trajan, and had the honour to be the birth-place of another Roman Emperor, Philip surnamed the Arabian: but at first it was built along the side of the river, and the vestigia of its ancient walls are still to be seen from the afore said rivulet, a league down the banks of Euphrates, which disembogues her waters, by four or five mouths, into the Gulf of Persia; but none navigable for ships of burden, but that channel that leads to Bassora. At the city it is a short mile over at high water, and it keeps about the same breadth to the very mouth of it.

The river abounds in fish, but none good, except a small shad about the bigness of an herring. And there is great plenty of wild fowl, such as swans, geese, duck, teal, wigeon and curlews; and the fields have plenty of partridge of several kinds, plover, snipes, doves, pigeons, and large larks, whose flesh is very savoury, and their wild notes grateful to the ear. They have also birds of prey, as eagles, many sorts and sizes of hawks, and kites, crows black and white, and it is observable, that the black keep the Arabian side of the river, and the white the Persian, and if any presume to interlope into anothers province, they raise the posse, and drive them back to their own territory.

There is great plenty of small tortoise in the river; but none eat them, because they are forbidden in the Levitical law, to which the Mahometans adhere much in point of eating. They have also many species of wild beasts. Wild swine are very numerous, and their flesh is very sweet and juicy, but no fat to be seen about them. And the peasants come often to town to invite christians to kill them; for they make sad havoc of their corn and roots. And if a christian kills any, they'll bring them to their houses

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on asses or mules, for a very small reward, notwithstanding there is a positive command in the alcoran, that forbids them to touch swine's flesh.

They have plenty of black cattle, wild and tame, and good milk; but they make but scurvy cheese of it, and no butter, because they make the fat of their sheep's tails serve in their kitchens instead of butter; and they keep no tea-tables for the consumption of fresh butter. And coffee, which is much in use, is the constant companion of a pipe of tobacco, which is taken by the ladies as well as gentlemen. In the desert, which is very near the town, there are wild camels, horses, asses, goats, lions, leopards, panthers and foxes, which they hunt on horseback, with sword and lance, and on foot with fowling pieces. They have plenty of delicious fruits, as pomegranates, peaches, apricots, quinces, olives, apples, pears, nectarines and grapes that are as sweet as the juice of the sugar-cane, and their spirits are so weak, that they'll produce neither wine nor vinegar: but the most plenty and useful of all their fruits, are their dates, which support and sustain many millions of people, who make them their daily food, and they are wonderfully nourished by them. Bassora exports yearly for foreign countries, above 10,000 tuns of dates, which employ abundance of seamen for their exportation, besides many more poor in gathering and packing them in mats made of the leaves of the date tree, and likewise in drying them. I bought about 160 pound weight of wet dates for 2s. 3d. sterling, and sometimes they are cheaper.

The ruins of the famous Babylon lie about 200 English miles up the river from Bassora; and at Bagdat, which is 12 miles below it, the ruins appear to be a mountain, and are the habitation of wild beasts and serpents. Whether Bagdat was built out of its ruins, or no, I know not; but 'tis reported, and generally believed that it was. It is now a prodigious large city, and the seat of a Beglerbeg, who governs a very great province. They bashaws of Bassora, Comera, and Musol, (the ancient Nineveh) are subordinate to him, and are able to bring 150,000 men into the field.

Comera stands on the banks of Euphrates, about 80 miles above Bassora, and, by common tradition, is the place where holy Job dwelt. It abounds in all things that Bassora produces, viz. fruits, roots, herbs and animals: besides, it is very fruitful in producing wheat, rice, and pulse of several species. There is a garrison of 10,000 janissaries continually kept there, and 8 or 10 river gallies, well furnished, to awe the circumjacent countries, who are apt to rebel. And Bassora has 3000 janissaries and 5 gallies for the same account. The bashaws of the gallies are not subordinate to the bashaws of the cities; but he of the gallies has the command of the circumjacent countries, laying on of taxes, and raising subsidies at his pleasure, as he of the cities has power to oppress the citizens: and their avarice and severity often cause mutinies and bloodshed. One of those mutinies happened at Bassora, in anno 1721, for the bashaw of the city having married a lady out of the Grand Seignior's seraglio, and that monarch having some deference for her on account of consanguinity, her husband was put into the bashaw's ship to get money to support his lady's extravagancy; and finding that fair honest ways would be a long while in raising such sums as he thought would be sufficient for that end, oppressed both city and country to fill his coffers. The poor oppressed merchants, mechanics and peasants plied him with complaints on his soldiery, who, they thought, robbed them, since their exactions were new. They gave in remonstrances of their grievances, and petitioned for redress; but the persons sent with those addresses, had the bastinado for their impertinence. Upon this the distressed city and country made their address to the bashaw of the gallies, who knew that they had just cause of complaint. He wrote to the Beglerbeg, and informed him of their case and condition, and obtained a severe reprimand; for he of the city, instead of amend-

ment, added cruelties to oppression, and murdered many who would not, or could not pay what they were sessed at, which unheard of barbarities made above 50,000 of the city and country betake themselves to arms, and march out, with the musti or high priest at their head; and he had a green flag, which is Mahomet's banner, before him, carried by a priest; and he and his army encamped near the bashaw of the gallies his house, which stands about two miles below the city, by the river side; and the bashaw of the gallies joined them with 1000 janissaries. The musti, according to custom, plied his spiritual artillery, and excommunicated the bashaw of the city, and all that adhered to him. This mutiny continued some days; but I heard of no bloodshed, and only opprobrious language past. But the town began to feel want, for the peasants would bring no earables to the city; but the Musti's host were plentifully supplied. All shops being shut up, and all the markets unprovided, made the bashaw of the city begin to think what the end would be, if the mutiny continued any longer; so he got some country gentlemen, who were of neither faction, to go to the musti and the bashaw of the gallies, as mediators; and accordingly they went, and were handsomely received, and, in their oration on the present posture of affairs, made the musti and his party incline to peace, providing that about a dozen of incendiaries might be delivered to them, to receive condign punishment for their faults. All the proscribed, but one, by the intercession of friends, were pardoned; but they would hear of no peace till the other was made a sacrifice to their just resentment; for this villain would accost a merchant in the street, and, after common compliments were ended, he would ask them what became of the diamonds, or other jewels, that they had shewn him such a time. The innocent merchant, who perhaps never had any jewels, being surpris'd at his question, would deny that ever they had any such as he spake of. Then the impudent fellow would tell them plain, that without they would bribe him with a round sum, he would inform the bashaw, that he had seen such quantities of rough diamonds, or other valuable stones in their possession, and if they could not be found entered in his custom-house books, they must expect to suffer what punishment the bashaw would please to inflict for defrauding the King of his customs. Some out of fear would comply, and give a sum, others, again, stood on their innocence and would not give him money; and they were sure to be informed against, and brought before the bashaw, and, upon that villain's evidence, were generally fined about double of what he asked of them; so that besides the great sums that came into the bashaw's coffers by that rascal's ingenuity, he had accumulated twenty-five bags to himself, each bag containing 500 crowns, and all this in the space of three years that he had been in Bassora; for he came from Constantinople one of the bashaw's retinue, hardly worth an asper, and at his death so much ready cash was found in his house, which fell into his master the bashaw's hands: for after this villain was culled out to be sacrificed to the just resentment of the people, and found that they would not be appeased without having his life, he fell at his master's feet for protection. The cunning, covetous bashaw bid him convey what money he had to his house, and he would take care of it for the use of his wife and children, and would send him secretly out of the town, and get him safely conducted to Comera. He swallowed that bait, and delivered his ill-gotten money to his master, who protected him but one single day, and then told him, that the people's clamours were so great, that he could protect him no longer; and accordingly he was delivered to the enraged mob, who forthwith strangled him, and threw his body on a dung-hill by the side of an high-way, where I saw it two days after. And the musti and bashaw made matters up for the ease and satisfaction of the people, who grew quite tired of their divisions.

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Baffora was many years in the hands of the Perfians, who gave great encouragement to trade, which drew many merchants from foreign parts to settle there, and particularly from Surat in India. But in anno 1691, a pestilence raged so violently, that above 80,000 people were carried off by it, and those that remained fled from it, so that for three years following it was a desert, inhabited only by wild beasts, who were at last driven out of the town by the circumjacent wild Arabs, who possessed it about 12 months, and were in their turn driven out by the Turks, who keeps it till this day; but its trade is very inconsiderable to what it was in the times that the Perfians had it, and the reason is, that the Turks are very insolent to stranger merchants. In anno 1721, I had an instance of their arbitrary insolence, for I sold a considerable quantity of pepper, which some stranger merchants bargained to take at 28 mamoodies* a maund attarie, without deductions. The bashaw being made acquainted with the contract, sent orders, that the pepper must be delivered to two minions of his at 24 mamoodies, and allow them turk† and burk, which is a piece of stone or brick between a pound and an half or two pounds weight, into the scale with the standard weights, besides the tare of the bags. I at first refused to comply with the unjust order, and stood out three or four days, but at last was advised by some Surat merchants (who were there, and had met with as great oppressions) to obey, lest I should run the risk of being plundered by the soldiery.

There are many Jews in Baffora who live by brokerage and exchanging money; but the Turks keep that set of people very low, for reasons of state. There are also about 200 christians of the Greek church, but no priests of that communion, wherefore some Roman missionaries officiate there. The Greek clergy are very indifferent about gaining profelytes, and, to nourish their flocks, will not run the risk of martyrdom, so they keep none of their priesthood at Baffora: but when I was there, three Romish priests of the Carmelite order had the superintendency of that church. These sanctified rascals were a scandal to christianity, by making a tavern of their church; for having more indulgence from the government than the Mahometans, in moral matters, they abuse it to the vilest uses, in selling arrack, which they distil from dates, and procuring birds of paradise for the use of their customers. The Mahometans again are forbidden strictly the drinking of wine or distilled liquors, both by their ecclesiastical and civil laws; for the heat of the sun, and the dry sandy soil create much a dust choler in their brains, that when they are heated by drinking strong liquors, they become furious and mischievous to one another, and, in those mad fits, wound and kill their fellows. Those scandalous priests had been often reprimanded by the government, for abusing the indulgence they had, but to little purpose, for their trade was very gainful; but, upon a drunken quarrel between two seamen of mine, wherein one was dangerously wounded with a knife, and the other for fear of punishment, turned Mahometan, being before a Portugueze christian, the bashaw sent an officer and soldiers to enter the church, and all the houses appertaining to it, with orders to break their stills and jars, with the rest of the distilling utensils, and to pour out all the arrack they found, on the ground, which was accordingly done; and in the search, the soldiers met with a fine silver watch, and about 400 Spanish dollars, which they carried off with them. The priests petitioned the bashaw to have the watch and money restored; but were answered, that they preached much on the contempt of worldly riches, and if his soldiers had made them practise what they preached, they ought to be thankful, and to let the despicable money continue in hands that professed their love of it, and

* Twenty-eight Mamoodies are 17s. 6d. A maund attarie is 28 lib.

† Turk and burk is a customary donation, such as tret in Britain.

knew much better how to use it than priests, and so dismissed them, with threats of harder penalties on their next transgression: but the sweets of worldly gains soon made them forget the admonition given them by the bashaw, as well as their heavenly promises and oaths made at their admission into their holy order; and, like a dog to his vomit, returned back to their old trade of debauching Christians, Jews, Mahometans, and Pagans with liquors, and set up stills for that purpose once more.

Notwithstanding that the Turkish government is so well established by severity, and even cruelty when their laws are transgressed, yet the Arabs, who are the natural lords of their own country, are not to be rigorously dealt with, for they are a people very bold, revengeful and cunning. While I was at Bassora, a parcel of Janisaries were sent to the island of Gabon, which lies between the city and the mouth of the river Euphrates. The west end is washed by a branch of the river, which runs into the sea, and the north side by the main river for 25 leagues, till it disembogues into the sea by the channel for shipping. It being pretty well inhabited, and the bashaw imposing exorbitant taxes on those poor islanders, which they either would not, or could not pay, sent the aforementioned Janisaries to dragoon them into compliance. They first built a sconce, and fortified it, both to secure themselves from sudden attacks or surprize, as well as to hold what they might defrain from the poor peasants. Many of those poor wretches having experimented the Turkish wholesome chastisements of plundering and bastonading those who scrupled to obey, or were not able to pay what they were taxed, making their complaints to one another, and bewailing the misery that they underwent by the inexorable Janisaries, took counsel to ferret them off their island at the hazard of their lives, rather than continue under the unsupportable yoke they were in; wherefore about three hundred of them prepared for an attack on the Janisaries little fort, with no other weapons than lances and swords. There were about forty Janisaries in the fort, well armed with guns; but the Arabs defeated the design of powder and ball, by making up great bundles of straw, that covered them intirely from head to foot whilst their faces were towards their enemy. They waited a convenient time when the wind was pretty high, and marching towards the windwardmost part of the fort, set fire to their straw, whose blaze and smoke kept the Janisaries clear from molesting them to windward. There were some shades within the fort, built of date tree leaves, for lodging the garison, but they took fire also; and five or six barrels of powder blowing up, destroyed most of the Janisaries, and some few who leapt down the outside of the wall, were killed with the sword; so that between fire and sword, not one escaped. I saw some of the slaughtered and half-burnt carcases brought up to the city the next day after the tragedy was acted; but the commotions that had happened before in the city, made the bashaw bridle his resentment, since it was his own avarice that begat both mutinies.

The horses in this part of Arabia are very well shaped, and mettlesome, and the men the most dexterous in managing them that ever I saw. They shoot with bow and arrow, and throw their lance at full speed, and very seldom miss the mark. They will stoop at full speed, and take up an hare as she runs, with their hands, or throw a lance in the air, and catch it before it comes to the ground: and indeed the most of their exercise, whilst young, is in managing their horses.

They have many boats on the river, of several shapes and dimensions; some are made of wood, with high broad boughs, and very long, others are very short: their rudders are in breadth a quarter part of their keel's length, but not intire of one piece as ours are, and they daub them over outside and inside with bitumen, without caulking them; others are baskets made of reeds, perfectly round, with two sticks laid

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athwart cross-ways their bottoms to keep them open. They are also daubed on the outside and bottom with bitumen. And this sort they make use of to transport goods from place to place. Bitumen is a thick sulphurous and unctuous matter, generated in the earth there, and boils up of its own accord to the surface; and sometimes it is so hot, that it scalds the hands or feet of them that go to gather it. And there are some hot pits in the ground, that putting a pot over them, they'll boil meat. There is also oil of Peter in those grounds, which is very good in healing rheumatick pains.

CHAP. IX.—*Gives a Description of the Sea-coast of Persia, from Euphrates to Gombroon, with the Places of Commerce on the Persian Side of the Gulf.*

THEY have a tradition, that between Bassora and Comera was Job's habitation, if he had any; but that is out of my sphere, and so I'll travel down the Euphrates again towards Persia.

For above 20 leagues to the eastward of the channel for shipping, or from Margan point, the land is very low and marsh, and is overgrown with reeds and shrubs, which, in the month of August, are very dry by the extreme heats of June and July; and the winds blowing fresh, put them in so great agitation, that by friction they take fire; so that before we see any land, we see great smokes by day, and great fires by night, of 4 or 5 leagues long. But at Durea, which I take to be the easternmost branch of the river, the land is pretty high, and some date trees to be seen from the sea. And the first mountains that appear in Persia, are those of Bander-dillon, which is a large town on the sea-coast. It has large plains near it, that produce plenty of wheat and barley, and have good pasturage for horses and cattle. As also does Bander-rick, another sea-port town, and may be seen plainly from the sea; but the bay is shallow so far off, that a ship cannot come within three leagues of it; however it has pretty good inland trade, by reason of its vicinity to Shyrash, the second town in Persia for magnitude, from whence it is but six days journey for beasts of carriage.

Bowchier is also a maritime town, about 12 leagues to the southward of Banderrick. It stands on an island, and has a pretty good trade, both by sea and land.

The islands of Carrack ly, about west north-west, 12 leagues from Bowchier. One of them has no inhabitants but deer and antelopes. The southernmost has between 200 and 300 poor fishers on it, who serve shipping with pilots for Bassora. It affords good mutton and fish, potatoes and onions, with good water. The anchoring-place is at the north end of the inhabited island, in 12 fathoms water. Their language is Arabick, and religion Mahometan.

About 7 leagues to the southward of Bowchier, on the sea-coast is Curchoir, where are the ruins of a large castle and pier that jets a pretty way into the sea. They were built by the Portugueze, who kept a garrison there, and had galleys continually cruizing about in the bottom of the gulf, to compel all ships that traded there, or to Bassora, to pay 10 per cent. toll or customs to them. There is nothing else to invite observation for travellers, from Courchoir to Congoun, which is about 30 leagues, but high, dry, barren mountains, and hideous precipices.

Congoun stands on the south side of a large river, and makes a pretty good figure in trade; for most of the pearls that are caught at Bareaen, on the Arabian side, are brought hither for a market, and many fine horses are sent thence to India, where they generally sell well. And four days journey within land, is the city of Laar, which, according to their fabulous tradition, is the burying-place of Lot, and they pretend to
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shew his tomb still ; but they do not know a word about the poor woman his wife. That there are many mountains of rock salt there, is very certain.

The next maritime town, down the gulf, is Cong, where the Portugueze had lately a factory, but of no great figure in trade, though the town has a small trade with Banyans and Moors from India. The many insults the Muskat Arabs give it with their fleet, frighten merchants of considerable stocks from frequenting it. After the Portugueze lost Ormus, and a peace made with Shaw Abafs the king of Persia, they were permitted to settle at Cong. But that King built the city of

Gombroon, or, as the natives call it, Bander Abassi, or the sea-port of Abassi. This city stands on a bay, about 4 leagues to the northward of the east end of the island of Kifmish, and 3 leagues from the famous Ormuze, which the English had so great an hand in reducing to the obedience of Shaw Abafs. What time the Portugueze settled on Ormuze I know not, nor could I ever learn from the Persians that I conversed with, when they did settle ; but finding it a convenient place to tyrannize over the traders into the Gulf of Persia, they built a large fort on the east end of it, almost environed by the sea that washes the fort walls. This Gombroon was formerly a fishing town, and when Shaw Abafs began to build it, had its appellation from the Portugueze in derision, because it was a good place for catching prawns or shrimps, which they call Camedrong. The English and Dutch have their factories here, which bring a good commerce to it ; and the French formerly had their factory too. It is ill seated, and wants almost every thing that contributes to the support of human life, except fish and mutton ; yet, for many years, it has been well peopled by reason of its trade, which has filled the pockets of many merchants, who, at first settling there, were very empty. They have no drinkable water within three miles of the town, except a few cisterns, which are dry above one half of the year : and the hills near it are barren, and the very rocks taste of salt. And when rain falls, which is but seldom, the rivulets (which are filled by waters running down the hills into low grounds) bear a crust of fine white salt on their sides, but is bitterish, by reason of too much nitre and sulphur in its composition. People of distinction and fortune keep a camel or two daily employed in bringing them fresh wholesome water from Afsen, about 15 miles from the city, because the water of Naban, which is three miles off, is not accounted salubrious. There is an high mountain that lies north from Gombroon, about 8 leagues, whose reflection of heat on the lower ground, in the summer months, almost fires the air, which creates much uncleanliness and unhealthfulness to the inhabitants of Gombroon ; wherefore most of them retire into the country, to pass the heats of June, July, and August, whose heats affect the sea, in so much, that in August there comes a stink from it, that is as detestable as the smell of dead animals on the land ; and vast quantities of small shell fish are thrown on the shore by the furies of the sea ; from them I judge the intolerable stink proceeds. It tarnishes gold and silver, as bad as the bilge water of a tight ship.

About 10 miles from Afsen, at the foot of the aforesaid mountain, is a place called Minoa, where are natural cold and hot baths, which cure itches, poxes, leprosy, and rheumatick pains, only by bathing, for they are not drinkable ; and some that try to drink them, and get a few spoonfulls down, find them powerful emeticks. There are two or three little choultries or shades built for patients to rest in ; but there are no people that inhabit near it, so that whoever goes there, must carry all necessaries or conveniencies along with them.

At Afsen there are many gardens, where the inhabitants of Gombroon retire to in the hot months ; but the English East India Company's is the best cultivated. It produces plenty of Seville oranges, whose trees are always verdant, and bear ripe and green

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green fruit, with blossoms, all at once. In the hot season it is well watered from its wells, so that roots and herbage are plentiful, and good in their seasons, which supply the factory at Gombroon: and there is pretty good fowling and hunting in that plain; but the road to the town is only passable for men, and asses or camels, but not for horses: nor are there any houses on the road, but one packire's or beggar's lodge. But Naban is a village pretty well peopled, and has one tree, or rather a wood sprung from the root of a tree, whose branches spread wide, and from them other branches descend to the ground, and take root, and the branches of them spread as the first did, that it became near three hundred yards from one end to another, and could shelter 10,000 men from the heat of the sun. The leaves are large and thick, and it bears a red berry, only useful for crows and parrots, who also build nests on the tree.

Gombroon is very unhealthy for Europeans, occasioned by the scorching heat of summer, and piercing cold of winter; for as those that stay there in summer have wind-chimnies to cool and fan them, so they are obliged, in winter, to wear cloth coats, lined with fur, to keep them warm. The Europeans often hasten death sooner than he would come of his own accord, by intemperance and debauchery of several kinds; and they have a burial-place pretty near the town, well stored with tombs, but never a Christian church in this town, though the Portuguese have one at Cong, where generally reside a priest or two, who subsist on alms and perquisites. When an English or Dutch heretick marry, or bring the fruits of their labour to light unmarried, then the priest is sent for to make the infant a Christian; but we officiate in burials ourselves.

The animal provisions of cattle, sheep, goat, fowl, and fish, are all in their kind good, and pretty cheap; but they kill no cows publicly, because the Banyans from India, who make a good figure in the town, and are pretty numerous, give the Shanahen or Governor, a yearly present of value, to prohibit cow-killing, for they being all Pythagoreans in the belief of transmigration, worship that beast in as great a degree of veneration as a Papist does the image of a saint given him for a protector. The devotees of both differ not much in point of adoration; for setting aside the divinity of cattle, who till the ground, and nourish them by their milk, which, they say, is more than a dead image can do, they have greater antiquity, and as great authority as Christian idolaters can pretend to. Their books are as numerous, and their traditions and legends as full in relating prophecies uttered by the cow, as well as miracles performed by her, as the others can boast of done by their images; so they laugh at a Papist that calls them idolaters.

The grapes, melons, and mangoes that supply the market of Gombroon, come from the high mountain beforementioned, or from the vallies on the north side of it. In November and December, the snow falls so plentifully on that mountain, as well as on others to the southward of it, that it clothes them in white generally till the month of March.

In August the poorer sort of people go up the country to their date harvest; and for a month's time that the harvest lasts, we can hardly find boatmen and porters enough to lade or unlade our shipping, which often proves very inconvenient for those whose voyage depends on quick dispatch. And the winds blowing then hard at the south-west from the Arabian shore, bring along with them such clouds of scorching sands, that the sun is obscured by them.

A memorable accident happened about the year 1712, to two French gentlemen, who contrary to the advice of their friends at Gombroon, would needs travel in the month of July, for Ispahan, the metropolis of Persia, which lies 700 English miles from Gombroon. The chief of the English factory, who was a gentleman of much candour

and probity, and had travelled that road several times, told them of the danger of suffocating heats that they must pass through the first three stages of their journey; for there are some deep caverns in the sides of some mountains, commonly called by the inhabitants, hell's mouths, which sometimes send forth such hot dry winds, that kill man and beast, if they do not shun them, which is done by falling flat on the ground, and placing their cattle's rumps to the wind, whilst they lie on their bellies. Those blasts may be seen some minutes before they come near enough to men or beasts to hurt them, and in a minute or two, they blow over, being confined to a small space of ground to blow on. The general rule for travellers, is to set out between three and four in the morning, and travel to nine, which rule those French gentlemen observed, and being fatigued by their morning's journey, as soon as they came to a caravaferay, (which are lodgings built at every stage's end, a stage being about 15 miles), they were disposed to rest, and ordered their servants to make their beds ready, (for even those necessary furniture, travellers are obliged to carry with them on carriage-beasts), and ordered their servants to call them when dinner was ready, and withal ordered a sheet for each of them to be dipped in water, to lay over them, in order to cool them. One of those hot blasts unfortunately came whilst the gentlemen slept, and had left the windows of the room open, and the wind blowing in at the windows, scorched them both to death on their beds, where the servants found them when dinner was ready, and pulling off the sheets, the skin and some flesh came off with them.

I observed before, that Ispahan is distant from Gombroon about 700 miles, and yet I have known a foot-post bring letters in 11 days from thence, though the ways are so bad, that horses cannot travel it in that time.

Shyrash is a large city on the road, about 550 miles from Gombroon, in a fine, pleasant, fertile country, that produces fruits of all sorts, excellent in their kinds, particularly apples, pears, plumbs, figs, walnuts, chestnuts, hazel-nuts, pistachio-nuts, and grapes which afford good wines, and raisins, and is so well stored with roses, that they can yearly export 2000 chests of rose-water, besides ten times as much spent in Persia, Arabia and Induстан. A chest contains about 12 English gallons, carefully put up in thin flasks or bottles. The Mahometans are forbid to meddle with wine, therefore the Armenian christians (who are very numerous in Persia) have the privilege of making wines, most excellent in their kind; and it is a question whether the world affords better, for they are excellent stomachics, and being strong, they'll bear four times the quantity of water to mix with them, without being flat; and the mixture has a very fine flavour. They make also brandy and vinegar, but though much stronger, not so palatable as what France produces; so that this country, which formerly was a kingdom of itself, not only produces what is convenient for itself, but exports large quantities of wines, brandy, vinegar, rose-water, raisins and figs, with the aforementioned nuts, which greatly increase the wealth of the country, which also abounds in good wheat, pease and barley, for its own consumption; and their beef, mutton and fowl are exceeded by none in Europe.

About five leagues off the road of Ispahan, are the ruins of the famous Persepolis, that mad Alexander of Macedon burnt at the request of a strumpet: and, as I have been informed by several that had the curiosity to see those ruins, in their way to and from Ispahan, it has been a large stately city. The fabric has been noble, by what may be yet seen in some parts yet standing, and some paintings on stone, that still look fresh, in spite of time's iron teeth, who defaces and destroys most sublunary things, or alters their figures so much, that they can be known no other way than by tradition.

CHAP. X.—*Continuation of Observations on the Empire of Persia, giving an Account of its Magnitude; the Reduction of Ormuze to the Obedience of Persia by the Assistance of the English: also of the late Revolution by Meriways.*

THE empire of Persia is of a large extent, being limited by Euphrates and the Persian gulf to westward, the Indian ocean, from Cape Guaddel, to the southward, on the east side by the river Indus, that runs 1200 miles to the northward from its mouths, and on the north by Usbeck, Tartaria, Colchis, Mangrelia, the Caspian Sea and Georgia. Erivan in Armenia, is a province in the north-west of it, as Cabul and Candaha are on the north-east side. Towards Turkey they sometimes lose and get whole provinces in a year. About the beginning of the seventeenth century, Shaw Abafs was king of Persia, a king worthy of empire, and made himself famous by his valour and his justice; but having no fleet at sea, the Portugueze insulted his sea-coasts, and settled themselves on the Island of Ormuze, and built a good strong fort, as is already observed, with a pretty large town, and magnificent churches. Some porches and broken pillars I have seen, that speak their ancient grandeur; and the castle is still good, and well kept. The Portugueze, with their light frigates and gallies, insulted the sea-coasts of Persia, and all the shipping that had commerce in the gulf, for above a whole century. Shaw Abafs being tired with the complaints of his subjects, and others that had been robbed and insulted by the imperious Portugueze, made him very uneasy, and found no remedy but by encouraging the English, who then had a small factory on the sea-shore, about 7 leagues from the mouth of the gulf, to the eastward, called Jafques, but were continually disturbed in their commerce by the domineering Portugueze from Ormuze.

Sir Thomas Row being then ambassador at the court of Persia for King James the first of England, to cultivate a correspondence between the two kingdoms, Shaw Abafs broke his mind to Sir Thomas, and proffered any reasonable indulgence to the English that traded into Persia, providing they would join his land forces with theirs at sea, in India, to drive the troublesome Portugueze out of the Persian gulf. Sir Thomas agreed, that, if Shaw Abafs would defray the charge of the ships that should come to his assistance, give the English a free trade all over the Persian dominions, custom free, and grant them one moiety of the customs raised by merchandize in the Gulf, they would not only help to drive the Portugueze out of Ormuze, but keep two ships in the Gulf, to protect trade. All which was agreed to by both parties, and sealed and signed by the King of Persia.

The English forces consisted of five ships, about 40 guns one with another, and were well manned. The King of Persia sent an army of 40 or 50,000, with trankies for transports, to land them on Ormuze. The English soon destroyed the Portugueze armado of light frigates and gallies, which were hauled dry on the land near the castle. The castle firing briskly on them, sunk one of the English ships, whose artillery was carried ashore, and put in batteries to annoy the castle, which the shipping and batteries did so effectually, that in less than two months, the Portugueze capitulated to leave Ormuze, with all the fortifications intire, and to carry nothing away but their noble selves. The plunder, which was very great, was equally divided between the English and Persians; and tradition reports, that there was so much ready bullion found in the castle, that it was measured by long-boats-full; and one boat being pretty deep, and an officer still throwing in more, put the boatwain of the ship, who was in

the boat, into a passion, and made him swear, that for every shovel full that they threw more in, he would throw two out into the sea; for he could not tell what would satisfy them, if a long-boat load of money would not. On the reduction of the island and fort of Ormuze, the Portuguese withdrew their men from the forts of Laracka, another island 4 or 5 leagues from Ormuze, and from Kismish fort, that lies on the east end of that island, and retired to Muskat. Shaw Abafs was punctual in observing the agreement with the English; and it was punctually kept by the succeeding kings, till about the year 1680, the English Company failed on their part of keeping the gulf clear of insults; and the Persians, finding that the English Company's forces were now too small for the increasing power of the Arabs their neighbours, took away the half customs, and allowed them 1100 tomaans, which is about 3300l. sterling a year; but I am afraid that that is also lost by the late revolution in Persia.

When Shaw Abafs demised, his son Shaw Tomas succeeded him, who was a son worthy of such a father. He died about the year 1630. He was a very valiant and fortunate prince in his wars with Turk and Mogul, and a great lover of justice; for whoever broke the established laws, were sure to suffer the penalty annexed to them. One instance of that he shewed to a baker; for being once detected in making his bread lighter than the standard, he was severely fined; but on his being detected and convicted a second time, he was condemned to be baked in his own oven, for a terror to others, who might flatter themselves with breaking the laws with impunity.

After Shaw Tomas, the succeeding kings have been debauched with ignorance of their own affairs, voluptuousness and indolence, leaving the reins of government in the hands of parasites, or eunuchs and concubines, who never fail to bring their master into contempt, and the people into murmurings and rebellions. A very flagrant instance is to be seen in Meriweys' Revolution.

The whole reign of the last Sophi, or King, was managed by such vermin, that the Balowches and Mackrans, who inhabit the sea-coast from Cape Jacques to Indus, observing the weakness of the government, threw off the yoke of obedience first, and, in full bodies, fell in upon their neighbours in Carmania, who were thriftier and richer than the maritime freebooters, and plundered their fellow subjects of what they had got by their painful industry. There was no want of remonstrances and petitions put into the court to put a stop to those enormities, but no redress could be had. The Usbecks came also on their neighbouring province of Muschet, and committed many depredations; and when letters came from the Governor of that province, to acquaint the king of the Usbecks incursions, he happened then to be at play with a young cat, that hunted a feather that he kept in motion with a thread. One of the pages acquainted him, that a messenger was come in great haste from Muschet, with letters to the vizier, who was at the chamber door, to know what his Majesty would please to order in that juncture. He answered, that as soon as he had done playing with his cat, he would send for the vizier, and consult of that matter; but he never thought more of it. This indolence made many thefts, robberies, and murders to be committed throughout the country: nay, his own guards went out in troops, and way-laid merchants going or coming to or from Ispahan, robbed them, and often murdered them; and when complaints were made, and proof offered, yet no redress could be had, which made most people believe, that some court favourites were encouragers of the publick calamities. In anno 1716, I carried some Armenian merchants from Persia to Surat, who assured me, that there was a design to depose the King, and set up his son, or invite the Muscovite into the province of Casbin, whose shores are on the Caspian sea, and where a foreign army may easily be brought into their ports by sea: and certainly there was such a design; for

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in anno 1719, the plot of deposing the King was found out, and the Attamadoulet or vizier was deeply concerned in it. He was Meriweys', or Meir Mahoumud Shaw's father, the son being then Chawn, or prince of Candahaar. The King was solacing himself in a garden near the city of Ispahan, when he was apprised of the plot, which was to be executed the same night it was discovered. He immediately sent for the Attamadoulet, pretending business of importance about some frontier provinces; and the old gentleman not dreaming of the discovery made, came to the King, who taxing him with the plot, made no difficulty to confess that it was of his own contrivance, to save the country from ruin, which was inevitable, if he continued in supineness, which had affected him near 40 years, and there was no sign of amendment, notwithstanding his remonstrances and admonitions all that while, and now that he was detected, he knew the worst that could befall him, was to be sacrificed for the good of his country, which he took to be rather glorious than dishonourable. The King ordered some bars of iron to be heated, and his eyes kept open till the irons were gently moved near the eyes to dry up the moisture, which is the royal punishment in Persia, for disobedient or rebellious princes; so the old man being made blind, his treasure was seized, but his palace and gardens allowed him, and an allowance suitable to his dignity. He had in gold and diamonds, to the value of 800,000 tomaans or 2,400,000l. sterling; and some said he had more in his son's custody: but how true these reports are, I am no proper judge, either to believe or reject; but some bars of his gold I saw at Gombroon.

Before this conspiracy of the Attamadoulet happened, the Muskat Arabs came with a fleet, and landed 5 or 6000 men on Ormuze, and besieged the castle; but could not take it in three months, and being tired with fatigue, they left it. But in anno 1720, Meriweys hearing how the King had used his father, made the whole province of Candahaar rebel, and wrote letters to the Chawn of Samachie to come into alliance with him and his confederates the Ballowches and Usbecks, who readily embraced his proposition in hope of plunder. In 1721, Meriweys began his march towards Ispahan, with an army of 45,000, and paid honestly for what his army had occasion for in his march, declaring, that he did not take arms for their hurt or destruction, but to free Persia from the folly and tyranny of a doating fool, who was incorrigible by fair means. The Usbecks entered the provinces of Muschet and Yefd, with 40,000, and acted like robbers. Another army of 40,000 went out of Samachie, and ravaged Erivan; and the Ballowches entered the province of Carmania, and plundered the country, and at last took the city. Then they marched towards Laar, and took the town, but not the fort: and there twelve Hollanders, who were sent from Gombroon to convey down some treasure belonging to their company, behaved themselves to admiration. They were lodged in a Caravanferay, where the Ballowches came with about 300 to attack them; but they had a brave warm reception, and left about four score of their number dead on the spot, without the loss of one Dutchman: but not thinking themselves and their treasure safe where they were, they desired admittance into the fort, which was readily granted, and there they also behaved themselves so well, that the Ballowches marched away without the booty they came so far for. The Dutch staid there above a month, and in that time came a detachment of 4000 horse to plunder Gombroon. We heard of their design about ten days before they came, and so we and the Dutch fortified our factories as well as possibly we could, planting little falconets on the top of our walls in swivels, and beating out ports in our walls, to ply great guns, to scour the avenues to our factories. Mean while the Persian governor fired guns every night, to let the enemy know he was a brave fellow: however they had a mind to see, and, on the 15th of December they appeared near the town, on a swift march towards

wards it, which scared the governor so much, that though there was an high mud wall between him and them, he got on horseback, and fled to a fort on the sea-shore, leaving a few guns, loaded as they were, to the enemy.

The Ballowches came first to the west quarter of the town, where our factory stands, and soon made passages through the mud walls. They hewed down all that came in their way, particularly old people and children, and came in a confused haste to attack our factory, down some lanes; but we gave them a warm welcome with our great guns and small shot. They soon found their mistake, and retired in as great haste as they came. Some of their musketeers got into some ruined houses, and fired on us; but we being barricadoed, they did us little damage, and had our men observed their orders better, we had come off with less. Our firing lasted about three hours, in which time we lost three or four, killed by their own rashness in standing open to the enemy, when they might have done better service under cover of our barricadoes. We had also seven wounded, but none mortally, but one who was a factor, who received a shot in his right hand, which threw him into a fever, of which he died in seven or eight days. The agent being gone to Ispahan some weeks before we had any advice of the Ballowches coming, had carried twenty soldiers along with him for a guard, and left but six in the factory, besides cooks, and a few servants. I saw the factory in danger if they should be attacked, so I reinforced it with thirty-six of my best men, and another small English ship from Bombay, assisted with eight or nine of his, so that when the enemy came, we were about fifty strong. The season being very cold, made our duty hard, for we lay in our arms every night, for 10 or 12 nights that the enemy lay in the town. They had a consultation next day after their repulse, how they might make another attack; but none would undertake to lead their men on, and so the day after consultation, they went to attack the Dutch, who were three times stronger than we, and they met with the same kind reception we gave them; but they had a warehouse within pistol-shot of their factory, with goods to the value of 20,000l. sterling in it, which the Ballowches broke into, and plundered. The Dutch lost twelve men, and had eight or ten wounded: so finding our factories were not to be taken without the danger of much blood-shed, they went plundering the town for eight or nine days, and carried away, in money and goods, above 200,000l. besides 14,000 captives, and as many beasts of carriage, and so went off about five or six miles from the town, which they laid in ashes before they left it. They continued in our neighbourhood, with their plunder, about a month, I suppose till they received new orders how to dispose of themselves.

Notwithstanding such numerous rebellious armies were on foot, threatening destruction to the state, the indolent King being lulled asleep in security, did not offer to raise any forces for the defence of himself and country, but said to his cabinet counsellors, that he was sure his enemies would leave him Ispahan, and that one city would be enough to maintain him and them his counsellors: but when Meriweys came within three days journey of the city, he raised about 50,000 of the citizens, and sent to the English and Dutch agents, to join their little forces to his, to manage the artillery, and to lend him some money to support and pay his new raised army. The latter desired to be excused in both; but the English complied, and were very active in defending the city, when Meriweys came to besiege it: and when he approached within a mile or two of the city, the King sent his raw army out to fight Meriweys; but in their march, Meriweys' men having made a long trench a pretty way from their front, and hid a large quantity of gun-powder in it, and then filled it up again, which ambuscaded the King's army, and after a good number of them had passed it, fire was set to it, and

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blew up and scorched many of the King's men, which so frightened the rest, that they turned tail, and fled without striking one stroke, so Meriweys made an easy conquest of the city, and found the King weeping, and deserted by his base and treacherous courtiers. But Meriweys soon put an end to his melancholy, by ordering his head to be struck off, which was forthwith executed, and put on the point of a lance, and carried through the city three days successively, as a spectacle. The prince royal, or the young Sophi seeing his father's affairs in so wretched a condition, had left the city, and went to Taurus or Teverize before Meriweys came. Meriweys carried himself mighty civilly to the citizens, but made the English prisoners, and seized what money and goods could be found of theirs, and also the Dutch company's effects, but not their servants persons. It was reported, that the English lost about 60,000*l.* and the Dutch 210,000. But the truth of these reports are best known to themselves.

When the old King had a mind to honour the English factory with a visit, as I saw in a letter from Mr. Bruce, the company's agent, that he sometimes did, and one particularly in his agency, he magnifies the honour done to his masters, above what the Dutch could ever obtain. He relates how he and all the factory, great and small, were ordered to leave their house, and chamber doors and ware-houses all open, for his Majesty and his seraglio companions to ramble through, and take such things as best pleased him and his minions; and there was a table left in the dining-room, spread and furnished with the richest sweet-meats and fruits.

I believe the company was not very ambitious of having many such honours conferred on them, since they were obliged to pay for them. And when the King has a mind for some new concubines, he issues out orders for all men and youths to depart out from their houses in the street, that he is pleased to visit, and to leave all the ladies in possession till his Majesty surveys them; and the penalty of disobedience is death. He generally makes his progress through the Armenian quarters, because the fairest and most beautiful are amongst their children.

The religion, by law established for near eleven ages, is Mahometan, of the sect of Alli; but the ancient religion was Parsi, or worshippers of the sun and fire. The founder of it was Zoroaster, whom they still venerate. About the ninth century of the Christian æra, the Mahometan zealots, according to the laudable way of some Christians, raised a persecution against the Parsis, whose wholesome severities made many profelytes; but some obstinate rogues, who would not change for a worse, were lawfully murdered, or obliged to run their country, so that at present there are but few left in Persia, and those that are left, are protected by their poverty and habitations, which are in deserts or hills little frequented.

There are vast numbers of Armenian Christians in Persia, whose religion is tolerated. Their former country of Armenia is now the province of Erivan. There are many substantial merchants of Armenians, who inhabit Julfar, a town near Isphahan, and they send factors all over India to carry on trade; and some come to Europe on that same account.

The Mahometans in Persia, to encourage profelytes to their religion, have a law, that if a son of an Armenian turns Mahometan, all the father's estate becomes his, and all who continue Christians are excluded, which sometimes makes great divisions and alterations in a family.

In baptism they immerse, but do not sprinkle. The priest must officiate in his sacerdotal garb, with a crown on his head, and must have two assistants in holy vestments also, but without crowns. Their titular saint is St. Gregory, of whom they tell many strange

strange stories; but whether true or false I know not: but I am sure he has plagued them with fast-days, for they fast one half of the year at least.

Having made what observations I could of the empire of Persia, I'll travel along the sea-coast towards Indufan, or the Great Mogul's empire. All that shore, from Jaques to Sindy, is inhabited by uncivilized people, who admit of no commerce with strangers, though Guaddel and Diul, two sea-ports, did, about a century ago, afford a good trade.

CHAP. XI.—*Treats of the Mogul's Dominions on the River Indus, particularly of the ancient Kingdom of Sindy, its Produce and Commerce, Religion and Customs of the Inhabitants; with a Description of the River Indus.*

SINDY is the westmost province of the Mogul's dominions, on the sea coast, and has Larribundar to its sea mart, which stands about 5 or 6 leagues from the sea, on a branch of the river Indus, capable to receive ships of 200 tons. It is but a village of about 100 houses, built of crooked sticks and mud; but it has a large stone fort, with four or five great guns mounted in it, to protect the merchandize brought thither from the robberies of the Ballowehes and Mackrans that lie near them, to the westward, and the Jams to the eastward, who being borderers, are much given to thieving, and they rob all whom they are able to master. The former are revolted subjects of Persia, and the other are subjects of the Mogul; but being secured from the awe of an army's coming to chastise their insolency, by the marshy grounds they live in, and the rapid tides of Indus, they make but little account of their Sovereign's power or orders, and so they commit depredations on the Cassillas that pass to and fro between Tatta and Larribundar, notwithstanding a guard of 100 or 200 horse are sent along with them, by the nabob or viceroy of Tatta, for protection; but often those protectors suffer the Cassillas to be robbed, pretending the robbers are too numerous to be restrained by their small forces, and afterwards come in sharers with the robbers.

Tatta is the emporium of the province, a very large and rich city. It is about three miles long, and one and an half broad, and is about 40 miles distance from Larribundar, and has a large citadel on its west end, capable to lodge 5000 men and horse, and has barracks and stables convenient for them, with a palace built in it for the nabob. All goods and merchandize imported or exported between Tatta and Larribundar, are transported on carriage beasts, such as camels, oxen, and horses. The country is almost level, and overgrown with shrubs and bushes, very fit to cover an ambuscade, which the aforesaid robbers often make use of, and suddenly rush out on a Cassilla, and whilst the guards and carriers are fighting in one place, either of front, flank, or rear, the robbers drive away the beasts with their packs. In anno 1699, a pretty rich Cassilla was robbed by a band of four and five thousand villains: the guard consisting of 250 horse were intirely cut off, and above 500 of the merchants and carriers, which struck a terror on all that had commerce at Tatta.

It was my fortune, about four months after, to come to Larribundar, with a cargo from Malabar, worth above 10,000l. I could find no Tatta merchants that would meddle with my cargo before it was carried to Tatta; but agreed on the prices of most of the species of my goods: and finding no other remedy but travelling by land, in a Cassilla of 1500 beasts, and as many, or more men and women, besides 200 horse for our guard, about the middle of January we set out; and after we had marched about 16 miles,

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miles, our scouts brought in news of the Ballowches and Mackrans being just before us in great numbers. I had thirteen of my best firemen with me in front, where my beasts were. We being all mounted on little horses, alighted, and set our beasts on our flanks and front, to serve us for a barricadoe, to defend us from sword and target-men, which were the principal strength of the robbers, and we, at the same time, had room enough to fire over our barricadoe. We were not long in that posture, till the enemy sent an herald on horseback, with his sword brandishing, and when he came within call of us, he threatened, that if we did not instantly surrender at discretion, we should have no quarter. I had two of my seamen that shot as well with a fuzee as any ever I saw, for I have seen them at sea, for diversion, knock down a single sea-fowl with a single bullet, as they were flying near our ship. I ordered one to knock down the herald, which he instantly did, by a bullet through his head. Another came presently after, with the same threatenings, and met with the same treatment. The next that came, I ordered his horse to be shot in the head, to try if we could take his rider, that we might learn somewhat of the enemy's strength. The horse was killed as soon as he appeared, and some of our horse got the rider, and hewed him down, instead of bringing him to us. Our guard of horse continually kept in the rear, but seeing what we had done in the front, took courage, and getting in amongst the bushes, met with some that had a design to attack our flank, and soon defeated them, which put the robbers in such fear, that they betook themselves to flight, and our horse pursuing, put many to the sword; so when they returned from the pursuit, we went on in our journey, and travelling four miles, came to a mud-wall fort, called Dugham, a proper English name for such a fortification. It is built mid-way between Tatta and Larribundar, to secure the cassilla from being set upon in the night, who all lodge within it, men and beasts promiscuously, which makes it so nasty, that the English appellation is rightly bestowed on it. There are about twenty little cottages built close to it, who breed fowls, goats, and sheep, to sell to passengers. And these are all the houses to be seen in the way between Tatta and Larribundar.

The news of a victory that I had over three Sanganian pirates at sea, on my voyage from Malabar to Larribundar, had reached Tatta, before the second skirmish by land, so that when I came to Tatta, we were received with acclamations from the populace, and the better sort visited us with presents of sweet-meats and fruits, ascribing the safe arrival of the cassilla wholly to our courage and conduct.

We were lodged in a large convenient house of 15 rooms, and had good warehouses. The stairs from the street were intire porphyry, of 10 foot long, of a bright yellow colour, and as smooth as glass. They were about ten in number, and led up to a square of 15 yards long, and about 10 broad. Next day we had a compliment from the nabob, of an ox, five sheep, as many goats, twenty fowls, and fifty pigeons, with sweet-meats and fruit in abundance. He, at that time, lay encamped about six miles from the town, with an army of 8 or 10,000 men, with a design to punish the Ballowches and Mackrans for robbing the cassilla and killing his men, as is before mentioned. He desired me to let him know when we designed to drink a dish of coffee with him, and he would send horses to bring us to the camp. I returned thanks for his civility, and sent him word, that I designed to kiss his hand the very next day; and he accordingly sent twenty fine Persian horses, well equipped, for my use, ten of which I accepted for myself and guard to mount, and the other ten were mounted with some of the most considerable merchants in Tatta, who went to accompany me out of respect; and to make our cavalcade appear with the greater grace, as soon as we came to the camp gate, we would have alighted, but an officer on horseback told

us, that it was the nabob's pleasure, that we should be brought to his tent on horseback, and he riding before us, conducted us to the tent door, and as soon as we got from our horses, I was conducted into his own pavilion chamber, where he was sitting alone. The rest that came with me, were not admitted for an hour after. It would take a great deal of time and room to relate the compliments and other discourses that past; but I knew the custom, not to appear before great men with an empty hand. I desired leave to lay a little present at his feet, which he permitted. It consisted of a looking-glass, of about 5*l.* in value, a gun, and a pair of pistols well gilded, a sabre blade and dagger blade gilded, and a glass pipe for his tobacco, and an embroidered standish fast to stand in. He then sent for all who had accompanied me into the room, and shewed the present I had made him, magnifying every piece of it; and after some encomiums on my valour and generosity, told me, that I was a free denison of Tatta, with the addition of an indulgence of being free of all custom and tax on all goods that I had brought or should export, and that whoever bought any part of my cargo, and did not pay according to the agreement made for payment, I should not be liable to seek for justice at the Cadjee's court, but to imprison my debtors, and if that would not persuade them to give satisfaction, he would sell their wives, children, or nearest relation to make good their debt. This privilege did me singular service when the term of payments came, and was obliged to try the experiment of imprisoning. After three hours conversation, we took leave to go, and he dismissed us with much civility, and told me, that when he returned from that expedition, he would repay my visit at my lodgings; but in three months that I staid, he did not return, but often sent to enquire after my welfare, and how my affairs stood.

In travelling from Dungham towards Tatta, about four miles short of the city, on smooth rising ground, there are forty-two fine large tombs, which, from the plain, appeared to be a small town. They are the burying places of some of the kings of Sindy, when that country was governed by its own kings. I went into the largest, which is built in the form of a cupola, and in the middle of it, stood a coffin-tomb, about three foot high, and seven foot long, with some others of a lesser size. The materials of the cupola were yellow, green, and red porphyry, finely polished, and the stones set in regular order, chequer ways, which variegation strikes the eye with wonderful pleasure. The tomb is about ten yards high, and seven in diameter. I was told, that it was the burying place of the last King of that country, who was robbed of his sovereignty by Jehan Guire, grandfather to the famous Aurenzeb, in the beginning of the seventeenth century, who, after he had him prisoner, bid him ask what favours he would desire for himself and children, and they should be granted. He nobly replied, that all the favour he begged, was, that himself, his queen, and their children, might be buried in that tomb, which, in times of prosperity, he had built for that purpose, and had cost him two lack of rupees, or 25,000*l.* sterling, which request his conqueror could not well refuse.

Tatta city stands about two miles from the river Indus, in a spacious plain, and they have canals cut from the river, that bring water to the city, and some for the use of their gardens. The King's gardens were in pretty good condition in anno 1699, and were well stored with excellent fruits and flowers, particularly the most delicious pomegranates that ever I tasted.

For three years before I came there, no rain had fallen, which caused a severe plague to affect the town and circumjacent country, to such a degree, that in the city only, above 80,000 died of it, that manufactured cotton and silk, and above one half of the city was deserted and left empty. And that was one reason why the nabob had placed

his camp in that place that I went to visit him at. The figure of the camp was a regular tetragon, and ditched about with a trench about three yards broad, and two deep. The ground taken out of the ditch was thrown upon the inside, about four foot high, and regularly built like a parapet. It had four gates, one in the middle of each curtain, and a straight street from the opposite gates, which made an exact cross in figure, and the nabob's tent was pitched in the middle of the cross. Each side of the tetragon was about 6 or 700 paces in length, and the ditches could be filled with water from the Indus, and let out at pleasure, into a large marsh about two miles off the camp.

The river Indus is navigable for their vessels, as high as Cashmere, that lies in the latitude of 32 degrees; and one branch runs up to Cabul to the westward, and others to Penjeb, Lahore, Multan, Buckor, and other large provinces and cities to the eastward, and all share the benefits of the inland navigation. Their vessels are called Kifties, of several sizes. The largest can lade about 200 tons. They are flat-bottomed, and on each side cabins are built from stern to stem, that overhang about two foot; and in each cabin, is a kitchen and a place for exoneration, which falls directly in the water. Those cabins are hired out to passengers, and the hold, being made into separate apartments, are let out to freighters, so that every one has a lock on his own cabin and apartment in the hold, and has his goods always ready to dispose on at what places he finds his market. And indeed in all my travels I never saw better conveniences of travelling by water. They have one mast of a good length, and a square-sail to use when the wind is a-stern, or on the quarter; but they never hale close by the wind. They are obliged to carry a great number of men for tractung them up against the stream, when the winds are against them, so that a voyage from Tatta to Lahore, they reckon six or seven weeks long, but from Lahore back, not above eighteen days, and sometimes it is performed in twelve.

At Tatta the river is about a mile broad, and where I tried with a lead and line, it was about six fathoms deep, from side to side. The stream is not very rapid, for its motion did not exceed two miles and an half in an hour. It produces many species of fresh-water fishes, and among them, the best carp that ever I saw or tasted. Some of them weigh above 20 pounds weight, and we have them alive in Tatta market. They have black cattle in great plenty, large and good, and most excellent mutton, of 80 or 100 pound weight. Their horses are small, but hardy and swift. Deer, antelopes, hares, and foxes are their wild game, which they hunt with dogs, leopards, and a small fierce creature, called by them a shoegoose. It is about the size of a fox, with long pricked ears like an hare, and a face like a cat, a gray back and sides, and belly and breast white. I believe they are rare, for I never saw more than one. When they are taken out to hunt, an horseman carries it behind him, hood-winkt, and their deer and antelopes being pretty familiar, will not start before horses come very near. He who carries the shoegoose, takes off the hood, and shews it the game, which, with large swift springs, it soon overtakes, and leaping on their backs, and getting forward to the shoulders, scratches their eyes out, and gives the hunters an easy prey. The leopard runs down his game, which often gives the hunters a long chase, as well as the dogs, who will take the water when the game betake themselves to swimming, which they frequently do. They have store of peacocks, pigeons, doves, duck, teal, widgeon, wild geese, curlews, partridge, and plover, free for any body to shoot. They have a fruit, that grows in their fields and gardens, called Salob, about the size of a peach, but without a stone. They dry it hard before they use it, and being beaten to powder, they dress it as tea and coffee are, and take it with powdered sugar-candy. They are of opinion, that it is a great restorative to decayed animal spirits.

This country abounds richly in wheat, rice, and legumen, and provender for horses and cattle; and they never know the misery of famine, for the Indus overflows all the low grounds in the months of April, May, and June, and when the floods go off, they leave a fat slime on the face of the ground, which they till easily before it dries, and being sown and harrowed, never fails of bringing forth a plentiful crop.

The other productions of this and the inland country, are saltpetre, sal-ammoniack, borax, opoponax, assa-fœtida, goat bezoar, lapis tutiæ and lapis lasuli, and raw silk, but not fine.

They manufacture in wrought silks, which they call Jemawaars, in cotton and silk, called Cuttenees, and in silk mixed with Carmania wool, called Culbuleys, in calicoes coarse and fine, sheer and close wrought. Their cloth called Jurries, is very fine and soft, and lasts beyond any other cotton cloth that I have used. They make chints very fine and cheap, and coverlets for beds very beautiful. They make fine cabinets, both lacked and inlaid with ivory. And the best bows and arrows in the world are made at Multan, of buffaloes' horns. They lack wooden dishes and tables, but not so well as in China. The lack is clear enough, but always clammy. They export great quantities of butter, which they gently melt, and put up in jars, called duppas, made of the hides of cattle, almost in the figure of a globe, with a neck and mouth on one side. They are made of all sizes, from those that contain 320 pounds, to those of five, and that butter keeps, without salt, the whole year round, but as it grows old, it becomes rank.

The wood *Ligna Dulcis* grows only in this country. It is rather a weed than a wood, and nothing of it is useful but the root, called Putchock, or *radix dulcis*. I never heard it is used in physick, but is a good ingredient in the composition of perfumes. There are great quantities exported for Surat, and from thence to China, where it generally bears a good price; for being all idolaters, and burning incense before their images, this root beaten into fine powder, and an incense-pot laid over smoothly with ashes, and a furrow made in the ashes, about a quarter of an inch broad, and as much in depth, done very artificially into a great length, the powder is put into that furrow, and fired, and it will burn a long time like a match, sending forth a fine smoke, whose smell is very grateful, the powder having the good qualities of maintaining and delaying the fire.

The religion, by law established, is Mahometan; but there are ten Gentows or Pagans for one Mussulman. But the city of Tatta is famous for learning in theology, philology, and politicks, and they have above four hundred colleges for training up youth in those parts of learning. I was very intimate with a Seid, who was a professor in theology, and was reckoned to be a good historian. He asked me one day, if I had heard of Alexander the Great in my country. I told him I had, and I mentioned his battle with Porus, and his victory. He told me, that their histories mentioned the fame, but with some difference in the two kings names, and Alexander's passage over Indus. He said, that their history mentioned Shaw Hafander and Prorus, and that Alexander was a great magician, and summoning above a million of wild geese, they swam his army over the river, and that Porus's elephants would never turn their heads towards the place where Alexander was.

The Portugueze had formerly a church at the east end of the city. The house is still intire, and in the vestry are some old pictures of saints, and some holy vestments, which they proffered to sell; but I was no merchant for such bargains.

The Gentows have full toleration for their religion, and keep their fasts and feasts as in former times, when the sovereignty was in Pagan princes hands. They burn their dead, but the wives are restrained from burning with the corps of their husbands.

There is a very great 'consumption of elephants' teeth, for 'tis the fashion for ladies to wear rings of ivory from their arm-pits to their elbows, and from their elbows to their wrists, of both arms; and when they die, all those ornaments are burnt along with them.

They had several feasts when I was there, but one they kept on sight of a new moon in February, exceeded the rest in ridiculous actions and expence; and this is called the feast of Wooly, who was a knight-errant in time of yore, and was a fierce fellow in a war with some giants, who infested Sindy, and carried away naughty girls and boys, and made butcher meat of them. This Wooly, in a battle one day, killed fifty of them, each of them as tall as a tree, and after he had dispatched them, he led them down to hell, and there they continue bound up to their good behaviour, and are never to appear again on earth, for fear they should scare the King's liege-subjects, or frighten children.

In this mad feast, people of all ages and sexes, dance through the streets on pipe, drum, and cymbals. The women, with baskets of sweetmeats on their heads, distributing to every body they meet. The men are bedaubed all over with red earth, or vermilion, and are continually squirting gingerly oil at one another; and if they get into houses of distinction, they make foul work with their oil, whose smell is not pleasant; but in giving a present of rose-water, or some silver coin, they are civil enough to keep out of doors. And in this madness they continue from 10 in the morning till sun-set.

The river of Sindy would be hard to be found, were it not for the tomb of a Mahometan saint, who has an high tower built over him, called Sindy Tower. It is always kept white to serve as a land-mark. The bar, going into the river, is narrow, and has not above two fathoms and an half, on spring tides; but this is only a small branch of Indus, which appellation is now lost in this country that it so plentifully waters, and is called Divellee, or Seven Mouths; but it disembogues itself into the sea through many more.

CHAP. XII.—*Gives an Account of the ancient Kingdom of Guzerat, now a Province annexed to the Mogul's Dominions, its Situation, Product, Manners and Religion; with some Account of the Pirates that inhabit Part of it, and some Observations on Diu, a Portuguese City on an Island appertaining to Guzerat.*

THE next maritime country to Sindy, is Guzerat. The Indus makes it an island, by a branch that runs into the sea at the city of Cambaya. This province, though vassals to the Mogul, yet continue in their old religion of Paganism, and for the most part, drive the old trade of thieving and pirating, for they plunder all whom they can overcome, on both elements: nor can the Mogul restrain them, for their country is secure from the marches of armies into it, by reason of the many inlets of the sea that overflow the low grounds, and make it so soft and muddy, that there is no travelling but by little boats, in many places.

The first town on the south side of Indus, is Cutchnaggen. It admits of some trade, and produces cotton, corn, coarse cloth, and chonk, a shell-fish in shape of a perri-winkle, but as large about as a man's arm above the elbow. In Bengal they are sawed into rings for ornaments to womens' arms, as those of Sindy wear ivory rings. They are in fashion in many countries in India. The province and town of Cutchnaggen are governed by a queen, who is very formidable to her neighbouring states. The
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reasons they give for choosing that sex for their governesses, are, that they'll be better advised by their council than men, who, by too large a share of power and honour placed on them, become obstinate in their opinions, and insolent in their behaviour: but ladies are esteemed complaisant and gentle.

The next province to Cutchnaggen, is Sangania, which is also governed by a princefs, for the above reasons. Their sea-port is called Baet, very commodious and secure. They admit of no trade, but practise piracy. They give protection to all criminals, who deserve punishment from the hand of justice. All villains in the countries about flock thither, and become honest robbers, so that they are a medley of criminals, who flee their country for fear of condign punishment due to their crimes. This province produces cotton and corn, as all the kingdom of Guzerat does; but they admit of no trade in their country, as I observed before, for fear of being civilized by example. I had several skirmishes with them. They, being confident of their numbers, strive to board all ships they can come at by sailing. Before they engage in fight, they drink Bang, which is made of a seed like hemp-seed, that has an intoxicating quality, and whilst it affects the head, they are furious. They wear long hair, and when they let that hang loose, they'll give no quarter.

In anno 1686, a small ship of theirs, that mounted eight guns, and manned with 300 of these furious fellows, was cruising on the coast of India, between Surat and Bombay, and the Phœnix, an English man of war of 42 guns was bound for Surat. The Sanganian made towards her, and engaged her, but would fain have been gone again when they found their mistake; but that was impossible. The Phœnix sent her boats, well manned, to try if they could make them yield in order to save their lives; but they scorned quarter, and killed and wounded many of the English, so that Captain Tyrel, who commanded the Phœnix, was forced to run his lower tier out, and sink them: and after their ship was sunk, and the miscreants set a swimming, yet most of them refused quarter, and only about 70 were taken alive. (I believe Sir George Bing can give a better account of the story than I, for if I mistake not, he was a lieutenant then on board the Phœnix, and received a dangerous wound in the combat at least one of his name, who bore a commission, did.) In anno 1717, they attacked a ship called the Morning Star, in her passage between Gombroon and Surat. She was richly laden, which they were apprised of, and two squadrons were fitted out from two different ports, to way-lay her, and accordingly she fell in with eight sail of those pirates. One was a large ship of near 500 tons, and three others were ships between 2 and 300 tons, and the other four were grabs, or gallies, and sheybars, or half gallies. They reckoned in all there were above 2000 men in their fleet, and the Morning Star but 17 fighting men, who were resolved to trust to Providence, and fight for their lives, liberty, and estate. The first attack was by the greatest ship alone, but was soon obliged to sheer off again, with the loss of some men, and the captain of the Morning Star was wounded in the thigh, by a lance darted at him, that pierced his thigh through and through. The pirates were not discouraged by this first repulse, but joined their forces and counsels together, and, after a day's respite and consultation, they attacked the Morning Star a second time, the two largest ships boarding, one on her bow, and another on her quarter, and three more boarded them two, and entered their men over them. The combat was warm for four hours, and the Morning Star had seven killed, and as many wounded; but kind Providence assisted her. Whilst she was on fire in three places, and had burnt through her poop and half deck, she was disengaged of them, and left five of the largest so entangled with one another, that they could not pursue her. So she pursued her voyage to Surat, but having no

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surgeon on board, she called at Bombay, to get her wounded men dressed and cured. In the time of the combat, while the pirates were on board the *Morning Star*, twenty-one Indian seamen went on board of them, and twenty-six merchants had gone to them, to try if they could persuade them to take a sum, and not put it on the hazard of a battle. All those they detained, and carried along with them, and made them pay above 600*l.* for their ransom, who gave an account afterwards of great slaughter done on the pirates. And the commodore lost his head as soon as he landed, for letting so rich a prize go out of his hands.

In anno 1698, one Captain Lavender, in the ship *Thomas*, bound from Surat to Mocha, encountered four sail of those freebooters, and fought them bravely; but they burnt the ship and all her crew, because he would not yield. They are very cruel to those they can master, if they make resistance; but to those that yield without fighting, they are pretty civil.

The next sea-port town to Baet, is Jigat. It stands on a point of low land, called Cape Jigat. The city makes a good figure from the sea, shewing four or five high steeples. It is the seat of a *Pouzdaar* or governor, for the Mogul. It is a place of no trade, and consequently little known to strangers.

The next maritime town is Mangaroul. It admits of trade, and affords coarse calicoes, white and dyed, wheat, pulse, and butter for export, and has a market for pepper, sugar, and beetlenut. It is inhabited by Banyans; and wild deer, antelopes, and peacocks are so familiar, that they come into the very houses without fear.

The next place is Poreinain, a pretty large town on the sea-shore, and admits of trade, producing the same commodities as Mangaroul, and its inhabitants are of the same religion; but both towns are obliged to keep *Rasspouts* to protect them from the insults of the *Sanganians*.

Those *Rasspouts* are natives of Guzerat, and are all gentlemen of the sword, and are well trained in the art of killing. They, like the Switz, employ their swords in the service of those who give them best pay. They seldom give or take quarter, and when they go on an expedition, they carry their wives and children in carts and waggon along with them, and if they meet with a repulse, their wives will never suffer cohabitation till they can regain their lost honour by some noble exploit.

Diu is the next port, and is the southernmost land on Guzerat. It is a small island of three miles long, and two broad, belonging to the crown of Portugal. The city is pretty large, and fortified by an high stone wall, with bastions at convenient distances, well furnished with cannon to flank it, and a deep mote hewn out of a hard rock, to defend it on the land side, which is about one third part of the city. The other parts are fortified by nature, having the ocean thick set with dangerous rocks and high cliffs, who forbid any approaches on that side, and a rapid deep river, that affords a good harbour, on the north-east side. The harbour is secured by two castles, one large, that can bring 100 large cannon to bear on the mouth of the harbour, to forbid shipping entrance without leave. The other is but small, and is built irregularly on a rock in the middle of the river, and channels for shipping to pass by it, within ten yards of its walls. It is made use of for a magazine for powder and other warlike stores.

It is one of the best built cities, and best fortified by nature and art, that ever I saw in India, and its stately buildings of free stone and marble, are sufficient witnesses of its ancient grandeur and opulency; but at present not above one fourth of the city is inhabited. It contains five or six fine churches, which are great ornaments to the city, which stands on a rising ground of an easy ascent from the great castle; and the churches being built wide from one another, and standing gradually higher than one another,

another, make the Visto from the sea admirably pleasant, by shewing all their beautiful fronts that way. And within they are well decorated with images and paintings.

There is a tradition, that the Portugueze circumvented the King of Guzerat, as Dido did the Africans, when they gave her leave to build Carthage, by desiring no more ground to build their cities than could be circumscribed in an ox's hide, which having obtained, they cut it into a fine thong of a great length, and over-reached their donors in the measure of the ground.

After the city was built and fortified, it drew all the trade from the King's towns of commerce thither, which made him heartily repent his generosity; and he made proposals to the Portugueze to reimburse all the charge and expence they had been at, if they would restore that island again, but he could never persuade them to that bargain, and since fair means would not do, he designed to try what might be obtained by force, wherefore he raised a great army, and besieged it, but was soon forced to draw off again with loss, for the Portugueze large cannon from their walls disturbed and distressed his camp so, that he found but little safety for himself, and much less for his host.

This city came to such an height of trade and riches in the sixteenth century, that it drew a very potent enemy from the Red Sea, for about the year 1540, the Turks designing to have a footing in India, cast their eyes on Diu, as being conveniently situated, and well fortified for their purpose, so they came in a fleet of galleys and transports 25,000 strong, from Aden, and landed on the west end of the island, and laid siege to the city; but the Portugueze sent a reinforcement from Goa, of twenty sail, some of which were large ships or galleons, who carried heavy metal, with which they battered the Turkish fleet, being small vessels, that many Turks were sunk, and the bashaw was forced to make off with great loss and shame, and leave their battering artillery to the Portugueze, for which misfortune and disgrace he lost his head when he returned to Aden.

But about the year 1670, the Muskat Arabs had better fortune, for they came with a fleet of frankies, and took an opportunity to land in the night, on the west end of the island, without being discovered, and marched silently close up to the town, and at break of day, when the gates were opened, they entered without resistance. The alarm was soon spread over the town, and happy was he who got first to the castle gates, but those who had heavy heels were sacrificed to the enemy's fury, who spared none, so in a moment that fair rich city, and churches, were left to the mercy of the Arabs, who, for three days, loaded their vessels with rich plunder, and mounted some cannon in a great beautiful church, and fired at the fort, but to little purpose. The governor, who was in the castle, could soon have obliged them to remove farther off the castle, by the force of his heavy cannon. yet the priesthood forbid him firing at the church, on pain of excommunication, lest some unlucky shot should sacrilegiously have defaced some holy image.

But the Arabs, like a parcel of un sanctified rogues, made sad havock on the churches trumpery, for besides robbing them of all the sanctified plate and cash, they did not leave one gold or silver image behind them, but carried all into dismal captivity, from whence they never returned that I could hear of. And as for the poor images of wood and stone, they were so rudely treated by those barbarous infidels, that they came well off if they lost but a limb, and I saw some who lost their heads: but by the indefatigable industry of the clergy, their churches are again as well or better furnished with well carved images of wood and stone than they were before; but I saw none of gold or silver to supply the places of the poor captives.

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However, before the Arabs had done plundering, they became secure and negligent, which the governor having notice of, proclaimed freedom to all slaves who would venture to fall out on the enemy. Accordingly about 1000 soldiers and slaves made a sally with success, killing above 1000 Arabs, and making the rest flee from the town, the assailants losing but very few; and by that one sally the town was regained. Those slaves are generally Mosambique and Mombasa negroes, whose strength and bravery I have mentioned before. The city still feels the dismal effects of the loss it then received. At present there are not above 200 Portuguese both in the castle and city. The rest of its inhabitants are Banyans of all sorts, there may be about 40,000, but few of them of fortune or figure, because the insolence of the Portuguese makes it unsafe for moneyed strangers to dwell among them. The King of Portugal has about 12,000*l.* per annum, of poll money paid into his treasury, and the customs and land-tax may come to about 6000*l.* more: but if that island were in the hands of some industrious European nation, it would be the best mart town on the coast of India, for the river Indus being near neighbours, both by Sindy and Cambay, those commodities might be imported and exported to advantage. And that commerce has raised Surat.

All the country between Diu and Dand Point, which is about 30 leagues along shore, admits of no traffick, being inhabited by freebooters, called Warrels, and often associate with the Sanganians, in exercising piracies and depredations. They confide much in their numbers, as the others do, and strive to board their prizes, and as soon as they get on board, they throw in showers of stones on the prize's decks, in order to sink them that way, if they don't yield, and they have earthen pots as big as a six pound granadoc shell, full of unquenched lime, well sifted, which they throw in also, and the pots breaking, there arises so great a dust, that the defendants can neither breathe nor see well. They also use wicks of cotton, dipped in a combustible oil, and firing the wick, and throwing it into their opposer's ship, it burns violently, and sets fire to the parts that it is thrown on. They have no cities, and their villages are small. The best of them stands about 60 miles to the eastward of Diu, and is called Chance. It is built about a league within the mouth of a river, which has a small island lying athwart it, about two miles into the sea. The island has good springs of fresh water, but no inhabitants. In anno 1716, the English went to burn that village, and their pirating vessels, but were unsuccessful in their undertaking. The Warrels occupy all the sea-coast as high as Goga, which lies about 12 leagues within the Gulf of Cambay. And the coast, from Dand Point to Goga, is very dangerous, being thick set with rocks and sand banks; and a rapid tide runs amongst them of 6 or 8 miles in an hour, in a channel that is 20 fathoms deep in some places, which causes anchoring to be dangerous also.

Goga is a pretty large town, and has had some mud-wall fortifications, which still defend them from the insults of their neighbours the Coullies, who inhabit the north-east side of Guzerat, and are as great thieves by land as their brethren the Warrels and Sanganians are by sea: nor is there any land army that can come into their country to chastise them, for there are so many rivulets made by Indus and the sea, that are so soft and muddy at the bottom, that there is neither passage for men nor horse to penetrate their country. And their towns are inviolable with such thick hedges of green bamboos, which are not to be burned in a short time, and the people so numerous and valiant, that it would be an hard task to civilize them.

Goga has some trade, admitting strangers to a free commerce in such merchandize as are fit to be imported or exported to or from Guzerat. It has the conveniency of an harbour for the largest ships, though they lie dry on soft mud, at low water; but the tides rising four or five fathoms perpendicular, afford water enough at high water. The town is governed by an officer from the Mogul, who commands about 200 men, who are kept there for a guard to it.

CHAP. XIII.—*Gives an Account of Cambay, Baroach, and Surat; with several Occurrences that happened to them.*

CAMBAY, or, as the natives call it, Cambaut, about 12 leagues from Goga, in the bottom of the Gulf of Cambay, on a small river, that is sent by the overflowing of the Indus into that gulf or bay, is a large city, with high walls, and was formerly the metropolis of a kingdom that bore the city's name; but Eckbar, great grandfather to Aurengzeb, sent his son, Jehan Guire, with a great army in the sixteenth century, and conquered it, and annexed it to the empire of the Great Mogul.

It is still a place of good trade, though not half inhabited, and it contributes very much to the wealth and grandeur of Surat, to which it is subordinate; and its vicinity to Amadabant, from whence it is about 150 miles distant, makes it share the advantages of that great city, which, in magnitude and wealth, is little inferior to the best towns in Europe. What it exports by sea, comes most to Cambay, and is carried by the Surat shipping all over India, except what European ships carry for Europe.

The product and manufactories of Cambay are inferior to few towns in India. It abounds in grain and cattle, cotton and silk. The cornelian and agate stones are found in its rivers, and no where else in the world. Of cornelian they make rings, and stones for signets, and of the agate, cabinets, intire stone except the lids. I have seen some of 14 or 15 inches long, and 8 or 9 deep, valued at 30 or 40l. sterling. They also make bowls of several sizes of agate, and spoons, and handles of swords, daggers, and knives, and buttons, and stones to set in snuff-boxes, of great value.

They embroider the best of any people in India, and perhaps in the world. Their fine quilts were formerly carried to Europe. I have seen some worth 40l. sterling, and some cornelian rings, above double their weight in gold. The Patammers are their near neighbours. They are mostly horsemen, and bold fellows, who borrow round sums from the city, by way of compulsion, and the Rastpouts and Coulies make inroads into this province, and plunder even to the gates of the city, and sometimes have surprised, and plundered the city itself, for which neglect the governor's heads answered.

In anno 1716, they were very bold and presumptuous, so that there was a stop put to all the commerce of Amadabant and Cambay. The governor of Surat got an army of 20,000, to chastise and restrain them; but they laid so many ambuscades, that, in two months, the army was reduced to less than half the number, and the rest were obliged to get home, with sorrowful hearts, to Surat.

The next town of note for commerce, is Baroach, a walled town, standing on a rising ground, on the banks of the river Nerdaba. Formerly it was a place of great trade, but in Aurengzeb's wars with his brothers, about the year 1660, this town held out a great while against his army. That season proving a dry one, Aurengzeb's folks suffered much for want of fresh water and provisions, but at last he took it, and put all to the sword that had borne arms against him, and razed part of the walls, and pronounced

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nounced a curse on them that should repair them again. But the Sevajee incursions made him order the rebuilding them himself, and he christened it Suckanur, or the Dry City; but that new name could not efface the old one, which it yet retains. It is now inhabited by weavers, and such mechanicks as manufacture cotton cloth. And the Baroach Baftas are famous throughout all India, the country producing the best cotton in the world. This town is also subordinate to Surat; and formerly the English and Dutch had factories settled there, but of late have withdrawn them.

Surat is the next sea-port. It was built about the year 1660, on the banks of the river Tapta or Tappee, which being discommoded with banks of sand at Rannier, the then mart town on this river, the English removed about two miles farther down the river, on the opposite side, near a castle which had been built many years before, to secure the trade from the insults of the Malabar pirates, who used to lord it over all the sea-coast between Cape Comorin and Cambay. In a little time after the English had settled there, others followed their example, so that in a few years it became a large town, but without walls, and so it continued till about the aforesaid year, that Rajah Sevajee, who had never submitted to the Mogul's domination, came with an army, and plundered it, except the European factories, who stood on their guard. Then he complimented with the proffer of his friendship, because perhaps he apprehended, that he could not plunder them without bloodshed and loss of time. However he carried away a very great booty, which made the inhabitants petition Aurengzeb to secure them for the future, by a wall round their town; which favour he granted, enclosing about four miles to build their city in; but trade increasing, the town was too small within the walls to contain the people that came about commerce, wherefore several large suburbs were added to the city for the conveniency of mechanicks. The wall was built of brick, about eight yards high, with round bastions, 200 paces distant from one another, and each had five or six cannon mounted on them. And the rich men of the town built many summer-houses in the fields, and planted gardens about them to solace themselves and families in the heats, which are pretty violent in April, May, and June.

The city flourished in trade till anno 1686, that the English company disturbed its tranquillity by an unjust war they made on Surat, but pretended it was not with the Mogul, who had given them many indulgences, which war I'll remark when I treat of Bombay, but that war was ended in anno 1689, neither to the profit nor honour of that East India Company. In anno 1695, Captain Ivory, a pirate, disturbed the trade and tranquillity of the town with four small ships, taking one of the Mogul's ships, with a great booty in silver and gold, and a Mahometan lady, as I observed before on the commerce of the Red Sea and the island of Madagafcar. And since that time, this city has felt many convulsions in its trade.

In anno 1705, when Aurengzeb began to be crazy with old age, the circumjacent Rajahs, with an united force of fourscore thousand horse, came and besieged Surat, and plundered all the villages in the plain country; but having no artillery, they could do but little harm to the city itself, besides straitening it a little for provisions, but the city having their river and sea open, that difficulty was removed by plentiful supplies brought them from Guzerat.

These freebooters go under the general appellation of Gennims, but they are composed of the aforementioned Warrels, Coulies, Risspouts, Patanners, and Gracias. These Gracias were formerly the landed men of this country, and, upon their submission to Echar, the then Emperor of Mogul, articed to have the ground rents paid to them, and their posterity; but the nabobs often defraud them, and they, to put the

governors of towns and villages in mind of the contract, come in great numbers, and plunder, or lay them under contribution.

But whilst this rabble army lay before the town, the citizens built sconces in convenient places, about half a mile without the wall, to protect the suburbs, and all those sconces had cannon mounted on them, which kept the Gennims at a distance; and, after the sconces were finished, they built a good high wall between each sconce, that encompassed the whole suburbs, which wall is about five miles in length from the bank of the river above the town, to that part that terminates below the town; and all the inclosure is well inhabited. The inhabitants are computed at 200,000 souls, and amongst them are many very rich, both Mahometans and Gentiles. Abdal Gafour, a Mahometan that I was acquainted with, drove a trade equal to the English East India Company, for I have known him fit out in a year, above twenty sail of ships, between 300 and 800 tons, and none of them had less of his own stock than 10,000*l.* and some of them had 25,000*l.*; and, after that foreign stock was sent away, he behaved to have as much more of an inland stock for the following year's market. When he died, he left his estate to two grandsons, his own son, who was his only child, dying before him. But the court had a sling at them, and got above a million sterling of their estate.

The trade of Surat was, and still is very considerable, for, from anno 1690, to 1705, the revenues arising from the custom-house, land rents, and poll money, *communibus annis*, came to 1,300,000 rupees, which is sterling 162,500*l.* And the revenue of Amadabant is generally reckoned ten times as much as Surat. The customs in the King's books are but 2 per cent. for Mahometans, and 5 per cent. for Gentiles. The land pays three quarters of its product in corn, and the poll about a crown a head; but the rich generally assist the poor, some paying for ten, some for 100, and some for 1000. This account I had from an officer, called the Vaccanaviecco, who is obliged yearly to take in the accounts of the collections, and send them to court. Besides the current news that monthly occur in his district, he sends to the vizier by post.

The post in the Mogul's dominions goes very swift, for at every caravanferay, which are built on the high-roads, about ten miles distant from one another, men, very swift of foot, are kept ready. The letters are inclosed in a gilded box, which he that carries holds over his head when he comes near the Seray, and giving notice of his arrival, another takes it, and runs to the next, and so on, night and day, at five or six miles in an hour, till it is carried where directed to, so that in eight days, advices are brought from the farthest parts of that large empire, to court. And those couriers are called Dog Chouckies.

In the city of Surat there are as many different religions as in Amsterdam. That by law established, is Mahometan, of Hali's sect, and they are called Moors. Then there are Persians and Turks, and some called Musely, who observe Moses's law as well as the Alcoran, and another sect, called Molacks, who observe some ancient heathenish customs and feasts; but all the others reckon them hereticks. They have a yearly feast, but the time of its celebration is only known to themselves, wherein, after much mirth and jollity, each sex withdraw to a room. The women take each a handkerchief, (or some such sign that may be again known) and go in the dark promiscuously among the men, and, without speaking, lie down together on mats or carpets spread for that purpose, and enjoy one another's company some hours, then withdraw to their own room, leaving their signals with their bedfellows, who know whom they have been carressed by; but very often they find incestuous embraces, which at that feast are only lawful. Aurengzeb made it death to be found at those meetings, yet that

execrable rite is still continued and practised. And Abdul Gafour, the rich merchant aforementioned, was a disciple of that sect.

The Banyans are most numerous in this city, and are either merchants, bankers, brokers or pen-men, as accountants, collectors and surveyors, but few or none haudycrafts, except taylors and barbers. They have eighty-five different sects among them, that do not eat with one another. The greatest part of the eastern religion is in forms of worship, and abstaining from certain meats; and their priests differ as much in those points, and some others of doctrine, as Papists and Protestants do, for the Brahamans or Bramanies are the priests of the major part of those sects, who gull the people when any are dangerously sick, by persuading them to leave legacies to the church, as some pious Christians do among us, and when they obtain a legacy, they gratefully acknowledge the receipt of it, by putting a scroll of paper into the dead person's hand, containing an account of the legacy, with a bill at the bottom, to receive ten times the value in the other world, from some eminent saint that deals in such bills of exchange in Paradise. They have patriarchs and bishops to superintend the inferior clergy, who, by virtue of a divine right, live splendidly and luxuriously on the oblations of the people.

The other sects are taught by the Talapoins, who deciaim against that papistical polity, and preach up morality to be the best guide to human life, and affirm, that a good life in this world can only recommend us in the next, to have our souls transmigrated into the body of some innocent beast, or to rest in Paradise.

Their priests indeed shew much self-denial, for they live on alms, and their pontificalia is a white sheet that covers their bodies, from the shoulders downwards, a black staff about five feet long in their hand, and a small earthen pot, with some powdered saffron and oil, to mark those on the forehead that have received their benediction that day. When they go abroad, the old carries a novice in his company, to teach him divinity and morality by example. They seldom speak in the streets, but look gravely and demurely, and they extend their charity even to beasts and birds. They suffer their hair to grow as low as their shoulders, and have no other covering on their heads, and keep their beards shaved.

Another sort of them are doctors of physick, who pretend to do great cures by amulets, philtres, and prayers. They have some skill in simples and minerals, which makes them in great esteem; but when their skill in physick produces not the promised effects, then they persuade the patient, that they lie under the displeasure of some angry deity, who must be appeased by oblations and penances, which they turn to good account, by ordering the offerings and penance to be light; and when that trick fails, they leave their patients to work out their own salvation the best way they can.

There is another sort called Jougies, who practise great austerities and mortifications. They contemn worldly riches, and go naked, except a bit of cloth about their loins, and some deny themselves even that, delighting in nastiness and an holy obscenity, with a great shew of sanctity. They never cut nor comb their hair, and besmear their bodies and faces with alhes, which makes them look more like devils than men. I have seen a sanctified rascal of seven feet high, and his limbs well proportioned, with a large turband of his own hair wreathed about his head, and his body bedaubed with alhes and water, sitting quite naked under the shade of a tree, with a pudenda like an ass, and an hole bored through his prepuce, with a large gold ring fixed in the hole. This fellow was much revered by numbers of young married women, who, prostrating themselves before the living Priapus, and taking him devoutly in their hands, kissed him, whilst his bawdy owner stroked their silly heads, muttering some filthy prayers for their profligation.

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The austerities of the Jougies are beyond belief to those who have not been eye-witneses of them. Some stand on one foot some years, with their arms tied to some beam of an house, or branch of a tree over their heads, and continue in that posture, except when nature calls for exoneration, for others feed them whilst they stand. Their arms in time fettle in that posture, that ever after they become usefess, and are not to be brought again into their natural position. Some sit in the sun-shine, with their faces looking upwards, till they are incapable of altering the posture of their necks, their gullet swelling almost as thick as their heads; and they also take no sustenance with their own hands. Others clench their fist, and tie them in that posture till their finger nails come through the back of their hands. And their fastings are as incredible. I saw a woman of about thirty years of age, who made a vow of fasting three months, to avert some impending calamity threatened by heaven, that she pretended to foresee. The governor of Surat being a zealous Mahometan, (who generally discourage Gentilism, and strive to detect their legerdemain miracles) ordered the said woman to be put into a prison without windows, without any other sustenance than fair water, and to be well guarded by Mahometans, to avoid imposture. About eighty days after she was imprisoned, I and several other Europeans paid her a visit, and got the door opened to observe her aspect. We found her in health, but very weak, and her pulse beat very low. Her keepers declared, that, she had taken no sustenance, but a very small quantity of water, all the while they had the overseeing of her, nor did she ever desire any food. She told us, that three or four years before, she had fasted sixty days on the same account.

Yet in anno 1721, the governor detected a great piece of imposture of the Jougies, who paid pretty dear for their impudence. One of those silly zealots, who pretended to more sanctity than his neighbours, gave out, that he would be buried (in a grave ten feet deep) alive, and that he would appear at Amadabant, which is distant from Surat about 200 miles, within the space of fifteen days. The grave was dug, and he went in, and had some reeds placed about a foot or two over his head, to keep the mould off that was to be thrown over him. There was a large jar of water standing under the shade of a great tree, about ten or twelve yards from the grave, where a good number of Jougies had for some time taken up their quarters, they were accomplices in the imposture, and, by their pretended sanctity and great interest with heaven, had gulled many poor people into a belief of their story, and many brought presents to them. But the governor of Surat ordered a party of soldiers to see the Jougie interred, and to see that no imposture should be used about his pretended resurrection, and to search well, that there should be no subterraneous communication between the grave and any place that might be suspected above ground, and accordingly searching narrowly, they suspecting some place about the root of the tree might afford a passage, ordered the Jougies to remove a little out of their way, which they did willingly, and finding no villo that might be suspected, they ordered the Jougies to remove their great water jar, which was near full of water; but the Jougies clamoured loud against that breach of their privilege, in touching their water; but their noise made the Mahometans' suspicion grow stronger, and the jar was either removed or broken; and behold, where the jar stood, they discovered a mine that reached within two feet of the grave, which cheat being thus detected, the angry soldiers fell to work with their broad swords, to try if their sanctity was proof against sharp steel, but found, by an experiment of laying a dozen or more dead on the ground, and twice as many maimed with wounds, that they were as easily killed or wounded as other honest folks.

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The poor miracle-monger lost his head in the fray. That spoiled his journey to Amadabant, and, which was worse, brought great scandal on the whole order.

I was one day walking by the side of a great tank or pond near Surat, in company with an English lady, and seeing a young Jouguy sitting by the tomb of a celebrated Cutte-ree, who are a sect that bury their dead, the youth seemed to be very devout in prayer; but, by the lady's order, I interrupted him, and asking him why he prayed there, and to whom did he direct his prayer, he answered that he prayed to God to make him as good a man as he was who lay interred there. I asked him where God was, at which he seemed to smile, and asked me, where is he not? and so continued a little space in prayer, and when he had done, he took some flowers and grain, with a little water, and besprinkled the tomb, and making some decent cringings towards the tomb, took a formal leave to go his way.

CHAP. XIV.—*Is a Continuation of my Observations of the Religions and Customs used in Surat and the adjacent Country.*

THE great God, whom all adore, they call Quedaa; but they have many inferior deities, and of them Mahadow, or as they express it, Maadow, is the second in place and dignity. Rann is the third, and Brahma the fourth. And Parvette is a goddess much venerated, and is supposed to be the wife of Maadow. The inferior deities or saints are very numerous; but the images of Gunies, Jagarenat, Ruftum, and Gopalfami are most worshipped in their temples, as reckoned to have most interest with the superior deities.

The marriages of the Gentiles in India, are celebrated with much pomp. They begin in the forenoon to send a long train of people with covered dishes or baskets on their heads, with presents from the bridegroom to the bride, and before the present march hautboys, drums, and trumpets. After the presents march some female slaves for the bride and bridegroom's use. After the slaves comes an empty pallankeen to transport the bride from her house to her husband's. At night the bride and bridegroom are carried in state through the town, with torch-light and musick before them, and fireworks played off as they pass in the streets, and the parents of the married couple send presents to their friends. They have no choice in their marriages, for that is left to the parents or nearest relations; and they are married before they can be capable either to choose or refuse, being often married at six or seven years of age; but they do not cohabit before the bride be about twelve, and the bridegroom sixteen. As to their burials, some burn and some inter; but children under four years of age are all buried. And the wives are not permitted to burn with their husbands; but, when once she is a widow, she never can marry again, but lives to bewail her widowhood, and perhaps her virginity, all her days.

They marry but one wife, except in cases of barrenness or adultery, though there are no laws against polygamy. They abhor buggery and sodomy, and the Mahometans for that account, because they use them. They eat twice a day, but the husband and wife eat separate; and they wash before and after meat. And the Europeans there follow that cleanly custom.

The Parsees are numerous about Surat and the adjacent countries. They are a remnant of the ancient Persians, who rather choose to be banished their country than change their religion; for in the seventh century of the Christian æra, when Mahometism over-ran Persia, the spirit of persecution came there, and some 4 or 500 families

families were put on board of shipping, and sent to sea, without compass or pilot; and they steering their course eastward (in the south-west monsoons) from Jafques, in about twenty days, fell in with the coast of India in the night, and the first thing they saw was a fire ashore, which the exiles steered towards, and accidentally steered into the river of Nunsaree, about seven leagues to the southward of Surat, and were welcomed to land by the crowing of a cock. Zoroaster was their founder, and taught them to adore the sun and fire, that produced and maintained all sublunary beings. Their seeing the fire on their approaching the land, confirmed their belief, in the opinion that adoration was due to it, for which reason they never extinguish fire by its opposite element water; and even if their houses are burning, they will use no water to quench the flames, but throw earth or dust to put it out. And because the cock saluted them first, after they had past through a dangerous sea, and were secure in a river, they will neither kill, nor eat the flesh of a cock.

When they came ashore, the charitable Indians flocked about them, and there being some among them that could speak some Indian languages, related what hard usage they had met with in their own country, and that Providence having directed them to the Indian country, they beg leave to settle among them, and by their behaviour they would shew their gratitude for relieving distressed strangers, who were then become their supplicants. The generous Indians granted their request, and allowed them land to manure, and seed to sow the ground, upon the same conditions and tenure they enjoyed their own farms. And there they settled first, and remain in and about that country to this day. They never marry into foreign families, which makes them retain their native fair complexion, little inferior to us Europeans, only their often washing and anointing, which is a part of the exercises of religion takes away the beautiful fresh ruddiness that adorns ours. Their rites of marriage are performed like the other Gentiles, in ostentation and expence; but their burials are quite different, for they enclose a small piece of ground, with a wall about four yards high, and place several benches for the corps to sit on, that the four elements may each have a share of the matter their bodies are composed of. The sun or fire exhales the putrid effluvia. The water or rain carries the putrified flesh and bones to the earth, that gives burial to them, and the voracious fowls carry what they can pick into the air in their maws. They watch the corps all day, till one of the eyes is picked out. If the bird begins with the right eye, they rejoice and feast, but if with the left eye, they mourn and lament for the ill fortune of the defunct's soul, for they attribute future happiness to the right eye, and misery to the left. They build these charnel places far from any town or village, lest the stink should annoy them.

They are very industrious and diligent in their vocation, and are bred to trades and manuring ground. They are good carpenters or ship-builders, exquisite in the weaver's trade and embroidery, which may be seen in the rich Atlasses, Bottadaars and Jemewars made by them, as well as fine Baroach and Nunsaree Bastas that come from their manufactories. They work well in ivory and agate, and are excellent cabinet-makers. They distil strong waters, but that they do clandestinely, because that trade is prohibited by the government they live under; yet some of them get a good livelihood by it.

The fields about Surat are all plain, and the ground very fertile towards the country, but towards the sea, it is sandy and sterile. They have excellent beef, mutton, and fowl, daily exposed to sale in the city, reasonably cheap. Beef is about three farthings a pound, when the bones are kept with the flesh, and about a penny with the bones out. Mutton is about three halfpence, and good large fowls at seven pence halfpenny a piece.

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They have plenty of wheat, as good as any in Europe, and some pease, and French beans; but neither oats nor barley. They have several species of legumen; but those of doll are most in use, for some doll and rice being mingled together and boiled, make Kitcheree, the common food of the country, they eat it with butter and Atchar or salt-fish. 'Tis a pleasant nourishing food, and that which the famous Aurengzeb most delighted to eat. They have also store of wild fowl; but who have a mind to eat of them, must shoot them. Flamingoes are large, and good meat. The paddy-bird is also good in their season, and the corn-bird is excellent in theirs. They have good partridge, but bad pheasants. Their wild geese, duck, and teal, are plenty and good; and several sorts of turtle doves, both beautiful and well-tasted. They have few deer, but great plenty of antelopes in their forests. There are no fine buildings in the city, but many large houses, and some caravanferays and muscheits, and some fine tanks, or large cisterns to keep rain water, near the town, particularly one a little without Bram-pore gate. The French have a little church near the old English factory, which maintains a few capuchins, who practise surgery gratis to the poor natives, of what persuasion soever. They make some converts; but they are generally of the loosest morals of any set in the town. There are above an hundred different sects in this city; but they never have any hot disputes about their doctrine or way of worship. Every one is free to serve and worship God their own way. And persecutions for religion's sake are not known among them. The Mahometans have the law in their hands, and distribute justice best to those that pay best for it. The Judge's fees are 25 per cent. on all sums that he pronounces due to the party whose plea is best supported with bribes or interest, for the justice of a cause seldom prevails. Many examples I have seen between honest men of low fortunes and villains clothed with publick characters and good fortunes; yet in some cases I have seen justice take place. The English and Dutch directors or agents there make good figures, because the officers of state and justice get yearly presents or pensions from them. The governor of the castle is not subordinate to him of the town, and he dares not come out of his nest but once in a year, that he is permitted to go to church, and then he must return before sun-set. None are suffered to pass the river whilst the sun is down below the horizon, nor dares any one that comes in boats put their foot ashore without a special permission; and all boats or vessels must land at the custom-house, and the boat and men are narrowly searched. The customs on Mahometan goods are two in the hundred, on Christians three and three quarters; but the Christians are exempt from paying poll-money, but the Mahometans are not, nor Gentows, who pay 5 per cent. customs on their goods. The Banyans are brokers even to Mahometans, who cannot well make bargains without their brokers.

The Mahometan women go always veiled when they appear abroad. Their garments differ but little from the man's. Their coats, which also serve both sexes for shirts, are close bodied. The men's are gathered in plats below the navel, to make them seem long waisted, and the women's are gathered a pretty way above, to make their waist seem short. They both wear breeches to the ancle. The men wear only silver rings on their fingers, and generally but one for a signet. The women wear gold rings on their fingers, and sometimes one on their thumbs, with a small looking-glass set in it, and often they wear gold rings in their noses and ears. The Gentiles again permit their women to appear bare-faced, and their legs bare to the knee. They wear gold or silver rings, according to their ability, one in their nose, and several small ones in

holes bored round the rim of the ear, with one large and heavy in each lappet. They wear also rings on their toes, and shekels on their legs, of the aforesaid metals, made hollow, and some glass beads loose in them, that when they move the leg, they make a noise like a rattle snake. The men wear gold rings in their ears, and often three or four in a cluster, hanging at the lappet. Some have a pearl set in them. The Mahometan men are known by their garb, though the Gentows and theirs are of one make, save only as they are all overlapped on the breast. The Mahometans are tied on the left side, which, among them, is the side of honour, and the Gentiles tie theirs on the right side. The Mahometan turbans are likewise of another dress or make than the Heathens; and the different sects of the Heathens are known by the figure of their turbans.

When the English first settled a commerce in this country, which was about the beginning of the sixteenth century, they were held in great esteem; but the Portuguese pretending a right to that trade solely, disturbed the English in theirs, murdering their people, and making prize of all ships and vessels they could overcome. One season the English had eight good large ships riding at Swally, which is about ten miles from Ranier, where the president and his council then resided; and Swally was the place where all goods were unladed from the shipping, and all goods for exportation were there shipped off. The Portuguese thinking it a fit time to give a deadly blow to the English commerce, came with a fleet of six large ships, ten small, and ten or twelve half galleys, and anchored to the northward of the English, in a narrow channel, not a musquet-shot wide, and a tide generally of six or seven miles an hour. The Portuguese landed near 3000 men, and seized some carts laden with the company's goods. The English could not bear the insults they daily received, held a council, wherein it was resolved to land 800 men out of the ships, and attack the Portuguese, while they were lulled in security of their own strength and numbers, and if they were overpowered, that those left on board the English should try if they could cut a Portuguese ship's cables that lay near them, and her driving on board of another, might, with the force of the tide, put them all a-ground on the shore, or a sand bank that they lay very near to. Accordingly, by break of day, the English were all landed, and every ship's crew led by their own commander. As they had conjectured, so it fell out, the English were among the Portuguese before they could get in a posture of defence, and put them in confusion. Those on board had done as they were ordered, one being cut loose, soon made all the rest run a-ground, and most of them lost, especially the great ships. The little English army pursued the Portuguese and killed many in their flight; but at a point of land, about three miles from the ships, the Portuguese made a stand, and rallied; but the little victorious army soon made them take a second time to their heels, and so the English got an intire victory, with small loss, for there were not twenty killed on the English side, but above 1500 of the Portuguese. In anno 1690, I was on the field of battle, and saw many human skulls and bones lying above ground. And the story of the battle I had from an old Parsee, who was born at a village called Tamkin, within two miles of the field, and could perfectly remember the action.

CHAP. XV.—*Gives an Account of the famous Aurengzeb's Birth, his Politicks and Actions in obtaining the Empire, and of his long and prosperous Reign.*

AND now, before I leave Surat, I will venture to relate Aurengzeb's origin, and some of his actions.

Cha Jehan was one of the most polite kings that ever ruled over that great empire of Mogulstan. He was a great patron to all skilful persons in arts and sciences, and gave great encouragement to foreigners to come to his court, treating them kindly and familiarly, and allowed them handsome pensions to live on, and often sent for the most polite of them, and discoursed with them about the customs, laws, commerce, and strength of the European nations, and what he found valuable amongst them, he would fain have brought into his own dominions. He was sorry to see the most beautiful part of the creation caged up in seraglios, bred up in ignorance, and kept from useful and pleasant conversation, by the heavy fetters of blind and unreasonableness custom. He turned his thoughts to break those sordid chains, and introduce the ladies to a free air, and reckoned his court, which he then kept at Agra, a great city, to be the most proper part for the stage to act it first upon.

The first step he took, was to order all the ladies at court to provide precious stones to bring to a market-place that he had erected, and there to shew their wares publicly to all the noblemen at court, who were ordered to buy them at whatever prices the ladies put upon them; and the King himself was to be a buyer, to put the greater honour on the new erected market. The ladies obeyed, and took their booths as they thought fit. On the market day the King and noblemen came to market, and bought the jewels and other trifles the ladies had to dispose of.

The King coming to the booth of a very pretty lady, asked what she had to sell. She told him, she had one large fine rough diamond still to dispose of. He desired to see it, and he found it to be a piece of fine transparent sugar-candy, of a tolerable good diamond figure. He demanded to know what price she set on it, and she told him with a pleasant air, that it was worth a lack of rupees, or 12,500l. sterling. He ordered the money to be paid, and falling into discourse with her, found her wit was as exquisite as her beauty, and ordered her to sup with him that night in his palace. She promised to obey, and accordingly went, and stayed with him three nights and days, and then went back to her husband, whose name was Jemal Chaun, and was a commander of 5000 horse. The husband received her very coldly, and told her, that he would continue civil to her, but would never cohabit with her again, and would live with her in the same manner as if she was his sister. Upon which she went back to the palace, and desired to be brought to the King, and, being conducted to him, she fell at his feet, and told what her husband had said. The King, in a rage, gave orders to carry the husband to the elephant garden, and there to be executed by an elephant, which is reckoned a shameful and terrible death. The poor man was soon apprehended, and had his clothes torn off him, as the custom is when criminals are condemned to that death, and he was dragged from his house, with his hands tied before him. On his way to the garden, he was to pass near the palace, and he begged to have leave to speak to the King, and then he would die willingly, if His Majesty did not think fit he should live. A friend of his, who was an officer of the guards, ordered the messengers of death to stop a while, till he had acquainted the King with the request, which was accordingly done, and he was ordered to be carried into the court of the palace, that the King might hear what he had to say, and being carried thither,

thither, His Majesty demanded what he would have. He answered, that what he had said to his wife, was the greatest honour that he was capable to do his King, who, after he had honoured his wife with his embraces, thought himself unworthy ever after to cohabit with her. The King, pausing a little, ordered him to be unbound, and brought to his own room, where, as soon as he came, the King embraced him, and ordered a Serpaw or a royal suit to be put upon him, and gave him the command of 5000 horse more, but took his wife into his own harran or seraglio, and about nine months after, the famous Aurengzeb came into the world. How long the charter held for continuing those markets, I know not, but it seems Cha Jehan grew fonder of this lady than of any he had before, though he had three sons by them, the eldest of whose names I have forgot. Aurengzeb was brought up and educated by his mother, till he was about twelve years of age, and then he had priests and philosophers to instruct him.

Cha Jehan finding his empire too large, designed to divide it amongst his sons, and so placed his eldest son in the northern provinces of Candahaar and Uzbeck, to superintend there, and make him acquainted with those people and their customs, that he designed should be his subjects. The second son Morad Bucks he sent to Decan, to govern there. The third, Sultan Sujah, he sent to Bengal, to govern that country; and Aurengzeb he designed for Guzerat, being a small province in comparison of the others: but when Aurengzeb came to be about eighteen years of age, and had done with the school, he dissembled his ambitious thoughts, and declared that he desired to live a private life in the province allotted him, and so took up the Fakire habit and way of life, contemning the honours and riches of the world, and zealously kept the canonical hours of prayer, which, by the Alcoran, is five times a day. In this Pharisaical way he spent eight or ten years, till his father began to be old and weak; and news being spread abroad that he was sick, the eldest son began to raise an army in his province, to march towards Agra, in order to seize the crown on his father's demise. Morad Bucks knowing the cruel custom of his country, which is either to die, or be sent to an hill near Agra, called Goulour, and there drink the Poust, (which is an infusion of poppy seeds in water, that provokes sleep) and spend his days in a lethargy; but to avoid both, he also raised a good army in his province, and marched also towards Agra, and Sultan Sujah raised one in Bengal, but kept within his own province. Aurengzeb continued in his retirement and holy exercises, and neither disturbed his father's repose, as the rest had done, nor was suspected by his brothers to have any design to rule. Aurengzeb had a sister, called Neur Mahaal, that was continually about her father Cha Jehan, and he had a great esteem for her, as she had for Aurengzeb; and as she was a woman of great genius and vivacity, she fished out all the designs of her father and brothers, and acquainted Aurengzeb with them by letters, and promised her assistance to set him on the throne.

Cha Jehan sent letters to his sons, who were in arms, to disband their forces, upon their allegiance, but not one obeyed, alledging that they kept in arms for their own security in case of his death. The two eldest made daily approaches towards Agra, and Aurengzeb raised a small but good army, pretending it was to keep the peace of his own province. However, as Morad Bucks was on his march towards Agra, he was obliged to pass through some part of Aurengzeb's territories, and they had an interview, and agreed, that if the eldest son would not be advised to retire back with his army to his own province, but continue disobedient to their father's commands, then Aurengzeb would join Morad Bucks, and compel him by force; but still Aurengzeb preached up peace and contempt of worldly grandeur. They wrote pressing to their elder brother, to honour their father's commands, but to no purpose; so Aurengzeb

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marched his army always near Morad Bucks's to meet their eldest brother, and found him encamped on the banks of the river Gemna, and on the opposite banks Morad Bucks encamped his men. Aurengzeb went to wait on his elder brother as a mediator, but in reality to discover what condition his army was in. His brother received him with all the marks of esteem; and, after a long conference, he invited Aurengzeb to join forces with him, and that as soon as he came to the crown, he would make him and his heirs free sovereigns of Guzerat. Aurengzeb answered, that as for his own part, he had rather live a subject than a sovereign, whose care about government disturbed the mind, and rendered it unfit for sweet contemplation, and he only brought his army there to join him who inclined most to peace, which he found his brother Morad Bucks averse to, but that he would join neither till the last extremity; and on his return, he went to Morad, and told him, that his eldest brother's army was much inferior to theirs, and advised him to put all to the fortune of a battle, that he would stand at a little distance neuter, till the battle began, and then he would fall on the enemy's flank and rear with his army, which accordingly he did, when his eldest brother had no suspicion of such usage. The battle was short, but bloody, and the eldest brother was killed, which the remnant of his army seeing, begged for quarter, and had it, and lifted into the conqueror's armies. The victory was wholly imputed to Aurengzeb's conduct, by all the three armies, which was a great mortification to Morad Bucks, who expected that honour. But Aurengzeb had another game to play whilst the armies were so much at his devotion, for his brother Morad Bucks was violently inclined to the love of wine, though forbidden by their laws. Aurengzeb got some of his own creatures of the best rank, to procure wine and carouze with him, which they did, and he got beastly drunk, and vomited on the fine carpets he lay on. While he was in that pickle, Aurengzeb came to his tent with his guard, and demanded present admittance, for there were news brought of the greatest importance, which he must, without delay, communicate to his brother, and stepping hastily into the tent, his guards following him, he found his brother in the condition he wished for, and calling him several times by his name, he was not able to answer, wherefore Aurengzeb, out of an holy zeal to religion, vented many angry words against the beast his brother, and then, in a sanctified choler, ordered one of his guards to strike off his head, which was forthwith executed. The news of the fratricide flew like wild fire through the armies, but Aurengzeb's being in arms soon calmed those that had a mind to raise troubles, and, in the morning, made an oration that pleased the armies so well, that they swore obedience to his commands. The clergy run his praises as high as their prophet's Paradise, commending his godly piety and zeal for poor distressed religion, and, no doubt, would have done the same for the drunkard, had he been as politick as Aurengzeb, who is now saluted Pautshaw, or Emperor, by the army, notwithstanding his father was then alive.

Cha Jehan having lost two of his sons, expected that all his troubles were now ended, sent to Aurengzeb to come to him, and consult about settling the peace of his country, which had been so long disturbed by civil wars, but Aurengzeb would not trust himself within the walls of a city, where he had not the command in his own hands, but wrote very submissive letters to his father, and advised him to lay down the heavy charge of government on his shoulders who was young, and much better able to manage it than a man whose age required rest, and gave orders to build an high wall round the palace, and placed his own creatures to guard the palace, which so vexed the old King, that he ordered all the Jewels of the crown to be broken, and particularly his throne, which he himself had caused to be made, worth above a million sterling, but

but none durst obey him. And Neur Mahaal, who had given her brother Aurengzeb private informations of her father's designs all the time of the rupture, advertised him of the old man's design in that affair, and cautioned him to take care of what meat and drink he took, and to send an army into Bengal, to reduce Sultan Sujah, who was invited by the old King, to come with his army to Agra. Aurengzeb durst not leave that country where his father was well beloved, for fear of a revolution in his affairs, but sent an army under the command of a trusty general called Emirjemal Chaun, who, in three years time, chased Sultan Sujah out of the dominions of Bengal, and Cha Jehan then dying, brought a serene peace throughout the whole empire. Aurengzeb remembering his sister's services, made her governess of the palace, and retained her always near his person, and would eat nothing but what came from her hand.

Being now settled in peace, he invited his holy brethren the Fakires, who are very numerous in India, to come to Agra, and receive a new suit of clothes, as a testimony of his kindness for them. Great numbers came on the invitation, and he pitched tents in many places round the city to entertain them, and he proclaimed, that on a certain day the distribution should be made, and appointed officers in every tent to deliver the new clothes, but to retain the old rags in their rooms, which stratagem brought many millions into his treasury, for those pretended faints having good store of diamonds and gold sewed up in their rags, were forced to leave all behind them. He then bent his thoughts on enlarging his dominions, and quarrelled with the King of Orixa near Bengal, and with the King of Visapore near Decan, and, in ten years, he annexed their dominions to his own large empire. And so I leave him to take his pleasure till the year 1707; that he died in his tent near Agra, and lies buried in a small tomb of seven feet long and three high, on the side of an high-way that leads to that city.

He was a prince every way qualified for governing. None ever understood politicks better than he. The balance of distributive justice he held in an exact equilibrium. He was brave and cunning in war, and merciful and magnanimous in peace, temperate in his diet and recreations, and modest and grave in his apparel, courteous in his behaviour to his subjects, and affable in his discourse. He encouraged virtue, and discountenanced vice, and he studied the laws of humanity and observed them as well as those of religion, for in that part he inclined to superstition. He had five sons, but three only made any figure. The eldest was Dara, or vulgarly Hazan Tarah, the second Shaw Allom, the third Furuckfier, the fourth Eckbar, and the fifth Shaw Hazander. The three first contended for the crown after their father's death, but Shaw Allom carried it.

From Surat to Damaan, a town belonging to the crown of Portugal, and at twenty-two leagues distance, are several rivers and villages, under the superintendency of Surat. Dumbafs is the first, but of small consequence, either in trade or manufactory. Nunfarce is the second, that has a good manufactory of cotton cloth, both coarse and fine. Gundavee is next, where good quantities of teak timber are cut, and exported, being of excellent use in building of houses or ships. Seragoung is a river of no other consequence but limiting the Mogul's dominions on the sea side, as well as the Portuguese territories. It is distant from Damaan about four miles.

CHAP. XVI.—*Treats of the Cities and Towns on the Sea-coast, belonging to the Crown of Portugal, from Damaan to Bombay.*

DAMAAN was, in former times, a place of good trade, but at present reduced to poverty. It stands at the mouth of a river on the sea-shore, and is naturally very strong, by a deep marsh that almost surrounds it. The town is about half a mile long, and near as broad, walled with a good stone wall, as the rest of the buildings of the city are built of; and it has a large cathedral to adorn it, that is conspicuous a long way at sea. There are two or three other churches, and a convent, a monastery, a nunnery, and an hospital, and there is a castle stands on the opposite side of the river, christened by the name of St. Salvadore, and it is well secured by the morafs as well as the town. It has been for a long time a great eye-sore to the governors of Surat, who have often picked quarrels with the Portugueze, and laid sieges to Damaan, but without success.

From Damaan to Bassaim is about eighteen leagues along the sea-shore. There are several rivers and villages by the way, viz. Danaw, Tarrapore, Mahim, Kellem, and the island Vaccas, but they are all of small account in the table of trade.

Bassaim is a fortified city belonging to the crown of Portugal. It stands on a little island separated from the continent by a small rivulet. Its walls are pretty high, and about two miles in circumference around the city, which has a little citadel in the middle of it. It contains three or four churches, and some convents and monasteries, with a college and hospital.

It is a place of small trade, because most of its riches lie dead and buried in their churches, or in the hands of indolent, lazy country gentlemen, who loiter away their days in ease, luxury, and pride, without having the least sense of the poverty and calamity of their country. The town is about half a league distant from the island of Salfet, which inlet serves it for an harbour for small shipping, but there is not water enough to accommodate great ships. The governor is styled by the Portugueze, General of the North, having Diu, Damaan, and Chaul, with all their territories, subordinate to him, but the church superintends, which makes his government both uneasy and precarious.

Salfet is an island about twenty-five miles long, and, in some places, ten miles broad. It is fruitful in roots and fruits, but not in corn. It is stocked with villages and churches, but has no city on it, but an old one, called Canra, hewn out of the side of a rock, but by whom I never could learn. It is near a mile in length, and many antique figures and columns curiously carved in the rock, and has several good springs of water to accommodate it. At present it is inhabited only with wild beasts, and birds of prey. The island is almost cut in two by a narrow river that bisects it at a town called Verlua, which lies on the sea-shore, and has a little narrow harbour, deep enough to receive ships of the greatest burden, and is secured by a small fort standing on the north side, but the town is on the south side of the river. It drives a small trade in dry fish, made here, and transported to the inland countries and villages, that want the benefit of fishing. The fishers here catch their fish in long nets, fastened to stakes placed in the sea, the outwardmost of which are driven in the bottom on nine fathoms water; and they appear to strangers like a wood in the sea. There are several villages standing between Verlua and Bombay, on the sea-shore, but Bandara is the most conspicuous, which fronts Mahim on Bombay, about a mile distant. The Portugueze have

some great guns planted at Bandara, but they have no trade, because the river belongs to the English; and all customs of goods, either imported or exported, are paid to the custom-house of Mahim. The mouth of the river is pestered with rocks, that forbid entrance to any vessels of burden.

In anno 1694, the Muskat Arabs made a descent on Salfet, and committed great depredations in plundering and burning villages and churches, killing the priests, and carried about 1400 captives into irredeemable slavery. And about the year 1720, the priests of Salfet disturbed the English at Mahim, animating the people to arms; but a bomb or two thrown into the church at Bandara, had no respect to the priesthood, but sacrilegiously killed one or two, besides some lay brothers, which made them know that war was not their trade. They were also troublesome to the English in anno 1722, but the English surpris'd a parcel that were about repairing an old fort, contrary to articles of agreement, and killed a score or two, which made the rest take to their heels, and be quiet.

CHAP. XVII.—*Gives a Description of Bombay, with some historical Remarks on its Wars, Government and Trade, till anno 1687, when the Foundation of a War was laid, which proved the Ruin of the then English East India Company.*

BOMBAY comes next in course, an island belonging to the crown of England. It was a part of Katharine of Portugal's portion, when she was married to Charles II. of Great Britain, in anno 1662. Its ground is sterile, and not to be improved. It has but little good water on it, and the air is somewhat unhealthy, which is chiefly imputed to their dunging their cocoa-nut trees with Buckshoe, a sort of small fishes which their sea abounds in. They being laid to the roots of the trees, putrify, and cause a most unfavoury smell; and in the mornings there is generally seen a thick fog among those trees, that affects both the brains and lungs of Europeans, and breed consumptions, fevers, and fluxes.

After the marriage, King Charles sent my Lord Malberry, with four or five ships of war, to take possession of it, and the King of Portugal sent a viceroy to deliver it, and all its royalties, to the said Lord, and Sir Abraham Shipman was ordered to be governor for King Charles. They arrived at Bombay in September 1663, but the church withstood the crown, and disobeyed the order: nor would they acknowledge the viceroy, unless he would come into their measures, which, rather than lose his new dignity, he did. And the English fleet was forced to go to Swally to land their men, and get refreshments; but the governor of Surat, in whose district Swally is, grew jealous of the numbers and bravery of the English, and threatened the factory established in Surat, if they did not speedily re-embark, which, to avoid suspicion, they did, and the governor allowed them the free use of the markets, so that they had no want of provisions and merchandize whilst they stayed there. In January 1664, my lord went back to England, carrying two ships with him, and left Sir Abraham with the rest, to pass the westerly monsoons, in some port on the coast, but being unacquainted, chose a desolate island, called Aujadiva, to winter at. It is so far from an harbour, that it is even but a bad road for shipping in those boisterous south-west winds and turbulent sea; however he landed all the land forces, and built huts to defend them from the weather. The island is barren, but has some springs of good water. It is about a mile long, and 300 paces broad. Here they stayed from April to October, in which time they buried above 200 of their men.

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When the monsoons were over, the squadron put to sea, and put into Bombay, to try if the church had considered on the obedience due to the King of Portugal's orders, or if they had a mind to draw the arms of England, as well as their Sovereign's, upon them. Some of them had not forgot what damages Spain and Portugal had sustained by the English fleet in Cromwell's time, advised the church to obey the King, setting forth the miseries they should be brought into in case of non-compliance. At length their holy zeal abated, and they were content to admit of a treaty, but, before the treaty was concluded, Sir Abraham died, and one Mr. Humphrey Cook, who was next in commission, continued the treaty, and articulated that the inhabitants should enjoy their lands and religion under the King of England, but forgot to insert the royalties appending on Bombay, which reached as far as Verua on Salfet, which omission has been a bone of contention for both parties ever since.

Mr. Cook, according to the treaty, took possession of the island, in the King's name, and forthwith began to fortify regularly, and, to save charges of building an house for the governor, built a fort round an old square house, which served the Portuguese for a place of retreat, when they were disturbed by their enemies, till forces could be sent from other places to relieve them.

After the fort was lined out, and the foundations laid, Sir Gervas Lucas arrived from England with two ships, but affairs being settled before he came, did not stay at Bombay longer than January 1666, and left the government of the island in the hands of Mr. Cook and his council, the presidency for the then company, residing at Surat. Their trade flourished, and increased wonderfully; but, after the fort was finished, the King finding, that the charge of keeping Bombay in his own hands would not turn to account, the revenues being so very inconsiderable, he made it over to the East India Company in fee tail, which continues so till this time.

In building the fort where it is, Mr. Cook shewed his want of skill in architecture, where a proper and convenient situation ought to be well considered, for it is built on a point of rocks that jets into the sea, where there are no springs of fresh water, and it stands within 800 paces of an hill, called Dungere, that overlooks it, and an enemy might much incommode it from that hill, as we found by experience in anno 1689, when the Mogul sent an army on Bombay. As for the magnitude, figure, and materials of the fort, there is no fault to be found in them, for it is a regular tetragon, whose outward polygon is about 500 paces, and it is built of a good hard stone, and it can mount above 100 pieces of cannon; and that is all that is commendable in it: but had it been built about 500 paces more to the southward, on a more acute point of rocks, called Mendam's Point, it had been much better on several accounts. First, it had been much nearer the road for protecting the shipping there, it had been farther off Dungere hill, it would have had a spring of pretty good water, which served the hospital that was afterwards built there, and the shipping had been better secured that lay in the little bay between the point where the fort now stands, and Mendham's Point.

They went about building several other little forts and sconces in convenient places, to hinder an invasion, if any of their neighbours should have attempted one. At Mazagun there was one, at Souree one, at Sian one, at Mahim one, and Worlee had one, and some great guns mounted on each of them. Notwithstanding the company was at so much charge in building of forts, they had no thoughts of building a church, for many years after Sir George Oxendon began to build one, and charitable collections were gathered for that use; but when Sir George died, piety grew sick, and the building of churches was grown unfashionable. Indeed it was a long while before the island

had people enough to fill a chapel that was in the fort, for as fast as recruits came from Britain, they died in Bombay, which got the island a bad name.

There were reckoned above 5000. had been gathered towards building the church, but Sir John Child, when he came to reign in Bombay, converted the money to his own use, and never more was heard of it. The walls were built by his predecessors to five yards high, and so it continued till the year 1715, when Mr. Boone came to the chair, who set about building of it, and, in five years time, finished it by his own benevolence, and other gentlemen, who, by his persuasions, were brought in to contribute. The Company also contributed something towards that pious end.

About the year 1674, President Aungier, a gentleman well qualified for governing, came to the chair, and, leaving Surat to the management of deputies, came to Bombay, and rectified many things that were amiss, and brought the face of justice to be unveiled, which before lay hid in a single person's breast, who distributed her favours according to the governor's direction. He erected a formal court, where pleas were brought in and debated; but that method lasted but a few years, when Sir John Child came to the chair the court was done. Mr. Aungier advised the Company to enclose the town from Dungeree to Mendham's Point, for securing the trading people from the insults of their troublesome beggarly neighbours on the continent; but his proposals were rejected, and that necessary piece of work was reserved for Mr. Boone also. And happy it was for the inhabitants that the town was secured by a wall, otherwise Connajee Augarie would have harassed them with continual insults since his war with the English began.

The name of Mr. Aungier is much revered by the ancient people of Surat and Bombay to this day. His justice and dexterity in managing affairs, got him such esteem, that the natives of those places made him the common arbitrator of their differences in point of traffick: nor was it ever known that any party receded from his award.

There are no dangers in going into Bombay Road, but one sunk rock that lies about half a league from the castle. It is dry at low water, and has a channel within it deep enough for the greatest ships to pass. I never heard of any damage done by that rock, but to a small ship called the Baden, which by carelessness, run on it at noon-day, and was lost.

In the year 1673, the Dutch East India Company having an eye on Bombay, sent a squadron of ships, with a little army, to try if they could take it in amongst their other conquests of India, but, on their landing, met with so warm a reception, that they were glad to get off with the loss of two or three hundred of their men, and so left the English to the quiet possession of it.

The governors proved tolerable good, till 1682, when Sir John Child spoiled it. The India Company knowing how to make use of King Charles's necessities, made him some presents of money, and he, in grateful acknowledgments, granted them power to rob their fellow subjects in India; but they used that power to their own destruction, for Mr. Child's pride and oppressions grew so intolerable, that even the gentlemen in the Company's service had not the free exercise of trade, and much less private merchants. And he, trampling on the established laws of England, by advice of his name-fake who governed the Company in Europe, by imprisoning and murdering their fellow subjects, grew hateful to all.

In anno 1684, he made his brother-in-law, Mr. Ward, his deputy of Bombay, who designed to fish in troubled waters. Mr. Child being honoured with the title of baronet, by the powerful motive of the Company's money to the King, he, at the same time,

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got the commission of general, which puffed him up so, that he contemned all laws human and divine. The military gentlemen, who had made contracts in England for their salaries, though paid at 20 per cent. loss, yet to shew himself a good œconomist for his master's interests, sent his deputy orders to reduce their pay to 30 per cent. less than it was before, though it was so small, that they could hardly bring both ends to bear at the month's end. That hard pill the sons of Mars could not swallow, and so bent their minds on a revolution: and having come to some knowledge of Mr. Ward's tampering with the Sevajee to land on the island, they detected some letters of his to that purpose, which gave them a ground for a revolt. The Sevajee indeed sent a fleet of 80 sail of small vessels to land on the back bay which faces the ocean; but, on their trying to land some forces, they were warmly repulsed, and lost many of their men, which made them draw off again in confusion, and Mr. Ward, being confronted with his own letters, and having little to say in his own defence, was made a prisoner; and General Child's faction was sent to Surat to him. The islanders, taking the government of the island into their own hands, chose captain Kegwine major of the military, to superintend military affairs, and one captain Thorburn to oversee the civil.

General Child soon dispatched letters to England, and gave an account of the rebellion, and King Charles dispatched a frigate, called the Phoenix, for India, to demand the restitution of the island, and put it again into the Company's hands. They arrived at Bombay, in September 1685, and shewed the King's orders, with a full pardon to all who yielded obedience, which unanimously the islanders did; but, for their own security, drew up some articles to be signed by general Child and captain Tyrrel, who commanded the Phoenix, one of which articles was, that any person that had a mind to go for England, should have free liberty, and a passage on board the Company's shipping, which being agreed to and signed, captain Kegwine took his passage on board the first ship; but Thorburn being a married man, and having a small estate, as well as a family on the island, could not so easily remove, but trusted to the act of grace, and the treaty they had made.

After general Child had gotten the reins of government again into his hands, he became more insupportable than ever. He erected a court of inquisition, and made an old Greek, one captain Garey, judge, who had condemned a man to be hanged on a Tuesday, and the man suffered according to sentence; but, on Friday after, the poor dead fellow was ordered to be called before the court, but he would not comply with the orders.

Captain Thorburn was the first that felt the weight of Mr. Child's displeasure. He got some fellows to swear him out of his little estate, who brought in forged bonds for sums borrowed from one King, whom he never had any dealings with, and found witnesses to attest them. All that Thorburn had, was too little to pay the sums, for which his estate was taken from him, and himself put in prison, without the permission of one slave to attend or serve him in prison. His own wife was not permitted to visit him, which hard usage brought him into a violent fever, that soon put an end to his life. About two days before he died, the goaler acquainted his lady of his danger, and she, with two small children, went to the general, and, on their knees, begged that a doctor might be permitted to visit her husband, but he was inexorable, and would allow no such favour, only granted her leave to be in prison with him till he died, and she stayed but one day and a part of a night till he expired. When the tragedy was over, she was going home to her distressed family, but found her slaves and children removed into a little out-house of hers, and the doors of her dwelling-house shut against her. The lady had two sisters married on the island, and she, hoping to find relief from them,

went to visit the eldest, but she met her at the door and told her she could have no admittance, her husband being liable to proscription, if he admitted her into his house; and she believed the other sister's husband durst not entertain her in his house. The poor lady, full of sorrow and grief, being abandoned by all her friends and relations, went back to her distressed family, and, having no visible way of support, had once some thoughts of putting an end to her miseries; but her sisters, unknown to their husbands, sent her some relief by a trusty female slave in the night, and a letter (that they desired her to burn as soon as she had read), wherein they promised to be assisting in the maintenance of her and her children, till the Almighty should think proper to deliver her out of the persecution.

The poor lady had both beauty and discretion enough to recommend her to the virtuous part of mankind; but none of the gentlemen that wished her well, durst make addresses to her, only one, who had the command of a ship in the Indian merchants' service; as he had no dependence on the general, nor his masters in England, thought he could not well come within the reach of their persecution, so he courted her, and married her, but that was thought a capital crime, and the general acquainted his Indian owners, that without they discharged him their service, they should also find the weight of his displeasure; and accordingly, to avoid contests with his excellency, he was discharged: but grief put an end to his troubles, for he died within a year after his marriage, and left the poor lady another child to take care of, and above 1000*l.* sterling of stock for her and her family's support.

As the Phoenix was in her way to India, she called at the island of Johanna, and there found an English ship, called the Bristol, stopping some leaks in her bottom. Captain Tyrrel, by a dispensing power from the King of England, seized her; and designed to have carried her to Bombay, in company of a small vessel that he had seized on the coast of Madagascar. The Bristol sunk the third day after they put to sea, but the other came safe. The Bristol's men were looked on as pirates, and one Mr. Mews, a supercargo was arraigned before the general's tribunal, where he himself sat lord chief justice, and, after his usual manner of bestowing opprobrious names, he condemned Mr. Mews to lose all that he had in the world, and 1000*l.* beside, and to lie in prison, at his own charges, till the fine was paid; but Mr. Vaux, who was judge of the island in petty affairs, shewed him the weakness of his sentence, and persuaded him to set the poor man at liberty, and ordered him a passage for England.

When Mr. Child first got his commission to plunder, there were two of his own council at Surat that were great eye-fores to him, viz. Messieurs Petit and Boucher. They were gentlemen of good interest in England, and had great remittances of monies on the Company's shipping coming yearly to them, to buy up diamonds and send home. General Child let them know, that he expected half of their commissions as a perquisite to his post, but they could not be brought to think so: however they condescended, that if he would join his commissions to theirs, which were much greater than his, they would be content to make an equal dividend in the commissions; but that proposition he rejected, and was resolved to carry his point by fraud, and wrote to the Company in England, of those two gentlemen's ill services relating to the Company's affairs, though none knew of any, but Mr. Child himself. Those gentlemen's friends in the committee of the company in England, acquainted them, by letters over land, of the danger they were in, and gave them warning to be on their guard; and they accordingly took a house contiguous to the factory, and, by degrees, conveyed what they thought fit into their new lodgings, but retained their old ones in the factory. When the shipping arrived, and the Company's packet was opened, and read at the

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council table, Mr. Petit sat in his place as second, and Mr. Boucher in his as fourth. When some few paragraphs were read, one was to dismiss those gentlemen from the Company's service, and were forthwith ordered to withdraw, which accordingly they did, and went to their new lodgings without the factory. As soon as the council broke up, Mr. Child sent orders to confine them in their factory rooms; but word being brought that they were not in the factory, but their doors were locked, he gave orders to break them open, and secure all that was found in them for him, especially their papers and books; but they found nothing but a bed furnished, and some empty trunks. When Mr. Child understood that their effects and papers were removed, he raved like a mad man, but to no purpose, so he perpetrated their destruction by fraud; but the profcribed being well beloved by the brokers, who were always of Mr. Child's cabinet council, were timely advertised of his plots, and prepared to counterplot him. He was the first that bribed the Mogul's governors to join in villainy with a president; but 'tis now a very common piece of policy at Surat, and has been often made use of against the English Company, since Mr. Child's time: however, for a sum of about 4000l. sterling, he got the governor of the town to stretch his commission, in pretending to distribute justice, which is only the Cadjee's place to do. He got the governor to command the two victims to meet at a garden near the town, and to deliver them up to the general, who was there with a dozen grenadiers to receive them, and carry them on board of a ship that lay ready to transport them to Bombay, and there to feed on the bread of affliction as long as they lived. He had suborned a gentleman to draw up an account, wherein the delinquents were brought in debtors to the Company 114,000. rupees, or 14,250l. sterling, and that gentleman swore to the account. The two defendants being forewarned of the plot, had given bonds to their Mahometan and Heathen friends, for above double the sum that the honest general demanded; and it is against their law to force any person out of the Mogul's dominions, who is indebted to his subjects; but when Mr. Harris had sworn to the account, (for that was the gentleman's name) the governor ordered the two gentlemen defendants to be put in irons, and to be delivered to Mr. Child; but their friends protested against their going, till they had satisfied their creditors, and declared the governor liable to make good all the sums contained in their bonds, if by violence they were sent away. That protest startled the general and governor both, so the gentlemen were delivered to their friends, and the governor was no loser by the general's honesty: however, they could not live in quiet, so Mr. Petit bought a ship to go a trading, whilst Mr. Boucher went to the Mogul's court, or rather his camp, to try if he could procure a phirmaund or charter to be under the Mogul's protection; but the Company's money had crept into the secretary of state's purse, which retarded Mr. Boucher's affair some time: but the general, being afraid of his success, sent a Banyan from Bombay to poison Mr. Boucher. This Banyan being often about his tent, got acquainted with his cook, thinking him to be the properest person to make use of in that affair; and, after some discourses about General Child and Mr. Boucher's quarrel, he told the cook, that he had a commission from the general to settle a salary on him during life, and the sum of 500 rupees in hand, if he would poison his master. The cook seemed to like the proposals, and bid the Banyan bring him the poison and the 500 rupees, and accordingly the next day he did, and, on the delivery of the money, he gave him a paper with some powder of white arsenick to mix with his master's rice, which is a common dish there. The cook gave him large promises of performing what he would, and so left him, and went to his master with the bag of money and the paper of arsenick, and told him, that he had made a bargain with General Child's vakeel, or attorney, to poison him, and told him

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the terms he had agreed on, and shewed the money and poison. Mr. Boucher commended the cook's fidelity, and told him, that he would give him 600 rupees to be honest, and a maintenance during life. And Mr. Boucher being bred a druggist in his youth, presently knew the poison, and carried it to the Cautwal or Sheriff, and shewed it. The Cautwal used his utmost endeavours to catch the Banyan, but he could never be found there.

Mr. Boucher had been fourteen months soliciting to procure his phirmaund; but his repeated petitions to the secretary had no effect: but he had an Englishman, one Swan, for his interpreter, who often took a large dose of arrack. Aurengzeb one day had ordered his camp to remove to another place, and had got on horseback. Swan took hold of that opportunity, and got pretty near the King, holding his petition or rocca above his head, and cried with a loud voice in the Persian language, that his master wanted justice done him. The Mogul seeing him in an European garb, ordered him to be brought to him, and asked the cause of his complaint. He answered, that his master had been so long at court about procuring a phirmaund to become a subject of His Majesty's, to be freed from the oppressions of the English Company, who were grown intolerable by the connivance of His Majesty's governors of Surat, and therefore conjured His Majesty, as he should answer before God at the great day, to do his master justice, and grant him a phirmaund. The King was startled at the bold expressions, ordered his secretary to get one ready for the seal against the next day, which was accordingly done, and Mr. Boucher had it delivered to him as soon as it was signed, and then took his leave of the court.

While Mr. Boucher was at court, Mr. Petit made some voyages into the Gulf of Persia, and going thither once, met with some Sanganian pirates, who attacked him. He defended himself bravely, and beat them off; but his gunner firing a blunderbuss out of one of the gun-room ports, blew the ship up, and the Sanganians took up those that were saved by swimming, among whom was Mr. Petit himself.

The Sanganians carried their prisoners to Baet on Guzerat, and laid a ransom on them, which Mr. Petit agreed on, and sent letters to his friends at Surat to pay the money: but general Child hearing of Mr. Petit's misfortune, and where he was, dispatched a Banyan to Baet, to persuade the pirates not to part with their prisoner under 25,000l. sterling, and they hearkening to the Banyan, would not stand to the stipulated ransom of 5000l. Mr. Petit stayed about six months their prisoner, and then died through grief, and the ill treatment he had received by Mr. Child's persuasion; but the pirates getting no ransom, cursed the general for his counsel.

In anno 1683, the Dutch dispossessed the English Company of their factory of Bantain, on the west end of Java; and the English having a mind to regain it by force of arms, built several ships between 60 and 70 guns, so that in anno 1685, they had a fleet ready victualled, and manned with 7 or 8000 men, to the number of 23 sail of the line of battle ships, which expence, and the continual craving of the court, brought their stock very low; yet since the maw of the court was not enough crammed, the King laid embargoes on the fleet from time to time, for nine months, and then the Dutch ambassador had orders to present His Majesty with 100,000l. if he would command the Company not to use violence. He snapped at the bait, and defeated the design to all intents and purposes.

CHAP. XVIII.—*Continues the Observations on the Affairs of Bombay, with the Articles exhibited by Mr. Child, in order to embroil the Company's Affairs with the Mogul and his Subjects.*

THE Company having such a number of great ships on their hands, were obliged to send them abroad; but having no stock to employ them, ordered the general and chiefs of their factories in India to borrow what sums they could on the Company's credit, from the Indian merchants, to lade their ships home, which accordingly they did, and what they could not lade home, they were to employ by freights in India. And I saw a letter from the governor of the Company in England, intimating, that when they had got as much credit of the Mogul's subjects as they could, then they would pick quarrels with the creditors, and put a general stop to their trade, which was accordingly done; for in 1686 and 1687, the Surat merchants traded briskly by sea to Mocha, Persia, and Bassora, to the westward, and to Bengal, Atcheen, Malacca, and Stam, to the eastward. The general granting passes to all who required them, then, about the latter end of the year 1687, he laid down a complaint and grievance before the governor of Surat, and demanded redress and satisfaction. The articles of his grievances I saw in a printed copy, and were as follows, in 35 articles.

“ I. Last year a ship of Molah Abdel Gafoar's coming from Juddah, in her return met with two Danish pirates, who made a prize of her. The news coming to Surat, the said Molah Abdel Gafoar, by persuasions of Meir Nazam, and other merchants, made their complaints to Sababat Caun (then governor), and other officers of Surat, saying, the English belonging to Surat had taken his ship, at the same time sending his attorney to court, to complain to the King, who ordered the governor, &c. officers of Surat, to enquire into it, and to do justice accordingly. In this affair, by bribery, and disgracing me to the King and his subjects, as also the Dutch, French, and other nations, making them believe it to be true, for which disgrace I am not able to trade in these parts; but I hope the disgrace will light on him, that hereafter no such scandal may be put on me, or any other, we having traded here these eighty or ninety years, but never before accused as robbers, but daily enriched the port of Surat.

“ II. The complaints of Mulah Abdel Gafoar have been much to my prejudice, by reason I could not clear my money out of the custom-house, nor ship my goods for Europe, which were seized and hindred, which hath made me leave the port and trading, and retire to Bombay. I have by me 30 or 40 lacks of rupees in money and goods in a readiness; if you please to send any body, you may be certified of the truth. Consider the loss I am at in the use of my money, damage of my goods, and detaining my ships a year. I desire your answer.

“ III. Mulah Abdel Gafoar's disgracing me, makes people afraid to trust me, my credit being lost by his false reports, having 12 ships laden with goods, which I designed to have sent to Surat, there to have provided goods, and relade for Europe; but his disgracing me is the occasion of the great charges I am at, my ships wintering in these parts, and my goods lying on my hands, we merchants trading for profit, which hindrance hath not only been a great loss to the King in his customs, but to me, which I must answer to my masters.

“ IV. Mr. Petit and Mr. Boucher being indebted to the Company several sums of money, I would have called them to account for the same; but they, like traitors, went to the governor Cortalab Caun for protection. As for Mr. Petit he is dead and gone

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to the devil. Mr. Boucher still remains at Surat. I demand him, his wife, or child, children, family, and all Englishmen belonging to him, with their effects, that they be delivered to me, and that he may not make his escape from Surat.

" V. Formerly such goods as we brought from the Malabar coast, Mocha, and other parts, which were for Europe, and not to sell here, we had liberty to bring them ashore at Swally, to clean them, and ship again, without paying custom; but the governor Cortalab. Caun, in his time, forced us to pay custom for those goods. My demand is, that what he took more than the former customs, may be restored, and he do not the like again.

" VI. Of late years we bring more money than formerly, which hath much enriched the port, of which the governor did acquaint the King, who was pleased to take no more than 2 per cent. we paying no more for many years. Of late, the governor of Surat did write to the King, to make us pay 3½ per cent. for money as well as goods, which has been a great prejudice to our trade. My desire is, that we may pay no more than formerly, and that the former overplus may be repaid. Which exactings made Salabat Caun over-rate our goods in the custom house, to our great damage.

" VII. Formerly we never paid custom for apparel or provisions, but of late Salabat Caun forced us to pay custom for them. My desire is, that may be re-paid, and, for the future, no more trouble on that account.

" VIII. When our goods came out of the country, if robbed by thieves, or otherwise, on the road, it is the King's order, that the governors and officers make good all damages, or else the King to satisfy us himself. Few years since our goods coming from Amadaband and Durringum, were robbed in the way to Surat. We have petitioned the governor of Surat for satisfaction, but never obtained any. My desire is, that the King order satisfaction to be made for the loss we sustained, being great and considerable.

" IX. Several of the natives are indebted to us, of whom we can get no satisfaction, having several times made complaints to the governors, where they reside, for their assistance, but, as yet, could have no redress from them. Our desire is, that all governors and their officers may be assistant to us in recovering our debts.

" X. We bring more treasure into the country than any other nation, which is carried to the custom-house; when cleared from thence, we send it to the mint to be coined; but the officers, for their own interest, delay the coining, to the hindrance of the dispatching our business, for, if our cash was coined in time, we could have our investments out of the country, and lade our ships according to the monsoons or season of the year. Our request is, that, for the future, the coiners may not delay the coining, and that our treasure may be coined apart, for its more speedy performance.

" XI. At the arrival of our ships, when unladen, we carry our goods to the custom-house, where they are thrown up and down very carelessly, where they are broken, damaged and stolen. Our request is, that we may have a ware-house apart by that of the Dutch, to put our goods in, that we may be no further sufferers; that when we dispose of our goods, or send them to our factory, that the customer take account of the King's customs, clearing them without farther molestation.

" XII. Formerly when we cleared our treasure, &c. goods from the custom-house, we used to make up the account of our customs at the latter end of the year, and then paid it. Of late years, the officers of the custom-house daily and monthly send to our broker, demanding the custom; for which reason, we are forced to see the officers not to affront our broker, which has been much to our prejudice. Our request is, that they demand not the customs till the end of the year, as formerly accustomed.

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" XIII. When Gassadean Caun was Governor of Surat, by order of the King, the city was walled, at which time we had a garden near Brampore gate, about which we built 34 shops, stables for horses, a summer-house, and several other convenient places, all firm buildings, which cost to the amount of 25,000 rupees, when the wall came near our garden, our buildings were broke down, and our garden spoiled. We petitioned the governor for satisfaction, he promised to allow us charges out of the King's treasury; but we have not received any satisfaction. We demand satisfaction for the said charges.

" XIV. Formerly when our goods came from other parts to Surat, we paid no more than due custom, and shipped them for Europe, or other places, without any farther trouble. Of late years the officers of those places, from whence our goods come, put us to much trouble in demanding the governor's and officers of Surat's receipts of us, and many times detain our goods on that account, by which their proceedings our ships sometimes return empty, and sometimes are forced to remain in the country, which is a great loss to the King in his customs, as well as to us. Our request is, that, for the future, such receipts may not be demanded of us, but that we may have the same liberty as formerly.

" XVI. When our goods are in a readiness, we send them to the accustomed place to be shopt, with a true invoice of the contents of the bales. Formerly they used to make choice of one or two bales, and if they found them according to invoice, then to shop and clear the rest without any farther trouble. Of late the customer and officers, for their interest, and to delay time, open most of our goods, which is not only a great charge to us in repacking our goods, but also our goods are damaged. Our desire is, that they may be shopt and shipt according to invoice, without any farther trouble, as customary.

" XVI. Our sloops and boats coming from Swally to the custom-house, the Meerbar used to search them, if empty, cleared them, without any farther trouble. Of late Years the Meerbar, &c. officers will not clear them in three or four days, which is a great hindrance to us in the dispatch of our business. Our desire is, they may be searched and cleared as formerly, without delay.

" XVII. Sometimes merchants that buy our goods, break, plead poverty, that they have not wherewithal to pay us, applying ourselves to the governor and officers for justice, and their assistance, we can have no redress. Our desire is, either that the governor, and officers order payment to be made, or to satisfy us out of the King's customs, that we may be no longer sufferers by his subjects.

" XVIII. Sometimes we send our brokers or servants to the governor and officers, as our affairs require, who cannot be admitted without bribing the servants of said governor and officers. We desire it may be remedied for the future.

" XIX. Our horses that come from Persia, Bassora, and at their arrival we used to send them to our stables, without farther delay. Of late years at their landing are carried to the governor, his seal put about their necks, and ourselves not trusted to use or dispose of them. Our desire is, that we may either ride them, or dispose of them as formerly.

" XX. The governor and officers often send to us for broad cloth, sword-blades, &c.; in civility we cannot deny them, but when we send for the money, they deny the payment, and abuse our servants, by which we are sufferers. Our desire is, that, for the future, if the governor and officers desire any goods, they may pay for them before they carry them away.

“ XXI. Goods provided at Agra, Amadabant, &c. coming to Baroach, the governor forces us to pay 18 per mill. custom, which is contrary to the King's order, for we ought to pay but in one place as the Moors and Banyans. Our desire is to be cleared of that custom, that at the arrival of our goods at Surat, they may be sent for out abroad without farther trouble, paying the King his due custom. We desire the same goods shipped at Baroach, Cambay, &c. that our ships may not lose their passage to Europe.

“ XXII. At the arrival of our European ships we send our goods to the Custom-house, when cleared, carry them to the factory, sometimes we have present vend, and sometimes we send them to other places, as we think convenient, and for our interest; in case we send our goods to any other place, within the term of six months, then to pay half custom for the said goods, but if kept a full year, then to pay full custom. Sometimes we send to Swally more goods than will lade our ships, the remainder we dare not keep there, for fear of fire or thieves. Our request is, that for all such goods as have paid custom, we may freely bring them to Surat, keep them there for our next shipping, and ship them off without farther trouble or demands.

“ XXIII. Our servants, English, Gentows, and others, many times we send up the country for the speedier dispatching of our affairs. When we send to them for our accounts, being at a distance and out of our reach, like to Mr. Petit and Mr. Boucher, they go to the governors for protection, by which means we cannot call them to an account, to our great loss, and farther proceedings against them. Our request is, that whatever Englishman, employed in your service, without our leave and discharge, that they, with their effects and estates, be delivered to us, that they may not be protected, but we may proceed against them, as we think convenient.

“ XXIV. It is near 90 years that we have traded here. At our first coming, the King granted us a piece of ground for a bunder to repair our ships and vessels. Of late years Meer Nassam hath forced it from us, and made it a garden. We are destitute of a place for repairing our vessels, and other conveniencies. Our request is, that we may have the same ground as formerly, or some other near the water side, fitting our occasions.

“ XXV. Formerly we used to pay for each bale of indigo, two and an half rupees per bale, without opening it. Of late years the officers open it, valuing it at their pleasure, damaging the goods, which is a great loss and charge to us in repacking it. Our desire is, that, for the future, it may not be opened, paying the custom as formerly.

“ XXVI. The governor and officers buy of us, for the King's account, iron, guns, lead, giving us some money in hand. When they are turned out, and others come, when we demand the remainder, they delay the payment of the money, saying the King did not want our goods, that we may take them again, sometimes after they have kept them one or two years. Our request is, that whatever they buy of us for the King's account, we may be paid before they take them from us, and whatever goods we have that the King has no occasion for, we may dispose of them at our pleasure.

“ XXVII. As to the island of Bombay, it produceth no corn. The Mogul's fleet often winters there, which makes provisions scarce and dear. We are in want of supplies from Surat, and other the Mogul's ports. When we send to these places, the said governor and officers will not let us have any without giving them one and one

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" XXVIII. A ship, with her cargo, to the amount of 254,000 rupees, came out of England without our King's licence, which came to Surat. Our King's orders came to us to seize ship and cargo, which accordingly we did; but Salabat Caun then being governor, forced her from us, and delivered her to Mr. Boucher. Our desire is, the said ship may be re-delivered us, that Mr. Boucher and his broker give us a just and true account of the remainder of the cargo, and that the governor take care it be not squandered away by them.

" XXIX. It is the King's grant, that merchants pay but one custom for their goods, without farther molestation, and, when they pay it, to take a discharge. Of late years, the officers have forced us to pay double custom, besides their perquisites which they have demanded, which has been a great hindrance to the timely arrival of our goods. We desire we may not be forced to pay more than accustomed.

" XXX. We formerly rented a piece of ground for stables, on which we were at considerable charges in building and reparations. Meer Nassam, by buying it, deprived us of it. We desire he may satisfy us the said charges.

" XXXI. Some years since we lost an anchor at the river's mouth, which Mirza Mossam's people took up. We have often demanded it, offering to defray the charges he was at, but cannot get it. Our request is, that his son Mirza Mahomud Araff deliver the same, we paying the charges they were at.

" XXXII. At the arrival of our ships, they send the boat up with news. At the custom-house they stop her a whole day before they will let our people come on shore with letters, which is a great impediment to our affairs. Our request is, that they may not be hindered for the future, but suffered to land as soon as they come to the custom-house.

" XXXIII. As concerning my Bengal, we hear several ships have been taken and burnt, in which affair we are not concerned, neither do we know whether peace be concluded there or not. Our request is, that the King issue out his orders, that no person question us, or make demands on us on that account.

" XXXIV. Some years ago the Sedee, with the King's fleet, wintered at Bombay, in which time some of his people murdered two of our Englishmen, which made our men resolutely resolve to revenge their death, but, with great persuasions were pacified, being promised satisfaction. We acquainted the governor of it, who ordered the murderers to be imprisoned; but, three days after, they were cleared by the Sedee. Our request is, they may be delivered that we may prosecute them, and that justice may be done.

" XXXV. When we are minded to take our pleasure out of the city, although we return before the usual time of shutting the gates, the porters shut them against us, demanding money before they will let us enter the city. Our request is, that order be given by the governor, that we be no more affronted by those people."

These grievances were the foundation on which General Child built a war with the Mogul, without ever sending them to court to know the King's pleasure, but, without declaring war, seized his subjects ships wherever they were found, although they had the sanction of his own passes. If the fourth article be Christian the Mahometans and Heathens abhor it. The seventeenth and twenty-third are unjust, as well as the twenty-eighth; and the thirty and thirty-first were but weak arguments to help to support his complaints and raise a war, that cost his masters above 400,000 pounds before they could lay it, besides the loss of their credit with the Mogul and his subjects, which, to this time, is

not quite recovered. Or by what rule in policy could Sir Josiah or Sir John Child think to rob, murder and destroy the Moguls subjects in one part of his dominions, and the Company to enjoy a free trade in the other parts? or how they could expect that he would stand neuter? let politicians answer them, and I will proceed.

The general having such a number of great ships on his hands, and little employment for them, sent them to Mocha, Persia and Bengal, where the Suraters had sent theirs under the protection of his passes. Captain Andrews in the Charles II. went to Mocha, and set up the King of England's flag on his factory; and there he seized two English ships, one from England, called the Streights Merchant, commanded by captain Bear, and another belonging to Mr. Samuel White at Siam. She was commanded by one Captain Wren, whom they killed in his cabin, because he would not deliver his ship up voluntarily. There was but little of their cargoes on board of the ships, so they might as well have let them alone: However such doings displeas'd the governor and merchants of Mocha, and they had a design to force Captain Andrews to restore the ships, but he suspecting as much, fled on board, and left his colours flying on his factory.

He soon after left Mocha, and carried his two prizes with him, and Mr. Clive, super-cargo of the Streights Merchant, got bills for his stock, payable at Grand Cairo, except about 60 bales of coffee that he carried with him to England, where it sold very well, and the Company were obliged by the law to make good all the ship's cargo *pro rata*, as those 60 bales sold for, which amounted to 32,000 pounds. The Bristol's cargo was also made good to her owners, with the ship that was taken at Johanna by the Phenix, which came to 60,000 pounds. And the Little Betty, that was also taken by the Phenix, in her way to India, cost them 12,000 pounds, though she and her cargo were sold at Bombay for less than 600 pounds. The owner of that vessel was one Mr. Hastewell, a Quaker, and a substantial merchant in London, who arrested Captain Tyrrel going off the exchange. The captain proffered King James for bail, but the Quaker would not accept of him, but was content to accept of Sir Joseph Herne who became bail.

The Charles, Cæsar, and Royal James and Mary way-laid the Surat shipping, and brought in fourteen sail to Bombay, where I saw them lying in anno 1688, and yet no war with the Mogul, only with the inhabitants of Surat, whom he threatened to humble.

In October 1688, he went to Surat road, in the Royal James and Mary, with three or four other ships of countenance, to try if he could bully the governor, and frighten the merchants into a compliance of losing their estates, but was disappointed in both. He staid there till the beginning of January 1689, and then left Surat in a huff, and brought all the English ships along with him, except the ship Adventure, whom the Phenix had forced over the bar, when she was lying at the river's mouth, taking in a cargo for England, under the protection of Mr. Boucher's Phirmaund, which was the grievance complained of in the 28th article: However, her supercargo dying, the ships bottom was eaten up with worms in the river, and part of the cargo remained many years in Mr. Boucher's possession.

On the general's passage to Bombay, he met with a fleet of vessels that were carrying corn to an army of the Mogul's that lay at Dunder-rajah-pore, about 14 leagues to the southward of Bombay. That fleet he also seized, and carried to Bombay, though against the opinion of most of his council. Before this seizure he asked the opinion of some sea-officers; and one Captain Hilder, being the eldest, advised him not to meddle with the corn fleet, because it would straiten the army, and force them to look abroad for provisions, where it might be best procured, and perhaps might affect Bombay
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which was in a great measure beholden to their neighbours for subsistence and fire-wood. The general took him up with scurrilous language, calling him coward and fool, and bragg'd, that if Sedee Yacoup (which was the Mogul's general's name) should dare to come with his forces on Bombay, he would blow him off again with the wind of his bum.

Cowards are generally stout when dangers are at a distance, and so was our general, who had never seen a sword drawn in anger, and consequently very ill acquainted with war; and when it came to his door, none was ever so confounded and dejected as he was, as appeared by his conduct in that war that he so foolishly brought on himself and his country.

CHAP. XIX. — *Gives an Account of the War of Bombay, between the Mogul and the English East-India Company, with Aurengzeb's Letters of Advice to the Governor of Bombay, on granting them a Peace and new Indulgences in Trade.*

WHEN the news came to Sedee Yacoup, that his fleet, with his provisions of corn and cloth, were seized and carried to Bombay, he sent a civil letter to our general to discharge his fleet, protesting, that as he had not meddled in the affairs between him and the Suraters, he would continue neuter, unless he was forced to do otherwise; but our general gave him an insolent answer, and the fleet was unladed at Bombay.

Sedee Yacoup sent again to desire the delivery of his fleet in fair terms, otherwise he would be obliged to come with his army, and quarter on Bombay, where his provisions were detained, and that if his fleet was not set at liberty before the 11th of February, which was near at hand, he would certainly be on Bombay the 14: but still receiving uncivil answers, he performed his promise to a tittle, for that very night he landed at a place called Souree (about four miles distant from the main fort), with 20,000 men at his back.

Our general's security had made him neglect providing for receiving such guests, trusting to the reputation of his forces, who were greater then than ever they had been before, or ever were since that time, and he had small ships enough, had they been placed in proper places, that might certainly have hindered his landing, and forced him home again; but all those necessary preparations were neglected, and the Sedee landed at mid-night, and the redoubt where he landed, fired a great gun to give the alarm, and so deserted their post, and the Sedee took possession of it. At one in the morning the castle fired three guns to give the general alarm, which brought such fear on those that lived securely in their houses without the castle, that the poor ladies, both white and black, run half-naked to the fort, and only carried their children with them; but they were all obliged to wait without the wall, till day-light relieved them.

Next morning the Sedee marched to Mazagun, a small fort of 14 guns, and about a round shot distant from the castle. On the enemy's approach, that fort though situated on a point of rocks, where the sea defended three quarters of it, was also deserted in such precipitancy, that eight or ten chests of treasure, which generally contain 1000 pounds each, and four chests of new arms, were left behind, though the seamen that were sent in boats to bring them off, preferred to carry them along with them; but the commanding officer thought them not fit to be trusted with money and arms, and so they were left for a present to Sedee Yacoup, with fourteen cannon, two mortars, with some powder, shot and shells: but why that treasure, and those arms and ammunition were deposited in Mazagun, few could account for, and the reasons

reasons why they were left to the enemy were as wonderful; but it was plain, that the old way of fishing in troubled waters was known at Bombay, and the officer was never called to account for his oversight.

Sedee Yacoup finding no opposition, sent a party of men towards Mahim, to plunder the poor peasants, and to take that fort, which he thought, might be deserted as the rest had been, and was not in the least out in his conjecture, for the garrison had embarked in boats, and came by sea to Bombay, before they saw an enemy. The Sedee taking possession of Mazagun, hoisted his flag there, and made it his head quarters.

The following day some of the enemy appeared on Mazagun hills, which grieved our general's righteous soul to see infidels come so near him in an hostile manner. He called a minion of his own, one Captain Pean, who was no better soldier than himself, and ordered him to take two companies, each containing about seventy men, and march to those hills, and drive the enemy out of his sight. He ordered one Monro, who had been a soldier at Tangier, to be his lieutenant. In Tangier he had received a wound in his heel, that spoiled his running, and accordingly they marched in good order within shot of the enemy, who shewed their heads above the surface of the hill, but did not offer to advance or expose their bodies. Several gentlemen volunteers took their arms, and accompanied the little army.

The lieutenant advised the captain to march up the hill in platoons, to separate the enemy's forces. The captain took it as an affront to be advised, told his lieutenant, that, when he had the command in his own hands, he might use it as he thought fit, but, as it was intrusted to him, he would use it according to his own mind, and so ordered his men to spread as much as they could, and when they saw the enemy open in the plain, to discharge all at once amongst them, which, he said would terrify them. Monro opposed his scheme, and told him of the danger he would bring himself and them into, if the enemy should attack them whilst their arms were reloading; but nothing could dissuade him from his project, and so commanded his men to fire as he had directed. The Sedee's being ten to one in numbers, and better runners than our men, and better acquainted with close fighting with sword and target, took hold of the opportunity, and advanced with all their speed, which the captain perceiving, betook himself to his heels, and was the foremost man to the Portugueze church, where he took courage to look behind him, to see what was become of his men. Poor Monro thinking to stop the enemy's career by a part of the wing that he commanded, found himself deserted by all, but 13 or 14 stout fellows, who were soon surrounded by the enemy, and cut to pieces.

Pean had not stop at the Portugueze church, had he not found a party of 100 men that lay there ready to support or receive him, as his case should require. He was a fellow as well made for running as any I ever saw, and was so much in the general's favour, that he had not so much as a reprimand for his cowardice and misbehaviour. This relation I had from a gentleman volunteer, who kept always near the captain while he could keep pace with him.

When the general left Surat, there were several gentlemen in it, some in the Company's service, and some private persons, who were all imprisoned, and put in irons, except Mr. Boucher and his dependents, who were protected by his Phirmaund. Those imprisoned were scurvily used, being obliged to pass through the streets with irons about their necks, for spectacles to please the mob. Captain Johnson and Captain Yeaman, though particular merchants, were obliged to act their parts in the tragi-comedy, and continue prisoners, where Captain Johnson died; but Captain Yeaman got his liberty at the end of the war, which was about the beginning of June 1690.

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I will now return back to the year 1686, when Sir John Weyburn was sent from England, with a commission of judge admiral from the King; and he had likewise another commission from the governor of the Company (which they made him believe was also from the King) to condemn and hang 13 of the inhabitants of St. Helena, where, in a tumult caused by the oppressions of the governor of that island, one Johnson the second was killed. Sir John Weyburn took his passage to India on board the ship London; and, in his way, called at St. Helena, and hanged up the 13 proscribed persons, without form of process, for which the Company paid dear afterwards, and so had Sir John, had he lived; but he finding the illegal proceedings of Mr. Child to be insupportable, and meeting with many affronts (from that man without manners) died at Bombay about two months before the Sedee came on it. He was much lamented by all honest men that knew him. He was captain of the Happy Return who accompanied the Gloucester when she was bringing the Duke of York to Scotland, and lost by the way. It was Captain Weyburn that sent his barge to wait on the Duke, and brought him safe on board of the Happy Return, who carried him forward to Scotland, for which good service he was knighted. He was ever after a great favourite of King James, who seeing he could not be brought into his measures, put that employ on him, to dismiss him with honour.

And now the Sedee being master of the whole island, except the castle and about half a mile to the southward of the castle, he raised batteries on Dungeree Hill, which overlooked the fort wall, and disturbed the garrison very much; then he put four great guns in the custom-house, commonly called the India-house, and raised a battery at the Moody's house, within 200 paces of the fort, and another in the lady's house that he had been so unkind to, so that it was dangerous to go out or in at the castle gate, till we got up an half moon before it. All men were then prest into the Company's service, and I amongst the rest. We passed the months from April to September very ill, for provisions grew scarce by the addition of 3000 Sevajees that were employed as auxiliaries in the military service of the Company. When the winter months were over, at September we went to sea with our small ships, to cruize on the Mogul's subjects, and had pretty good success. I was employed in that service, and had the command of a small privateer of seven or eight tuns, with twenty fighting men, and sixteen rowers. In three or four months I brought nine prizes into Bombay, laden most with provisions and clothes for the enemy's army, which was now increased to 40,000: but we were not allowed any plunder, but were rather plundered ourselves, for when we brought our prizes in, our chests were severely searched, and if we had saved any of our pay, it was seized for the Company's use, as money we had found in the prizes, which made us careless in pursuing the enemy at sea. Except when hunger pinched we never looked out for prizes, by which indifference of ours many of the enemy escaped that we could have taken.

The ill success we had ashore with the enemy made our General sick, and, in December, he dispatched two factors to the Mogul's court, with a Surat merchant, called Meer Mezamie. He was our friend, and had some interest at court. They went under the name of the English ambassadors. Mr. George Weldon was first in commission, and Abraham Navaar, a Jew, was second. In fifteen days they arrived at court, being then at Jehanabant. They were received but coldly; but, about the middle of April, by the special assistance of presents to the officers at court, they were admitted to audience, but were brought to Aurengzeb's presence after a new mode for ambassadors, their hands being tied by a sash before them, and were obliged to prostrate. The King gave them a severe reprimand, and then asked their demands.

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They first made a confession of their faults, and desired pardon, then that their Phirmaund, which was forfeited, should be renewed, and that the Sedee and his army should be ordered off Bombay. Their submission he accepted of, and pardoned their faults, on condition that Mr. Child should leave India in nine months, and never come back again, the Phirmaund to be renewed, on condition that satisfaction should be given his subjects on account of debts contracted, robberies committed, and losses and damages made good, and, on security given for the due performances of these promises, the Sedee and his army should be ordered off the island. In January General Child died, which much facilitated their affairs, but it was kept secret at court, till they knew how the King would order the affair about him. In March Meer Mezamie died also, and, it was supposed, was poisoned by some enemies contracted by his good services to the English. When he was given over by physicians, our ambassadors sent to know what he had done with 50,000 rupees, he had received for secret services. He answered, that he was sorry that ever he had meddled in their affairs, for he had served them even with his life, and yet they were not contented, for what use that sum was put to, he durst not divulge.

When our affairs were in so bad circumstances at the Mogul's court, the Dutch Company had one Mr. Baroon their ambassador there, who designed to impose on Aurengzeb, who, he thought was ignorant of European affairs. The news of the revolution in Britain being arrived in India, when he had an audience of Aurengzeb, he began to magnify the power and grandeur of his country, and vilify the English. The Mogul seemed to be pleased with his discourse, to encourage him to go on. He told, that the English were but contemptible in comparison of his sovereigns, for they were forced to send the English a King to rule over them, and that if His Majesty would exclude the English from the trade of his dominions, the Hollanders would carry it to a much greater height, and enrich his treasury, and the English would not know where to get bread. The Mogul gravely answered, that if his masters were so much superior to the English in power and riches, they might easily drive them out of India, engross all the trade of his countries to themselves; and commanded him to tell his masters, that he expected it from them. Then the ambassador excused himself, and told, that he could act nothing in that affair till he received orders from Holland. Aurengzeb then reprimanded him, and shewed him wherein he had lied; for, says he, about seventeen years ago, the King of France conquered most of your country in a few days, and that it was the English, and not the power of Holland, that repelled him, and that if England did not hold the balance of power, either the Emperor or the King of France could conquer it in one campaign.

The ambassador knew not how to answer to those truths: but, being sent to solicit some indulgence in their trade, he could obtain none, and so left the court dissatisfied.

After our ambassadors had obtained pardon, they began to be respected, and had liberty to take their diversion abroad, till a new Phirmaund was drawing up, which, according to the method of the eastern courts, took up some time: however, orders were sent to the Sedee to forbear hostilities, and the English had the same orders, so that frequent visits past between the Sedee's people and ours. And, during the war, about 60 Europeans of several nations, had deserted from us, and took pay of the Sedee. The reason they gave for their desertion, was ill usage they had received from some Irish officers; yet most of them returned after the war, on promise of pardon.

The Phirmaund being ready, and the required security given, Sedee Yacoup left Bombay the 8th of June, 1690; but he also left a pestilence behind him, which, in four

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Now we may see the Mogul's style in his new Phirmaund to be sent to Surat, as it stands translated by the Company's interpreters, which runs thus in the printed copy annexed to Sir John Child's 35 articles of grievances:

THE occasion of your writing to me, was your being in fault of all these troubles; that you have repented of what you have done, that you made several complaints against former governors, all which I have here from several of my Umbras, and the several abuses received from them, and their officers, all which you should have acquainted me with, before you proceeded so violently. Having acknowledged your error, and desired pardon, I do not only grant your request, pardoning what is past, but granting you a Phirmaund according to your desire, and have ordered Asfit Caun to forward it to the governor of Surat, with such particulars as he will acquaint you with.

At the arrival of my Phirmaund, receive it with great respect, acknowledging the great glory you have got in obtaining the same, that you may trade as formerly at your pleasure, and as accustomed. That you deliver the merchants, that have complained against you, their ships with their effects. That, for the future, you do not commit the like error, in doing as you have done, and proceed according to my will and pleasure, and be not forgetful of the same.

If you receive any affronts from my governors, or their officers, or any of my subjects, be not negligent in acquainting me of the same. I have ordered Asfit Caun to write accordingly.

What you write concerning former governors, protecting Mr. Boucher, that you have several demands of him, that you cannot call him to an account, desiring that he may be delivered to you. My order is, that you prove your demands according to law, that justice may be done accordingly.

Dated the 31st year of Aurengzeb's reign.

It seems the King was not ignorant of the hard usage his subjects had met with, nor was he desirous to use severity in punishing offences and affronts; but, like an indulgent prince, only told them of their faults, and prudently admonished them not to be guilty of falling into such like errors, and, in a majestic style, advised them to receive his favours and graces with great respect, and that they ought to make the law the standard of justice, and, in all his words and actions, used a Christian moderation.

General Child being dead, Mr. John Vaux succeeded him in the government of Bombay; but Mr. Bartholomew Harris, who had been prisoner at Surat (all the time of the rupture) had the seigniority in the Company's service; but it being not the custom for one that had been the Mogul's prisoner (for any crimes judged to be capital) to receive public marks of esteem from the state, without a singular amnesty from the King, Mr. Vaux was obliged to go to Surat and receive the Phirmaund and the King's serpaw or present, which, on such occasions, is generally a fine horse, and a suit of clothes from head to foot, made of rich attasses or zeerbastas. Those are satins and taffetas full of gold or silver flowers wrought in them. The horse must never after be sold, on no account whatsoever. They have also a fine turban, embroidered shoes, and a dagger of value, stuck into a fine cummerband or sash; and, being equipt in that habit, the Phirmaund is presented (by the goosberdaar or hofbalhouckain, or, in English, the King's messenger,) and the governor of the province

vince or city makes a short speech adapted to the occasion, setting forth the great honour conferred upon him by the greatest King in the world, with an admonition to make future actions deserve the merit of such favours.

After the aforesaid manner Mr. Vaux received the Phirmaund in a gilded box, and, according to custom, put it on his turban for a little while, and, by an interpreter, returned the governor's compliment, acknowledging the King's favours, and the governor's civilities; and then the governor conducted him from the garden (where the ceremony was performed) into the city, through a great concourse of people, who welcomed him with shouts of joy as he passed through the streets to the English factory.

After Mr. Vaux had staid in the city about a week, he sent to acquaint the governor of the necessity he lay under to return back to his government of Bombay; but the governor sent him word, that none but he could be trusted by the King to see the performance of the contract accomplished, and begged, that he would not think of leaving the city, lest the King should take it amiss, and repent him of the favours he had shewed to the East India Company; and so Mr. Vaux was detained an hostage for his master's future good behaviour.

Mr. Harris, according to that Company's ordinary custom, demanded the presidency from Mr. Vaux, who, to save contention, gave it to him, though his mind was so debilitated, that he was but few degrees wiser than an ideot, and, in two years time, Mr. Vaux was suspended the Company's service, and to remain their hostage at his own charges, and so he continued till the year 1697, when he, by accident, was drowned in Surat river, by a pinnace's oversetting, in which he and his lady had been taking a pleasure on the water.

This Mr. Vaux had been book-keeper to Sir Josiah Child in England, and, for his good services and behaviour, was preferred by his master to a supercargo's post in a ship to China, which trade, in those times, was the most profitable of any within the limits of the Company's charter. In anno 1684, he was sent thither on board a ship called the Carolina, commanded by one Captain Harding; but Mr. Vaux and Harding disagreeing in their passage to China, Mr. Vaux laded the ship, and sent her back to England, while he himself went passenger on board a Surat ship for Bombay, where he was entertained in the Company's service as a factor, and wrote to Sir Josiah Child the reasons he had for leaving the Carolina, and his resolution of staying in India. Sir Josiah continued his esteem for Mr. Vaux, and procured him several profitable posts at one and the same time in the Company's service, and, amongst the rest, constituted him judge in civil affairs, which brought him both a good salary and perquisites. After he was intalled in that office, Sir Josiah wrote him a letter of admonition and reminiscence, wherein, after many postulates, he put him in mind of the many favours he had done him, and that now, having the power of condemning the Company's enemies, or such as should be deemed so, particularly those who should dare to question the Company's power over all the British subjects in India, and that he expected his orders from time to time, should be observed and obeyed as statute laws.

Mr. Vaux gratefully acknowledged Sir Josiah's favours in his answer to that letter, and promised, that, as he had put him into that post of honour and profit, he would strive to acquit himself with all the integrity and justice he was capable of, and that the laws of his country should be the rule he designed to walk by.

In answer to that letter, Sir Josiah seemed to be angry, and wrote roundly to Mr. Vaux, that he expected his orders were to be his rules, and not the laws of England, which

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which were an heap of nonsense, compiled by a few ignorant country gentlemen, who hardly knew how to make laws for the good government of their own private families, much less for the regulating of companies and foreign commerce:

I am the more particular in this account, because I saw and copied both those letters in anno 1696, while Mr. Vaux and I were prisoners at Surat, on account of Captain Evory's robbing the Mogul's great ship, called the Gunsway.

Having given an account of some part of Sir John Child's reign, I must also remark a few slips in the government of some of his successors, and of the ways that they took to get into the chair of Bombay.

I remarked before, that Mr. Harris was a very weak and indolent person, very unfit to govern a colony and the factories subordinate to Bombay, and, by that means, a cunning designing fellow, one Mr. Samuel Annesley, had the reins of the government wholly in his management, who shewed, that he had malicious wit and avarice enough to embroil both his masters and the private merchants affairs in Surat in Harris's time, and, on Harris's death, got into the presidency, or rather tyranny.

The Mogul's subjects have a good many fine large ships that trade all over India. The owners of those ships had a very great regard for the courage, conduct, and art of navigation of the English, above any other European nation in India; and, for those qualifications, the Indian owners procured English officers to go in their ships, and allowed them very handsome salaries and indulgences. The captains had from 10 to 15l. per month. Mates from six to nine pounds, and the gunners and boatswains had also good salaries, besides the privilege of carrying some goods and merchandizes, freight free.

Mr. Annesley thought those salaries and indulgences were too great for seamen, so he went about to reduce them to about one half, and the other moiety he looked on as his own due by virtue of his post.

Some, through fear or necessity complied, others again, who despised both his power and tyranny, would, by no means, come into his measures, and those he looked on as rebels, and persecuted them to the utmost of his power, bribing the Mogul's governor to plague us; so some were ruined by his villainy, whilst others bade him open defiance: and we were not wanting on our side to expose him and his masters to the Mogul's subjects, which, in the end, was the loss of both their esteem and credit among the trading people of that country. The poorer sort, whose maintenance depended on their labour and industry, losing their employments in the Moorish merchants service, were obliged to fall on new schemes to support themselves, not very well suited to the Company's interest, for some went and joined themselves with the pirates.

The Company in England received accounts from every one that came from India, of Harris and Annesley's mal-administrations, sent out Sir John Gayer to take care of their affairs. He arrived in anno 1694, with the lofty title of General of all India. He continued Annesley in the Company's service till the year 1700, but divested him of all power of doing more mischief; and, in the end, he dismissed him the Company's service.

Sir John Gayer was a man not vicious in his temper, yet he had some slips in his government that proved prejudicial to his character, though, in matters of common commerce he acted pretty regularly, till a young lass of 3000l. portion made him dispense with the common methods of matrimony. This young gentlewoman was a daughter of Mr. Ward, before mentioned. She had no relations alive, and unad-

vifedly married one Mr. Solomon Lloyd, a factor, and the marriage was clandestine, which was pofitively againft the ftatute law of Bombay, where no marriage is binding but when the governor's confent is tacked to it. This law Sir John had got by heart, and unmarried the poor factor after confummation, and married her to his own fon; but the fecond marriage was attended with ill confequences, for, whilft her husband was at China, one Coleman was ordered to teach her to write good; Englifh, but, neglecting thofe orders, he taught her fomething elfe, and was difcovered in the praftifing, by a watchful mother-in-law. The poor fchool-mafter was fent, in irons, on board a fhip for England; and the poor husband's head ached as long as he lived.

Another piece of ill conduct was in forcing the Mocha frigate's men on board, againft their wills, to proceed on a voyage to China, notwithstanding their juft complaints againft Edgecomb their captain, whom the mutineers fhot in his cabin, and then turned pirates, and infefted the freights of Malacca, robbing and plundering all fhips that they could overcome. Captain Hide, in the Dorrel, met her there in her paffage to China, and had a fharp engagement with her, but got clear with the lofs of 16 men killed, and fome wounded, which difabled the Dorrel fo, that fhe proceeded no farther than Malacco.

And another fault of Sir John's was in fuffering himfelf and his lady to be taken prifoners at Swally, by the governor of Surat's order, when he might either have avoided that difgrace by force or flight; but it was generally believed, that that was only a piece of policy to get to Surat, in order to employ his money, which he could do much better there than at Bombay.

Sir Nicholas Waite fupplanted Sir John in the government of Bombay, and in the prefidency. He was a man of very loofe morals; and his bare-faced injuftices and prevarications irritated the inhabitants and foldiery of Bombay, that they feized him, and fent him prifoner for England. Though his reign was fhort, it was very pernicious to his mafters, as well as to particular merchants under his jurifdiction. But, to return from this digreffion.

Bombay was governed by a deputy, fince the prefident was obliged to ftay at Surat. And of feven or eight hundred Englifh that inhabited before the war, there were not above fixty left by the fword and plague, and Bombay, that was one of the pleafanteft places in India, was brought to be one of the moft difmal deferts; but the fpirit of injuftice ftill refided in it, for thofe who had ventured through the war and plague in defence of the ifland, had not the liberty of returning home to their own country, nor to raife their fortune by private trade, but all were continued preffed men in the Right Honourable Company's fervice, without the hope of preferment, which made fome difcontents.

And, even in the time of war, when ftrangers fhould have been encouraged to bring provisions on the ifland, the Company's taxes of five per cent. were exacted with great feverity, for I have feen the Portuguefe fubjects bring twenty or thirty poultry to the market, and have had five of the beft taken for the cuftom of the reft.

CHAP. XX. — *Gives an Account of what is remarkable on some Islands, and of the Sea-coast, as far as Goa.*

TWO leagues from the castle is a small island belonging to the Company, called Butcher's island; it is of no use, besides hauling ships ashore to clean, and graze a few cattle. And, a league from thence, is another larger, called Elephanto, belonging to the Portuguese, and serves only to feed some cattle. I believe it took its name from an elephant carved out of a great black stone, about seven foot in height. It is so like a living elephant, that, at two hundred yards distance, a sharp eye might be deceived by its similitude. A little way from that stands an horse, cut out of a stone, but not so proportionable and well-shaped as the elephant.

There is a pretty high mountain stands in the middle of the island, shaped like a blunt pyramid, and, about the half of the way to the top, is a large cave, that has two large inlets, which serve both for passage into it and lights. The mountain above it rests on large pillars, hewn out of a solid rock, and the pillars curiously carved. Some have the figures of men, about eight feet high, in several postures, but exceedingly well proportioned and cut. There is one that has a giant with four heads joined, and their faces looking from each other. He is in a sitting posture, with his legs and feet under his body. His right hand is above twenty inches long. There are several dark rooms hewn out of the rock, and a fine spring of sweet water comes out of one room, and runs through the cave out at one of the inlets. I fired a fusée into one of the rooms, but I never heard cannon nor thunder make such a dreadful noise, which continued about half a minute; and the mountain seemed to shake. As soon as the noise was over, a large serpent appeared, which made us take to our heels, and got out of the cave at one door, and he, in great haste, went out at the other. I judged him about 15 foot long, and two foot about. And these were all that I saw worth observation on that island. I asked the inhabitants of the island, who were all Gentows, or Gentiles, about twenty in number, if they had any account, by history or tradition, who made the cave, or the quadrupeds carved in stone; but they could give no account. About a league from Elephanto, is an island called Salvageo. It affords nothing but fire-wood, with which it supplies Bombay. And, about half a league from it, is the island of Caronjaa, belonging to the Portuguese. It affords no trade, but eatable for Bombay, from whence it lies east about two leagues. Between it and the main land, is the mouth of Pen river. And four leagues south of Bombay, are two small islands, Undra and Cundra. The first has a fortress belonging to the Sedee, and the other is fortified by the Sevajee, and is now in the hands of Connajee Angaria. The English have made several attempts to take it, but never could, though in anno 1719, it had certainly been taken, had not a Portuguese traitor, who lay on one quarter of it with some vessels of war to hinder relief coming to it, betrayed his trust, and let some boats pass by in the night with provisions and ammunition, which the island was in great want of. The English landed, and were obliged to retire by some loss they received.

About four miles to the south-east of Cundra, is Culabee, a fort built on a rock a little way from the main land; and, at high water, it is an island, belonging to the Sevajec. And, two leagues to the south of Culabee, is Chaul, a town belonging to

the Portugueze, whose river affords an harbour for small vessels. The town is fortified, and so is an island on the south side of the harbour, called Chaul Moar, which may be known five or six leagues off at sea, by a white church built on it. Chaul, in former times, was a noted place for trade, particularly for fine embroidered quilts; but now it is miserably poor.

Dande Rajapore lies seven leagues to the southward of Chaul, a town belonging to the Sedee, who generally lies there with a fleet of the Mogul's vessels and ships of war, and an army of 30 or 40,000 men. This place affords a good harbour for his fleet, and the country about feeds good numbers of black cattle, from whence Bombay is mostly supplied, when they keep in good terms with the Sedee, otherwise he makes them feed on fish, which that island is plentifully stored with; but now worse than before the Sedee's war. There is a rock fortified by the Sevagee, that lies within a league of the mouth of Dande Rajapore river, to the northward, and another as far to the southward, called the Whale, that shews his back at low water.

Coasting to the southward from Dande Rajapore, are several small rivers, and fishing towns. Zeferdon is the best, and two little islands called Horney Coat, fortified and kept by the Sevagee. It lies five leagues to the northward of Dabul, which stands at the mouth of a large river, and, of old, was a place of trade, and where the English once had a factory.

There is an excellent harbour for shipping eight leagues to the southward of Dabul, called Sanguseer; but the country about being inhabited by raparees, it is not frequented: nor is Rajapore, about seven leagues to the southward of Sanguseer, though it has the conveniency of one of the best harbours in the world, and had formerly both an English and French factory settled there; and the place where General Child had his education, from ten years old to eighteen, under his uncle Mr. Goodshaw, who was chief there, and having betrayed some of his uncle's secrets, in making use of the Company's cash in his own private trade, his uncle was cashiered, and, before the nephew was come to four and twenty, he had the honour to fill his chair.

About the year 1685, when Aurengzeb's army was in Decan, in order to bring Sevajee Rajah to submission, but could never do it, a son of Aurengzeb, called Sheek Eckbar, had contracted a friendship with the Rajah. His father having notice of it, dissembled his resentment, till he had, by fair promises, enticed the Sevagee to come to his camp on the public faith, but had a design to have him cut off in his return from the camp. Sheek Eckbar forewarned him of his danger, while he was in the camp, which made the Rajah depart in the night, without taking a formal leave, which Aurengzeb imputed to his son's advice to the Rajah, and, to requite his son, he had a mind to make his life atone for the Rajah's, but designed it to be taken from him by stratagem; wherefore, pretending more kindness than ordinary to his son, he sent him a fine horse, richly furnished, and a vest, which was very rich and beautiful, but was poisoned by a perfumed powder. His son, with great acknowledgements, received the present, but, being too well acquainted with his father's subtlety, put not the vest on, but deferred it to another time, that he might put it on with more solemnity; however, he ordered it to be put on a slave, who died in a day or two after he put it on. On which Sheek Eckbar fled to Rajahpore, and took shipping, with a few attendants, for Muskat, where he was kindly received by two English gentlemen, Messieurs Bental and Stephens, and they provided a vessel to carry him to Persia, where he had a royal welcome,

come, and was soon after married to that King's sister, whom Merriweys dethroned, and beheaded at Ispahan.

When the English had a factory at Rajahpore, that country produced the finest beteellas and mullins in India; but now all arts and sciences are discouraged, and the port not frequented. There are fine artificial cisterns for water there, and a natural hot bath, within three yards of a very cold one; and both are reckoned very medicinal.

Ghiria is another harbour, about two leagues to the southward of Rajapore. That is the common place of residence for Connajee Angarie, which is well fortified by a strong large castle, washed by the sea. Whether Ghiria is also called Vizendruck, or whether it lies about seven leagues more southerly, I am not certain; but that place, to the southward, determines the limits of his government that way.

About twelve leagues to the southward of Ghiria, is an island about two miles in circumference, and fortified with a stone wall round it, called Malwan. It lies about a mile from the main land, and is governed by an independent Rajah, who is also a freebooter; and keeps three or four grabs at sea to rob all whom they can master. And that is all I know of him.

Vingula lies about four leagues to the southward of Malwan, and was formerly a place of trade; and the Dutch Company had a factory there for cloth, both fine and coarse. But, in anno 1696, a Rajah, called Kempason, overrun that country, and subdued it, and, under pretence of visiting the Dutch chief factor, took an opportunity of the Dutch being in security, seized their factory, and plundered it, but killed nobody. The trading people in the country, in and about the town, having no security for their persons and estates, fled to the Portuguese dominions of Goa, that lie within six leagues of Vingula. The Rajah finding the country deserted by the natives, wrote to the viceroy of Goa to send them back, but, on his non-compliance, entered the Portuguese territories, and plundered and burnt all he could lay hands on, not sparing the churches and images, for which sacrilege the Portuguese gave him the name of Kema Sancto, or, Saint Burner; and they raised a force sufficient to drive him and his freebooters out of their dominions, but, for many years, continued in his robberies, when opportunity presented, which kept the poor country peasants continually alarmed; and, for all the Portuguese haughtiness and pride, they were at last forced to buy a peace, and allow him a yearly pension to keep him quiet.

He is a soldier of fortune, and will serve those Rajahs who hire him best, so that if he assists one at one time, if another gives him better hire, he racks about, and serves on the other side. His army consists of 7 or 8000 men, and he had two grabs at pirating at sea, but, in a dispute about a prize which Connajee Angarie laid claim to, they went to war, and Connajee being much superior to him in power, first took his grabs and burnt them, and then landed at Vingula, and burnt and destroyed the villages near the town. And I know not if ever they made peace since.

Two leagues to the northward of Vingula river there is a parcel of rocks that stretches about two leagues into the sea. The outermost lies in 17 fathoms of depth. They seem to have been volcanoes.

The religion of all the countries, from Dande Rajapore, to the dominions of Goa, is Paganism; but they are not tied up to divine or moral rules. And so I leave them to take a view of Goa.

CHAP. XXI. — *Gives an Account of Goa, its Situation, Trade, Religion and Churches, with the Fortifications about it, the Limits of the Portuguese Dominions there, as far South as Cabo de Rama.*

GOA, the metropolis of India, under the dominion of the crown of Portugal, stands on an island about 12 miles long, and six broad. The city is built on the north side of it, on a champaign ground, and has the conveniency of a fine salt water river, capable to receive ships of the largest size, where they lie within a mile of the town. The banks of the river are beautified with noble structures of churches, castles, and gentlemen's houses; but, in the city, the air is reckoned unwholesome, which is one cause why at present it is not well inhabited. The viceroy's palace is a noble edifice, standing within pistol shot of the river, over one of the gates of the city, which leads to a spacious noble street, about half a mile long, and terminates at a beautiful church, called Misericordia. The city contains many noble churches, convents and cloisters, with a stately large hospital, all well endowed, and well kept. The market-place stands near the Misericordia church, and takes up about an acre square, where most things of the product of that country are to be sold; and, in the shops about it, may be had what Europe, China, Bengal, and other countries of less note furnish them with. Every church has a set of bells, that one or other of them are continually ringing, and, being all christened, and dedicated to some saint, they have a specific power to drive away all manner of evil spirits, except poverty in the laity, and pride in the clergy; but, in those that are not used to nocturnal noises, they are very troublesome in the nights. The viceroy generally resides at the powder-house, about two miles below the city, on the river side, the springs of water there being reckoned the best on the island, which is a liquor very much esteemed by the Portuguese, except when they can get wine or spirits cost free, and then they will drink to excess.

The religion, established by law, is the Romish, and here are the most zealous bigots of it; and the laws of the church (but not of their country) are rigorously observed, and there is a severe inquisition court to punish any whom the inquisitors have the least suspicion of, which awes both clergy and laity to such a complacency, that I question if there is such a pack of notorious hypocrites in the world; and yet their Indian converts, who go by the general name of Cannarians, retain so much of their ancient heathenish superstition, that they abstain from eating cows flesh, because of the veneration paid to that beast, above others, by the Gentows, whose offspring they are.

There are many Gentows dwell in the city, who cannot be brought to change their idolatrous superstition for the religion of Rome; but they are tolerated because they are generally more industrious than the Christians, especially in mechanical employments and agriculture; but the mercantile part of them are very subject to the insults of the Reynolds, or European Fidalgoes, who will often buy their goods, and never pay for them; which custom has also crept into some countries better polished than the Portuguese, only with some restrictions, that they dare not use force in taking what they have occasion for, as the Portuguese do, nor inflict corporal punishments on their creditors, when they ask for their money, so that it is dangerous for the poor industrious merchant, either to refuse their goods, or to lose their money when it is due,

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due, for fear of a bastinado in either case, and sometimes worse consequences, which abuses make the circulation of trade very faint and weak.

The clergy at Goa are very numerous and illiterate, and are a very great burden on the state. Their churches are richly furnished with fine decorations and images, and, as I said before, richly endowed to maintain the luxury of a great number of idle drones.

Their houses are large, and their outsides magnificent; but within (like their owners heads) they are but poorly furnished, and their tables very mean. Green fruits and roots, in their seasons, with a little bread and rice go far in their diet; and candied and preserved fruits are their regalia in all seasons. They have hogs and fowl plenty, but use them sparingly; and the church feeds most on fish, but not miraculously, for the poor fishers dare sell none till the priesthood is first served, so that the laity mostly eat stale or stinking fish. And the soldiery, fishers, peasants and handicrafts feed on a little rice boiled in water, with a little bit of salt fish, or atchaar, which is pickled fruits or roots, and drink fair water when they can get it. This fine spare diet never loads them with superabundant flesh on their bones, and, without the church, it is rare to find a corpulent man among them. They are generally very weak and feeble, but whether that proceeds from their diet, or from their too great inclinations to venery, or from both. I am not physician enough to determine.

Their soldiers pay is very small and ill paid. They have but six xerapheens per month, and two suits of calico, striped or chequered, in a year. Their two suits may amount to forty xerapheens; and a xerapheen is worth about sixteen pence half-penny sterling. Out of their six xerapheens in money that they are to receive, their captain, who is barrack-master and victualler to his company, detains five, and the other one is paid in small money to discharge the accounts of the shoe-maker, tailor, barber, washerman, and tobacconist, so that frugality is no great virtue among them, though theft is, and really they are very dextrous in that art, as well as in murder, for if they are detected in committing such innocent crimes, the very next church is a sanctuary for them, and neither divine nor human laws can affect them after they get in there.

This nation was famous in the fifteenth century for their navigation and discoveries in the East Indies, where, by friendship or force, they made settlements all over its sea-coasts. Their settlements were thick set between Mozambique and Japon: and, as a monument of their grandeur then, their language goes current along most of the sea-coast at this time: their insolent pride and war with the Dutch have brought them to the poverty and contempt they are in, as I shall remark in their proper places.

The Muskat war, (that has lasted since the Arabs took that city from them,) though the longest, has done the least harm, for it obliges them to keep an armada of five or six ships, besides small frigates and grabs of war, which gives bread to great numbers of people who otherwise would be much more burdensome to the state, by crowding into churches. The Arabs and they have had many encounters, but no great damage done on either side. I was witness to one engagement near Surat bar, but it was not bloody.

They also have had several wars ashore, but the most dangerous to the city of Goa was that with Sevajee Rajah, who got footing on the island about the year 1685. He raised some batteries against the town, which would have annoyed it very much, had not a Portuguese heroine, in a sally, got into a redoubt of the enemy's, and cut them to pieces, which struck such a terror into Sevajee's army, that they quitted their posts and fled. The lady was alive in anno 1705, and received the pay of a captain all her

days after that noble exploit. She was called Donna Maria. She came to India in man's apparel, in quest of a gentleman that had promised her marriage, and then deserted her, and went, in quality of captain, to India; she found him, and challenged him at sword and pistol, but he rather chose to make the quarrel up amicably by marriage.

I have stood on a little hill near the city, and have counted about eighty churches, convents and monasteries, within view; and I was informed, that, in the city and its districts, which stretch about 40 miles along the sea-coast, and 15 miles within land, there are no fewer than 30,000 church vermin, who live idly and luxuriously on the labour and sweat of the miserable laity, so that every body that has sons and substance, strives to buy places for them in the church, because neither military or civil preferments can be expected from the state, or if by merit they chance to raise themselves, yet the tyranny and oppressions of the domineering clergy is insupportable; for instance, I knew a gentleman that bought a parcel of fresh fish, and a priest coming soon after to the fishers, and finding that none was left for the church, he demanded the gentleman's bargain, who excused himself, by telling the priest, that he had some friends to dine with him, and could not spare them. The priest gave him a reprimand in scurrilous language, and the gentleman using some tart language to the priest, that offended him, he let fly the sharp dart of excommunication, that pierced him so deep, that it cost him above seven pounds sterling to take it out again, and beg his pardon on his knees before the Archbishop, before he could be absolved.

In a fine stately church, dedicated to St. Paul the apostle, lies the body of St. Francis Xavier, a Portuguese apostle, and a Jesuit by trade, who died in his mission to Japon in the sixteenth century; and, about fifty years after, as a Portuguese ship was going to, or coming from China, being near an island on that coast, called after St. Juan, some gentlemen and priests went ashore for diversion, and accidentally found the faint's body uncorrupted, and carried it passenger to Goa, and there with much veneration and ecclesiastical ceremony, it was deposited in an aisle of St. Paul's church, where it lies still, and looks as fresh as a new scalded pig, but with the loss of one arm; for when the rumour of the miracle reached Rome, the sovereign pontiff ordered his right arm to be sent, that he might find out if there was any imposture in it or no, or perhaps make him fadge in a China bonzee into his calendar, under the name of a Christian saint. Accordingly his arm was fairly cut off by the shoulder, and sent to Rome to stand its trial. When His Holiness had viewed it, he called for pen, ink and paper to be brought on a table, and the arm set near them. After a little conjuration, in full view of the sacred college, who were there present, and no body else, the faint's hand took hold of the pen, dipped it in ink, and fairly wrote Xavier.

I take it to be a pretty piece of wax-work that serves to gull the people of their money, for many visit it with great veneration, and leave something at its shrine for the maintainance of candles and olive oil, that continually burn before it: And a priest attends weekly to shave his head and beard; but none but that priest has the honour to come within the iron rails that are placed about the corpse, four or five yards distant from it. Now, if any should question the truth of Xavier's story at Goa, they would be branded with the odious name of an obstinate incredulous heretick, and perhaps fall in the hands of a convincing inquisition.

But, if any incredulous heretick should be squeamish, and cannot swallow the story of Xavier without chewing it, I will tell them of another, that, doubtless, will go glibly
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down. At a certain time, but God knows when, a ship of Portugal coming to India, got the length of Cabo de Bona Esperanza, and then met with such a violent storm, that drove the ship so violently before it that it was past the pilots skill to keep her to rights in her course; and who should come to their assistance in that critical juncture but Senhor Diabolo, who took the helm, and managed it very dexterously: and the Virgin Mary, to shew her kindness and skill in navigation, stood a whole night on the fore-castle, directing the Devil how he should steer, and behold, to the great admiration of all concerned, the ship was high and dry in the morning, in a valley on the south side of the river of Goa, about half a mile within the land. The ship sailed very well, for that in one night she ran, according to a moderate computation, 1500 leagues. And in commemoration of this miracle, there is a fine church built where the ship anchored so safely, and the structure is just the length, breadth, and height of the ship. The church I have often seen as I passed up and down the river. And this story is so firmly believed at Goa, that it is dangerous to make any doubt of it.

Of all the churches in or about Goa none is honoured with glass-windows, but one in the city dedicated to St. Alexander, for the rest are all served with clear oyster-shell lights, which are far inferior to lights of glass: all their stately houses are furnished with oyster-shell lights.

The country about Goa is sterile in corn, but it produces some excellent fruits. The Goa mango is reckoned the largest and most delicious to the taste of any in the world, and, I may add, the wholesomest and best tasted of any fruit in the world. Their jambo Malacca is very beautiful and pleasant, and they have very good pine apples and melons.

The little trade they have is mostly from their arrack, which is distilled from toddy of the cocoa-nut tree, which grows in great abundance in the territories of Goa. The English are their best customers, for they buy great quantities yearly for punch. It is sold by the candy, or two casks, about 45 gallons each, for 25 xerapheens per cask; but I have bought it for 20. when there was no great demand for it. They also make a great deal of salt in ponds made in low grounds, where they may convey the water at spring tides. It may be bought for a crown the tun, and sometimes cheaper.

The river's mouth is guarded, and the entrance defended by several forts and batteries, well planted with large cannon on both sides. On the island is the black fort, which stands within half a musket-shot of the bar, which is shut up by the south-south-west monsoons, from April to September, when is St. Anthony's new-moon, as they call the first new-moon in September. The freshes coming down from the mountains, carry off the sands, which choke the mouths of the rivers along all the coasts of India. And, without the black fort, is a battery built close to the sea on a little promontory, called Nos Senhor de Cabo, about a mile without the black fort. And, just over that battery, on a little hill about 40 yards high, is a fine monastery always kept as white as snow, and may be seen a good distance off at sea. The monastery has a large pleasant garden towards the land, and an orchard of excellent fruit trees. And, on the opposite of Nos Senhor de Cabo, is a fort built on the face of a little hill, which commands that side of the river. And, without that, is the Aguada, fortified with a fort on its top, and several batteries at the foot of its high grounds, which are also about 40 yards high. In the castle is placed a large lantern for a light-house, to shew shipping the way into the road about the beginning of September, when thick clouds obscure the land, that it cannot be well known at sea. All boats that are bound to the city, are obliged to call at Aguada, to give an account from whence they came, and what their business is; and if any presume to pass without calling there, they are sure of a

shot fired from a battery at them, to put them in mind of their duty. Two leagues to the south of Aguada are the Marmagun islands, being five in number, and run a league into the sea. The two innermost are fortified, to command the entrance of the river of St. Lorenzo, which is a branch of Goa river, parting about five leagues from their mouths, and compose the island called Goa island.

This country belonged formerly to the kings of Visapore; but in the fifteenth century, when Albuquerque found the Portuguese colonies in India, he purchased the islands of Goa and Salfet, which lie contiguous to Goa, from the King, who did them many singular services, which afterwards were repaid by ingratitude.

About the year 1666, when the Dutch had a war in America and India, with the Portuguese, the Dutch sent a squadron, to try if they could add Goa to the rest of their Indian conquests, but found its avenues so well fortified, that it was thought impracticable to land. Their ships were forced to lie at a good distance from Aguada and Nos Senhor de Cabo, and so continued sitting at anchor triumphantly, without action, except a little diversion they had with a Portuguese bravo, who, with a small ship of forty guns, would needs pass through the Dutch fleet as they lay at anchor; but they soon made him sensible of his rash folly, by sinking his ship, and either killing or drowning him and all his crew.

When the Portuguese and the Sevajee had war, (I think that Conde de Villa Verde was then viceroy,) there were so few soldiers, and so many priests, that he was obliged to take recruits for his army, out of the church; but the King of Portugal was forced to recal him for that great offence.

Between Goa and Salfet there is a little river that is another branch of the river of Goa, which disembogues about a league to the south of Marmagun, at a village called Bangricool, and affords a little harbour for small vessels, from which place the island of Salfet stretches five leagues along the sea-shore in a fine level plain, planted with coconut trees and churches. The product of this island is as that of Goa, arrack and salt. The churches and monasteries are seminaries for black Romish priests, and the country, besides them, produces good store of hogs and poultry. At Cabo de Rama, which is contiguous to Salfet, are the limits of the dominions of the Portuguese on the part of India.

CHAP. XXII.—*Gives an Account of the Sundah Rajah's Dominions, the Product, Religion and Customs of his Country, with Observations on his War with the English East-India Company, in anno 1718.*

CABO de Rama, or, as the English call it, Cape Ramus, begins the limits of the Sundah Rajah's country to the northward, and has a castle on the cape to secure his frontier; but there is no river or harbour for shipping, till we come to Sevaseer, and that is but a bad one, though it has the cover of a large castle with few guns in it. But,

Carwar, which lies seven leagues to the southward of cape Ramus, has the advantages of a good harbour, on the south side of a bay, and a river capable to receive ships of 300 tons. The English have a factory here, fortified with two bastions, and some small cannon for its defence. The Rajah is tributary to the Mogul at present, but formerly was a part of Visapore's dominions, before Aurengzeb conquered that country. This Rajah's dominions reach from Cape Ramus to Merzee, about fifteen leagues along the sea-coast, and sixty or seventy leagues within land.

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About the year 1660, Aurengzeb came into Vifapore with an army of 3 or 400,000 men, and soon conquered the open country; but the metropolis, called the city of Vifapore, took him seven or eight years to reduce it, for being built on a flat mountain of difficult access, and room enough to sow corn on it, obliged Aurengzeb to furround it with his army, and make a blockade; but at last it yielded, and Aurengzeb put the King in chains of silver, and carried him in triumph along with his victorious army, near the space of thirty years, and then he died an inglorious captive. He was reckoned a good simple peaceable prince while he reigned, but was in no way related to the god Mars.

The Sundah Rajah's country is mountainous, and lies on both sides of the mountains of Gatti. The vallies abound in corn and pepper, the best in India; and the woods, on the mountains, with many forts of wild beasts, as tigers, wolves, monkies, wild hogs, deer, elks, and wild cattle of a prodigious large size. I have seen a wild bull killed there, whose four quarters weighed above a tun weight, besides the hide, head and guts. I measured his horns, which were not long in proportion to their thickness, being twenty three inches in circumference about the roots, and his marrow-bones so large, that I took the marrow out with an ordinary silver-spoon. The flesh was not so favoury as that of small tame cattle, nor would it take salt kindly, but grew hard, dry and black when salted.

This country is so famous for hunting, that two gentlemen of distinction, viz. Mr. Lembourg, of the house of Lembourg in Germany, and Mr. Goring, a son of My Lord Goring's in England, went incognito in one of the East-India company's ships, for India. They left letters directed for their relations, in the hands of a friend of theirs, to be delivered two or three months after their departure, so that letters of credit followed them by the next year's shipping, with orders from the East-India Company to the chiefs of the factories, wherever they should happen to come, to treat them according to their quality. They spent three years at Carwar, viz. from anno 1678 to 1681; then, being tired with that sort of pleasure, they both took passage on board a Company's ship for England, but Mr. Goring died four days after the ship's departure from Carwar, and lies buried on the island St. Mary, about four leagues from the shore, off Batacola, and Mr. Lembourg returned safe to England.

There are three species of tigers in Carwar woods. The smallest is the fiercest. It is not above two feet high when it walks. It is very cunning, and delights much in human flesh. The second sort is about three feet high, and hunts deer and wild hogs, and a little creature, called a pissay. Its body has the shape of a deer, but its head like a swine; and, as a boar has two long tusks growing upward from the nether jaw, so it has two long small sharp teeth which grow downward from the upper jaw, and reach as low as the under part of the lower jaw. They are very harmless and fearful, and feed on grass and herbs. They are hardly so big as a full grown cat, and their flesh is black, and tastes like an hare's. The largest size of the tigers is above three foot and an half high, when they walk. They are less rapacious than the others, seldom greedy of human flesh, and sooner frightened. A poor peasant in this country had a buffalo bemired in a bog, and while he went to his neighbours for assistance came a large tiger that saved them the trouble, for he pulled it out by his own dexterity and strength, and when he had done, threw him over his shoulder, as a fox does a goose, and was carrying it, with its feet upwards, to his den, but, when he saw the people, he let it fall, and went away; but he had killed the buffalo, and

had sucked his blood. It is a small buffalo that weighs not above 300 lb. weight, and some weigh 1200.

I once was in the woods with my fuzee, to try if I could kill a deer, but a small rain happened to fall that damped my powder, which was only wrapped up in paper; and my gun being usefess, I was making towards the plain where our factory stands, and falling on a foot-path from the mountains towards the plain, I kept in that road, and had not gone far, till I espied a tiger of the largest size standing in the same path, with his face towards me. As soon as he saw me, he squatted his belly to the ground, and wagged his tail, crawling slowly towards me. I thought it would be in vain to flee, so I stepped leisurely forward, till I came within ten yards of him; I then clubbed my fuzee, and made what noise I could to frighten him, and he out of civility, rushed in amongst a thicket of bushes, and left me the road, which I did not think fit to accept of, but got in among the bushes on the opposite side to him (I dare say) much more frightened than he was. And, before I got to the plain, I saw a wild bull and a cow grazing. The bull grew angry, and snorted, but the cow only gazed on me; but I soon got out of their sight, and got safe to the factory; but never went into the woods again but with a numerous company.

The chief of the English factory is held in very great esteem in this country, and when he goes a hunting, is generally accompanied with most part of the people of distinction in the vicinage, who bring their vassals and servants with them, armed with fire-arms and other weapons, both missive and defensive, with trumpets, hautboys and drums. The fire men place themselves at convenient distances, along the skirts of an hill or a wood, except some that are sent in to guard those who are sent with their loud musick to rouse the game. The drums, trumpets and hautboys spread themselves sometimes for a mile or two, and on a signal given, strike up at once, and march towards the skirt where the fire men are placed. The wild inhabitants being astonished with the unusual noise, betake themselves to their heels, and fall in the ambuscade, and many of them are killed and wounded in their flight. I saw, in one of these huntings, above a dozen of deer killed, two wild cows with their calves, who would not leave their dead parents, though they had done sucking; also four or five sows, who had above a dozen of pigs following them, and were all killed, with some pissays; and all in less than two hours space. The hunters made good cheer of what they liked best, and what remained was sent to the factory; and the chief soon following after, was conducted home by the whole company, and at the factory gate, made him a compliment, and departed. At this time, which was in anno 1692, the factory had about a score of good dogs for game, of English brood, and the Company allowed each of them about two pounds of boiled rice daily, but now they are better husbands of their money, and have discharged all their dogs and other superfluities, except one good old custom of treating strangers that come there from Europe, with pretty black female dancers, who are very active in their dancing, and free in their conversation, where shame is quite out of fashion.

The woods produce great quantities of good teak timber, useful in building both ships and houses. It is more durable than oak. And there is good poon mast, stronger, but heavier than fir. There is a shrub grows in the woods, that has a leaf bigger than that of the fig-tree; and the dew that falls on that leaf being carefully gathered, and set in the sun a day or two, becomes the pleasantest and strongest acid that ever I tasted.

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Before Aurengzeb conquered Visapore, this country produced the finest bettecllas or mullins in India. The English Company had a great cloth trade here, and employed about 50,000 people in that manufactory; but the Mogul's licentious soldiery fell into this province, and ruined all manner of trade, plundering the industrious inhabitants of all they could lay hands on, and cut the Company's cloth from the loom, and used the weavers so rudely, that they left their own country, to look for protection in countries farther to the southward, where war had not fet up her bloody banners.

When the Mogul's general had taken possession of that province in his master's name, he invited the gentlemen of the English factory to an entertainment in his tent, under pretence of settling the Company's commerce, and, while they were at dinner, he sent a party of men, who plundered and burned their house, which made the Company build and fortify what they now have; but he who built it where it is, had no great foresight in choosing his ground, for it ought to have been built in a place of free communication with the sea, but now it stands a league from it. And in anno 1718, the Rajah shewed them their error, and built batteries at the mouth of the river, so that the factory is nothing at present but a genteel prison, which by dear bought experience, we found in a war we had with him, by the indiscretion of one Taylor who was chief, who pretended to be lord of the manor, in appropriating a wrack to his own use, that was cast away above four miles from the factory. The Rajah could not bear to be so bare-facedly affronted in his own dominions, by tenants that would hear no reason. He besieged the factory for two months before the season would admit of forces coming to assist them by sea; and when they arrived, the seas run so high on the shore, that there was great difficulty of landing in the teeth of an enemy, who had ten times our numbers, so that the first attempt of landing was unsuccessful, by reason of our men's neglect and disobedience to the orders they had received, and about fourscore of our bravest fellows were cut off, and some taken prisoners: but, about six weeks after, we had some revenge on the enemy in an engagement on the side of an hill among thick bushes. The enemy being above our men began their fire at break of day, to beat our men from a spring of fresh water close to the sea: but our small vessels lying near the shore to cover about 400 men, that lay to guard the water, fired with such good success, that, in an hour's time, they were obliged to retire, and leave nearly 200 dead in the woods; and our men pursuing them in their flight, and some execution on them.

We were in daily expectation of more forces, and did not expect an enemy battle, because of their numbers and our want of experience; but the enemy, during the nights, in burning villages, for there was little to be done at sea we took some vessels laden with salt going to the enemy, and three ships of the Rajah's coming from Arabia with horses, to the number of 140, which created us much trouble to find provender and water for them: however, when our reinforcement came, we could muster, in our fleet, of seamen and soldiers, 2250 men. The enemy raised some batteries on the strand to hinder our landing; and we took two of the prizes, and made them shot-proof above water, and laid them ashore at high water to batter their batteries and keep the enemy at a distance with their great shot, till our men were landed and drawn up. Each of our floating batteries was covered with a frigate of 20 or 24 guns. When all was ready we landed 1250 men, without the least hindrance from the enemy, for they were preparing to flee to the woods; but our fresh water land officers were so long drawing up their men in a confounded hollow square, that the enemy took courage, and, with horse and foot came running towards our men, firing,

firing, and wounding some as they marched in their ranks, which our commandant seeing, pulled off his red coat, and vanished. Some other as valiant captains as he, took example, and left their posts, and then the the soldiers followed, and threw down their arms. We lost in this skirmish about 250; but our floating batteries would not permit the enemy to pursue far, nor durit they stay to gather up our scattered arms, so about 80 sailors went on the field of battle, and brought on board of the commodore about 200 stand of arms, most of them loaded: however the enemy had some loss too, for we found eleven horses dead, and saw many fires along the foot of the hills to burn their dead men in.

The Rajah had, by this time, 7000 men engaged in this war, which expence he began to be tired of, and the loss of his ships and horses was some mortification to him, besides the Saw Rajah had made an inroad into his northern borders, which made him incline very much towards a peace, and accordingly he sent a Brahman on board the commodore of the fleet, to negotiate a peace. The commodore heard him, and advised him to make his overtures to Mr. Taylor; but he said, that the Rajah would by no means consent to treat with him, complaining, that he was not only the occasion of that war, but even, before the war, had done some detriment to him and his subjects, for receiving the Company's pepper above 100 miles from the factory. He made the servants that went to receive the pepper, take certain quantities to sell out by retail in his villages, to the utter ruin of many poor inhabitants, that had no other way to get their livelihood, but, by huckstering; and because the company's agreement with his forefathers and himself, gave them a free trade in all his dominions, he passed all over, but was forced to relieve the poor botickeers or shop-keepers, who before could pay him taxes; however we being tired of war as well as he, by the mediation of a Seid, who was a friend to both parties, in ten days after the first overture was made, peace was proclaimed on easy terms for both parties.

There is one trick that the priests yearly put upon the people in this country, that would puzzle the best merry-andrews in Europe to imitate, and that is, about the latter end of May, or the beginning of June, there is a feast celebrated to the infernal gods, with a divination or conjuration to know the fate of the ensuing crop of corn. The ceremony I saw here, and at other places on the coast of Canara. The priests having persuaded some fools to bear a part in the farce, proclaim the feast to be on such a day, at a certain grove, where several thousands of people assemble, and in the middle of the grove is placed a black stone of 3 or 400 weight, without any designed shape, but some places bedaubed with red lead mixed in oil, to serve for a mouth, eyes and ears, with a little earthen pot of fire placed before the stone, and a girl about ten years of age to attend it.

Some priests, all naked, except a bit of cloth to hide their privities, run and dance round the stone and fire for half an hour, like mad-men, making strange distortions in their phizes, and now and then bellowing like calves. This was the first scene. Those priests had erected a scaffold on two axle-trees, that had trucks fitted for them like the carriage of ship guns. In the middle of the scaffold (which might be about 15 foot long, and as broad) was erected a piece of wood about 15 feet high, with a notch cut in the upper end, like the cheeks of a ship's pump, with holes bored for a bolt to pass through, as pump cheeks have. A tree hewn for their purpose, about 40 feet long, was laid about the middle in the notch, and a bolt passing through the cheeks and that tree, like a pump-brake. At one end of the tree were placed two cross pieces, one at the very end, and the other about four feet without it. Each of

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these cross pieces were about four feet long, and, at the other end had a rope fastened to it. And this was the vehicle for the actors to hang on for a mile or two.

The actors presenting themselves to the priests, being four in number, dressed as the priests were; only on their heads, crowns were made round their temples, of sugarcane leaves, open at the top, like diadems. The priests brought two tenter-hooks, such as the butchers in Britain hang their meat on, for each actor, and, after some ridiculous ceremony, hooked them on each side of the back-bone, a little above the kidneys. Those hooks had cords fast to them, so they went dancing round the stone, and the priest holding their strings fast, and, after two minutes dancing, they came tamely to the end of the tree, where the cross pieces were fastened, and one was tied up to each end of the cross pieces, and the mob was ready to hale down the other end, and fastened it to the end of the scaffold, and the foolish fellows were hung up by the back, above ten yards from the ground. The populace broke some old coconuts on the scaffold, and some hundreds of them got hold of the ropes fastened to the scaffold, and hauled it over ploughed ground, above a mile, to another grove; and the girl with the pot of fire on her head, walking all the way before. When they came to the end of their journey they were let down, and going into the grove, where was placed another black stone paged, the girl set her fire before it, and run stark mad for a minute or two, and then fell in a swoon, and in that she lay sweating and foaming at the mouth prodigiously. When she grew mad, the men fell flat on the ground before the image, and then arose after she fell in her trance. She continued immovable about a quarter of an hour, and then awoke, and seemed to be very sick. The priests interrogated her about what she had seen and heard from the terrestrial gods, and she gave them a satisfactory answer, on which they all bowed to the image, and put their hand on a cow that was there ready, dedicated to the image; and so all departed satisfied.

On sight of the new moon in August they have another piece of superstition, in a feast dedicated to the sea, for the prosperous navigation of the ensuing season. They have the effigies of the god Gunnies, which is a man's body, with an elephant's head, clapped cleverly on his shoulders, and carried in procession to a river's side, and thrown into the river, upon which, all rivers who have bars are opened for navigation.

This Gunnies was son to Ram, another god, who had a great war many years with a certain sort of gigantick devils, that insulted the land, and carried away all the virgins they could lay their paws on; at length Ram overcame them in a bloody battle, for which success, he swore he would make a sacrifice of the first living creature he should meet in his own dominions, to the great god of heaven; and poor Gunnies was the first object that presented himself; for being a good loving son, came on purpose to meet and welcome his father from his fatigues in war: you may judge what a pack of troubles Ram was in, but there was no remedy, but Gunnies must die; and, with great regret, he was about to have his head struck off, when a clever fellow of a Brahman doctor came, and told Ram, that by his art he could save Gunnies's life, if his advice might be followed, which Ram promised to do, on which the doctor ordered a young elephant to be brought; and when the father whipped off his son's head, the doctor very skilfully cut off the elephant's at one stroke, and nimbly set it on Gunnies's shoulders, to the great admiration of all the beholders; and from that day to this, Gunnies has wore an elephant's head.

There are a set of Brahmans in this country called Buts, they study astrology, and are in great repute for their exemplary innocent lives, and skill in prophesying. In the year 1684, one Moam But told some things very surprising, when Mr. Waller was chief for the English at Carwar.

In the space of three years no English ship from Europe had called there, and the gentlemen longing for one, and Moam But coming to visit the chief, Mr. Walfel asked him if he could tell when a ship from Europe would call there. He answered, he could tell, and musing a little while, told, that on that same day forty days, which happened to fall out on Sunday, one would arrive, and that she was, at that time, at anchor at an island on this side of the Cape of Good Hope, taking refreshments. The chief told him, if he prophesied true, he would present him with as much scarlet cloth as would make him a coat. The But answered, that he, thanked him, but that neither of them would live to see her arrive, and therefore advised Mr. Walfel to set his house in order; and that, to prove some part of the prophecy true, the But himself should die ten days after the day he prophesied, and that Mr. Walfel should die so many days after. Accordingly the But died, which put the other's mind out of order, till the day of his death came, and that morning Mr. Walfel said, he believed the conjurer was out in his reckoning, for he never was in better health in his days; but, after dinner, he had an apoplectic fit, that carried him off. And the ship's pinnace came ashore at the factory gate that noon that the But told she should arrive. The ship was the Mexico Merchant, commanded by Captain Roger Paxton, whom I well knew.

The pretty nimble female dancers at Carwar are not so by choice; but all trades and occupations being listed into tribes, none can marry out of their own tribe; and, as it fortun'd, the originals of this tribe were ladies that could not be confined to one husband, and so would not marry. Their posterity are not suffered to marry, because there are no men in their tribe allowed. When the lasses bring forth children, the males are brought up soldiers, and the females are learned to dance, and what they earn by dancing goes to the Rajah, except a small share for the girl's maintenance. What they get by their kindness to strangers is all their own; and I have seen some have very fine clothes and jewels acquired by their trade.

The Portuguese have an island called Anjediva (before mention'd), about two miles from Batcoal. They fortified it, for fear that Muskat Arabs or the Savajees should have settled on it; if they had, they might have incommoded the Goa fleet that goes yearly to Canara for corn.

At the mouth of Carwar river, are two fortified islands called Shipe and Gur. One is fortified by walls built round it, and some guns mounted on it. The other is sterile and dry, and not worth walling. They both belong to the Rajah of Sundah. There are some islands lie athwart the mouth of the bay, that make the harbour of Carwar, but none inhabited. The bay has two large entrances for shipping. That to the north is clear from danger; but the south channel has a sharp rock like a pyramid in the middle of it, that several large ships have struck on, for there is too much water on it for small ships to be frightened by it, having at least 15 feet water on its top.

There are several more little harbours in this Rajah's dominions to the southward of Carwar, viz. Ankla, Cuddermuddy and Merzee, whose river terminates the Sunda's territories, and brings us on to a better country, viz. Canara.

CHAP. XXIII. — *Gives a Description of Canara, shewing its Fertility, Product, Government, Religion, Customs, and Temper of its Inhabitants.*

ONoar is its northernmost port, and has the benefit of a river, capable to receive ships of two or three hundred tons. It has a castle on a low hill, about a mile within

the bar, built, of old, by the Portuguese, when they were lords paramount of all the sea-coasts of India; but the Rajah of Canara was so affronted by them, that he laid siege to the castle, but was three years in reducing it; and so long he blocked it up, till hunger forced a surrender.

The religion, by law established, here, as well as in Sundah, is the Pagan. And there is a pagod or temple, called Ramrut, that is visited yearly by great numbers of pilgrims. Close by the temple, there is a fine cistern or tank, of a square oblong figure. It is continually furnished with good water, that gushes out of the face of a rock, as big as a man's thigh. There are about 50 steps cut out of the same rock, that lead from the surface of the earth down to the tank; and at the foot of the stairs is a little summer-house built. The tank is about three fathoms deep in the middle, and is stored with plenty of pretty brown fish, with a white stroke from their head to tail, on each side of the back-bone. And when any musical instrument is played on by the sides of the tank, they come in such numbers towards the music, that they may be taken up in baskets; but none dare meddle with them, because they are consecrated to the pagod.

Sometimes they carry the image of the pagod in procession. In figure he is more like a monkey than a man. They put him into a coach in form of a tower, with a pyramidal top about 15 feet high, where eight or ten priests are set to bear the image company, and to sing his praises. The coach has four wheels, and a rope of a good thickness made fast to it, and drawn through the streets by strength of hand, with a great mob attending his godship, wherever he is drawn.

In Canara there are several customs peculiar to itself, and many of them are spread abroad to remote countries. Here it was, that the custom of wives burning on the same pile with their deceased husbands had its beginning. It is reported, that before the Brahmans invented this law, poison was so well known and practised, that the least quarrel that happened between a married couple, cost the husband his life, and this law put a great stop to it; and now custom so far prevails, that if any faint-hearted lady has not courage enough to accompany her spouse to the other world, she is forthwith shaved and degraded, and obliged to serve all her husband's family in all kinds of drudgery.

I have seen several burned several ways. In this country they dig a pit about ten feet long, and six broad, and fill it with logs of wood. One great piece is set at the brim of the pit ready to fall down on pulling a bit of string. When all is ready, there is good store of oil or butter thrown on the wood, and then the husband's corpse is placed about the middle of the pile, and fire set to it, which blazes in an instant. Then the spouse took her leave of all friends and acquaintances, and drums, trumpets and hautboys being playing cheerfully, she walked three or four times round the pile, which, by this time, was all in a great blaze, and then leaps in on the corpse. As soon as ever she leaped in, a priest drew the string, and down fell the great log of wood, at least 500 pound weight, over her body, and all consumed together.

In other parts they do not use pits, but a pile is built, and the corpse laid on it, and fire put to it; and the victim dancing round it for a little time, to the noise of loud music, leaps in; and, if she hesitates, the priests thrust her in with long poles, making such an hideous noise that she cannot be heard; and, all the while she is a burning the priests dance round the fire. Others again take fonnific medicines, and stand by the pile till they fall on it while asleep. I heard a story of a lady that had received addresses from a gentleman, who afterwards deserted her, and her relations obliged her to marry another, who died shortly after the marriage, and who, accord-

ing to custom, was laid on the pile; and, as the fire was well kindled, and she going to act the tragedy on herself, she espied her former admirer, and beckoned to him to come to her. When he came, she took him in her arms, as if she had a mind to embrace him; but being stronger than he, she carried him into the flames in her arms, where they both consumed, with the corpse of her husband: yet I have known some faint hearted girls that had not the courage to accompany their spouses into an unknown world, but rather live in this, though under the badge and umbrage of ignominy and shame.

This country of Canara is generally governed by a lady, who keeps her court at a town called Bydour, two days journey from the sea. She may marry whom she pleases; but her husband never gets the title of Rajah, though if she has sons, the eldest of them does; but neither husband nor son have any thing to do with the management of the government, while she lives: nor are the queens obliged to burn with their husbands. The subjects of this country observe the laws so well, that robbery or murder are hardly heard of among them. And a stranger may pass through the country without being asked where he is going, or what business he has.

No man is permitted in this country to ride on horses, mules or elephants, but officers of state or troopers, though we are allowed to ride on oxen or buffaloes: nor none are permitted to have umbrellas carried over them by servants, but must carry them themselves if the sun or rain offend them; but in all things else there is liberty and property.

The next sea-port, to the southward of Onoar, is Batacola, which has the vestigia of a very large city, standing on a little river, about four miles from the sea. There is nothing of it left now worth noticing, but ten or eleven small pagods or temples covered with copper and stone. The country produces good quantities of pepper; and the English company had a factory there: but about the year 1670, an English ship coming there to trade, had a fine English bull-dog, which the chief of the factory begged of the captain.

After the ship was gone, the factory, which consisted of eighteen persons, were going a hunting, and carried the bull-dog with them; and, passing through the town, the dog seized a cow devoted to a pagod, and killed her. Upon which the priests raised a mob, who murdered the whole factory; but some natives, that were friends to the English, made a large grave, and buried them all in it. The chief of Carwar sent a stone to be put on the grave, with an inscription, that this is the burial-place of John Bell, with seventeen other Englishmen, who were sacrificed to the fury of a mad priesthood, and an enraged mob. The English never returned there since; but often buy pepper there. The island St. Mary lies west-north-west from the mouth of the river of Batacola, about four leagues distant, being the burial-place of Mr. Goring before observed. There are some more islands lying close to the shore, but are best with rocks under water. And what ships pass between St. Mary and them, ought not to venture above two miles within that island; but there is no danger within a quarter of a mile of it, but what is visible.

The next town to the southward of Batacola, is Barceloar, standing on the banks of a broad river, about four miles from the sea. The country abounds in rice, having in many places two crops in a year, by the advantage they have of some lakes at the feet of the mountains of Gatti, whose waters being confined by sluices, are let out at convenient times to water their rich fields. The Dutch have a factory here, only to buy up rice for their garrisons on the Malabar coast. It stands about a mile from the river's mouth, that has a bar of 13 or 14 feet water on it at

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The Portugueze also get supplies of rice for Goa, and they have six or eight ships, belonging to Barceloar, that carry their cargoes of rice to Muskat, and bring back in return, horses, dates, pearls, and other merchandize of the product of Arabia. To the southward of this place, on a plain road that leads to Mangulore, are planted four rows of trees, on the sides of a walk about eight or ten miles long, which being very large, and having spreading branches ever green all the summer, serve for umbrellas to passengers that travel that road. And, on several places, there are huts built, where some old people stay in the day time, with jars of fine clear water for the passengers to drink gratis, at the charge of the state. Baccanoar and Molkey lie between Barceloar and Mangulore, both having the benefit of rivers to export the large quantities of rice that their fields produce.

Mangulore is the greatest mart for trade in all the Canary dominions. It has the conveniency of one river produced by three that come into it different ways, viz. from the north, south, and east, all proceeding from the great rains and dews that fall from the mountains of Gatti, which lie 25 or 30 leagues up in the country, and are the inland bounds of the Canary dominions. Those three rivers join about a mile from the sea, and, at Mangulore, disembogue at one mouth into the common receptory of rivers.

The Portugueze had a factory for rice here, and a pretty large church, because great numbers of black Christians reside there. The priests, as well as their congregations, are the very scum of Christianity. The clergy are so shameless, that they will bargain with a stranger to pimp for them. And the laity look on whoring, thieving, and murder, as no sin, if any gain can be got by them.

The fields here bear two crops of corn yearly in the plains; and the higher grounds produce pepper, bettlenut, sandal-wood, iron and steel, which make Mangulore a place of pretty good trade. The town is poorly built, along the sides of the rivers, and has no defence against an enemy, but two small forts, one of each side of the river's mouth. The Rajah or Rana keeps generally about 15,000 soldiers on their Malabar frontiers, to repel the insolence of the Malabars, and another army towards the Sevagee borders, to cover them from the inroads of those Harpies; for the Malabars and Sevagees being poor in respect of the Canarines, watch opportunities to borrow the superfluities of their rich neighbours. Such practices have been used, in former times amongst us in Britain, and, no doubt, would still be so, if good wholesome laws, backed with good forces to see them put in execution, did not restrain us.

Along the Malabar frontiers, the Canarians have forts built of earth, wherein are kept about 2 or 300 soldiers ready, on all occasions, to encounter any small party of the Malabars that clandestinely come in to thieve or rob; but the Muskat Arabs, in anno 1695, came with a fleet, and plundered the sea-coast of Canara, and burnt Barceloar and Mangulore, and carried away a great booty. And Comagee Angarie, in anno 1720, came along the coast, and insulted it; but, on landing some men, found such resistance, that made him embark again, without doing much mischief to the country.

There is only one small sea-port more in Canara, called Manguzeer, about five leagues to the southward of Mangulore, and three from Decully, a large fort built on an island close to the land. And three leagues farther south is a small river that divides the Canara and Malabar territories.

CHAP. XXIV.—*Treats of the Malabars; their Forces and Families, Religion, Laws and Customs, Product of their Country, and their Commerce; with some miscellaneous Observations on their Customs and Laws.*

MALABAR is a pretty large country, divided into many principalities, and I have a list of them as they were given in to the ingenious and curious Heer Van Rede, commissary general for affairs of the Dutch East India Company in anno 1694, who died off Bombay in his voyage towards Surat.

Each province can raise forces by its clans, as follows:

	Men.		Men.
Tipopoforiwan :		Tefegidin Genatie :	
Terivancoar - - -	100,000	Elertecore - - -	10,000
Attinga - - -	30,000	Moutere Coree - -	10,000
Eledaforiwan - - -	50,000	Ambada Coree - -	10,000
Peritalie - - -	3,000		
Seigenatie - - -	30,000	Rapolin :	
Teirewey - - -	15,000	Elengoly Screwan -	5,000
Odenadie Carre :		Courour Nadie :	
Coilcolong - - -	50,000	Corour Monta Coil -	15,000
Pana Pollie - - -	15,000	Billiatte Serewan -	15,000
Martin Gallie - - -	15,000		
Carimbalie - - -	15,000	Badecancore :	
Teiom Balanore Koilie	3,000	Manne Tellum - - -	30,000
Reubanie Aregalie -	3,000	Moda Callie - - -	3,000
		Boy Pilcore - - -	15,000
		Kilmalle Core - - -	15,000
Chitawa Canaar :		Perimba Daponadie :	
Tellicherry Baakie - }	3,000	Martingaly Tavil - -	3,000
Elependre May Porombo }		Moute Tavil - - -	3,000
Dedamaadie Peneretta }		Palombe Tavil - - -	3,000
Moeterterte Manka Polie }		Teilor Tavil - - -	3,000
		Ela Tavil - - -	3,000
Perombara Cormaa :		Tefieragatta Nadie :	
Arregatte Calgampolie }	15,000	Teiragalle Caymaal -	15,000
Mamalie Madonie }		Padanarie erte Caymaal	8,000
Bambellendada :		Pindereretol Nade :	
Kilpolie Chitway - -	75,000	Pindereretel Nambi Deri	15,000
Martingalie Coer - -	37,000	Coil Pade - - -	1,000
Tekellenore - - -	37,000		
Doenjatte Penmaal -	3,000		
		Mangela Nade :	
		Belatte Tavil - - -	10,000
Cottenadie - - -		Cara ta Tavil - - -	15,000
Zembaga Cherry - -	30,000		

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	Men.		Men.
Nambourics, or, Priests :		Tomera Serinade :	
Bay Pinade - - -	6,000	Iregale Nade, a priest of the	} 3,000
Aaron Ade - - -	2,000	first order - - -	
Merinade Nambouri - -	3,000	Candette Nayer - - -	10,000
		Omnitric - - -	10,000
		Palangier Nayer - - -	3,000
Nanderetti Nade :		Mangalacka - - -	3,000
Coro Seir Caymal - -	30,000	Dana Seir Ilerda - - -	10,000
Cories Caymal - - -	5,000	Ramenatte Corie - - -	15,000
Siangrande Canmal - -	5,000		
Panna Maketts Caymal -	3,000		
		Polletti Nade :	
Tollapoli Nade :		Callistree Odirose Coilan	} 23,000
Amacotta Nambedi - -	15,000	Palle Coilan Zierrick Coilan	
Manacotta Nambedi - -	15,000	Ballanore Burgary - - -	30,000
Cacatte Nambedi - - -	15,000	Tellicherry Mota Naire	15,000
Tiftul Nambedi - - -	15,000	Zitre Caymal Mar - - -	30,000
Terratekin Nair - - -	15,000	Alarte Tere Caymal - - -	30,000
		Alarte Nade Adovodie	15,000
Nambiar; or, Priests of the second order :		Paravia Coil - - -	60,000
Relolafte Nambiar - -	3,000		
Relo Canadarie - - -	30,000	Bayella Nade :	
		Mangalette Naire - - -	1,000
Erenaden Carce :		Manetane Naire - - -	1,000
Cannal Canadrie - - -	40,000	Callepatte Naire - - -	1,000
Rete Coil - - -	5,000	Teyka Patte Naire - - -	1,000
Paro Pachoil - - -	3,000	Motrel Naire - - -	1,000
Ropo Coil - - -	2,000		

Making in all 1,262,009 men fit to carry arms.

There are several other principalities in this country that I do not find mentioned in this list, as Cannanore and Tannore, whose government are in the hands of Mahometans, or Malabar Moors. The kingdoms of Couchin and Porcat are not put down in the list, nor Paarow, which are potent principalities; and the Samorin, or empire of Calcut, one of the most potent of them all, has no place in this list.

But,
The country, though large and populous, is not fruitful in corn, for there is abundance of rice imported from Canara; but, being low and sandy all along the sea-coast, except a few rising grounds, which are the most sterile, yet it nourishes vast numbers of cocoa-nut and arecka trees, whose fruit brings them great gains from other countries. The higher grounds produce pepper and cardamums, the best in the world; and their woods teak timber and angelique for building, fandal-wood, or faunders, white and yellow cassia lignum, or wild cinnamon, and cassia fistula, nux vomica, and coculus India. Drugs grow plentifully in their woods, which are also well stored with wild game both for pleasure and use. Their mountains produce iron and steel, but not so good as we have in Europe. And their sea is stored with many species of excellent fishes.

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When the Portugueze came first into India, the Samorin of Calecut was lord paramount of Malabar; and, in his dotage, when he was well advanced in years, he would needs be a Mahometan, and, to shew his zeal, would go in pilgrimage to Mecca, to visit the tomb. Before he took his voyage, which was by sea, he made a will, and having four nephews, bequeathed each of them a part of his empire. To the eldest he bequeathed Callistree, whose sea-coast reaches from Decully to Ticorie, about 24 leagues. To the second, whom he loved best, the title of Samorin and a sea-coast from Ticorie to Chitawa, about the same distance. To the third, Attinge, which reached from Chitawa to Cape Comorin, about 50 leagues, because that part of the country is confined between the sea and the mountains of Garti, and is divided by rivers from those mountains, into more than 1000 islands between Chitawa and Quoilan. The youngest had Coil, which reached from Cape Comorin to the river of Nayapatam, about 50 leagues more.

The old zealot dying in his voyage, made great disturbances in the state among the brothers; and, after a long and bloody war, they concluded on the partitions of the foregoing list. Many of the tribes continue tributaries to the provinces mentioned in the old king's will; but many more are independent. And so I will return to Decully and proceed in my observations along the shore.

Between Decully and mount Delly there is no harbour, though a fine deep river keeps its course to the southward, along the shore, for about eight leagues, never, in all that tract, going above a bow-shot from the sea. It disembogues itself by the foot of mount Delly, over rocks and sands, in a channel of half a league broad. The inhabitants are a wild, superstitious, uncivilized people. There is also a small river that runs close by the foot of mount Delly, on the south-side. And three leagues south from mount Delly is a spacious deep river, called Balliapatam, where the English Company had once a factory for pepper; and the aforementioned Mr. Boucher was the last chief for their affairs there.

Cannanore was formerly a town belonging to the crown of Portugal, with a very strong fort to guard it, built on a point of land so commodiously, that the sea fortified above four fifths of it, and had the conveniency of a small bay for an harbour, that could shelter small ships from the fury of the south-west monsoons. The Dutch came with a fleet about the year 1660, and landed a small army, and were joined by a great number of the natives, who were weary of the tyranny of the Portugueze. The very first day that they opened their trenches a Portugueze fidalgo was killed on a bastion, by a shot from the Dutch, which so frightened the governor of the fort, that, in the night, he made his escape, and left the garrison to capitulate for themselves, which they did next day, to save the effusion of Christian blood by heretical cannon.

The Dutch continue still masters of the fort and added a large curtain, with two royal bastions fronting the land avenues. They demolished the town, and, with its stones, built those defences. There trade is very small, so that their garrison consists of about forty soldiers and a captain, who is governor of the fort; but there is a pretty large town built in the bottom of the bay, that is independent of the Dutch, and that town, with some circumjacent country, is under the government of Adda Rajah a Mahometan Malabar prince, who, upon occasion, can bring near 20,000 men into the field. His government is not absolute, nor is it hereditary; and, instead of giving him the trust of the treasury which comes by taxes and merchandize, they have chests made on purpose, with holes made in their lids, and their coin being all gold

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gold, whatever is received by the treasurer, is put into those chests by these holes; and each chest has four locks, and their keys are put in the hands of the rajah, the commissioner of trade, the chief judge and the treasurer; and when there is occasion for money, none can be taken out without all these four be present, or their deputies.

In anno 1668, the prince came into the Dutch fort to pay a compliment to the captain. He had brought about 50 attendants with him. While the prince was complimenting the captain, the Malabars took the opportunity of the Dutch security, and killed the sentinel at the gate; but the Dutch soldiers being all in their barracks, and their arms ready made, a seasonable rally, and drove the Malabars out, with the loss of twenty of their number; and the Dutch shut their gate. The fort is large, and the governor's lodgings at a good distance from the gate, so that the fray was over before either the prince or the Dutch captain knew any thing of the matter; and an officer bringing the news, the prince ordered a search to be made for the ringleader, and being found, he sentenced him to be smeared over with honey, and made fast to a cocoa-nut tree in the sun till he died. Next morning the sentence was put in execution. These cocoa-nut trees producing a sweet liquor called toddy, bring vast numbers of wasps and large red ants to drink the liquor. Those ants bite as painfully as the stinging of wasps. When the sun begins to be hot, they leave the top of the tree, and burrow in holes about the root. In their passage downward they fixed on the carcase besmeared with the honey, and soon burrowed in the flesh. The poor miscreant was three days in that sensible torment before he expired. The Dutch captain begged every day for a pardon, or at least for a milder or quicker death; but the prince was inexorable.

In anno 1702, I hired a ship called the *Albermarle*, in service of the new established East-India Company, to serve me three months and an half on a voyage from Surat to the Malabar coast and back; and having occasion to call at Cannanore, I accompanied the captain of the fort and an English factor from Tellicherry to the court of Omnitree, successor to the eldest son of the Samorin before mentioned, who died in his voyage towards Mecca.

Captain Beaves, who commanded the *Albermarle*, accompanied us also, carrying a drum and two trumpets with us, to make our compliment the more solemn. This was a visit paid him by all his tributaries and friends to wish him many happy years, it being his birth-day. We travelled eight or ten miles before we came to his palace, which was built with twigs, and covered with cadjans or cocoa-nut tree leaves woven together. We were admitted to his presence as soon as we arrived, in an open green, just by his palace window, which looked into it, where set his majesty, with his queen, and three or four of his children, pretty well grown up. We paid our compliment each with a zequeen in gold, and a few grains of rice laid on it, and so, by an interpreter we had some frivolous discourse. He treated us with toddy, some plain-tains, and young cocoa-nuts; and then after an hour's stay, we had audience of leave, and so departed.

Omnitree himself was a man of a good aspect, about forty years of age, of an olive colour. His dress was only a silk lungie or scarf made fast by a girdle of gold plate, about his middle, that reached to his knees, with great jewels of massy gold, set with rubies, emeralds and pearl, hanging at his ears, but no ornament on his head, but a very beautiful head of hair hanging over his shoulders. His queen and daughters were in the same habit, only their hair was tied up behind. They were all naked above

the navel, and were bare-footed. The queen had a cheerful countenance, and very affable to us and others, who had the honour to stand near her, distributing beer and arecka with her own royal hands, to strangers, who came, as we did, to compliment the prince her husband.

About the year 1685, there were three princes of the blood royal, who conspired to cut him and his family off, to possess themselves of the government of Callistree; but being detected, they were beheaded on altars built of stone. About two miles from Cananore the altars were standing when I was there. They were only square piles of hewn stone, about three yards high, and four yards each side.

Adda Rajah's dominions reach but ten miles to the southward of Cannanore, to Tellicherry river, near which he has an harbour called Dormepatani. Its passage inward is deep enough, but embarrassed with rocks in its entrance. It has an island against its mouth, called Cacca Diva, about half a league from the shore, invironed with rocks.

Adda Rajah has also the dominion over the Lacca Diva islands, which lie about 40 leagues off the Malabar coast, between the latitudes of eight degrees and an half and twelve and an half. I have seen eighteen of them. They are all very low, and have many dangerous shoals among them, and to the northward of them. The channel between them and the Maldiva islands, is called the eight degree channel. There are no dangers in it, and sometimes we pass through without seeing either the Maldivas, or them. There is another channel through them in 11 degrees latitude.

Their product is only cocoa-nuts and fish. Of the cocoa-nut kernels they express oil, which is fine and clear, fitting for lamps; and, when it is new, serves their kitchens. Of the rind of the nut they make cajar, which are the fibres of the cask that environs the nut spun fit to make cordage and cables for shipping, and for several other uses. Their fish they dry, and export to the continent. Sometimes in the southwest monsoons they find amber-grease floating on the sea. I saw a piece in Adda Rajah's possession, as big as a bushel, and he valued it at 10,000 rupees, or 1250 pounds sterling. What religion they have is Mahometan, for no other reason but because their prince is so, which complaisance may teach others a lesson of conformity.

The next province to Adda Rajah's dominions is Tellicherry, where the English East-India Company has a factory, pretty well fortified with stone walls and cannon. The place where the factory now stands belonged to the French, who left the mud-walls of a fort built by them, to serve the English when they first settled there, and for many years they continued so, but of late no small pains and charge have been bestowed on its buildings; but for what reasons I know not, for it has no river near it that can want its protection, nor can it defend the road from the insults of enemies, unless it be for small vessels that can come within some rocks that lie half a mile off, or to protect the company's warehouse, and a punch house that stands on the sea-shore a short pistol-shot from the garrison.

The town stands at the back of the fort, within land, with a stone wall round it, to keep out enemies of the chief's making, for in 1703, he began a war that still continues, at least there were folks killed in 1723, when I was there; and I was informed by a gentleman of judgment there, that the war and fortifications had taken double the money to maintain them that the Company's investments came to.

The occasion of the war, as I was informed began about a trifle. The Nayer, that was lord of the manor, had a royalty, for every vessel that unladed at Tellicherry paid

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paid two bales of rice duty to him. There was another royalty of every tenth fish that came to the market there, and both together did not amount to 20*l*. sterling per annum. The chief either appropriated these royalties to his own, or the Company's use, and the Nayer complained of the injustice, but had no redress. These little duties were the best part of the poor Nayer's subsistence which made it the harder to bear, so his friends advised him to repel force by force, and disturb the factory what he could, which he accordingly did (by the secret assistance of his friends) for above 20 years. The Company are the best judges whether the war is like to bring any profit to their affairs there, or no.

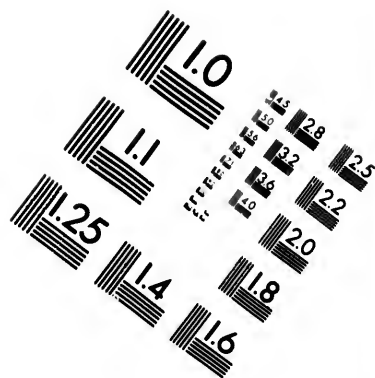
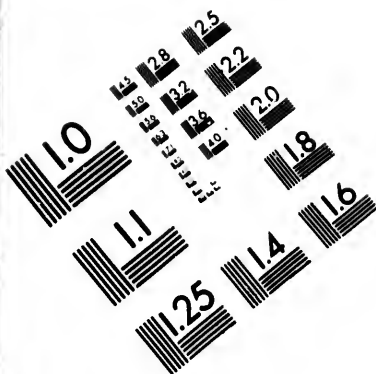
The established religion of this country is Paganism; but there are a few black Christians that live under the protection of the factory, and some of them serve for soldiers in the garrison. They have a little church standing within the outward wall of the factory, served by a priest or two, who get their subsistence by the alms of the parish. Among the Nayers have punch-houses, where the European soldiers make oblations to Bacchus, and if they want devotion, which their accounts can certify at pay-day, they are obliged to commute with their officer, or undergo some wholesome discipline or chastisement.

About four miles to the southward of Tellicherry, is a small French factory lately settled at the mouth of a small river, but for what end I know not; but I believe more to employ a little stock for the gentlemen of Calcut factory's account, than for the French Company's.

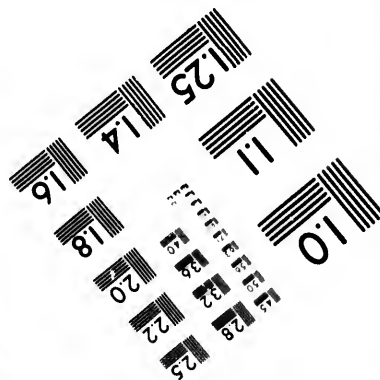
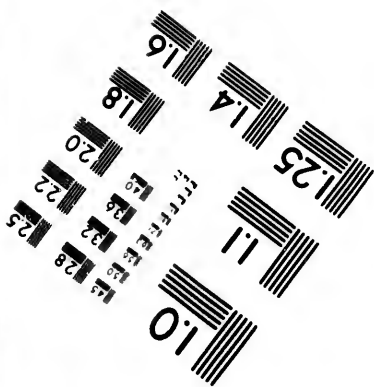
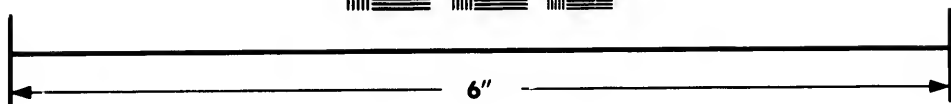
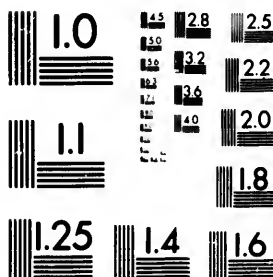
And eight or ten miles farther to the southward is Burgara, a sea-port in the dominions of Ballanore Burgarie, a formidable prince. His country produces pepper, and the best cardamums in the world. I once called at his port, and bought about 40 tons of cardamums for the Surat market. My ship was large and of good force, so he sent me a present of poultry and fruits, and sent me word, that he had a mind to see me on board my ship. I returned answer, that his visit would do me great honour, and I sent my barge to wait on him. He came on board in her, and brought about 100 attendants in other boats, along with him. I carried him to the great cabin, and would have treated him with coffee, tea and wine, or spirits, but he would taste none, telling me, that my water was polluted by our touch, but he thanked me. He desired to see the ship every where; and I ordered he should have free liberty, and went for an hour to and again, making his observations; and, when he had seen what he thought fit, he told me, that he would build a ship of the same dimensions, but there wanted water enough in his rivers to float her.

This prince, and his predecessors, have been lords of the seas, time out of mind, and all trading vessels between Cape Comerin and Damaan, were obliged to carry his passes. Those of one mast paid for their passes about eight shillings yearly, and those with three paid about sixteen; but when the Portuguese settled in India, then they pretended to the sovereignty of the seas, which occasioned a war between him and them, that has lasted ever since. He keeps some light galleys that row and sail very well, which cruise along the coast, from October to May, to make prize of all who have not his pass. In our discourse, I asked him if he was not afraid to venture his person on board of a merchant ship, since he himself was an enemy to all merchants that traded on these coasts. He answered, that he had heard of my character, and that made him fearless, and that he was no enemy to trade, but only vindicated his sovereignty of those seas before mentioned, and that our own king was invested with the like sovereignty not only on his own coasts, but on those of France, Holland and Denmark, and could have no greater right than he had, only he was in a better condition to oblige





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oblige the transgressors of his laws to obedience than he was: however he would maintain his claim and right the best way he could, and whoever lost their ships or vessels for contempt of his authority, might blame their own obstinacy or folly, and not him.

He stayed about three hours on board, and, at his going away, I presented him with five yards of scarlet cloth, a small carpet, a fowling-piece and a pair of pistols finely gilt, which present he seemed highly pleased with; and he took a manila, or wrist-jewel off from his left arm, on which was engraven something of their language, in their own characters, and putting it on my left arm, declared me a free denizen in all his territories; and all his attendants paid their compliments to me with profound respect. At his going over the side, he gave the boatswain ten zequeens for waiting on him while he viewed the ship, and ten more for the seamen to make a feast, and when my barge landed him, he gave the cockswain five zequeens, and loaded her back with poultry and fruit. He was a very well shaped man, about 40 years of age, of a very dark colour, but not quite black, his eyes very lively and sparkling, and something of a majestic air in his deportment.

Next day I waited on him ashore, and he carried me to his palace, which was very meanly built of reeds, and covered with cocoa-nut leaves, but very neat and clean. He had two rows of betle trees, which are very tall and straight, set in order about fifty yards from the door of his palace, for it was not large enough to be called a gate, and there he treated me with rice, fowl and fresh fish dressed after their way; and, after dinner, he shewed me several warehouses like barns, full of black pepper and cardamums; and he told me, he wondered why the English did not settle a factory in his dominions rather than at Calecut or Tellicherry, for he supplied both these countries with his commodities, and, considering the customs paid to him were but five per cent. and what was carried into their countries must pay other customs to the princes, the company would find pepper and cardamums much cheaper in his dominions, than they could possibly have them at their factories where they were settled. I told him, that sending his vessels to cruise on merchant ships had blasted the reputation of his country. He answered, that if the Company would make a trial of a few years in trading with him, they would be convinced of his fair dealings; or, if I would come and stay in his country, he would build a good stone house at his own charge, and make a fortification round it, in any place that I should choose in his dominions, and that I should be superintendant of all the commerce and trade in his country. I told him, that I could not accept of his favours without the approbation of our Company, and that would require time to be got. This happened in January 1703.

In 1707, he built a new ship, which I had a mind to buy. I was then at Couchin, and sent him word, that I designed him a visit. He returned an answer, that I was a freeman in his country, and might be assured of an hearty welcome. About ten days after I came in a small boat, to a place belonging to him, called Mealie. When news of my arrival were carried to him, he sent a person of distinction, with twenty armed men, to receive me, and ordered me to be lodged in a stone house, the common place for ambassadors to lodge in, when any had business to come to him. The bedding was only some mats spread on a couch; but it is the common bedding of the country, and his highness has no better. Before I was conducted to my lodgings, there was a present of rice, butter, hens, fruits and roots put into a pantry for me, and my retinue and guard, for supper. Next morning he sent a compliment, that he desired to see me at his palace. I went accordingly, and he received me very graciously, with many protestations of his friendship, and told me, he would make

good all that he had promised before; if I would continue in his country. I returned his compliment in the properest terms I could, and told him, I came to kiss his hand, and to buy his new ship, if he and I could agree. He told me, that I should have her at a very reasonable price, but that his religion forbid him to sell any ship that he either built or bought, till he had first employed her in one voyage himself. I stayed seven days in his country, and he treated me after the same manner as if I had been an ambassador, in defraying all my charges, and allowing his own servants to attend me.

When I went to his palace the first time, I was innocently guilty of ill manners; for, walking with him near his lodgings, I chanced to touch the thatch with my hat, which polluted it so much, that, as soon as I went away, he stripped it of its covering, because religion forbid him to sleep under it when it was thus polluted; but it was soon re-sanctified by a new thatching. If any of his own subjects had been guilty of the same fault, they might have run in danger of losing their lives for the offence.

I daily received for my table six hens, two pounds of butter, five and twenty pounds weight of rice, a quarter of a pound of pepper, and some salt, some bettle leaves, and green arecka, with twenty young, and ten old cocoa-nuts, but no fish, which was a favourite dish of mine. I sent my own servants to the fishing-boats, when they came from fishing, to buy some; but the poor fellows durst not take a penny of money, yet supplied me with what fish I wanted, and my servants took their opportunity to pay for them, when none of the prince's servants were present.

When I took leave to depart, he seemed to be sorry that I stayed so short a time with him, and ordered two days' provisions to be put into my boat, and I presented the officer that waited on me to the sea side with five zequeens for a feast of bettle to him and his companions. I do not certainly know how far southerly this prince's dominions reach along the sea-coast, but I believe to Tecorie, about 12 miles from Mealie, and the half way is Cottica, which was famous formerly for privateering on all ships and vessels that traded without their lord's pass.

There is a rock lies off Cottica about eight miles in the sea, which bears the name of Sacrifice Rock. There are no dangers near it for ships to be afraid of. How it came by its name is uncertain; but common tradition tells us, that when the Portuguese settled first at Calcut, which lies about seven leagues south-east of this rock, the Cottica cruizers surprized a Portuguese vessel, and sacrificed all their prisoners on that rock, which gave name to it. It is observable, that though the Portuguese got footing in all the dominions of the princes whose lands reach to the sea-shore of Malabar, yet they never could get a foot of ground in the Balanores country, though many trials have been made, and fair means used to effect it.

CHAP. XXV. — *Observations on the Samorin and his Country, their Religion, Laws, and Customs; Product of the Country and its Commerce; an Account of their War with the Dutch, begun in Anno 1708: and the Consequences of it.*

THE Samorin's country reaches along the sea-coast from Ticori to Chitwa, about 22 leagues. His chief city (if it may be called one) is Calcut, where he generally resides. His place is built of stone, and there is some faint resemblance of grandeur to be seen about his court. He is reckoned the most powerful king on the sea-coast of Malabar, and has the best trade in his country, which makes both himself and people richer than their neighbours. The English had a factory there many years, but
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now the chief and the factors are removed to Tellicherry, and what quantities of pepper they procure there by their black servants, is sent by sea to Tellicherry. The French have a small factory settled in anno 1698: but they are not in a condition to carry on a trade for want of money and credit: and the Portuguese have a church, but poorly decorated, and pitifully endowed, for Christian charity is much decayed there as well as in other places; and the priests' perquisites are but small by converts.

The product of the Samorin's country is pepper in abundance, bettle-nut and cocoa-nut, and that tree produceth jaggery, a kind of fugar, and copera, or the kernels of the nut dried, and out of those kernels there is a very clear oil exprest; also fandel-wood, iron, cassia-lignum and timber for building, all which commodities they export to the great benefit of the inhabitants.

Many strange customs were observed in this country in former times, and some very odd ones are still continued. It was an ancient custom for the Samorin to reign but twelve years, and no longer. If he died before his term was expired, it saved him a troublesome ceremony of cutting his own throat, on a publick scaffold erected for that purpose. He first made a feast for all his nobility and gentry, who are very numerous. After the feast he saluted his guests, and went on the scaffold, and very decently cut his own throat in the view of the assembly, and his body was, a little while after, burned with great pomp and ceremony, and the grandees elected a new Samorin. Whether that custom was a religious or civil ceremony I know not, but it is now laid aside.

And a new custom is followed by the modern Samorins, that jubilee is proclaimed throughout his dominions, at the end of twelve years, and a tent is pitched for him in a spacious plain, and a great feast is celebrated for ten or twelve days, with mirth and jollity, guns firing night and day, so at the end of the feast any four of the guests that have a mind to gain a crown by a desperate action, in fighting their way through 30 or 40,000 of his guards, and kill the Samorin in his tent, he that kills him, succeeds him in his empire.

In anno 1695, one of those jubilees happened, and the tent pitched near Pennany, a sea-port of his, about fifteen leagues to the southward of Calecut. There were but three men that would venture on that desperate action, who fell in, with sword and target, among the guard, and, after they had killed and wounded many more themselves killed. One of the desperados had a nephew of fifteen or sixteen years of age, that kept close by his uncle in the attack on the guards, and, when he saw him fall, the youth got through the guards into the tent, and made a stroke at his majesty's head, and had certainly dispatched him, if a large brass lamp which was burning over his head, had not marred the blow; but, before he could make another, he was killed by the guards; and, I believe, the same Samorin reigns yet. I chanced to come that time along the coast and heard the guns for two or three days and nights successively.

When the Samorin marries, he must not cohabit with his bride till the Nambourie or chief priest has enjoyed her, and, if he pleases, may have three nights of her company, because the first fruits of her nuptials must be an holy oblation to the god she worships: and some of the nobles are so complaisant as to allow the clergy the same tribute; but the common people cannot have that compliment paid to them, but are forced to supply the priests places themselves. Any women, except the first quality, may marry twelve husbands if they please, but cannot have more at one time, and they must all be of her own cast or tribe, under pain of excommunication and degradation of honour, if she marries into a lower tribe; and the men are under the same

penalty if they transgress that law, but they are not confined to a set number of wives, as the women are to husbands.

When a woman is married to the first of her husbands, she has an house built for her own conveniency, and that husband cohabits with her till she takes a second, or so many as she is prescribed by law, and the husbands agree very well, for they cohabit with her in their turns, according to their priority of marriage, ten days, more or less, according as they can fix a term among themselves, and he that cohabits with her, maintains her in all things necessary, for his time, so that she is plentifully provided for by a constant circulation.

When the man that cohabits with her goes into her house, he leaves his arms at the door, and none dare remove them, or enter the house, on pain of death; but, if there are no arms to guard the door, any acquaintance may freely visit her. And all the time of cohabitation she serves her husband as purveyor and cook, and keeps his clothes and arms clean.

When she proves with child, she nominates its father, who takes care of its education, after she has suckled it, and brought it to walk or speak; but the children are never heirs to their fathers' estates, but the father's sister's children are, and if there are none, then to the nearest in consanguinity from his grandmother. And this custom is also practised among the Mahometan Malabars.

There are many degrees or dignities in the church as well as in the state. The Nambouries are the first in both capacities of church and state, and some of them are popes, being sovereign princes in both. The Brahmans or Bramanies are the second in the church only. The Buts or magicians are next to them, and are in great veneration. The Nayers or gentlemen are next, and are very numerous. The Teyvees are the farmers of cocoa-nut trees, and are next to the gentry. Merchants are of all orders, except Nambouries, and are in some esteem. The Poulias produce the labourers and mechanicks. They may marry into lower tribes without danger of excommunication, and so may the Muckwas or fishers, who, I think, are an higher tribe than the Poulias, but the Poulichees are the lowest order of human creatures, and are excluded from the benefit of human and divine laws.

If a Poulia or Teyvee meet a Nayer on the road, he must go aside to let his worship pass by, lest the air should be tainted, on pain of a severe chastisement, if not of death; but the Poulichees are in a much worse state, for, by the law, they are not permitted to converse with any other tribe, nor can they wear any sort of cloth, but only a little straw made fast before their privities, with a line round their middle. They are not permitted to build houses or huts on the ground, nor to inhabit the plains where there is corn ground, but must dwell in woods, and build on the boughs of trees, like birds, with grafs and straw. If accidentally they see any body coming towards them, they will howl like dogs, and run away, lest those of quality should take offence at their breathing in the same air that they do. They are not permitted to till and sow the ground, only in obscure places of the woods; they plant fruits and roots, whose seeds they steal from their neighbouring gardens in the plains, in the night, and if they are caught stealing, death is their punishment on the spot where they are taken, without any form or process of law. When they want food, they come to the skirts of their woods, and howl like foxes, and the charitable Poulias and Teyvees relieve them with rice boiled or raw, and some cocoa-nuts and other fruits, which they lay down in a convenient place; and when their benefactors come within twenty paces of them with their alms, they walk off, and let the Poulichees come to their food, which they forthwith carry into the woods. They are very swift in running

ning, and cunning in catching wild beasts and fowl; but they have few or no fish among the mountains.

The inferior tribes have liberty of conscience in fancying their deities, and worshipping them. I have seen at many Muckwas' houses a square stake of wood, with a few notches cut about it, and that stake drove into the ground, about two feet of it being left above, and that is covered with some cadjans or cocoa-nut tree leaves, and is a temple and a god to that family. Some worship the first animal they see in the morning, let it be cat, dog or serpent, and they pay their adorations to it the whole day. Others choose a tree of their father's or some dear friend's planting, and that he gets consecrated, and it then becomes his god; but they all believe the immortality of the soul and transmigration, and the adoration of the great god, of whom they have many wild opinions.

The great god's image they can neither fancy nor make, but believe, that he sent an huge large fowl from heaven, that laid a swining egg in the sea, and, in process of time, it was hatched by the sun, and forth came the world, with all animals, vegetables, &c. that inhabit it and now, that poor Adam was set alone on the top of an high mountain in Zealoo, which is called this day, Baba Adam, from that tradition; but, being tired of so lonesome a life, he descended into the plain, and there he met with Hevah, whom he presently knew to be his kinswoman, and they struck hands, and were there married.

The great men of the clergy build temples, but they are neither large nor beautiful. Their images are all black, and deformed, according as they fancy the infernal gods to be shaped, who, they believe, have some hand in governing the world, particularly about the benign or malignant seasons that happen in the productions or sterility of the earth, for which reason they pay a lateral adoration to them. Their images are all placed in dark temples, and are never seen but by lamp-light, that burns continually before them.

When criminal cases are brought before the magistrate, that want the evidence of witnesses to support them, the trial of truth is by ordeal. The accused person is obliged to put his bare hand into a pot of boiling oil, and if any blister appears, the party is found guilty; and I have been credibly informed, both by English and Dutch gentlemen, as well as natives, that had seen the trial, that the innocent person has not been in the least affected with the scalding oil, and then the punishment due to the crime is inflicted on the accuser.

The Samorin entered into a war with the Dutch East-India Company in anno 1714; and the chief of the English factory, who was a privy counsellor to the Samorin, had a great hand in promoting it. The quarrel began about a small fort that the Dutch were building at Chitwa. The ground whereon it stood was a desert morass by the river's side, and was claimed both by the King of Couchin and the Samorin. The King of Couchin made over his claim to the Dutch, who made small account who had the best title, but carried on their work with diligence. The Samorin, with and by the advice of his council, got some of his soldiers to be entered into the Dutch service, under the disguise of daily labourers to carry stones, mortar, &c. for building the fort, and to take their opportunity to lie in ambuscade in a morass overgrown with reeds near the fort.

Two Dutch lieutenants, who had the overseeing of the work, were one evening diverting themselves with a game at tables in a guard room about half a mile from the fort. They had let some of their Dutch soldiers go straggling abroad, and the sentinels were careless under the security of friendship, which gave the disguised workmen an opportunity to kill the sentinels, and make their signal for the ambuscade, who,

in a few minutes, took the half-built fort. The lieutenants came presently after, with what forces they had, to retake it, but one being killed in advancing, the other thought it impracticable to attack greater forces within than he had without, and so embarked, with his men, on board small boats for Couchin, about 10 leagues from Chitwa.

I fortunately to be at Couchin when he and his men arrived, and, by a court martial, he was sentenced to be shot to death, which sentence I saw executed. The Samorin's people next day erected a flag-staff, and hoisted the English flag, which the English chief had sent by the ambuscade, and immediately after set about demolishing the walls, that where built, of the fort, and carried off some great guns belonging to the Dutch. And this was the prelude of the war.

I knew pretty well the strength of the antagonists, what power the Samorin had, and what powers the Kings of Couchin, Paaru and Porcat could assist the Dutch with, and I wrote to the chief the resolutions of the Dutch, and advised him not to embark himself or his masters in that affair, because war was a different province from his. He took my advice so ill, that he wrote to Bombay, that I was in the Dutch interest, opposite to the right honourable Company, and also to his masters in England, as if the Dutch Company could need my interest, advice or assistance; but, as I had forewarned him, he found the Samorin was forced, after three years war, to conclude a dishonourable and disadvantageous peace, wherein he was obliged to build up the fort he had demolished, to pay the Dutch Company seven per Cent. on all the pepper exported out of his dominions for ever, and to pay a large sum towards the charges of the war. Some part of the money, I believe, he borrowed.

Whether our East-India Company got or lost by that war, I know not, nor will I pretend to pass judgment on their affairs; but this I know that the chief lost a good milk cow, for the chiefs of Calecut, for many years, had vended between 500 and 1000 chests of Bengal opium yearly up in the inland countries, where it is very much used. The water carriage up the river being cheap and secure, the price of opium high, and the price of pepper low, so that their profits were great both ways; for, if I mistake not, the Company paid the highest prices for their pepper, and the Nayres in the Company's pay, were employed about the chief's affairs; and by the unexpected turn of affairs caused by the war, that trade is fallen intirely into the Dutch Company's hands, and it will be a very difficult task to get it out again.

The English company were formerly so much respected at Calecut, that if any debtor went into their factory for protection, none durst presume to go there to disturb them; but that indulgence has been sometimes made an ill use of, to the detriment of English private traders.

They have a good way of arresting people for debt, viz. There is a proper person sent with a small stick from the judge, who is generally a Brahman, and when that person finds the debtor, he draws a circle round him with that stick, and charges him, in the King and judge's name, not to stir out of it till the creditor is satisfied either by payment or surety; and it is no less than death for the debtor to break prison by going out of the circle.

They make use of no pens, ink and paper, but write on leaves of flags or reeds that grow in morasses by the sides of rivers. They are generally about 18 inches long, and one and an half broad, tapering at both ends, and a small hole at one end for a string to pass through. It is thicker than our royal paper, and very tough. They write with the point of a bodkin made for that purpose, holding the leaf athwart their

left thumb end over the foremost finger, and what they have to write is indented, or rather engraven into the leaf, but it does not pierce the leaf above half way through. And on two or three of these leaves they will write as much as we can on a sheet of small paper. All their records are written so on leaves, and they are strung and rolled up in a scroll, and hung some time in smoke and then locked up in their cabinets. And I have seen some such leaves smoke-dried, that, they told me, were above 1000 years old.

In anno 1703, about the middle of February, I called at Calecut in my way to Surat, and standing into the road, I chanced to strike on some of the ruins of the sunken town built by the Portugueze in former times. Whether that town was swallowed up by an earthquake, as some affirm, or whether it was undermined by the sea I will not determine; but so it was, that in six fathoms at the main mast, my ship, which drew 21 feet water, sat fast a-fore the ches-tree. The sea was smooth, and in a short time we got off without damage.

The unfortunate Captain Green, who was afterwards hanged in Scotland, came on board of my ship at sun-set, very much overtaken with drink; and several of his men came in the same condition. He told me, that he had some small arms, powder, shot and glass-ware to dispose of, and asked me if I would take them off his hands at a very reasonable rate. I told him, that next morning I would see them, and perhaps be a merchant for them. He told me, that the arms and ammunition were what was left of a large quantity that he had brought from England, but had been at Don Mascherenas and Madagascar, and had disposed of the rest to good advantage, among the pirates, and had carried some pirates from Don Mascherenas to St. Mary's.

I told him, that, in prudence, he ought to keep these as secrets, lest he might be brought in trouble about them. He made but little account of my advice, and departed.

About ten in the night his chief mate Mr. Mather came on board of my ship, and seemed to be very melancholy. He asked me, if I thought one of my mates would be induced to go with Captain Green, that he might be cleared of his ship, and he would give that mate that would accept of his post, a very considerable gratuity. I told him, that such a good post as he had on board the Worcester was not easily procured in India, for we seldom preferred strangers before we had a trial of them.

He burst out in tears, and told me, he was afraid that he was undone. I asked his reason for his melancholy conjecture. He answered, that they had acted such things in their voyage, that would certainly bring them to shame and punishment, if they should come to light; and he was assured, that such a company of drunkards as their crew was composed of, could keep no secret, though the discovery should prove their own ruin. I told him, I was sorry for his condition, and that I had heard at Coiloan, that they had not acted prudently nor honestly in relation to some Moors ships they had visited and plundered, and in sinking a sloop, with ten or twelve Europeans in her, off Coiloan. He asked me if that was known at Coiloan. I told him, that the people there made no secret of it, but as long as you did them no harm, you are welcome to their trade. Next day I went ashore, and met Captain Green and his supercargo Mr. Callant, who had failed a voyage from Surat to Sindy with me. Before dinner-time they were both drunk, and Callant told me, that he did not doubt of making the greatest voyage that ever was made from England on
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so small a stock as 500 pounds. I wished him joy and success, but told him, that we Indians understood none of those profitable voyages, but were well content with 30 or 40 per cent.

In the evening their surgeon accosted me in my walk along the sea side, and asked if I wanted a surgeon. I told him I had two, and both very good ingenious men. He said, he wanted to stay in India, for his life was uneasy on board of his ship, that though the captain was civil enough, yet Mr. Mather was unkind, and had treated him with blows for asking a pertinent question at some wounded men, who were hurt in the engagement they had with the aforementioned sloop. I heard too much to be contented with their conduct, and so I shunned their conversation for the little time I staid at Calcut. Whether Captain Green and Mr. Mather had justice impartially allowed them in their process and sentence, I know not. I have heard of as great innocents condemned to death as they were.

About two leagues to the southward of Calcut, is a fine river called Baypore, capable to receive ships of 3 or 400 tons. It has a small island off its mouth, about half a mile from the shore, that keeps it safe from the great seas brought on that coast by the south-west monsoons. Four leagues more southerly is Tannore, a town of small trade, inhabited by Mahometans. They are a little free state, but pay an acknowledgment to the Samorin. Five leagues to the southward of Tannore, is Pennany, mentioned before. It has the benefit of a river, and was formerly a place of trade. The French and English had their factories there, but were removed about the year 1670. And about four leagues more to the southward, is Chitwa River, which bounds the Samorin's dominions to the south.

CHAP. XXVI. — *Gives an Account of Couchin; its Government and Strength, its ancient and present State, its Product and Commerce, with some Account of the Jews inhabiting there.*

THE King of Couchin's dominions are next in course along the sea-coast, and reach from Chitwa about 24 leagues to the southward. There are so many rivulets that run off the mountains of Gatti, that they reckon above 1000 islands made by their streams. The mountains come within eight leagues of the sea, and the rivulets join their stores at Cranganore, and make one great outlet to the sea, and another great outlet is at Couchin city. Cranganore is about five leagues to the south of Chitwa. The Dutch have here a small fort, which retains the name of Cranganore. It lies about a league up the river from the sea. In times of old it bore the name of a kingdom, and was a republic of Jews, who were once so numerous, that they could reckon about 80,000 families, but, at present, are reduced to 4000. They have a synagogue at Couchin, not far from the King's palace, about two miles from the city, in which are carefully kept their records, engraven on copper-plates in Hebrew characters; and when any of the characters decay, they are new cut, so that they can shew their own history from the reign of Nebuchadnezzar to this present time.

Myn Heer Van Reede before mentioned, about the year 1695, had an abstract of their history translated from the Hebrew into low Dutch. They declare themselves to be of the tribe of Manassah, a part whereof was, by order of that haughty conqueror Nebuchadnezzar, carried to the easternmost province of his large empire, which, it seems

reached as far as cape Comerin, which journey 20,000 of them travelled in three years from their setting out of Babylon.

When they arrived in the Malabar country, they found the inhabitants very civil and hospitable to strangers, giving them liberty of conscience in religious matters, and the free use of reason and industry in economy. There they increased, both in numbers and riches, till in process of time, either by policy or wealth, or both, they came to purchase the little kingdom of Cranganore. And there being one family among them much esteemed for wisdom, power and riches, two of the sons of that family were chosen by their elders and senators, to govern the common-wealth, and reign jointly over them. Concord, the strongest bonds of society, was in a short time broken, and ambition took place, for one of the brothers inviting his colleague to a feast, and picking a quarrel with his guest, basely killed him, thinking, by that means, to reign alone; but the defunct leaving a son of a bold spirit behind him, revenged his father's death, by killing the fratricide, and so the state fell again into a democracy, which still continues among the Jews here; but the lands have, for many ages, recurred back into the hands of the Malabars, and poverty and oppression have made many apostatize.

Between Cranganore and Couchin, there is an island called Baypin, that occupies the sea-coast. It is four leagues long, but no part of it is two miles broad. The Dutch forbid all vessels or boats to enter at Cranganore: and at Couchin the channel is about a quarter of a mile broad, but very deep, though the bar has not above 14 feet water at spring tides.

The first Europeans that settled in Couchin were the Portugueze, and there they built a fine city on the river's side, about three leagues from the sea; but the sea gaining on the land yearly, it is not now above 100 paces from it. It stands so pleasantly, that the Portugueze had a common saying, that China was a country to get money in, and Couchin was a place to spend it in; for the great numbers of canals made by the rivers and islands, made fishing and fowling very diverting; and the mountains are well stored with wild game.

On the inside of Baypin island, there is an old fort built by the Portugueze, called Palliapore, to inspect all boats that go between Cranganore and Couchin. And five leagues up the rivulets is a Romish church called Verapoli, served by French and Italian priests; and when a bishop comes into those parts, it is the place of his residence. The Padre superior of Verapoli, can raise, upon occasion, 4000 men, all Christians of the church of Rome; but there are many more St. Thomas's Christians that do not communicate with those of Rome, and some Portugueze, called Topases, that communicate with neither, for they will be served by none but Portugueze priests, because they indulge them more in their villainy, and absolutions from crimes are easier purchased from the Portugueze than from the French or Italians, who are generally much more polite and learned than the Portugueze, who are permitted to take the habit of some order, without being examined whether the novice has the common qualifications of school learning.

About two leagues farther up towards the mountains, on the side of a small, but deep river, is a place called Firdalgo, where the inhabitants of Couchin generally assemble to refresh themselves in the troublesome hot months of April and May. The banks and bottom of the river is clean sand, and the water so clear, that a small pebble stone may be seen at the bottom in three fathoms water. Every company makes choice of a place by the river's side, and pitch their tents, and drive some small stakes before their tents,

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in the river, on which they hang up clothes for blinds, to hide the ladies when they bathe; but most of them swim dextrously, and swim under water through the stakes, into the open river, where the men are diverting themselves, and there they dive, and play many comical mad tricks, till breakfast or supper call them ashore, for it is in mornings and evenings that they bathe and swim; for in the heat of the day the sun scorches. Very often the ladies lay wagers of treats with the gentlemen, about their swiftness and dexterity in swimming, but generally the ladies win the wagers, though, I believe, if the men would use their art and strength, they might win the prize. The heat of the day they pass with a game at cards or tables for treats, by which means they fare sumptuously every day, sometimes in one tent, and sometimes in another; and, at night, every family sleeps in their own tent, on the soft clean sand, males and females promiscuously.

There is a place on the side of that river, called Hell's Mouth. It is a subterraneous cave about four yards broad, and three high, hewn out of a spongy iron-coloured rock. I went into it with a lantern, and passed straight forward about 200 yards, but saw no end to it. It is an habitation for snakes and bats, who were frightened by the light of our candle and noise. As we were tired with their company, so we returned back. They have no tradition why it was made, or by whom.

The water of this country, near the sea-coast, from Cranganore to St. Andreas, which is about 12 leagues, has a bad quality of making the constant drinkers of it have swelled legs. Some it affects in one leg, and some in both. I have seen legs above a yard about at the ankle. It causes no pain, but itching; nor does the thick leg seem heavier than the small one to those who have them: but the Dutch at Couchin, to prevent that malady, send boats daily to Verapoli, to lade with small portable casks of 10 or 12 English gallons, to serve the city. The company's servants have their water free of charges, but private persons pay sixpence per cask, if it is brought to their houses; and yet, for all that precaution, I have seen both Dutch men and women troubled with that malady. And no cure has been yet found to heal or prevent it.

The old Romish legends impute the cause of those great swelled legs to a curse St. Thomas laid upon his murderers and their posterity, and that was the odious mark they should be distinguished by; but St. Thomas was killed by the Tilligie priests at Malliapore on Chormandel, about 400 miles distant from this coast, and the natives there know none of that malady.

Couchin is washed by the greatest outlet on this coast, and being so near the sea, makes it strong by nature; but art has not been wanting to strengthen it. The city built by the Portuguese was about a mile and an half long, and a mile broad. The Dutch took it from the Portuguese about the year 1660, when Heidooff Van Ghonz was general of the Dutch forces by land, and commodore of a fleet by sea. The insolence of the Portuguese had made several neighbouring princes become their enemies, who joined with the Dutch to drive them out of their neighbourhood, and the King of Couchin particularly assisted with 20,000 men. The Dutch had not invested the town long before Van Ghonz received advice of a peace concluded between Portugal and Holland; but that he kept a secret to himself. He therefore made a breach in the weakest part of the wall, and made a furious assault for three days and nights, without intermission, and relieved his assailants every three hours; but the Portuguese keeping their men continually fatigued in duty all the while, and finding danger of being taken by storm, capitulated, and delivered up their city. In the town there were 400 Topases, who had
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done the Portugueze good service in defending the city, but were not comprehended in the treaty. As soon as they knew of that omission, and the cruelty and licentiousness of the Dutch soldiery in India, they drew up in a parade, within the port that the Portugueze were to go out at, and the Dutch to enter in, and swore, that if they had not the same favours and indulgence that were granted to the Portugueze, they would massacre them all, and set fire to the town. The Dutch general knew his own interest too well to deny so just a demand, so he granted what they desired, and moreover to take those who had a mind to serve in the Dutch service, into pay, which many of them did.

The very next day after the Dutch had possession, came a frigate from Goa, with the articles of the peace made with Holland, and the Portugueze complained loudly of the general's unfair dealings, but were answered, that the Portugueze had acted the same farce on the Dutch, at their taking of Pharnabuke in Brasil, a few years before. The English had then a factory in the city of Couchin, but the Dutch ordered them to remove with their effects, which accordingly they did to their factory at Pennany.

As soon as the Dutch became masters of the city, they thought it was too large, and so contracted it to what it now is, being hardly one tenth of what it was in the Portugueze time. It is about 600 paces long, and 200 broad, fortified with seven large bastions, and curtains so thick, that two rows of large trees are planted on them, for shades in the hot times. Some streets built by the Portugueze, are still standing, with a church for the Dutch service, and a cathedral for a warehouse. The commodore or governor's house, which is a stately structure, is the only house built after the Dutch mode, and the river washes some part of its walls, and a canal cut from the river up to the middle of the city, that passes close by the governor's house.

Their flag-staff is placed on the steeple of the old cathedral, on a mast of 75 feet high, and a staff a-top of it about 60 feet, which is the highest I ever saw; and the flag may be seen above seven leagues off. The garrison generally consists of 300 effective men: and from cape Comerin upwards they are allowed, in all their forts and factories, 500 soldiers, and 100 seamen, all Europeans, besides some Topases, and the militia. They have their stores of rice from Baralore, because the Malabar rice will not keep above three months out of the husk, but in the husk it will keep a year.

The country produces great quantities of pepper, but lighter than that which grows more northerly. Their woods afford good teak for building, and angelique and paw-beet for making large chests and cabinets, which are carried all over the west coasts of India. They have also iron and steel in plenty, and bees wax for exporting. Their seas afford them abundance of good fish of several kinds, which, with those that are caught in their rivers, make them very cheap.

The King of Couchin, who, at best, is but a vassal to the Dutch, has a palace built of stone about half a league from the Dutch city; and there is a straggling village not far from the palace, that bears the name of old Couchin. It has a bazaar or market in it, where all commodities of the country's product are sold; but there are no curiosities to be found in it. The King's ordinary residence is at another palace six leagues to the southward of Couchin, and two from St. Andrea; but he keeps but a very small court.

Mudbay is a place, that, I believe, few can parallel in the world. It lies on the shore of St. Andrea, about half a league out in the sea, and is open to the wide ocean, and has

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has neither island nor bank to break off the force of the billows, which come rolling with great violence on all other parts of the coast, in the south-west monsoons, but, on the bank of mud, lose themselves in a moment, and ships lie on it, as secure as in the best harbour without motion or disturbance. It reaches about a mile along shore, and has shifted from the northward, in 30 years, about three miles. St. Andrea is only a village, with a church in it dedicated to St. Andrew, and is served by St. Thomas's priests, who generally are both poor and illiterate. About two leagues to the southward of St. Andrea begin the dominions of Porcat, or

Porkah. It is of small extent, reaching not above four leagues along the sea-coast. The prince is poor, having but little trade in his country, though it was a free port for pirates when Evory and Kid robbed on the coast of India; but, since that time, the pirates infest the northern coasts, finding the richest prizes amongst the Mocha and Persia traders. The Dutch keep a factory at Porkah, but of small consequence.

Coilcoiloan is another little principality contiguous to Porkah, where the Dutch keep also a factory. And next to it is

Coiloan, another small principality. It has the benefit of a river, which is the southernmost outlet of the Couchin islands; and the Dutch have a small fort within a mile of it, on the sea-shore, which they took from the Portuguese when they took Couchin. It keeps a garrison of 30 men, and its trade is inconsiderable.

Erwa lies two leagues to the southward of Coiloan, where the Danes have a small factory standing on the sea side. It is a thatched house of a very mean aspect, and their trade answers, every way, to the figure their factory makes.

Aujengo lies two leagues to the southward of Erwa, a fort belonging to the English, built at the Company's charge, in anno 1695. It stands on a sandy foundation, and is naturally fortified by the sea on one side, and a little river on the other. It is in the dominions of the queen of Attinga, to whom it pays ground rent. Before it was built, the English had two small factories in her country to the south of Aujengo. One was called Brinjan, the other Ruttera; but, being naked places, were subject to the insults of courtiers, whose avarice is seldom or never satisfied: but I wonder why the English built their fort in that place, for there is not a drop of good water for drinking within a league of it; and the road has a foul bottom for anchoring, and continually a great surf on the shore, when they might as well have built it near the red cliffs to the northward, from whence they have their water for drinking, and where there is good anchor-ground, and a tolerable good landing place for boats in the north-east monsoons. The country produces good quantities of pepper and long cloth, as fine as any made in India.

When our factories were at Ruttera and Brinjan, they sent a yearly present to the Queen of Attingen, whose court is about four leagues within land from Aujengo. In anno 1685, when the present was sent, a young beautiful English gentleman had the honour to present it to her black Majesty; and as soon as the Queen saw him, she fell in love with him, and next day made proposals of marriage to him, but he modestly refused so great an honour: however, to please her Majesty, he staid at court a month or two, and, it is reported, treated her with the same civility as Solomon did the Queen of Ethiopia, or Alexander the Great did the Amazonian Queen, and satisfied her so well, that when he left her court, she made him some presents.

About the year 1720, there were some civil broils in this country, and the annual present being demanded, the English chief refused to pay it to any but to the Queen herself.

herself, though those that demanded it, assured him that they came to demand it by the Queen's order, and offered their receipt of it in her name; but he, being more positive than wife, continued obstinate in his refusal, upon which the Queen gave him an invitation to court; and he, to appear great there, carried two of his council, and some others of the factory, with most part of the military belonging to the garrison, and by stratagem they were all cut off, except a few black servants, whose heels and language saved them from the massacre, and they brought the sad news of the tragedy.

Tegnapatam, where the Dutch have a factory, lies about twelve leagues to the southward of Aujengo. That country produces pepper, and coarse cloth called catchas: but Colicha, which lies between the middle and west point of Cape Comerin, affords the best cloth of that sort, besides tamarinds in abundance; but the road is foul. It also produces salt; but neither the English nor the Dutch have any commerce or traffic there. And close by Colicha, at the said middle point, there is a small cave or harbour that can secure small vessels from all winds and weather. It has a clean sandy bottom, and three fathoms in it at low water. Four leagues off the cape, in the sea, there is a small smooth rock bare at low water, and shews itself like the back of a whale. About one hundred paces from it, on all sides, there is twenty-eight fathom water; and the sea seldom breaks on it, which makes it the more dangerous. I knew a ship that rubbed her side on it, before those on board could discover it, though they looked out for it.

Manapaar lies to the north-eastward of Cape Comerin, about eight leagues distant, and the Dutch have a factory there, standing on an high ground about a mile from the sea. And about 10 leagues more northerly is Tutecareen, a Dutch colony, though but small.

Tutecareen has a good safe harbour, by the benefit of some small islands that lye off it. That country produces much cotton cloth, though none fine; but they both stain and die it for exportation. This colony superintends a pearl fishery, that lies a little to the northward of them, which brings the Dutch Company 20,000*l.* yearly tribute, according to common report. There are several villages on the sea-shore between Tutecareen and Coil, but none in any account for traffic. This Coil is a promontory that sends over a reef of rocks to the island of Zeloan, called commonly Adam's Bridge.

That reef of rocks has so little water on them, that the smallest boats cannot pass but at an island called Manaar, which lies almost mid-way between Zeloan and Coil, and that passage has not above six feet water on it, so that none but small vessels can pass that way; and they must unlade, and pay customs to the Dutch who reside at Manaar, and, after the vessel is haled over the bridge, they take in their cargo again.

The Dutch have fortified Manaar, and make use of it for a prison for Indian princes whom they can overpower or circumvene, when they are suspected of making treaties contrary to their interest, or to such as would willingly resume their lost freedom, by breaking the unjust yoke of the Company's tyranny, perhaps drawn on themselves by too much faith or credulity; for that honest Company has always had a maxim, first to foment quarrels between Indian kings and princes, and then piously pretend to be mediators, or arbitrators of their differences, and, always cast in something into the scale of justice to those whose countries produce the best commodities for the Company's use, and lend the assistance of their arms to him who is so qualified by the product above mentioned, and, at the conclusion of the war, make

and poor conquered prince pay their charges for assisting the conqueror; and, when all is made up, and treaties of peace ready to be signed, then the conqueror their dear ally and friend, must suffer them to possess the best sea-ports, and fortify the most proper and convenient places of his country, and must forbid all nations traffick but their dear Dutch friends, under pain of having the Company's arms turned against them, in conjunction with some other potent enemy to the deluded conqueror.

The King of Charta Souri, on the island of Java, is a fresh instance of the truth of what I relate. *In anno 1704*, I saw him at Samarang a sea-port on the said island, in great splendour, and in high esteem with the Dutch commodore; but in anno 1707, he fell under the displeasure of the general and council of Batavia, and in 1708, falling into their hands, he was brought their prisoner to Manaar, and cooped up on that small island, there to spend the remainder of his days in contemplation or comments on the deceit of worldly grandeur, and of the power and pleasure of sovereignty, or in humble thoughts on confinement, exile and poverty. And here I leave him, and pass over the rest of Adam's Bridge, (called by the natives Ramena Coil) and pay a short visit to Zeloan, beginning at the bridge, and travelling to the southward, east and northward, till I reach back again to the north side of the bridge.

CHAP. XXVII.—*Treats of the Island of Ceylon or Zeloan, its Product and Commerce, Religion and Customs; the Portugueze Pride and Folly the Cause of its falling into the Dutch Company's Hands; with other historical Remarks and Observations, both ancient and modern.*

ZELOAN is an island famous in many histories for its fertility, particularly in producing the cinnamon tree, whose bark is so much esteemed all over Asia and Europe, besides the precious stones that grow in it, viz. the emerald, sapphiræ and catseye being all valuable stones, though soft.

The first place, in course, to the southward of the bridge, is a long island that lies close to the shore, and reaches about 12 leagues southerly, called Calpetine. It produces only timber for building: but Negombo, that lies near the south end of it, has a small fort, and a Dutch garrison to forbid all trade to strangers on that part of the coast. And seven leagues from Negombo, to the south stands the city of Colombo, which was at first built by the Portugueze, about the year 1638, but, by their pride and insolence, had made the King of Candia (who was, at first, sovereign of the whole island) their enemy. The Dutch, taking that opportunity, made a league with the king offensive and defensive, and first attacked and carried Galle or Ponto de Galle in anno 1658, which is a fort and harbour on the south-west point of the island about 20 leagues from Colombo. When they had settled affairs at Galle, they embarked, to the number of 3000 soldiers, and sailed to Pantera, a small river about 4 leagues south of Colombo, and were joined by 2 or 3000 of the King of Candia's men. The Portugueze having information of the Dutch landing, and the small assistance of the natives, contemned their forces, and raised an army of 10,000 men to chastise their folly in coming with so few forces. The Portugueze army was commanded by a fidalgo, called Antonio de Figuera, a fresh-water foldier, but a great braggadocio and promised to bring all the Dutch that did not fall by his sword, into Colombo in chains; and the Portugueze ladies were so sure of his performances, that they sent

to compliment him, and beg the favour that he would pick them out some lusty Dutch men to carry their palanquens and somereras or umbrellas, which he promised to do on honour, and so went to meet his enemies.

The Dutch advancing towards the city, met the Portugueze unexpectedly, and there being a little shallow river between them, the Portugueze pretended to stop the Dutch there, and began to fire very briskly, though at too great a distance, but did not advance towards their enemy. Upon which the Dutch pass the river, and advanced till they came within pistol-shot, and then fired on the Portugueze with so good success, that they presently broke, and betook them to their heels, and the Dutch kept a running march after them, and being nimbler than the Portugueze, entered the city with them, and made themselves masters of it, wherein they found immense treasures: but the poor Portugueze ladies were strangely disappointed to find the Dutch were become their bed-fellows instead of their slaves.

The Dutch had one game more to play before they had done with that expedition. They knew that reinforcements were sent from Goa, who came in sight two or three days after the city was taken, and the Dutch fleet, which then lay in the road, pretended fear, weighed their anchors on sight of the Portugueze fleet, and feigned a flight, while the Dutch, in the city, hoisted Portugueze colours, and fired some guns towards the sea, to make those in the Portugueze fleet believe, that the firing was at the Dutch fleet. The stratagem took, and the Portugueze came and anchored in the road about a mile from the city, and sent their boats ashore, where they were detained; and the Dutch fleet being in the offing, came in with the sea winds, and fell on the Portugueze fleet, which soon yielded to them, for which piece of civility they had good quarter.

Upon the conquest of Colombo, followed all the other forts on the island, viz. Calkiffie and Barbarin, between Colombo and Galle; and, on the south end, Valta and Matura; on the east side Batacola and Trankamalaya; and, on the north end, Jafnapatam, with a fort four leagues from Galle, within land, called Biblegam; and Tutecaren and Negapatam on the main continent, yielded.

The Dutch were no sooner masters of the sea-coasts of Ceyloan, but they began to give laws to their ally the King of Candia forbidding him to trade with any foreign nation but theirs, which usage the King could not well digest, whereupon a war broke out, that continued many years, but, in the end, the Dutch made a peace upon very advantageous conditions. And Colombo being too large to be defended with a few forces, they have contracted it into one quarter of its ancient bounds, and have fortified it strongly with a wall and baillions. It is now about a mile in length, and three quarters of a mile in breadth; and the Christians and other natives inhabit a part of the old town, without the walls of the new. The streets of the new town are wide and spacious, and the buildings after the new mode. The governor's house is a noble fabrick, and several other houses are beautiful. It wants the benefit of a river, but has a small deep bay capable to receive small ships, and shelter them in the south-west monsoons.

Ponto de Galle, I have mentioned before, is a bay with a dangerous entrance for shipping, but is capable to receive ships of the greatest burden. About the year 1670, Lewis XIV. of France had a great mind for a settlement on Zeloan, and equipped seven or eight sail of ships for that enterprize; and when they came to sea and opened their orders, they found Galle was the place they were to take and fortify, and the management of that affair intrusted to one Mr. de l'Haye, which one Mr. Jean Martin, who had served the Dutch many years in good posts in India, and who had laid down that

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project, was so chagrined with the disappointment of another having the first post in that affair, that when they came to Galle they had but bad success. They expected the Portuguese there before them to assist, but none came; but soon after Hiulof Van Gouze was with them, whom the French not caring to engage with, being equal in number of ships, and superior in force, the French fled, and left their project on Galle unattempted.

They went then to Trankamalaya, and anchored in that bay, designing to force that small garrison to a surrender; but that vigilant Dutch man was soon after them with his fleet, and forced them to fight disadvantageously in Trankamalaya bay, where in the French lost one half of their fleet, being either sunk or burnt. With the rest they fled to St. Thomas, on the coast of Cormandel, designing to settle there; but Van Gouze was soon there also, and seized their ships, many of their guns being dismounted and carried ashore: but they finding they could do no good against so powerful and vigilant an enemy, treated and capitulated with the Dutch to leave India, if they might be allowed shipping to carry them away, which the Dutch agreed to, and allowed them their admiral's ship, called the Grand Briton, and two more, to transport themselves whither they pleased; but Mr. Martin was carried to Batavia, and there confined for his lifetime, with a pension of a rix dollar per day.

Zeloan is fruitful in rice, pulse, fruits, herbage and roots. And Jafnapatam exports great quantities of tobacco and some elephants. Those of this island's brood are reckoned the most docile of any in the world, but they are not large, few of them exceeding three yards in height. They catch them wild by stratagem, and soon make them tame after they are caught.

The way they catch them, as they told me, is they drive large stakes into the ground for 2 or 300 paces, in a plain, and about 100 paces distant, they begin another row of stakes, that almost meets one of the ends of the first row, only leaving seven or eight foot open between them, for a door, and farther out from the door-place, are some stakes driven thicker than in the rows, like a square chamber. In the door-place is a wooden portecullis or trap-door, fitted to pull up or let down at pleasure. When all is ready, they bring a female elephant trained up for a decoy, and she is put into the chamber, and the trap-door kept open. There are men placed in a little close place built on the top of the stakes at the trap-door, and the female elephant makes a loud doleful moan. If a male elephant is near, he presently approaches the chamber, on the outside; but finding no entrance there, he walks along the outside, till he finds the end, then walking back on the inside of the stakes, he finds the door and enters. As soon as he is in, the watchmen let fall the trap-door, and go and bring two tame elephants to accompany him that is decoyed to their stables. When they come near the trap-door, it is pulled up and they enter, and place themselves one on each side. If he proves furly, they bang him heartily with their trunks, and the female bestows some blows on him too. When he is tired with their treatment, and finds no other remedy but patience, he even grows tame, and walks very orderly between his two guards, whithersoever they please to conduct him, and continues very sociable ever after, except when rutting time comes, and then, if he be young, he becomes very rude and troublesome. That time is known by a great sweating in his head, so they have strong fetters ready to put on his legs, and fastened to a great tree for eight or ten days that his madness continues.

There are several dangers, and rocks above water, on all the coasts of Zeloan. The great Baxias are above water on its east side, not far from the south end of the

island; and the small Baxias are under water about three leagues to the north of the other, and dangerous banks of sand within them. To the northward of Trankamalaya there are some rocks high above water, and some also under water; and several spits of sand jetting a pretty way into the sea from points of lands. I knew a gentleman that run his ship on one spit near point Pedro, by too much confidence of his own knowledge of that coast, for his mate told him, that, in his opinion they kept too near the shore. His captain answered, that his knowledge of that coast was so good, that if a single shovel-full of sand was carried off the sea-shore, he would infallibly miss it; but a few minutes after, this ship was fast on a bank, and he and his crew deserted her, and went ashore, and the ship found the way off again of her own accord, which when the captain heard of, he, with some of the crew, returned, and took possession of her again.

Point Pedro has the most dangerous bank off it, for they lie above four leagues from the shore, and the land being very low, makes those banks the more dangerous. I have known several ships lost there; and, *in anno* 1723, one Williams lost his ship there, and he and all his crew were seized by the natives, and carried to the King at Candia, and, I am afraid, will be forced to end their days there.

The religion of Zeloan is Paganism, and, for want of a better image or relic to adore, they worship a monkey's tooth. When the Portuguese were settled there, the priests lost their adorable tooth, and a sly fellow, who had accompanied a Portuguese ambassador there from Colombo, pretended he had found it three years after it was missing. He had, it seems, seen it, and got one as like it as was possible. The priests were so overjoyed that it was found again, that they purchased it of the fellow for a round sum, reported to be above 10,000 pounds sterling.

All the natives of this island believe, that Adam was created on this spot, and there is the shape of a man's foot cut out of a rock on the top of the high hill (called Adam's Peak by the English) about five or six ordinary feet long. This opinion is also spread over many provinces on the continent, which brings many pilgrims to visit the footstep. And they also believe, that on Adam's transgression, the bridge before spoken of, was made by angels to carry him over to the main land, whither I am obliged to follow him, having no more of Zeloan to treat you with, but some of the best areeka in the world that grows there.

CHAP. XXVIII. — *Treats of the Countries on the Sea-coast, from Adam's Bridge at Zeloan, to Fort St. George; with an Account of St. Thomas's Martyrdom, according to the Portuguese Legend.*

THE first place of note, to the northward of Adam's Bridge, on the continent, is Nagapatam a Dutch colony and fortrefs taken from the Portuguese. It has the benefit of a river, which formerly bounded the dominions of Malabar, though their language was, and is used farther northward. The river washes the fort walls, and its waters are reckoned very unhealthy; but about the year 1693, by the ingenuity and care of Myn Heer Van Reede, whom I have formerly mentioned, that cause of a mortal malady was removed, for he built some water boats, and sent them four leagues off to another river, whose waters were reckoned very healthful, and by these boats furnished the garrison with good water. In a short time there was a visible alteration for the better in the state of the inhabitants' health; and making an estimate of the charges of those water boats, and the usual charges of the hospital, the Company found

found that they gained by the water boats. This colony produces very little besides tobacco and long cloth. The natives are heathens.

Having thus run along the sea-coast of Malabar, from Decully to Nagapatam, I must visit the Maldiva islands, which lie off this coast and that of Zeloan, about 60 leagues distant from the nearest part of them.

This cluster of islands, which reaches from seven degrees twenty minutes north latitude into one degree south, are all low, sandy and sterile, bearing no sort of corn, and their only product is cocoa-nut. Their trees are not so high nor gross bodied as those which grow on the continent, or on Zeloan, but their fruit is pleasanter. Of that tree they build vessels of 20 or 30 tuns. Their hulls, masts, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, provisions and firing are all from this useful tree. It also affords them oil for their kitchen and lamps, sugar and candid sweat-meats, and pretty strong cloth. Their seas produce abundance of fish, but their trade is chiefly from a small shell-fish called courie and the bonetta.

The couries are caught by putting branches of cocoa-nut trees with their leaves on, into the sea, and in five or six months the little shell-fish sticks to those leaves in clusters, which they take off, and digging pits in the sand, put them in, and cover them up, and leave them two or three years in the pit, that the fish may putrify, and then they take them out of the pit, and barter them for rice, butter and cloth, which shipping bring from Ballafore in Orixia, near Bengal, in which countries couries pass for money from 2500 to 3000 for a rupee, or half a crown English.

The bonetta is caught with hook and line, or with nets. They come among those islands in the months of April and May, in shoals, as our herrings do. They cut the fish from the back-bone on each side, and lay them in a shade to dry, sprinkling them sometimes with sea-water. When they are dry enough to put in the sand, they wrap them up in leaves of cocoa-nut trees, and put them a foot or two under the surface of the sand and, with the heat of the sun, they become baked as hard as stock-fish, and ships come from Atcheen on the island of Sumatra, and purchase them with gold dust. I have seen comelamash (for that is their name after they are dried) sell at Atcheen, for eight pounds sterling per 1000.

Their religions are Paganism and Mahometism, and their language Chingulay, or the Zeloan language. The King resides on an island in the latitude of four degrees north, and his island, which bears the name of the King's Island, is fortified with a stone wall, without lime or mortar, and has a great many small cannon for his defence, and his reign is arbitrary.

The islands are so many, and, in most places, so near to one another, that they could never yet be numbered. They are most part inhabited; but the inhabitants very poor. None of them dare wear any clothing above their girdle, but a turban on their head, without a special warrant from the King. He sets governors of provinces over such a number of islands, and they lord it over the poor subjects as much as a dragoon does over an Hugonot in France. They give burial to their dead, and not burning. And, at the island of Hammandow, which lies in seven degrees, I saw carving on some tomb-stones, as ingeniously cut with variety of figures as ever I saw in Europe or Asia.

Their wells furnish them with all the fresh-water they use, and they dig them near the depth of high water mark, which is about five or six foot; and if they go deeper, it becomes brackish, because there being no substance of solid earth under the surface of the sand, the sea-water percolates through the sand, and mixes with the rain water that supplies the springs. So having given the best account I can of a parcel of islands

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that cannot be counted, I return back to Nagapatam, from whence I took my departure, and stretch along the coast of Chormondel.

I begin at the river of Nagapatam, because it is the fouthermost bounds of Golcondah, and coast along shore to Trincumbar a fortress and colony belonging to the Danes. The fort is strong, the sea washing one half of its walls; but the colony is miserably poor. *In anno 1684*, they were so distressed with poverty, that they pawned three bastions of their fort to the Dutch, for money to buy provisions, which then was very scarce and dear in that country; but next year they redeemed all again, paying their debts by an unknown fund, which still remains a secret: but that the English had a ship called the Formosa, which, in her passage home to Surat, called at Calcut for water, wood and other stores. The Danes, at that time, had two ships cruising between Surat and Cape Comerin, upon what account none could tell but themselves. The Formosa left Calcut at midnight, and stood to sea, in order to proceed on her voyage, and being out of sight of land, about 11 in the forenoon, those ashore heard a great firing of cannon from the sea, and the Formosa, nor none of her crew were ever heard of since that time. They still keep their fort, but drive an inconsiderable trade either to and from Europe, or in India, for what they have to live by, is the hire that they freight their ships for to Atcheen, Malacca and Johore, and sometimes, but rarely, to Persia, by which they keep up the name of a company, but resemble one no more than that of the Mississippi does in France.

They have a set of clergy there lately come as missionaries from Denmark, to teach the natives Christianity, which deserves both commendation and encouragement, but what profelytes they make, I cannot tell, though I saw some of the poorer sort become disciples. The product of the country is cloth, white and dyed.

The next place of commerce is Porto Novo, so called by the Portugueze, when the sea-coasts of India belonged to them; but when Aurengzeb subdued Golcondah, and the Portugueze affairs declined, the Mogul set a Fouzdaar in it, and gave it the name of Mahomet Bander. The Europeans generally call it by its first name, and the natives by the last. The country is fertile, healthful and pleasant, and produceth good cotton cloth of several qualities and denominations, which they sell at home, or export to Pegu, Tanafereen, Quedah, Johore, and Atcheen on Sumatra. The bulk of the people are Pagans.

Fort St. David is next, a colony and and fortress belonging to the English. About the year 1686, a Moratta prince sold it to Mr. Elihu Yale, for 90.000 pagodoes, for the use and behoof of the English East-India Company. The fort is pretty strong and stands close to a river; and the territories annexed to the fort by agreement were as far as any gun the English had, could sling a shot, every way round the fort; but whether the buyer or gunner were conjurers or no, I cannot tell, but I am sure that the English bounds reach above eight miles along the sea-shore, and four miles within land. The country is pleasant, healthful and fruitful, watered with several rivers that are as good as so many walls to fortify the English colony. And ever since the time that Aurengzeb conquered Visapore and Golcondah, there are great numbers of malcontents and freebooters that keep on the mountains, and often fall down into the open country, and commit depredations, by ravaging and plundering the villages; and all the Mogul's forces cannot suppress them.

When the English bought Fort St. David, the Dutch had a little factory there, about a mile from the fort, and the good-natured English suffer them still to continue a few servants in it. Our company did not find so much grace from the Dutch at Couchin, nor the gentlemen of Bantam and Indrapoura, when the Dutch seized those places.

places. It is true, the Dutch can drive no open trade there, but what they must pay the English company customs for.

About the year 1698, the freebooters aforementioned had almost made themselves masters of the fort by stratagem and surprize. They pretended, that they had been sent from the Mogul's viceroy at Visapore, to take charge of the revenue collected at Porto Novo, and to carry it to the treasury at Visapore, and desired leave to put their feigned treasure into the fort for a few days, to secure it from the Moratta freebooters aforementioned, who, they said, were plundering the open country, which favour Mr. Frazer, governor at that time, granted; so they brought into the fort ten or twelve oxen loaded with stones, and each ox had two or three attendants, and about 200 more of that gang, who came along with the carriage beasts as a guard, lodged themselves in a grove near the fort gate, to be ready, on a signal given, to enter the Fort. The freebooters within took an opportunity the very next morning, and killed the sentinal and a few more that were asleep in the gateway next to the grove; but, before they could break the gate open, the garrison was alarmed, and killed all their treacherous guests, and the ambush without being come into the parade before the gate, met with so warm a reception, that they retreated in confusion, and the English pursuing them, killed several, but lost some of their own men.

Mr. Frazer ordered directly the grove to be cut down, for fear of future danger from it, but Fort St. David being subordinate to Fort St. George, the governor and council there called Mr. Frazer to their court, and fined him for presumption, in cutting down so fine a grove for enemies to sculk in, without leave asked and given in due form; but their right honourable masters adjusted all that matter, and ordered the fine to be refunded, with the interest; but governors of different views and humours seldom agree.

This colony produces good long cloths in large quantities either brown, white, or blue dyed, also Sallampores, Morees, Dimities Gingham, Succatoons, and steel. And, without the assistance of this colony, that of Fort St. George would make but a small figure in trade to what it now does.

The river is but small, though very convenient for the import and export of merchandize. And Cuddelore, that lies about a mile to the southward, is capable to receive ships of 200 tuns in the months of September and October. The rivers have both of them bars, but are very smooth, whereas Fort St. George is always dangerous in going ashore and coming off.

The company has a pretty good garden and summer-house, where generally the governor resides; and the town extending itself pretty wide has gardens to most of their houses. Their black cattle are very small, but plentiful and cheap. And their seas and rivers abound in good fishes.

Punticherry is the next place of note on this coast; a colony settled by the French. It lies about five leagues to the northward of Fort St. David. The fortifications are fine, regular and strong, but its trade is very small, though the country produces the same commodities that cause the trade circulate in Fort St. David. About the year 1690, the Dutch brought forces from Batavia, and besieged it, and being then very scarce in men, magazines and money, the French were forced to capitulate, and surrender on pretty honourable terms, but, in the conclusion of King William's war, the Dutch were obliged to return it by the articles of peace, which verified the fable of the cuckow in seizing of other birds nests weaker than herself, in the spring, and quitting them again in autumn.

Connymere or Conjemere is the next place, where the English had a factory many years, but, on their purchasing Fort St. David, it was broken up, and transferred thither. At present its name is hardly seen in the map of trade.

Near Connymere are the seven pagoda, one of which, whose name I have now forgot, is celebrated among the Pagans for sanctity, and is famous for the yearly pilgrimages made there. The god was very obscene, if his image rightly represents him, and his nymphs as lewd as any in Drury-lane, if their postures were really figured and carved as they are to be seen on the outside of the temple. Here it was that St. Thomas's persecution first began, because he could draw a short tree to a great length, as wire drawers do metals, and the Pagan priests being ignorant of such pieces of art, made them cry out, that St. Thomas was an arrant conjurer; for as the Romish story goes, the freshes coming down in rivulets, had made some of them pretty deep to what they used to be, and a lady going to church, could not get over one of them, because a tree, that was laid for a common bridge, was too short at that time, and St. Thomas, who preached in the country villages, a doctrine opposite to the established church, accidentally being there, drew the tree to such a length, that the lady could pass without wetting her foot, upon which she became a convert, to the great dissatisfaction of the established clergy, who lost a devout and charitable benefactors by that trick of St. Thomas.

The priests, as is usual in such cases, cried out, that the church was in danger, and so inflamed the minds of the populace, that St. Thomas, finding himself in greater danger than the church, thought it best to get out of harm's way, and so marched to the northward, whither I must follow him to.

Saderafs, or Saderafs Patam, a small factory belonging to the Dutch to buy up long cloth. The country is healthful, and the ground fertile, which make them capable of assisting their neighbours at Fort St. George with fallading and pot herbs, the ground there being very sterile.

Cabelon is next, where the Ostenders have settled a factory. There is nothing remarkable there, but a point of rocks that runs about half a mile into the sea, and those make a smooth landing-place in the south-west monsoons.

St. Thomas is next, which lies about three miles to the southward of Fort St. George. The city was built by the Portuguese, and they made the apostle its god-father; but, before that, it was called Malliapore. There is a little dry rock on the land, within it, called the Little Mount, where the apostle designed to have hid himself, till the fury of the Pagan priests his persecutors had blown over. There was a convenient cave in that rock for his purpose, but not one drop of water to drink, so St. Thomas cleft the rock with his hand, and commanded water to come into the cleft, which command it readily obeyed; and, ever since, there is water in that cleft, both sweet and clear. When I saw it, there were not above three gallons in it. He staid there a few days, but his enemies had an account of his place of refuge, and were resolved to sacrifice him, and, in great numbers, were approaching the mount. When he saw them coming, he left his cave, and came down in order to seek shelter some where else; and, at the foot of the mount, as a testimony that he had been there, he stamp'd with his bare foot, on a very hard stone, and left the print of it, which remains there to this day, a witness against those persecuting priests. The print of his foot is about sixteen inches long, and, in proportion, narrower at the heel and broader at the toes than the feet now in use among us. He, fleeing for his life to another larger mount, about two miles from the little one, was overtaken on the top of it,

before he was sheltered, and there they run him through with a lance; and, in the same place where he was killed, he lies buried.

When the Portuguese first settled there, they built a church over the cave and well on the little mount, and also one over his grave on the great one, where the lance that killed the apostle, is still kept there as a relic; but how the Portuguese came by that lance is a question not yet well resolved. In that church there is a stone tinged with the apostle's blood, that cannot be washed out. I have often been at both mounts, and have seen those wonderful pieces of antiquity.

At the foot of the great mount the company has a garden, and so have the gentlemen of figure at Fort St. George, with some summer-houses where ladies and gentlemen retire to in the summer, to recreate themselves, when the business of the town is over, and to be out of the noise of spongers and impertinent visitants, whom this city is often molested with.

The city of St. Thomas was formerly the best mart town on the Chormondel coast, but, at present has very little trade, and the inhabitants, who are but few, are reduced to great poverty. The English settling at Fort St. George were the cause of its ruin, and there is little prospect of its recovery.

CHAP. XXIX. — *Gives a short Description of Fort St. George, its first Settlement and Rise, its Situation and Sterility, and some Remarks on its Government, and the Actions of some of its Governors.*

FORT St. George or Maderass, or, as the natives call it, China Patam, is a colony and city belonging to the English East-India Company, situated in one of the most incommodious places I ever saw. It fronts the sea, which continually rolls impetuously on its shore, more here than in any other place on the coast of Chormondel. The foundation is in sand, with a salt-water river on its back side, which obstructs all springs of fresh-water from coming near the town, so that they have no drinkable water within a mile of them, the sea often threatening destruction on one side, and the river in the rainy season inundations on the other, the sun from April to September scorching hot; and if the sea-breezes did not moisten and cool the air when they blow, the place could not possibly be inhabited. The reason why a fort was built in that place is not well accounted for; but that tradition says, that the gentleman who received his orders to build a fort on that coast, about the beginning of King Charles II.'s reign after his restoration, for protecting the Company's trade, chose that place to ruin the Portuguese trade at St. Thomas. Others again alledge, and with more probability, that the gentleman aforesaid, which I take to be Sir William Langhorn, had a mistress at St. Thomas he was so enamoured of, that made him build there, that their interviews might be the more frequent and uninterrupted; but whatever his reasons were, it is very ill situated. The soil about the city is so dry and sandy, that it bears no corn, and what fruits, roots and herbage they have, are brought to maturity by great pains and much trouble. If it be true, that the Company gave him power to settle a colony in any part of that coast that pleased him best, I wonder that he choosed not Cabelon, about six leagues to the southward, where the ground is fertile, and the water good, with the conveniency of a point of rocks to facilitate boats landing, or why he did not go nine leagues farther northerly, and settle at Policat on the banks of a good river, as the Dutch have done since, where the road for shipping is

made easy by some sand banks, that reach three leagues off shore, and make the high turbulent billows that come rolling from the sea, spend their force on those banks before they can reach the shore. The soil is good, and the river commodious, and convenient in all seasons. Now whether one of those places had not been more eligible, I leave to the ingenious and those concerned to comment on.

However, the war carried on at Bengal and Bombay, by the English against the Mogul's subjects, from 1685 to 1689, made Fort St. George put on a better dress than he wore before; for the peaceable Indian merchants, who hate contention and war, came flocking thither, because it lay far from those incumberers of trade, and near the diamond mines of Golcondah, where there are, many times, good bargains to be made, and money got by our governors. The black merchants resorting to our colony, to secure their fortunes, and bring their goods to a safe market, made it populous and rich, notwithstanding its natural inconveniences. The town is divided into two parts. One where the Europeans dwell is called the White Town. It is walled quite round, and has several bastions and bulwarks to defend its walls, which can only be attacked at its ends, the sea and river fortifying its sides. It is about 400 paces long, and 150 paces broad, divided into streets pretty regular, and Fort St. George stood near its center. There are two churches in it, one for the English, and another for the Romish service. The governor superintends both, and, in filling up vacancies in the Romish church, he is the Pope's legate *a latere* in spiritualities. There is a very good hospital in the town, and the Company's horse-stables are neat; but the old college, where a great many gentlemen factors are obliged to lodge, is ill kept in repair.

They have a town-hall, and underneath it are prisons for debtors. They are, or were a corporation, and had a mayor and aldermen to be chosen by the free burghers of the town; but that scurvy way is grown obsolete, and the governor and his council or party fix the choice. The city had laws and ordinances for its own preservation, and a court kept in form, the mayor and aldermen in their gowns, with maces on the table, a clerk to keep a register of transactions and cases, and attorneys and solicitors to plead in form, before the mayor and aldermen; but, after all, it is but a farce, for, by experience, I found, that a few pagodas rightly placed, could turn the scales of justice to which side the governor pleased, without respect to equity or reputation.

In smaller matters, where the case, on both sides, is but weakly supported by money, then the court acts judiciously, according to their consciences and knowledge; but often against law and reason, for the court is but a court of conscience, and its decisions are very irregular; and the governor's dispensing power of nulling all that the court transacts, puzzles the most celebrated lawyers there to find rules in the statute laws.

They have no martial law, so they cannot inflict the pains of death any other ways than by whipping or starving, only for piracy they can hang; and some of them have been so fond of that privilege, that Mr. Yale hanged his groom (Cross) for riding two or three days journey off to take the air; but, in England, he paid pretty well for his arbitrary sentence. And one of a later date, viz, the orthodox Mr. Collet hanged a youth who was an apprentice to an officer on board of a ship, and his master going a pirating, carried his servant along with him; but the youth ran from them the first opportunity he met with, on the island of Jonkceyloan, and informed the master of a sloop, which lay in a river there, that the pirates had a design on his sloop and cargo, and went armed, in company with the master, to hinder the approach of the pirates, and was the first that fired on them, yet that merciful man was inexorable, and the youth was hanged.

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That power of executing pirates is so strangely stretched, that if any private trader is injured by the tricks of a governor, and can find no redress, if the injured person is so bold as to talk of *Lex talionis*, he is infallibly declared a pirate.

In *anno* 1719, I went on a trading voyage to Siam, on the foundation of a treaty of commerce established in *anno* 1684, between King Charles and the King of Siam's ambassador at London; but, in *anno* 1718, Mr. Collet sent one Powney his ambassador to Siam, with full power to annul the old treaty, and to make a new one detrimental to all British subjects, except those employed by Collet himself. It was stipulated, that all British subjects that had not Collet's letter, should be obliged to pay eight per cent, new customs, and meafurage for their ship, which come to about 500*l.* for a ship of 300 tons, to sell their cargoes to whom they pleased, but the money to be paid into the King's cash, that he might deliver goods for it at his own prices, whether proper for their homeward markets, or no. I coming to Siam, sent my second supercargo up to the city, with orders to try the market, and hire an house for the use of the cargo and ourselves. He could not get a boat to bring him back, before the ship arrived at Bencock, a castle about half-way up, where it is customary for all ships to put their guns ashore, so then being obliged to proceed with the ship to the city, I understood the conditions of the new treaty of commerce, which I would, by no means, adhere to, but desired leave to be gone again. They used many persuasions to make me stay, but to no purpose, unless I might trade on the old and lawful treaty. They kept me from the beginning of August to the latter end of December, before they would let me go, and then I was obliged to pay meafurage before they parted with me.

I wrote my grievance to Mr. Collet, complaining of Powney's villainous transactions, not seeming to know that they were done by Collet's order, and let some hints fall of *Lex talionis*, if I met with Powney conveniently, which so vexed Mr. Collet, that he formally went to the town-hall, and declared me a rank pirate, though I and my friends came off with above 3000*l.* loss.

I should not have been so particular, but that I saw some printed papers at London, in *anno* 1725, that extolled his piety, charity and justice in very high encomiums; but it must have been done by some mercenary scribbler that did not know him; but now he is dead, I will say no more of him.

The black town is inhabited by Gentows, Mahometans and Indian Christians, viz. Armenians, and Portugueze, where there are temples and churches for each religion, every one being tolerated; and every one follows his proper employment. It was walled in towards the land, when governor Pit ruled it. He had some apprehension, that the Mogul's generals in Golcondah might, some time or other, plunder it, so laying the hazard and danger before the inhabitants, they were either persuaded or obliged to raise subsidies to wall their town, except towards the sea and the white town.

The two towns are absolutely governed by the governor Sola, in whose hands the command of the military is lodged; but all other affairs belonging to the Company, are managed by him and his council, most part of whom are generally his creatures. And I have been and am acquainted with some gentlemen, who have been in that post, as well as some private gentlemen, who resided at Fort St. George, men of great candor and honour, but they seldom continued long favourites at court.

One of the gates of the white town looks towards the sea, and it is, for that reason, called the sea-gate. The gate-way being pretty spacious, was formerly the common exchange, where merchants of all nations resorted about Eleven o'clock, to treat of

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business in merchandize; but that custom is out of fashion, and the consultation chamber, or the governor's apartment, serves for that use now, which made one Captain Hart, a very merry man, say, that he could never have believed that the sea-gate could have been carried into the consultation room, if he had not seen it.

The Company has their mint here for coining bullion that comes from Europe and other countries, into rupees, which brings them in good revenues. The rupee is stamped with Persian characters, declaring the Mogul's name, year of his reign, and some of his epithets. They also coin gold into pagodas of several denominations and value. There are also schools for the education of children, the English for reading and writing English, the Portugueze for their language and latin, and the Mahometans, Gentows, and Armenians, for their particular languages. And the English church is well endowed, and maintains poor gentlewomen in good houswifery, good clothes and palankines.

The diamond mines being but a week's journey from Fort St. George, make them pretty plentiful there; but few great stones are now brought to market there, since that great diamond which governor Pit sent to England. How he purchased it Mr. Glover, by whose means it was brought to the governor, could give the best account, for he declared to me, that he lost 3000 pagodas by introducing the feller to Mr. Pit, having left so much money in Arcat as security, that if the stone was not fairly bought at Fort St. George, the owner should have free liberty to carry it where he pleased for a market: but neither the owner nor Mr. Glover were pleased with the governor's transactions in that affair.

Some customs and laws at the mines are, when a person goes thither on that affair, he chooses a piece of ground, and acquaints one of the King's officers, who stay there for that service, that he wants so many covets of ground to dig in; but whether they agree for so much, or if the price be certain, I know not: however, when the money is paid, the space of ground is inclosed, and some sentinels placed round it. The King challenges all stones that are found above a certain weight, I think it is about 60 grains; and if any stones be carried clandestinely away above the stipulated weight, the person guilty of the theft, is punished with death. Some are fortunate, and get estates by digging, while others lose both their money and labour.

The current trade of Fort St. George runs gradually slower, the trader meeting with disappointments, and sometimes with oppressions, and sometimes the liberty of buying and selling is denied them; and I have seen, when the governor's servants have bid for goods at a publick sale, some who had a mind to bid more, durst not; others who had more courage and durst bid, were browbeaten and threatened. And I was witness to a bargain of Surat wheat taken out of a gentleman's hands, after he had fairly bought it by auction, so that many trading people are removed to other parts, where there is greater liberty and less oppression.

The colony produces very little of its own growth or manufacture for foreign markets. They had formerly a trade to Pegu, where many private traders got on the good bread by their traffic and industry; but the trade is now removed into the Armenians, Moors and Gentowshands, and the English are employed in building and repairing of shipping. The trade they have to China, is divided between them and Surat, for the gold, and some copper are for their own markets, and the gross of their cargo, which consists in sugar, sugar candy, allom, China ware and some drugs, as china root, Gal-ling-gal, &c. are all for the Surat market.

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Their trade to Persia must first come down the famous Ganges, before it can come into Fort St. George's channels to be conveyed to Persia. They never had any trade to Mocha in the product and manufactories of Chormondel before the year 1713, and Fort St. David supplies the goods for that port, so that Fort St. George is an emblem of Holland in supplying foreign markets with foreign goods.

The colony is well peopled, for there is computed to be 80,000 inhabitants in the towns and villages; and there are generally about 4 or 500 Europeans residing there, reckoning the gentlemen, merchants, seamen and soldiery. Their rice is brought, by sea, from Ganjam and Orisa, their wheat from Surat and Bengal, and their fire-wood from the islands of Diu, a low point of land that lies near Matchulipatam, so that any enemy that is superior to them in sea forces, may easily distress them.

CHAP. XXX.—*Gives an Account of the Coast of Chormondel from Fort St. George to Ganjam, the easternmost Town in the ancient Kingdom of Goleondab; with Observations on their Pagan Worship, and some Occurrences that happened to the English Factory at Vizagapatam while I was there.*

POLICAT is the next place of note to the city and colony of Fort St. George, and as I observed before, is a town belonging to the Dutch. It is strengthened with two forts, one contains a few Dutch soldiers for a garrison, the other is commanded by an officer belonging to the Mogul. The country affords the same commodities that Fort St. George doth; and the people are employed mostly in knitting cotton stockings, which they export for the use of all the European factories in India.

There are several places along the coast to the northward, which, in former times, had commerce abroad, but now are neglected and unfrequented. Armagun is one, and Kishnipatam is another, that brought good store of cloth, of several sorts, to the English factories. Kishnipatam has the benefit of a good large river, that has a bar of 15 foot water on it. Carrera has the benefit of a large river, that reaches a great way into the country. Pettipoli had once English and Dutch factories settled in it, but they were withdrawn many years ago, because the inland Rajahs disturbed commerce by their impositions and exactions.

Matchulipatam, being the next place of figure, lies in the way along the sea-coast. It stands on the north-east side of Diu point, about five leagues distant from it. In the latter part of the last century this town was one of the most flourishing in all India, and the English company found it to be the most profitable factory that they had. They had a large factory built of teak timber; but now there are no English there, though the Dutch continue their factory still, and keep about a dozen of Hollanders there to carry on the chintz trade, for that commodity is not, as yet, forbid to appear in Holland.

The town is but small, built on a little island, and is much stronger by nature than art. Towards the continent side, there is a deep morass, over which is a wooden bridge about half a league long, and on breaking a part of that bridge, the town is secured from enemies on the land side.

The Mogul has his custom-house here, and the commissioner of the custom-house is governor of the town. The country and adjacent islands are fruitful in grain, timber for building, and tobacco the best in India. The islands of Diu produce the famous

famous dye called Shaii. It is a shrub growing in grounds that are overflown with the spring-tides. It stains their calicoes in the most beautiful and lively colours in the world; and I have seen butter from thence of as good a colour and taste as ever I saw in Europe.

A few years ago, the Nabob or vice-roy of Chormondel, who resides at Chichacul, and who superintends that country for the Mogul, for some disgust he had received from the inhabitants of Diu islands, would have made a present of them to the colony of Fort St. George, and the inhabitants were very willing to change their masters; but certain reasons, that I am unacquainted with, made the governor and his council reject the present, and the viceroy and the islanders became friends again; but, after a year or two, the English having considered better of the matter, would accept of the viceroy's proffer, and sent some ships, with men and ammunition, to fortify a factory, but the inhabitants took arms, and forbad them to land, so they returned as they went abroad.

Next to Matchulipatam is Narfipore, where the English had a factory for long cloth, for the use of their factory of Matchulipatam, when they manufactured chintz there. It also affords good teak timber for building, and has a fine deep river, but a dangerous bar, which makes it little frequented. And passing round Corrango Point, a little way up in Corrango Bay, is Angerang, that has the benefit of a large deep river, that penetrates far up into the continent. It has a bar soft at the bottom, and three and an half fathoms on it at high water. Here the best and finest long cloth is made that India affords, and is sold cheap; but the inland countries lying near the river, are in the hands of different Rajahs, and each being sovereign in his own small dominions, makes such impositions and exactions on the cloth that comes down the river, that they ruin that beneficial trade of Angerang, and make it little frequented.

In anno 1708, the English, from Vizagapatam settled there; but whether the factory was starved for want of money, or whether the constituent and constituted chiefs of the factories disagreed about dividing the bear's skin, I know not, but the factory was soon withdrawn, and the project lost.

Coasting along shore, there are several little ports between Matchulipatam and Vizagapatam, besides Narfipore and Angerang, but Watraw is the most noted, for it produces rice for exportation, besides some long cloth, but it is not frequented by Europeans, and therefore I proceed to

Vizagapatam, a fortified factory belonging to the English. It is regularly fortified with four little bastions, and has about 18 guns mounted in it. It has the advantage of a river, but a dangerous bar to pass over before we get into it. The country about affords cotton cloths, both coarse and fine, and the best durcas, or striped muslins, in India; but the factory is generally heart-sick for want of money to refresh it.

In anno 1709, the factory drew a war on themselves from the Nabob of Chickacul, for one Mr. Simeon Holcomb, who had been chief at Vizagapatam, had borrowed considerable sums of the Nabob, and affixed the Company's seal to the bonds he gave for them. Mr. Holcomb dying, the Nabob demanded his money from the succeeding chief, who would not pay him, alleging, that Holcomb had borrowed it for his own private use, and not for the Company's, and that he must get payment out of Holcomb's private estate, if there was enough found to pay the debt, otherwise he might get his money from some inland Rajahs, who stood indebted to Holcomb, by his books of accounts, in a greater sum than would pay his principal and interest; and

and that he being the Mogul's general, could compel those Rajahs to pay their just debts, which they would make over to him : but the Nabob, not caring to enter into a war with his countrymen on such a foundation, sent agents to acquaint the governor and council of Fort St. George, with his affairs at Vizagapatam. They proved deaf to all the agent's propositions and arguments, and hardly treated him civilly, so he went back to his master, with the account of his ill success. Upon which the Nabob came to a garden about half a league from Vizagapatam, accompanied with 500 horse, and 3500 foot, to demand his money. I being accidentally there in a small Dutch-built ship, that I had bought from the French, on my credit, at Fort St. George, and the factory being but ill manned, Mr. Haslings, who was then chief, and my friend, desired the assistance of my arms and counsel in that juncture of affairs, which I very freely gave him ; and my opinion being asked in council, what I thought about the affair, I advised him and his council to compound the matter as well as they could, and spin out time, that we might better fortify the avenues to the factory. My advice of compounding the matter was rejected, but the other part we followed, so, with seven Europeans that belonged to the factory, and twelve that were with me, and twenty Topases, and two hundred and eighty natives, most of them fishers, that lived under the Company's protection, we fortified some rocks that the enemy was obliged to pass within pistol-shot of, if they had a mind to attack us. We threw up breast-works between the rocks, and moored my ship within pistol-shot of the shore, and had eight minion guns to scour the sands, if they had attempted to come that way, and, for six weeks we continued on our guard, and were often alarmed in the night, but finding us always ready to receive them, they did not think it proper to force an entry into the town.

I had the honour to command all the out-guards, and the chief, with eight Europeans and twenty blacks, kept the fort. Thus we continued in perpetual watchings and alarms, till reinforcements arrived from Fort St. George, and then I left them, and proceeded on a voyage to Pegu. Both parties being very busy, one striving to get his money by compulsion, and the other, to save the Company's money on any terms, right or wrong. The war being drawn to a greater length than was imagined at first, and charges rising higher than was expected, inclined them to make all up amicably, which was at last effected by the Company's paying near the sum that was at first demanded.

The Nabob, whose name was Fakirly Cawn, would hear of no peace, without the Company's merchant, who was a Gentow, called Agapa, and a subject of the Mogul's, who was very active in the war, in encouraging the town's people to defend themselves and the Company's interest, and who also had wrote to some neighbouring Rajahs, to embroil the Nabob's affairs in his absence, in order to divert him from pursuing his demands on Vizagapatam, should be delivered up to him, which, at last, he was, and was put to a very cruel death. He was fet in the hot scorching sun three days, with his hands fastned to a stake over his head, and one of his legs tied up till his heel touched his buttock, and, in the night, put into a dungeon, with some venomous snakes to bear him company, and this was repeated till the third night, when he ended his miserable life ; but the Company's merchants, for the future, will be cautious how they espouse the Company's interest again.

There was one Baily, a recruit from Fort St. George, on some discontent, deserted the Company's service, and entered into the Nabob's ; but falling into an ambush, was taken prisoner by our men, and was sent to Fort St. George, where, for his desertion, he was deserv'dly whipped out of this world into the next, and there I leave him.

After the war was ended, and all quiet, the Nabob returned to Chickacul, but could neither forget nor forgive his treatment at Fort St. George and Vizagapatam, but finding by force he could not get the factory into his hands, without great loss of men and money, he had recourse to stratagem, by surprizing it. He came into the town one day with one hundred horse, and some foot, without advertising of his coming, as was usual, at the town gate, and before the chief could have notice, he was got into the factory, with twenty or thirty of his attendants. The alarm being given, a resolute bold young gentleman, a factor in the Company's service, called Mr. Richard Horden, came running down stairs, with his fuzee in his hand, and bayonet screwed on its muzzle, and presenting it to the Nabob's breast, told him in the Gentow language, (which he was master of,) that the Nabob was welcome, but if any of his attendants offered the least incivility, his life should answer for it. The Nabob was surprizingly astonished at the resolution and bravery of the young gentleman, and sat down to consider a little, Mr. Horden keeping the muzzle of his piece still at his breast, and one of the Nabob's servants standing all the while behind Mr. Horden, with a dagger's point close to his back; so they had a conference of half an hour long, in those above mentioned postures, and then the Nabob thought fit to be gone again, full of wonder and admiration of so daring a courage.

There are many ancient pagods or temples in this country, but there is one very particular that stands upon a little mountain near Vizagapatam, where they worship living monkeys; and, by report, many hundreds breed there, which are nourished by the zealous priests, whose devotion consists mostly in boiling rice and other food for their comical little gods, which, at meal times, assemble at the pagod, and eat what is prepared for them, and retire again in good order; but it is less dangerous to kill a man near that temple than a monkey. I wont venture to be a judge, to determine whether the priest or the god is the most ridiculous brute, and yet I think the priest has some advantage of those on Zeloan, who worship a monkey's tooth only.

Bimlipatam lies about four leagues to the north-east of Vizagapatam. The Dutch keep a small factory there, consisting of four Europeans. The country people manufacture cloth, both coarse and fine, which the Dutch buy up for Batavia. About four miles off shore, at Bimlipatam, there are some rocks that appear above water, called Sancta Pilla. A ship may pass between them and the shore without danger. And that is all worth observation there.

There are no European factories to the eastward on the coast of Chormondel, but Ganjam. It is kept for the chief of Vizagapatam's use, though a company might find their account there better than in many places that they keep factories in. It lies about fifty-five leagues to the north-eastward of Vizagapatam; but there are several other places between them on the coast, that drive a small trade in corn. Pondee, Callingapatam, and Sunapore, are the most noted, but are not frequented by Europeans.

The country about Ganjam is fruitful in rice and sugar-cane, and they make pretty good sugars, both white and brown. It has the benefit of a river, but not navigable, nor the bar passable for ships, till the month of September, that the freshes from the mountains open it, and then there are three fathoms on it, but it shuts again about the beginning of November, and in the other months, there are not above seven or eight feet at high water.

The town stands about a mile within the bar, on a rising ground, and is governed by a chowdrie, an officer deputed by the Nabob. And there is a pagod in it, dedicated

cated to an obscene god, called Gopalfami. He is carried sometimes in procession through the streets, and sometimes into the fields near the town. They allow him a coach, because he cannot walk, and he has always above a dozen of clergymen to accompany him in his coach. Around his temple, and on the coach, are carved figures of gods and goddesses, in such obscene postures, that it would puzzle the Covent-garden nymphs to imitate. One of his company in the coach has a stick about two feet in length, and one end is carved in shape of a Priapus. The stick is placed between his legs, and the end sticking out before him, and all virgins and married women that never had children, come and worship the stick, and the priests bestow blessings on them to make them fruitful. The woods produce timber for building. It is very heavy, but the strongest wood I ever saw, though not lasting. They also produce bees-wax and stick-lack, and pretty good iron. And the inland countries manufacture cotton into several sorts of cloths, both fine and coarse, all fit for exportation. The seas produce many sorts of excellent fishes, and the rivers the best mullets ever I saw. In November and December they have great plenty of seer-fish, which is as favourable as any salmon or trout in Europe. I have seen them bought for three half-pence per piece, each above 20 lb. weight. Wild geese and ducks are plentiful and good here, and antelopes are sold for fifteen pence per piece.

CHAP. XXXI.—*Treats of the Sea-coast and some inland Countries in the ancient Kingdom of Orisa, by the natives called Oriá; with an Account of the famous Temple of Jagarynat.*

IN the year 1708, I had occasion to travel from Ganjam to Ballasore, by land which gave me an opportunity to see more of the countries through which I travelled, than most others could have who travelled by sea. About three miles to the eastward of Ganjam is Illure, at the end of a ridge of mountains, that divide the ancient kingdom of Goleondah from Orisa. Its end runs within pistol-shot of the sea, and there were three or four sentinels to demand a tax on every head that past out of or into Orisa. I had seventeen servants to carry my palanquin and baggage, and all the tax amounted to about three shillings sterling. Proceeding farther, I came to Manikapatam, where there is a great inlet from the sea; but about a mile from its mouth, it divided itself into many channels, which made many small islands. The Mogul had an officer there, who examined from whence we came, and whither we were bound. Our answers were satisfactory, and he presented us with some poultry, rice, and butter, and gave us a place to lodge in. And, although we saw plenty of fish in the rivers, yet money could not purchase one of them, because there is a pagod on a little hill built of iron-coloured stone, where all the animals of the watery element are worshipped. And water-fowls are so sacred, that they must not be killed.

Our next stage was to the famous temple of Jagarynat, which, in clear weather, may be seen from Manikapatam. In our way we saw great numbers of deer and antelopes, so tame that they would not move out of our way, till we approached within five or six yards of them. Water wild fowl were also numerous and fearless, for none dares kill them under pain of excommunication, which cannot be removed but by round sums to the church. Poultry there is plentiful, but cannot be killed by the Pagans, because they worship them; nor can strangers purchase them, only the Mahometans, who make no account of their canon laws, make bold to sacrifice them, and fish too, as we do in Great Britain.

In all this tract between Ganjam and Jagarynat, the visible god in most esteem is Gopalsami, whose temples, as I said before, are decorated with obscene representations of men and women in indecent postures, also of demons and caco-demons, whose genitals are of a prodigious size in proportion to their bodies. The filthy image is worshipped by all the Heathens of both sexes; but barren women are his greatest devotees, and bring him the best oblations.

Jagarynat has vast crowds of pilgrims to visit him from all parts of India. His temple stands in a plain about a mile from the sea, and no mountains nor outlets of rivers near it. It is built of a free hard stone, the pedestal of large square stone, and close by it is a cistern built about with large oblong square stones of different colours, viz. brick-colour, light blue, gray and white. The cistern has steps that run the whole length of the cistern, which is about 40 or 50 yards, and, at the end opposite to the pagod, steps of the whole breadth of it, which is about 25 or 30 yards, each step about a foot deep, descending by gradation, under the surface of the water, which did not seem to be clear, but, they say, is three fathoms deep in the middle. This cistern, or tank, is walled round with a stone wall about five feet high, with two iron gates to let in pilgrims, and keep out un sanctified persons, as Christians, Mahometans, &c.; for all pilgrims, are obliged to wash in that tank before they go into the temple to worship. The temple is built in the shape of a Canary pipe set on end, about 40 or 50 yards high; about the middle is the image of an ox cut in one entire stone, bigger than a live one. He looks towards the south-east, and his hinder parts are fixed in the wall. The fabrick is crowned with a top about the same diameter that it is in the middle, and the temple being exactly round, makes no contemptible figure in architecture. On the west side of the pagod, there is a large chapel that joins it, wherein sermons are daily preached; and there are some convents at a little distance for the priests to lodge in, who daily officiate. There are, in all, about 500 of them that belong to the pagod, who daily boil rice and pulse for the use of the god. They report, that there are five candies daily dressed, each candy containing 1600 lb. weight. When some part has been carried before the idol, and the smoke had saluted his mouth and nose, then the remainder is sold out, in small parcels, to those who will buy it, at very reasonable rates, and the surplus is served out to the poor, who are ever attending the pagod out of a pretended devotion: and this food, that is dressed for the pagod, has a particular privilege above other eatables, that the purified heathen is not contaminated by eating out of the same dish with polluted Christians or Mahometans, though, in another place, it would be reckoned a mortal sin.

I staid there one day and two nights, and my lodgings were in an house very near the pagod. The nights were spent in beating on tabors and brass cymbals, with songs of praises on Jagarynat, who is only a stone god, not carved into a figure, but an irregular pyramidal black stone of about 4 or 500 lb. weight, with two rich diamonds placed near the top, to represent eyes, and a nose and mouth painted with vermillion, to shew his devotees that he can both smell and taste. There are no windows in the temple to give light, so that he has use for about 100 lamps continually burning before him. He is railed about, that none may approach near him but his priests; and only those of the first quality dare enter into the Sanctum sanctorum.

I would fain have gone into the temple, but could not be admitted, though I professed the value of three guineas for admittance; but I sent one of my servants, who was a Gentow, to observe what he could, and he brought me the foregoing account.

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He is never removed out of the temple, but his effigy is often carried abroad in procession, mounted on a coach four stories high. It runs on eight or ten wheels, and is capable to contain near two hundred persons. It is drawn through a large street about fifty yards wide, and half a league long, by a cable of fourteen inches circumference, and at convenient distances, they fasten small ropes to the cable, two or three fathoms long, so that upwards of two thousand people have room enough to draw the coach, and some old zealots, as it passes through the street, fall flat on the ground, to have the honour to be crushed to pieces by the coach wheels, and if they meet with that good fortune, to be killed outright, the priests make the mob believe, that the defunct's soul is much in favour with the idol, but if only a leg, a thigh, or an arm are crushed, then the devotee is not sanctified enough to be taken notice of; however, if they die of their bruises, their bodies are burned as well as the others, and their souls go into paradise, or a place very near it, without stopping at the half-way house to be purged from their sins, as others less pure are obliged to do.

They have a tradition, that this famous idol was not originally of the country he now stays in, but 3 or 4000 years ago, he swam over the sea, and some fishers seeing him lie at high-water mark, went near him, and to their great astonishment heard him say in their own vernacular language, "that he came out of pure charity to reside among them, and desired that he might have a good lodging built for him, on that same spot of ground that he now dwells on." The fishers told this story to their ghostly fathers, who came in troops to see the stone that could talk so prettily, and would have excused themselves of the trouble of building an house fit to entertain his godship, but he would not be denied; and though their are no stone-quarries nor mountains to be seen within reach of the eye, he promised to furnish them with good stone and lime to build his house, if they would but take the trouble, and so, every night, materials were brought as there was need, and, in a short time, his house was built, as it now is. And there are reckoned, in the same town, no less than 400 temples built in honour to Jagarynat and his relations.

Had Jagarynat staid but twenty or thirty centuries, and swammed to the shore of some Christian Catholick country, he would have found an hearty welcome, and would not have been obliged to confine himself to one house without windows, but would have had an hundred palaces built for him, with swinging great windows for to give him day-light, and hundreds of good wax-candles burning before him night and day, instead of lamps, whose charge is much less than virgin wax, and their light much dimmer.

Whether this story of Jagarynat, or those of the miraculous adventures of Xavier, and the ship that run from Cape Bona Esperanza to Goa in one night, are most to be credited, I leave to the determination of the unprejudiced judges of controversy in points polemical.

The prince of this country is an Heathen, and pays a tribute to the Mogul of a lack of rupees yearly, or 12,500l. sterling, which is paid into the exchequer at Cattack. And the Prince exacts a tax of half a crown per head on every pilgrim that comes to the pagod to worship, which generally amounts to 75,000l. per annum.

This country abounds in corn, cloth, cattle, deer and antelopes. Bears and monkeys are very numerous and fearless. There is also plenty of water-fowl, partridge and pheasant, all tame, because none dares kill them but the prince, except those whom he gives written licences to, and they are but seldom obtained. The country is watered with many small rivers, whose outlets to the sea are at Manikapatam and Arsipore, and

there are many bridges of stone over those little rivers, and great numbers of beggars near those bridges asking alms in the name of Jagarynat.

The prince who reigned in anno 1708, had a peculiar esteem for Europeans in general; for, one day as he was a hunting, his horse fell, and the prince broke his thigh-bone, and accidentally an European surgeon being in the town, set the bone, and made a perfect cure, and was rewarded with 45*l.* sterling for it.

When I was there, he was abroad a hunting, and he sent me a compliment, that he desired to see me; but I excused myself on account of my having a fit of the gout, and he was satisfied with the excuse, and sent me a good fat buck for my supper; and several of the best gentlemen in town came, with their compliments, next morning, to invite me to stay a few days till his highness returned from hunting; but my business being pressing, I returned their civilities in the properest terms I could, and took leave to proceed on my journey.

When I had travelled three or four leagues from Jagarynat, I left the sea-shore, and took my way towards Cattack, on a very fine road, where I saw many droves of cattle and wild game, and several monuments of zealous pilgrims, who had signalized themselves by severe penances, and one particularly, that, about three months before I was there, had, out of zeal, built a tomb for himself, and, when it was finished, took his leave of his friends in form, and entered into his new cell, and staid till he died for want of sustenance. I challenge any Christian penitents to do more, in acts of supererogation, than this blind Heathen did.

CHAP. XXXII. — *Is an Account of the maritime Towns on the Coast of Orixa, which terminates at Ballasore; also of some inland Places through which I travelled.*

FROM the dominions of Jagarynat, I came into those of Arsipore. The town, where the Rajah resided, is named after the province, and there is a fine river that invites strangers to frequent it for cotton cloth and rice, that this country affords in great plenty. And, in sixscore miles that I travelled between Jagarynat and Cattack, I found little else worth noticing but numbers of villages intersperied in the plain countries, and, at every ten or twelve miles end, a fellow to demand junkaun or poll-money for me and my servants, which generally came to a penny or three half-pence a-piece, so that, in the whole, it cost me about one pound sterling for passage-gilt.

The next place to Arsipore, on the sea-coast, is Raypore, that stands on the banks of the river of Cattack, where it disembogues into the sea, about mid-way between Point Falso and Point Palmeira. It has a fine bar, affording several fathoms water on it in spring-tides. It is not frequented by Europeans, though, no doubt, it was before Aurengzeb conquered the country, for it produceth corn, cloth very fine, butter and oil in great abundance. The city of Cattack stands on an island of this river, about 25 leagues from the sea.

When I came to the river of Cattack, I espied a small pagod, built in form of a cupola; the outside had holes in it, like the holes of a pigeon-house, placed in order, and in each hole was a man's skull. Enquiring the reason why such a number of skulls were put there, I was informed, that when Aurengzeb's army came to besiege Cattack, there was a conspiracy in the town to betray it, but being detected, above five hundred that were concerned in it, were, by order of the King of Orixa, who was then in

the city, condemned to be beheaded, and their heads to be placed in those holes, and there they have continued ever since. Close by that temple, we took boat to carry us to the city, the river, on that side, being about a mile broad, and founding it in the middle, I found six fathoms. The river water is very clear, and wholesome to drink, and descends with a slow stream.

The springs of the river are from the mountains of Gatti, within 40 leagues of Goa, and, in its passage, washes part of the kingdoms of Talinga, Vilapore, Golcondah, and Orixá, blessing all the countries that it passes through with fertility of corn, even to the place where it loses itself, and there it is also beneficent, in affording a convenient harbour for shipping, though it is not much frequented by strangers, and not at all by Europeans. I believe the reason is, that many Rajahs, of different interests, have their countries on the sides of the river, and they load the trade with so many taxes and impositions, that the industrious merchant cannot get any profit by his labour; and the reins of the Mogul's government being so slack in those parts, the Nabob of Orixá is not capable to keep the contentious Rajahs in better order.

Cattack is still a large city, walled round, and a good many cannon planted on its walls, but neither the wall nor artillery are kept in good order. The town is not one quarter part inhabited; but the ruins of many large buildings shew sufficiently its ancient grandeur, when Kings kept their courts there. Its figure is an oblong for a league long, and a mile broad. It is garrisoned with 5000 foot, and 500 horse.

The English Company had once a fine factory in Cattack. Most of its walls were standing in anno 1708, and a garden that belonged to the factory, was then in good repair, kept by a person of quality in the town. The country about abounds in corn and cattle, and tame and wild fowl are very plentiful and good. Their manufactory is in cotton cloths, coarse and fine of all sorts, and very cheap, and so are butter and oil. I bought a few seerbands and sannoes there, to know the difference of the prices between Cattack and Ballasore markets, and I found Cattack sold them about 60 per cent. cheaper than Ballasore; but, on the road, which is about 35 leagues long, we paid seven or eight times toll for our heads and goods, which made them come out about 28 per cent. better than Ballasore market.

That part of the river, on the north side of Cattack, is very shallow. When I passed it, there were not above three feet water in it. They have a custom in this town, that, when any stranger travels through it, he must find surety, that he will carry none of the inhabitants off with him, without the Nabob's permission, and if the stranger can find no security, the Nabob's secretary becomes bound for paying him ten rupees for the danger he runs. Two Dutch renegadoes, who were in the Nabob's service as gunners, came to wait on me, with a present of mutton, fowl and fish, and proffered to be my sureties. I rewarded them with the usual perquisite due to the secretary, and gave them a bottle of French brandy, which they set a great value on.

When I left Cattack, I travelled about 50 miles in two days, and came to Badruck, which stands on the side of a river that runs into the sea at Cunnaca, about 20 miles below Badruck. There are about 1000 houses in it, and a small mud-wall fort, but never a gun in it. The inhabitants are mostly employed in husbandry, spinning, weaving, and churning, and butter here is pretty cheap, being accounted dear at a penny per pound weight. In two days I travelled from Badruck to Ballasore, and saw nothing in the way, but things common and indifferent, the product of the country being

being corn and cloth, iron, annife and cummin feeds, oil and bees-wax. Iron is fo plentiful, that they caft anchors for fhips in moulds, but they are not fo good as thofe made in Europe.

I muft now return back to Raypore, and travel along the fea-coaft. Four leagues from Raypore is the ifland of Palmeira, which lies about a mile from the fhire, and has a channel of two fathoms deep between them. The country is here very low, but the ifland lower, and it fends off a very dangerous fand-bank fo far into the fea, that the ifland can fcarcely be feen till a fhip is aground. Within 50 paces of the bank are fixteen fathoms water, which fudden fhallowings make it the more dangerous.

Three leagues to the northward of the Point Palmeira, is Cunnaca, which river is capable to receive a fhip of 200 tons. It has a bar, but not dangerous, becaufe the fea is fmooth, and the bottom foft. The Nabob of Cattack commands the north fide of the river, and a Rajah the other, which makes them both court the merchant that comes to trade there, for he pays cuftom only to the fovereign whofe fide of the river his fhip lies on. The produce and manufactories of the country I mentioned already.

About 12 leagues to the northward of Cunnaca, is the river's mouth of Ballafore, where there is a very dangerous bar, fufficiently well known by the many wrecks and loffes made by it. Between Cunnaca and Ballafore rivers there is one continued fandy bay, where prodigious numbers of fea tortoifes refort to lay their eggs; and a very delicious fifh called the pamblee, comes in fhoals, and are fold for two pence per hundred. Two of them are fufficient to dine a moderate man.

The town is but four miles from the fea by land, but, by the river, twenty. The country is fruitful to admiration, producing rice, wheat, gram, doll callavances, feveral forts of pulfe, annife, cummin, coriander and caraway feeds, tobacco, butter, oil and bees-wax. Their manufactories are of cotton in fannis, caffias, demeties, mulmuls, filk, and filk and cotton romals, gurrachs and lungies; and of herba (a fort of tough grafs) they make ginghams, pinalcos, and feveral other goods for exportation.

The Englifh, French, and Dutch have their refpective factories here, but at prefent, are of little confideration, though in former times, before the navigation of Hughly river was cultivated, they were the head factories in the bay or gulf of Bengal.

The town of Ballafore drives a pretty good trade to the iflands of Maldiva. Thofe iflands, as I obferved before, have no rice or other grain of their own product, fo that Ballafore fupplies them with what neceffaries they want, and, in return, bring cowries and cayer for the fervice of fhipping. The fea-fhore of Ballafore being very low, and the depths of water very gradual from the ftrand, make fhips, in Ballafore road, keep at a good diftance from the fhore, for, in four or five fathoms, they ride three leagues off.

From April to October is the feafon for fhipping to come into the bay of Bengal. Pilots lie ready at Ballafore to carry them up the river Hughly, which is a fmall branch of the famous Ganges. The European companies, before mentioned, keep theirs always in pay; but, when none of their own fhipping is there, their pilots have the liberty to ferve other fhips, which is no fmall advantage to them.

The people about Ballafore have one particular cuftom that I never heard of in any other country: viz. they take a piece of foft clay, and make it in the form of a large fuppository, and they harden it in the fun, till it comes to the confiftence of foft wax, and,

and, when they think it fit for use, they put it into the right intestine, immediately after exoneration. This, they allege, keeps them cool, though, after it has been in use a day and a night, it becomes hard, but every morning y have a new one ready for use.

There is a report current among the English in India, that the old East-India Company desired one Captain Goodlad, who was going in their service commander of a ship to Bengal, that he would bring them home some Indian rarity that had never been seen in England before. And being lodged in the factory at Ballasore, looking out of his window one morning, he saw some people making use of their suppositories, and leaving the old hard baked ones behind them. He immediately bethought himself of the commission he had from his masters, and judged that they might be rarities never seen in Europe before, and ordered a small keg to be filled with them. When he brought them to England, they proved to be such as they had never seen. Some gentlemen, more curious than the rest, scraped some of them to try the taste, but they still continued in the dark, till the comical captain gave them an account of their use and virtue.

The sides of the river are overgrown with bushes, which give shelter to many fierce and troublesome tigers, who do much mischief. I knew an Englishman that was in a ship's boat laden with fresh water, lying in the river, waiting the tide to carry her over the bar, and this man had the curiosity to step ashore, and being a little way from the boat, had a call to exonerate, and had no sooner put himself in a posture near the bushes, but out leaps a tiger, and caught both his buttocks in his mouth, and was for carrying him away, but one of the seamen in the boat seeing the tragedy took up a musket, and placed a bullet in the tiger's head, while the man was in his mouth helpless. The tiger immediately let him fall, and sculked in among the bushes, and the wounded man was carried on board of his ship, and the surgeon made a perfect cure of the wounds. I saw the marks of the wounds three or four years after the accident happened to him.

And now having led you as far eastward as Alexander the Great led his army, even to the famous river Ganges, which put a stop to his travels, I will venture farther, and visit both the banks of that river, upwards and downwards, and then march as far east as our European navigation has as yet discovered.

CHAP. XXXIII.—*Treats of the Towns, Cities, Country and Customs of Bengal, particularly of those near the famous Ganges; with some historical Accounts, ancient and modern, of Fort William.*

PIPLY lies on the banks of a river, supposed to be a branch of the Ganges, about five leagues from that of Ballasore; formerly it was a place of trade, and was honoured with English and Dutch factories. The country produces the same commodities that Ballasore does, at present it is reduced to beggary by the factory's removal to Hughly and Calcutta, the merchants being all gone. It is now inhabited by fishers, as are also Ingellie, and Kidgerie, two neighbouring islands on the west side of the mouth of Ganges. These islands abound also in tame swine, where they are sold very cheap, for I have bought one-and-twenty good hogs, between 50 and 80 pounds weight each, for 17 rupees, or 45 shillings sterling. Those islands send forth dangerous sand-banks, that are both numerous and large, and make the navigation out and in to Hughly river, both troublesome and dangerous, and after we pass those islands, in going up

the river, the channel for shipping is on the east-side, and several creeks run from the channel among a great number of islands, formed by different channels of Ganges, two of which are more remarkable than the rest, viz. Coxes and Sagor islands, where great ships were obliged to anchor to take in part of their cargoes, because several places in the river are too shallow for great ships to pass over, when their whole cargoes are a-board.

There are no inhabitants on those islands, for they are so pestered with tigers, that there could be no security for human creatures to dwell on them; nay, it is even dangerous to land on them, or for boats to anchor near them, for in the night they have swarmed to boats at anchor, and carried men out of them, yet among the Pagans, the island Sagor is accounted holy, and great numbers of Jougies go yearly thither in the months of November and December, to worship and wash in salt-water, though many of them fall sacrifices to the hungry tigers.

The first safe anchoring place in the river, is off the mouth of a river about twelve leagues above Sagor, commonly known by the name of Rogues river, which had that appellation from some banditti Portuguese, who were followers of sultan Sujah, when Amirjemal, Aurengzeb's general, drove that unfortunate prince out of his province of Bengal; for those Portuguese having no way to subsist, after their master's flight to the kingdom of Arackan, betook themselves to piracy among the islands, at the mouth of Ganges, and that river having communication with all the channels from Xatigam to the westward, from this river they used to sally out, and commit depredations on those that traded in the river of Hughly.

About five leagues farther up, on the west side of the river of Hughly, is another branch of the Ganges, called Ganga; it is broader than that of Hughly, but much shallower, and more encumbered with sand-banks; a little below the mouth of it the Danes have a thatched house, but for what reasons they kept an house there, I never could learn.

Along the river of Hughly there are many small villages and farms, interspersed in those large plains, but the first of any note on the river's side, is Culculla, a market town for corn, coarse cloth, butter, and oil, with other productions of the country; above it is the Dutch Bankshall, a place where their ships ride when they cannot get farther up for the too swift currents of the river. Culculla has a large deep river that runs to the eastward, and so has Juanpardoa, and on the west side there is a river that runs by the back of Hughly Island, which leads up to Radnagur, famous for manufacturing cotton cloth, and silk romaals, or handkerchiefs. Bussundri and Trefindi, or Gorgat and Cotrong, are on that river, which produce the greatest quantities of the best sugars in Bengal.

A little higher up on the east side of Hughly river, is Ponjelly, a village where a corn mart is kept once or twice in a week; it exports more rice than any place on this river; and five leagues farther up on the other side, is Tanna Fort, built to protect the trade of the river, at a place convenient enough, where it is not above half a mile from shore to shore; but it never was of much use, for in anno 1686, when the English Company quarrelled with the Mogul, the Company had several great ships at Hughly, and this fort was manned in order to hinder their passage down the river. One 60 gun ship approaching pretty near the fort, saluted it with a broad-side, which so frightened the governor and his myrmidons, that they all deserted their post, and left their castle to be plundered by the English seamen. About a league farther up on the other side of the river, is Governapore, where
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there is a little pyramid built for a land-mark, to confine the Company's colony of Calcutta, or Fort William. On that side, and about a league farther up, stands Fort William.

The English settled there about the year 1690, after the Mogul had pardoned all the robberies and murders committed on his subjects. Mr. Job Channock being then the Company's agent in Bengal, he had liberty to settle an emporium in any part on the river's side below Hughly, and for the sake of a large shady tree chose that place, though he could not have chosen a more unhealthful place on all the river; for three miles to the north-eastward, is a salt-water lake that overflows in September and October, and then prodigious numbers of fish resort thither; but in November and December, when the floods are dissipated, those fishes are left dry, and with their putrefaction affect the air with thick stinking vapours, which the north-east winds bring with them to Fort William, that they cause a yearly mortality. One year I was there, and there were reckoned in August about 1200 English, some military, some servants to the Company, some private merchants residing in the town, and some seamen belonging to shipping lying at the town, and before the beginning of January there were four hundred and sixty burials registered in the clerk's book of mortality.

Mr. Channock choosing the ground of the colony, where it now is, reigned more absolute than a Rajah, only he wanted much of their humanity; for when any poor ignorant native transgressed his laws, they were sure to undergo a severe whipping for a penalty, and the execution was generally done when he was at dinner, so near his dining-room that the groans and cries of the poor delinquent served him for musick.

The country about being overspread with Paganism, the custom of wives burning with their deceased husbands, is also practised here. Before the Mogul's war, Mr. Channock went one time with his ordinary guard of soldiers, to see a young widow act that tragical catastrophe; but he was so smitten with the widow's beauty, that he sent his guards to take her by force from her executioners, and conducted her to his own lodgings. They lived lovingly many years, and had several children; at length she died, after he had settled in Calcutta; but instead of converting her to Christianity, she made him a profelyte to Paganism, and the only part of Christianity that was remarkable in him, was burying her decently, and he built a tomb over her, where all his life after her death, he kept the anniversary day of her death by sacrificing a cock on her tomb, after the Pagan manner; this was and is the common report, and I have been credibly informed, both by Christians and Pagans, who lived at Calcutta under his agency, that the story was really true matter of fact.

Fort William was built an irregular tetragon, of brick and mortar, called Puckah, which is a composition of brick-dust, lime, malasses, and cut hemp, and when it comes to be dry, is as hard and tougher than firm stone or brick; and the town was built without order, as the builders thought most convenient for their own affairs, every one taking in what ground best pleased them for gardening, so that in most houses you must pass through a garden into the house, the English building near the river's side, and the natives within land.

The agency continued till the year 1705, that the old and new Companies united, and then it became a split government, the old and new Companies servants governing week about, which made it more anarchical than regular. Sir Edward Littleton was agent and consul for the new company at Hughly, when this union of the Companies was

made, and then he was ordered to remove his factory to Calcutta, and being of an indolent disposition, had let his accounts with the company run behind. He was suspended, but lived at Calcutta till 1707, that he died there; he was the only president or precedent in the Company's service, that lost an estate of 700 pounds per annum in so profitable a post in their service.

This double-headed government continued in Calcutta, till January 1709, that Mr. Weldon arrived with the Company's commission to settle it at Bombay and Fort St. George, which were under the management of a governor and council, which those of the direction in England took to be a better way to promote their own creatures, as well as their own interest. His term of governing was very short, and he took as short a way to be enriched by it, by harassing the people to fill his coffers. There was one singular instance of it. A poor seaman had got a pretty Mustice wife, a little inclined to lewdness in her husband's absence. She entertained two Armenians, who were like to quarrel about sharing her favours, which coming to the governor's ears, he reprimanded them: however, by the strong persuasion of 500 rupees paid in hand by one of them, he awarded him to have the sole right to her, and he carried her to Hughly, and bragged openly what his purchase had cost him, to the great credit and praise of the governor; and when the poor husband returned, he was forced to submit to lose his mare, under the pain of flagellation: yet he was very shy in taking bribes, referring those honest folks, who trafficked that way, to the discretion of his wife and daughter, to make the best bargain they could about the sum to be paid, and to pay the money into their hands. I could give many instances of the force of bribery, both here and elsewhere in India, but am loth to ruffle the skin of old sores.

About fifty yards from Fort William, stands the church built by the pious charity of merchants residing there, and the Christian benevolence of sea-faring men, whose affairs call them to trade there; but ministers of the gospel being subject to mortality, very often young merchants are obliged to officiate, and have a salary of 50l. per annum added to what the company allows them, for their pains in reading prayers and sermons on Sundays.

The governor's house, in the Fort, is the best and most regular piece of architecture that I ever saw in India. And there are many convenient lodgings for factors and writers, within the Fort, and some store-houses for the Company's goods, and the magazines for their ammunition.

The Company has a pretty good hospital at Calcutta, where many go in to undergo the penance of physick, but few come out to give account of its operation. The company has also a pretty good garden, that furnishes the governor's table with herbage and fruits; and some fish-ponds to serve his kitchen with good carp, calkops, and mullet.

Most of the inhabitants of Calcutta that make any tolerable figure, have the same advantages; and all sorts of provisions, both wild and tame, being plentiful, good and cheap, as well as clothing, make the country very agreeable, notwithstanding the above mentioned inconveniences that attend it.

On the other side of the river are docks made for repairing and fitting their ships bottoms, and a pretty good garden belonging to the Armenians, that had been a better place to have built their fort and town in, for many reasons. One is, that, where it now stands, the after-noon's sun is full in the fronts of the houses, and shines hot on the streets, that are both above and below the fort; the sun would have sent its hot rays on the back of the houses, and the fronts had been a good shade for the streets.

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Most gentlemen and ladies in Bengal live both splendidly and pleasantly, the forenoons being dedicated to business, and after dinner to rest, and in the evening to recreate themselves in chaises or palankins in the fields, or to gardens, or by water in their budgeroes, which is a convenient boat, that goes swiftly with the force of oars; and, on the river, sometimes there is the diversion of fishing or fowling, or both; and before night, they make friendly visits to one another, when pride or contention do not spoil society, which too often they do among the ladies, as discord and faction do among the men. And although the conscript fathers of the colony disagree in many points among themselves, yet they all agree in oppressing strangers, who are consigned to them, not suffering them to buy or sell their goods at the most advantageous markets, but of the governor and his council, who fix their own prices, high or low, as seemeth best to their wisdom and discretion: and it is a crime hardly pardonable for a private merchant to go to Hugly, to inform himself of the current prices of goods, although the liberty of buying and selling is intirely taken from him before.

The garrison of Fort William generally consists of two or three hundred soldiers, more for to convey their fleet from Patana, with the Company's saltpetre, and piece goods, raw silk, and some opium belonging to other merchants, than for the defence of the fort, for, as the Company holds their colony in fee tail of the Mogul, they need not be afraid of any enemies coming to dispossess them. And if they should, at any time, quarrel again with the Mogul, his prohibiting his subjects to trade with the Company, would soon end the quarrel.

There are some impertinent troublesome Rajahs, whose territories lie on the banks of the Ganges, between Patana and Cassembuzaar, who, pretend a tax on all goods and merchandize, that pass by, or through their dominions on the river, and often raise forces to compel payment; but some forces from Fort William in boats, generally clear the passage, though I have known some of our men killed in the skirmishes.

In Calcutta all religions are freely tolerated, but the Presbyterian, and that they brow-beat. The Pagans carry their idols in procession through the town. The Roman Catholicks have their church to lodge their idols in, and the Mahometan is not discountenanced; but there are no polemicks, except what are between our high-church men and our low, or between the governor's party and other private merchants on points of trade.

The colony has very little manufactory of its own, for the government being pretty arbitrary, discourages ingenuity and industry in the populace; for, by the weight of the Company's authority, if a native chances to disoblige one of the upper-house, he is liable to arbitrary punishment, either by fine, imprisonment, or corporal sufferings. I will give one instance, out of many, that I knew of the injustice of a governor of the double-headed government in *anno* 1706.

There was one captain Perrin, master of a ship, who took up about 500l. on respondentia from Mr. Ralph Sheldon, one of the governors, on a voyage to Persia, payable at his return to Bengal. Perrin having dispatched his affairs in Persia sooner than he expected, called at Goa in his way home, and bought a Surat-built ship very cheap, and carried her to Calcutt, and took in a quantity of pepper for the Bengal market; and having brought in his other ship good store of Persia wines, called at Fort St. George to dispose of what he could there; but finding no encouragement from that market, carried it to Bengal. On his arrival he complimented Mr. Sheldon with the offer of his pepper and wine; but he declined meddling with that bargain, farther than

than with as much of the pepper, at the current price, as would balance his account of principal and respondentia. Accordingly Perrin delivered so much pepper, and, on the delivery, required his bond up; but the governor told him, that he being a fellow troubled with the spirit of interloping in buying goods, and taking freights where he could best get them, he would keep that bond as a curb on him, that he should not spoil his markets for the future. Poor Perrin used all his rhetoric to get his bond up, but to no purpose; and the governor moreover gave his wine a bad name, so that he could not dispose of that either, and all this oppression was in order to straiten him, that he might be obliged to sell his new purchased ship, at a low price, to him and his associates, which, at last, he was obliged to do, holding a quarter part in his own hands, to secure the command of her to himself, which, after all, he could hardly do. Perrin made his complaint to me, but I was in no condition to assist him, because I, having three or four large ships at Bengal, was reckoned a criminal guilty of that unpardonable sin of interloping; however, I advised Perrin to comply with his inexorable master, on any terms of agreement whatsoever, which he endeavoured to do, that he might, at least, keep the command of his ship, where he was so much concerned, and had hardly done it, but by accident. One day meeting me on the green near the fort, he stopped me to relate his grievances, and begged, that, if he was turned out of his own ship, he might have an employ in one of mine, which I promised he should.

Sheldon espied us, out of a window, holding a long confabulation, and being impatient to know about what, sent a servant to call Perrin, and he, obeying the summons, was interrogated about what our discourse was; and he told the promise I had made him. Sheldon told him, that he was as capable to employ him as I could be. Perrin answered, that he knew that, but wished that he would be as willing too; so Sheldon promised that he should command his own ship to Persia.

But the wine still lay unsold, though it was scarce then in Bengal; but the name that it got, first at Fort St. George, and afterward in Fort William, fluck so fast to it, that none of it would go off at any price, so I advised him to carry it off in the night, in my boats, on board of one of my ships, and I would try if I could serve him in selling it, which accordingly he did; and two gentlemen of the council, being that season bound for England, coming one day to dine with me, I treated them, and the rest of my company, with that Persia wine, which they all praised, and asked me where I got it. I told them, that, knowing that good wines would be scarce at Bengal that year, I had provided a good quantity at Surat, from whence I had come that season. Every one begged that I would spare them some chests, which I condescended to do as a favour, and next day sent them what they wanted, at double the price the owner demanded for it, while he had it, and so got off above 120 chests, which enabled Mr. Perrin to satisfy most of his creditors.

Sheldon provided a stock and freight for Perrin to Persia, and put on board some rotten long pepper, that he could dispose of no other way, and some damaged gunnies, which are much in use in Persia for embalming goods, when they are good in their kind; but, *volens volens*, Perrin must take them, and sign bills of lading for good well conditioned goods; and yet, after he was ready to sail, he had been stopped, if he could not raise the sum of 2500 rupees, to discharge a bill, that, at that time, became due, and was indorsed to Sheldon. I also helped him out of that difficulty, and took his bond for the sum, bearing interest from the date, at the current interest of one per cent. per mensem; so Perrin proceeded on his voyage to Persia, but

but called at Calcutt in his way home again, and laid up his ship there, and took protection of a Nayer, with the full hand of 11,000*l.* sterling of Bengal money, and wrote to Mr. Sheldon, that he might keep his former bond, and he would take care of his part of the stock in his hands. He also wrote to me, that he would take particular care to reimburse me; but, in a short time after, he died, and his effects came into the English chief's hands, who detained them several years, denying that ever he had any, till governor Boone came to the government of Bombay in 1715, and then he made a lame account. I have been so prolix and particular in this story, that it may form an idea of the deformity and dismal image of tyranny and villainy supported by a power, that neither divine nor human laws have force enough to bridle or restrain.

The Company's colony is limited by a land-mark at Governapore, and another near Barnagul, about six miles distant; and the salt-water lake bounds it on the land side. It may contain, in all, about 10 or 12,000 souls; and the Company's revenues are pretty good, and well paid. They rise from ground-rents and consulage on all goods imported and exported by British subjects; but all nations besides are free from taxes.

CHAP. XXXIV. — *Is a Continuation of the Description of Bengal.*

BARNAGUL is the next village on the river's side, above Calcutta, where the Dutch have an house and garden; and the town is famously infamous for a seminary of female lewdness, where numbers of girls are trained up for the destruction of unwary youths, who study more how to gratify their brutal passions, than how to shun the evil consequences that attend their folly, notwithstanding the daily instances of rottenness and mortality that happen to those who most frequent those schools of debauchery. The Dutch shipping anchors there sometimes, to take in their cargoes for Batavia. And those are all that are remarkable at Barnagul or Barnagur.

There are several other villages on the river's sides, in the way to Hughly, which lies 20 miles above Barnagul, but none remarkable, till we come to the Danes factory, which stands about four miles below Hughly; but the poverty of the Danes has made them desert it, after having robbed the Mogul's subjects of some of their shipping, to keep themselves from starving.

Almost opposite to the Danes factory is Bankebankfal, a place where the Ostend Company settled a factory; but, in *anno* 1723, they quarrelled with the Fouzdaar or governor of Hughly, and he forced the Offenders to quit their factory, and seek protection from the French at Charnagur, where their factory is, but, for want of money are not in a capacity to trade. They have a few private families dwelling near the factory, and a pretty little church to hear mass in, which is the chief business of the French in Bengal.

About half a league farther up is the Chinchura, where the Dutch emporium stands. It is a large factory, walled high with brick. And the factors have a great many good houses standing pleasantly on the river's side; and all of them have pretty gardens to their houses. The Chinchura is wholly under the Dutch Company's government. It is about a mile long, and about the same breadth, well inhabited by Armenians and the natives. It is contiguous to Hughly, and affords sanctuary for many

many poor natives, when they are in danger of being oppressed by the Mogul's governor, or his harpies.

Hughly is a town of a large extent, but ill built. It reaches about two miles along the river's side, from the Chinchura before mentioned to the Bandel, a colony formerly settled by the Portuguese; but the Mogul's Fouzdaar governs both at present. This town of Hughly drives a great trade, because all foreign goods are brought thither for import, and all goods of the product of Bengal are brought hither for exportation. And the Mogul's furza or custom-house is at this place. It affords rich cargoes for fifty or sixty ships yearly, besides what is carried to neighbouring countries in small vessels; and there are vessels that bring salt-petre from Patana, above fifty yards long, and five broad, and two and an half deep, and can carry above 200 tuns. They come down in the month of October, before the stream of the river, but are obliged to track them up again, with strength of hand, about 1000 miles. To mention all the particular species of goods that this rich country produces, is far beyond my skill; but, in our East-India Company's sales, all the sorts that are sent hence to Europe, may be found; but opium, long pepper, and ginger are commodities that the trading shipping in India deals in, besides tobacco, and many sorts of piece goods, that are not merchantable in Europe.

The Bandel, at present, deals in no sort of commodities, but what are in request at the court of Venus; and they have a church, where the owners of such goods and merchandize are to be met with, and the buyer may be conducted to proper shops, where the commodities may be seen and felt, and a priest to be security for the soundness of the goods.

Now this being my farthest travels up the famous Ganges, I must advance farther on the report of others, and so I begin with Cassembazaar, about 100 miles above Hughly, where the English and Dutch have their respective factories; and, by their companies orders, the seconds of council ought to be chiefs of those factories. The town is large, and much frequented by merchants, which never fails of making a place rich. The country about it is very healthful and fruitful, and produces industrious people, who cultivate many valuable manufactories.

Muxadabaud is but 12 miles from it, a place of much greater antiquity, and the Mogul has a mint there; but the ancient name of Muxadabaud is changed for Rajahmal, for above a century. It was, in former times, the greatest place of trade and commerce on the Ganges, but now its trade and grandeur adorns Cassembazaar.

About forty or fifty miles to the eastward of Rajahmal, on another channel of the Ganges, is Maldo, a large town, well inhabited and frequented by merchants, and the English and Dutch had factories there, but whether they are continued still, I know not.

Patana is the next town frequented by Europeans, where the English and Dutch have factories for salt-petre and raw silk. It produces also so much opium, that it serves all the countries in India with that commodity. It is the place of residence of the prince of Bengal, who is always of the blood royal. The town is large, but the houses built at some distance from one another. The country is pleasant and fruitful; and the town lies in 26 degrees of latitude to the northward of the equator.

Bannaras lies about 100 miles farther up the river, celebrated for its sanctity by all persons over India, where Paganism prevails. Here are seminaries and universities for the education of youth, and to initiate them into the mysteries of their religion. Aurungzeb restrained the priests from shewing the madness of their zeal, for they found

found out some weak dotards, who, for ostentation, would go to the top of an high tower, and leap down where divers pointed weapons were placed in the spot they were to fall on, and among them they ended their silly lives. It is still in so much veneration, that I have known young and old Banyans go from Surat thither over land, out of devotion, which is computed to be 400 miles. The priests fill brags and copper pots, made in the shape of short-necked bottles, with Ganges water, which they consecrate and seal up, and send those bottles, which contain about four English gallons, all over India, to their benefactors, who make them good returns, for whoever is washed with that water just before they expire, are washed as clean from their sins as a new-born babe.

I have ventured so far into this Terra Incognita on the Ganges, that I dare venture no farther, but must visit Dacca, which lies under the tropic of Cancer, on the broadest and easternmost branch of Ganges. The city is the largest in Bengal, and it manufactures cotton and silk the best and cheapest. The plenty and cheapness of provisions are incredible, and the country is full of inhabitants, but it breeds none of tolerable courage, for five or six armed men will chase a thousand: yet, about two centuries ago, Dacca had its own kings, but when Jehan Guire, the King of Mogul, over-ran Bengal with a victorious army, a detachment of 20,000 men was sent down to Dacca, on whose approach the poor King surrendered his kingdom, without once drawing his sword in its defence, and so it easily became annexed to the Mogul's dominions.

That branch of the Ganges disembogues into the sea at Chittagoung, or, as the Portugueze call it, Xatigam, about 50 leagues below Dacca; and this place confines the Mogul's dominions to the eastward. The distance between Sagor, the westernmost channel of the Ganges, and Xatigam the easternmost, is about 100 leagues, the maritime coast being divided into many small islands made by the currents of the Ganges; but very few are inhabited, because they are so pestered with tigers, that there is little safety for other inhabitants; and there are also many rhinoceroses on those islands, but they are not so dangerous neighbours as the tigers, yet, when provoked, they will assault any living thing. Nature has endued him with two particular rarities out of her stores. One is a large horn placed on his nose. The second is a coat of mail to defend him from the teeth or claws of other fierce animals. His tongue is also somewhat of a rarity, for, if he can but get any of his antagonists down, he will lick them so clean, that he leaves neither skin nor flesh to cover their bones; but he is seldom known to be an aggressor, except when he meets with an elephant; then he sharpens his horn and assaults, though he is much inferior to the elephant in bulk and strength, being no bigger than a very large ox, yet he often overcomes in spite of the elephant's teeth.

Sundiva is an island four leagues distant from the rest, and so far it lies in the sea, it is about 20 leagues in circumference, and has three fathoms water within a mile of the shore, and it may serve to shelter small ships from the raging seas, and winds of the south-west monsoons. I was credibly informed by one that wintered there, that he bought 580 pound weight of rice for a rupee, or half a crown, eight geese for the same money, and sixty good tame poultry for the same, and cloth is also incredibly cheap; it is but thinly inhabited, but the people simple and honest.

The religion of Bengal by law established, is Mahometan, yet for one Mahometan there are above an hundred Pagans, and the publick offices and posts of trust are filled promiscuously with men of both persuasions.

The Gentiles are better contented to live under the Mogul's laws than under Pagan princes, for the Mogul taxes them gently, and every one knows what he must pay, but the Pagan kings or princes tax at discretion, making their own avarice the standard of equity; besides there were formerly many small Rajahs, that used, upon frivolous occasions, to pick quarrels with one another, and before they could be made friends again, their subjects were forced to open both their veins and purses to gratify ambition or folly.

And now having cursorily travelled over the most noted countries and towns in Bengal, with the best remarks I could of their government, only making a voluntary omission of many oppressions and other injustices that came within the reach of my own knowledge and experiments, I take leave of that earthly paradise, and proceed.

CHAP. XXXV. — *Gives an Account of Xatigam, and the Kingdom of Arackan, some historical Observations on Sultan Sujah's Misfortunes there, and the Miseries that Country fell under by Civil Wars.*

XATIGAM is a town that borders on Bengal and Arackan, and its poverty makes it a matter of indifference whom it belongs to. It was here that the Portuguese first settled in Bengal, but the dangers their ships run in coming thither in the south-west monsoons, made them remove to the Bandel at Hughly. The Mogul keeps a cadjee or judge in it, to administer justice among the Pagan and Mahometan inhabitants, but the offspring of those Portuguese that followed the fortune of Sultan Sujah, when he was forced to quit Bengal, are the domineering lords of it.

It is not so fertile in corn as Bengal, and has but few cotton manufactories, but it affords the best timber for building of any place about it. The river has a deep enough entrance, but is pestered with sand banks, and some rocks within. I have known some English ships forced from Point Palmeira by strefs of weather thither, and had safe riding till the north-east monsoons came to relieve them. The government is so anarchical, that every one goes armed with sword, pistol, and blunderbuss; nay, even the priests are obliged to go armed, and often use their arms to as bad ends as the licentious laity, and some of the priests have died martyrs to villainous actions.

Arackan is the next maritime country to the southward of Bengal, and in former times made some figure in trade. It was into this country that the unfortunate Sultan Sujah came a supplicant for protection, when Emirjemal chased him out of Bengal. He carried his wives and children with him, and about two hundred of his retinue, who were resolved to follow his fortune, and he carried six or eight camels load of gold and jewels, which proved his ruin, and in the end, the ruin of the kingdom of Arackan.

When Sultan Sujah first visited the King of Arackan, he made him presents suitable to the quality of the donor and receiver, the Arackaner promising him all the civilities due to so great a prince, with a safe asylum for himself and family. When Emirjemal knew where Sultan Sujah had taken sanctuary, he sent a letter to the King of Arackan, wherein he demanded the poor distressed prince to be delivered up to him, otherwise he threatened to bring his army into his country to take him by force. The threatening letter wrought so far on the base Arackaner, that he contrived ways and means

means to pick a quarrel with his guest, to have a pretext to oblige Emirjema, at last he found a very fair one.

Sultan Sujah having a very beautiful daughter, the King of Arackan desired her in marriage, but knew well enough that Sultan Sujah would never consent to the match, he being a Pagan and she a Mahometan. Her father used all reasonable arguments to dissuade the Arackaner from prosecuting his suit, but in vain, for the Arackaner grew daily more pressing, and Sultan Sujah at last gave him a flat denial, on which the base King sent him orders to go out of his dominions in three days, and forbid the markets to furnish him any more with provisions for his money. Sultan Sujah knowing it would be death for him to go back to Bengal, resolved to pass over some mountains overgrown with woods, into the King of Pegu's dominions, which were not above 100 miles off, and so next day after summons, with his family, treasure, and attendants, Sultan Sujah began his march, but the barbarous Arackaner sent a strong party after him, who overtook him before he had advanced far into the woods, and killed most of Sultan Sujah's company, and seized the treasure, and brought it back in an inglorious triumph. What became of Sultan Sujah and his fair daughter, none could ever give a certain account; whether they were killed in the skirmish, or whether they were destroyed by wild elephants and tigers in the woods, none ever knew, but the Arackaners alledge they were destroyed by the wild beasts of the woods, and not by the more savage beasts in human shape.

So much treasure never had been seen in Arackan before, but to whom it should belong caused some disturbance. The King thought that all belonged to him, those that fought for it claimed a share, and the princes of the blood wanted some fine large diamonds for their ladies, but the tribe of Levi found a way to make up the difference, and persuaded the King and the other pretenders, to dedicate it to the god Dagon, who was the titular god of the kingdom, and to deposit it in his temple, which all agreed to; now whether this be the same Dagon of Ashdod, mentioned in the first book and fifth chapter of Samuel, I do not certainly know, but Dagon has a large temple in Arackan, that I have heard of, and another in Pegu that I have seen.

In 1690, a King of Arackan dying without issue, two princes of the blood quarrelled about filling up the vacancy; they both took arms, and both had an eye upon the treasure, which so frightened the priesthood, that they removed Sultan Sujah's treasure to another place only known to themselves; and those two hot blades pursued their quarrel so warmly, that in one year themselves and families were entirely cut off, and the kingdom has continued in anarchy ever since.

Arackan has the conveniency of a noble spacious river, and its mouth is both large and deep enough to accommodate ships of the greatest burden into a spacious harbour, large enough to hold all the ships in Europe.

When the English left Bengal in anno 1686, Mr. Channock came thither with half a dozen of great ships, to pass the south-west monsoons away; the country assisted them plentifully with provisions, but they had no other commerce; they had no less than six fathoms water going in to the river, and in some places within, above twenty. The country produces timber for building, some lead, tin, stick-lack, and elephants teeth.

The sea coast of Arackan reaches from Xatigam to Cape Negrais, about 400 miles in length, but few places inhabited, because there are such vast numbers of wild elephants and buffaloes, that would destroy the productions of the ground, and tigers to destroy the tame animals, that they think it impracticable to inhabit it, only some islands in the sea are peopled with some poor miserable fishers, who get their bread out of the water, to keep them from starving, and they live out of the way of oppression.

There are some of the Mogul's subjects who trade to Arackan for the commodities above mentioned, and sometimes they meet with good bargains of diamonds, rubies, &c. precious stones, and gold rupees, which are to be supposed are some of Sultan Sujah's treasure, pilfered by the avaricious priests.

There are abundance of islands on the Arackan coast, but they lie close to the shore, only the Buffalo Islands lie about four leagues off, and there is a rock that shews its head above water about the middle of the channel, between those islands and the continent. The channels among the Buffalo Islands seem to be clear of danger, and above 20 fathoms water in them, but about eight leagues off the north end of the great island of Negrais, is a dangerous rock that only appears above water in the low ebbs of spring tides; it lies in 15 fathoms water, and 20 yards off are 13 fathoms. The other island of Negrais, which makes the point called the Cape, is a small, low, barren rocky island, it is often called Diamond Island, because its shape is a rhombus. About the year 1704, four French ships went to careen at the great Negrais, and turning in between the islands, one ship of 70 guns, called l'Indien, run aground on some rocks lying on the inside of Diamond Island, and was lost, but the rest saved the men, and all her portable furniture.

Three leagues to the southward of Diamond Island, lies a reef of rocks a league long, but they do not appear above water, though they are conspicuous at all times by the sea breaking on them. There is a good channel between the island and them, above a league broad, and 11 or 12 fathoms deep; the rocks are called the Legarti, or, in English, the Lizard.

CHAP. XXXVI. — *Gives an Account of the famous Kingdom of Pegu, its Situation and Product, with its Laws, Customs, and Religion, and some historical Accounts of their Temples and Gods, of Occurrences and Revolutions in the State, and how it became a Province of the Kingdom of Burma.*

THE sea-coast from Negrais to Syrian Bar, is in the dominions of Pegu; there are some of the mouths of Pegu river open on that coast into the sea. Dolla is the first, about fifty miles to the eastward of Negrais. China Backaar is another, about forty miles to the eastward of Dolla, and between these openings there is a dangerous bank of black sand, that runs four or five leagues out into the sea, and so far off there are but 14 feet water. About 60 miles to the eastward of China Backaar, is the bar of Syrian, the only port now open for trade in all the Pegu dominions.

If by accident a ship bound to Syrian, be driven a league or two to the eastward of that river's mouth, a strong tide carries her on hard sands till she sits fast on them, for anchors are of no use to stop them, because of the rapidity of the current; at low water the ships are dry when on those sands, and the sea leaves them, and retires five or six leagues, at which time the shipwrecked men walk on the sands towards the shore for their safety, for the sea comes back with so much noise, that the roaring of the billows may be heard ten miles off; for a body of waters comes rolling in on the sand, whose front is above two fathoms high, and whatever body lies in its way it overturns, and no ship can evade its force, but in a moment is overturned; this violent boer the natives call a mackrea.

About six leagues from the bar of Pegu River, is the city of Syrian; it is built near the river's side on a rising ground, and walled round with a stone wall without mortar. The governor, who is generally of the blood-royal, has his lodgings in it, but the suburbs are four times bigger than the city. It was many years in possession of the Portuguese, till by their inscience and pride they were obliged to quit it.

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The ancient city of Pegu stands about forty miles to the eastward of Syrian; the ditches that furrounded the city, which are now dry, and bear good corn, testify that few cities in the world exceeded it in magnitude, for they are reckoned six or seven leagues round their outward polygon.

It was the feat of many great and puissant Kings, who made as great a figure as any in the east, but now its glory is in the dust, for not one twentieth part of it is inhabited, and those are but the lower class of people who inhabit it. The cause of the ruin of the kingdoms of Pegu, Martavan, and some others under the dominions of Pegu, I had from some Peguers, in several discourses with them about that revolution, which was thus:

There was great love and friendship between the Kings and subjects of Pegu and Siam, being next neighbours to one another, and they had a good intercourse of trade, both by land and sea, till in the fifteenth century, a Pegu vessel being at Odia, the chief city of Siam, and when ready to depart for Pegu, anchored one evening near a little temple a few miles below the city, and the master of the vessel, with some of his crew, going to worship in that temple, seeing a pretty well-carved image of the god Samfay, about a covet high, fell in love with it, and finding his priests negligent in watching, stole him away, and carried him on board prisoner for Pegu. When the negligent priests missed their little god they were in a deplorable condition, lamenting their loss to all their neighbouring priests, who advised them to complain to the King of Siam of the theft, which accordingly they did, imploring his good offices with the King of Pegu, to have their god sent back; and it happened that by the unseasonable floods in the river that year, there came to be a great scarcity of corn, which calamity was imputed by the priests to the loss of Samfay, upon which the pious Prince sent an embassy to his brother of Pegu, desiring the restitution of the image, whose absence had caused so great loss and clamour in his country.

The King of Pegu being as great a bigot as his brother of Siam, would by no means deliver back a god who had fled from the impieties of his native land to him for protection, and with that answer sent back the Siam ambassador, who was not a little mortified with the disappointment.

Since fair means could not persuade the Peguer to send back the little god, the Siamese was resolved to try what force would do, and accordingly raised an army of two or three hundred thousand men to invade the King of Pegu's dominions, and the first fury of the war fell on the province of Martavan, being contiguous to the territories of Siam, and with fire and sword destroyed the open country almost to the gates of the city of Martavan, where often the King of Pegu kept his court, and was formerly the metropolis of an independent kingdom, before Pegu reduced that country by conquest to be a province of theirs.

After the Siamese had fatiated his cruelty and rage, by the destruction of many poor innocents, he retired back to his own country very much elevated with pride and vain-glory, for his great achievements; but next year he was pretty well humbled, for the Peguer raised a much greater army, and embarking them in small boats on the river Memnon, on which the city of Odia stands in one of its islands, his army was brought with so much celerity and secrecy, that the Peguer brought the first news of his invasion, and pitching his tents round the city, soon brought it into great straits, by stopping the daily provisions that supported it; but unexpectedly the river bringing down great floods of waters sooner than their ordinary time, the country about the city overflowed, and spoiled all the Peguer's provisions of corn, and drowned near the half of his army, which obliged him to raise the siege, and retire to his own dominions.

Next year, the Siamer, to be revenged, levied another great army, with which he over-ran all the inland countries of Pegu that lay near him, and annexed them to his own dominions. The Peguer finding that he could not recover his lands without foreign aid and assistance, invited the Portugueze, whose name began to be dreadful in India, and by the great encouragement he gave them, got about 1000 volunteers into his service. Neither the Siamers nor the Peguers at that time understood the use of fire-arms, and their noise and execution at so great a distance terrified them. With the Portugueze assistance, the Peguer went with his army, which was very numerous, to find out the Siamer, and having found him, gave him battle, the Portugueze being in the front with their fire-arms, soon put the Siamer to flight before they could come to handy-blows, on which he left the Peguer's country in greater haste than he came into it.

The King of Pegu was so sensible of the Portugueze service in gaining the battle, and driving the Siamers out of his conquered country, that he made one Senhor Thoma Pereyra (who commanded the Portugueze in the war) generalissimo of all his forces, which preferment made the Portugueze so insolent, that in a few years they became intolerable to all ranks and degrees of persons in Pegu.

Both Kings grew tired of war, but both too proud to make advances towards peace, so that for many years they had skirmishing with small parties, though no set battles, and wherever the Portugueze arms went, they had victory to accompany them.

The King of Pegu, to have his forces nearer the borders of Siam, settled his court at Martavan, and kept the Portugueze near him, to be ready on all occasions, either to repel or assault the Siam forces, as opportunity served, and Thoma Pereyra was the darling favourite at court, he had his elephants of state, and a guard of his own countrymen to attend him. One day as he was coming from court in state, on a large elephant, towards his own palace, he chanced to hear music in a burgher's house, whose daughter being a very beautiful virgin, had been married that morning to a young man of the neighbourhood. The general went to the house and wished them joy, and desired to see the bride. The parents took the general's visit for a great honour done them, and brought their daughter to his elephant's side; he being smitten with her beauty, ordered his guard to seize her and carry her to his house.

His orders were but too readily obeyed, and the poor bridegroom not being able to bear his loss, cut his own throat; and the disconsolate parents of their injured children, rent their clothes, and went crying and complaining through the streets towards the King's palace, imploring their gods and countrymen to avenge them on the insolent Portugueze, the common oppressors of their country. Crowds of people came from all parts of the city to hear and see the tragedy; their numbers grew so great, that the streets were hardly big enough for them, and their noise so loud that it reached the King's ears, who sent to know the cause of their uproar. The messenger returning, acquainted the King what had been transacted, and he, to appease the tumult, sent them word that he would punish the criminal, and accordingly sent for his general, but he being much taken up with the enjoyment of his new purchase, made an excuse that he was so much out of order, that he could not then wait on His Majesty till he was better, which answer so provoked the King, that he ordered the whole city to take arms, and to make a general massacre on all the Portugueze wheresoever they could be found in city or country. The King's orders were put in execution so speedily, that in a few hours all the Portugueze were slaughtered, and the guilty criminal was taken alive, and made fast by the heels to an elephant's foot, who dragged him through the streets till there was no skin nor flesh left to cover his bones, which spectacle appeared the enraged populace.

populace. There were only three Portugueze saved, who were accidentally in the suburbs next the river, who hid themselves till night favoured their escape in a small boat, in which they coasted along the shore, feeding on what the woods and rocks afforded them, and at length arrived at Malacca, to give an account of the melancholy scene.

Both kingdoms being much weakened with bloody wars, took rest for many years, but never entered on treaties of peace. So about the middle of the seventeenth century, the Siamer invaded the dominions of Pegu, and conquered all to the southward of Martavan, taking in the provinces of Tanacerin and Ligoire, who were tributaries to Pegu, and retains them still in his possession.

The King of Pegu finding that the incroachments of Siam daily lessened his dominions, and his own forces were not able to protect what he had left, sent an embassy to the King of Barma, a potent prince, whose dominions lay about 500 miles up the river from Pegu, to beg his assistance to stop the Siamers in their course of conquests, and he promised to give good encouragement to the Barmaes. The embassy was graciously received, and an army of an hundred thousand was levied for that service, and sent in transport vessels to Pegu, and joined the Pegu army, who conjunctly marched against the Siamer, and drove him quite out of his new conquests; and when the Barmaes observed the feebleness and bad discipline of the Pegu army, they even killed the King of Pegu, and broke the Pegu army, and seized the kingdoms of Pegu and Martavan for their master, and in that family it continues to this time. The Barmaes ruined both the cities of Pegu and Martavan, and sunk vessels in the mouth of the river Martavan, to make it unnavigable, and so it continues. This account I had at Pegu in anno 1709, both from Peguers and Portugueze, who agreed in the history as I have related it.

The dominions of Barma are at present very large, reaching from Moravi near Tanacerin, to the province of Yunan in China, about 800 miles from north to south, and 250 miles broad from west to east. It has no sea-port but Syrian, and that river is capable to receive a ship of 600 tuns. The town drives a good trade with Armenians, Portugueze, Moors and Gentows, and some English; their import is several sorts of Indian goods, such as beteellas, mulmuls, coffas, fannis, orangshays, tangebs, European hats, coarse and fine, and silver. The customs are eight and an half per cent. which with other charges, amount to about twelve in the hundred. The product of the country is timber for building, elephants, elephants teeth, bees-wax, stick-lack, iron, tin, oil of earth, wood-oil, rubies, the best in the world, diamonds, but they are small, and are only found in the craws of poultry and pheasants, and one family has only the indulgence to sell them, and none dare open the ground to dig for them. Saltpetre they have in abundance, but it is death to export it, plenty of ganse or lead, which passeth all over the Pegu dominions for money. About twenty sail of ships find their account in trade for the limited commodities, but the Armenians have got the monopoly of the rubies, which turns to a good account in their trade; and I have seen some blue sapphires there, that I was told were found on some mountains of this country.

The country is very fruitful in corn, fruits, and roots, and excellent legumen of several species, abundance of wild game either quadrupeds or winged. In the months of September and October, wild deer are so plentiful, that I have bought one for three or four pence; they are very fleshy, but no fat about them. They have many sorts of good fish, and swine's flesh and poultry are both plentiful and good.

They wear none of our European commodities but hats and ribbons, and the gentry will give extravagant prices for fine beaver hats, and rich ribbons flowered with silver and gold, and if it be never so broad it is stretched up the crown of the hat as far as it can

can go, and they use no sort of cock to their hats. Cotton cloths from Bengal and Chormondel, with some striped silks, are best for their market, and silver of any sort is welcome to them. It pays the King 8½ per cent. custom, but in lieu of that high duty, he indulges the merchants to melt it down, and put what alloy they please in it, and then to pass it off in payments as high as they can.

Rupee silver, which has no alloy in it, will bear 28 per cent. of copper alloy, and keep the Pegu touch, which they call flowered silver, and if it flowers, it passes current.

Their way to make flowered silver is, when the silver and copper are mixed and melted together, and while the metal is liquid, they put it into a shallow mould, of what figure or magnitude they please, and before the liquidity is gone, they blow on it through a small wooden pipe, which makes the face, or part blown upon, appear with the figures of flowers or stars; but I never saw any European or other foreigner at Pegu, have the art to make those figures appear, and if there is too great a mixture of alloy, no figures will appear.

The King generally adds 10 per cent. on all silver that comes into his treasury, besides what was put on at first; and though it be not flowered, it must go off in all his payments, but from any body else it may be refused if it is not flowered.

His government is arbitrary. All his commands are laws, but the reins of government are kept steady and gently in the King's own hand. He severely punishes his governors of provinces or towns, if oppressions or other illegal practices are proved upon them; and to know how affairs pass in the state, every province or city has a mandareen or deputy residing at court, which is generally in the city of Ava, the present metropolis.

* Every morning these mandareens are obliged to attend at court, and after His Majesty has dressed and breakfasted, which is generally on a dish of rice boiled in fair water, and his sauce is some shrimps dried and powdered, and some salt and cod-pepper mixed with those two ingredients, and that mixture makes a very pungent sauce, which they call prock, and is in great esteem and use among the Peguers.

When his breakfast is over, he retires into a room so contrived that he can see all the attendants, but none can see him, and a page stands without to call whom the King would have give account of the current news of his province or city, which is performed with profound reverence toward the room where the King stays, and with a distinct audible voice; and if any particular matter of consequence is forgot or omitted, and the King comes to hear of it by another hand, severe punishments follow, and so he passes his mornings in hearing the necessary cases of his own affairs, as well as those of his subjects.

If he is informed of treason, murder, or such like heinous crimes, he orders the matter to be judicially tried before judges of his own choosing, for that time and affair, and on conviction he signs the dead warrant, wherein he orders, that the wretch convicted shall trade no more on his ground, and execution presently follows, either by beheading, or ordering them to be sport for his elephants, which is the cruellest death. Sometimes he banishes them for a certain time to the woods, and if they are not devoured by tigers, or killed by wild elephants, they may return when their term is expired, and pass the remainder of their days in serving a tame elephant; and for smaller crimes they are only condemned to clean his elephants stables for life.

His subjects, if they may be so called, treat him with fulsome adulation. When they speak or write to him they call him their god, (or in their language Kiack,) and in his letters to foreign Princes, he assumes the title of King of Kings, to whom all other Kings

ought to be subject, as being near kinsman and friend to all the gods in heaven and on earth, and by their friendship to him all animals are fed and preserved, and the seasons of the year are regularly kept: the sun is his brother, and the moon and stars are his near relations, Lord over the floods and ebbing of the sea; and after all his lofty epithets and hyperboles, he descends to be King of the white elephant, and of the twenty-four white somereroes or umbrellae. These two last he may indeed claim with some shew of justice, for I have seen elephants of a light yellow colour both in Pegu and Siam, but who ought to be called their Lord is a question not yet decided; and as King of the twenty-four white somereroes, I believe few Kings will much care to dispute that glorious title with him, for those somereroes are only common China umbrellae, covered over with thin Chormondel bateellas, and their canes lackered and gilded; and because his own subjects dare not use any such umbrellae, he wisely lays his imperial commands on all other Kings to forbear wearing of them when they go abroad.

After His Majesty has dined, there is a trumpet blown, to signify to all his slaves, as he terms other Kings, that they may go to dinner, because their Lord has already dined. And when any foreign ships arrive at Syrian, the number of people on board, with their age and sex, are sent to him, to let him know that so many of his slaves are arrived to partake of the glory and happiness of his reign and favour; and the highest title his own subjects assume, is the King's First Slave.

The King's palace at Ava is very large, built of stone, and has four gates for its conveniences. Ambassadors enter at the east gate, which is called the Golden Gate, because all ambassadors make their way to him by presents. The south gate is called the Gate of Justice, where all people that bring petitions, accusations, or complaints, enter. The west is the Gate of Grace, where all that have received favours, or have been acquitted of crimes, pass out in state, and all condemned persons carried out in fetters; and the north gate fronting the river, is the Gate of State, where His Majesty passes through, when he thinks fit to bless his people with his presence, and all his provisions and water are carried in at that gate.

When pots of water, or baskets of fruits, are carried through the streets for the King's use, an officer attends them, and all the people that fortune to be near, must fall on their knees, and let it pass by, as a good Catholic does when he sees the host.

When an ambassador is admitted to audience in the palace, he is attended with a large troop of guards, with trumpets founding, and heralds proclaiming the honour the ambassador is about to receive, in going to see the glory of the earth, His Majesty's own sweet face; and between the gate and the head of the stairs that lead to the chamber of audience, the ambassador is attended with the master of the ceremonies, who instructs him to kneel three times in his way thither, and continue so with his hands over his head, till a proclamation is read before he dare rise. Some of his elephants are instructed to fall on their belly when the King passes by them.

This relation I had from one Mr. Roger Alifon, who had been twice ambassador from the governor of Fort St. George, or his agents at Syrian, to the court of Ava; and though the palace is very large, yet the buildings are but mean, and the city though great and populous, is only built of bamboo canes, thatched with straw or reeds, and the floors of teak-plank, or split bamboos, because if treason or other capital crimes be detected, the criminals may have no place of shelter; for if they do not appear on the first summons, fire will fetch them out of their combustible habitations.

His sword-officers have no salary, nor his soldiers for their support, but there is a province or a city given to some minion, who is to give sustenance to such a number of
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soldiers, and find the palace at Ava with such a quota of provisions as the providore thinks fit to appoint.

When there is a war, and parties are sent on expeditions, then the King allows them pay, clothes, arms, and provides magazines of provisions for them; but as soon as the war is at an end, then the clothes and arms are returned, by which means discipline is little known among them, and a man of a tolerable stock of courage may pass there for an hero.

The quality of an officer is known by his tobacco-pipe having an earthen or metallic head, with a socket to let in a jointed reed, that on its upper end has a mouth-piece of gold, jointed as the reed or cane is; and by the number of joints in the golden mouth-piece the quality of the officer is known, and respect paid him accordingly.

All cities and towns under this King's dominions are like aristocratical commonwealths. The prince or governor seldom sits in council, but appoints his deputy, and twelve counsellors or judges, and they sit once in ten days at least, but oftener when business calls them. They convene in a large hall, mounted about three feet high, and double benches round the floor for people to sit or kneel on, and to hear the free debates of council. The hall being built on pillars of wood, is open on all sides, and the judges set in the middle on mats, and sitting in a ring there is no place of precedence; there are no advocates to plead at the bar, but every one has the privilege to plead his own cause, or send it in writing to be read publicly, and it is determined judicially within the term of three sittings of council; but if any one questions his own eloquence, or knowledge of the laws of equity, he may empower a friend to plead for him; but there are no fees but what the town contributes for the maintenance of that court, which, in their language, is called the Rounday, and those contributions are very small. There are clerks set at the backs of the judges, ready to write down whatever the complainant and defendant has to say, and the case is determined by the prince and that council, very equitably; for if the least partiality is found awarded to either party, and the King is made acquainted with it by the deputies at court, the whole sentence is revoked, and the whole board are corrected for it, so that very few have occasion to appeal to court, which they may do if they are aggrieved; and if an appeal is made upon ill grounds, the appellant is chastised, which just rigour hinders many tedious suits that arise where there are no penalties annexed to such faults.

The judges have a particular garb of their own. Their hair being permitted to grow long, is tied on the top of their heads with cotton ribbon wrapped about it, and it stands upright in the form of a sharp pyramid. Their coat is of a thin betella, so that their skin is easily seen through it. About their loins they have a large lungee or scarf, as all other Peguers have, that reaches to their ancles, and against the navel a round bundle made of their lungee, as big as a child's head, but stockings and shoes are not used in Pegu.

The Bermacs wear the same habit, and imprint several devices in their skins, pricked with a bodkin, and powder of charcoal rubbed over the little wounds, while the blood continues wet in them, and the black marks remain ever after. The Peguers dare not paint their skins, so that the natives of each nation are easily known by the distinguishing mark of painting or plainness. There are few of their men fat, but plump, well shaped, of an olive colour, and well featured.

The women are much whiter than the men, and have generally pretty plump faces, but of small stature, yet very well shaped, their hands and feet small, and their arms and legs well proportioned. Their head-dress is their own black hair tied up behind, and when they go abroad, they wear a shawl folded up, or a piece of white cotton cloth lying

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loose on the top of their heads. Their bodily garb is a frock of cotton cloth or silk, made meet for their bodies, and the arms of their frock stretched close on the arm, the lower part of the frock reaching half-thigh down. Under the frock they have a scarf or lungee doubled fourfold, made fast about their middle, which reaches almost to the ankle, so contrived, that at every step they make, as they walk, it opens before, and shews the right leg and part of the thigh.

This fashion of petticoats, they say, is very ancient, and was first contrived by a certain Queen of that country, who was grieved to see the men so much addicted to sodomy, that they neglected the pretty ladies. She thought that by the sight of a pretty leg and plump thigh, the men might be allured from that abominable custom, and place their affections on proper objects, and according to the ingenious Queen's conjecture, that dress of the lungee had its desired end, and now the name of sodomy is hardly known in that country.

The women are very courteous and kind to strangers, and are very fond of marrying with Europeans, and most part of the strangers who trade thither, marry a wife for the term they stay. The ceremony is, (after the parties are agreed) for the bride's parents or nearest friends or relations, to make a feast, and invite her friends and the bridegroom's, and at the end of the feast, the parent, or bride-man, asketh them both before the company, if they are content to cohabit together as man and wife, and both declaring their consent, they are declared by the parent or friend to be lawfully married: and if the bridegroom has an house, he carries her thither, but if not, they have a bed provided in the house where they are married, and are left to their own discretion how to pass away the night.

They prove obedient and obliging wives, and take the management of affairs within doors wholly in their own hands. She goes to market for food, and acts the cook in dressing his victuals, takes care of his clothes, in washing and mending them; if their husbands have any goods to sell, they set up a shop and sell them by retail, to a much better account than they could be sold for by wholesale, and some of them carry a cargo of goods to the inland towns, and barter for goods proper for the foreign markets that their husbands are bound to, and generally bring fair accounts of their negotiations. If she proves false to her husband's bed, and on fair proof convicted, her husband may carry her to the Rounday, and have her hair cut, and sold for a slave, and he may have the money; but if the husband goes astray, she will be apt to give him a gentle dose, to send him into the other world a sacrifice to her resentment.

If she proves prolific, the children cannot be carried out of the kingdom without the King's permission, but that may be purchased for 40 or 50*l.* sterling; and if an irreconcilable quarrel happen where there are children, the father is obliged to take care of the boys, and the mother of the girls. If a husband is content to continue the marriage, whilst he goes to foreign countries about his affairs, he must leave some fund to pay her about 6*s.* 8*d.* per month, otherwise at the year's end she may marry again; but if that sum is paid her on his account, she is obliged to stay the term of three years, and she is never the worse, but rather the better looked on, that she has been married to several European husbands.

CHAP. XXXVII.—*Gives an Account of the Pegu Clergy; their Charity, &c.; their Temples, and the Reason why they are so numerous, and their Trials by Ordeal; the Fertility of the Country, and the Ceremony in burning the Corpse of an High Priest.*

THE Pegu clergy are the best observers of the rules of morality and charity that I have met with in my travels, and the people are pious and hospitable. There are vast

numbers of temples built in this country, but most of wood, because that material is plentiful and cheapest, and takes varnish and gilding best, being gawdily painted both within and without. Every one has free liberty to build a baw or temple, and when it is finished, purchases or bestows a few acres of ground to maintain a certain number of priests and novices, who manure and cultivate the ground for their own sustenance, and in the garden the priests and novices have a convent built for their conveniency of lodgings and stry, and those are their settled benefices; for they are no charge to the laity, but by their industrious labour in managing their garden, they have enough for themselves, and something to spare to the poor indigent of the laity; but if their garden is too small or sterile for the subsistence of their family, then they send some novices abroad with a large orange-coloured mantle about their bodies, with a bucket hanging on their left arm, a little drum in the left hand, and a little stick in the right, and when they come to the people's doors they beat three strokes with the stick on the drum, and if none come to answer, they beat again, and so on to the third time, and then if none answer, they proceed to the next house without speaking a word; but they are seldom sent away without an alms of rice, pulse, fruits, or roots, which is their only food, and what they receive more than they have present occasion for, they distribute to the poor, for they never take care for to-morrow, living all their days in celibacy, they have none of the anxiety of thinking about provision for a widow and children. Their innocent exemplary lives procure them many free-will offerings from the well disposed laity, and what is saved after providing their convents, of eatables and clothing, returns to the maintenance of the distressed laity, who, through age, sickness, or other accidents, cannot maintain themselves by labour; but none who are able to work, partake of their charity.

They preach or lecture frequently, and have a numerous auditory. Their religion is Paganism, and their system of divinity Polytheism. They have images in all their temples or baws, of inferior gods, such as Soimma Cuddom, Samfay, and Prawpout, but they cannot form an idea of the image of the great God, whose adoration is left to their tallapoies or priests.

Those tallapoies or priests, teach, that charity is the most sublime virtue, and therefore ought to be extensive enough to reach not only to the human species, but even to animals, wherefore they neither kill nor eat any, and they are so benevolent to mankind, that they cherish all alike without distinction, for the sake of religion. They hold all religions to be good that teach men to be good, and that the deities are pleased with variety of worship, but with none that is hurtful to men, because cruelty must be disagreeable to the nature of a deity: so being all agreed in that fundamental, they have but few polemicks, and no persecutions, for they say that our minds are free agents, and ought neither to be forced nor fettered.

The images in their temples are placed in domes, in a sitting posture, with their legs across, their toes all alike long, their arms and hands very small in proportion to their bodies, their faces longer than human, and their ears large, and the lappets very thick. The congregation bows to them when they come in and go out, and that is all the oblation they receive.

They never repair an old baw, nor is there any occasion for that piety or expence; for in every September there is an old custom for gentlemen of fortune to make sky-rockets, and set them a flying in the air, and if any fly any great height, that is a certain sign that the owner is in favour with the gods; but if it comes to the ground, and spends its fire without rising, the owner is much dejected, and believes that the gods are angry with him; but the happy man, whose rocket makes him in the gods favour, never fails

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of building a new baw, and dedicates it to the god he adores; and some priests, whose temples are gone to decay, bring their images to adorn it, who have the benefice for their pains.

I have seen some of those rockets so large, that one of them could contain about five hundred weight of powder-dust and coal, which is their common composition. The carcase is the trunk of a great tree made hollow, leaving about two inches of solid wood without the cylinder, to strengthen it; the hollow they fill with the composition well rammed in, and after that is done, they make thongs of green buffaloes' hides, and haul tight round the carcase to keep it from splitting, and those thongs are put from one end to the other, in the place of hoops, and when they grow dry, they are as close on the carcase as so many hoops; then they secure the ends, that the composition may come gradually out, when fired. The carcase they place on a branch of a large high tree, which grows plentifully in their fields, and fix it in the position they would have it mount in when fired, and then they take a large bamboo for a tail to balance it. Some I have seen above 120 feet long. When the tail is made fast according to art, then the day of solemnity is proclaimed, and great numbers of people of all ranks, degrees and ages, assemble to see the rocket fly. When all are convened, the lashings that fastened it to the tree, are cut, except so many as can support it from falling, and there are men with hatchets ready to cut them when the fire is put to it, which is done by the owner, and then the rocket takes flight, and some fly a prodigious height, others come to the ground, and fly five or six hundred paces in an irregular motion, wounding or scorching all that comes in its way. The consequences of the high flier and the low, I have described at length above.

A little while after the rockets flying they have another feast, called the collock, and some women are chosen out of the people assembled, to dance a dance to the gods of the earth. Hermaphrodites, who are numerous in this country, are generally chosen, if there are enough present to make a set for the dance. I saw nine dance like mad folks, for above half an hour, and then some of them fell in fits, foaming at the mouth for the space of half an hour; and, when their senses are restored, they pretend to foretel plenty or scarcity of corn for that year, if the year will prove sickly or salutary to the people, and several other things of moment, and all by that half hour's conversation that the furious dancer had with the gods while she was in a trance.

They have various sorts of music, but the pipe and tabor are esteemed the best, though their stringed instruments pleased my ears best. They have one sort in the shape of a galley, with about twenty bells of several sizes and sounds, placed fast on the upper part, as it lies along. The instrument is about three feet long, and eight or ten inches broad, and six inches deep. They beat those bells with a stick made of heavy wood, and they make no bad music.

There are two large temples near Syrian, so like one another in structure, that they seem to be built by one model. One stands about six miles to the southward, called Kiakiack, or, the God of Gods' Temple. In it is an image of twenty yards long, lying in a sleeping posture, and, by their tradition, has lain in that posture 6000 years. His doors and windows are always open, and every one has the liberty to see him; and when he awakes, this world is to be annihilated. The temple stands on an high campaign ground, and may easily be seen, in a clear day, eight leagues off. The other stands in a low plain, north of Syrian, about the same distance, called Dagon. His doors and windows are always shut, and none enters his temple but his priests, and they will not tell what shape he is of, only he is not of human shape. As soon as Kiakiack dissolves the being and frame of the world, Dagon or Dagon will gather up the

fragments, and make a new one. There are yearly fairs held near those temples, and the free-will offerings arising at those fairs, are for the use of the temples.

For finding out secret murder, theft, or perjury, the trial of ordeal is much in custom in Pegu. One way is to make the accuser and the accused take some raw rice in their mouths, and chew and swallow it; but he that is guilty of the crime alledged, or of false accusation, cannot swallow his morsel, but the innocent chews and swallows his easily.

Another way they have by driving a stake of wood into a river, and making the accuser and accused take hold of the stake, and keep their heads and bodies under water, and he who stays longest under water, is the person to be credited, and whosoever is convicted by this trial, either for the crime alledged, or for malicious slander, by accusation, must lay on his back three days and nights, with his neck in a pair of stocks, without meat or drink, and fined to boot. They have also the custom of dipping the naked hand in boiling oil, or liquid lead, to clear them from atrocious crimes, if accused, and if the accuser scalds himself in the trial, he must undergo the punishment due to the crime, which makes people very cautious how they calumniate one another; and if any one asperse a woman with the name of whore, and cannot prove the aspersion to be true, they are fined severely.

The country is fruitful and healthful, and the air so good, that when strangers come hither in a bad state of health, they seldom fail of a speedy recovery; but the small pox is dreaded as pestiferous, and in the province of Kirian that distemper is most dangerous and most infectious; so that if any one is seized by that disease, all the neighbourhood removes to two or three miles distance, and builds new houses, which are easily done with bamboos and reeds, which they have in great plenty. They leave with the diseased person a jar of water, a basket of raw rice, and some earthen pots to boil it in, then they bid him farewell for twenty-one days. If the patient has strength enough to rise and boil rice, he may then recover, if not, he must even die alone. And it is observable, that, while a person has that distemper, the tiger, for all his voraciousness, will not touch him. If the patient dies within the term of twenty-one days, then the smell certifies them on their approaching the house, and if he live, they carry him to their new built city, and make him a free burghers.

I saw the ceremony of an high priest's funeral, and was not a little pleased with the solemnity. After the corpse had been kept three or four months by spirits or gums from putrefaction, there was a great mast fixed in the ground, so fast, that it could be moved no way from its perpendicular position. Then, about fifty or sixty yards on each side of that mast, four smaller masts were placed, and fixed perpendicularly in the ground. Around the great mast, in the middle, were erected three scaffolds above one another, and the lowermost bigger than the second, and the third smaller than that, so that it looked like a pyramid four stories high. The scaffolds were railed in on each side, except an open place of three or four feet wide on each side. All the scaffolds, and the ground below them, were filled with combustibles. From the mast in the middle four ropes were carried to the other four masts, and hauled tight, and a fire-rocket on each rope was placed at the respective small masts. Then the corpse was carried to the upper story of the pyramid, and laid flat on the scaffold, and, after a great show of sorrow among the people there present, a trumpet was sounded, which was a signal to set fire to the rockets, which in an instant, flew with a quick motion along the ropes, and set fire to the combustibles, and in a moment they were all in a flame, so that in an hour or two all was consumed.

This high priest was held in so great veneration, that he was reckoned a saint among the people. He was in great esteem with the King, and when any nobleman fell into disgrace,

disgrace, he used his interest with the King to have him restored again to favour, unless they were guilty of atrocious crimes, and, in that case, he used his endeavours to have the rigour of the punishment extenuated.

All the Pegu clergy are mediators in making up cases of debate and contention that happen among neighbours. They never leave mediating till there be a reconciliation, and, in token of friendship, according to an ancient custom there, they eat champock from one another's hand, and that seals the friendship. This champock is tea of a very unfavoury taste; it grows, as other tea does, on bushes, and is in use on such occasions all over Pegu.

And now, since I must leave Pegu, I must not omit giving the clergy their due praises in another particular practice of their charity. If a stranger has the misfortune to be shipwrecked on their coast, by the laws of the country, the men are the King's slaves, but by the mediation of the church, the governors overlook that law; and when the unfortunate strangers come to their baws, they find a great deal of hospitality, both in food and raiment, and have letters of recommendation from the priests of one convent to those of another on the road they design to travel, where they may expect vessels to transport them to Syrian; and if any be sick or maimed, the priests, who are the Peguer's chief physicians, keep them in their convent, till they are cured, and then furnish them with letters, as is above observed, for they never enquire which way a stranger worships God, but if he is human, he is the object of their charity.

There are some Christians in Syrian of the Portuguese offspring, and some Armenians. The Portuguese have a church, but the scandalous lives of the priests and people, make them contemptible to all people in general.

I have only to add to my observations of Pegu, that, in former times, Martavan was one of the most flourishing towns for trade in the east, having the benefit of a noble river, which afforded a good harbour for ships of the greatest burden; but, after the Barmaes conquered it, they sunk a number of vessels full of stones, in the mouth of the river, so that now it is unnavigable, except for small vessels. They make earthenware there still, and glaze them with lead-ore. I have seen some jars made there, that could contain two hogshheads of liquor. They have also still a small trade in fish. Their mullet dried is the best dry fish I ever tasted, either in India or Europe.

The islands off the coast of Pegu, are the Cooes, uninhabited, but full of cocconut trees. They lie about 20 leagues west-south-west from Cape Negrais: and the islands Perperies lie 36 leagues south of the said cape. They are high islands uninhabited, and so environed with rocks under water, that there is danger in landing on them. They seem to be overgrown with woods, and that is all that I could observe of them. There is another small island called Comoda, that lies about 10 leagues off the coast of Pegu, but is not inhabited.

CHAP. XXXVIII. — *Treats of Merjee and Tanacerin, and of the Sea-coast in the King of Siam's Dominions; of the Massacre there of the English in Anno 1687; also of Quedah, and the other maritime Countries and Islands as far as Malacca.*

THE next place on the continent, to the southward, is Merjee, a town belonging to the King of Siam, situated on the banks of the river of Tanacerin, lying within a great number of small uninhabited islands. The harbour is safe, and the country produces rice, timber for building, tin, elephants, elephants' teeth, and Agala wood. In former times a good number of English free merchants were settled at Merjee, and drove a
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good trade, living under a mild indulgent government; but the old East India Company envying their happiness, by an arbitrary command, ordered them to leave their industry, and repair to Fort St. George, to serve them, and threatened the King of Siam with a sea war, if he did not deliver those English up, or force them out of his country, and, in anno 1687, sent one Captain Weldon in a small ship, called the Curtany, to Merjee with that message. He behaved himself very insolently to the government, and killed some Siamers, without any just cause. One night when Weldon was ashore, the Siamers thinking to do themselves justice on him, got a company together, designing to seize or kill the aggressor, but Weldon having notice of their design, made his escape on board his ship, and the Siamers missing him, though very narrowly, vented their rage and revenge on all the English they could find. The poor victims being only guarded by their innocence, did not so much as arm themselves, to withstand the fury of the enraged mob, so that seventy-six were massacred, and hardly twenty escaped on board of the Curtany; so there was the tragical consequence of one man's insolence.

Before that fatal time, the English were so beloved and favoured at the court of Siam, that they had places of trust conferred upon them, both in the civil and military branches of the government. Mr. Samuel White was made shawbandaar or custom-master at Merjee and Tanacerin, and Captain Williams was admiral of the King's navy; but the troublesome company, and a great revolution that happened in the state of Siam, made some repair to Fort St. George, others to Bengal, and some to Atcheen.

The islands opposite to the coast of Tanacerin, are the Andemans. They lie about 80 leagues off, and are surrounded with many dangerous banks and rocks; they are all inhabited with cannibals, who are so fearless, that they will swim off to a boat if the approach near the shore, and attack her with their wooden weapons, notwithstanding the superiority of numbers in the boat, and the advantage of missile and defensive arms of iron, steel, and fire.

I knew one Fergusson, who commanded a ship from Fort St. George, bound from Malacca to Bengal, in company with another ship, going too near one of the Andeman islands, was driven, by the force of a strong current, on some rocks, and the ship was lost. The other ship was driven through a channel between two of the same islands, and was not able to assist the shipwrecked men, but neither Fergusson nor any of his people were ever more heard of, which gave ground to conjecture that they were all devoured by those savage cannibals.

I saw one of the natives of those islands at Atcheen, in anno 1694. He was then about 40 years of age. The Andemaners had a yearly custom to come to the Nicobar islands, with a great number of small praws, and kill or take prisoners as many of the poor Nicobareans as they could overcome. The Nicobareans again joined their forces, and gave the cannibals battle, when they met with them, and one time defeated them, and gave no quarter to the Andemaners. This man above-mentioned, when a boy of 10 or 12 years of age, accompanied his father in the wars, and was taken prisoner, and his youth recommending him to mercy, they saved his life, and made him a slave. After he had continued so three or four years, he was carried to Atcheen to be sold for cloth, knives, and tobacco, which are the commodities most wanting on the Nicobars. The Atcheeners being Mahometans, this boy's patron bred him up in that religion, and some years after, his master dying, gave him his freedom; he having a great desire to see his native country, took a praw, and the months of December, January, and February, being fair weather, and the sea smooth, he ventured to the sea, in order to go to his own country, from the islands of Gomus and Pullo-wey, which lie near Atcheen. Here the souther-most of the Nicobars may be seen, and so one island may be seen from another, from the

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souther-moſt of thoſe to Chitty-andeman, which is the ſouther-moſt of the Andemans, which are diſtant from Atcheen about an hundred leagues. Arriving among his relations he was made welcome, with great demonſtrations of joy to ſee him alive, whom they expected to have been long dead.

Having retained his native language, he gave them an account of his adventures; and, as the Andemaners have no notions of a deity, he acquainted them with the knowledge he had of a God, and would have perſuaded his countrymen to learn of him the way to adore God, and to obey his laws, but he could make no converts. When he had ſtaid a month or two, he took leave to be gone again, which they permitted, on condition that he would return. He brought along with him four or five hundred weight of quickſilver, and he ſaid, that ſome of the Andeman iſlands abound in that commodity. He had made ſeveral trips thither before I ſaw him, and always brought ſome quickſilver along with him. Some Mahometan fakires would fain have accompanied him in his voyages, but he would never ſuffer them, becauſe he ſaid, he could not engage for their ſafety among his countrymen. When I ſaw him he was in company with a Seid, whom I carried a paſſenger to Surat, and from him I had this account of his adventures.

The next place of any commerce on this coaſt, is the iſland of Jonkceyloan; it lies in the dominions of the King of Siam. Between Merjee and Jonkceyloan there are ſeveral good harbours for ſhipping, but the ſea-coaſt is very thin of inhabitants, becauſe there are great numbers of freebooters, called ſalleiters, who inhabit iſlands along the ſea-coaſt, and they both rob, and take people for ſlaves, and tranſport them for Atcheen, and there make ſale of them, and Jonkceyloan often feels the weight of their depredations.

The north end of Jonkceyloan lies within a mile of the continent, but the ſouth end is above three leagues from it. Between the iſland and the continent is a good harbour for ſhipping in the ſouth-weſt monſoons, and on the weſt ſide of the iſland Puton bay is a ſafe harbour in the north-eaſt winds. The iſlands afford good maſts for ſhipping, and abundance of tin, but few people to dig for it, by reaſon of the afore-mentioned outlaws, and the governors being generally Chineſe, who buy their places at the court of Siam, and, to reimburse themſelves, oppreſs the people, in ſo much that riches would be but a plague to them, and their poverty makes them live an eaſy indolent life.

Yet the villages on the continent drive a ſmall trade with ſhipping that come from the Choromondel coaſt and Bengal, but both the buyer and ſeller trade by retail, ſo that a ſhip's cargo is a long time in ſelling, and the product of the country is as long in purchaſing.

The iſlands off this part of the coaſt are the Nicobars, and are about 90 leagues diſtant from the continent. The northmoſt cluster is low, and are called the Carnicubars, and by their vicinity to the Andemans, are but thinly inhabited. The middle cluster is fine champaign ground, and all but one, well inhabited. They are called the Somerera iſlands, becauſe on the ſouth end of the largeſt iſland, is an hill that reſembles the top of an umbrella or ſomerera. About ſix leagues to the ſouthward of Somerera iſland, lies Tallang-jang, the uninhabited iſland, where one Captain Owen loſt his ſhip in anno 1708, but the men were all ſaved, and finding no inhabitants, they made fires in the night, and next day there came five or ſix canoes from Ning and Goury, two fine iſlands that lie about four leagues to the weſtward of the deſert iſland, and very courteouſly carried the ſhipwrecked men to their iſlands of Ning and Goury, with what little things they had ſaved of their apparel and other neceſſaries.

The captain had ſaved a broken knife about four inches long in the blade, and he having laid it careleſly by, one of the natives made bold to take it, but did not offer to hide

hide it. The captain seeing his knife in the poor native's hand, took it from him, and bestowed some kicks and blows on him for his ill manners, which was very ill taken, for all in general shewed they were dissatisfied with the action; and the shipwrecked men could observe contentions arising between those who were their benefactors in bringing them to their island, and others who were not concerned in it: however, next day as the captain was sitting under a tree at dinner, there came about a dozen of natives towards him, and saluted him on every side with a shower of darts made of heavy hard wood, with their points hardened in the fire, and so he expired in a moment. How far they had a mind to pursue their resentment, I know not, but their benefactors kept guard about their house till next day, and then presented them with two canoes, and fitted them with out-leagers to keep them from overturning, and put some water in pots, some cocoa-nuts and dry-fish, and pointed to them to be immediately gone, which they did. Being sixteen in company, they divided equally, and steered their course for Jonkceylan, but in the way one of the boats lost her out-leager, and drowned all her crew, the rest arrived safe, and I carried them afterwards to Matchulipatam.

Ning and Goury are two fine smooth islands, well inhabited, and plentifully furnished with several sorts of good fish, hogs, and poultry, but they have no horses, cows, sheep, nor goats, nor wild beasts of any sort, but monkeys. They have no rice nor pulse, so that the kernel of cocoa-nuts, yams, and potatoes, serves them for bread.

Along the north end of the eastmost of the two islands, are good soundings from ten to eight fathoms, sand, about two miles off the shore. The people come thronging on board in their canoes, and bring hogs, fowl, cocks, fish, fresh, salted and dried yams, the best I ever tasted, potatoes, parrots, and monkeys, to barter for old hatchets, sword-blades, and thick pieces of iron-hoops, to make defensive weapons against their common disturbers and implacable enemies the Andemaners; and tobacco they are very greedy of; for a leaf of tobacco, if pretty large, they will give a cock; for three feet of an iron hoop, a large hog, and for one foot in length, a pig. They all speak a little broken Portuguese, but what religious worship they use, I could not learn.

The island Somerera lies about eight leagues to the northward of Ning and Goury, and is well inhabited by the number of villages that shew themselves as we sail along its shores. The people, like those of Ning and Goury, are very courteous, and bring the produce of their island aboard of ships to exchange for the aforementioned commodities. Silver nor gold they neither have nor care for, so the root of all evil can never send out branches of misery, or bear fruit to poison their happiness. The mens' clothing is a bit of string round their middle, and about a foot and an half of cloth six inches broad, tucked before and behind within that line. The women have a petticoat from the navel to the knee, and their hair close shaved; but the men have the hair left on the upper part of the head, and below the crown, but cut so short that it hardly comes to their ears.

The southward cluster of the Nicobars is mountainous, and the people partake of its unpolished nature, being more uncivil and surly than those to the northward. Their islands produce the same necessaries as the others do.

Quedah is the next place of note on the continent to the southward, and is honoured with the title of a kingdom, though both small and poor. The town, which bears the same name, stands on the banks of a small navigable river, deep, but narrow, about 50 miles from the sea, and the King resides in it, but shews no marks of grandeur, besides arbitrary governing.

Their religion is Mahometan, much mixed with Paganism. The people are deceitful, covetous, and cruel. It was many years tributary to Siam, but in their long Pegu war,

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it threw off the yoke. Its product is tin, pepper, elephants, and elephants teeth, canes, and damar, a gum that is used for making pitch and tar for the use of shipping. The King is poor, proud, and beggarly, he never fails of visiting stranger merchants at their coming to his port, and then, according to custom, he must have a present. When the stranger returns the visit, or has any business with him, he must make him a present, otherwise he thinks due respect is not paid to him, and in return of these presents, His Majesty will honour the stranger with a seat near his sacred person, and will chew a little betel, and put it out of his royal mouth on a little gold saucer, and sends it by his page to the stranger, who must take it with all the signs of humility and satisfaction, and chew it after him, and it is very dangerous to refuse the royal morsel.

Some ages ago, Ligore was a kingdom of itself, and the Kings of Quedah and Ligore fell at variance. He of Quedah invaded the territories of Ligore, and left his Queen and his son, an hopeful youth about twenty years of age, to govern in his absence. The mother and son grew enamoured of each other, and she found herself with child by the reciprocal esteem they bore one another. She being justly afraid of the King's resentment on his return, laid the danger before her son, that threatened them both, and advised the dutiful child to prevent their death by killing his father. Whereupon, he wrote to the King for leave to give him a visit in the camp, which favour he obtained, and proceeded accordingly to the place where his father was with his army. At his arrival he was received by all with great demonstrations of joy, particularly by his father, who made him lodge in his own tent. The villain let his father fall asleep, and then stabbed him to the heart, and immediately left the army, and hastened to his loving mother, to give her an account of his noble action. In the morning the King being found dead, and the son gone, the regicide was soon known; and because the Queen should not continue long a widow, the obedient child married her himself, because none in the country had royal blood in their veins but himself, and she could not stoop to match below the dignity of a sovereign prince. Such libidinous marriages are very frequent in this country to this present time.

Perah is the next country to Quedah. It is properly a part of the kingdom of Johore, but the people are untractable and rebellious, and the government anarchical. Their religion is heterodox Mahometism. The country produces more tin than any in India, but the inhabitants are so treacherous, faithless, and bloody, that no European nation can keep factories there with safety. The Dutch tried it once, and the first year had their factory cut off. They then settled on Pullodingding, an island at the mouth of the river Perah, but about the year 1690, that factory was also cut off, and I never heard that any body else ever attempted to settle there since.

There are several other places along that coast of Malaya, that produce great quantities of tin, but Salangore and Parsalore are the most noted, though little frequented by Europeans, because they have too many of the Perah qualities, to be trusted with honest men's lives and money. Their religion is also a sort of scoundrel Mahometism.

CHAP. XXXIX. — *Gives an Account of Malacca, how the Portuguese got footing there, and fortified it, and how the Dutch supplanted the Portuguese, and made it a Colony of theirs, with some Occurrences happening to the Scots Company's Affairs there, and other Places in India.*

MALACCA is the next place in course along this coast of Malaya. Before the Portuguese came to India, it had been the place of residence of the King of Johore, but

but they denying the Portugueze commerce in their country, associated themselves with the King of Aarow, (a potent prince in those times), on the island of Sumatra, who was engaged in a war with the King of Johore, and with their joint forces obliged him to quit that place, and retire to Johore-lami, which lies at the very point of that promontory, within one degree of the equator. There is a noble spacious river that accommodates Johore-lami.

As soon as the King of Johore was gone, the Portugueze began to fortify, and encompassed a little hill with a stone wall, about a mile round, in which they built a city, and called it Malacca, and by the conveniency of its situation, in a few years it became the greatest mart in India; however, the King of Johore was fain to make a peace with the Portugueze, allowing them their fort, and as much ground round it as their cannon could sling a shot, and so they became friends; but the King of Johore invaded the King of Aarow's dominions, with a numerous fleet of galleys, and in a short time forced him to crave aid from the Portugueze, who never used to deceive their allies but when they trusted to them, so the King of Aarow lost his country.

Malacca, a place of small account, in a short time became famous all over India and Europe, lying almost in the centre of trade, brought thither by shipping from the rich kingdoms of Japon, China, Formosa, Luconia, Tonquin, Couchin-china, Cambodia, and Siam, besides what Johore produced, and Sumatra, Java, Borneo, Macasser, Banda, Amboina, and Ternate islands, that produce many valuable commodities.

As the Portugueze grew great and rich, they grew also insolent, and so continued abusing and affronting their neighbours till about the year 1660, the Dutch had a war with Portugal, on account of some losses the Dutch sustained in Brazil.

The Dutch sent many ships and good forces to India, to be equal with the Portugueze, for their driving the Dutch out of Brazil; and how their arms flourished on the coasts of Malabar and Zelan, I have observed already in my first volume, and so I begin again at Malacca.

The Dutch coming into the streights of Malacca from Batavia, with a strong fleet and a land-army on board of it, struck up an alliance with the King of Johore, offensive and defensive, as long as the sun and moon gave light to this world; for I saw the treaty, and heard it read, with those expressions in it: on which the King of Johore assisted the Dutch with 20,000 men, and laid siege to the fort by land, while the Dutch distressed it by sea; and yet for all that the fleet and army could do, they could not have taken it by force, but by reducing them by famine, which would have taken up a great deal of time, so what they could not effect by force, they did by fraud.

They heard that the Portugueze governor was a fordid avaricious fellow, and ill beloved by the garrison, so the Dutch, by secret conveyances, tampered with him by letters, promising him mountains of gold if he would contribute towards their gaining the fort. At length the price was set at 80,000 pieces of eight, to be the reward of his treachery, and to be safely transported to Batavia in their fleet, and he made a free denizon there. So he sent secret orders to the Dutch to make an attack on the east-side of the fort, and he would act his part, which was accordingly done.

He thereupon called a council, and told them he had a mind to circumvent the Dutch, by letting them come close to the fort walls, and then to fire briskly on them from all quarters, and destroy them at once, so the Dutch made their approaches without molestation, and placed their ladders. The garrison sent message after message to acquaint the governor of the danger they were in, for want of orders to fire and fallly out on the Dutch, as was agreed on in council, but he delayed so long till the Dutch got into the fort, and drove the guard from the east gate, which they soon opened to receive the rest

of the army, who, as soon as they were entered, gave quarters to none that were in arms, and marching towards the governor's house, where he thought himself secure by the treaty, they forthwith dispatched him to save the fourscore thousand dollars.

The master-gunner being posted on a large bastion, whose walls are washed by the sea at high-water, with about 100 Portuguese along with him, would by no means yield till he had capitulated with the Dutch for fair quarter for himself and his company, which the Dutch would not adhere to, so that for two days he gallantly maintained his post. At last, by continual fatigue, and loss of his men, he was obliged to yield to fate, and great superiority of numbers, and died like an hero, with his sword in his hand; and there is a common report at Malacca still, that the night after the anniversary day of his death, his genius is seen on that bastion: and I was informed by a Dutch governor at Malacca, that on that night no sentinels are set there, for that several have found the effects of his fury, by being thrown over the wall, and have been either killed or maimed by the fall.

The Portuguese, to shew their zeal to religion, while they were masters of Malacca, had no less than three churches and a chapel within the fort, and one without, but now there is but one church and a chapel within, and none without. That which the Dutch now use for their worship, stands conspicuously on the top of the hill, and may be seen up or down the Streights at a good distance, and a flag-staff is placed on the steeple, on which a flag is hoisted on the sight of any ship.

The fort is both large and strong, the sea washing the walls of one third part of it, and a deep, rapid, but narrow river, the west-side of it, and a broad deep ditch the rest of it. The governor's house is both beautiful and convenient, and there are several other good houses in the fort, and in the town without the fort, but the road for shipping is at too great a distance to be defended by the fort, the shallowness of the sea obliging them to lie above a league off, which is a very great inconveniency. For in 1709, the French coming into the Streights with a Squadron of three or four sail, seeing a large ship in the road, newly arrived from Japon, stood into the road, and had certainly carried her out, if the wind had not failed them about musket shot from her.

At Malacca, the Streights are not above four leagues broad; for though the opposite shore on Sumatra is very low, yet it may easily be seen in a clear day, which is the reason that the sea is always as smooth as a mill-pond, except when it is ruffled with squalls of wind, which seldom come without lightnings, thunder, and rain: and though they come with great violence, yet they are soon over, not often exceeding an hour.

The country produces nothing for a foreign market, but a little tin and elephants teeth, but several excellent fruits and roots for the use of the inhabitants, and strangers who call there for refreshments. The Malacca pine-apple is accounted the best in the world, for in other parts, if they are eaten to a small excess, they are apt to give surfeits, but those of Malacca never offend the stomach. The mangostane is a delicious fruit, almost in the shape of an apple, the skin is thick and red; being dried it is a good astringent. The kernels (if I may so call them) are like cloves of garlic, of a very agreeable taste, but very cold. The rambostan is a fruit about the bigness of a walnut, with a tough skin, beset with capillaments; within the skin is a very savoury pulp. The durcan is another excellent fruit, but offensive to some people's noses, for it smells very like human excrements, but when once tasted, the smell vanishes. The skin is thick and yellow, and within is a pulp like thick cream in colour and consistence, but more delicious in taste. The pulp or meat is very hot and nourishing, and instead of surfeiting they fortify the stomach, and are a great incentive to wantonness. They have coconuts in plenty, and some grow in marshes that are overflown with the sea in spring-tides.

Their liquor and kernel partake of the qualities of the ground they grow in, being exceeding salt. I never saw any cocoa-nuts grow in salt grounds but there, and some are so large that the shell will hold more than an English quart pot. They have also plenty of lemons, oranges, limes, sugar-canes, and mangoes. They have a species of mango, called by the Dutch a stinker, which is very offensive both to the smell and taste, and consequently of little use. There is little corn or pulse grows in this country but what is nourished in gardens.

Sheep and bullocks are scarce and dear, but swine's flesh, poultry, and fish, pretty plentiful, and reasonably cheap, considering it is a Dutch colony, whose excessive taxes make every thing dear, and discourage the poor from improving, since poverty secures them from farther oppression. Their corn comes all from Java, Siam, or Cambodia, but the freight makes it come out dear to what it is in other places, whose native ground produces it.

I will pass by their court of justice, because it hardly deserves the name, since strangers are excluded from the common laws of humanity, wherein I am able to give many instances, but I voluntarily pass by particularities till another time.

There is a very high mountain to the north-eastward of Malacca, that sends forth several rivers, of which that of Malacca is one, and all of them have small quantities of gold dust found in their channels. The inland inhabitants called Monacaboes, are a barbarous savage people, whose greatest pleasure is in doing mischief to their neighbours, which is the greatest reason why the peasants about Malacca sow no grain but what is inclosed in gardens with thick set prickly hedges, or deep ditches; for when their grain is ripe in the open plains, the Monacaboes never fail of putting fire to it, in order to consume it. They are much whiter than their neighbouring Malayas who inhabit the low grounds, and the Kings of Johore, whose subjects they are, or at least ought to be, could never civilize them.

Their religion is a complex of Mahometism and Paganism, and they have the character of great forcerers, who by their spells can tame wild tigers, and make them carry them whither they order them, on their backs. Once they had a mind to try their art on the town of Malacca, but were unsuccessful in their enterprize, according to common report there. For one of their chief wizards assured them that neither gun, sword, nor lance, should have power to hurt them, if they should attempt the town, whose defence consists only in a slight gate, with a little round bastion, with five or six great guns mounted on it. So on the opinion of their doctors' art, a great number drew together, and being armed with lance and cross, their common weapons, marched without order or fear towards the gate. When they came near enough, the gunner of the bastion pointed some guns, and set fire to the priming, but that flashed, and the guns would not discharge, which discouraged the guard at the gate, but a Malaya soldier, who understood some of the Monacaboes art, called for a piece of pork, with which he besmeared the mouths of the cannon, while the gunner renewed the priming, and fire being put to them, the cannon went off, and did good execution, which so frightened the Monacaboes, that they betook themselves to flight, and never attempted to disturb the town since.

I saw strange cures performed by a Malaya doctor at Malacca. One of them was on a gentleman of my acquaintance, who was second supercargo of a Scots ship called the Speedwell, which was lost near Malacca. After the ship was lost, the first supercargo took an house near the town, by the sea-side, to put their cargo and stores in that were saved, but eleven chests of treasure and some fine goods were lodged in one of the Dutch Company's warehouses in the fort, which had three locks on its door. The governor

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had one key, and each of the supercargoes one. A common strumpet, called Mrs. Kennedy, who at that time was married to an Irish pirate of that name, and kept an ordinary in Malacca, gave the first supercargo a philtre that made him doat on her almost to distraction. He was never easy out of her company while awake, and in his sleep he called her by name. When she had got him so far in the noose, she pretended she had great need of money, and would fain have borrowed a chest of one thousand pounds sterling of the Scots Company's money. The bewitched supercargo could deny her nothing she asked for, and promised, that if he could bring his second to consent, she should have it, but that consent could be got on no terms, though the first proffered to be accountable to their masters for that sum, and he acquainting her with the impossibility of getting that consent, she contrived a way to remove the second by poison, and going to a female friend of hers, who was well acquainted with the mystery of poisoning, procured a dose so small, that she could drop it in his broth or drink without his perceiving it; and accordingly, she took an opportunity to dine with them one day when they had broth at table, and in serving the broth about, she dropped it among his. The same night it began to operate by gripings and sweating, and he being bred a surgeon, took some medicines to correct the gripings, which in some measure the medicine did, but he lost his appetite, and his excrements came from him as black as ink. In the interim a ship arrived from Surat, bound to China, wherein the chief supercargo was obliged to embark with the Company's stock, and left the second at Malacca, to take care of what was left there. A few days after the Surat ship sailed, I arrived at Malacca, and found the second supercargo in a deplorable condition.

He finding all medicines ineffectual, began to fear poison, and sent for the Dutch doctor of physick to consult him, who, on sight of his excrements, told him plainly that he was poisoned, and advised him to send for a noted Malaya doctor, who lived at a place called Batamiga, about four miles to the north-west of Malacca, which he forthwith did, and when the doctor came, he felt his pulse, and immediately told that he was poisoned, and that if he could not tell what poison he had taken, his cure was very desperate and uncertain. I advised my friend to let old Beelzebub (for he was a man, or walking shadow, of a dismal aspect, near an hundred years old) take him into his care. My friend took my advice, and complimented the doctor with five Japon cupangs, or fifty Dutch dollars. Old Esculapius laughed when he received the present, but could not shew one tooth, but promised his utmost endeavours to cure him. He asked my friend if he suspected any body particularly, who might owe him a grudge. He answered, none but Mrs. Kennedy, or some of her companions. The doctor called for a tea-cup, and some fresh limes, which were brought to him. He turned all out of the room but myself and his patient, and cut some limes, and squeezed their juice into the tea-cup till it was full. He then muttered some unintelligible words, keeping his right hand moving over the cup for the space of three or four minutes, and finding his conjuration was not satisfactory, he shook his old head, and looked dejected. He then muttered some other words with an higher voice, keeping his hand in motion as before, and in two minutes the juice in the cup seemed to boil as if fire had been under it. Then he began to smile. I had the curiosity to put my finger into the juice, but it retained its ordinary coldness. He then told his patient that his cure was certain, on which he had a promise of five cupangs more when the cure was effected. He ordered the patient to send a servant to Mrs. Kennedy's door, and watch between the hours of ten and twelve, and to observe well if there was any unusual noise in her house between these hours, and so took his leave with a contented countenance. At ten my friend sent a servant according to direction, and he and I sat discoursing about what we had

had observed in the doctor's actions towards effecting the cure. About eleven the spy came and told us that Mrs. Kennedy had run stark mad, making an hideous noise, and said, she had seen the devil in the little house in the garden, in a monstrous shape and terrible aspect. She soon after grew furiously mad, scratching and biting every body she could come at, and so the family was forced to throw her on a bed, and tie her down to it.

In that fit she continued till about eight in the morning, that the old conjuror came to town, who, upon the advice given him, went directly to visit her. Upon sight of him she became calm and sensible. He ordered every body out of the room, and asked her what poison she had given to his patient. She was very loth to tell, and proffered him 500 dollars to forsake his patient, and let the poison operate; but he honestly refused, and assured her that the same devil that she saw in the garden should be her continual companion all her days, and would often make her feel the effects of his power if she did not instantly declare what the poison was, and from whom she had it. She seeing no other remedy, confessed where she had the poison, but could not tell what it was. The doctor sent for the old schoolmistress of wickedness, and when she came he threatened to torment her also, by his humble servant the devil, if she did not forthwith declare what poison had been given, which she did, and he took away Mrs. Kennedy's companion the devil, and the patient was well enough in eight or ten days, to follow his affairs, but Mrs. Kennedy looked ever after disturbed, as if continually frightened.

Another strange cure I saw him perform on an officer belonging to my ship. He was going to sleep about midnight, and lying down on his bed, was bit in the calf of the leg by a centipede, an insect with many feet, and very venomous. The pain that the bite caused would allow him no rest. Next day he expected that the venom might have been exhausted, but in that he was mistaken, for it grew first red by inflammation, and then blue and numbed. I sent for the doctor aforesaid, who came on the first summons. I told him of the accident that had happened, and he said there was no danger. He saw the inflamed leg, and kept his hand moving over it, but did not touch it. He muttered some unintelligible words, and spit on the place affected, and in five minutes he could walk without pain, though before the cure he could not stand without something to support him.

And since I have been mentioning the Scots East India ship and her supercargoes, I will give a small account of the management of their affairs in India. They arrived at Batavia about the beginning of July 1701, but, being taken up with the pleasures of the place, loitered away near a month of their time, which had been much better spent in prosecuting their voyage to China: however, by the beginning of September they reached the coast of China, where, meeting with a tuffoon, or north-east storm, that often blows violently about that season, they were forced to bear away for Johore, where they staid about two months, and then came to Malacca, where they had a mind to clean their ship's bottom, and to proceed next April or May for China.

The Dutch received them civilly, and gave them leave to lay their ship ashore on an island to the westward of the town, about two or three miles from the fort, and allowed them to land their cargo and stores on the island, till their ship was made clean, which they had perfected in two springs, and bringing the ship towards the road again, the captain being on board, ordered to steer the ship on some rocks that lay on the shore, and were dry at low water. The third mate, who was the only commanding officer on board, except the captain, told him of the danger he was running into, and begged him to alter his course, but the captain cursed him for his impertinent advice, and run the

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I prosecuted my voyage to Surat, and left the Scots supercargoes to pursue their master's interest in getting their affairs in readiness to get a cargo for Europe, to be carried on board my ship according to an agreement made between the second supercargo and me; but, instead of putting affairs in readiness, he embarrassed them, lent some of his master's stock to some insolvent merchants in Amoy in China, and let out some on the bottom of the ship he took his passage on board of, and though that ship was ordered by the owners and freighters back to Surat directly, a young gentleman, a supercargo, went with her to Bengal, and from thence to Persia, where the ship was seized by the owner's orders and sent to Surat, where I met with the first supercargo half dead with vexation for his folly, in keeping such a stock two years and an half without the least improvement: and what was left in China, was in danger of ever being recovered, though it was afterwards.

At Surat the chief supercargo grew very weak, and finding he had not long to stay in this world, had a mind to settle his affairs here before he went to the other, so one day he sent for me, to advise him what he should do with his master's effects, if he should die. I asked him if his accounts were brought forward, and he told me they were, and desired, that I would take all into my possession, and be accountable to the Scots Company, and to remit it home to them, according to the orders they would send me about it, but I excused myself, and would not meddle in their affairs on such weak terms; but I advised him to lodge his books and effects in the hands of one Mr. Bernard Weyche, whom I took to be an honest and industrious gentleman; and so he did, and then he died.

He was a gentleman of a very courteous behaviour, and understood a small sword excellently well, but not much versed in merchandise or foreign commerce. The second was a very good surgeon, and was master of the French language, but understood nothing in accounts. The captain, who staid on board of my ship above twelve months, had been bred in his youth a driver of cattle from the Highlands of Scotland.

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into England. He had a very mean education, and could not tell what he meant either in speaking or writing. He had a brutal courage, and was the husband of three wives all alive together. He knew nothing either of the theory or practical parts of navigation, and yet had been honoured with a commission for lieutenant in the royal navy of England.

I must now leave my long digression, and proceed from Malacca along the coast of Malaya, though there are no places of commerce between it and Johore Lami, which is sometimes the place of that King's residence, and has the benefit of a fine deep large river, which admits of two entrances into it. The smallest is from the westward, called by Europeans the Straights of Sincapure, but by the natives Salleta de Brew. It runs along the side of Sincapure island for five or six leagues together, and ends at the great river of Johore.

CHAP. XL. — *Treats of the Dominions of Johore, its ancient and present State occasioned by a Revolution.*

THE territories of Johore reached from Perah to Point Romano, which is the southermost promontory on the continent of Asia, it lying but one degree to the northward of the equator, about three leagues from Johore river, in length about 100 leagues, and in the broadest place about 80.

The inhabitants are lazy, indolent, perfidious and cruel. The country is very woody, being daily refreshed with showers and breezes of wind. It abounds in tin, pepper, elephants teeth, gold, Agala wood and canes, but the inhabitants are such drones, that they sow very little rice or other grain. And the inland people subsist mostly on sago, the pith of a small twig split and dried in the sun, and on their fruits which grow all seasons of the year, and roots, which they always have in great plenty, and poultry, which they rear up.

About the sea-coast they feed mostly on fish and rice brought to them from Java, Siam, and Cambodia. The people of industry are the Chinese who inhabit among them in their towns; and there may be about 1000 families of them settled in the Johore dominions, besides a much greater number who drive a foreign trade among them.

In religion they are heretical Mahometans, and are supplied with priests from Surat; but the Seids are in most esteem among them. They are great lovers of praying and preaching, and frequent their mosques very often, and look very devout; but their practices are the most irreligious and immoral of any people I know.

In anno 1695, their King was a youth of twenty years of age, and being viciously inclined, was so corrupted by adulation and flagitious company, that he became intolerable. I went to Johore Lami at that time, to traffic with his subjects, and some China-men, with a cargo proper for their turn, and, according to custom, went to compliment His Majesty with a present, in which was a pair of screw-barrelled pistols. He desired me to prove them with a shot, to try how far it would penetrate a post that was at the gate, which I did, and he much admired how so little powder should have strength to force a ball so far in the wood, and begged some powder and ball, which I gave him, and the next time he went abroad he tried on a poor fellow on the street, how far they could carry a ball into his flesh, and shot him through the shoulder.

He was a great Sodomite, and had taken many of his Orankays, or nobles' sons, by force, into his palace for that abominable service. A Moorish merchant, who was a freighter on board my ship, had a handsome boy to his son, whom the King one day

saw, and would needs have him for a catamite. He threatened the father, that if he did not send him with good will, he would have him by force. The poor man had taken an house close by our ship, and immediately came with his son on board, imploring my protection, which I promised him. He had not been half an hour on board, till a guard came in a boat to demand him. I would suffer none to enter but the officer, and an interpreter for the Portuguese language. The officer told me his errand, and, in an huffing manner, threatened me, if I protected him. I made him no answer, but taught him to leap into the river, and bid the interpreter tell the King, that, if he offered the least violence to any that belonged to me, I would fire down his palace about his ears. He had never been contradicted before, much less threatened, and he sent for his Orankays, to know if I was a King or no. They told him that I was on board of my ship, and that I would prove a dangerous enemy, if provoked, and begged that His Majesty would remove to a village about twenty miles up the river, and stay till our ship was gone; which favour he willingly granted us, and so we traded with some more security, but were continually in arms for fear of a surprize.

He continued his insupportable tyranny and brutality for a year or two after I was gone, and his mother, to try if he could be broke off that unnatural custom of converse with males, persuaded a beautiful young woman to visit him, when he was a-bed, which she did, and allured him with her embraces; but he was so far from being pleased with her conversation, that he called his black guard, and made them break both her arms, for offering to embrace his royal person. She cried, and said it was by his mother's order she came, but that was no excuse.

Next morning he sent a guard to bring her father's head, but he being an Orankay did not care to part with it, so the tyrant took a lance in his hand, and sware he would have it; but, as he was entering at the door, the Orankay passed a long lance through his heart, and so made an end of the beast.

The kingdom was three years without a king, but intestine discords daily arising, in anno 1700, they chose another, a cousin-german to him that was killed. His name was Sultan Abdulla Gialil, a prince of great moderation and justice, and governed well for eight or nine years, that he held the reins of government in his own hands. Trade flourished all over his dominions, and he was beloved by all his subjects; but being of a quiet disposition, and a great bigot to the Mahometan religion, disposed himself to prayer and hearing sermons, and left the management of his government to a younger brother, called Rajah Moudah, a covetous tyrannical prince. The King never came out of his palace, but devoted himself wholly to the company of priests, who fed his mind with their nonsense and cant, and his brother keeping fair with the priests, came to oppress the people, and keep the King ignorant. I had the honour to be acquainted with him before he was King, and had free access to him when he was King; but his brother never suffered me to be alone with him, lest I should have discovered some of his evil practices, which I certainly had done, if I could have found an opportunity, and to have forewarned him of the danger he was falling into. In anno 1703, I called ashore in my way to China, and he treated me very kindly, and made me a present of the island of Sincapure; but I told him it could be of no use to a private person, though a proper place for a company to settle a colony on, lying in the center of trade, and being accommodated with good rivers and safe harbours, so conveniently situated, that all winds served shipping both to go out and come into those rivers. The soil is black and fat; and the woods abound in good masts for shipping, and timber for building. I have seen large beans growing wild in the woods, not inferior to the best

in Europe for taste and beauty; and sugar-cane, five or six inches round, growing wild also.

In 1708, the King's brother persuaded him to leave Johore Lami, and reside at Rhio on the island of Bintang, about three leagues off the river of Johore, because he thought he could act his tyranny with more security than on the main continent, and so at Rhio he engrossed all trade in his own hands, buying and selling at his own prices, and punishing those who dared to speak against his arbitrary dealings. At last, in 1712, a rebellion broke out, that nothing could stop but a revolution, which dissolved the state into anarchy.

Upon the rising of the people the tyrant got on board of a galley, with his wives and children, and carried with him above a ton weight of gold, and, without taking leave of his brother, fled to Johore Lami; but finding a small army of Monacaboes (whom the people had invited to their assistance) had taken their quarters there, he betook himself to the woods with his family, and left his galley and gold a prey to them. He knew that there could be no long safety in the woods, and despairing of mercy from the injured people, made desperation supply the place of courage. He first killed his wives and children, but began to hesitate about killing himself, but a page of twelve years of age asked him if he was afraid to die a prince rather than be butchered like a slave by some villain or slave's hand; and that he, though innocent, and who might expect mercy, would shew him the way to die, and with that took a cross, and run himself through the body. The tyrant presently followed the youth's example, and immediately expired; but the Monacaboes coming soon after to the tragical place, saw what had been done, and found the boy alive, and in his senses. They stopped his bleeding wound, and carried him to Johore Lami till his strength returned.

When the King heard of the people's mutiny, and his brother's flight, he came out of his palace, and proffered to settle the state in its former tranquillity; and if that could not appease them, he thought nothing else could bring them to reason but his life, which he would willingly sacrifice to atone for his mal-administration.

The people told him, that he was too religious to make a good King, and that he might retire to Pahaung or Trangano, and spend his time, but as for Johore and the islands between Sumatra and it, they would consider what to do with them; and so gave him some vessels to carry him and his family, with others who would follow his fortune, to Trangano.

On his way thither, he called at Puloare, Tingi, Pisang, and Timoon, and the inhabitants of those islands received him with demonstrations of love, and promised to continue in their duty as his subjects. He put his eldest son, a youth about twenty years of age, ashore at Pahaung, to keep that country from revolting, and went himself to Trangano, where I afterwards had the honour to see him; and there I leave him at present, and return to those islands that lie round his dominions.

CHAP. XLI. — *Gives an Account of the Island of Sumatra; its Places of Note in Trade.*

SUMATRA fronts all the coast of Malaya, from Quedah to the promontory of Johore, and reaches above 150 leagues farther. It is one of the greatest islands in the world. Atcheen being the most conspicuous place for trade, I will begin with it, and coast along the west side of it, till I come round again to Andraguiry, to the north-westward of which river there is little or no commerce.

Atcheen, for many ages, has been a noted port for trade from Surat, Malabar, Chormondel, Bengal, Pegu and China. It lies at the north-west end of the famous Sumatra, and, for many years, was blessed with a woman's government. Queen Elizabeth of England sent the Queen of Atcheen a compliment of some English rarities, among which were some brass guns, with the arms of England on them, and the friendship cultivated by the two Queens, procured great indulgences from the Queen of Atcheen, to the English who traded to her country. About the year 1675, the Dutch made war on her, because she would not permit them to settle a factory at Atcheen, or rather, to make her their vassal. They shut up the port of Atcheen by their shipping, and straitened the town for want of provisions and other necessaries, that came yearly from Bengal, but an English ship came from thence with rice and cloth proper for the market; but the Dutch, after their usual manner, forbade the English traffic, while they had a war. The master of the English ship being afraid of ruin by the loss of his voyage, sent advices to the Atcheeners to be ready near the shore on a night that he appointed, and he would run his ship ashore in the bay, loaded as she was, and they might have both the corn and cloth, whether the Dutch would or no, which project was put in practice, and had the desired effect, with the loss of the ship only. This piece of service so pleased the Queen, that she called a council of her Orankays, and magnifying the English friendship, in a full council declared all English free of Atcheen, to pay for a ship with three masts 100 tayels, or about 80*l.* sterling, as a present to the Queen, in lieu of all customs, let the cargo be never so rich, and for a brigantine or sloop 40 tayels; and that no English goods should be carried to the custom-house, orurveyed in their own houses; and that all English merchants' houses were to be reckoned as sanctuaries to such as could not pay their debts, or had committed any slight fault.

This harmony continued till the year 1700, that the Queen died, and a Seid or preacher getting a strong party, was made King, promising to do wonders; but, in all my travels, I never found a civil government, with a priest at the head of it, prosper long, and so it fell out here. The first thing of moment he contrived, was to make the English pay 10 per cent. custom on the goods they imported, which they would not come into, nor would they unlade their goods, but on the old footing.

In May 1702, I arrived there with a great ship, and good force, for it was dangerous to traffic by sea, because of the impediment that the French and the pirates gave to trade in India. I had on board a rich cargo from Surat, and, on my arrival I took the chap at the great river's mouth, according to custom. This chap is a piece of silver about eight ounces weight, made in form of a cross, but the cross part is very short, that we take with both hands, and put to our forehead, and declare to the officer that brings the chap, that we come on an honest design to trade, and after that ceremony is over, we go in our boats freely to the town, which stands about four miles up the river; but before we take the chap, no boat must go on penalty of a fine.

When I came to town, I went to pay my visit to the Shawbundaar, who is custom-master, and common arbitrator of differences arising among merchants. Some gentlemen that resided there, and some masters of ships belonging to the English, accompanied me. I carried my boat's crew, armed with fuzee and bayonet, for my guard. After some compliments had past between the Shawbundaar and me, he told me, that if I had a mind to trade there, I must carry my goods to the custom-house, and there to be opened, and 10 per cent. laid by for the King, whether we sold the rest there or no. I told him that was a new method that I did not understand, and could not come into; but withal advised him to take care how their King quarrelled with the English, who

were as capable to reduce them to straits as the Dutch were, when the English relieved them. He answered me, that they were not afraid of what the English could do, for their power being divided, they could do nothing but threaten.

I took my leave of him abruptly, and told him that we knew how to fight in defence of our rights and privileges better than how to threaten. There were three English vessels lying in the river, which had paid their customs and sold their cargoes at under rates, and two merchants that resided at Atcheen. We all dined together, and, after dinner, held a consultation how to behave in this affair, that affected our merchants in general, who traded thither. At last it was agreed, that I should assist the merchants in getting their effects off on board of my ship, and to get their vessels out of the river, by the assistance of my boats and men, and then to shut up the port, all which was done in one day and a night. I then sent a linguist to tell the Shawbundaar, that since the English were denied trade at their port, we forbade trade to any other nation, and desired that no boats might pass out of their rivers, either to trade or fish, on their peril. They continued quiet two days, and on the third they sent some boats off, from a sandy bay about three miles from our ship. I sent two boats well manned to seize their nets, but as soon as they perceived my boats, they ran theirs ashore, and took out what was in them; and as my boats were rowing near the shore within a mile of my ship, about 40 or 50 muskets were fired on them out of some bushes that grow thick, a little way from the strand. My boats fired in their turn at the place where they saw the smoke, and I made a signal to bring them aboard again, and found only two of my men slightly wounded.

The same evening we had advice, that they were about mounting three culverins that lay in a little fort on the river's side, as we go to town. I immediately ordered my armourer to get about 100 short spikes of several sizes, and harden them well, and carried them in my boat, which I double manned, and coming into the river, we espied a great number of men in the fort. I rowed directly towards it, and they within expecting to have a message to carry to the King, stood gazing till we came close to the wall, and then we saluted them with a shower of twenty or thirty granadoes, that so frightened them, that happy was he who got first away. We then entered the fort, and found some wounded men in it. We presently spiked up the vents of the guns, and left them, and came at our leisure aboard again.

A day or two after, as my boat was rowing along the shore, towards a prau that was coming in towards the small river, they again fired out of their bushes. I had forty-two guns mounted on my ship, and bringing my broadside to bear, I got five-and-twenty on that side, and pointing them well among the trees and bushes where we observed the smoke to arise, we gave them a volley of great shot in return of their volley of small. By report our great shot did some execution, but particularly on the poor fishers, who had a village a little within the woods, that we did not see.

This stoppage of trade and fishing, and killing and wounding the people, made a great noise among the poorer sort, having in nine days time found more of the effects of hostility, than ever they did in their lives before, and so gathering together in great numbers, went in a body to the palace, threatening vengeance on the causers of their calamity, and if the English were not restored to their ancient privileges, they would have a woman to reign again.

A nephew of the deceased Queen lived then privately at Pedier, a town about seven leagues off. Some Orankayas who were discontented with the new King's government, first because he was a foreigner, and that the affairs of state were ill managed, and that a war with the English was impending, wrote to that gentleman, that if he would come

to them with a small force, they would raise a party to dethrone him that reigned, and he might have a fair chance to succeed him.

However, the reigning King, not expecting that his new customs would meet with such opposition, sent an Orankaya aboard of my ship, which the linguist, to know why we made war on him. We replied that he was the aggressor, by robbing us of our just rights and privileges, acquired by our services, and in firing at our boats, so we wondered that the King could ask a reason of us. The Orankaya told us, that he had brought a power to make up all differences on the King's part, but that we must consent to some new things, as that we should pay no customs, but a present as before, but that our goods must go to the custom-house, and there to be opened, and was going on; but I interrupted him, and told him he had demanded more than could be granted already, so he might save himself the trouble of making farther demands. When he found that nothing new could be obtained, he said he would carry our answer to the King, which he did; and the same evening, proclamation was cried through the streets, that the English might again repair to their respective houses, and trade on the old foundation.

Next day I went to wait on the Shawbundaar, but carried a guard of twenty Europeans. He asked me why I carried so many armed men in my company. I told him that I understood there were like to be commotions in the country, and I was resolved to be neuter, and would not be insulted by either party. He begged that I would land some bales of goods, to shew that we were reconciled, which I did, to the no small joy of the town's people, who were quite tired with their new King's experiments.

But the clamours of the people did not cease. For when they had news of their deceased Queen's nephews raising forces to come to Atcheen, the disorders of the state increased, but I left them, and pursued my voyage to Malacca and Johore, where I met with the Scots second supercargo, as is before mentioned.

Atcheen affords nothing of its own product fit for export, but gold dust, which they have pretty plentiful, and of the finest touch of any in those parts, it being two per cent. better than Andra-ghiry or Pahaung gold, and is equal in touch to our Guinea. They do not dig for it, but catch it in gullies, or little rivulets, as it washes off the mountains, and one particularly, a very high mountain in form of a pyramid, called Gold Mount, which by report furnishes them yearly with above 1000 pounds weight.

Elephants are very plentiful at Atcheen, and consequently their teeth, which the Surat merchants buy up for their markets. In 1702, I saw one who had been kept there above 100 years, but by report, was then 300 years old, he was about eleven feet high, and had a vast deal of sagacity.

When any young male elephant grows unruly, which they usually do in rutting time, and break their fetters and go astray, this old elephant is immediately sent out, and following the track of his feet, will find him out, and bring him back to his stable, either by fair or foul means.

At Atcheen, they have a small coin of leaden money called *cash*, from twelve to sixteen hundred of them goes to one mace, or *massie*. The *massie* is a small gold coin of fourteen-pence current, but in value about twelve-pence English. I have taken a gold *massie*, and put it with a *massie* of *cash*, and thrown them into a puddle of water, and the elephant would find out the gold among the lead, by the nice feeling of his proboscis.

There is a very comical piece of revenge he took on a tailor in anno 1692. A ship called the Dorothy, commanded by Captain Thwaites, called at Atcheen for refreshments in her way from England to Bengal, and two English gentlemen residing then at
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Atcheen, went on board to furnish themselves with what European necessaries they had occasion for; and, amongst other things, they bought some Norwich stuffs for clothes, and there being no English tailor to be had, they employed a Surat tailor, who kept a shop on the Bazaar, or great market-place, and had generally half a dozen, or half a score workmen to sew in his shop. It was the old elephant's custom to reach in his trunk at doors and windows as he passed along the side of a street, begging decayed fruits or roots, which the inhabitants generally gave him.

As he was one morning going to the river to be washed, with his carmack, or rider on his back, he chanced to put his trunk in at the tailor's window, and the tailor pricked him with his needle, instead of giving an alms. The elephant seemed to take no notice of the affront, but went calmly on to the river, and was washed, and being done with washing, troubled the water with one of his fore feet, and then sucked up a good quantity of that dirty water into his trunk, and passing unconcernedly along the same side of the street where the tailor's shop was, he put in his trunk at the window, and blew his nose on the tailor with such a force and quantity of water, that the poor tailor and his life-guard, were blown off the table they wrought on, almost frightened out of their senses, but the English gentlemen had their clothes spoiled by the elephant's comical, but innocent revenge.

No place in the world punishes theft with greater severity than Atcheen, and yet robberies and murders are more frequent there than in any other place. For the first fault, if the theft does not amount to a taylor value, it is but the loss of an hand, or a foot, and the criminal may choose which he will part with; and if caught a second time, the same punishment and loss is used, but the third time, or if they steal five taylor in value, that crime entitles them to flogging, or impaling alive. When their hand or foot is to be cut off, they have a block with a broad hatchet fixed in it, with the edge upwards, on which the limb is laid, and struck on with a wooden mallet, till the amputation is made, and they have an hollow bamboo, or Indian cane, ready to put the stump in, and stopped about with rags or moss, to keep the blood from coming out, and are set in a conspicuous place, for travellers to gaze on, who generally bestow a little spittle in a pot, being what is produced by the mastication of beetel, and that serves them instead of salve to cure their wounds.

Those who suffer the penalty of the law, who have no families in the town, are banished to Pullo-wey, an island about four leagues to the north-eastward of Atcheen, and there they cultivate the ground, and breed poultry for the use of the town; and I have heard that there are about five hundred of those banditti inhabitants on it. There is another island that lies about three leagues to the northward of Pullo-wey, called Pullo-rondo. It is uninhabited, and sends forth a reef of rocks towards Pullo-wey, above one-third part of the channel. Between them and Pullo-gomus is a cluster of high mountainous and rocky islands, to the north-westward of Atcheen, and their end runs to seven leagues distance from the road. There is no danger lying above a mile off them; and between Atcheen Head, an high steep promontory, and the south end of Gomus islands, there are two channels to come from the westward into the road. The smallest, which is not a quarter of a mile broad, has no danger in it, but the broadest, which is above two miles broad, is pestered with rocks half way over from Gomus islands.

The vallies about Atcheen produce excellent fruits, and the best mangoes in the world grow there. The air is very salutary, and the river waters are excellent for bathing. Washing in it before sun-rising, and after setting, has cured inveterate fluxes; and I have been told, that frequent bathing has cured the pox.

CHAP. XLII. — *Gives an Account of the Islands and trading Ports on the West Coast of Sumatra.*

AND now I leave Atcheen, and pursue my travels along the west coast of Sumatra. Labon is the first place noted for gold dust and camphire, but has no commerce with strangers. Hog Island lies opposite to it, about ten leagues off. This island takes its name from the great numbers of wild hogs on it, who are the only inhabitants, as Cocoa Island, close to it, takes its name from the great numbers of cocoa-rut trees growing on it.

Baros is the next place that abounds in gold, camphire, and benzoin, but admits of no foreign commerce. It lies within the south end of Hog's Island, about the same distance from it that Labon is. This place sets a boundary to the kingdom of Atcheen.

Ayerbantie is the next place of notice. It produces gold and pepper, it lies about one degree to the northward of the equator, and has the advantage of a good safe harbour, but it is little frequented, because of the treachery of the natives, who make small account of murdering strangers, if they can but get the least advantage by it. The harbour lies in a small but deep bay, and three small islands lying before it, make it a most excellent harbour; and the channels between the islands, and between the shore and the islands, are clear of danger. The north end of Pullo-nayas lies about twenty leagues without it. The inhabitants of that island prove the best slaves in India, and are sold at an higher price in the Atcheen market than any others.

Padang is about twenty leagues to the southward of the equator, where the Dutch have a colony and a strong fort to defend it from the insults of the natives. It cost the Dutch many men, and much treasure before they could force a settlement there, though at last they gained their point; but being a country that produces only gold and pepper, the profits can hardly bear the charge. The island of Good Fortune lies about 20 leagues without it.

Indrapura is the next, and lies about 50 leagues to the southward of the equator. It was formerly an English factory, but the Dutch insulted it in King William's war with France, and it has made but a sorry figure in trade since. Its commodity is only pepper, but it affords great plenty of it, and very cheap. The island of Nafaw lies about 15 leagues without it.

Bencolon is an English colony, but the European inhabitants not very numerous. About the year 1690, the East India Company built a fort there, and called it York Fort, but brick or stone walls in that country cannot long continue firm, because concussions of the earth are so frequent by earthquakes, that solid walls are rent by the shaking of their foundations. It has the conveniency of a river to bring their pepper out of the inland countries, but great inconveniencies in shipping it off on board the ships, for there is a dangerous bar at the river's mouth, which has proved fatal to many poor Englishmen. The road for shipping is also inconvenient; for in the south-west monsoons, there being nothing to keep the great swell of rolling seas off them, but a small island, called Rat Island, the ships are ever in a violent motion while that monsoon lasts.

The inland princes are often at variance among themselves, and sometimes are troublesome to the trade of our colony, but as their wars are short, the English are in little danger by them. In the year 1693, there was a great mortality in the colony, the governor and his council all died in a short time, after one another, and one Mr. Sowden being the eldest factor, had his residence at Prayman, or Priaman, a subordinate factory

factory to Bencolon, being called to the government of the colony, but not very fit for that charge, because of his intemperate drinking, it fortuned in his short reign, that four princes differed, and rather than run into acts of hostility, referred their differences to the arbitration of the English governor, and came to the fort with their plea. Mr. Sowdon soon determined their differences in favour of the two that complained; and because the others seemed dissatisfied with his determination, ordered both their heads to be struck off, which ended their disputes effectually, and made them afterwards to make up differences among themselves, without troubling the English with their contentions and impertinent quarrels, but Governor Sowdon was sent for to Fort St. George, and another sent in his place less sanguine.

And ever since that time there has been a succession of moderate governors, and some have been guilty of as much temerity the other way. For in anno 1719, the then governor, having some disputes with some of the natives, was somewhat fearful of them. On a festival day, in firing guns, a wad from one of them set fire to an house thatched with reeds, and several others contiguous to it took fire from it, so that it spread through the market place. The governor believing it to be done maliciously by the natives, left the fort precipitantly, and got on board of a ship in the road, leaving some chests of money, and all the artillery, arms, ammunition, and other effects of his masters, behind him; and his garrison, following their leader, left their posts, and got aboard also.

The natives being surpris'd with the sudden departure of the English, went into the fort, and took what they had most occasion for; but some Chinese merchants, who had settled at Bencolon, being also frightened, embarked on their vessels, and dispersed themselves in places where they thought they might be most secure.

The chief merchant of the Chinese, who is generally called the China Captain, in the places where the Chinese have trade, went to Batavia to some relations he had there, but the Dutch, according to their wonted hospitality in India, punished him as a criminal, and taught him to make lime and carry stones the remnant of his days, for daring to settle among the English. Some of the Chinese I saw the same year at Trangano in Johore, who gave me this account. Wherever these poor Chinese came, in places where the Dutch had power, they were as heartily persecuted as a poor Protestant is that takes sanctuary in a country where the holy, charitable, zealous Romish clergy have power.

The natives were almost ruined by the English desertion. For as their trade lay all on their pepper, none came to buy it, and their regret being known at Fort St. George, there was a new governor sent back with a new garrison, to take possession again of their own fort. What the Company lost by that unaccountable piece of temerity, I know not, but they gained very little credit by it.

The country above Bencolon is mountainous and woody, and I have heard that there are many volcanoes in this island; but whatever may be the cause, the air is full of malignant vapours, and the mountains are continually clothed with thick heavy clouds, that break out in lightning, thunder, rain, and short-lived storms. Their food is not fit for every stomach. Tame buffalo may be had, but no cow-beef. Poultry are scarce and dear, and so is fish, but some sorts of fruits are pretty plentiful; however, the gentlemen there live as merrily, though not so long, as in other places, blessed with plenty and so sociable, that they leave their estates to the longest liver.

Sillebar lies but four leagues to the south-eastward of Bencolon, and has a fine convenient harbour to shelter shipping from all dangers caused by storms, but the fresh water is bad, and if drunk any considerable time, causes gripings and fluxes, but it

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wants a river to bring pepper from the inland countries. There is no place of commerce or note between Sillebar and Lampoun Point, which is the southwardmost point on Sumatra, nor any thing remarkable on the sea-shore, but a small village called Pif-fangen, which has a small low island lying a little way off it, and there is above 40 fathoms deep within an English mile of the shore. And the island of Engano lies in the offing, about 20 leagues from it. It is an island about three leagues long, uninhabited, very smooth, without mountains, and may be seen nine or ten leagues off.

Lampoun lies twenty leagues from the point within the Streights of Sunda, at the bottom of a deep bay. The English had a good pepper factory there, but it being a part of the King of Bantam's dominions, that factory was lost when the Dutch compelled the English to leave Bantam, in anno 1683, and what Lampoun produces, is carried to them at Bantam.

CHAP. XLIII. — *Treats of the East Side of Sumatra, with the adjacent Islands, their Products, Commerce, and Customs.*

THERE are no other places of note on that part of the Sumatra coast, till we come to Pullambam, which lies opposite to the north-west point of the island of Banka, about four leagues distant from it. Pullambam is a Dutch factory that brings them great quantities of pepper, being under contract with the King of Pullambam, and other inland princes, to take off all their pepper at a certain price; I think it is for 10 pieces of eight, or 50 shillings sterling a bahaar, of 400 pounds English suttle weight, one-half to be paid in money, and the other half in cloth. The cloth part the Company pays at 70 per cent. on the prime cost; but all other nations are debarred commerce there, except the Chinese, and by their means the English come in for a share of their pepper, as our ships pass through the Streights of Banka.

Pullambam lies about eight leagues from the sea, on the banks of a large river, which divides itself into several branches, and they disembogue at four mouths into the sea. The Dutch keep two small sloops cruising about those mouths of the river, to prevent smuggling, but I and many others have found ways and means to load our ships full with pepper, notwithstanding the strict guard. An hundred pounds to the King, and as much to the Dutch chief, make a cargo of a thousand bahaars easily procured.

The Pullambam pepper is very foul, insomuch, that we seldom find less than 10 or 12 per cent. garblage, but then we buy it for nine pieces of eight a bahaar. The Dutch lade off about 3000 tons per annum, from this place, and the Chinese and natives lade off as much more. The natives are obliged to carry theirs to Batavia, and sell to the Dutch Company, but if they meet with a market by the way, they will embrace it; for the Company's payment being most in cloth at high rates, they are not fond of trading with them.

The Dutch Company formerly drove a good trade in opium, at Pullambam, which (like French claret and brandy) drew much ready cash out of his country, as those do out of ours, but in anno 1708, the King ordered only the importation of three chests, each containing about 160 pounds weight, and if smugglers were detected, they paid their goods and lives for their disobedience.

The island of Banka lying so near the coast of Pullambam, I will take a view of it as I pass along. It is about 50 leagues long, and 16 broad, some places being broader, and some narrower. For about 30 leagues it faces the Sumatra coast, keeping between three and six leagues distant. The entrance from the southward being farthest distant

in the Streights of Banka, at the mouth of which, is the island of Lucipara, a small barren island, which sends forth sand banks almost three leagues towards the coast of Sumatra. And within a mile of that shore, where the channel is deepest, there are but four fathoms and an half water, but the bottom is soft.

About 12 leagues from the north end is the place of the King's residence. In 1710, a son of the King of Pullambam was King, and a fire accidentally happening in a village, when the fire was extinguished, they chanced to find much melted metal under the rubbish, which proved to be tin. The King ordered his people to dig a little into the ground, and they found plenty of ore, which he now reaps a good advantage by. The Dutch sent from Batavia for leave to settle a factory there, but could not obtain that favour, the King declaring that his country should be free for all nations to trade in.

The natives of the island are, as most other Malayas, very treacherous, inhuman, and inhospitable to strangers, who have the misfortune to be shipwrecked on that coast. I knew one Captain Pelling, who belonged to some gentlemen of Atcheen, and had the misfortune to be shipwrecked there, and they cut him off and all his crew, except two boys, who were made slaves: but I know a very honest ingenious gentleman now alive in England, who had better fortune; for after his ship was lost in the Streights of Banka, he and his men directed their course to Pullambam, where a very hospitable Dutch gentleman, who fortune'd to be chief of the Dutch affairs at that time, gave them a kind reception, and procured them passage for Batavia, where some years after, I was in company with the host and guest together.

Banka has a very foul coast for six leagues within Monapin Point, which is the north-west cape-land on the island; and over that cape there is an high mountain called Monapin hill. On the north-east coast of the island there are so many banks and rocks under water, that navigation is very precarious, and none but panjalangs and praws (small vessels) venture to go that tract; besides, there are no places of commerce on the north-east side of Banka, to invite a stranger by the prospect of gain, and so I return back to the coast of Sumatra again, without taking notice of the little pepper and dammar that are the product of Banka.

From Pullambam there are no places of commerce on the coast, till we come to Jambee, which is about 100 English miles. Here formerly the English had a factory on an island near its river's mouth, called Larella; but the impediments their trade met with from the Dutch, who had a factory in the country up the river, made the English Company withdraw. The Dutch kept a little factory at Jambee till 1710, and then withdrew also. That country produces only pepper and canes; and, by the laziness of the inhabitants, there is hardly any of them procurable.

The island Lingen lies under the equator, about 20 leagues from Jambee, and as far from the river of Johore, and is a part of the Johore dominions. It is about twenty leagues long, and ten broad. It is very mountainous within, and very low towards the sea. Its product is some pepper and canes, and it abounds in porcupines, which affords them the valuable porcupine beakoar. Some of them I have seen as big as a walnut, and of the same shape, and pretty near in colour, valued at 600 pieces of eight. Between Lingen and Sumatra are the Streights of Drions, where generally ships pass that go from Malacca to Batavia.

On the Sumatra shore there are no places of commerce, till we come to the south entrance of Andraghira river, and there lies Pattapa town belonging to the dominions of Johore, that affords pepper and gold. Off the mouth of that river about ten leagues lie the two islands of Carimon, and between them and the Sumatra shore, are the Streights of I. Upon the east side of the Great Carimon, is the entrance of the

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Streights of Drions; and between the Small Carimon and Tanjong-bellong on the continent, is the entrance of the Streights of Sincapure before mentioned, and also into the Streights of Governadore, the largest and easiest passage into the China seas. There are many islands lying thick hereabout, all under the dominions of Johore.

The Dutch have also a factory on the river of Andraghira, called Siack, but of no great moment. It is so unhealthful, that incorrigible fots, and other lumber of the active world, are sent thither to expiate their offences against nature, and very seldom any return back to give an account of the salubrity of the country. The reason may be, that yearly there are vast numbers of fish, called shades, about the bigness of a large haddock, full of bones, and rows about one third of their own magnitude, which come into that river to spawn, and great numbers of people resort thither in that season to catch them, for the sake of their rows, and throw away the rest of the fish, which so corrupts the air, that few can hold out one year, but are relieved every six months, except those who are sent for sacrifices to Pluto.

The Dutch have another factory right opposite to Malacca, on the side of a large river, called Bankalis. Whether that be a branch of Andraghira river I know not, but I believe it is. The Company vends a great deal of cloth and opium there, and brings gold-dust in return. That beneficial trade was not known to the Dutch before 1685, that one Mr. Lucas, a factor in the Company's service at Malacca, was advised by a Malaya to send some Surat baftaes dyed blue, and some berams dyed red, which are both coarse cotton cloth much worn in that country; and opium is as much in request there, as tea is with us. In 10 years that he kept that trade wholly to himself, though in other men's names, he got an estate of 10 or 12 tons of gold, or about 100,000*l.* English, and then revealed the secret to the Company, who took that trade altogether into their own hands.

There are prodigious numbers of wild swine about Bankalis, and, in the months of December and January, their flesh is very sweet and fat. In those months great numbers of people resort thither in small praws. Some go into the woods, and drive them towards the river, while others are ready with dogs to drive them into it, and when one goes, all the herd follow. Others are ready with lances in their praws, to pursue them in the water, and lance them, and so many as are lanced, drop down on the other shore, and they are immediately carried to places appointed, where there are many fires made of brush-wood and leaves of trees, which the woods afford in great plenty, and, in those light flames, they singe the hair off, and take out the entrails, and cut them up in proper pieces, and salt them in the praws; and every praw has a share proportionable to the number of men it brings. After it has lain three or four days in salt, they wash the pork, and hang it in smoke, and then put it into casks which they have ready for their purpose, with some dry salt, and sell it by the cask to the best bidder. And I think it is the most favoury salt pork that ever I tasted.

Those fish rows caught at Siak they pickle up in salt and tamarinds, and then dry them in smoke, and when dry enough, put them up in large leaves of trees, and transport them to all the countries about, from Atcheen to Siam. It is called, when dried, turbow, and of pork and turbow they drive a good trade, which, I think, far exceeds caviar.

There is no other place on the Sumatra coast, between Bankalis and Atcheen, that admits of commerce with strangers, though there are several large rivers; at least, by their outlets to the sea, they appear to be so. There is one called Delley, that lies five leagues within Pullo Verera, a small uninhabited island, that affords nothing but fresh water and wood. The inhabitants on that part of Sumatra, are said to be cannibals.

Diamond Point lies about 20 leagues to the north-west of Pullo Verera, that sends dangerous rocks above a league off shore. The inhabitants are uncivilized, murdering all whom they can surprize or master. And at Piffang, about 10 leagues to the westward of Diamond Point, there is a fine deep river, but not frequented, because of the treachery and bloody disposition of the natives. Twelve leagues farther west lies Pedier. It has the benefit of a good river, but being but eight leagues from Atcheen, it has no trade.

CHAP. XLIV. — *Treats of Java, and the Islands near it; with an Account of the Garrisons and Factories settled on that Island by the Dutch. — The Product and Commerce of Java, Bally, Lombok, Flores, Solore, Leolana, Panterra, Miscomby, Timore, Banda and Molucca Islands, and the Islands of Celebes; their Product, Extent and Commerce.*

AND now having ended my tour round Sumatra, I must return to the southward, and travel to the eastward of Sumatra, and to the southward of the equator, among those famous islands; and Java being the westmost, I begin there, and march eastward among islands far from any continent.

Princes Island is close to the west point of Java. It has a channel between it and Java, but there is some danger in it. There are no inhabitants on it; but there are three places that afford good water, and wood enough for ships bound out of the Straights of Sunda to Europe. There are several other islands in the straits, as Caccotoa, Duars, in the way, the Button and Cape, and several others without name.

The first place of commerce on the west end of Java is the famous Bantam, where the English and Danes had their factories flourishing till anno 1682, at which time the neighbourly Dutch fomented a war between the old King of Bantam and his son; and because the father would not come into their measures, and be their humble slave, they struck in with the son, who was more covetous of a crown than of wisdom. They, with the assistance of other rebels, put the son on the throne, and took the old King prisoner, and sent him to Batavia; and, in 1683, they pretended a power from the new King to send the English and Danes a-packing, which they did with a great deal of insolence, according to custom. They next fortified, by building a strong fort within a pistol-shot of one that the old King had built before to bridle their insolence.

The only product of Bantam is pepper, wherein it abounds so much, that they can export 10,000 tons per annum. The road is good, and secure for the safety of shipping. It is in a pleasant bay, wherein are several small islands, which retain their English names still; and the natives still lament the loss of the English trade among them, but the King has much more reason than his subjects to regret the loss of their commerce. The good-will the natives bear to the Dutch may be conjectured from their treatment, when they find an opportunity; for if an Hollander goes but a musket-shot from their fort, it is five to one if ever he returns, for they are dextrous in throwing a lance, or shooting of poisoned darts through a wooden pipe or trunk; and the King never redresses them, pretending the criminal cannot be found.

Batavia is about 20 leagues to the eastward of Bantam, and a great number of small islands lie scattered in the way, too tedious to mention. Pullo-panjang off Bantam, and Edam off Batavia are the most conspicuous, and the road of Batavia is almost surrounded with islands, some of them inhabited, and some not. Its topography I will refer to another time, with some historical accounts of it, both ancient and modern.

Cheraboa is the next colony on the coast, to the eastward of Batavia, belonging to the Dutch, where they have a fort and a small garrison.

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Tagal is also a Dutch settlement, with a small fort for its defence; and there is no other remarkable place till we come to Samarang, a good colony, with a fort of mud and wood to defend it. Damack and Coutus, two places that lie between Samarang and Japara, are noted, one for the abundance of rice that it exports, and the other for great quantities of good sugars that it produces. They are peopled mostly with Chinese, and so is

Japara, which formerly had an English factory, but now is altogether in the Dutch hands. It is defended by two forts, one on an hill, and the other in a plain, where the town stands, and has a small river to wash its walls. The road is secured by two islands that lie about a league off the town. I bought good white sugar in cakes here for two Dutch dollars per pecul, being 140lbs. English tulle weight.

Tampeira is the next place to the eastward, and to the eastward of it is Rambang, about two leagues from it, where the Dutch have a small wooden fort, and a little garrison of sixteen men. Those two afford nothing but excellent teak timber for building. And to the eastward of Rambang is Sorobay, which lies within the island Madura, and, I believe, is the easternmost settlement the Dutch have on the island of Java. It produces much pepper, some bees-wax, and iron. Sorobay is about 125 leagues to the eastward of Batavia, and the country, along shore, as pleasant and fruitful in grain and fruits as any in the world. Tame cattle and wild game are very plentiful, good and cheap. At Rambang I bought a cow, fleshy and fat, for two pieces of eight, that weighed above 300 weight; and wild hog and deer we killed daily with our fowling-pieces, as we did also peacocks and wild poultry. The cocks are all like one another, with red necks and bodies, and black wings and tail; and the hens are exactly like large partridges. The cocks are pretty large, and when they take wing, they make a noise that may be heard half a mile. Their flesh is both savoury and juicy; and the wild hog is excellent. In the woods are many flying squirrels. Some of them I have seen tame in cages. They also have little horses wild in the woods, and some tigers, but being not much pinched with hunger, they seldom attack men. They have one dangerous little animal, called a jackoa, in shape almost like a lizard. It is very malicious, and pisses at every thing that offends it, and wherever the liquor lights on an animal body, it presently cankers the flesh, unless immediate cauterizings are used, and if that cannot be had, the piece must be cut out, for, if once it blisters the skin, there is no cure for it afterwards; but he seldom fails of giving notice where he is, by a loud noise calling, jackoa.

I was once at supper with some Dutch gentlemen at Rambang, in an house that was covered with cocoa-nut leaves, and we were no sooner set, but one of those jackoas opened his throat almost over our heads. The Dutch gentlemen took the alarm, and arose from the table in great haste, and ran out of the room, calling to me, who sat still (not a little surpris'd to see their sudden flight,) to follow them, for my life was in danger, and on hearing that admonition, I was not long after them; but its noise spoiled our supper.

As there are many species of wild animals in those woods, there is one particular, called the Oran-outang. It is nearest to human, both in shape and sagacity, among all the herd of animals. I saw one about four feet high, gross bodied, long arms from the shoulders to the elbows. His finger ends reached just to his knees, as he stood upright. His thighs and legs plump, but too small in proportion to his body. His feet long, and broad at the toes, but a little too narrow at the heel. His belly prominent, covered with a light-coloured fur, the rest of his body being brown, and the fur thicker and longer than the belly fur. His head somewhat large. His face broad, and full. His eyes grey and small. His nose little and flat. His upper-lip and under-jaw very large. He blows his nose, and throws aways the snot with his fingers, can kindle a fire,

a fire, and blow it with his mouth. And I saw one broil a fish to eat with his boiled rice. The females have their regular *menstrua*. They have no tail, and walk upright. They are of a melancholy disposition, and have a grave dejected countenance, and even when they are young, they are never inclined to play, as most other animals are. There is a smaller sort, but of a different species, called Oumpaes; but their legs and arms are very small.

They have many large crocodiles or alligators in their rivers and marshes, and sometimes they go a mile or two off to sea, and get foul of the fisher's nets. I was cleaning a vessel (that I bought at Samarang) on a bed of ooze, and had stages fitted for my people to stand on, when the water came round the vessel, and we were plagued with five or six alligators, which wanted to be on the stage, and every moment disturbed our men; so I, and two of my men, sat on the vessels deck, and fired muskets at them, but our ball did them no harm, because their hard scaly coat was shot-proof. At last we contrived to shoot at their eyes, and we shot at one so. As soon as he found himself wounded, he turned tail on us, and, with great flouncings, made towards the shore about half a mile from us, and the rest following him, we were pretty quiet after that. A day or two after, some fishers told us, that they had seen a dead alligator lying on the shore, and pointed whereabouts they saw him. I went in a boat ashore, and found him lying at full length. I measured his length, and found, from his nose to his tail, twenty-seven feet and an half, and he was about one third part of his length in circumference about the belly.

I was in Samarang in 1704, in the months of July and August, when navigation on that coast is accounted dangerous. A war happened then to break out between the natives of that part of Java and the Dutch, about the succession of a new Sun Suonan, or Emperor, the old one demising about that time. The Dutch would impose the old Emperor's brother on them against the general bent of the nation, and the nobility were for his eldest son, being the established law and custom of the country.

I being then bound for Batavia, the commodore desired me to carry a packet of letters for the general and his council, which I did, and delivered them, before they were six days old, to the general (Jan Van Hoorn), which piece of service recommended me to his favour; which he demonstrated afterwards in some indulgences I had, and some confidence he reposed in me.

The war begun then, lasted twenty years longer than at first the Dutch imagined. It taught the Javans the art of war, having a great number of Maccaffers and Ballies, who had been trained up in the Dutch Company's wars against several nations. Many of them came into the eldest son's interest, who having as good courage and subtle stratagems, with much greater agility of body than the Dutch, made the war more terrible and dangerous than any the Company had ever entered into, notwithstanding the pretender had a large party of Javans, and was assisted by Maccaffers, Amboinesse, Ballies and Bougies; but they wanted the European discipline that the others had who served the young Emperor, for they could encamp and mine as well as the Dutch.

A Dutch captain, in his march towards the Dutch camp, fell, with his company, into an ambush of Javans. Some of his men were killed, but he and most of his men were taken prisoners. The Dutch camp was pitched on the side of a river, and the Javans a few miles above them on the same river's side. Next day, to the Dutch great amazement, they saw the captain and his men swimming down with the stream, on bundles of reeds, with all their legs, thigh-bones and arms broken, and most of them alive. Their countrymen took them out of the river, and used means to save

their lives, but very few lived, which put their whole army in some dread, by observing what quarter they might expect if any of them were taken prisoners.

The religion of Java is partly Mahometan and partly Pagan. The Pagans choose women to be priestesses, and they are generally old, and well skilled in witchcraft. And it is reported, that they have frequent conversation with the devil, who appears to them in an horrid monstrous shape, and the priestesses sacrifice an hog to him. The Emperor resides at an inland town called Cartafouri, about three days' journey from Samarang, where I will leave him, and proceed to

The island of Madura, that produces nothing for a foreign market, but deer-skins. They may be had in great abundance, and very cheap. This island confronts Java to its very easternmost point. I have no knowledge of the islands to the eastward of Java, but what I have had by information from the Dutch, who are the only possessors of that commerce, except two English ships that fell in among some of those islands, and so I will go on in those lame observations and remarks.

I observed before, that Sorobay was the easternmost settlement the Dutch have on Java, neither have they any footing, that I have heard of, on the south side of that island, though the natives are pretty well civilized; and as ships from Europe fall in with that coast, they will bring off provisions to sell them, particularly if they see English colours, for very often the Dutch buy their commodities, but pay nothing for them.

The island of Bally lies next Java to the eastward. It abounds in provisions for the inhabitants, but affords nothing fit for exportation. The natives are daring and bold, even to desperation. Many of them enter in the Dutch service, and make good soldiers. Between Java and Bally are the Streights of Bally.

Lambock is next Bally to the eastward, and about the same magnitude. It produces the same necessaries as Bally, but nothing to export.

Combava is next to Lambock to the eastward, an island as big as both the last two mentioned. It produces nothing for export. Between it and Lambock are the Streights of Allas, named from a town standing on the shore, about the middle of the streights.

The next islands to the eastward of Combava, are the two islands of Sappi, of small account in commerce, and so is

The island of Flores to the eastward of them, though it is an island above 50 leagues long and 18 broad. In anno 1703, Captain Wright, in the Leghorn galley, lost his passage from Batjar on Borneo, to Batavia, and by contrary winds, and strong currents, was driven to this island, and anchored at a town on the west end of it, called Larrentoucka. Finding the place convenient and safe to pass three or four months of the westerly monsoons, he took an house ashore, and kept some time one part of his ship's crew ashore, and sometimes another, to refresh them. He gave warning to the people of the town not to trust his men, but they, minding their own profit, had trusted the seamen about 100*l.* sterling. A little before he was ready to sail, the creditors came and demanded their money. He refused payment, alledging, that a public crier had gone through the town forbidding any body to trust his men, and that crier was ordered by a magistrate to proclaim the prohibition. The creditors said it was true they could not recover any thing by law, but if he valued his own health he would satisfy them, if not in all, yet in part, and so he paid one half; which most of them were content with, but one old witch was not, but threatened his destruction, if she had not all her demand paid.

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The captain, knowing that the natives were very skilful in the art of poisoning, resolved to prevent their taking any opportunity that way, and so went on board to eat and sleep, and was so cautious, that he would not so much as taste their green fruits, nor smell their flowers, after the time that the old hag threatened him, and yet before he left the place, he found himself much troubled with gripings and fluxes. I was at Batavia when he came there. He could not reach the road with his ship before he anchored, but was forced to anchor without, and sent his boat on board of my ship, to desire help to weigh their anchor. I sent a boat with 20 men and an officer to bring their ship into the road, which next morning they did; the poor man was brought to that pass by the effects of poison, that he could not walk without being supported, nor could he lift his hand to his head.

I waited on him ashore, and he desired to be carried to his usual quarters, at the sign of the red lion, kept by a woman called Black Moll, a native of the island of Flores, and he giving her an account of his condition, and how ignorant he was of the cause of it, she bid him be cheerful, for she knew how he had been poisoned, not by any thing taken inwardly, but by a spell, and bid him recollect himself, and try if he could remember if he had not stepped over a bit of paper, or the leaf of a flag, in going in or out of any house, which, after a little pause, he could very well remember he had. She assured him that he should be perfectly well in a month's time, and she performed her promise to admiration. I left Batavia before the cure was perfected, but afterwards when I came to Batavia, she gave me an account that she had restored him to perfect health, and several years after I saw him at Fort St. George.

Solor, Loolana, Panterra, and Miscomby, all lie to the eastward of Flores. They produce a little sandal-wood, and Cassia-ligna. The Dutch have a factory on Solor.

The island Timor lies within 20 leagues to the south of those four islands above-mentioned. It is a large island about 90 leagues long, and 18 broad. The natives acknowledge the King of Portugal their sovereign, and have embraced the Romish religion. They permitted the Portugueze colony of Maccao in China, to build a fort on it, which they called Leisaw, and the Dutch a factory called Coupang, but would never suffer either to interfere with the government of their country. The Portugueze of Maccao drove a very advantageous trade to Timor for many years, and, finding the natives inclined to be passive Catholicks, tried by fair means to get the whole government of the country into the church's hands, but could not beguile them that way, therefore they tried force, and commenced a war, but to their cost they found, that the Timoreans would not lose their liberty for fear of the loss of blood. They chose one Gonfales Gomez their general. He was a native of Timor, and had travelled to Maccao and Goa. He allowed the King of Portugal to be the sovereign and protector of their country, and they would be his loyal subjects, providing their laws and liberties might be secured to them.

That war with the city of Maccao lasted about fifteen years. It began about the year 1688, and was not quite finished in the 1703, and Maccao in the end was ruined by it; for it exhausted both their stock of men and money to such a degree, that of 1000 citizens the town had before the war, there was hardly fifty left at the end of it, and of forty sail of trading ships, not above five left.

The viceroy of Goa sent an embassy to Gonfales Gomez, in the year 1698, to persuade him to peace, and to accept of a governor general and an archbishop from Goa, but to no purpose, for they declared, that they would admit of no foreign governors in their country, either in church or state.

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The product of the island is sandal-wood, the best and largest in the world, which is a great commodity in China, also gold and bees-wax. The gold is plentiful, but of a low touch, not amounting to 20 caracts fine. And all manner of provisions are plentiful and cheap, but no anchoring about the island, except at Leifaw and Coupang. And the coast is subject to frequent tornadoes, or squalls of wind and rain, introduced with much thunder and lightning.

The natives report, that at a certain season of the year, after the south-west monsoons are set in, they can discern an high mountainous land to the southward of them, and continues in sight from December to the latter end of February, or the beginning of March, and then disappears. If the report be true, it must be some floating island, that comes from and goes to New Holland, which is the next tract of land to the south of Timor. These accounts I had from a Portugueze gentleman called Alexander Pinto, who was a Captain at Leifaw four years, and was bound from Batavia to Goa, in anno 1704. He went passenger with me, and seemed to be a man of probity.

I never met with any body that could give me any tolerable account of the islands to the eastward of Timor, or of New Guinea, or New Holland, and so I will pass by them, and direct my course to the Islands of Banda, where cloves, nutmegs, and mace grow, but are now all engrossed by the Dutch, who allow one of them called Pullo-wey, to belong to the English, after they had been at 40 years pains to cut down all the clove and nutmeg trees that grew on it, and have made it death for the natives ever to plant any on it.

The English had also a factory on Pullo-ron, but were glad to leave it about the year 1618. The Dutch have that island still, with Loutore and Noro, where they reap plentiful crops of spice.

I must now steer west-north-west about 30 leagues, to the famous island of Amboina, where as real a tragedy was acted on the English, as ever happened among friends and allies. The story is too well known to need a place here. However, at present it has altered its scene, and turned prodigiously religious, having no less than 50 Dutch Protestant churches on that holy island, and the natives are very fond and forward to turn converts, especially since some Amboinese youths have been sent to Holland, and trained up in their universities, and honoured with church orders. They coming back to their own native land, loaded with such fine qualifications, and receiving great respect from their masters the Dutch, make the conversion of the populace very easy.

The Dutch have so fortified Amboina, by their own report, that they think it impregnable. It is true Victoria Bay is fathomless till shipping come within a mile of their forts, and there is no other place for anchoring on that side of the island; but I have heard some Dutch officers, in disputing their knowledge of Amboina, say, that on that side that fronts the coast of Ceram, there are several places of anchoring at a mile or two distant from the shore, and never a fort built to impede an enemy's landing, and that if an army superior in force to what the Dutch have at Victoria, would march but six or seven leagues by land, they might come on the back of the town, and lodge on hills so near it, that none could pass the streets in the town, nor appear on their bulwarks or batteries; but this was a secret that the English or French ought not to know.

The island Ceram, near Amboina, has also cloves and nutmegs, and the Dutch appropriate that island to themselves, and have a factory on it called Ambay. It is a large island of 70 leagues long, and 15 broad.

Buro is also a Dutch island, producing cloves and nutmegs. It lies west-north-west of Amboina, about 35 leagues distant. It is about 20 leagues long, and in the middle 10 broad.

Pullo-ouby lies in the way between Buro and Gilolo, the largest of all the Molucca islands. The south part of Gilolo is called Batta-china and the equator cuts the island in the middle. On the west side of Gilolo, and at a little distance from it, lie Batchian, Matchian, Montil, Tidor, and Ternatey. They are but small islands, but produce the greatest quantities of cloves and nutmegs of all the Molucca islands.

One Captain Ethington, in a ship called the *Resolution*, made a trip to Gilolo about the year 1692 and got 40 tuns of spice. He called at Batavia in his way to England, and the Dutch being very solicitous to know where he had been, he freely told them, to let them see the English were not quite ignorant of that navigation, if they had a mind to follow it.

I now continue my course westward along the equator, to the island Celebes, the east-side of which island, and a great number of smaller ones, are little frequented by strangers, but on the south-west corner of it is Maccaffer, where the Dutch have a factory, but its chief product is corn, which indeed all those eastern islands abound in, and consequently in poultry. The natives are of a light olive colour, and the women well shaped, and pretty beautiful, for which reason they are in great esteem among the Dutch and Chinese, who buy them for bed-fellows, and often marry them. The men and women are both short in stature, but well featured, and well limbed. They are very loving and faithful if well used, but exceeding revengeful if ill used. The country is populous and very large, being almost 200 leagues long, but the breadth unequal. At the broadest it is about 70 leagues. About 30 leagues westward lies

CHAP. XLV. — Gives an Account of Borneo.

THE great island of Borneo, or Borneo, the largest except California, in the known world. The west side of it is for the most part desert. On the south-end lies Pullo-laut, a most excellent harbour for shipping. The island is but thinly peopled, its product being nothing but rice, but the north-end of it lies near many rivers that come out of the pepper countries. The island is about 20 leagues long, but of an unequal breadth, though in some parts it is 12 leagues broad.

There is a channel runs between Pullo laut and the island of Borneo, about two miles broad, some places narrower, and some broader, and from seven to five fathoms deep, all the way through, and there are several rising grounds along that shore, fit to build houses on, which is a rarity on the sea coasts of Borneo, seldom to be met with. I heard Mr. Sylvanus Landen, who had been chief of Borneo, say, that he much wondered why the Company of England should have settled a factory at Ranjarmasseen, where they were forced for several years to keep their factory on floats of great trees tied together, and made fast to trees growing in the water, on the side of a river, with cables made of rattans; and when they built a factory, they were forced first to drive poles in the ground, to make a foundation, as the Dutch do at Amsterdam, and raise earth on them to build upon.

Captain Barry, a very ingenious gentleman, drew the plan, but died before the work was brought to any great forwardness; and Mr. Cunningham, who came thither from Pullo-condore, when that factory was cut off by their Maccaffer soldiers, came to the head of the Company's affairs. He was bred a surgeon, and had turned virtuoso;

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would spend whole days in contemplating on the nature, shape, and qualities of a butterfly or a shellfish, and left the management of the Company's business to others as little capable as himself, so every one but he was master.

Their factory was not half finished before they began to domineer over the natives, who passed in their boats up and down the river, and very imprudently would needs search one of the King's boats, who was carrying a lady of quality down the river, which so provoked the King, that he swore revenge, and accordingly gathered an army, and shipped it on large praws, to execute his rage on the factory and shipping that lay on the river. The Company had two ships, and there were two others that belonged to private merchants, and I was pretty deeply concerned in one of them. The factory receiving advice of the King's design, and the preparations he had made, left their factory, and went on board the shipping, thinking themselves more secure on board than ashore. When all things were in a readiness, the army came in the night, with above 100 praws, and no less than 3000 desperate fellows. Some landed and burnt the factory and fortifications, while others attacked the ships, which were prepared to receive them. The English had made fast nettings from the mizen to the fore shrouds, about two fathoms high above the gunnel, that they might not be too suddenly boarded by the enemy, and to have the opportunity of using their blunderbusses and lances, before the enemy could get on their decks. As soon as they in the ships saw the fleet approaching near them, they plied their guns with double round and partridge, and made a great carnage, but all did not deter the assailants from boarding, who when they got as high as the gun-wall or gunnel, were at a loss how to get over the netting, and so were killed with great ease. Some got in at the head door of one of the ships, and killed some English in the fore-castle, but they were soon destroyed. The two great ships, though in danger, beat off the enemy with small loss, but the little ships were both burnt, with most of their men, and one Dutch gentleman who was obliged to flee from Batavia in one of the small vessels, was also burnt in her. His name was Hoogh Camber, and had been ambassador to the King of Persia.

I heard some China men say, who were there at the time of the engagement, that the English killed (in two hours that the action was hot) above 1500 men, besides many wounded and maimed, but the English were forced to be gone from their settlement. The King thought his revenge had gone far enough in driving them from their settlement, and finding the loss of the English trade affected his revenue, he let all English who traded to Johore and other circumjacent countries, know, that he would still continue a free trade with the English on the old footing, but would never suffer them, or any other nation, to build forts in his country. Several English have been there, since, and loaded pepper, and have been civilly treated; and the Dutch sent a ship from Batavia in anno 1712, to trade with them, but the natives refused commerce with them.

The inland country is very mountainous, but towards the sea very low and marshy, occasioned by the great rains that continue about eight months in the year. It produces rice, and many sorts of fruits in great abundance. Pepper is peculiar to the countries about Banjaar; and to the westward about Succadaana, they have small diamonds, but their waters being inclined to be yellow, are not so much in esteem as those of Colcondah.

The English had formerly a factory at Succadaana, but why they left it I know not, unless it was for the unwholesomeness of the country; yet in anno 1694, I met with a ship from Fort St. George, bound to Succadaana, commanded by one Captain Gullock,

who had been there the year before, and praised it for a wholesome country, and the inhabitants very civil and obliging. He bought some Surat baftaes of me, at 45 per cent. on invoice, and expected to make as much himself.

It is reported, that on the coast of Borneo, between Lao and Sobar, there are many canibals, but I never heard it confirmed by any but Chinese. And from Sobar to Succadaana the people are civil enough to strangers.

Sambas is the next country of commerce to the northward of Succadaana. It produces but very little pepper, but some gold, pearls, and bees-wax, which makes it well frequented by the Chinese, who carry Surat piece-goods from Malacca and Johore, and barter to very good purpose for the aforesaid commodities. Bees-wax is the current cash in that country. It is melted but not refined, and cast in moulds of an oblong square, the breadth about two thirds of the length, and the thickness half of the breadth, and a rattan withy to lift them by, cast in the wax. A piece weighs a quarter of a pecul, which comes to, in English weight, 34 pounds, and a pecul is valued in payments at 10 maffies, or 40 shillings sterling. They have also for smaller payments pieces of eight to a pecul and sixteenths, and for smaller money they have couries. The prince and people are very hospitable and civil, so that strangers trade there with security. I knew a French Armenian, who coming from Manilla, had the misfortune to lose his ship on that part of the coast that belongs to the King of Sambas. They had but little goods, for generally Spanish dollars are the common return for goods sold at Manilla. When the people that were shipwrecked came ashore, they were carried to the King, who examined what they were, from whence they came, and whither bound, with what they were loaded, and several other interrogatories, and then ordered their provisions, and men and boats to assist them in saving their treasure, for there was but very little lost besides the ship and stores that were not worth the trouble of saving. The King gave him pearls and bees-wax for his silver, at such reasonable rates, that the Armenian gained 40 per cent. at Batavia (whither he went in a China vessel) for the goods he disposed of there. At Batavia he took passage on board a French ship for China, and in their way called at Trangano, where I met with him in the year 1719. I had the whole account from himself, and saw some beautiful pearls that he was carrying to the China market, and among them a pair of pearls worth 50l. sterling.

The Chinese drive a small trade from Siam and Cambodia, to the town called Borneo, that lies about 80 leagues to the northward of Sambas, and these are all the trading places that lie about the north end of this island, that I could hear of. The religion in Borneo is Pagan, except in some places on the sea coast there are some Mahometans; and so I must leave Borneo, and steer my course towards the coast of Johore on the continent, but in my way there are two clusters of islands that lie half-way. One is called Anamba, and the other Natuna, but by the natives Sciantan is the common appellation for both clusters. Their inhabitants are called Bougies, a fierce desperate people, and the only product of those islands is bettle-nut, and the religion Mahometan. The islands are very high, and may be easily seen in a clear day above fifteen leagues.

CHAP. XLVI. — *A Continuation of the Dominions of Johore on the Continent, and the Islands adjacent.*

THE Johore islands to the north-eastward of the promontory of Romano, (from whence I took my departure, when I steered among the islands) are first, Pullo-tingi, then

then Pullo-aure, then Pullo-pifang, and then Pullo-timoun, the highest and largest among them. They are all inhabited and produce poultry, and small goats, and some fruits, but no commodities for export. Their religion is Mahometan.

Pahaung lies north-west of Pullo-timoun, about 20 leagues distant. Pullo-varella lies in the way, but it is rather a rock than an island, therefore hardly worth noticing. Pahaung river has a pretty large island lying in its mouth, which makes two channels into it. The north entry has no less than four fathoms and an half at high-water, and the channel is about an hundred and fifty yards broad. Just within the bar is good secure anchoring in six fathoms, and there are good fresh water springs within two hundred paces of the sea-shore. The river is a mile broad, but so full of banks, that it is with trouble a small vessel of thirty tuns can go to the town, which lies about twelve miles up the river, where I left Rajah Bowncea, before I took my ramble among the islands. He was there in anno 1719, with five or six hundred men to keep that country firm to his father.

Pahaung river runs far into the country, and washes the foot of Malacca hill. There is abundance of gold dust found in it, and I have seen some lumps, of five or six ounces each. They do not dive for the dust above three fathoms, though there are some places in the river above ten deep, and generally where the deepest water is, most gold-dust is found. It has exported some years above eight hundred weight. Along the sides of the river pepper is planted for export, but not above 300 tuns in a year, because they want vend for more, though, if they had a market to carry it off, in five years time they could make a product of 3000 tuns. Besides pepper and gold, there are tin and elephants teeth, but in no great plenty, and the best canes in the world grow hereabout. The country is woody, and is stored with wild game and fruits, their rivers and sea with great plenty and variety of excellent fish, but the country is not reckoned very healthful, because of the abundance of rains. Trangano is the next place of note for commerce, and in anno 1720, the place of residence of a poor distressed King, who by a senseless devotion to superstition, ruined his country and his own family.

I gave an account before of his brother's tragical end, and the daring boldness of a youth that shewed him the way to die by his own hand. In 1719, I saw the youth waiting on the King, and fanning him with a peacock's tail. In my way to Siam, I called at Trangano, and went to wait on him, and he remembered that he had been acquainted with me five and twenty years before. I staid about a week, and every day he wanted to see me. He often repented his taking the weight of sovereignty on his shoulders, and feared that his end would prove as tragical as his brother's.

Trangano stands pleasantly near the sea, on the side of a river, that has a shallow bar, and many rocks scattered to and again within the river, but room enough in many places to moor small ships very securely, to keep them safe from the dangers of the winds or floods. There may be about one thousand houses in it, not built in regular streets, but scattered in ten or twenty in a place distant a little way from another's villa of the same magnitude. The town is above half-peopled with Chinese, who have a good trade for three or four jonks yearly, besides some that trade to Siam, Cambodia, Tunqucen, and Sambas. When I came back from Siam with my cargo unfold, as I mentioned before, I came to Trangano to dispose of what I could of my goods, and to procure a new cargo for Surat, the kind King assisted me in doing both, with all the readiness and cheerfulness imaginable.

While my ship lay in the road, the Bougies came with a fleet of two hundred sail of praws, designing to plunder the town of Trangano; but they were afraid to pass so near

near our guns as they must have been necessitated to do before they could get into the river. When they came to a place about five leagues off, they sent a praw to my ship, and the officer told me that he had a commission to proffer and pay me 3000 Spanish dollars, if I would let them pass quietly into the river. I ordered him away, and threatened, that, if they came, they should feel the force of my powder and shot. When I came ashore, the King asked me if I would protect him. I told him I would with all the force I had. He wept, as if he had been dissident, and desired that I would take him on board of my ship, and carry him whithersoever I went, for his life was burdensome to him, and he could trust none of his own people. I persuaded him that I was sincere in my resolution to protect him, and that it would look too mean to run away from his kingdom, while there was a possibility to regain it.

He told me, that he had sent ambassadors to the Dutch at Malacca for assistance, according to the ancient league between his ancestors and them, when they joined their forces to expel the Portuguese from Malacca; but instead of finding relief there, his enemies were assisted with powder and shot, and his rebellious subjects had a safe retreat at Malacca.

I advised him to take protection from the Dutch, and allow them the monopolization of the trade of his country, and to part the revenues between him and them. He seemed to be offended with the proposal, but said he would be glad if the English would settle in his dominions, and fortify what places they pleased, and that he would willingly come under their protection, and that there were none that ever entertained the Dutch in their countries as guests, but would willingly be quit of them again, if they could.

There happened to come a French ship thither at that time, being bound to China. The King gave the captain and me an invitation to dinner, and, after we had regaled ourselves, we entered on a discourse of the miserable state of a country under the malignancy of a civil war. He asked us, if such calamities had happened to England or France. We assured him there had been often such distempers among us, but that when the disease was cured, our state became as strong and vigorous as ever.

He had several times asked me, if I thought the English might be persuaded to settle a colony in his country, that Pahaung might be made a place of great trade, if there were shipping and stock to carry off the pepper and tin which that country alone could produce. I told him, I could give him no encouragement to believe they would.

He then, despairing of getting an English colony settled, proposed to Mr. Pedro-villamont Garden, who commanded the French ship, if he thought the French nation might be induced to settle in his dominions, and the French gentleman gave him hopes that the King of France might be induced to accept of his friendship, and settle a colony, providing he would certify his request by a letter, which the King of Johore readily agreed to. It was written in the Malayan language, and translated by a Chinese into Portuguese, and I translated it from that language into English. The original and the English translation were delivered to the French captain, but I never heard of it since.

He told me, that when I came to Bombay, I should acquaint the governor of the desire he had to live under the protection of the English, and that with 150 men they might bridle the insolence of his own rebellious subjects, and their allies, the Bougies, too.

Trangano is a very pleasant and healthful country, and affords a fine land-scape from the sea. The hills are low, and covered with ever-green trees, that accommodate the inhabitants with variety of delicious fruits, such as lemons, oranges, limes, mangoes, mangostans, rambostans, letchees and dureans: and in the vallies, corn, pulse and

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sugar-canes. The ground is cultivated by the Chinese, for the lazy Malayas cannot take that trouble.

The product of the country is pepper and gold, which are mostly exported by the Chinese. About 300 tuns are the common export of pepper, and we have it almost for one half of the price that we pay for Malabar pepper. From the month of October till March, their river is shut up by the bar, which fills up by the impetuosity of the great seas sent on that shore by the north-east monsoons; but in the months of July and August their seas produce the finest fish that ever I saw or tasted. There is one sort exactly like a salmon, both in shape and taste, but the fish is white, as the salmon is red. Their poultry are large, plump, and sweet, but beef is scarce, except buffalo beef, and that is plentiful enough.

In anno 1720, the Bougies came to Pullo-capafs, which is but five leagues from Trangano; but there are other islands that lie 12 leagues more southerly, called, in the maps, by the name of Pullo-capafs, but their right name, which the natives call them by, is Pullo-tetang.

However, from Pullo-capafs the Bougies sent an embassy to Trangano, pretending an accommodation with the King, to see if he would allow them to enjoy the continent and islands beyond the promontory of Romano, and they would leave him the quiet possession of the rest; and, while they were in a large hall conferring, some unusual sudden noise happened to be heard from without, which the guilty Bougies taking to be some design in execution against them, one of them runs to the King, and stabbed him to the heart, which made a very great disorder, and many were killed on both sides; and what Bougies remained, got on board of their gallies, and posted to their fleet at Pullo-capafs, with the news of what had happened at Trangano, and next day the Bougies went into the river, and plundered the town, except certain houses which belonged to the Databandaar, or first minister, whom the King, in his lifetime, ever mistrusted, but, by the ill situation of his affairs, was obliged to hide his thoughts, and defer his resentments till a proper time.

The next place to the northward, in the Johore territories, is Patany. It was formerly the greatest port for trade in all those seas, but the inhabitants being too potent to be afraid of the King's laws, they became so insolent, that merchants were obliged to remove their commerce to countries of more security. It was the staple port for Surat shipping, and from Goa, Malabar, and Chormondel, they had a good trade, and so they had from China, Tunquin, Cambodia, and Siam; but the merchants finding no restraint on robbers and murderers, were obliged to give their trade a turn into another channel, which was a great advantage to Batavia, Siam, and Malacca, where they were kindly used, and in those ports it has continued ever since.

The Johore dominions reach but four or five leagues farther north, which, like most borderers, are inclined to rapine, and lying so near another's dominions, where they may be screened from the power of their own laws when they commit depredations, it makes them exercise their villainies with impunity. Between Trangano and Patany lie the islands of Redang. They are uninhabited, but sometimes the saleeters or Malaya freebooters frequent them, and when they meet with trading vessels that they are able to master, they make prize of them, and carry the men into other countries than where they belong to, and sell them for slaves; and when they meet with no purchase at sea, they go ashore in the nights, and steal all they can get. Men, women, and children go all into the booty; but the China vessels afford them most prizes.

The Kings of Johore ever paid homage to the Kings of Siam, by sending them a rose made of gold in a golden box once in three years. The year 1719 happened to be the year

year that the rose came, for I saw the messenger that brought it at Siam, where he had orders from his master to know how my affairs went, with a proffer of the King's service, if I came back into his country.

CHAP. XLVII.—*Gives an Account of the Dominions and City of Siam; with Remarks on the Revolution that happened there.*

SANGORE is the first town on the King of Siam's dominions. On that side it is under the government of Ligore, which was once the metropolis of a kingdom of the same name, but, by civil dissensions, it became a prey to the King of Siam.

Sangore stands on the side of a large river. It yields some tin, elephants' teeth, agala-wood, and coarse gold; but the inhabitants meet with so great discouragements in digging for tin, that there is very little to be procured; and what is manufactured is bought up by the Dutch factory at Ligore.

Ligore lies about 12 leagues to the northward of Sangore, and between them lies a low uninhabited island, called Papier. It reaches from Sangore within three leagues of Ligore river. It is well stored with wild buffaloes, hog, and deer, which are free for all persons to kill at pleasure. The road of Ligore lies two leagues from the river, and about a league within the river's mouth stands the Dutch factory, a pretty commodious house, built of brick, after the Dutch fashion. The town stands about two miles above the factory. It is built of bamboos, and thatched with reed. There are many Pagan temples in it, which have steeples built very high, in form of very sharp pyramids. They are so small, that, in the road, they look like ships masts. It produces abundance of tin, but the Dutch engross it all.

Pullo Cara, an high island, lies about twelve leagues off Ligore. The next place of note is Cui, a place that produces great quantities of tin and elephants teeth, but all are sent to the city of Siam or Odia, for the King's use. The rest of the coast being little frequented, I will pass by it, and steer for the bar of

Siam. The city stands on an island in the river Memnon, which, by turnings and windings, makes the distance from the bar about 50 leagues. The country is low, and as fruitful as any spot of ground in the world in rice, legumen, fruits and roots, cattle, wild and tame. And the river abounds in many species of excellent fish, which plentifully indulge the inhabitants, and make them indolent and lazy, and consequently proud, superstitious, and wanton.

The city is reckoned ten miles round the walls, and many canals, from the river, pierce through the city from all quarters. The walls of the city are high and thick, built of stone and brick; but the houses of the natives, though large, are low, built on stakes driven into the ground, about 10 or 12 feet high; but the Mahometans, Chinese, and Christians, raise the grounds they build on high enough to be secure from the yearly inundations. The natives houses are raised on those stakes on the same account; and as their walls are built of bamboo and reeds, their roofs are built of the same materials, and are all thatched, except what are built on *terra firma*, and they are generally tiled. There are many arched bridges in the city, built of brick or stone, and some of wood. The floors of the natives houses are made of split bamboo or reeds made fast together, so that one cannot move on them without both noise, and shaking them.

The three palaces of their kings, and some temples, are the only magnificent edifices in the city; and some steeples belonging to the temples are gilded with gold on the outside,

outside, and in a sun-shine they reflect the rays so strongly, that at two or three miles distance, they disturb the eye, when looked upon.

They have many large temples well decorated after their way, and well stocked with gilded images of gods and goddesses, of the priests contrivance and canonizing, and they never want devotees to adore them, who pay their deceitful imposters very well for deceiving them; but they are not the only people that are so cunningly deluded, for the fatal custom has spread univerfally in all the corners of the world.

The great God, who created the universe, they have no image of, nor can they make any of him, because he never shewed himself in any bodily shape, and therefore they can form no idea of his shape, dimensions, or beauty; but Tipedah, the great God's partner, has often shewed himself, and him they worship in his image with the highest adoration. Praw Prumb and Sonno Cuddem, his friends, they adore with the second degree in worship; and Prapout and Sam have the third sort of veneration paid to their images.

They have many little deities inferior to the above-mentioned, whom they adore as patrons or protectors of several tribes, and other animals of different countries and cities, of health, prosperity, and of other accidents and casualties; so every one is at liberty to choose his own patron or protector, and to worship him according to his own mind, but none are persecuted for the opinion of the way he is to worship, either the great or the little gods. That heavenly frenzy is only a raging mad distemper that affects the melancholic brains of the western world.

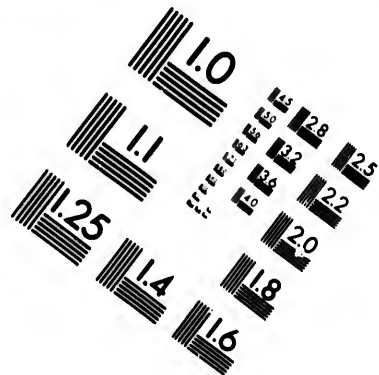
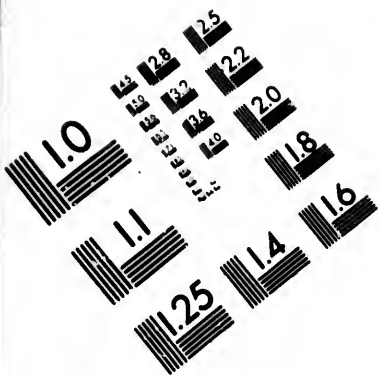
I was in one temple pretty large, built exactly four-square, and each square contained just an hundred images. They were placed in niches or domes about four feet from the ground. There were more goddesses than gods, and all were in a sitting posture, cross-legged, as tailors sit on their shopboards. Their noses were low and small, their visage long, their ears large, and the lappets of them thick and plump. They sat promiscuously in those niches, and all clothed in one livery of gold leaf. They were almost as big as full-grown men and women, but very different in their substances. The priests told us, that some were of pure gold, others of Teul silver, which has no alloy in it, some of copper, and some of brass, and some of baked clay; but, for want of sumpture laws among them, it was hard to know the gentleman from the beggar by their garb, or a lady from a laundress.

In one temple, as I was informed, stands the famous Saunfay, twenty yards in height. He is in a right lineal descent from little Samfay, who caused so much war between Siam and Pegu, which never ended but with the dissolution of the Pegu empire. In most of their temples there are frightful dragons, standing sentinels at their gates, but whether they are placed there to keep in the gods, or to keep out devils, I know not.

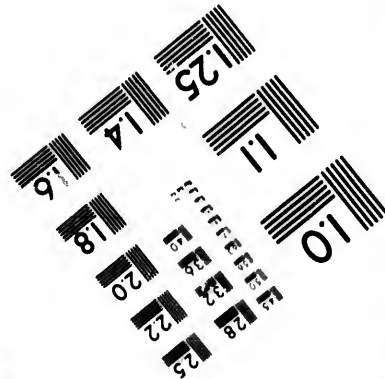
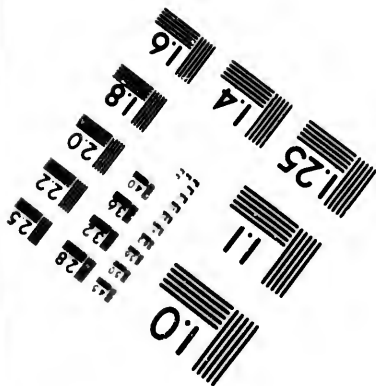
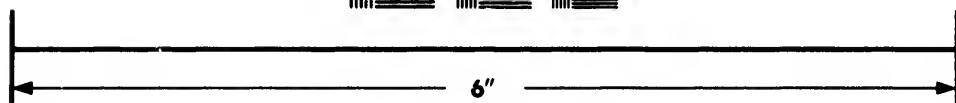
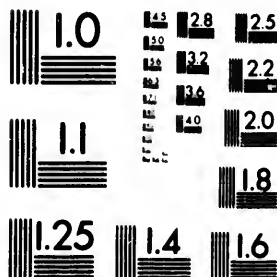
There are reckoned no less than 50,000 clergymen, or tallapoys, belonging to the temples, in and about the city of Siam; but they are easy to the state, having no stated benefices or other revenues, and yet they are plentifully supplied with all the necessaries of life by the charity and benevolence of the laity.

There is one temple about three miles below the city, on the opposite side of the river, called the Fishes' Temple; because annually in the month of September, when the floods overflow the low ground (as in Egypt), there are good numbers of fishes, almost like small salmon, that frequent a pond close to that temple, and are to be found in no other place in the Siam dominions, and they are so tame, that they will come close to our boats, and frisk and play on the surface of the water, and if any body has a mind to feed them with bread, cocoa-nut, meat, or other food that does not easily





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separate, it is only to hold some near the surface of the water, and they will take it familiarly from the hand. I have often taken pleasure to feed them, and see them play, but as soon as we leave off feeding them they will withdraw, so that hardly one is to be seen till a new supply of victuals is offered to them.

But none dares offer to take one of them, for fear of raising a zealous sanctified mob, who punish small faults with the greatest severities, and those fishes being consecrated to the god of that temple, are securely protected by the consecration. They continue about the temple till the middle of December, that the floods begin to draw off the ground, and then they depart, and are seen no where in any river or pond belonging to Siam, till September brings them back to their temple.

Whatever animal comes within the verge of a temple, it is secured from pursuit or violence. I knew a Portuguese inhabitant of Siam, who shot a crow as it sat on the branch of a tree that grew near a temple, on which the priests raised a mob, who broke both the poor man's legs and arms, and left him in the field for dead; but some Christians coming accidentally by, carried him in a boat, in that deplorable state, to a French surgeon, who set his bones, and cured him. I saw him alive and well in anno 1720.

The French have a bishop at Siam, with a church and a seminary for the education of converts. They stand a little above the city, on the opposite side of the river. They make but few converts, except when corn is dear, and then some of the poorer sort receive baptism, which entitles them to a maintenance from the church; but, when plenty returns, they throw away their beads and brazen faint, and bid farewell to Christianity. In anno 1720, there were not above 70 Christians in and about Siam, and they the most dissolute, lazy, thievish rascals that were to be found in the country.

The bishop was one Mr. Cisse, a man of about 80 years of age, who, in a famine that happened there in anno 1708, took up about 3000. sterling from the King, to buy corn for the support of his church, and such poor Siamers as were converted by the necessity of the times, who relapsed again as soon as the famine ceased, and the poor old bishop cannot leave the country till that debt be discharged. He is superstitiously zealous for his religion, and would fain go to Couchin-China, or Tunquin, to die a martyr, because it is death by their law to preach any foreign doctrine without leave first obtained from their Kings.

Whatever principles he may have had in religion I know not, but I am sure that he was a diminutive moralist, which I knew by experience, in seducing some of my seamen, who were black Christians, to leave my ship at Siam, contrary to his promise, which obliged me to buy slaves to supply their places; but I left him some cause to repent of his folly and breach of promise.

There were four or five priests there besides the bishop, one whereof always attends the college, and the others officiate daily in the church. They live abstemiously, but, I believe, rather through force than choice, for their incomes are very small, as charity and piety are very cold among their flock. The Portuguese have also a church there, built on the side of the river, opposite to the lower end of the town; but their priests are generally so scandalous in their lives, that few frequent their church, or care for their conversation. The Chinese being very numerous in Siam, have several small temples, but none remarkable for their structure or beauty.

The Dutch have a factory there, about a mile below the town, on the same side of the river. Their greatest investments are in tin, sapan-wood, and deers skins, which

they buy up for the Japon market. The Siam market takes off but little European goods; however the Dutch chief makes a pretty good figure there.

The English, for many years, had also a factory there; till about the year 1686, the East India Company seeking occasions to pick a quarrel with the Siamers, in order to withdraw, they took hold of such as they could first find, though never so frivolous. The first was about anno 1684. The Carolina, bound from England to China, had the misfortune to lose her passage, and coming to Siam to pass away the north-east monsoons, and the King of Siam having occasion for some stores for shipping out of the Carolina's cargo, to equip some ships that he had built in order to humble the Cambodians and the Couchin-Chinese, who disturbed the navigation of his country, he civilly requested the English chief to supply him at the prices the same commodities used to be sold at to merchants, but he could not find that favour, which he resented, and threatened to disturb their commerce. At length, they supplied him with some part of what he demanded, to avert the ill consequences that might happen by a total refusal. This was represented to the Company in the darkest colours, and they thought that sufficient to ground a war on; but they had at that time a fleet of large ships, which they had equipped to regain their trade of Bantam, and other places, which the Dutch had insolently robbed them of; but they were disappointed by the deep politics of King Charles II. as is before observed.

However, the King of Siam continued his indulgence to the Company and their servants, in much affluence and luxury, continually carousing in debaucheries with wine and women, till their common salaries and gains by trade were in no proportion to their extravagant expences; however, that being a free country, they had liberty to spend their own and their masters estates as they pleased.

The King of Siam having formed the design of a war, as above mentioned, with Cambodia and Couchin-China, employed a good number of English who had resorted to Siam, to partake of the King's indulgence and bounty, and to help the Company's servants to spend their money. All the English who had a mind to enlist themselves on board of his fleet, had great encouragement of honourable posts and good salaries well paid, and they did perform actions in the war worthy of the bravery and courage of the English nation, by which the King's favour to the English increased more than before the war.

One Mr. Pots happened to be chief of the English factory at that time, who by his extravagant luxury had rioted away a great part of his masters goods and money, and had run his own credit out of doors. He then began to form projects how to clear accounts with his masters and creditors, without putting any thing in their pockets. The first was on 500 chests of Japon copper, which his masters had in specie at Siam, and they were brought into account of profit and loss, for so much eaten up by the white ants, which are really insects, that by a cold corroding liquid quality, can do much mischief to cloth, timber, or on any other soft body that their fluids can penetrate, but copper is thought too hard a morsel for them; however I saw that article in the Company's accounts, as they were remitted from Siam to Bombay, and were in Mr. Vaux's custody at Surat afterwards.

But that small article of 2500 pounds, went but a small way towards clearing of his accounts. So after supper one night as they were merrily carousing, the factory was set on fire, and that balanced all other accounts. Mr. Pots alledged to the King, that his subjects the Siamers, had done that mischief, and expected the King to be accountable for losses and damages sustained by the Company and their servants.

The King, on the other hand, proffered to prove, that Mr. Pots and his drunken companions had done it, and that he expected the Company should be accountable to his subjects for the loss they had sustained by the fire, which had burnt several houses that lay near the factory. However, the Company adhered to the just complaints of their honest servants, and thought that the King's refusal to make good their demands, was a sufficient piece of ground to build their war on. However, the Company considering that a war could bring them no advantage, thought it enough to bully the Siamers, but never declared a war.

In the year 1685, the Company sent two ships to the bar of Siam. One was the *Herbert* of 800 tuns, the other the *Prudent Mary* of 400, to frighten the Siamers; but they did no damage to them, and the Siamers treated them civilly.

About the year 1680, there was one *Constantine Falcon*, a Greek by birth, that some years before had shipped himself steward of an English ship at London, bound to India, and being ordered for Siam, and finding some ill treatment on board, he deserted from the ship, and fled to a small village some distance from the city, where he amused himself in learning the Siam language. He being a sober, ingenious, and industrious person, soon made himself master of the language, and served as an interpreter for the English at court, where he was remarkably taken notice of, and got a post there. His behaviour recommended him to greater preferments, so that in a very few years he became prime minister of state, and behaved himself so well in that high station, that every thing belonging to the state of the country prospered, so that Siam became the richest and powerfulest kingdom in that part of the world.

The Jesuits hearing that one of the Romish communion sat at the helm of the Siam affairs, and it being a rich country, brought whole troops of them into Siam, who got the whole management of affairs into their hands, through the interest of the *barkalong*, that being the appellation of first minister. They tickled themselves with the fancy of bringing the whole kingdom of Siam under the pope's jurisdiction, and in anno 1683, the first year of his ministry, they got the King to send an embassy to the King of France, which ambassador came also to London, and settled a treaty of commerce for the English that should trade in Siam.

The Jesuits imposed on the King of France, and made him believe, that if he would send an embassy to Siam, that King would leave his own superstition, and embrace theirs. Accordingly an ambassador was sent, with many valuable French curiosities and among them a very fine mass-book, with beautiful cuts of all the first rate saints, the Romish kalendar.

On the ambassador's arrival, he was received with the respect due to his character, and when the presents were laid before the King, according to custom, he seemed much pleased with their curiosity; but when he viewed the pictures in the mass-book, he asked a Jesuit who was interpreter, what they were, who answered, that they were the pictures of holy men now in heaven, and such as his brother the King of France adored; and as he designed an eternal friendship with his majesty, he hoped that he would also adore those pictures, and worship the images of those saints, rather than those idols that were worshipped all over his dominions. The King returned answer, that the gods of his country had been auspicious to them who lived in it for time out of mind; and as it would be unjust and ungrateful to banish those gods that had been so long very kind to his predecessors and himself, so he could not turn his old gods off and take new ones in their places that he did not so well know, and that he would oblige his brother of France in any thing but that.

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The King of France complimented Mr. Falcon with the order of Knighthood, and in his letter to him, wherein he recommended the French affairs to his care, particularly that of religion, he styled him loving cousin and counsellor.

After the embassy was gone from Siam to France, the Jesuits thought of nothing but bringing the trade of Siam under the power of the French, and in order to that, got the King to order the building of a fort on the river's side, opposite to the fort of Bencock, a town about 20 leagues below the city of Siam, and to have it manned with a garrison of French, to be paid by the exchequer of Siam, and all this was granted according to their mind.

The fort is a regular tetragon, and can mount about 80 great guns. When the French got possession they grew intolerably arrogant, which made the Siamers uneasy, and murmured at the King's weakness, but that was in private; for certain destruction is the sure reward of talking publicly of any mismanagement of the state, for a King of Siam can no more err in politics, than a pope can in matters of faith.

Yet about the year 1688, by some malevolent planet that over-ruled his actions, he made a war with his neighbours the Kings of Cambodia, and Couchin-China. He sent an army by land, and a fleet by sea, to carry on the war, but was not successful by land. However in the land-army there was a mean person, a citizen of Siam, who kept a fruit-shop; he had a bold daring spirit, and behaved himself so well on all occasions, in the land war, that he came to preferment, and at last was made generalissimo, and then ended the war to the satisfaction of the whole army abroad, and his prince at home; but when he brought back the army to Siam, seeing the King wrapt up in the opinion he had of the Jesuits counsels, and the management they had in the affairs of state, by the countenance of the King and his first minister my Lord Falcon, he picked a quarrel with the King, and having most of the army at his devotion, seized his master and put him to death, after the manner of royal criminals, or as princes of the blood are treated when convicted of capital crimes, which is, by putting them into a large iron caldron, and pounding them to pieces with wooden pestles, because none of their royal blood must be spilt on the ground, it being, by their religion, thought great impiety to contaminate the divine blood, by mixing it with earth. And after he had murdered his master, he summoned all the Mandarines in the city, to hold a council in the palace.

My Lord Falcon, for that was generally his designation, had, by his civil deportment towards people of all ranks and degrees, so ingratiated himself, that he had a stronger party by far, both in the city and country, than the general; and besides, had all the fleet at his devotion. Many of my Lord's friends dissuaded him from obeying the summons, but to raise the forces of the city, and revenge the death of the King, and many officers of the army that detested the regicide would have come over to his party, which at least was above 50,000 strong, but being infatuate, he was deaf to all good advice, and went to the palace, where as soon as he had set his foot, he was seized by the general's guards, and beheaded; so the usurper took the sovereignty into his own hands, and at that instant was by *jure divino* made an infallible favourite of heaven, and the sun, moon, and stars, had the honour to be his near relations.

Had my Lord Falcon followed his friends advice, or had courage answerable to his other good qualities, he had certainly been honoured with the diadem in Siam, and if he had introduced popery in the place of paganism, he had been honoured with a place in the pope's almanack, but his pusillanimity made him unworthy of both.

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I had this account from my lord's secretary, Mr. Bashpool, who, on his master's death, was clapped up in prison, and lay three years with his neck in the congoes, which are a pair of stocks made of bamboos, and was never taken out, but in order to be severely whipped, to make him accuse rich men whom the usurper had a mind to destroy, that he might seize their estates under the umbrage of justice and law.

I saw my Lady Falcon in anno 1719, and she was then honoured with the superintendency of His Majesty's confectionary. She was born in Siam, of honourable parents, and at that time much respected both in the court and city, for her prudence and humanity to natives and strangers, when they came into difficulties, or under the weight of oppressions from the officers of the court or city.

When the Siam ambassador returned from France and England, in the murdered King's time, his master, among many other questions, asked him if the King of France had any palaces like his at Siam, for beauty and magnitude, and the poor man unadvisedly told him truth, that in France were many finer, nay, that the King of France's horse stables in Paris exceeded any buildings in India, which His Majesty took so ill, that he disgraced him, and was very near losing his head for his telling truth.

The King of Siam is as fond of lofty titles as the King of Pegu. Besides his proximity with the heavenly luminaries, he is a god on earth, in whose court are to be found justice, mercy, and benevolence to mankind, with such a train of senseless hyperboles, and at last, to illustrate all the rest, he is King of the white elephant, a title that none disputes with him but the King of Pegu.

The King bestows his anniversary blessing on his people in the month of September, when he passes through the city attended with a numerous train of elephants, among whom is the white elephant, but he is only of a cream colour, and I have seen several at Bangarie, a village near Jonkceyloan, as white as him. All the elephants that day are dressed in their finest trappings, with drums, trumpets, hautboys, and other musical instruments, making a noise as they go along; but whether it is to divert His Majesty or his elephant, I know not, but I am sure the noise was harsh in my ears.

While he is making his elephantine cavalcade through the city, the populace dares not look him in the face, but prostrate on their knees and their elbows on the ground, with their hands open and joined above their heads, and their eyes fixed on the ground, or shut till he has past by them, then they are permitted to rise and look on his back parts or side.

In the month of November he also shews himself on the river, in a ballong or barge of 30 or 40 yards long, about two yards broad, and two feet deep, with a throne placed, near the middle of her length, about seven feet high, and a rich canopy over his head, and being seated on the throne, his greatest lords or minions sit under the throne, and about 50 or 60 rowers are seated afore and be-aft the throne, (clothed in carnation coloured waistcoats, with fine caps or turbans on their heads,) to row or paddle His Majesty wherever he orders them, and there are ordinarily above 1000 other barges to wait on His Majesty, besides several thousands of other common ballongs, inasmuch, that for five or six miles, the river is covered with boats, except near His Majesty's barge, and there is half a mile of the river clear for his barge to move in.

About four or five in the evening, he goes in his barge to a temple about three miles above the city, on the opposite side of the river, where the priests pray for him, and present him with two yards and an half of cotton cloth, that must be spun and woven the same day that the King comes to receive it. After sun sets, he embarks again

again (leaving some royal gratuity to the priests for their miraculous present) and is attended in state to his palace.

His reason for honouring the river and his people that time of the year, is to forbid the river formally to flow higher or longer than such a number of inches in height, or of days in time, as he sets it; yet sometimes it disobey his royal commands.

All the Mandarines belonging to the government, whose affairs require their residence in the city, whose numbers generally amount to 3000, must daily attend in the palace, except they have leave to be absent, and if any one transgresses, he is severely whipped with split rattans, which cut pretty deep into the flesh, and leave conspicuous marks behind them. The greater the marks appear, the greater the honour they take them to be; and the pretty ladies are not exempted from the flagellation, for very small faults. And I have seen some pretty agreeable young gentlewomen with rattan marks on their backs, which they are so far from covering, that as they pass the streets, they expose their backs, though their breasts, bellies, and necks, are covered with a scarf, seeming to glory in being so much taken notice of by the greatest King on earth.

The women in Siam are the only merchants in buying goods, and some of them trade very considerably. The husbands in general are maintained by the industry of their wives. And the Europeans that trade to Siam, accommodate themselves as they do in Pegu, with temporary wives, almost on the same conditions too, and it is thought no disgrace to have had many temporary husbands, but rather an honour that they have been beloved by so many different men. The Christian priests cry down that way of marrying, and want every heretic, as well as Christian catholic, to be tied to some young lasses of their bringing up, but the heretics, according to their innate principles, generally continue deaf and obstinate to the grave advice and sound doctrine of the holy fathers, and marry according to the Siam way. The catholics dare not do so for fear of excommunication, but the Siam wives generally prove the most obedient, loving, and chaste, for which reason, when the catholics once go from Siam to follow their business in other countries, they seldom return to Siam, but leave their beloved wives a legacy to the church, who is a very indulgent mother to her temerant daughters.

The natives of both sexes go bare-headed, and their hair cut within two inches of the skin, and gummed, and combed upwards, which makes their head seem very big, and all in bristles like a boar's back. They are well shaped in body and limbs, with a large fore-head and a little nose, and handsome mouth with plump lips, and black sparkling eyes; their ears of a moderate size, but large thick lappets. The men have but little hair on their chins, and they are of an olive-colour, but the women of a straw complexion, and some of the ladies have a little tincture of red in their cheeks and lips, but whether it is natural or artificial I know not. They are very prolific and long-lived, which may be partly imputed to their temperance in eating and drinking.

After the usurper had settled himself on the throne of Siam, he ordered the French to deliver their fort at Bencock to an officer that he sent to take possession of it, but they refused, without first making terms for themselves, on which he sent a part of his army to attack it, and threatened every man's life that returned before it was taken. His orders were punctually put in execution, and all the French got, was the honour of dying bravely in the defence of their liberty. The fort stands still undemolished, but no artillery is in it.

In Siam they have several ways in punishing criminals with death, for theft and other such like peccadilloes. Beheading is the common way. For rebellion or mutiny they are ripped up alive, and their guts and entrails taken out, and their carcasses woven up in a twig case, and tied up to a stake for vultures and other voracious fowls, or dogs to feed on: I saw eighteen one morning going to be executed so for mutiny. They were each put on a triangular seat, with their necks and hands in wooden fetters, and carried by three slaves in chains through the streets to the place of execution, but they looked as if they had been almost starved in prison, for they were very meagre. Some were weeping, others joyful that they were near the end of a miserable life.

For treason and murder, the elephant is the executioner. The condemned person is made fast to a stake driven into the ground for the purpose, and the elephant is brought to view him, and goes twice or thrice round him, and when the elephant's keeper speaks to the monstrous executioner, he twines his trunk round the person and stake, and pulling the stake from the ground with great violence, tosses the man and the stake into the air, and in coming down, receives him on his teeth, and shaking him off again, puts one of his fore-feet on the carcase, and squeezes it flat.

In anno 1717, the King of Siam made war on his neighbour of Cambodia, and invaded his country with an army of 50,000 by land, and 20,000 by sea, and committed the care of his armies to his barkalong, a Chinese, altogether unacquainted with war. The China-man accepted of the charge with much reluctance, but the King would not be denied. The war proved unsuccessful; but I will leave the particulars till I treat of Cambodia, and return to Siam, where I had some difficulties to meet with.

In anno 1719, I went thither with a cargo to dispose of, expecting to trade on the footing of the old treaty concluded at London with the King of England and the King of Siam's ambassador, in anno 1684; but, on my arrival, I found that Mr. Collet, governor of Fort St. George, had cancelled that agreement by his ambassador Powny, as I have already observed; and the new conditions being too hard for me to stand to, I solicited for liberty to depart again with my ship and cargo, which I could not obtain in less than four months.

Collet's attorney at the court of Siam was a Persian by birth, but had come to Siam with his father when very young, and had remained about 40 years at Siam. He was as complete a rascal as Collet could have found for his villainous purposes; for by false informations to the King he had brought many honest men into trouble, and some treasure into the King's coffers.

When I understood that he was the remora that had put a stop to my commerce, I tried if I could remove him by large presents, but all to no purpose, for if I traded, it must be on the scheme laid down by Collet, by the negotiation of Powny, who kept one Collison as his resident at Siam, to consult and inform the Persian of the best methods to ruin the English traders that had not Collet's letters of protection.

This Persian (whose name was Oia Sennerat) and I, were discoursing one day of my affairs in the Induстан language, which is the established language spoken in the Mogul's large dominions, and, among other things, I was laying down to him the difficulties that might attend the King of Siam's trade, carried on from Merjee to Fort St. George, because if the rest of the English colonies were forbid trading with Siam, they had just cause to forbid his subjects to trade to Fort St. George, or any where else, and that other troubles might arise to the King's affairs, by thus imposing on the King, who was ignorant of the consequences that might follow in breaking the agreement made in England, without so much as once giving warning to the English colonies of other parts of India.

He answered me, that the King of Fort St. George could best give me an answer, who was able to protect the King of Siam's trade thither, and that His Majesty had no other foreign trade but Japon, that he valued, and the English had no trade that way to disturb his master's commerce; and that if I did not comply with the agreement made by Powny in Collet's name, I might go away when I could.

I told him that I had a mind to see the King, and would make him a present of a 1000 dollars, if he could find means to introduce me to his presence. He answered me, that the English had not good manners enough to be admitted into the presence of so great a King, and therefore I ought not to expect to appear before him; and for fear I should have made application to some other court favourite to introduce me, about two or three days after our confabulation, I heard that there was a proclamation published all over the city, that no foreigner should dare to approach within such a distance of the King's palace, under very severe penalties.

About a week after I had a summons to appear before a tribunal, to answer to an indictment of speaking treason of the King. I knew myself innocent, and appeared at the time appointed, which was about eight in the morning. The court was held in a large, square, oblong hall, open on all sides. About nine the judge came with some thousands of attendants, and, as he passed by me to take his place, he viewed me very narrowly, as I did him with much attention. He was a man of a middle stature, about 50 years of age, of a pleasant but grave countenance, and had a quick sparkling eye. He spoke to my interpreter, to bid me have a care of my tongue, lest I should prejudice myself in answering to intricate questions. I thanked him for his admonition, and told him, "A word to the wife was sufficient."

Having placed himself, he ordered my indictment to be read, which was accordingly done, and in about half an hour's time it was ended. He asked me by my interpreter, if I understood what was libelled against me. I answered, "No." He then bade the interpreter inform me of the meaning of each particular paragraph, as they were read a second time with deliberation, and, having heard my impeachment, which was grounded only on my saying, "That the King had been imposed upon," I thought fit to deny all, and put my adversary Oia Sennerat to prove that I had said so; but, by the bye, I found, that saying the King of Siam was capable of being imposed on, is rank treason.

The judge chose out of the assembly two procurators for each of us; and there were no small debates, for three or four hours, "Whether or not a stranger, who was ignorant of the laws of Siam, could come under the penalty annexed to the transgression of their laws, when they were broken through ignorance, and not with design;" but my antagonist at last carried it in the affirmative, though the judge seemed to incline towards the opinions of my advocates.

Then the judge put Oia Sennerat to prove what I was accused of, and he produced two of his own servants, who stood at some distance when we were discoursing of my affairs; but my advocates challenged the laws of Siam for their insufficiency, for that law admits not of a servant's testimony, either for or against his master. Then he offered to bring an undeniable witness against me, who was the only person with us when we discoursed, and that was Collison, who was presently sent for, and being set by my adversary, the judge asked him by the interpreter, if he was present at such a time, when Oia Sennerat and I were in warm discourse. He answered, he was. He then interrogated him, if he had heard me say in my discourse, that the King had been imposed on. He affirmed he had; on which I perceived a cloud overspread the judge's countenance, and many others who had come to hear the trial seemed sorrowful.

After a little pause, the judge, by the interpreter, asked me what I had to say to Collifon's evidence. I answered, that I had little knowledge of him, but that he might be an honest man, or otherwise, as his interest led him. All continued mute for a little space, and I broke the silence by desiring the judge to ask Collifon in what language I held that discourse with Oia Sennerat, which the judge did, and was answered, that he did not well know, but that he believed it was in the Induſtan language. I begged the judge to ask him if he understood that language, and he did so. Collifon, after some pause, answered, "No." Then the judge asked him angrily, and with an air of disdain, how he could come in as evidence of words spoken in a language that he did not understand, and he simply said, that he thought I had said so; at which the whole crowd gave an huzza, and clapped their hands, and seemed joyful. The judge reprimanded Oia Sennerat for putting him and the court to so much trouble, and complimented me on my safe delivery, and so departed seemingly well satisfied.

I had two British gentlemen that accompanied me all the time of my trial. One was commander of a small ship from Bengal, called Mr. Alexander Dalglifh, and one Mr. John Saunders, who was second supercargo under me; and when the judge came, some executioners followed him with their instruments of death, to put the sentence in execution as soon as the judge pronounces it. Our debates held so long, that it was near eight at night before we got home. Had I been cast in my process, my head had been a sacrifice to my adversary's resentment, and my ship and cargo to the much-injured King, and, to sum up all, my ship's company had been the King's slaves. On my returning home victorious, I had the congratulations of all my friends, particularly the Chinese merchants, whose lives and estates might have been endangered by the like villainous informations.

My adversaries being shamefully disappointed in that project, had one more to try their skill in, and that was to bring me in for piracy; for, about four years before, Mr. Harrison, then governor of Fort St. George, had sent a ship to Amoy in China, and some China merchants having taken goods and money, to the amount of 20,000 tayels, or 6700l. sterling; when the term of payment came, they eloped, and the supercargoes could have no redress, which made them give orders to the captain of the ship to make reprisals, which they did on a large jonk belonging to the Barkalong of Siam; which jonk they carried with them to Fort St. George, and which fact my adversaries fixed on me, though, at that time, I was in Arabia or Persia, which I offered to prove by some Mahometan merchants that saw me there; but all that I could alledge would have been ineffectual, if I had not accidentally found some Chinese who belonged to the jonk when she was seized, and who knew both me and Captain Jones, who was the captor, and so it never came to a trial.

It being high time for me to get from Siam at any rate, I applied myself to my judge for his assistance, and carried a present of four yards of scarlet cloth, and some pieces of Surat goods, to the value of 20l. in all. He received me very courteously, and promised me his assistance, but would accept of none of my presents. At last, on my pressing him to take it, he accepted of the scarlet cloth, but would not touch any of the Surat goods, though they were very fine in their kind; but recommended me to two officers more, whom I must address to make my request be the easier granted, and he told me, that those Surat goods would serve to make them my friends. I took his advice, and in three days had my clearance, for paying about 200l. for my ship's meafurage, (an imposition of Mr. Collet's,) and so I fell down to Bencock, where, according to the Siam custom, I was obliged to put my guns ashore, before I could go up to the city. I lay there four or five days before orders were sent to deliver my

guns, which, as soon as I had got on board, and mounted, I told the officer that delivered them, to give my service to Oia Sennerat, and tell him, that if the King's three jonks arrived on this coast this season, he would hear farther from me by them.

By that time I was clear at Bencock, Captain Dalglish arrived there also, in order to proceed to Bengal. He had fallen into the trap laid by Collet, and had paid meassage and customs, besides the usual presents to the court, according to the old constitution, but he could not get ready to go so soon out of the river as I, otherwise I designed to have brought some troubles on Sennerat, if not on Collet and Powney's affairs at Siam, but Captain Dalglish being still in their power, tied my hands.

Siam bar is only a large bank of soft mud, and, at spring tides, not above ten or eleven feet water on it. It is easy getting into it in the south-west monsoons, because, in two or three tides, with the motion the ship receives from the small waves and the assistance of the wind, she slides through the mud. My ship drew thirteen feet, and we had not above nine on the bar when we went into the river, but coming out with the north-east monsoons, the sea being smooth, we were obliged to warp out with anchors and halfers, and, if the ship draws any considerable draught of water, we are sometimes two springs in warping over, but, at twelve feet draught, I got over in four tides.

And now, having given some particular accounts of my observations on and in Siam, I will also give some general remarks, and begin with the fertility of the country, which, on that point, is inferior to few (if any) in the world.

There are but two parcels of mountains to be seen in the places that I passed through, and they lie between east and north-east from the city of Odia, about ten leagues distant, and they produce good timber for building, and agala-wood for perfumes. They have also mines of iron, tin, lead, silver and gold, but they are all entailed on the crown, who has the sole benefit of them. They breed vast numbers of wild deer, which are hunted and killed for the sake of their skins, which they yearly send to Japan.

The plains produce all sorts of grain necessary for animal and human sustenance. They plentifully bear as good, if not the best oranges, lemons, and limes in the world. Their rivers superabound in fish of several species, very good in their kind. Their villages are numerous, and well inhabited with artificers and peasants; but there are but five walled towns in all the Siam dominions, and Odia is one of them.

They have abundance of wild animals in their woods, such as elephants, rhinoceroses, leopards and tigers; and tame cattle, as bullocks, buffaloes and swine, in abundance about their farms. Temples and priests are more numerous here, in proportion to the laity, than in any country I ever saw out of the dominions of Portugal. Their tallapoys or priests are distinguished from the laity by a cinnamon or orange-coloured cloak which they wear, they again differing among themselves by distinguishing badges, by which they know their degree and dignity. Their heads, beards, and eye-brows are kept close shaven. They are forbidden marriage or meddling with money, and if any of the priesthood is convicted of incontinency with women, he is burned for it alive, and, if only suspected and brought to a trial, he is degraded and banished.

They have sermons or lectures four times in a moon, the gates of the temples being set wide open, and the people meet in good order. Their sermons consist in recommending moral duties to the people, and charity towards one another, but particularly to the church, by which acts it subsists; and, after the priest's benediction, every one goes to an image, and kisses it, or bows to it, and marches off in good order. They have morning and evening prayers, and sing anthems. They visit the sick, and pray for the dead, and accompany the corps to the funeral pile, and sing obsequies. They

go to weddings, and make sacrifices for the prosperity of the bridegroom and bride, but have no hand in joining them together.

Marriages are there made up by parents or near relations, without the consent of the parties to be married, for that reason they are commonly married very young; but, if they are come to the years of discretion or maturity, then the spark gets some female friend to acquaint his mistress with his passion for her, and if she will permit a visit from him the bargain is as good as made. The civil magistrate with them officiates the priest's part with us, and when once they are married, they seldom sue for a divorce, which is very hard to procure, except in case of insufficiency in the man, or barrenness in the woman, for adultery, in either party, is not reckoned infamous; and fornication is either allowed or tolerated.

The children are carefully educated in schools by priests set apart for that service, and it is rare to find a Siamese but who can write. After schooling, they are put to such callings as suit best with their genius and quality; and there is generally a reciprocal harmony between parents and children. The children are obedient, and the parent indulgent. In childhood and youth the parent furnishes the child with what is necessary, and in old age the child supplies all the wants of his parent, as far as he is able. In marriages they make no account of consanguinity, farther than between father and daughter, mother and son, and sister and brother; all other degrees are lawful.

And now it is time to steer my course to the southward again as far as Cambodia. Coasting along shore, the first place we meet with is Bankasoy, a place not frequented by strangers, though it produces much agala and sapan-woods, and elephants teeth; but all are sent to the King, who, for all his gaudy titles, yet stoops to play the merchant. I suppose he makes use of trading in honour of his kinsman Mercury, who superintends merchandizing, but was never reckoned a fair dealer, and in that point the King is nearly related to him: but Bankasoy is famous, chiefly for making ballichang, a sauce made of dried shrimps, cod-pepper, salt and a sea-weed or grass, all well mixed, and beaten up to the consistency of thick mustard. Its taste and smell are both ungrateful to the nose and palate; but many hundred tons are expended in Siam and the adjacent countries.

Bankasoy river lies but four or five leagues to the eastward of Siam bar, and there are two islands, called the Dutch islands, where great ships are obliged to stay in the south-west monsoons, when they cannot get water over the bar that bears off it south-east and by south, about nine leagues distant.

I observed before, that the Company sent the Herbert and another ship from England in anno 1685, and in 1686. As the Herbert lay at those islands, one Captain Udal, who commanded her, died, and the succeeding captain carried his corpse ashore, and buried it in a pretty deep grave. Two days after, some of the ship's people going ashore, had the curiosity to go and see the grave. When they came near, to their great wonder, they saw the corpse stripped of its winding-sheet, and set upright against a tree. It was afterwards put again into the coffin, and buried in the same grave, with a quantity of heavy stones on it, and next day they came to the grave, and found it opened a second time, with the corpse standing upright against another tree; so they made fast some stones to it, and carried it a pretty way into the sea, and buried it in the water, where it remained undisturbed. This strange resurrection left room for various conjectures, but the most probable seemed to be, that some forcerers took it up, and put it in that posture, whilst they, by their sorceries or incantations, interrogate it about future events, and received answers through human organs. The matter of fact I have heard often affirmed by several who were there at the time and saw it, which made me enquire, if any

any people in Siam used to enquire about future events after that manner, and I was told that they did.

The coasts of Liampe and Chiampo are in the territories of Siam, but for 50 leagues and more along the sea-shore, there are no sea-ports, the country being almost a desert. It produces good store of sapan and agala-woods, with gum-lack and stick-lack, and many drugs that I know but little about.

CHAP. XLVIII. — *Gives an Account of Cambodia; its Trade; also of a late War brought into their Country by the Siamers, and the ill Success they had.*

THE first sea-port to be met with is Cupangsoap, a town in the dominions of Cambodia. It affords elephants teeth, stick-lack and the gum cambouge or cambodia; but there is no free commerce allowed there, without a licence from the court of Cambodia.

The next place is Ponteamafs, a place of pretty good trade for many years, having the conveniency of a pretty deep but narrow river, which, in the rainy seasons of the south-west monsoons, has communication with Banlack or Cambodia river, which conveniency made it draw foreign commerce from the city of Cambodia hither; for the city lying near 100 leagues up the river, and most part of the way a continual stream running downward, made the navigation to the city so long and troublesome, that few cared to trade to it, for which reasons foreign commerce chose to come to Ponteamafs, and it flourished pretty well till the year 1717, that the Siam fleet destroyed it.

When the Siam army and fleet threatened Cambodia, the King knew his inability to withstand the Siamers, so the inhabitants that lived on his borders had orders to remove towards the city of Cambodia, and what they could not bring with them, to destroy it, so that for 50 leagues the country was a mere desert. He then addressed the King of Couchin-China for assistance and protection, which he obtained, on condition that Cambodia should become tributary to Couchin-China, which was agreed to, and he had an army of 15,000 to assist him by land, and 3000 in nimble gallies well manned and equipped, by sea.

The Siam army by land was above double the number of the Cambodians and Couchin-Chinese in conjunction, and their fleet above four times their number. The land army finding all the country desolate, as they marched into the borders of Cambodia, soon began to be in distress for want of provisions, which obliged them to kill their carriage beasts and their elephants and horses, which they could get no sustenance for, and the soldiers being obliged to eat their flesh, it being a diet they had never been used to, an epidemic flux and fever seized the whole army, so that in two months one half was not left, and those were obliged to retreat towards their own country again, with the Cambodian army always at their heels.

Nor had their navy much better success; for they coming to Ponteamafs, sent in their small gallies to plunder and burn the town, which they did effectually, and, of elephants teeth only, they burnt above 200 tons. The ships and jonks of burden lying in the road, above four miles from the town, the Couchin-Chinese taking hold of that opportunity, attacked the large vessels, and burned some, and forced others ashore, whilst their gallies were in a narrow river, and could not come to their assistance till high-water that they could get out. The Couchin-Chinese having done what they came for, retired, not caring to engage such a superior number, and the Siamers fear-

ing famine in their fleet, steered their course for Siam with disgrace. In anno 1720, I saw several of the wrecks, and the ruins of the town of Ponteamafs.

The city of Cambodia stands on the side of the great river, about 50 or 60 leagues from Ponteamafs by land, or by water in the south-west monsoons. The country produces gold of 21 carats fine, raw silk at 120 dollars per pecul, elephants teeth at 50 to 55 dollars for the largest. The small are of different prices. They have also much sapan-wood, sandal-wood, agala-wood, stick-lack, and many sorts of physical drugs, and lack for janning. They are very desirous of having a trade with the English; but they will not suffer the Dutch to settle factories in their country.

Provisions of flesh and fish are plentiful and cheap, and are the only things that may be bought without a permit from the King. I have bought a bullock, that weighed between four and five hundred weight, for a Spanish dollar; and rice is bought at eight-pence per pecul, which is about 140lbs.; but poultry are scarce, because the country being for the most part woody, when the chickens grow big they go to the woods, and shift for themselves. Tigers and wild elephants are numerous in the woods, and there are also wild cattle and buffaloes, and plenty of deer, all which animals every body is free to catch or kill.

There are about 200 Topasses, or Indian Portugueze settled and married in Cambodia, and some of them have pretty good posts in the government, and live great after the fashion of that country; but they have no priests, nor will any venture to go among them; for in anno 1710, a poor capuchin went there to officiate, and finding one of the toppingest of his congregation to have two wives, ordered him, by virtue of his sacerdotal power, to put one of them away, but his parishioner would not obey in that point, which made the priest use the weapon of excommunication against him, which the other took in such dudgeon, that he knocked his spiritual guide's brains out for his unfeasonable severity. Since that time they wrote to Siam and Macao in China for some more ghostly fathers, but not one will go, though perhaps they might have the honour of dying martyrs.

They all of them have small pensions from the King, but too narrow to maintain them, so they go to the woods with fire-arms, and kill wild elephants for their teeth, which they sell to foreigners, and their way of killing them is very singular; for they form a piece of iron like a slug, and the foremost end is made sharp: in the woods grow certain trees with a thick bark of a violent poisonous quality; they drive the sharp end of the slug into the bark, and let it stay a short time in it, then put the slug into their gun charged with powder, and coming near the beast, fire the slug into its body; the elephant being thus wounded, flees from the man, but the man keeps sight of it for a small space of time, and then it drops down dead.

And with the same poisoned slugs they kill cattle and buffaloes, for their tongues. This subtil poison has also another strange quality, that if men become hungry or thirsty (as they often do in the woods), they squeeze a few drops of it on a leaf of a tree, and they licking the leaf, it gives immediate refreshment; but if the skin be broken, and the juice touch the part, it proves mortal without remedy.

When I arrived at Ponteamafs, an officer came on board who could speak a little Portugueze. He brought a present of refreshments along with him, and advised me to send to the King, to give him an account of my arrival, and acquaint him that I designed to trade with his subjects by his permission, which I did, and in twelve days received an answer that I might, but desired me to send some person up with musters of my goods, that he and his merchants might see them, and sent two Portugueze for interpreters, one to stay with me on board of my ship, while I staid, and the other to accompany the

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person I designed to send him with the musters. On their arrival I dispatched my second supercargo, with an equipage of 25 men, well armed with fuzees and bayonets, with two small bales of musters, and presents for the King, with instructions to let me hear from him once a week by an express, if no other opportunity offered.

After he arrived at the city, he had a large house allowed him for the accommodation of him and his retinue, and had store of provisions sent him, and many folks of distinction visited him, but ten days past before he could see His Majesty, who at last received him in great state, sitting on a throne like a pulpit, with his face veiled below his eyes, and after many gracious speeches, some whereof were pertinent to my purpose, but many not, he gave me liberty and encouragement to trade.

I had staid above three weeks in expectation to hear from my second supercargo, but could get no account from him. I beginning to be uneasy, got an express to carry letters to him, and ordered him to send it back with as much speed as was possible, but had the mortification to find he had been stopped at the city. I was extremely uneasy for want of advice what was become of my people, and the approaching of the south-west monsoons, which would have made that coast a lee-shore, and would have obliged me to take sanctuary in one of their harbours for five or six months, and was not certain whether I was in a friend's or an enemy's country. In this labyrinth I continued a week, and at last resolved to depart by a certain day, and leave my people to come after me to Malacca, if they were alive and at liberty. The goods I had sent up with them would have been sufficient to have hired a vessel to carry them thither. I told my resolution to my interpreter, and that I should be obliged to carry him and some more of the King's subjects along with me, as hostages for the civil treatment of my people at Cambodia. He seemed surpris'd at my resolution, and got a person to go to the city in all haste to give an account of my impatience and design, who returned in fourteen days, about two days before my term was expired, that I had set for my departure. There accompanied him three Portugueze, who brought me letters from my second supercargo, that he had taken leave of the King, and was coming to me with all haste, and in three days after the Portugueze came, he arrived with all his retinue, with a letter of compliment to me in the Portugueze language, and one directed to the governor of Bombay, to invite the English to settle in his country, and to build factories or forts in any part of his dominions to protect trade.

The reason why he kept us so long in suspense, was, that he would enter into no correspondence with us without the knowledge and consent of his guardian, the King of Couchin-China, who at last consented to allow us commerce, both in Cambodia and in his own proper dominions, but that the Siamers had destroyed the country where they had been, and they had nothing ready for barter with my cargo then, but in a year or two they would be provided.

When the King bestows his favour on any person whom he has a mind to honour, which he never does without a considerable present, he presents the person with two swords to be carried always before him when he goes abroad in public; one is the sword of state, and the other of justice. All people that meet him when those swords are carried before him, must give him place, and salute him by a set form of words; but if he meets with another court minion, then they compare the dates of their patents, and seniority takes place, and must be first saluted. Wherever those Mandarcons go in the country, they hold courts of justice, both civil and criminal, and they have the

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power of laying on fines, but they are paid into the King's treasury; but in capital crimes, his sentence is law, and speedy execution follows sentence.

The Cambodians are of a light brown complexion, and very well shaped, their hair long, and beards thin. Their women are very handsome, but not very modest. The men wear a vestment like our night gowns, but nothing on their heads or feet. The women wear a petticoat reaching below the ankle, and on their bodies a frock made close and meet for their bodies and arms, and both sexes dress their hair.

I saw none of their priests, but understood from my interpreter, that they worship the same gods that are adored in Siam. They worship the great God under the name of Tipedah; and Praw Prumb, and Praw Pout, are his sons. The church subsists by free-will-offerings, and their priests are not much respected, being generally chosen from among the lower sort of the laity.

The kingdom of Laos borders on Siam, Cambodia, Couchin-China, and Tonquin. It produces gold, and raw silk; elephants teeth are so plentiful, that they stake their fields and gardens about with them, to keep out wild hogs and cattle from destroying their fruit and corn. They are all Pagans in religion.

The natives of Laos are whiter in complexion than their circumjacent neighbours. I saw some of them at Siam, of both sexes. Their women were little inferior to Portuguese or Spanish ladies.

There are several islands that lie off the coast of Cambodia, but none are inhabited, because the saleeters or pirates that infest that coast, rob them of what they get by pains and industry, though there is one about three leagues west of Ponteamafs called Quadrol, that has good qualifications for a settlement. It is about three leagues long, and one broad, Wood and fresh water are plentiful, the ground of a moderate height, the soil black and fat, except along the east side which faces Ponteamafs, and that has several fine sandy bays, and they are good safe harbours in the rainy and windy seasons.

About 30 leagues east-south-east from Ponteamafs, is the west entrance of Cambodia river, generally called Bocca de Carangera. The shallowest place in the channel in going in, is four fathoms, and within it deepens to twenty in some places. The north entrance is broader, but much shallower, and lies about ten leagues distant from the west channel, but is little frequented. Between Ponteamafs and the river, are several small uninhabited islands. Pullo-panjang is the largest, and consists of a cluster of eight islands, which form a pretty good harbour. Pulloubi is the eastmost, and affords good masts for shipping.

Pullo-condore is the largest and highest, composed of four or five islands. It lies about 15 leagues south of the west channel of Cambodia River. Pullo-condore had once the honour of an English colony settled on it, by Mr. Allan Ketchpole, in anno 1702, when the factory of Chusan, on the coast of China, was broke up, he being then director for affairs of the English East India Company in those parts.

He made a bad choice of a place for a colony, that island producing nothing but wood, water, and fish for catching. He got some Maccaffers to serve for soldiers, and help to build a fortification, and made a firm contract with them to discharge them at the end of three years, if they were minded to quit his service, but did not perform what was contracted, which was the cause of his own ruin, and the loss of the colony; for those eastern desperadoes are very faithful where contracts and covenants are duly observed when made with them, but in default, they are revengeful and cruel. Mr. Ketchpole having detained the Maccaffers beyond their time of agreement, still

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entrusted them with the guard of his own person and the garrison, and then taking the opportunity of the night, when all the English were in their beds, who lodged in the fort, they inhumanly murdered them all. There was some noise made by those that were awake, which a few who lodged without the fort, hearing, took the alarm and fled to the sea side, where kind Providence directed them to a boat ready fitted with oars and sails, which they embarked in, and put off from the shore, and they were not a stone's throw off, when the bloody villains on the shore were in quest of them that were in the boat; with much fatigue, hunger, and thirst in sailing, and rowing above 100 leagues, they got to some place of the King of Johore's dominions, where they were treated with humanity. The reverend and ingenious Doctor Pound was one of those that escaped, and Mr. Solomon Lloyd (an old acquaintance of mine) was another.

There were two harbours, or anchoring places at Pullo-condore, but neither of them good. One at the north-east end, they were forced to use in the south-west monsoons, the other on the west-side for the north-east winds, the bottom of which is rocky, and therefore dangerous for losing anchors and cables, yet that was the place chosen to build their fort on; but since a factory was thought necessary to be settled on that coast, I wonder why they chose these islands, rather than Quadrole which I mentioned before.

The city of Cambodia is reckoned to lie 100 leagues up from the bar, and the river filled with low islands and sand banks. The country of Laos is about 40 leagues farther up, but what navigation is used above the city of Cambodia, is done by small rowing vessels, and the river being one of the longest in the world, employs great numbers of those rowing boats.

CHAP. XLIX. — *Treats of Couchin-China and Tonquin; their Religion, Laws, and Customs.*

COUCHIN-CHINA is only divided from Cambodia by the river, which in some places is three leagues broad. It is a country far larger than Cambodia, and much richer, and the inhabitants more courageous and hardier for enduring fatigues in labour or war, than the Cambodians, but are not so conversable and civil to strangers. The Couchin-Chinese draw one half of the customs and taxes raised in Cambodia by commerce and merchandizing, but they give little encouragement for strangers to trade with them. Their country abounding in gold, raw silk, and drugs, they bring them to Cambodia, to dispose of there, except what they send yearly to Canton in China; and I have seen some of their jonks trading at Johore and Batavia.

Their religion is Pagan after the China way, worshipping the same gods, after the same manner as the Chinese do. Their laws are severe and bloody for crimes of treason; for not only the guilty person suffers a painful death, but the relations within the bounds of consanguinity suffer death also. Their cities and towns are divided into wardships, and at the ends of each street are railed gates, placed to confine each ward within its own limits. These gates are shut and locked every night, so that they have no communication by night; but if a fire breaks out in one of the wards, its whole inhabitants are cut off, except the women and children.

There are but few Christians tolerated in Couchin-China, yet there was (and perhaps is) a French priest in great esteem among them, but it is capital for any other priest to be found in their country. This Frenchman kept a correspondence by writing, with Mr. Ciffie, bishop of Siam, and he having a relation of the danger Christian priests

were in there, made the old zealot half mad to get thither, to receive the honour of martyrdom, and had he been honest in his promises to me (which was only not to protect any of my fugitive seaman at Siam), I would have favoured him with a passage to Cambodia, from whence he might have easily gone to get that glorious crown.

Cochin-China has a large sea-coast of about 700 miles in extent, from the river of Cambodia, to that of Quambin, and it has the conveniency of many good harbours on it, though they are not frequented by strangers; and along the east coast it is very deep, for in several places I founded the depth, and found between 60 and 80 fathoms within half a league of the shore.

There are several islands on this coast. Those nearest the shore are not dangerous. Pullo-secca de Terra, lies most southerly, and nearest the shore. It is uninhabited, and looks only like a parcel of scorched rocks, without either tree, bush, or grass to be seen on it. I pass within a mile of it, and it lies about a mile from the shore. Pullo-secca de Mare, and all the chain of islands that stretch from the dangerous shallows of Paracel, are rather to be accounted rocks than islands. Pullo-cambir lies about 15 leagues off the shore, near the Paracels. It is uninhabited though pretty large. Pullo-canton lies near the shore, and so do the islands of Champello, but there are no dangers lie off from them. There are strong currents that run to the southward in the north-east monsoons, which makes pilots take care to keep near the Cochin-China coast, for fear of being driven among the Paracels, which are a dangerous chain of rocks, about 130 leagues long, and about 15 broad, and have only some islands at each end. There are several inter-currents among those rocks, but no known marks to keep clear of dangers by, yet I knew an English ship from Surat, that drove accidentally through them, and neither knew nor saw their danger till it was over, when they unexpectedly flew the coast of Cochin-China.

In anno 1690, a Portuguese ship was lost on one of the northernmost islands of the Paracels, and all were lost but three or four persons who swam ashore. There were many pieces of the wreck followed them, and some cannisters of flour were accidentally thrown ashore, whereby they were supported. They built an hut of what timbers and boards they could use for that purpose, and they found some fresh water in the caverns of the rocks, and in one place they built a cistern to save the rain water for the dry season. They took sea weeds and mixed with mud that they found about the coast of the island, and placing that mixture in a convenient part to retain the rain water, they subsisted by that means a dry season. Their food was sea fowls, and tortoises which frequented that island in great numbers. In three years they all died but one, and in anno 1701, a ship bound to Maccao, coming near the island against their will, seeing the figure of a man waving his hands over his head, they had compassion and sent their boat to the island, and were astonished to find the person to be one of their own countrymen, and much more when he told them his misfortunes, and how long he had been alone on that island. They clothed him and fed him, and carried him to Maccao, where I saw him in anno 1703, and had the account from his own mouth.

But it is time to return back to Cochin-China, which about three or four centuries ago was but a province of Tonquin, at least they were both under the dominion of one King, who dying without issue, divided the government of his dominions between a brother and a sister of his, whom he very much esteemed for their good qualities. He ordered his brother to reside in Cochin-China, and take care of affairs there, while the sister took care of the government of Tonquin, but to have a meeting once a year to consider and consult of matters for the good of the state.

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The lady being young thought fit to marry, and the harmony of state soon ended by the marriage. The husband grew ambitious, and wanted the government wholly in his own hands, but carried fair with his brother-in-law, and one time talking with the Queen of the necessity of uniting both kingdoms into one, as formerly, and that of right both belonged to her, as being possessors of the most ancient and noble kingdom, and that in order to get both kingdoms into her hands, he would find a way to cut off her brother, without suspicion of their being accessory to it. The Queen seeming to approve of the design, privately let her brother know his danger; being then at the court of Tonquin she advised him to pretend to go a hunting for a few days, but to make what haste he could unto his own government, where he might be secure from conspiracies on his life, which advice he followed, and got safe into Couchin-China, and calling a council of his nobles, related the whole affair to them.

The Couchin-Chinese took the designed injury to their Prince so ill, that from that time they renounced all friendship and commerce with the Tonquiners, and the river Quambin being made the bounds of Tonquin dominions to the southward, and of Couchin-China to the northward, they both raised armies of 40 or 50,000 men each, and they continue still facing one another, the river lying between them, and nothing of action has happened all this while. If any Couchin-Chinese happens to flee from the justice of his own country, to the Tonquiniers, they receive him kindly, and treat him civilly, but if a Tonquiner fall under the same circumstances, and go for sanctuary to the Couchin-Chinese, he is condemned to slavery, and so must continue till he gets a pardon from his own court, and pay his ransom.

Tonquin is the next kingdom I must steer to of course, where the English and Dutch both had their factories, but the English Company's affairs being a little out of order, they withdrew theirs in January 1698, and the Dutch finding but little advantage by their trade in Tonquin, withdrew theirs about six years after. However the English had a private trade pretty good till the year 1719, that an English ship from Bengal ruined it by an act of violence.

The ship being laden and ready to sail, fell down the river from Catcheo, the capital city of Tonquin, and in defiance of the known laws of the country, the supercargo got a Tonquin girl on board, in order to carry her with him, but her friends missing her, informed the civil magistrate, who sent to demand her, but the supercargo would not resign his mistress, whereupon acts of hostility ensued, and some were killed on both sides, and Captain Wallace who commanded the ship, had the fortune to be one of the slain, however, the English bravely carried off their prize, but I never heard any more of the Tonquin trade since.

Tonquin is bounded with Couchin-China on the south, Laos on the west, Quansi, a province of China, on the north, and the ocean on the east. The country is prodigiously fruitful in all things necessary for the conveniency and support of life.

It produces gold and copper, but neither of them fine. They have abundance of raw silk, and manufacture part of it in wrought silks, but none fine. Their baaz is the best, which they generally dye black. It wears very long, because it is soft and well spun, and the oftener it is washed, the colour looks brighter, if blacker may be so called. They make bowls, cups, and tables, of rattans, and cover them very neatly with lack of divers colours, and gild them. They have also some porcelain, but very coarse and ill painted. And those are the commodities for exportation from Tonquin.

There is a great chain of impassable mountains that run from the sea above 150 leagues, along the confines of Quansi and Quichew, provinces of China, which secure Tonquin from any invasions that may come that way from China, and those mountains

are covered with thick woods well stocked with wild elephants, tigers, and deer, but the use or ostentation of training up tame elephants is not much minded in Tonquin, nor in China.

The Christian religion is strictly forbidden to be preached in Tonquin, yet there are some Christians of the Romish church there. Their own religion is Pagan, according to the doctrine of China. And they have a tradition, that many ages ago, Tonquin and Couchin-China were both provinces of China.

The Tonquiners used to be very desirous of having a brood of Europeans in their country, for which reason the greatest nobles thought it no shame or disgrace to marry their daughters to English and Dutch seamen, for the time they were to stay in Tonquin, and often presented their sons-in-law pretty handsomely at their departure, especially if they left their wives with child; but adultery was dangerous to the husband, for they are well versed in the art of poisoning.

The men and women are both well shaped, and tolerably beautiful, but of a low stature. The maids keep their teeth very white, till they have lost the blue of their plumb, and then they dye them as black as jet, with the juice of a certain herb which they hold in their mouths for three days successively, and the black tincture continues ever after; but while that juice is in their mouths they dare not swallow their spittle, it being of a poisonous quality.

CHAP. L. — *Gives some Accounts of the Religion, Laws, Customs, Commerce, Riches, Cities, Temples, Gods, and Goddeses, Priests, Military Forces, Produce, and Manufactories, &c. of China.*

THE island of Aynam lies in the bay of Tonquin, and not above 12 leagues distant from its northern confines. The island is large, being about 180 miles in length, and 120 in breadth. It was formerly under Tonquin, but at present a part of the dominions of China. Its greatest product is salt, and is not frequented on account of trade. There is no passage for vessels of burden between it and the continent, being so full of dangerous banks and rapid currents. The midlands seem very mountainous. The east and south sides are low, but clear of danger. About two leagues from its shores, is from 20 to 25 fathoms water.

The next course I steer is into Quans, the southernmost province of China, and as yet has not been brought to acknowledge the Tartar domination. It admits of no commerce either with foreigners or Chinese, that are under the Tartar government, but on all occasions commit acts of hostility on them, and are so bold and courageous, that one of their little galleys will attack four of the Emperor's, and make them flee before them, for they give quarter to none that bear arms under the Tartar prince, as they call the Emperor. The country is fruitful and populous, and produces much raw silk and drugs, such as China root, gallingal, &c. It has 80 leagues of a sea-coast, and is bounded by the Limpacao islands, and Canton river.

Canton or Quantung (as the Chinese express it) is the next maritime province; and Maccaw, a city built by the Portugueze, was the first place of commerce. This city stands on a small island, and is almost surrounded by the sea. Towards the land it is defended by three castles built on the tops of low hills. By its situation and strength by nature and art, it was once thought impregnable. Indeed their beautiful churches and other buildings gave us a reflecting idea of its ancient grandeur; for in the forepart of the seventeenth century, according to the Christian era, it was the greatest port for trade in India or China.

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The largest brass cannon that ever I saw are mounted in proper batteries about the city. I measured one (amongst many) out of curiosity, and found it 23 feet from the breech to the muzzle ring, nine inches and a quarter diameter in the bore, and it was 12,250 rotullas or lbs. weight of solid metal.

The city contains five churches, but the Jesuits is the best, and is dedicated to St. Paul. It has two convents for married women to retire to, when their husbands are absent, and orphan maidens are educated in them till they can catch an husband. They have also a nunnery for devout ladies, young or old, that are out of conceit with the troubles and cares of the world. And they have a *Santa Casa*, or the Holy House of the Inquisition, that frightens every Catholic into the belief of every thing that holy mother church tells them is truth, whether it be really so or no.

The forts are governed by a captain-general, and the city by a burgher, called the procuradore, but, in reality, both are governed by a Chinese mandareen, who resides about a league out of the city, at a place called *Casa Branca*. The Portuguese shipping that come there are admitted into their harbour, and are under the protection of the town; but the Chinese keep the custom-house, and receive customs for all goods imported.

That rich flourishing city has ruined itself by a long war they made with Timore, as I have observed before. They exhausted their men and money on that unsuccessful project of domination, so that out of a thousand creditable housekeepers that inhabited the city before that war, there are hardly fifty left; and out of forty sail of trading vessels, they have not above five left; so that in the whole city and forts, there are computed to be about two hundred laity, and six hundred priests, and about fifteen hundred women, and many of them are very prolific, for they bring forth children without husbands to father them.

In anno 1703, I was bound from Surat to Amoy, and off the Maccao islands, in the month of August, I met with a severe hurricane. We had visible signs of an approaching storm before it came, the air was in great agitation by much lightning continually flashing, but no thunder nor rain. We prepared for its coming from noon to sunset, making every thing in the ship fast, our yards lowered as low as conveniently they could be, and our sails made fast with coils of small ropes, besides their usual furling lines. At nine in the night it laid our ship's gunnel under water, and I wished our main-mast had been away, which about ten was effected, and it carried our mizen-mast along with it. On its going overboard our ship came to rights a little, and her lee-gunnel was clear of the water, but much water getting down at the hatches, we had five feet water in the ship, and no possibility of getting it out by pumping, for our main-mast breaking in the parteners of the upper-deck, disabled both our pumps. About midnight we had cleared the ship of the main and mizen-masts, by cutting the rigging that kept them fast to the ship. By this time the wind had shifted from north-east to south-east, and had rather increased than assuaged, and those two winds had put the sea in two violent motions; however we got our ship before the wind, but broaching-too brought her head almost to the sea, which met her so violently, that it broke quite over the ship, carrying away our fore-mast and bowsprit, two anchors from the lee-bow, three great guns of twenty-two hundred each, with our pinnace and yaul. We soon cleared ourselves of the anchors, by cutting the cables, and, before day, we were quit of our fore-mast and bowsprit. About eight in the morning the storm abated, and at ten I called over the muster-roll, and found none wanting, but between seventy and eighty bruised and wounded, who were carefully dressed by our surgeons, and all recovered. The sea continued turbulent, but we having two spare top-masts, rigged

riggered them up, and having faved our mizen-yard and enſign-ſtaff, fitted them for yards, to which we bent ſails, and ſtood towards the land, and, before it was dark, anchored near ſome iſlands called Les Ilhos de Viados by the Portugeeze. Next morning we had much trouble to get our long-boat out of the ſhip. It was about ten tons of burden, and ſtrongly built; but, after four hours labour we put it into the ſea, and ſent it aſhore to try if we could get a pilot, but found nobody on that iſland; however, they met with two pieces of maſts of ſmall veſſels that had been caſt on the iſland, and thoſe they brought with them; which did us very great ſervice in bringing us to the Maccao iſlands, which were about 15 leagues from us.

We kept the boat founding the depths before the ſhip, till we got about eight leagues on our way, and anchored in good oozy ground, under an iſland that kept the rolling ſeas from diſturbing us, and in the morning, by break of day, we diſpatched the boat in queſt of Maccao, and to bring us pilots. Before night they landed at the city, and next day returned with a pilot and a junk to attend us, and, in two days more, the pilot brought us ſafe to an anchor in Teipe Queberado, a very ſecure place for ſhipping to ride in. It is about four miles from the city of Maccao, where I found a company ſhip called the Canterbury, commanded by Captain Kinsford, who had come from Amoy in March, and could not reach the Streights of Malacca, ſo was forced to paſs the ſouth-weſt monſoons in this harbour.

I went to the city, and applied myſelf to the captain-general and the procuradore for aſſiſtance, and they made large promiſes. I addreſſed each of them with a preſent of ſcarlet cloth, and Surat attaſſes, which they thankfully received, but ſoon after I found they were in no condition to aſſiſt me. They indeed deſigned to compliment me with ſome freſh proviſions, but had not intereſt enough with the China mandereen to get liberty to ſend them on board of my ſhip.

Nor would he ſuffer any body to ſupply me with neceſſaries, till he received orders from the Chontock or Viceroy of Canton. That incivility preſaged but ill ſucceſs to my affairs there; however, I went and paid him a viſit, and preſented him with a ſilver ſalver and a piece of atlas on it, both in value about 45 tayels, or 15l. ſterling, which he received, and made an apology for his prohibiting commerce with my ſhip till he had received advices from the Viceroy.

He treated me with Tartarian tea, which I took to be beans boiled in milk, with ſome falt in it, and it was ſerved in wooden diſhes, as big as chocolate cups. When our regailia was over, I took leave, and he loaded me with fair promiſes, and ſent after me a preſent of an hog, two geeſe, a goat and ſome wheat flour, and a ſmall jar of ſamſhew, or rice arrack.

Having nothing to do till the Viceroy's orders came, I went among ſome iſlands to find a watering-place, and, on a pretty high iſland about a mile long, and half as broad, I ſaw a fine clear ſtream trickling down the face of a rock, about half a league from our ſhip. I ordered my men to fill about twenty tuns of it, and being clearer than we had before, we made uſe of it for drinking and boiling rice. About ten days after we had made uſe of it, all my men were affected with a violent heach-ache, and, among the reſt, myſelf, which was a diſtemper I never had been troubled with before.

I began to ſuſpect that the water might be the cauſe, and ordered a large copper-pot to be filled with it, and to boil one half of it away, and ſet the reſt to cool a day and a night, which was accordingly done, and, on pouring off the water, I found about a large handful of a dark grey ſalt at the bottom, of a ſharp unfavoury taſte, which made me empty what remained of it into the ſea; but there was an high large iſland about two leagues from our ſhip, that had many ſprings of water, which I tried, and found to be good.

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One day I was discoursing with a Portugueze physician of the quality of the water we first used, and he told me, that most of the springs in China had pernicious qualities, because the subterraneous grounds were stored with minerals, as copper, quicksilver, alum, tootheragus, &c. and the springs running through or near those mines, the water becomes affected with their natural qualities, which was one reason why the Chinese boiled all their water before they drank it, and as the boiling causes the spirits of water to evaporate, they used tea to infuse new spirits in the place of the old; so that it was more out of necessity than choice that the Chinese drank so much tea, though they do not drink it half so strong as generally we do in Europe.

It was near a month after my arrival before the Viceroy's order came to settle my affairs. They had represented to him, that our ship was a wreck, and, by the laws of the country, she fell to the King; but the Viceroy distrusting the report of the Chinese, sent a French gentleman to bring him true accounts of our condition, and what merchandize we had to dispose of. When the Frenchman came on board, I entertained him civilly, and gave him a sight of the musters of our goods and their quality, and we had fitted up some small fir-trees, which we had converted into masts and yards.

On the Frenchman's return, and giving the Viceroy an account of what he had seen, he seemed amazed at the false information he had from Maccao, and ordered the hapoa or custom-master to go and take an account of our goods, and take the Emperor's customary dues, and give me a free toleration to trade. Accordingly the hapoa came and brought three merchants along with him to buy our goods. When they were on board, they were surpris'd to see so large a ship, with so many guns, having forty mounted, and such a number of men, I having above an hundred and fifty. I saluted the hapoa with some guns and treated him with a dinner after the European fashion, and gave him good store of wine to wash it down; but he liked Canary best and drank of it till he was well fluster'd. Then he ordered the length of the ship to be measured on the upper-deck, and the breadth at the main-mast, and departed.

Next day I went to visit him, and carried him a present as customary. In our discourse he told me that he had brought a very honest man along with him, who spoke the Portugueze language, and that he must be my interpreter at Maccao, and buy all my provisions spent in the ship, and on my table ashore, and that he had also brought three merchants to agree for my cargo, all men of substance. I answered, as to the buying provisions, I had no occasion for any, and for making a contract with those merchants, I had no mind to it, because I designed to carry my cargo to Canton in small jonks, and when I arrived at Canton with my goods, and had inquired into the market, it would be time then to make bargains. He seemed to be angry that I was not directed by him, and told me, that he had taken much pains to serve me, but that I slighted his service. I answered, that being a stranger, I might be allowed to walk cautiously till I had informed myself of the current prices of goods, and the King's duties to be paid on them, but I should always have a great regard to his friendship. He alledged that there was great danger in carrying goods between Maccao and Canton, because there were many pirate vessels in the way, belonging to Quansi, and that neither the Emperor nor the Viceroy could be accountable for what robberies might be committed by these pirates. I replied, that I desired none to answer for such losses, but would be very glad to meet with those scarecrows, that I might have an opportunity to make a present of some of them to the Viceroy.

When he found that none of his arguments prevailed, he gave orders to have my goods put on board of small jonks, and that I might put five men of my own in each boat for a guard, and ordered one of his merchants to accompany me in that which I

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went in, so that we were twenty-five Europeans well armed, in our little fleet. We took the inland passage, which was the nearest, and sailed by several islands on both sides of us. I kept in the headmost jonk, and a good officer in the sternmost; and every vessel we saw, they told us they were pirates. I answered them, I wanted to be near them, but I could not persuade them to steer towards them.

After we had sailed about 18 leagues from Maccao, we came to a small city called Janfan. The teytock or governor sent me a compliment, and invited me ashore; but I excused myself, because the wind was fair, and I was in haste to be at Canton. About five leagues above Janfan, we entered into a canal cut through a large plain of corn-fields, where we saw many large flat-bottomed boats built to breed ducks, which they bring up for sale, and to weed the rice grounds for hire. They have three or four stories over one another, where are the ducks nests. On the uppermost they sit and hatch eggs. In the others they lodge all night; and it is wonderful to see what order and œconomy those ducks keep; for some old drakes (on the winding of a whistle) drive all the younger novices into the water, some going foremost to shew the way, while others take care that none loiter behind. There is a small port made about a foot high from the water, and a piece of deal board laid in it, whose other end lies in the water on a gentle descent, that serves them for a bridge to go out; and come in at when they are out about service. The master goes in a small boat among the rice-grounds, (for that grain always grows among water), and winding his whistle, they all follow his boat, and fall to their work, to destroy frogs and small fish, with the weeds that would hinder the growth of the corn. About noon he winds his whistle again, on which they all repair on board of their own vessel in good order, some of the old drakes bringing up the rear, whilst others guard the bridge, to take care that no stranger ducks enter with their own tribe; and when all are in, the old guardians enter also and take their proper posts.

Sometimes when two or three of those boats are employed in one field, and their ducks mingle, and some young novices, which do not understand their proper master's whistle, chance to come in company to another boat, and would enter with the rest, the old guardian drakes soon spy them out, and beat them away from the bridge, and on no account will they suffer them to enter, more than an established company will admit interlopers to enter into their trade.

Between Janfan and Canton, which is about twenty leagues, there are many pretty villages seated in the plains, and the peasants bring fish, fowl, eggs, &c. eatables to sell at very moderate prices; and there are also some small high-towers built on high grounds. The reasons why they were built I could not be informed of by my companions, but the foot of their covering is hung round with pieces of glass of several sizes, so near, that, with a small gale of wind, they beat against one another, and make a pretty agreeable noise.

When I arrived at Canton the hapoa ordered me lodgings for myself, my men and my cargo in an haung or inn belonging to one of his merchants, where none but the French, who had then a factory there, had liberty to visit me, and when I went abroad, I had always some servants belonging to the haung to follow me at a distance. I had staid about a week, and found no merchants came near me, which made me suspect, that there were some under-hand dealings between the hapoa and his chaps, to my prejudice, but I could not be informed what they designed. At length, one night I had supped in the French factory, and began to make my complaint to Mr. Petchbertie, the chief, of the strange method I was treated in, that all merchants shunned my company, but for what reason I knew not. He winked on me to follow him into his bed-chamber,

and, shutting the door, told me, that those three merchants, or rather villains, Elnqua, Anqua, and Hemshaw, had paid to the hapoa 4000 tayels for the monopolization of my cargo, and that no merchant durst have any commerce with me but they; but withal advised me to carry fair with them, and bargain with them on whatsoever terms they would allow me.

Accordingly I had a meeting with my chaps, and in my discourse, I told them what the current price was in town for every species of my goods, and desired to know what they would give. They seemed surpris'd that I knew the market, and would fain have known who had inform'd me of the prices, but I desired to be excus'd on that point, and to proceed to bid for themselves. My cargo consisted in cotton, putchock or radix dulcis, rosamalla or liquid storax, and Surat coarse chints, which, according to the current market, would have come to 14,000 tayels, but they would not come within 80 per cent. of the market price.

I finding myself insulted, had a mind to wait on the Vice-king, who resided at a town called Sachow, about twenty miles up the river, and, in order to go thither, I applied myself, by the assistance of the French linguist, to a mandereen called the chumpin, for licence to go to Sachow, and for his letter of recommendation to the Viceroy. The news of my being with the chumpin alarmed the hapoa and my merchants, who found no way to impede my going but by seizing any linguist that should serve me, either in Canton or in my journey, and accordingly, as I was going next day to receive my letters, and the French linguist along with me, he had a small iron chain thrown over his head, (a custom that is among the Chinese when they arrest a man), and he was dragged before the hapoa, and was accus'd of assisting the French in running goods on board of their ships, for they had two lying at Whampoa, a village about four leagues below the city. The poor man was kept in prison as long as I staid at Canton; and his imprisonment so terrified others, that I could get none to serve me but whom those villains of merchants recommended to me, and none durst serve me as linguist.

I finding no remedy but patience, to my disturbed mind, was forced to comply with the unjust impositions of the hapoa, and so struck up a bargain at the villainous merchants rates, but to receive silver for my goods; and after I had delivered them, I desired to settle accounts, and to have my money according to contract. They made up a large account of charges, as 3000 tayels for the measurage of my ship, 1000 for liberty to buy masts, cordage, and provisions, and 1000 tayels for presents to some mandereens; and then they told me, for what remained I should have goods at the current price of the market, though I was oblig'd to take them between 40 and 50 per cent. higher. They made me pay 13 tayels per chest for Japon copper, which I could have bought for 9 tayels, and for China copper I was charg'd ten and a half, which I bought at Maccao for seven, some fir masts that I cheapen'd for 60 tayels they made me pay 250. It was the middle of January 1704, before I had ended my accounts with them, and I wanted permission to go to Maccao, but that I could not have. They put me off, from day to day, about a week. At length I visited the French chief, and he frankly told me that they would not let me go till I laid out 10,000 tayels of silver with them, which they were inform'd I had on board of my ship, and that my merchants had told him so. I answer'd, that being bound to Amoy, I had bills on merchants there for near that sum, which, with my goods, had been sufficient to have load'd my ship there, for which reason I had brought no silver with me; but I found there was no end to their villainy, and therefore I would go without leave, if I had it not in three days. He told me of many ill consequences that would attend violent courses; but I answer'd him, that I could no longer bear their insults; and, if I had not my permission

in three days, I would run a muck, (which is a mad custom among the Mallayas when they become desperate,) and that I thought twenty-five men well armed were sufficient to go off by violence, when by fair means they could not obtain it, that being the last remedy, what blood might be spilt in the action, the hapoa and his chaps would answer to the Emperor for, who, no doubt, would enquire into the cause.

I then bade farewell to all the gentlemen of the French factory, and left a present of 50 tayels for the linguist that lay in prison, and came home to my inn, and acquainted my men with my resolution, who unanimously approved of it, promising to live and die with me; and immediately we new cleaned our arms, and new loaded them with powder and ball; which the servants of the haung taking notice of, went and informed my merchants what we had been doing, and that we looked brisker than usual. The merchants went to the French chief, to see if he knew what design we had, and he frankly told them all that I had told him. They immediately acquainted the hapoa, who forthwith sent us a permit for ourselves and goods, and next day I departed with twelve of my crew, and some goods, leaving the rest to follow with the rest of my goods and masts.

In three days we got to Maccao, and got all things in readiness to sail. There were two Portuguese lying in Tiepe-queberado, waiting for me to accompany them for fear of a French cruiser of 32 guns that had been at Manilla. One Mr. Burno commanded her, who had made his brags to the Spaniards, that he would bring all the English and Portuguese that were bound from China to the Streights of Malacca, into Manilla, and make a present of our ships to the Spaniards, which frightened the Portuguese. One was a ship of two-and-twenty guns, and the other of sixteen.

However some China merchants contracted with me to carry them, and about 150 tons of bricks and Chinaware, to Pullo-condore, and were to pay me 1000 tayels. Three days after my arrival came my masts, and as they were passing through the harbour of Maccao, towards my ship, they were stopped by the procuradore of the city. When word was brought me, I sent my purser, who spake good Portuguese, that if my masts were not delivered the same day, I would take the masts out of their ships that lay close by me, let the consequence be what it would. So to avoid trouble, my masts were cleared.

Two of my merchants came to Maccao, under pretence of clearing accounts fairly. I invited them on board to dine with me, but they would not do me that honour. They had heard of the contract I had made with the China merchants, to carry them and their goods to Pullo-condore, which contract they broke, for that strong reason, that they had bought me of the hapoa, and that freight I had no power to contract for, but they would furnish them with a passage for them and their goods, on the same terms that I had agreed on, so I was obliged to lose my freight.

I received what goods they were pleased to bring me, but I found wanting 80 chests of Japon copper, and some toothernague that I had weighed off at Canton, and put the stock's mark on them. I asked the reason why they did not deliver those goods, first, according to their own account, there was a balance due to me of 1800 tayels. They told me that they would give no more, and the balance they would keep, for fear they should lose on my imported cargo. I bid them farewell, and promised to let them hear from me by the first junk of theirs that I met with. Next day I sent them my account, wherein I shewed that they and the hapoa had cheated me of 12,000 tayels, and that I should not fail to make reprisals when I met with any effects of theirs. Accordingly I did at Johore, by the King's permission, seize a junk of theirs, and secured their books of accounts, having two Portuguese natives of Maccao, who could speak and write

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Chinese, and they found out what merchandize belonged to those villains, which I took on board of my ship, among which was ~~my~~ 80 chests of copper, and 200 peculs of toothenague, with my own mark on them. I drew out a fair account, and sent them with a letter of advice, that I had received but one third part of the balance due to me, but upon their fair dealing with the English for the future, I would forgive the rest, but if they continued to act like villains, I would prosecute my resentment till I had recovered the last penny of my balance.

When I gave the King of Johore an account how they had used me in China, he wondered that I did not seize all the other merchant goods that were in the jonk, and sell the men for slaves. So having ended this short digression to Johore,

I return back to Canton, to give an account of my observations on that fine city and country.

CHAP. II. — *Some Observations and Remarks on the Province and City of Canton or Quantung, and of the Province of Fokein; with some Occurrences that happened there.*

CANTON was once a kingdom of itself, and was called Nangvee. It had been several times conquered by the Emperors of China, and shaken off the yoke when they found opportunity. At last, about three centuries ago, it was subdued and made a province of China. It borders on Quansi to the westward, Kiangsi to the northward, Fokien to the eastward, and the ocean washes about 100 leagues of its coast to the southward. The country is as pleasant and profitable as any in the world. The ground yields two crops a year of rice, wheat, and legumen. The people are ingenious, industrious, and civil, but are too numerous, which makes them tolerate a base and cruel custom, that when a man thinks he has too many daughters, he may destroy as many as he pleases of them, but they do not kill them outright, but serve them as Moses was in Egypt, by laying them on an ark of reeds, and letting them float on the stream of a river, while they are infants, and if any charitable persons see them, and commiserate their condition, they may take them out, and bring them up as their own, either for marriage, concubinage, or slavery.

The abominable sin of Sodomy is tolerated here, and all over China, and so is buggery, which they use both with beasts and fowls; infomuch that Europeans do not care to eat duck, except what they bring up themselves, either from the egg, or from small ducklings. Whoredom is not punished in this province, though very severely in some others.

The city of Canton stands upon the east-side of a pretty large river called the Taa. Its walls are high towards the river, but towards the east the ground is a little hilly, and the walls are much lower. The walls are about ten miles in circumference, but some reckon them twelve, though there are large spaces towards the east and south, kept for gardens, and no buildings but summer-houses are there.

There is a large building of timber on the highest of the little hills to the east, that stands close to the wall, and it bears the name of the King's banqueting-house. It is four story high, supported with great fir masts, very finely painted with vermilion, and japanned and gilded, as are all the walls and ceilings within it. From it a very fair prospect of the city and suburbs may be had. The suburbs are so large, that some of them look like cities. Half of the number of houses built in the garden-plots, would fill them up, and all the other vacant places in the town.

There are many stately buildings in the city of Canton, and above a dozen of triumphal arches in several places of the city, and a great number of temples, well stocked with images. The Italian church makes an handsome figure, but the French chapel is but mean on the outside.

There was a new temple built by the King of Couchin-China, and dedicated to one of his gods called Mingleck, whose image is placed in it, in a lazy posture, sitting on a carpet, with his heels drawn almost to his buttocks, clothed in a loose robe, with his breast and belly bare, and leaning on a large cushion or bolster. He is very corpulent, and always laughing, which merry aspect made me think that he might pass for Democritus of Abdera in Greece. There is another image of a young god that died before he reached twenty. He is placed sitting on a chair, and as we approach near him, he nods his head, by means of some springs that reach from the pavement that we tread on: However, this young dead fellow shews as great a wonder in nodding to his visitants, as St. Charles of Milan does to his devotees on the anniversary day of his canonization.

Canton was the last great city of China that the Tartars conquered, when they overran that country about the year 1650, and had it not been for the cowardice and treachery of the governor, it might still have been an independent province as well as Quansi. The Tartars lost above 100,000 men in reducing it, for they lay nine months before it, and the city nowise distressed for want of provisions, having the river free for communication with foreign places; but upon the governor's surmise that it might be taken at last, and he and his family sacrificed to the resentment of a barbarous enemy, he secretly articed with the general of the Tartars, and perfidiously opened two gates in one night, and the Tartars entering horse and foot, soon made the city a theatre of horror and misery.

I made a calculation of the number of inhabitants within the walls of Canton, by the quantity of rice daily expended in it; for they reckon 10,000 peculs is the daily import of that grain. It is also reckoned, that every person consumes one pecul in three months, so that by that calculation, there must be above 900,000 people in it, and the suburbs one-third of that number, and there is no day in the year but shews 5000 sail of trading jonks, besides small boats for other services, lying before the city.

A little way below the city, are two small islands in the river; they have each a castle built on them, and their garrisons examine all vessels and boats that pass by them.

The product of the country, besides corn and fruits, is gold, quick-silver, copper, steel, iron, raw and wrought silks, and besides the silk manufactories, there are lacked or japanned ware; and at Sachow there are much porcelain or China-ware made. We have the same sort of clay, in several parts of Great Britain that porcelain is made of, but we want the warm sun to prepare it.

They reckon that the province of Canton or Quantung, pays yearly to the Emperor 1,200,000 peculs of rice, and 20,000 peculs of salt, out of which is served out to the military (who are reckoned 80,000 continually kept in the Emperor's pay) 320,000 peculs of rice, and 8000 peculs of salt. The rest is sold in markets, at the common price of 5 macias a pecul, which may amount to 446,000 tayels, which is appropriated towards the payment of the military expence, which may amount to 1,000,000 of tayels yearly. The customs on merchandize and poll-money amounts to prodigious great sums, all which are gathered according to the book of rates, and sent to the treasury of the province, for the use of the empire, which makes the Emperor's treasury always full.

Fokien

Fokien is the next maritime province to the eastward of Canton, a very mountainous country, and has about 90 leagues of a sea-coast. It reaches from the island Lamoia, which lies directly under the tropic of cancer, and makes a very spacious secure harbour for shipping between it and the continent; but no stranger frequents it, but to shelter them from storms, because they admit of no trade with foreigners. About three leagues without the Great Lamoia, are some small islands uninhabited. They are called the Small Lamoas. There is a good clear channel between those small islands and the great one, of 15 fathoms, on a good oozy bottom.

The next place of safety for shipping is the island of Amoy, where the English once had a factory, and a good trade, but now it is shut up from foreign trade by the Emperor's order. There are several small islands lie off it, particularly the island Tangsi, by the English called Chapel Island, and by some the Hole-in-the-Wall, because there is a large hole that passes quite through it, being undermined by the sea below, but above all is fast without fracture. It appears like the arch of a large bridge. About seven leagues within it is the inner harbour of Amoy, where ships lie very secure in 12 fathoms oozy ground, within 200 yards of the shore. The town is built close to the sea, and some houses in it at high water, are washed by the sea.

About the year 1645 the Dutch had a great mind of possessing Amoy, for the conveniency of its situation and trade. They came to an anchor with five large ships in the outward harbour, and landed about 300 men. There were none to oppose them but a few merchants and mechanics, who were soon frightened; but were so cunning, that before they left their town, they left their houses well stored with samshew, a kind of strong arrack made of rice, and with hockshew, a kind of strong ale made of wheat-malt, by fermentation.

The Dutch fearing no enemy, or design against them, entered the town, and some inconsiderable people being left in it, were civilly treated by the Dutch, and those poor Chinese shewed their new masters the best houses in the town, where the Dutch took up their lodgings, and, according to custom, caroused heartily, that before midnight there were few of them sober, and so went to sleep. The Chinese who were left in the town, went and informed their countrymen what posture the Dutch affairs were in. They armed all they could get with swords, lances, bows and arrows, to the number of 2000, and came on the Dutch before they could put themselves in a posture of defence, and cut them all off; which disaster made the Dutch depart without making any farther attempt.

This history is written in large China characters, on the face of a smooth rock that faces the entrance of the harbour, and may be fairly seen as we pass out and in to the harbour.

Amoy was famous in the Tartar war, between the years 1648 and 1675, by the diversion it gave to the Tartar forces at sea, by the courage and conduct of one Cocksing, a native of Amoy, who gave them many defeats, and could never be brought to comply with the Tartar usurpation, though he had many advantageous offers to submit, but his death gave the Tartars a quiet possession of the whole province.

About the year 1648, the Tartars took Chiuchew, a very large city, reputed to be as large and rich as Canton. They did not stand out above nine weeks, because they foresaw that want of provisions would compel them to a surrender at last, upon worse terms than they might have had, if the siege had been but short, however, they capitulated to have their lives and fortunes secured, and submitted in all other things to the Tartar government and customs.

This province of Fokien borders on Chequiam to the north-east, on Kiamfi on the north-west, on Quantung on the south-west, and the sea washes the south-east part of it. There are several islands lie on its coast, and Quamoy is but two leagues from Amoy, and is much larger, but not so well inhabited, because of the near neighbourhood of Chinchew.

In anno 1693 I was at Amoy, and then the island was governed by a chungcoun, or a general of 10,000 men. He was a man of about eighty years of age, of a very agreeable aspect. He had done many singular services to his country, particularly in suppressing pirates that mightily disturbed the province, and governed with much justice and moderation, but next year he died, and was succeeded by a teytock, or deputy-general of 5000. In anno 1697 I went thither again, and found a new temple built in honour to the old chungcoun, and his image placed in it, as much like his person while alive, as ever I saw any thing represented in my life, with every lineament and feature in his face, and I saw many votaries worship his image. It seems the Chinese are speedier in their canonizing than the Romans are.

The teytock has a deputy called the chungnae by title, and another officer called the chumpin, who superintends the affairs of the sea and rivers. In those three persons hands is the management of the affairs of the island, except the customs on goods imported and exported, and these are in the hands of the hapoa, who farms those customs of the court at Peking, but the other three are put in by the chungtock, who keeps his court at Hocksew, a large city about 200 miles north-east of Amoy.

There are no beautiful buildings in or about Amoy but some temples, in one of which I saw hell painted in fresco, on a wall, according to Des Cartes's system of demonology; the demons being painted in the same shapes and figures as are in the cuts of Des Cartes's book; their methods of tormenting the damned very near the notions delivered by Christian doctors, and purgatory better represented according to the doctrine of the church of Rome, than I saw it in a church in the city of Antwerp.

There are some curiosities in Amoy. One is a large stone that weighs above 40 tons, that is set so dextrously on a rock, in such an equilibrium, that a youth of twelve years old can easily make it move, but an hundred men can make it move in no greater motion than that single youth can. I saw it tried with a pair of hand-screws, but to no purpose.

Another rarity is of five large stones, as big or bigger than the last mentioned, placed in an hollow at the foot of a mountain (whether by nature or art I cannot tell), they are each about thirty feet long, and twelve or fourteen diameter. They lean their heads against one another, and form an alcove at their feet, wherein is placed a table and benches around it, of stone, and there is a pretty clear rivulet runs close by the table. We Europeans frequented that table on Sundays, for we often dined there.

There is a fine large citadel at the backside of the town, with good high, thick stone-walls, and two gates that face one another; and in the middle stands the teytock's palace. The front of it is built of wood, and the back and sides of stone, as most mandareens houses are in this province, as well as the temples. There are sentinels and guards always in the gateways, but I saw none any where else, except when he gave public audience to strangers, then he had about 50 men attending at the palace.

There are about fifty Christians in Amoy, and they have a chapel served by French missionaries; but the parishioners are of the scum of the people, as they are of Christianity.

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I heard a pleasant and true story about the famous chunghee, who died in anno 1723, and the chungtock of Fokien, who was alive in anno 1700, which I had from Mr. le Blanc, a French missionary, as well as from some eminent China merchants, and it happened about the year 1690, the chungtock being then chungnae, or deputy-governor of the island of Quamoy, that island having about 30,000 inhabitants, not reckoning women and children; they were all poor, and had their sustenance by their hard labour, in manuring the ground and fishing.

A great part of the island being low and marshy, by the overflowings of spring-tides, made travelling very incommodious. The chungcoun being a man of pleasure, could not bear living at home in rainy weather or spring-tides, and in going to hunt, he was obliged to go a great way about, before he could reach the places where the game was.

One day in council he proposed to take one half of the miserable inhabitants from their daily labour, to bring stones from some neighbouring mountains, to build a bridge or causey over the morafs, which was above three leagues long, and being the Emperor's work, it must be done gratis.

The chungnae opposed it, laying down the difficulty, if not the impossibility for those poor people to carry on such a work, which could not be finished in less than three years. He laid before the council, that the inhabitants could hardly live by their labour, when every one of them were employed, and how could they subsist on the labour of one half; that he could foresee the ruin of the whole by taking off the half from their manuring the land, and fishing. However, it was put to the vote, and the chungcoun carried it, on which the chungnae laid down his commission, and protested that he would not be accessory to the destruction of so many innocents, whom he foresaw would be wrought and starved to death, and so bade the chungcoun, and the rest of the council adieu.

The chungnae having spent most of his time in the study of letters and philosophy, had made a good progress in both, and having a small fortune of ten or twelve thousand tayels in money, took a journey to Pecking, to try if he could get into some convenient post in the government there, but found that none was to be got without friends and money, so that he took a resolution to lead a private life on the interest of his money, and to follow his studies; and hiring a chamber in a bye-lane of the city, he fell to writing a tract of moral philosophy, being well qualified in writing a good hand, and a good style. He began to write on the imbecility of human nature, when our passions were more followed than reason; of the dismal consequences of tyranny when supported by power, and several other such useful and commendable topics, and having carried his work pretty well forward, one morning he went to a neighbour's house to drink tea, and forgot to shut his chamber door or windows, which being on the lower story of the house, and facing the lane, any body that passed by could see what was in the room.

The Emperor had gone abroad that morning incognito, to hear what news past current in the city, and accidentally came into that lane while the gentleman was at his tea, and looking in at the window saw a book lying open on the table, and the writing seemed to be extraordinary fine, which made him have the curiosity to enter at the door, and to sit reading till the owner should come in, that he might know both the subject written on, and the author.

It is the custom in China for a stranger to read on any book that he sees lying on a table. If it be a merchant's book of accounts, they take that liberty; and the Emperor having read above half an hour, was mightily pleased with the fine writing, and ingenious reflections made on each subject by the author. At last the gentleman came in, and was surpris'd to find another in his chamber, but the Emperor address'd him in so

obliging terms for his intruding into his chamber without leave, led by the strong chains of curiosity, and the opportunity that offered to give him satisfaction, by the door being accidentally left open, that the chungnae could take nothing ill that was done.

The Emperor asked him of what country he was, and what had brought him to Peking, and the chungnae satisfied him that he was a native of Fokien, and recounted the history of his affairs in Quamoy. The Emperor was much taken with his story, and the modest way he expressed himself in it, and told him that he found his actions to quadrate with his doctrine. Then he asked the chungnae if he had an employment, or if he had a mind to accept of one. He answered, that he had been in Peking above a year, and could observe, that merit was but a weak recommendation to preferment, and he did not design to buy it.

The Emperor told him, that he was nearly related to a great mandereen at court, and that if he would accept of a post, he would use his endeavours to procure him one, for he found him recommended by two good qualifications, ingenuity and honesty. The chungnae thanked him in very obliging terms, and told the Emperor, that he was willing to accept of a post, providing it was not too high, because his fortune was too low to support the necessary expence, nor too low, lest it should make him contemptible. The Emperor assured him, that his kinsman had several posts to dispose of, and that he might depend on one suitable to his mind, and giving the chungnae his fan, ordered him to call at a gate of the palace, called the Elephant-gate, and deliver that fan to the captain of the guard, and tell him that you want to speak to a mandereen of such a name (as the Emperor borrowed for that time), and the captain would conduct him to his apartment; but withal he begged the use of his book for a few days, and, as he was a man of honour, he would return it.

The chungnae complimented him with the use of the book, making a modest apology for its incorrectness, and so they parted for a short time.

The Emperor sent for some coleas, mandereens of the first order, and gave them a pleasant account of his morning's adventure, and shewed them the book, which they were highly pleased with, and the Emperor told them, that he had promised the author an handsome post, and desired to know if any were vacant. One mandereen told His Majesty, that he had received private advices that morning, that the chungtock of Fokien was dead, and that there would be certain information next day at court, if it was so or not, and that if it was true, His Majesty might bestow that post on him, he being a native of that country, and consequently knew the manners and customs of his own country better than a stranger could. His Majesty approved of his advice.

And next morning, according to appointment, the chungnae went to the Elephant-gate, and enquired for the Emperor by the borrowed name; and, on sight of the fan, was conducted by the captain of the guard to an apartment in the grand palace, and was ordered to stay till the captain came back to him. When the Emperor knew of his being in the palace, he ordered a council of mandereens to be summoned forthwith, and when they were convened, and himself seated on the throne, the chungnae was sent for, and he paying the usual compliment of falling on his knees, and bowing his head three times to the ground, the third time to continue in that posture till he was ordered to rise, the Emperor ordered him immediately to stand up. The chungnae soon knew who had been his guest the day before, and would have begged pardon for the freedom of speech he had used to the Emperor in disguise; but the Emperor prevented him by beginning an allegorical discourse, recounting the chungnae's adventure at Quamoy, as if it had happened in a foreign country, and when he had made an end, he asked the opinion of the assembly, what both the chungcoun and chungnae deserved. They unani-

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mously condemned the chungcoun, and commended the chungnae, and were of opinion, that the chungnae deserved a better post than he had before.

The Emperor told them, that this was the case of the person before them, and that the government of Fokien was vacant by the death of the chuntouck, which advices he had received that morning, and that he had thoughts of bestowing that place on him before them, which they all approved of, on which he ordered robes of the second order to be brought, and invested him in the office and dignity, and ordered 100,000 tayels to be paid to him, in order to equip him for his journey, and withal told him, that he expected he would govern his province according to the doctrine that he preached to others.

Accordingly the new chungtock took his journey to Hockshew, where, on his arrival, all the mandereens of note in the province came to compliment him, and none must come to wait on him till first introduced by a present, which is punctually set down in a book kept for that purpose.

And among the crowd of visitors came his old friend the chungcoun of Quamoy. After the common compliment of genuflexion and prostration was done, he ordered him to stand up, and asking him if he did not remember him, he received a negative answer. He asked him how his government of Quamoy thrived, and how far the bridge was brought forward. The chungcoun gave him a sad account of the state of his island, which, he alledged, was occasioned by a raging plague, that had swept off above the half of the people, and the bridge was not carried one quarter of the way forward.

Then the chungtock made himself known to him, and upbraided him with his cruelty, and the chungcoun having little to say in his own defence, fell at his feet, and implored mercy. The chungtock bade him rise, and told him, that for the sake of his family, he would save his life, which he had justly forfeited; but withal banished him to a palace on the side of an hill on the island of Quamoy, where he should be allowed 2,000 tayels yearly, for the subsistence of his wives and children, but he was never to meddle in government again, and so dismissed him, and sent one along with him to take possession of his government, with orders to rectify all things that had been amiss in his government, and to invite people to the manuring of the ground and catching of fish, on better terms than had been before. Those just and generous actions of the Emperor and chungtock were worthily admired by all who loved justice and generosity; and I have borne no small veneration for both their persons ever since.

I must now give an account of the chungtock's justice and generosity in an affair relating to some shipwrecked Englishmen at Amoy.

CHAP. LII. — *Is a Continuation of the History of the Chungtock of Fokien, in relation to some Occurrences that happened among the English at Amoy in anno 1700.*

I BEING then bound to Amoy in a ship from Surat, employed by Sir Nicholas Waite, the new East-India Company's president there, and Commodore Littleton being then at Surat with a squadron of four men of war, by some considerable reasons was persuaded by Sir Nicholas to let one of his squadron go as far as Amoy to look after the English pirates that then infested the streights of Malacca.

The Harwich was the ship pitched on, a 50 gun-ship, commanded by Captain Cock, and we sailed in company as far as Atcheen, and there we were parted by a storm. He called at Atcheen, but I made what haste I could for the port of Malacca. I staid there above a fortnight for him, and when he had taken in such provisions as he wanted, and that I had paid for them, we sailed from Malacca, in order to proceed for Amoy.

When we arrived there, we found three European ships, and a country ship from Surat, employed by Sir John Gayer, president for the old East-India Company. The supercargoes of those ships, on sight of a man of war, sent a compliment of 500 tayels to the teytock, to dissuade him from giving the Harwich permission to come into the harbour, for fear of losing a feather that they had put in their own caps, of wearing a pendant at their top-mast heads; so that when I went to pay my compliment to the teytock, and give him an account of our cargo, and to desire liberty for the man of war and my own ship to come into the harbour; he told me, that my own ship was welcome, but he could not, with safety, admit of the King's ship into the harbour, but that she might be supplied with what she wanted in the road.

I told him, that the King's ship's bottom wanted repair, and that if he would not permit her to come into the harbour, both she and I must go to Canton, and if the captain of the man of war resented the ill usage he was like to meet with at Amoy, those ought to answer who had given the teytock that ill advice, and so I took leave very ill satisfied.

The linguist and I had been acquainted some years, and, on our way from the citadel, I told him, that if the teytock continued his resolution of denying our King's ship the same civilities that he granted to merchant ships of our nation, I could not answer for the ill consequences that might attend that affront, and, if she had not permission in three days to come in, on the fourth we would proceed for Canton.

He then very frankly told me, that it was none of the teytock's fault, but the English captains and supercargoes, who had sent him with a message to the teytock, to acquaint him, that if the man of war was permitted to come into the harbour, their men would be rude to the merchants, and would be tied up to no rules or laws which the merchant ships observed; that the women would be debauched, and many other aggravating crimes, they alledged, the man of war's men would commit, and withal had sent the teytock a present of 500 tayels to keep her out of the harbour.

I carried the linguist into a merchant's house that was my acquaintance, to consult with that merchant about removing that remora that stopped the man of war from entering into the harbour, which could be done no other way than my being bound for the good behaviour of the people belonging to the man of war, and to give a present superior to theirs, which I consented to.

Then we consulted how the captain of the King's ship should be received by the teytock, when he should make his visit, and we agreed, that all the captains and supercargoes should be called to the teytock's in company with Captain Cock, and that he should enter before us, and have an high chair placed a little before the teytock's chair, on the left hand, which, among them, is the place of honour, and we captains and supercargoes to be set on felt cushions on the floor, and on the right side of the teytock's chair, which was raised on a platform of deals, with three steps of ascent.

We had no sooner done with our consultation than I dispatched my friend Shawban, for that was the merchant's name, with the linguist, to acquaint the teytock with what we had resolved on, and he approved of all, and two days after sent a summons for the captains and supercargoes to accompany Captain Cock, and all obeyed but one, who pretended indisposition; however he sent his second supercargo to supply his place.

As soon as we were in the citadel, we were conducted to the teytock's palace, and entered the chamber of audience, and were seated according to the method before agreed on. The teytock being seated before, he made a speech pretty long, wherein he told how he had been informed of the loose behaviour of men of war's men, which had armed him with caution, but that he knew of a more convenient place on an island within

within three leagues of the town, for the man of war to hale ashore, if we would be ruled by his advice. The captain made a bow and acceded to that motion.

He then wanted to know who would be surety for the captain and men belonging to the man of war, that they should observe the laws and customs of the place, without being molestation to the natives. I found none cared to enter on so hazardous an affair, so I stood up, and proffered myself, ship and cargo for security. The rest not expecting that the captain could have found such security, one, who made a good figure among us, told me, I was too forward in my proffer. I answered him, that I only engaged what I had the command of, but meddled with nobody's affairs else.

The teytock seemed well satisfied, and gave us a very handsome entertainment, and then dismissed us. The man of war went to the island, and landed some of her greatest guns, but found so much difficulty in carrying things ashore, that we got an order from the teytock to bring her into the harbour, and accordingly she came in.

There is an island opposite to the town of Amoy, called Cullemshoe, about half a mile distant, and it has two convenient places to lay ships on, in order to clean their bottoms, or repair them, and there are some rocks that lay between those places, that appear dry at low water. In one of those bays the Harwich was haled ashore, and cleaned, and her sheathing being much worm-eaten, it was repaired with a great deal of new sheathing, all which charges I had orders from my employers to disburse on their account, in expectation, that carrying back 200 tons of China goods would sufficiently reimburse them; but Captain Cock being a young man, not very well versed in the affairs of shipping, took advice of some other captains of better knowledge, and daily caressing with them on board of his ship, chanced, that day that his ship haled off, to be a little inebriated, as well as his tutors. I was none of the cabal, and so staid in my factory. The tide of ebb was made before they began to remove the ship from the bay that she had been fitted in, and in haling off, the tide set her upon the rocks above-mentioned, and on them she was lost.

As soon as the ship sat fast on the rocks, his counsellors left him to think on his misfortune. Next morning all the captains and supercargoes went over to the island (where he and all his men were lamenting their condition) to condole his misfortune, but not one had the charity to invite him to a dinner. About ten I went over to visit him, and found him weeping. I dissuaded him from grieving at what could not be remedied, and invited him to dine with me, if he was not pre-engaged. He then wept very bitterly, and told me, that not one of all his companions that had been visiting him, had the good manners to give him an invitation, and that I, who had just cause to be angry with him for his folly and contempt of my counsel, had shewn him more humanity than those who had sworn eternal friendship to him.

I carried him and his two lieutenants along with me to dinner, and allowed them a chamber in my factory to lodge in, and to shew a good example to the rest of the captains, I took forty of the poor seamen on board of my ship, and gave them provisions. They were in all one hundred and eighty two men and boys in the crew, and there being five ships, I thought I had taken a large quota for my share, but not one of the rest would follow my example, so the remainder of the crew were in distress for want of food and raiment. I went over one morning to see what condition the poor men were in, who had made tents of the ship's sails, and I saw one newly dead for hunger and cold.

I used all my rhetoric amongst my brethren the captains and supercargoes, to take pity on the poor shipwrecked men, but they were all deaf to my petitions, which obliged me to allow them a pound weight of rice per day each man: and to clothe them, I

bought three thousand yards of blue cotton cloth about a groat per yard value, and bought them needles and thread, and gave them about 1000lb. weight of cotton for quilting, and so every man was his own tailor.

But finding my charges would be very great in maintaining such a number of men, and in carrying them passengers would take up too much room in my ship, which I could much better employ in carrying China goods to Surat, I went to my old friend Shawban, with my confidant the linguist, and held a consultation how we might compel my brethren to be humane, and force them to take their quotas of the poor distressed men, and we fell on the project to write to the noble and just chungtock at Hockfew before mentioned, to get an order from him, that no ship should have liberty to lade their goods aboard, that did not first take their quota of the shipwrecked men. We went to the teytock, and acquainted him with our design, who much approved of the project, and he seemed surprized, that any of those ships durst go into our King's dominions, who had denied to assist, not only his subjects, but immediate servants. He was very humane, and sent the poor seamen presents of pork and hockfew, (a strong fermented liquor like our strong ale), for me to distribute among them, and those presents he frequently sent.

I provided a present to accompany my letter to the chungtock, to the value of 40 pounds sterling, and got the best scribe in the place to write my letter, laying down the misery the poor men were in, and how easily and justly they might be relieved by such an order.

I sent my letter and present by an express, who returned in sixteen days with a satisfactory answer, and an order to the hapoa, to suffer no goods to be shipped off without consulting me. The hapoa came to my factory, and congratulated me on the honour that the chungtock had done me, and promised to obey his orders in relation to shipping goods off.

A gentleman who was supercargo of the ship Dorrel, bound directly from Amoy to England, was the first that was denied a permit to ship goods off. He had sent for the ship's boat to carry off some chests of silk, but the waiters stopt them from putting them into the boat, on which the linguist was sent for to know the reason; and he told the supercargo, that the hapoa had received orders to let no goods be shipped off without consulting me first about taking a quota of the man of war's men; on which my antagonists held a council, and resolved to continue obstinate, and that supercargo before mentioned came early next morning to my house. When my servants informed me that he was in the court, I went and invited him in. I guessed his errand by his countenance, and asked him to sit down, but he refused. I asked him if he would drink any coffee or tea, but he would not. He then, in a fret, asked me if I was governor of his affairs. I answered, no, nor did I know how he could ask me such a simple question. He swore that he found I was, and that if I were in another place than Amoy, I durst not act as I had done, and swore again, that not one man of them should be entertained on board the Dorrel. I told him, that I durst do any thing that was honest and just, and was always ready to defend what I had so done; but as to his taking his quota of the shipwrecked men, he must comply with it, if he had a mind to save his passage to England that season. He still continued cursing himself if he took any of them, and went away in a very great huff, which I little regarded.

It was, and I believe is, still the custom on board the English Company's ships, for the captain to give a remonstrance and a protest thirty days before the expiration of the term for their departure, to the supercargo or factor for the company, according as it is stipulated by charter party. Accordingly the captain of the Dorrel gave in his protest

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about that time to the aforesaid supercargo, which aggravated his chagrin, and he told the captain, who was my friend, what troubles I had brought him and the rest into. The captain advised him to consider what time might be spent in contention; and that I, having the government on my side, would certainly carry my point in spite of all the opposition they could make, and that it would be much better to comply with me than to stand out, and be forced to comply at last.

He told the captain that he might do as he pleased, but he was resolved to give him no orders on that head. The captain bade him look what was agreed on in charter-party; where they found, that the commander of a company's ship was to take no passengers on board of his ship on penalty of 100*l.* for each passenger, without a written order from the Company's agent where he should happen to be; but where no agent was, he was then at his liberty.

After a little deliberation, he bade the captain speak to me of the hardships they would be under in carrying such a number of passengers so long a voyage, and to try me, whether I would favour them in the number of the quota that they must be obliged to carry: and the captain came to discourse me about it; and I agreed that Capt. Cock, his lieutenants, and seventeen more, should have their passage on board his ship to England, and that those seventeen should be such as Captain Cock should choose, that the captain and his two lieutenants should have Captain Hide's table, they paying him 20*l.* each for that favour, all which the captain consented to, and the supercargo and I became friends again.

The other sticklers soon complied, and took thirty six each for their quota, and the rest I provided for, and they were as forward to work and obey my orders as my own seamen, though they were not so on board of the other Surat ship, where they were like to mutiny for want of victuals, even before they went to sea, for the captain of that ship pretended that he would allow them no victuals before they went to sea, and the poor indigent fellows fasted twenty four hours on that pretext. At last hunger compelled them to make their complaint to me, and I furnished them with a supper, and bade them be easy till next noon, and if there was no provision made for them, when the ship's company's dinner was ready, to seize on it for their own use, and let the others stay till more was dressed, which advice, they took to be very wholesome, and punctually followed it.

The captain complained to me of the passengers rudeness. I told him, that they only followed my advice, for I could not see what pleasure he could take in starving poor men, since what they did eat was nothing out of his pockets, for I knew the charges would be allowed in his accounts with his employers, and advised him to treat them civilly at sea, since they being superior in number to his ship's company, might make them use force to obtain what they ought to have by fair means: nor was I out in my conjecture, for at sea he put them to so small an allowance, that they mutinied, and threatened to carry him and the ship to Madagascar, and deliver him to the pirates.

About Christmas I broke up house-keeping, and paid house-rent for Captain Cock and his officers to remain in it a month after me, and knowing the scarcity of money among him and his family, I gave him a bag with 1000 Spanish dollars for his subsistence on his voyage to Europe, on condition, that when he was in a capacity to pay me, he would not forget to repay me. I gave his first lieutenant 100 and the second lieutenant 50 of the same pieces, but without provision of repayment.

The captain made his acknowledgments in the most emphatical words he could express, imprecating vengeance to pursue him if he did not thankfully repay me with
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good interest, when he was able, I also wrote to the Lords Commissioners of the Royal Navy, about the charges I had been at on account of the loss of his Majesty's ship, in China; and petitioned that I might be reimbursed, and made Mr. Matthew Cock, a brother of the captain's, my attorney, to solicit for and receive what their Lordships would please to allow me.

I received a letter from the captain, then at Cape Bona Esperance, in his way home; wherein he gave me an account of their hard usage aboard of the ship, and of the death of his second lieutenant, and that was all I had from him in twenty-three years. When I arrived in England, I did myself the honour to write him from London to Leatherhead, to try if I could furbish up his short memory with the remembrance of what had passed between us in China; but he protested that he had quite forgot it. I answered him, that his first lieutenant, Captain Falconar, still remembered it very well, and had made a grateful acknowledgment of the small favour he received above twenty years before. My affairs calling me to Holland in anno 1724, he called for me at London, when he knew I was in Holland; and before I returned to England, he had paid his great debt to nature, without taking notice of the small one due to me.

CHAP. LIII.—*A Continuation of Observations on the Gods, Clergy, and Devotion of the Chinese.*

AND now I have followed him to his grave, I will return back to Amoy, and observe some of their customs, religious, civil, and criminal. Their temples are built all after one form, but, as in other countries, very different in beauty and magnitude. Their josses, or demi-gods, are some of human shape, some of monstrous figures, but in the province of Fokien, they are more devoted to the worship of goddesses than gods. Quanheim has the most votaries. She is placed in state, sitting on a cushion with rich robes, and her little son standing before her, with a charged trident in his right hand, ready to throw at offenders of the laws of humanity and nature, and also at those who make no freewill-offerings to his mother. The Chinese, who have seen the Roman Catholic churches and worship, say that she is the Chinese Virgin Mary.

There is another goddess called Matsoa, who swam from a far country, through many seas, and came in one night to China, and took up her residence there. She sits on a platform, with a cushion laid on it, and her head is covered with blue wool instead of hair. She is the protectress of navigation, for which reason none go a voyage but they first make a sacrifice of boiled hogs heads, and bread baked in the steam of boiling water. It is set before the image when reeking hot, and kept before her till it is cold, she feeding on the smoke, and the devotees on the substance, when it is cold. On their return from a voyage, they compliment her with a play, either acted on board of the ship, or before one of her temples.

They have another goddess in form of a virgin, called Quonin, who has many votaries, but is mostly worshipped in the provinces of Peking and Nanking, but being a virgin, she has many lovers all over China.

The god Fe has an human shape, except his head, which has the figure of an eagle. Gan has a broad face, and a prodigious great belly. Fo is a very majestic god, and is always placed with a great number of little gods to attend him. Mimiso in Fokien, I take to be the god Migleest at Canton, being alike in shape and countenance. He is called the god of pleasure. Puffa is set cross-legged on a cushion, bespangled with flowers and stars, and she has eight or nine arms and hands on each side, and two

before, that she holds in a praying posture. In every one of her hands (except the two that are dedicated to prayer) she bears some thing emblematical, as an axe, a sword, a flower, &c. The great God that made the heavens and earth, they bestow an human shape on him, like a young man in strength and vigour, quite opposite to the church of Rome, who make his picture like Salvadore winter, old, cold, and hoary. I have seen many more whose names I have forgot, some with human bodies, and dragons, lions, tigers, and dogs heads, and one I saw like Stour Yonker in Finland, with a man's body and clothes, and with eagles feet, and talons in the stead of hands.

The priesthood are in no great esteem among the people, being generally of low extract. They have many different orders among them, which are distinguished by badges, colour of habit, or fashions of their capes. They are all obliged to celibacy while they continue in orders, and that is no longer than they please. But while they continue in orders, and should, or chance to be convicted of fornication, they must expiate the crime with their lives, except their high priest, who is called Chiam, and he always keeps near the Emperor's person, and is in very great repute, and he has liberty to marry, because the high priesthood must always continue in one family, as Aaron's did for a long while, but not half so long as it has been in this family, who has kept up the custom above 1000 years successively, without the intrusion of interlopers.

There are no persons of figure or fortune that care to have their children consecrated to serve at the altar, so that the priests who can have no issue of their own, are obliged to buy novices of such mean persons as necessity forces to sell their children, and their study being in the large legends of their divinity, and not having the benefit of conversation with men of letters or polity, they are generally ignorant of the affairs of the world, which makes them contemptible among so polite a people as the ingenious and convertible Chinese laity are.

Confucius, or as the Chinese call him, Confuce, was the prince of their philosophers. He was near contemporary with Artaxerxes, Nehemiah, and Malachi, about 450 years before our Saviour Jesus Christ. He both taught and practised moral philosophy to perfection, and acquired so great a veneration among his countrymen, that his sentences are taken for postulata to this day, not one since having offered to contradict any thing that he has left behind in writing. They have another doctor of philosophy called Fansiw, who was almost as ancient as Confucius, and wrote many excellent tracts of a virtuous life, and the methods to attain to it, but his character is inferior to Confucius's.

Their preachers take some apophthegms out of those great mens writings, for texts to comment and expatiate on. They live very abstemiously, and rise early before day to pray. Every temple has a cloister or convent annexed to it, and has a certain stipend allowed by the Emperor to support the priests and novices, but they get much more by letting of lodgings to travellers, who generally lodge in their cells, than the Emperor's allowance. Besides, they have a genteel way of begging from strangers, by bringing tea and sweetmeats to regale them.

The Chinese do not bury in or near their temples, but in the fields, and when a bouzi or priest tells a rich dying person, that such a piece of ground is holy, and that the infernal spirits have no power to haunt such ground, they will persuade the poor man that is diltempered both in body and mind, to buy it at any rate to be buried in, and sometimes they will pay a thousand tayels for ten yards square of such holy ground.

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The fishers and carriers by water, who are born and bred in their boats, and on the water, must also be buried in it, unless they have money enough to purchase a burying-place ashore.

They have many sects among them, but all agree in the transmutation of souls, yet not one sect persecutes another, but allow free liberty to believe what they think best, and it is very natural for men to embrace what they think is best, whether it is the best or not.

The Christian missionaries have converted many by the indulgence of several Emperors, particularly of Chunghee, and those apostles indulge their profelytes in many things opposite to the system and canons of the western Christianity, as polygamy, concubinage, and the invocation and adoration of Pagan saints, as well as Christian, in their apotheosis, which has caused no small disturbance at Rome.

When a mandereen of any consideration passes through a street or highway, he goes in great state, either on horseback, or in close or open chairs, carried by men, and he has flags carried before him, and large peels lacquered, and painted black or red, with large golden characters written on them, that gives the designation of his titles and dignity. The foremost of his retinue in their particular habit, with an high-crowned hat in form of a clofestoole-pan, and two long feathers of a pheasant's tail, standing upright in it; and they make an hideous noise as they go along, crying incessantly Ho—ot, to warn every one to go off the streets or highway, till he pass by. Next to them are fellows with small chains in their hands, ready to throw over any body's head, and catch them by the neck, that do not obey the call of the foremost men. And next them are executioners with their ensigns of cruelty, as a great sword, an axe, and some large pieces of wood, painted black, and trailing on the ground as they pass along, to bamboo the delinquent, which is by throwing them on their faces, and giving their buttocks as many blows with those batons as his worship the mandereen shall order, and they have caps like sugar-loaves. I knew an English gentleman now alive in England, that underwent the chastisement of the bamboo.

Yet I heard of a comical passage that happened at Amoy, between a mandereen and an English sailor. The mandereen going in his chair with his usual retinue, met a sailor coming with a keg of arrack under his arm. Every body went out the street but the jolly sailor, who had been tasting his arrack, he was so mannerly as to walk aside, and give the mandereen the middle of the street; but one of the retinue gave the sailor a box on the ear, and had almost shoved him down, keg and all. The sailor denied him for a son of a whore, and asked what he meant by it; and at the same time gave the aggressor a box on the ear in return. The poor seaman was soon overpowered by the retinue; but the mandereen ordered to do him no harm, till he had sent for the English linguist, who forthwith came. The mandereen told the linguist what had happened, and bid him ask the sailor why he gave him that affront. The sailor swore that the mandereen had affronted him, in allowing his servants to beat him, while he was walking down the streets civilly, with his keg of samthew under his arm; and swore by G—d that he would box the mandereen, or every one of his gang, for a Spanish dollar; and with that put his hand in his pocket and pulled a dollar out.

The mandereen ordered the linguist to tell him verbatim what the sailor said, and why he pulled his money out. When the linguist had told him all, the mandereen was ready to fall off his chair with laughing. And after he had composed himself, he asked if the sailor would stand to his challenge, who swore he would. The mandereen had one Tartar in his retinue famous for boxing, who had won many prizes at it, and

called for him to try his skill on the Englishman. The Tartar was a lusty man, and the sailor short, but well set. The Tartar promised an easy conquest; and to the combat they went. The Tartars use to kick high at the guts, and the first time he kicked, the sailor had him on his back. The Tartar was much ashamed of the foil he had received, and at the sailor again, but Jack soon tripped up his heels again. He desired then to have a fair bout of boxing without tripping, which Jack agreed to, and battered the Tartar's face and breast so with his head, that he was forced to yield to Old England. The mandereen was so pleased with the bravery and dexterity of the seaman, that he made him a present of 10 tayels of silver.

In the punishment of crimes there are laws made to proportion the punishment according to the notoriety or quality of the crime. For faults not capital they use the bamboo and whip, or a pair of wooden stocks, or a wooden collar, being some boards fixed together, with a hole in the middle for the head to go through. It is generally about five feet square, and between sixty and eighty pounds weight, that they are obliged to carry a considerable way in the day, and sleep in it at night, sitting with that continual weight on their shoulders, because there is no lying down; which punishment lasts as long as the judge determines in his sentence. Some they lay in the stocks by the neck, laid flat on their back in the open sun, with their face continually towards it while it shines, and this lasts for one, two, or three days, as the judge thinks fit to order.

Traitors, murderers, and pirates, are carried to Nankin to be tried and punished, except a special order from the Emperor carry custom out of her road. Those goals in Nankin are only cleared of malefactors once in three years. In those prisons they live in great misery, and often wish for death before it comes.

Every one of those sort of criminals has particular prisons belonging to such crimes, and when the judge receives the Emperor's orders to reprieve such a number, the judge has it in his power to save whom he pleases of that number specified, and the rest are immediately put to death, as fast as they can dispatch them with the sword and axe. I have been credibly informed, that 30,000 have been executed in one month, and half that number reprieved.

When the Emperor gives special order for the punishment of piracy or murder, the delinquent is tied to a stake, and an executioner cuts the skin of his forehead round from ear to ear, and pulls it over his eyes, and then delivers him to the friends and relations of those that had suffered injuries by him, and they have the pleasure of torturing him as they please. I have heard of some who have been tortured three days and nights before they expired. Others have had a brick or stone cloke built round them close to their bodies, by the side of an highway, and a guard set over them, who commanded all passengers to spit on their heads as they passed by, and they are generally much longer dying than the others.

Parents have the power of the life and death of their children till they marry, and then that power ceases. Husbands have the same power of their wives, if they are convicted of adultery. I knew an instance of the latter in Amoy by a Chinese, that went a voyage to Fort St. George, and from thence to England. He had a good agreeable young woman to his wife, and he pretended when he returned, to make his wife use the freedom of England, in bringing his wife into Englishmen's company when they came to his house, and made her eat at table, or drink tea with them, but not when any Chinese strangers were in his house. However, she did not know how to behave herself prudently in that state of freedom, but was debauched by several; and he going a

voyage to Canton, had staid ten months after the English shipping was gone, and found her big with child at his return. He sent for her relations and feasted them, and then before them upbraided her for her disloyalty, and took a piece of heavy wood that they use in pounding rice, and gave her a blow on the head that killed her outright.

I heard of an instance of the other at Canton. A rich merchant had a profligate son, whom he sent abroad with a considerable stock to employ in trade. In a few months he had consumed all the stock, and run in debt. He gave his creditors bills on his father, who answered them for his own credit. The son came back, begged his father's pardon, and protested, that for the future he would lead a virtuous life. The kind indulgent father entrusted him with a second stock, and he, in a short time, destroyed that also, and when his credit was gone returned to his father, who seemed to pass by his folly. But one day he made an entertainment for all his relations, and when the entertainment was over he began an apologue that came pretty near his own case with his son; and asked their opinion what in justice the son ought to suffer for abusing his father's kindness, and ruining his estate. They did not know that he and his son were the persons mentioned in the fable under borrowed names, unanimously agreed that the son ought to be punished with death. On which the father took a knife and cut his son's throat, before either the son or his relations had the least thought of it; and then he thanked them for passing so just a sentence, for that he and his son were the real persons represented in the apologue.

If children grow incorrigible, and despise the threats or admonitions of their parents, according to law, the parents are to complain of them to the magistrate, and upon full conviction, the magistrate will severely correct them. For if a son break the established laws, the parent suffers punishment as well as the criminal son, if he had not before made the magistrate acquainted with his son's vices.

And if a parent is brought to poverty and want, and has not brought his son up to some calling, whereby he might get his living, the son is not obliged to assist his father, but otherwise he is.

In their marriages the bridegroom never sees his spouse till they are married, for the match is made by matrons of both sides, and he is obliged to pay a sum of money to the bride's relations before he can have her; and when all obstacles are removed, her relations make a feast for the bridegroom and his friends, and after that is over, she is brought veiled into the dining-room, and he presents her with some jewel of small value, or some pieces of silk stuffs, and a priest sacrifices a cock, by cutting his throat, and sprinkling some of the blood on them both, and then they are married by law; and he seldom marries another while she lives, except in case of barrenness, and then he may take another, and so on in case of failure in issue, as far as four, but they cannot go beyond that number, yet he may buy as many concubines as he pleases, and the wives are ranked according to priority, and the concubines must attend and serve the wives.

The ladies dress is very becoming. They wear fine linen breeches that reach to the ankle, but they are covered with a petticoat handsomely platted, that reaches below the ankle, and a gown that reaches midleg down, tied with a silken belt round their middle, and each sleeve so large, that one would serve to put their body in, and reaches almost to the ground. They have a collar of embroidery handsomely cut, that comes round their neck, and covers the neck of their gown, and reaches half way between the neck and shoulder-bone. They have naturally a great deal of hair as black as jet, which they set on wires fitted to their head, raised four or five inches, and covered with their

hair in a becoming manner, and those who can afford pearl, have some of them bored on one side, and set in their hair, and they have two or more gold bodkins which keep all the handsome fabric fast.

Their feet are bound up with rollers of cloth when they come to three years of age, and are always kept hard bound, so that all the other parts of their body grow in their natural shape and magnitude, but their feet, which, by restraint, are always as small as they were when first bound up. Their pretty little shoe has a piece of wood placed in the middle between the heel and the toe, that serves both for heel and sole; which makes them rather trip along when they go, for their ambulation cannot be called walking.

Their forehead is large, pretty small eyebrows, well arched, their eyes black, but almost hid with the lids, their nose small and flat at the eyes, their mouth little, and pretty plump lips of a deep vermilion colour, their cheeks and chin in a good agreeable symmetry, and their neck small, their arms long and slender, a fine little hand, and to grace the whole structure of their persons and ornaments, the nails of their fingers are never pared, but are let grow to two or three inches in length, to shew that they are not employed in servile works.

And this fashion of long nails is followed by the men of distinction, and are carefully kept clean, and formerly, before the Tartars were their lords, they wore their hair long, rolled up behind, (as our women in Britain formerly wore theirs,) and a net of hair or black silk to cover their neat rolls and gold bodkins, with double or treble prongs stuck in their hair, to keep it in order, but now they have only a lock at their crown, platted and hanging down their back, and none are without that lock; for if they have not hair enough growing naturally on their heads, they take small locks of borrowed hair, and twist it with their own to be in the fashion.

The men of figure have a coat of silk that comes down to their knees, and a short doublet over that, that reaches no farther than their loins. Their breeches are large and full, which come under the tops of their silk boots, neatly made and quilted, for great men wear no shoes. They generally wear on their right thumb a thick ivory or agate ring, very convenient for drawing their long-bows made of buffalo's horn, they being all bred to archery, and exercise themselves much in shooting at a mark. They wear their swords on the left side, with the point forward; and when they draw them, they lift up their lacquered scabbard, that the handle may reach above their shoulder behind, so that at the drawing of them with their right hand, they can make a good and nimble stroke on whatsoever they attack.

And to dress our China or Tartar gentleman completely, he wears a cap made of fine mat for that purpose, in the form of a blunt pyramid, with a tassel of horse-hair dyed red, that reaches from the crown almost to the bottom, and often an amber or coral button fastened to the crown of the cap, and they use a piece of hair-tape to come under the chin, to keep it from blowing off by the wind; and to their girdle they have a purse for their little tobacco-pipe, which is made of some metal, and two other purses, one small for their tobacco, and the other pretty large, with several divisions in it for their money and papers, all drawn close by silken strings; and their handkerchief is a piece of coarse cotton rag stuck between their girdle and side, one end hanging to the knee, and that serves for a towel and a napkin also; and so I have equipped him either as a courtier or cavalier.

But the mandereens of the pen have a long gown to their heels, with badges or blazons on their backs and breasts, to distinguish their degree or dignity; and before they are admitted to the degree of doctor, they must pass through several trials and

examinations. They also wear a distinguishing cap on their head, and look as grave as an old advocate.

A merchant and mechanic wear the same cap as the courtier, but their habit is a long robe with narrow sleeves, and stockings made of coarse cotton cloth, with square-toed shoes, without heels or latches to tie them on. The peasants and fishers are not tied up to sumpture laws, but wear what they please.

Every house, ship, and fishing-boat keep a domestic god that they pay adoration to evening and morning; and he has always a small flat table with ledges before him, filled with wood-ashes smoothed over, and small furrows drawn through the ashes in order, and those furrows filled with powder of putchcock, or radix dulcis, mixed with powder of sandal, myrrh, or olibanum; and the composition is fired at one end, and it gives a little but pleasant smoke the whole four-and-twenty hours, without the least need of mending or renewing it.

When two China Men quarrel, (for they are naturally a little choleric,) if the breach is so wide that it will be difficult to be made up again, then they will threaten not to pay any reverence or respect to one another's god; and that word cuts off all means of communion and society ever after. And so I leave them, and proceed to my observations on other things.

CHAP. LIII. — *Gives an Account of the natural Rarities of China, and of the Emperor's Revenue and common Expence.*

THERE are many artificial as well as natural rarities in China. Their artificial ones are in stupendous bridges, that give safe and convenient passages over great and rapid rivers, and over vallies between the tops of mountains, to make roads easy and pleasant that would otherwise be very steep, crooked and dangerous; but I never saw any of them, though I have heard much talk of them.

They have also great and convenient sluices to check the violence of floods from lakes and rivers, and to serve out their waters to lower grounds, to moisten them and make them fit to yield good crops of corn, but I being confined to the island of Amoy, could not have an opportunity to see them, so that what I add more to my observations, is only by informations and reports from others, (who had travelled where I had no permission to go,) whose acquaintance I casually sought after to be informed.

I now begin again to continue my course along the sea-coast to the northward: And in the same province of Fokien is the river and city of Hocksew; but whether the city of Hocksew be the same with Fochew, I know not; it is very large however, and is famous for being the residence of the chungtock, and in brewing a sort of good strong ale in small pots of coarse China ware, luted over with a clay head as big as the pot.

About twenty leagues to the northward of Hocksew begins the province of Chequiam, whose chief city is Limpoa, by some called Nimpoa, and by others Niugpoo; however, it is a large city and drives a great trade. Here the Portugueze were once well settled, and had a numerous colony. When the Chinese were masters of their own country, and the Portugueze of the seas, it is reported, that they had above one thousand Portugueze families settled in Limpoa, and were governed by their own laws. Their trade through China and Japon, which they carried in shipping to India and China, made them prodigiously rich, which brought them into luxury and debauchery, and, at last, was the cause of their expulsion from Limpoa.

They began to be notorious ravishers of women. They would go into the country villages, and carry off young virgins by violence, from their parents, and when they

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had abused them as long as they pleased, sent them back to their friends. Many complaints had been made, but no redress could be obtained. At length, when a parcel of virgin-hunters had gone into the country upon an expedition of that nature, the peasants fell on them, and killed them every man.

This slaughter made the Portuguese very loud in their complaints, and demanded justice to be done on the peasants. The peasants made solid replications to the complaints of the Portuguese, and desired their case might be laid before the Emperor, which was accordingly done, and the Portuguese were ordered to clear themselves of the crimes laid to their charge, and they not being able to do it, were banished Limpoa, but had liberty to carry off their effects: and thus ended the most opulent colony, at that time, in the world.

Nanking is the next province to Chequiam, and the city of Nanking is still reckoned one of the largest cities in China, or perhaps in the world. I have heard many say, that saw both Peking and Nanking, that it occupies a larger spot of ground than Peking, and that the triumphal arches, palaces, and other public edifices, are nobler than those at Peking.

The province begins at Souchew, a large city, and one of the greatest trading cities in China, in gold, wrought silks, porcelain or China ware. It stands near the lake of Hanchew, which is about 20 leagues long, and 16 broad, of fine clear fresh water, and it produces many excellent sorts of fishes, some whereof are daily sent in boats to Peking for the Emperor's table.

Nanking city stands on the banks of the river Kiam, the greatest but not the longest river in China. It is situated about 100 miles from its mouth, in a fine, pleasant, fertile plain. It was formerly the metropolis of all China, till the Tartars grew troublesome and formidable, which drew the court to Peking, to be nearer the frontiers, in order to check their insolence.

The distance between Nanking and Peking is about 500 English miles. They have a communication by water in two royal canals, one from Nanking to the Yellow River, so called from the colour of its water, and the other from that river to the city of Peking, or very near it. They are the work of art, done by the hard labour of many thousands of poor workmen, in obedience to their Emperor's order, to facilitate the carriage of merchandize between those great cities.

The Yellow River, or Corcei River, is much longer than any river in Asia, or perhaps, in Europe, for there are 30 degrees distance between its source and its mouth: and I heard one Mr. Fountainay, a missionary, who went to France on the Emperor of China's account, about the year 1694, say, that, he believed there were as many people that lived in boats and vessels on the rivers of Kiam and Corcei as in the three greatest provinces of France, for in their vessels they keep fairs on these rivers, one season at one place, and in other seasons at other places; and though there may be 10,000 vessels assembled at a fair, yet there is as good order and decorum kept, as in a well governed city. All ships and boats who have the same species of goods are moored together, along a certain place on the river's side allotted for them, by proper magistrates, and at night, watches are set to prevent thieving and disorder, and offenders are severely punished, without respect of persons.

There are also fairs kept on the royal canal, between the Yellow River and Peking, in which all the sorts of commodities that China produceth are to be sold.

The magnitude, beauty, and opulency of Peking, are so fully described by some who have been there, that my hear-say account can be of no use, and for that cause I omit

omit it; but the aforesaid Mr. Fountanay told me, that the winter season is much colder than in France, and, that in the month of November, the fraternity bought three deers, and hung them up in a pantry without salt, and when they had a mind for some venison, they cut what they wanted for their use till the beginning of March, and what was left then began to grow stale, but not before, which shews the subtle coldness and dryness of the air there.

And now being at the end of my journey on the continent of Asia, I will make some more general observations on the product of China, and return to the southward, to take a view of the islands that face the sea-coasts of China, and steer back to the northward as far as Japon.

As there are many mountains in China, so they have many different qualities. Some by their situation and prodigious height, shew their lofty tops above the clouds, always clear and serene; but none dare presume to go to their tops, because the air being too much rarified, insensibly takes away perspiration, and causes death. Others, though as high, by nitrous and sulphureous mines in their bowels, send up thick vapours that always hide their tops; and at the foot of those mountains are springs and wells of fire, that continually burn in their own cells, but never break forth in any other places.

Other mountains are covered with trees of various sorts. The pine is the largest, some being six foot through, and four or five score covets high, or according to English measure, an hundred and fifty feet in length, and they produce bamboos, as long, and so big, that one joint between the inter-nodes or knots can contain above ten cattles of water, which are of great use to sea-faring men, to hold their fresh water in. They also produce the rose-tree, which preserves an agreeable smell and colour as long as the wood lasts, which is not less than a century or two.

In the southern provinces, I have been told, that a tree called quanlang, has a soft pulp growing within it, which the inhabitants dry and pulverize, and apply it to all the uses that wheat-flour serves for, having the same taste and quality. I heard a missionary assert, that not far from Limpoa, in the province of Chequiam, he saw some trees that bore a fruit pretty hard on the outside, but within a fat pulp, which being put awhile in the air, becomes good white tallow; and it serves for all intents and purposes, for the same uses that tallow is put to, only with this advantage, that it does not defile the hand, nor grease and stain clothes.

All the provinces of China are well stored with fruit-bearing trees, and being of so large an extent, and the seasons so different, that in one place it is summer, while in another place winter predominates, as in the provinces of Quansi and Quantung it is pleasant summer, while in Zausi and Peking the chilling colds of winter, and storms disturb the air, and shut up the pores of the earth.

All the provinces produce tea in abundance, but Nanking and Chequiam afford the best. I saw four or five tea shrubs growing on the east side of Amoy, but it was in the end of September, when all the leaves were off. It is pretty like a young willow; and I was informed, that they plant once in three years, and pull all up, or cut down all that are above that growth. I was also informed, that, about the middle of June, they pulled off the first and best leaves, and about the beginning of August they had a crop of Sungloa tea, which is somewhat grosser than the first crop. Both those sorts are put under a shade to dry with the wind, and in September they strip the bush of all its leaves, and, for want of warm dry winds to cure it, are forced to lay it on warm plates of iron or copper, and keep it stirring gently, till it is dry, and that sort

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is called bohea: and I have heard others say, that some grounds will produce none but fine tea, and others again none but coarse; but they all agreed in drying the bohea on hot plates.

On the skirts of the mountains they plant their mulberry-trees for their silk-worms, and cut them down at two years growth, because the insect delights most in a tender leaf.

There are many useful trees in China that bear no fruit. Some bear beans; but of those I have seen in India, at Surat, and Bengal. One sort they have that provokes sleep; by laying some of the leaves in the bed near the patient. The iron-wood tree is commodious for making anchors for shipping. It is prodigiously strong and hard, and has natural gravity enough to sink it to the bottom of the sea.

On the mountains of Zensí, near the famous wall that divides China from Tartray, grows abundance of that valuable root rhubarb, whose use is so well known in Europe. The root genging grows also in woods there, and when the natives go in quest of it, to find it, they are forced to go in the night season, with torches in their hands, for fear of being assaulted by the wild inhabitants of the woods, such as lions, tigers, leopards, rhinoceroses, &c. of the brutal kind, besides dangerous reptiles, as serpents and snakes, which all flee from fire. I have heard of serpents thirty feet long, and five in circumference, which lurk all day in their dens, and come out in the nights, to prey on animals that lay securely in theirs.

This root genging, when dried, is like a little carrot, of a light yellow colour, and, about midway down, it branches in two, which makes the Chinese call it the man-herb. It has a sweetish taste, but, being much chewed, it seems bitterish. It is cut in shreds, and drunk with tea, and then it is esteemed a very great restorative of the animal spirits. It is exceeding hot in quality, and therefore to be avoided by those of strong constitutions. It is excellent in consumptions, and, for its several good qualities, is sold at a great price, some at three times its weight in silver; but, after it is a year old, it goes off at a shilling per ounce, because it is difficult to keep the worm out of it. Radix-china, or China-root grows in many parts of China, but the island of Aynam yields the best.

The Emperor's revenues, by report, amount to 180,000,000 of tayels, out of which he maintains fifty caloes or privy-councillors, at 100,000 tayels yearly. The princes of the blood are honoured with the government of provinces, and are allowed, out of the royal treasury, from 500,000 to 1,000,000 tayels yearly. He has fourteen provinces, wherein he maintains 80,000 soldiers in each, and each soldier is allowed 10 tayels per annum in silver, and a catty of rice, and an ounce of salt per day, which are delivered monthly out of the Emperor's granaries. In a word, I look on China to be the richest and best governed empire in the world. And so having given the best account I can of it, I steer my course to the southward among the Philippine islands, whose descriptions I take by report.

CHAP. LIV. — *Gives some Account of the Islands of Mindanoo, Luconia, Formosa, and Japon, with some remarkable Occurrences that have happened on them.*

MINDANOO is both the southernmost and easternmost of all the Philippines. It has little or no commerce with strangers, and I never heard of any European ship that went to it since Captain Swan called there in his way from Panama to India, when Captain Dampier was with him, who, no doubt, has given a good account of it in his travels: .
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and I know no more of it, but that it is divided into many small principalities, and that the sea-worm eats so greedily ship's bottoms, that in three or four months they eat quite through; and that there is abundance of rice and other provisions to be had very cheap there, and that it produces very good cassia-lignum, or bastard cinnamon. It is about 140 leagues in length, but of a very unequal breadth, having many large deep bays running into it, which afford many harbours for shipping.

Papa-goa, or little Borneo, is a very long narrow island, being 90 leagues long, and but 14 or 15 broad. It breeds the best soldiers and seamen that the Spaniards have in the Philippines, but produces nothing for exportation. The Spaniards have a fort on the north-east end of it, and so they have on the islands of Panay, Negros, Cobu, Leyte, and Samar. They are all large islands, but have no commodities for export. And Mindora, that lies close to the island Luconia, affords nothing for trade.

Luconia is the largest of all the Philippine islands, and is richest in its productions, for it affords corn, fruits, and roots in great plenty, as well as wild game and fowl. It produces gold, but of a low touch. It is not half conquered yet by the Spaniards, though they are possessed of all the sea-coast, as the Dutch are of Zealoo; and the natives lose no opportunity of cutting off their lords, the Spaniards, when they can do it without danger. They have fortified their mountains and vallies so well with thick hedges of bamboos, that the Spaniards cannot easily molest them, though they have secret ways to fall out and disturb their enemy.

The chief city in Luconia is Manhila or Manilla, the residence of the Spanish Viceroy, and the port where all the galleons that come yearly from New Spain, resort to. The harbour is spacious, commodious, and safe. They admit of trade from India and China, but not with any European nation. The Mahometans are tolerated in their religion, but not the Pagans, so that all Chinese that go there for commerce, get a little brass image hung about their neck, with a string of beads in their hands, and learning to cross themselves, cry *Jesu sancta Maria*, (for they cannot pronounce Maria, because the letter R is excluded the Chinese alphabet); I say, when they have got all those fore-named qualifications, they are good Spanish Christians.

And when they have feathered their nest by cheating the Spaniards, and taken their leave of Manilla or Manhila, at their passing by a mountain dedicated to the Virgin Mary, they throw their beads over board, and thank the Virgin for her kindness to them.

In anno 1719, there happened a mutiny in Manilla, wherein the Viceroy lost his life; and he had a son that might have saved his, but was obstinate, and would needs follow his father. It was occasioned by oppression and avarice, for the Viceroy having a mind to fill his coffers at any rate, set up a tribunal, wherein the richest merchants in the city were impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, by suborned informers. Evidences were not wanting to prove things that never were done by the innocent merchants, and on those false informations and evidences their persons were imprisoned, and their estates seized. Those that had not been prosecuted seeing their danger, carried their goods and money into the churches and convents for security, and fled into the country themselves, till the times should amend; but those places of sanctuary were violated, and when the merchants were summoned, and did not appear, their estates were confiscated, and brought out of the churches and convents by force.

The archbishop, and his army of priests, went to him, and laid the people's grievances and his own oppressions and crimes before him; but he treated them rudely, which soon put the whole city in an uproar. A cunning and bold priest of the Augustin order

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seeing the people's disposition to mutiny, took a large crucifix on his shoulder, and invited all who were true Catholick Christians to follow Jesus Christ's banner, and afford succour and assistance to Christ's persecuted flock.

The citizens came thronging after the priest and crucifix, well armed, and they marched directly to the Viceroy's palace. His guards all deserted him on sight of the priest and crucifix, and he and a few of his domestics fired some small arms, and killed some and wounded others, which so enraged the multitude, that they rushed furiously up stairs, and shot him dead. His son was governor of a castle a little way from the city, and he hearing that his father was in danger, came with his garrison to rescue him, but being killed before the assistance came, the citizens complimented him, and desired him to return to his post, for they had nothing to lay to his charge; but he refused, and swore he would be avenged on his father's murderers, and beginning to use violence on those next to him his men deserted him, and he soon fell a sacrifice to his own folly. There were above a million and a half of Spanish dollars found in his treasury, out of which those whom he had unjustly robbed were reimbursed.

It is about 120 leagues from south to north, and the south end is about 100 leagues in breadth. It breeds good, hairy, small horses, and, if it were in the hands of some industrious nation, it is able to furnish good materials to build a good commerce with; but the Spaniards are rich, lazy, and proud, and rather discourage than improve trade, or to engage the natives to be civil and industrious.

The next island of note is Formosa; but there are several small islands between it and Luconia, which belong to China, though of no great account, and because they are flat and low, they are called the Bashee Islands.

Formosa is a noble island, and produces many valuable commodities, as well for the sustenance of mankind as for pleasure and luxury. It affords plenty of gold, raw silk, fine white sugar, sugar candy, and copper finer than in China, but coarser than in Japon, and several drugs, as gallingal, China root, &c. Before the Tartars subdued it, it had kings of its own; but tributary to China. The natives differ much from the neighbouring people of China and Luconia, both in phisognomy and make. They are of a low stature, with a large head and forehead, hollow-eyed, and the cheek-bone very high, a large mouth, and a short flat chin, with little or no beard on it, long-jawed, and a small long neck, their body short and square, their arms and legs long, small and ill shaped, their feet long, and broad at the toes, and generally they are baker-kneed. The English and Dutch had their factories there; but about the year 1678, when all Fokien had submitted to the Tartars, they were ordered to withdraw their factories from Teywon, a small island close to the great one, on which their factories stood. The English obeyed, and removed over to Amoy, but the Dutch received supplies from Batavia, and endured a long siege, but were at last forced to submit, though they sold their factory and many of their men's lives pretty dear, for the Tartars lost above 5000 men in reducing it. It is now wholly under the Tartars, and the chungtock of Fokien has the superintendency of it.

When it was tributary to China, about the year 1650, there was a strange distemper raged on the island for three years together, for most of the virgins between twelve and eighteen years of age, had a trick of hanging themselves, inasmuch that very few maidens were left on the island, nor could any remedy be found to prevent it, before an old China man found one out, and addressed himself to the king, desiring him to make a trial of hanging all those that hanged themselves privately up by one leg on the sides of high-ways, for passengers to gaze on. The King took his counsel, and

hanged up some so, and in one month's time the maidens refrained from hanging, and have continued good girls ever since.

The religion of Teywon (for that is the name that the Chinese call the island of Formosa by) is purely Pagan. They all worship the sun and moon, and the stars their children. Some worship the first living thing they see in the morning, except a lizard.

Between Teywon and the coast of Fokien, lay the Piscadores Islands, so called from the great quantities of fish caught about them. There are many shallows lay a good distance off them, on which an English ship from Surat, called the Josiah, was shipwrecked in anno 1697, but all the men were saved; and on the report of a Jesuit missionary who was passenger, that he had some things on board for the Emperor, one Mr. Reynolds, the first supercargo, was forced to take a journey to Peking, who cleared himself, but brought scandal on Holy Mother Church, for forging things so palpably false; for the good father's trunk was saved, and opened by proper officers, and not one thing that he had reported to be in it, was found.

Many other islands lay along the coast of China, but of no great note, till we come to the island Chufan, which lies off the mouth of Limpoa. It first became famous in the Tartar wars; for many Chinese of note repaired thither with their families, who thought to have found a quiet retreat there, but they were mistaken, for by Coxinga from Amoy, and the Tartars continually warring thereabout, they were harassed between them, and at length a garrison of Tartars settled on it, and gave it their laws.

In anno 1700, the new East India Company of England settled a factory on Chufan, by Mr. Allan Catchpole before-mentioned; but by the oppression of the Tartar officers, and the Company's neglect of sending money sufficient to carry on their trade, Mr. Catchpole removed the factory again in the beginning of the year 1703, and carried it to Pullo-condore, as is before observed.

From the north end of Formosa, to the south end of Japon, the distance is about 220 leagues, and in the fair-way are several islands of no great account in commerce. They are most of them very high, and on one of them is a very great volcano, which continually sends forth a prodigious flame that may be seen in the night above 30 leagues distance from it.

Bungo is a province of Japon, and was honoured with the name of a kingdom, but about the year 1655 it lost its title and most of its inhabitants, for being too zealous in promoting Christianity by barbarous ways. The Portugueze found this island and Japon to be easily brought over to their notions of Christianity, and that the country abounded in gold and silver, drove a very great and advantageous trade there, for above one century of years. Nor were their priests idle in making converts; for in the space of 100 years, they profelyted 180,000 families, when at the same time, the Emperor gave great encouragement to the priests to go on in their apostleship, every one having free liberty to embrace Christianity; and had not the giddy-headed Christian priests been too zealously hot and hasty, it was believed that the Emperor himself would have become Christian; but a civil war breaking out in Japon, and the Emperor's forces much diminished, the Christian priests thought it a proper time for them to settle their religion on the same foundation that Mahomet did his, by establishing it in blood.

Their thoughts run on nothing less than extirpating the Heathen out of the land, and formed a conspiracy of raising an army of 50,000 Christians to murder their countrymen, that so the whole island might be illuminated by Christianity, such as it was there. But the Emperor, having intelligence of their holy design, thought fit to prevent them, and coming to an agreement with his rebellious Pagan subjects, discovered the common

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danger they all lay under from the Christians, and they, to secure themselves, joined their forces with the Emperor's, but lay silent till they saw where the Christians would begin their tragedy, and it was not long before they began the massacre, near a large city called Oflacca. The Emperor's army marched speedily thither to chastise their insolence, and a very bloody battle ensued, wherein the Christians had the better. The Emperor soon levied a greater army, and engaged the Christians a second time with success, and quite routed them, and never gave them time to form themselves into another army after, but followed his blow, sparing neither man, woman, or child that had been baptized, and the Pagan bouzies or priests were very good informers, so that in two years, above 300,000 persons perished by the violent zeal of bigotted priests, and an edict was published, that whatever Christian should, for the future, be found within the dominions of Japon, should be put to death without mercy.

Many new inventions were found out to torture the Christians, and the priests were the first that made trial of the exquisiteness of their pain. The poor women and virgins were torn limb from limb, by being tied to stakes placed in the ground, under the branches of large trees bended down, and their limbs being fastened to the stakes and branches, by the elasticity of the branches they were torn to pieces. Children were thrown down precipices, and dashed to pieces, and infants were drowned, and so Romish Christianity ended in Japon, with a very dismal and tragical catastrophe.

The English and Dutch at that time had their factories on a small island called Firando, that lay close to the shore of the island Bungo, and drove a very advantageous trade; but in anno 1664, when the English shipping arrived, our never-failing friends taking the advantage of our being Christians, and coming thither contrary to the edict, were in hopes to have a second part of Amboina acted at Japon. They gave information that the English were Christians, and not only so, but that our King had married the King of Portugal's sister, and had a mind to introduce the Portugueze secretly into Japon, and how dangerous that might be to their state, they knew by dear bought experience, and as an undeniable truth of our being Christians, they might see in the very colours that our ships wore, the sign of the cross. Their information had some of the desired effects, though not the cruel part. The Emperor being acquainted with the Dutch information, ordered the English to be civilly treated, their cargoes to be taken off their hands as before, and a new Japon cargo to be provided for them, in lieu of what they brought, and at the usual time to dispatch them, with strict orders for the English never to return again upon pain of death, by which fair dealings the Dutch got the sole Japon trade into their own hands, except what is carried on by the Chinese. This account I had from Captain John Bear, who was in the last English ship that traded to Japon.

The Dutch and Chinese are both limited in the numbers of their shipping that trade to Japon, the Dutch from one to four yearly, and the Chinese from ten to twenty. As soon as their ships arrive, all their crews are sent ashore to houses provided for them, and the Japonese take possession of the ship, and all that she has aboard of her; they unhinge the rudder, and send all the great guns and ammunition ashore. Each cargo is unladed and sent to the factory appointed for its factors, and there opened and re-packed before proper officers. The goods are sent away without any enquiry what they cost, or what they are content to take for them, and the officers take a memorandum of what commodities they desire in barter, and those are provided and delivered on board their ships by the middle of October, and about the beginning of November they deliver their rudder, guns, and ammunition, and are dispatched in form, to be gone without delay.

The Dutch factory is now settled at Nangesaak, on a little island close to the shore, and are there confined, without a special permission from court, either when they have a desire to go on the main island, or to remove from their factory to Batavia.

I heard of a mortifying accident that happened to the Dutch affairs in Japon, when M. Charron, a Frenchman, had the directorship of their factory. He had been several times at Jeddo and Meaco, two great cities where the Emperor keeps his court, sometimes at one or other of these places, as his fancy or affairs lead him. The Emperor took a liking to M. Charron, and often sent for him to hear the accounts he could give of Europe. Charron presuming on his favours from the Emperor, begged permission to build an house on the little island where their factory stood, on his master's account, which request the Emperor granted.

Accordingly the foundation was laid very large for an house; however the building went cheerfully on, till it grew into an handsome fortification of a regular tetragon. The Japonese being ignorant of the art of fortification, had not the least suspicion of deceit, but suffered them to finish it.

When it was finished, M. Charron advised his masters at Batavia, of the progress he had made, and desired by the next shipping to have some cannon sent him in casks filled with rubbish, such as oaccam or cotton, the casks to be well bound with iron hoops, and the heads securely fixed in, with some casks of the same make, filled with spices, which advice was accordingly followed.

When the shipping arrived, the lading was landed according to custom, but in rolling the casks, one of those that contained a brass gun, had the misfortune to have one of its heads fall out, and the cheat was by that accident discovered. This put a stop to all commerce till the Emperor's pleasure was known about this strange affair.

The Emperor forbid to interrupt the trade, but ordered their new-built house to be razed to the ground, and to send M. Charron to court, that he might expostulate the matter with him. The orders were speedily obeyed, and Charron went to court, and when brought before the Emperor, was much dejected in his looks to what he used to be formerly.

The Emperor interrogated him on the discovered cheat, and finding he had no answer sufficient to vindicate himself, the King upbraided him with abusing his kindness, and ordered a barber to be brought, who pulled poor Charron's beard out hair by hair, and then a fool's coat and cap were put on him, and he carried through the streets of Jeddo, for a ridiculous spectacle, and was sent back to his factory with orders to go off with the first ships that were ready to sail for Batavia.

The Japonese are strict observers of moral rules, and particularly in commerce, inso-much that a merchant of reputation, in his payments, puts up five, ten, or any decimal number of cupangs, which is a broad, oblong, thin piece of gold (of 20 shillings value there) into a silk bag, and putting his seal on the bag, passes current for what the seal mentions, for several generations, without so much as once looking what is in the bag; and gold is so plentiful and cheap, that a cupang of 20 shillings in Japon, passes current at Batavia for 32 shillings; and when the lion is stamped on it by the Company, it passes for 40 shillings sterling.

Their porcelain, or Japon earthenware, is finer than Chinaware, but much thicker and heavier, and the colours brighter, and it sells much dearer, either in India or Europe, than what is made in China, but their tea is not half so good. Their lackered or Japoned ware is, without any doubt, the best in the world. The best sort will hold boiling water without detriment to it, and is so hard, that I have made a full pass with a rapier against a cabinet, and there was not the least shadow of a mark to be
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seen after the pass. They abound in silks both wrought and raw, much stronger than what China produces.

Japon, with the neighbouring islands under its dominions, is about the magnitude of Great Britain. It is in length from north-east to south-west near 300 leagues, and the mean of its breadth about 160 miles. It is well peopled, and produces all things necessary for human sustenance, in great plenty. They are exact observers of justice, and rigorous in their punishing crimes.

A man of distinction, if convicted of a capital crime, the Emperor sends him a letter, that on such a day, and such an hour, he must be his own executioner, on penalty of exquisite torments, if he survives the appointed hour. So the common custom is, that the delinquent sends for his nearest and best friends to a sumptuous feast on the day set him, and after the feast is over, he shews them the Emperor's letter, and while they are reading it, he takes a dagger that he has about him for the purpose, and with it he stabs himself below the navel, and rips himself up to the breast-bone.

The inferior sort has not that honour, but are forced to be contented with hanging, beheading, or throwing over an high precipice, and for small faults, whipping and stigmatizing are common punishments.

Their houses are for the most part built of wood, but the Emperor's palaces are of marble, and covered with gilded copper. Their gilding is very durable, and can withstand all winds and weather many years. The city of Jeddo is their metropolis, and its magnitude may be guessed by a fire that happened in it about the year 1660, which consumed, in eight days that it raged, above 120,000 houses, besides above 500 temples.

Their religion is purely Pagan, and Amida is their favourite god; but he lives a great way off, for a soul is three years in continual travel before it can reach paradise, which is only the suburbs of heaven; however, when they once get thither, they are pretty sure of getting to heaven, and they live very quietly in paradise, because not one devil dares come there to disturb them.

The magotty zealots have a trick of leaping over high cliffs into the sea, in order to give their souls an easy passage to paradise, the priests giving them bills of credit to defray their charges by the way, and, no doubt, the madman pays the priest very handsomely for the bills, and those bills are so good, that I never heard of one protested and returned.

They have several other reputable gods, and every one of them has their adorers and devotees. One has three faces, and he is father of the sun, moon, and stars. Every god has his own particular paradise, but none are nearer than three years journey. Some of their zealots cut their own throats to get an easy passage, and others hang themselves.

They carry their idols in procession on horseback, with instrumental and vocal music to entertain them. They make many feasts and sacrifices to their idols, but they are only fed with the smoke, the votaries eat up the meat.

No Japonese dares leave his country, and if he does he never must return. They are so wedded to their own customs and opinions, and so jealous of having new or foreign customs introduced, that they will not send embassies to other Kings or states, or suffer their merchants to have commerce out of their own dominions; only they send some small jonks or vessels in the summer time, over to the land of Eso, about 50 leagues from the north end of Japon, and I have heard say, that they bring much gold from thence; but whether that country is a part of their dominions or no, I never could get

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information; but it is reported, that the natives of Efo are lusty, robust, and uncivilized, but speak the Japon language.

I also heard that when De Heer Matfuiker was general of Batavia, he sent four houlkers to make discoveries of the countries to the northward and to the westward of Japon, one of which was shipwrecked on the coast of Corea, and another on the northward coast of Japon. The other two had been on the coast of Efo, but could not converse with the natives. She that was lost on Japon had most of her men saved, and were kindly entertained, and sent to their factory: and twelve of the other's crew that was lost on Corea, got ashore, and were detained prisoners. Nine of them died in sixteen years, and three were sent in company with a Corean ambassador to Peking. Those three professed themselves to be good Catholics, and the church at Peking got them passage for Canton, where they met with opportunities to get passage for Batavia. And now having made my observations on all the maritime coasts and cities between Cape Bona Esperanza and Japon, I conclude, and bid you adieu.

A TABLE OF WEIGHTS, MEASURES, AND COINS USED IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE EAST INDIES.

Weights used in Mocha for gross Goods.

1 Cafilla is	-	-	16 Kerrats
1 Vakea	-	-	10 Cafillas
1 Maund	-	-	40 Vakeas
1 Frafella	-	-	10 Maunds
1 Bahaar	-	-	15 Frafellas.

N. B. A frafella is 29½ lbs. avoirdupois.

The Banyan Weight.

1 Rotulla is	-	-	15 Vakeas
1 Maund	-	-	2 Rotullas
1 Frafella	-	-	26½ Rotullas
1 Bahaar	-	-	400 Rotullas.

Magiet, a Root for dyeing, is weighed.

1 Vazena is	-	-	14 Frafella
1 Bale	-	-	13½ Vazenas.

Ambergrease Weight.

1 Bea is	-	-	1½ Vakea
1 Vakea	-	-	9 Zequeen weight.

N. B. 1 vakea is equal to 21 pennyweights Troy.

For Agala Wood, which is much used in Arabia for Perfumes.

41 Vakeas is a Maund, equal to 3 lbs. Troy weight.

The Gold and Silver Weight.

1 Dollar weight is	-	-	22 Dab
1 Zequeen weight	-	-	56 Grains.

The coin current is the cammasie, which is heightened and lowered at the sheriff's or banker's discretion, from 50 to 80 for a current dollar, which is but an imaginary species, being always reckoned 21½ per cent. lower than Spanish dollars.

The Grain at Moha is measured by the Tomdan, which is 40 Kella.

1 Kella is - - 4 Rotullas.

Weights used in Persia.

1 Maund Taverize is - - 6½ lb. avoirdupois
 1 — Capaar - - - 9½
 1 — Shaah - - - 13½

Their Current Coins.

1 Shahee is - - - 10 Gaaz or Cosbegs
 1 Mamoody - - - 2 Shahees
 1 Abashee - - - 2 Mamoodies
 1 Tomaan - - - 50 Abashees,

in value 3l. 2s. 6d. sterling.

Their Pearl Weights.

1 Miscal is - - - 24 Kerracks
 1 Kerrack - - - 4 Grains,
 or 3 Abashee weight
 6 Miscal - - - 1 Ounce Troy.

The Prices current for Pearl at Cong in Persia, anno 1715.

Abashee Weight.	Price in Mamoodies.
1	1
2	6
3	12
4	from 20 to 30
5	40 to 50
6	70 to 80
7	90 to 100
8	120 to 150
9	160 to 200
10	220 to 250
11	280 to 320
12	400
13	700
14	1100
15	1600
18	2200
21	2500 to 3000.

Weights used in Bassora.

1 Miscal is - - - 1½ Derhams
 1 Vakea - - - 500 Do.
 1 Maund-Bassora - - 24 Vakea
 3 Maund-attarie - - 1 Maund-Bassora.
 N. B. A maund-attarie is 27½ lb. avoirdupois.

Bagdat Weights are sometimes used in Bassora.

1 Vakea is - - - 400 Derhams
 1 Maund-attarie - - 10 Vakea
 1 Maund-agdat - - 6 Vakea..

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Species of coins current in Bassora and Bagdat.

1 Derham is	-	10	Fluce
1 Mamoodie	from 10 to 12	Derhams	
1 Abashee-Bassora	-	1½	Mamoodies
1 Croush	-	4½	Do.
1 Lyon Dollar	-	7	Do.
1 Spanish ditto	from 9 to	9½	Do.
1 Zeequeen	from 16 to	16½	Do.
1 German Ducat	-	15½	Do.

A Bassora tomaan 75, and a Bagdat tomaan 100 ditto.

Weights used at Sindy.

The common weight is 40 sear to the maund-pucah, 75lbs. avoirdupois, but for elephant's teeth, 84lbs. ditto.

Of the Weights in Use at Surat.

The gros weight is 20 great pice, or 32 small to a sear.

40 Sear is	-	1	Maund
20 Maund	-	1	Candy.

Amber and Coral Weights.

1 Sear is 18 Pice, or	-	35	Tolla weight
1 Tolla	-	32	Valls.

Diamond Weight.

1 Rutty is	-	3½	Grains English
1 Vall	-	3	Rutties
1 Tank	-	8	Valls
1 Tolla	-	32	Ditto
1 Mifcal	-	1½	Tank
1 Kerrack	-	3	Grains.

The Current Money in Surat.

Bitter almonds go 32 to a pice.

1 Annoe is	-	4	Pice
1 Rupee	-	16	Annoes.

The price of gold rises and falls, according to the plenty or scarcity of silver.

The Rupces current in Payments are

The Chillany always the same.

The Hundera ½ per cent. less.

The Harfanna and

The Magarie from 1 to 2 per cent. less.

Weights in use at Bombay.

1 Sear is	-	10½	Oz. avoirdupois
1 Maund	-	40	Sear
1 Candy	-	20	Maund.

Their Accounts are kept by Rayes and Rupees.

1 Rupee is	-	400	Rayes.
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But there are several other species of money current there, as zerephins, larees, and fedecs.

Decan Weights are equal to Bombay Weights, but for Silver and Gold,

1 Ickery Pagoada is	-	48 Jettals
1 Darwary Pagoado	-	33 Ditto.

An ickery pagoada formerly was reckoned at $3\frac{1}{2}$ rupees, or 8s. 3d. sterling, but now they are reduced below 3 rupees.

Goa Weights are

24 Rotullas to	-	-	1 Maund
20 Maunds is	-	-	1 Candil of 520lb. avoirdupois.

Their Coin.

1 Vintin	-	-	15 Budgeroocks
1 Tango	-	-	5 Vintins
1 Xerephin, or Pardo	-	-	5 Tangos
1 Gold St. Thomae	-	-	5 Xerephins.

But they keep their accounts in rayes.

Calecut Weights are

The Maund of 28lb. avoirdupois.
20 Maunds to a Candy.

The Coins are

10 Tar to a Fanam.
4½ Fanams to a Rupee.

But most sorts of foreign money pass there in payments as the bankers value them. All the coasts of Malabar and Chormondel use near the same weights with Calecut. Orix and Bengal have the Puckah weight, fully weighed by the natives at 80 to 84lbs. to a maund, but the English Factory weight is but 75lbs.

Their Current Money and Coins are

80 Couries to a Poan.
32 to 36 Poans to a Rupee current.

But 1 Secca rupee is 11 per cent. better than current.
A Surat rupee 9 per cent.
An Harfanna rupee 8 per cent..
A Piet rupee 5 per cent.

In Bengal their Accounts are kept in Picc.

12 to an Annoe
16 Annoes to a Rupee.

Pegu Weight.

1 Viece is	-	-	39 Oz. Troy
or 1 Viece	-	-	100 Teculs
140 Viece	-	-	a Bahaar.

The Bahaar is 3 Pecul China.

Atcheen Weights.

1 Catty is 20 Bankaals, or 29 Oz. Avoirdupois.
1 Bankaal is 3 Tolla 18 Vall Surat.

Their Coin is

From 12 to 1600 Cash to 1 Macie, 16 Macies is 1 Tayel, valued at 18s. sterling, but in Accounts reckoned commonly at 11.

The Atcheen and China weights are used on Sumatra, Java, &c. islands, among the natives, and in the dominions of Johore.

Siam Weights and Coin have the same Denomination.

1 Miam is	-	-	2 Foads
1 Tecul	-	-	4 Miams
1 Cattee	-	-	80 Teculs
1 Pecul	-	-	100 Cattees,
			or 133lb. Avoirdupois.

The cattee and pecul are used in Cambodia, Couchin-China, Tonquin, China and Japon, not differing above 2 per cent. in all those countries.

On Sumatra pepper is sold by the bahaar; but on Java, Borneo and Johore it is sold by the 100 gantams, a gantam being a certain wooden measure that contains about 4lb. 5oz. avoirdupois; and I have bought 100 gantams in Johore for 11 macies, or 1l. 18s. 6d. sterling.

On Java and Malacca, and in Siam, rice is sold by the quoins of 40 peculs; but in Johore and Cambodia 32 peculs.

In Malacca Dutch coins pass, and Spanish dollars also: according to their plenty or scarcity they are in value, but the medium is 25 per cent. better than Dutch.

In Johore their macie is a gold coin, in value about 3s. 6d. sterling, and the coupang is one fourth of a macie.

In Siam a tecul is in value about 3s. sterling, and they are divided into maims and foads, all superfine silver.

In Cambodia their only coin is galls, a small piece of coarse silver with characters on one side. Its value 4d. sterling.

I never saw any Couchin-China or Tonquin coins, so I can say nothing of them.

China has only peties of coin, being a small piece of coarse brass cast round, with characters on each side, and a four square hole in the middle. They rise and fall often, but accounts are kept in tayels, macies and condereens; 10 condereens to a macie, and 10 macies to a tayel.

A DISCOVERY OF TWO FOREIGN SECTS IN THE EAST INDIES,

NAMELY,

The Sect of the BANIANs, the ancient Natives of India, and the Sect of the PERSEES, the ancient Inhabitants of Persia: together with the Religion and Manners of each Sect.— In two Parts.

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A DISCOVERY OF THE BANIAN RELIGION.

THE INTRODUCTION.

HAVING by God's providence (who swayeth us as it pleaseth him to our several places of being), gained a charge of souls in the adventure of the Honourable Company of Merchants trading to the East Indies: it happened that I was transferred from my charge aboard the ship to reside in their prime factory in Guzzarat in a place called Surrat, with the president over their affairs in that place, Mr. Thomas Kerridge; where, according to the busy observance of travellers inquiring what novelty the place might produce, a people presented themselves to mine eyes, cloathed in linen garments, somewhat low descending, of a gesture and garb as I may say, maidenly and well nigh effeminate; of a countenance shy and somewhat estranged, yet smiling out a glossed and bashful civility, whose use in the Company's affairs occasioned their presence there.

Truth to say, mine eyes unacquainted with such objects, took up their wonder and gazed; and this admiration, the badge of a fresh traveller, bred in me the importunity of a questioner. I asked what manner of people those were so strangely notable, and notably strange? Reply was made they were Banians, a people foreign to the knowledge of the Christian world; their religion, rites and customs, sparingly treated of by any, and they no less reserved in the publication of them: but some opinions they derived from the philosopher Pythagoras touching transmigration of souls. It was thought the novelty would make the discovery thereof grateful and acceptable to some of our countrymen: that some of my predecessors had been scrupulous to bring this religion to light; but whether deterred with the fictions and chimeras wherewith Banian writings abound, that might make it unworthy of acceptance, or the shyness of the Bramins, who will scarce admit a stranger conversation, the work was left to him that would make a pass through these impediments.

The president, Mr. Thomas Kerridge, was urgent with me to redeem their omissions, and to see if I could work somewhat out of this forsaken subject. The truth was, I was willing to earnest his love to me by this injunction, who, to give this undertaking the better promotion, interested himself in the work, by mediating my acquaintance with the Bramins, whose eminence of place was an attractive to draw on this discovery and manifestation.

I that thought my observance would be well took, if I could present my countrymen with any thing new from these foreign parts, begun my work, and essayed to fetch ma-

* From Churchill's Collection, vol. vi. p. 313.

terials for the same out of their manuscripts, and by renewed access, with the help of interpreters, made my collection out of a book of theirs called the Shalter, which is to them as their bible, containing the grounds of their religion in a written word.

If any therefore be affected to peruse or revise the religion, rites, and customs of the said Banians, leaving out for the most part such prodigious fictions as seem independent on sense and reason, here they shall meet with the best essence and ground of this sect, digested into such a form as shall best clear the knowledge thereof, and such as I presume never had a like discovery by any yet in the press. So handfessing the readers with as good hopes as may be expected from a subject of this nature, I refer them to the proof of the following chapters.

CHAP. I. — *Of God; the Creation of the World; the Creation of the first Man and Woman, and the Progeny from them descending, as it is by the Banians delivered.*

THE great God (say the Banians) being alone, bethought himself how he might make his excellency and power manifest to others; for his great virtue, had been obscured and hid, if it had not been communicated to his creatures. What means might then be better to give evidence of both these, than the creation of a world and creatures therein?

For this cause the Almighty consulted with himself about the making of this great work, which men call the world or universe; and, as the ancients (say they) have delivered, the Lord made four elements as the ground work of this mighty frame, to wit, earth, air, fire, and water; which four elements were at first all mingled together in a confusion, but the Almighty separated them in manner following.

First, it is delivered, that, by some great cane or like instrument, he blew upon the waters, which arose into a bubble, of a round form like an egg, which, spreading itself further and further, made the firmament so clear and transparent which now compasseth the world about.

After this there remaining the earth as the sediment of the waters, and some liquid substance with the same; the Lord made of both these together a thing round like a ball, which he called the lower world, the more solid part whereof became the earth, the more liquid the seas; both which making one globe, he by a great noise or humming sound, placed them in the midst of the firmament, which became equi-distant from it on every side.

Then he created a sun and moon in the firmament to distinguish the times and seasons; and thus these four elements that were at first mixed together, became separate and assigned to their several places; the air to his place, the earth to his place, the water to his place, and the fire to his place.

These elements thus disposed, each of them discharged his several parts; the air filled up whatsoever was empty, the fire began to nourish with his heat, the earth brought forth his living creatures, and the sea his. And the Lord conveyed to these a seminal virtue that they might be fruitful in their several operations; and thus the great world was created.

This world as it had his beginning from four elements, so it was measured by four main points of the compass, east, west, north, and south; and was to be continued for four ages, and to be peopled by four casts or sorts of men, which were married to four women appointed for them, of which we shall speak as order may give occasion.

God having thus made the world and the creatures thereto belonging, then God created man, as a creature more worthy than the rest, and one that might be most capable

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pable of the works of God. The earth then did at God's voice and command render this creature from his bowels, his head first appearing and after that his body, with all the parts and members of the same into whom God conveyed life, which as soon as he had received, witnessed itself; for colour began to shew itself red in his lips, his eyelids began to disclose the two lights of nature, the parts of his body betrayed their motion, and his understanding being informed, he acknowledged his maker and gave him worship.

That this creature might not be alone who was made by nature sociable, God seconded him with a companion, which was woman, to whom not so much the outward shape as the likeness of the mind and disposition seemed agreeing: And the first man's name was Pourous, and the woman's name was Parcountee, and they lived conjoined together as man and wife, feeding on the fruits of the earth, without the destruction of any living creature.

These two living in this conjunction had four sons; the first was called Brammon, the second Cuttery, the third Shuddery, the fourth Wyfe. These four brethren were of natures distinct each from the other, the four elements claiming in each of them a different predominance: for Brammon was of an earthly constitution, and therefore melancholy; and Cuttery was of a fiery constitution, and therefore of a martial spirit; Shuddery was of a phlegmatic constitution, and therefore of a peaceable or conversable disposition; Wyfe was of an airy temper, and therefore full of contrivements and inventions.

And because Brammon was of a melancholy constitution and ingenious, God endued him with knowledge, and appointed him to impart his precepts and laws unto the people; his grave and serious look best fitting him for such a purpose; for which cause he gave him a book containing the form of divine worship and religion.

And because Cuttery was of a martial temper, God gave him power to sway kingdoms with the scepter, and to bring men into order, that the weal-publick might thrive by united endeavours for the common good; as an emblem of which the Almighty put a sword into his hand, the instrument of victory and domination.

And because Shuddery was of a nature mild and conversable, it was thought meet that he should be a merchant, to enrich the commonwealth by traffick, that so every place might abound with all things by the use of shipping and navigation. As a monitor to put him in mind of which course of life, he had a pair of balances put into his hand, and a bag of weights hung at his girdle, instruments most accommodate to his profession.

Lastly, because Wyfe was of an airy temper, whose conceits use to be more subtle and apprehensive, he was endowed with admirable inventions, and was able by his first thoughts to form any thing that belonged to the mechanick or handicrafts man: for which purpose he had a bag of tools or instruments, consisting of such variety as were necessary to effectuate the works of his fancy or conceit.

Thus, you have the first man and woman, and the progeny from them descending according to Banians tradition; and a world to be raised of so few, the persons (as they think) could not be better fitted to the same, the whole world being well considered, consisting of and subsisting by such four kinds of men.

The world began in this maiden purity, that the generations of men might not be derived from a polluted beginning of mankind: the Almighty gave not Pourous and Parcountee any daughters, lest some of these four sons, preferring the need of propagation before piety and religion, should have deflowered their sisters, and have blemished the world with impurity: but providing better for this holiness and sanctity of our ancestors,

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that the work of generation might be agreeable to the work of creation, God made four women for these four men, and placed them at the four winds, one at the east, another at the west, a third at the north, and a fourth at the south; that thus being divided, there might be a better means for the spreading of their generations over the face of the earth: with which four women, how the four sons of the first man met, shall be understood in the sequel of the several stories in the chapters following.

CHAP. II. — *Of Brammon, the eldest Son of Pourous; his Travels towards the East; he meeteth with the Woman appointed for him; the Passages that happened in their Accest; their Marriage, and peopling of the East.*

THIS eldest son of the first man, called Brammon, grew in stature and had the pre-eminence of his birth, both in place and in respect, above the rest of his brethren; as also in regard of his near relation to God in religious services, was highly honoured of his brethren and was an instructor unto them; and the Almighty communicated himself to him in presence and vision. He gave himself therefore much to reading, and conversed with the book that God gave him containing the platform of divine worship.

Being therefore grown to man's age, and (as it should appear by circumstances) man being created in the midst of the earth, in some pleasant place where the sun at high noon deprived substances of their shadows, (for it was fit that man should be produced out of such a place as might be the navel of the world), God, who would now disperse the brethren from the centre, as it were, to the circumference, for propagation, commanded Brammon to take his book in his hand, wherein was written the divine law, and to direct his journey towards the rising of the sun in the east.

As soon as that glorious light of heaven had discovered his splendour from the tops of the mountains, he took his journey that way (for the east being the most noble part of the world it was likely that had the pre-eminence in plantation) until he arrived at a goodly mountain, before the proud face whereof lay prostrate a valley, through which there passed a brook, in the descent of which there appeared a woman satisfying her thirst from the streams of the river, and they were both naked, innocence not being then ashamed to publish her retirements and privacies, nor having faulted so much with those immodest parts, as to need a shroud to veil them from the sight. This woman was of hair black, of complexion yellowish or saffrony, as on whose face the sun had too freely cast his beams, the remembrance of whose heat was too surely conserved in her countenance. She was indifferently sized, whose pitch could neither challenge the name of lowness or high stature; modest was her aspect, and her eyes indexes of so melancholy soberness, and composed looks, as if she seemed sampled for him that met her.

But her eyes unaccustomed to view such an object as was before her, having never seen a creature of proportion like herself, betwixt wonder and shame, she was uncertain whether she should fly, or please her sight with such a vision. But Brammon no less abashed at such intrusion, which by retiring he could not well shun, with a downcast countenance suppressed with shame, they both aboad one another's presence, with tongue-tied silence; whose backwardness gave encouragement to the woman to question the cause of his coming thither; who answered, that by the command of him who had made the world, him, her, and all creatures visible, together with the light that gave them the comforts of their meeting, he was sent thither. The woman, to whom God had given that understanding, to be capable of the properness of his speech, and inquiring further into this accident, said, that there was an agreement in their likeness and composition, that declared they had one maker: that it may be, he that had made

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then, and had his ends in their disposal, had thus brought them together, that some nearer bond might make them inseparable from each other's society; and casting her eye upon the book that Brammon bare in his hand, asked what it was? who acquainting her with the contents thereof, was desired to sit down, and communicate the religious counsels of the same unto her, whereunto he condescended: and being both persuaded that God had a hand in this their meeting, they took counsel together from this book to bind themselves together in the inviolable bond of marriage, and with the courtesies interceding betwixt man and wife, were lodged in one another's bosom; for joy whereof the sun put on his nuptial lustre, and looked brighter than ordinary, causing the season to shine on them with golden joy; and the silver moon welcomed the evening of their repose, whilst music from heaven (as if God's purpose in them had been determinate) sent forth a pleasing sound, such as useth to fleet from the loud trumpet, together with the noise of the triumphant drum. Thus, proving the effects of generation together, they had fruitful issue, and so peopled the east, and the woman's name was Sauatree.

CHAP. III. — *Of Cuttery, the second Son of Pourous; his Travels and the Meeting he had with the Woman appointed for him; their Conflict, Appeasement, Conjunction, and the peopling of the West by them.*

SUCCESSIVELY the second brother Cuttery was by the Almighty consigned to the west, about the charge of making men; so taking the sword in his hand that God had given him, the instrument on whose edge lay the hopes of a kingdom, rousing up his courage, which hitherto wanted occasion of exercise, from the heart and bosom of the earth, in which his youth had conversed, he turned his back on the rising sun every morning, whose swifter course overtook him, and every day in his decline presented himself in his setting glory before him. As he thus travelled towards the west he chafed with himself as he passed along, that no adventure presented itself that might provoke him to give a probate of his courage, wishing that an army of men, or a troop of wild beasts, would oppose him, that he might strew the surface of the earth with dead carcases, and give the fowls of heaven flesh to feed on. And not knowing to what purpose God had directed him to bend his course that way, as only sensible of his own heroic stomach, he said, "To what end hath God infused such magnanimity into my breast, if it shall want a subject whereon to work my glory and renown? Shall I lose the end of my creation? God forbid.

Thus carried on with the hopes of some adventure, he intended that whatsoever should oppose him, should have the sense of his fury; when being come to a mountain, whose height might make things far visible to the eye, he might perceive a creature of goodly personage, like himself, stalking forward with a martial step, no less slow than majestic in pace; which two approaching, as desirous to make an experiment of each other's fortitude, upon their meeting together, it appeared to be a woman, whose tresses in a comely fertility hung down by her shoulders, which, by motion of the air, turned into a careless disorder; every blast that made an alteration in the same, gave a new grace to her excellent person, and made her presence more full of majesty. In her right hand she bare a chuckery, which is an instrument of a round form, and sharp edged in the superices thereof, so accommodate for offence, that by a hole in the midst thereof, being whirled about the finger and slung off in the quickness of its motion, it is able to deliver or convey death to a far remote enemy. Courage displayed his
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banner in her countenance, and majestic fury sparkled in her eyes, bearing witness how much she thirsted after conquest; and the woman's name was Toddicaftree.

In the first encounter she made her chuckery bear the message of her displeasure, giving entertainment with the instrument of battle, which was such as Cuttery expected; and no kinder behaviour did he intend to proffer, as preferring the harsh effects of violence, before the mollifying power of beauty. With this hard greeting did they pass the first day, giving wounds on each side, she with her chuckery, he with his sword; both being much spent in the conflict, and often breathing when extremity of exercise had languished their powers, they renewed their battle by fresh aggression and onset, till darkness did prohibit the use of arms, leaving the first day as an indifferent arbiter of the battle, neither of them able to boast of advantage.

The light of the next day inviting them to a new experiment of valour, they accost one another, renewing the remembrance of their injuries with second attempts of violence: the day well near spent in fight, Cuttery gaining some advantage with his sword hewed her chuckery in two pieces; but favourable darkness, looking with a partial eye on the battle and patronizing the disadvantage, shaded the woman with her broken instrument from the pursuer; by the benefit of which intermission she converted her broken chuckery into a bow, having provided arrows, to requite the force of the adversary by this new stratagem, who was now big with the hopes of her overthrow.

The light being the best herald they had to call them to battle, a third time they met, hopeful to conclude this strange duel or single combat, which urged on her side by her new invented instrument, and on his by the thought of former advantage gained, made the assault more vehement; making therefore her enemy the butt into which she meant to transfix her pointed shafts, she freshly encountered him. But he, perceiving her advantage, whose power was to wound far off, and his injuries were most forcible in little distance, exposing himself to greater peril, that he might be owner of a better advantage, drew nearer, and in a close, exchanging the loss of weapons for hand violence, they thus proved their forces together, weariness having abated their vigours so equally, that neither of them was so strong to overcome, nor so weak to yield, the balance of victory so justly poised between them, as inclined with partiality to neither, it was fit the tongue should conclude that war, that the power of the hand was no longer able to prosecute.

Hereupon in this doubtful strife, Cuttery having seized her by the tresses of her hair to bring her to bondage; and exercise having put a fresh and lively colour into her cheeks, such as in Cuttery's eyes made her rather seem lively, than one to be injured, he said, "Oh thou wonder of living creatures for strength and beauty! why should fury manage so strange a contention between us two? If I should in this combat have slain thee, I should have cursed this right hand, for bearing an instrument to ruin so goodly a proportion; and if thou hadst slain me, thou shouldst but have laboured with anguish of soul for thine own discontents and discomforts, who knowest not what pleasure thou mayest reap by my society. Why should one excellent creature seek the ruin of another? Will there not be one the less? And thy being will be nothing augmented by my disannulment. Did God to this end confer boldness on us to make it the cause of one another's perdition, who are both worthy of preservation? Surely courage in thee shall be nothing impaired by my friendship and aid; but united virtues make most powerful assaults, and are best muniments against injury. Besides, the world, now an infant, and of short standing, ought rather by all means to have her issue multiplied, than impaired or diminished. Especially self-love binds us to study our own preservations; to which since unity did best confer, he would not follow the humour of his high spirit,

to seek glory so wickedly and unworthily, if he might purchase that peace he sought by any reasonable concession."

The woman, attentive to the motion, prosecuted with so fair a carriage, after some pause of silence, and dejection of countenance that gave consent to bashfulness, replied, that though the marks of his violence were before her eyes, whose anguish were sufficient to maintain the fuel of further passion, yet in that which he had felt trial of like rage, had first broke off violence, she gave so good an ear to the motion as the short time of desisting might permit; affirming, that she was so far content to suspend such passages, as he, continuing that peaceful treaty, should make his company acceptable, otherwise to renew the same violence, as she found just occasion of provocation.

Thus, with plighted hands, the form of their new-made amity, they became of intestine enemies reconciled and amorous friends, till prompt and intelligent nature, apprehensive of her own ends, through some longer conversation together, made them prove the difference of their sex, from whom plentiful generations were descended, indued with the fortitude of such as are truly warlike. And thus the west came to be peopled from these two, from whose enmities love wrought so perfect and unexpected agreement.

CHAP. IV. — *Of Shuddery, the third Son of Pourous; his Travels: he findeth a Mine of Diamonds; meeteth the Woman appointed for him; they become conjoined together; and by their Issue the North is peopled.*

The third son, Shuddery, which was the merchant-man, according to his time and age, was sent to the north, who taking his balance and weights with him, the instruments by whose justice he was to buy and sell, tended him whither the Almighty had directed him. Having passed on some part of his way (as busy nature loves to be in employment), he desired he might meet with some affair or business suiting with his trafficking disposition.

And being come to a goodly mountain, called Stachalla, there fell immoderate and excessive rains, he sheltering himself in some hollow place of the mountain till the foul weather was passed; upon which there followed a clearness of the skies; but such a deluge succeeded upon the fall of those waters, that his journey was prohibited; for the rivers, not able to contain the streams, that had in rolling currents from the tops of the steep mountains devolved into their channels below, began to make breaches in their banks; and returning their burthen into the lower grounds, had turned the valley of Stachalla into a broad river unpassable. Shuddery therefore rested in the hollow of this mountain till the weather might be more propitious to his travel intended; when in some days the fair weather had made the thirsty earth to drink up part of the water, the sun, to dry up the other part, and some were left to inherit the lower grounds, so that the way being free for him over the valley, he passed on; but in the bottom of the valley he found certain pearl-shells that had their precious treasure within; which dividing to be made capable of their contents, he found in them that which contented his eyes with their shining, and promised in their beauties something worth the prizing and preservation, (though he was as yet altogether ignorant of their worth and value): so folding them up, he renewed his travel, till he came to a mountain on the other side of the valley, where the mountain, he, and dark night, met all together.

But as if the pearls had but borne the message to him of a greater fortune, a rock or mine of diamonds discovered itself to his sight, which the late washing of the waters had been as a midwife to bring to light, as if it had been unfit for great riches should

be treasured up in darkness, in the arms of so coarse an element ; which mine taking advantage by the darkness of the heavens, the better to set off his sparkling lustre, seemed to invite Shuddery to come and take knowledge of its admirable shining ; who supposing it to be fire, began to move the loose sparkles of the fame, but perceiving their glory nothing to decrease by their motion, grew enkindled with a great desire to prove the strangeness of the accident, by the touching of his finger ; but the darkness, and his unacquaintance with the thing, rather begetting admiration than right information of his knowledge (since it had the light of fire, but wanted the heat), he was content with a patient abode to await the day's light to give him better instruction concerning these mysteries ; which no sooner appeared, but these diamonds concealed their glory, affording only a waterish coloured beauty to the eye. The disannulment of this lustre amazed him as much as the presentation thereof made him admire ; but desirous to have this excellency made known to mankind, that seemed so wonderful to himself, he carried so great a quantity of the diamonds with him, as might be no impediment to him in the bearing, taking a remarkable observation of the place, that he might thereunto repair upon better proof of the diamonds excellence and worth.

Thus Shuddery continuing his progress forward, at last arrived where the woman to which he was sent, was wandering by the side of a wood, close adjoining whereunto was an even plain, through which he made his path ; of whom, when his eyes had gained sight, and that she presented a person formed like himself, he diverted from his way towards her, to gain more perfect knowledge of her ; she no less filled with wonder and desire in the view of him, yet sometimes possessed with fear, sometimes with joy, sometimes with shame, in the variety of passions purposing many things, but really prosecuting nothing. Shuddery at length accosted her, whose approach she received doubtfully, as if she sought a means of evasion into the wood ; at which he said, "Oh, thou worthy creature, most like unto myself, fly me not ; who hast cause to love me, because I resemble thee ; shun not the conversation of him, that followeth thee not to give thee displeasure, but that he might enjoy thy society ; things that have resemblance in shape should embrace consorship."

The woman then, whose name was Visagundah, perceiving by the slowness of his pace, that he rather seemed to be a suer to her, than a pursuer of her, by the retardment of her flight witnessing her contentment to stay, if she might presume of her safety, thus replied to his words, That if she could as much presume of his good usage, as she was contented to behold him, she would grant his request ; who giving her assurance thereof, they entertained conference with each other, she moving the question how it might be that they two could be capable of one another's language, having never before seen each other. He made answer, that that God that had made them like in bodies, had also made them like in languages, that they might receive the comfort of one another's speeches, and be acquainted with one another's thoughts, without which, conversation should lose the greatest part of his comfort.

So receiving stronger gages of each other's love, they continued together, he not unmindful to impart the fortunes of his travels in finding of pearls and diamonds, where-with he adorned her, till they in future times became a customary ornament, as also acquainting her with the works of the creation, together with his parents and brethren ; they proved the comforts of the conjoined state ; from whom a generation descended, that became merchant-men, and followed Shuddery's profession, who, with some of his sons, did afterwards travel to the mine of diamonds by him discovered, and stored themselves with them, which ever since have been merchandize of dear estimation ; and thus the north became inhabited.

CHAP. V. — *Of Wyse, the fourth Son of Pourous; his Travels over seven Seas; his Architecture; he meeteth with the Woman appointed; his Relations touching Religion; Consummation of Love with the Woman; and their peopling of the South.*

Then Wyse, the youngest of the four brethren, went to the north, having instruments necessary with him to effectuate any thing that his well conceited invention could find out: therefore whatsoever was convenient for man's use, he had a brain to think and contrive, that so the needs of the world might be served by the devises of his ingenious fancy or conceit. Thus, he became the original of the handicrafts; for he knew how to rear the buildings of towns, cities or castles; to set, plant, and till the ground; how to make all things needful for the use of man; which various disposition of his to meditate things for man's convenience gave him the name of Viskermah, which is as much as the handfman, because he could do any thing to be done by the hand.

Being indued with a genius fit for plantations, he (directed by God, travelled towards the south, where he met with seven seas, all which he passed over, framing a vessel for his convoy, and leaving in every place testimonies of his ingenuity: and passing over the last called Pashcurbatee, he came to the land called Derpe; there by the sea side he built him a fair house of such timber as grew by the place, having engines of art to rear up timber. Thus, having made a comely habitation, with rooms lightsome, and broad terraces or roofs aloft, for pleasure and prospect delightful; where he might sometimes please his eyes with the rolling sea, which, with renewed assaults, smote against the banks of the shore; and directing his sight the other way, might behold the pleasant woods and fields: he thus for a time solaced himself after tedious travel.

But not long had he took such comfort as his solitary condition could afford him, but the woman appointed for him wandering through the woods to the sea side, and passing along the shore thereof, set her eyes upon this new edifice; and having never beheld any before, the rarity of it drew her nearer to satisfy her admiration with the views of the same; on whom Wyse chancing to cast his eye as she thus came to look on his habitation, he descended to take a fuller contemplation of her beauty, whose feature deserved his better notice; for she was of a body amiably white, and her tresses were scattered with powdered founders, and other odours, the scent of which the blasts of the wind dispersed in such a manner, that he became partaker of them by his approach, which enkindled his senses with new desires to be nearer her, who at such distance gave him a smell of so great sweetness; whose approach struck her into a blush, but her shame giving place, she moved the question to him, how he came to that place where she only had lived, to interrupt her in her free walks and wanderings? He made answer, that God the maker of light, that makes all objects visible, had sent him thither to admire her excellency, which was so rare, that it was not fit it should be shaded in a place so solitary, but had reserved it as a blessing for his eyes to view and admire; and because it was pity desolation and loneliness should be a wafter of such loveliness, he had, with hazard of his life, adventured over seven seas, to be blest with the enjoyment thereof, a labour and travel worthy of so rich a recompence, and a worthy recompence and satisfaction for such a labour; intreated her therefore to accept of such a blessing as God had provided for her by his society.

But she, that could not be brought to think of a course of life different from her former, told him, that in his absence, she found no need of his presence, neither did she at that present stand inclined to accept of his motion; that therefore he would leave her to the liberty of her own free dispose. He, loth to lose the happiness of his eyes, importuned

her to view the rooms of his building, as if he meant to woo her with the fair works of his hands: but she, taking his importunity in evil part, told him, that if he desired her not to shun the place, he would dismiss her freely. So turning from him with some displeasure, because she was by him unwillingly detained, she fled from him with coy distaste, he almost expiring with the sadness of her departure, whose presence he could not purchase, and his pleasure therein, without her anger.

She having robbed his eyes of that sight, that they would never willingly have lost, he committed himself to the rack of pensive meditations, broke the quiet slumber of repose, thinking darkness unfavourable to him that suspended and prorogued the cheerful day from his appearance, in which he might renew his visitations of her. So traversing the woods to and fro, he at last came into a valley, where he found her cropping the flowers, and gratifying her senses with their several odours; on whom intruding ere she well perceived, he said, "Oh, sweeter than all flowers or scents that the field can boast of, whose loveliness hath drawn me to make a proffer of new kindness, fly me not, who hast had a former trial of my behaviour towards thee!" So bearing with his presence, he took occasion to make known to her the creation of the world, and the parents from whom he was descended, the dispersing of his brethren into the several parts of the world, the hardships and hazard of his voyages, the qualities with which he was indued, and the several monuments of his art which he had left in the places where he had been. Further, he conceived that the power above had not prompted him, with the jeopardy of a thousand lives, to cut a path through seven rugged seas in a floating habitation, but even to that end that the bitterness of all those evils might be sweetened by his enjoyment of her.

She, desirous to break off this speech, as ungrateful to her ears, turned back this discourse, desiring him to take his contentments elsewhere than in quest of her; that if she could prevail with him in any request, it should be in this, to leave her, and never after to disturb her with such motions. So both departed, she in disdain, he in sadness and sorrow for such dismissal; giving him only this as a doubtful comfort at their parting, that if she found herself inclined to his society, she knew where to find him, and to manifest to him such alteration.

Upon this, having left the place that contained his bliss, with oppressed thoughts, he was no sooner got into a private place that might seem as counsel-keeper to his passions, but he humbled himself under the green trees, and said, "Oh! thou to whom belongs the acknowledgment of my being, I have, by thy guidance, forsaken the society of my parents, whom I know not whether I shall ever behold again, as also the fellowship of my brethren: I have coped with as many hazards as can make travel bitter and discomfortable: I have left company to come into solitude; nay, which is worse, to behold one that might give me the wished comforts of society, by her refusal to add degrees to my sorrow. Oh! make me not void the end of my being! give not such an evil recompence to my adventures; bury not all these qualities thou hast put into this essence by this one disaster! Witness, O you heavens, under whose azure roof I now am, the sorrows I suffer; and witness, O ye green trees, that, if ye were sensible of my complaint, would spend yourselves in gummy tears, what agony perplexeth me! And if the Maker of creatures overlooks his works, let him now appear and redress the miseries of his servant!"

With that a still and quiet air breathed through the leaves of the trees, and a voice issued thereupon, and said, "What requirest thou, oh, thou son of Pourous?" And Wyse made answer, That he only desired that the woman with whom he had met, might afford him the comforts of society in the copulations of marriage; which request was

granted

granted on these injunctions, that he should erect pagods for God's worship, and adore images under green trees, because God had under them manifested himself by vision to him.

So Jeunagundah (for so was the woman called) feeling the motions of affection to renew in her, at the next meeting gave such expressions of love to Wyfe, as fully accomplished his demand : so conversing together they made good the nuptial ends, in a fruitful generation. So the south, as the other parts of the world, became inhabited.

CHAP. VI. — *Of the Meeting together of the four Brethren at the Place of their Birth ; their Divisions and Diffentions ; the great Evils amongst their Generations bringeth a Flood which destroyeth them ; and so the first Age of the World concludeth.*

EVERY thing by natural motion passeth to his own place ; so the brethren having peopled the world in these four parts, turn their course to the place where they first breathed their vital air ; for Brammon having peopled the east, with all such as was of his cast or tribe, was carried with a natural desire to go and conclude his days where he began, and to possess the people of that place with the true form of divine worship, that so all the world might retain one uniformity of religion, not rending God's worship into parts with the factions of unsettled opinions, as also not willing to lose fo great a joy as his eyes should convey unto him in the sight of his parents and his brethren, to the former of which religion had enjoined him, to the latter all expressions of a brother's love.

Cuttery also, the next that had accomplished the end of his travel, began to long after the sight of the place that brought him forth, that he might there, to his father, mother, and brethren, shew the blessings of God, in his wife and progeny, and acquaint them with the story of his occurrences, and leave a race of soldiers there also in his posterity.

Shuddery, turned also by the same inclination, had his desires bent to his birth-place, being big with the eminency of his accidental fortunes, which had lost their greatness, if his parents and brethren had lost the knowledge of them : to feed which humour, as accompanied with other respects formerly mentioned, drew him to give his appearance amongst the rest. -

Lastly Wyfe, to communicate his arts, whose adventurous travel was no less memorable than the rest, transporting his sons and daughters over the several seas, left them in several places, and repaired to his birth place, to pay his duty to his parents, and his love to his brethren.

It happened, that God, that would not cross any part of their intentions with evil success, did reserve them to find the happiness of their meetings in their several turns and successions, as their works were in order accomplished, their several arrivals being congratulated with feastings and triumphs, meet welcomes for such guests. It was not to be doubted but Pourous and Parcoutee grew young again, having such a season of happiness reserved to smile upon them, towards the sunset of their age, such as were able to make their forewasted powers, spent with years, to renew their vigour ; every one of them when their joy grew stale, giving a fresh renewance of gladness to their parents by their successive arrival. Neither could it be imagined, but that the brethren accounted that the blessed time that lost all remembrance of trouble, which we think too importunate a disturber of our joys.

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But joy is never of long lasting, but after the passage of little time hath its abatement; this the brethren being sensible of, laid aside the thoughts of their travels, and the remembrance of their late comforts; and as men newly transplanted to bring forth the fruits of their being in that place, begetting new generations there, that the world might be completely populous, and instructed in their several qualities; by Brammon in matters of religion, by Cuttery in matters of rule and denomination, by Shuddery in matters of traffick and merchandizing, and by Wyse in the invention of the handicrafts: of which four casts the world consisted; every one of them living in his several quality, keeping his tribe free from confusion or interfering; and thus the world became peopled.

But multitude and concourse that useth to be the nurse of mischief, for where there are many men there will be many evils, and prosperity that maketh us forgetful of ourselves, and length of time that render to us the worst at our latter endings, began to confound all goodness, and turn every thing out of order: for Brammon grew neglectful of his piety; and Cuttery grew cruel and full of usurpation; and Shuddery grew deceitful in the weights and balances; and practised cozenage amongst his brethren; and Wyse lost his conscience in his dealings, and became a spendthrift, making the profits that came by his inventions, but the furtherers of riot and excess. And as they were thus evil in themselves, so they were evil one towards another; for Brammon stomached Cuttery's greatness, and Cuttery forgot to give Brammon the pre-eminence of his birth: and, as if his might had been sufficient to give him the right of priority, placing all excellency in rule and authority, condemned the still and solitary spirit of his brother, as unworthy of respect and eminence; yea, prized his own laws and government before God's laws, because they came from Brammon, whom he disesteemed. On the other side, he pleased himself with the slaughter of those that displeased him; laid taxations upon Shuddery, and drained the profit of Wyse's labours, and like a great tide, made all run along with his own current, whilst they requite his injuries in cozenage and griping upon their brethren; in fraud and circumvention. These evils of example were seeds of wickedness that no doubt would grow in their posterity. And this dissention among themselves did bode a breach of that sweet harmony that concurred to the world's first constitution.

Wyse likewise seeing Brammon to lose his respect, the more to make him despised, sought to bring in a new form of religion, communicated to him in vision, concerning the worship of images, and bowing to pagods under green trees, with other new ceremonies, which since Brammon's book contained not, the dispute was great, whether they should be received as canonical; but upon Wyse's asseveration that they were received from God, they were received as part of the ceremonial laws.

Thus, every day presenting new platforms of wickedness and sins that made a noise, God grew angry, and the heavens were clothed with blackness and terror; the seas began to swell as if they meant to join with the clouds in man's destruction; great noise was heard aloft, such as useth to signify mortal wretches; and thunder and lightning flashed from the poles, such as seemed to threaten a final wreck to the earth; but as if the world needed cleansing of his defilement and pollution, there came a flood that covered all nations in the depths. Thus the bodies had their judgment, but the souls were lodged in the bosom of the Almighty: and so concluded the first age of the world, according to the tradition of the Banians.

CHAP. VII. — *Of the second Age of the World, begun by Bremaw, Vyftney, and Ruddery ; of their Creation ; Affignation to their feveral Works ; their Time of Continuation upon Earth, and the Means ufed for the Reftoration of the World again.*

IT had now (faith the Banian) been to little end for God to difannul his own creatures, for now his wifdom and power muft have again laid obfcured ; but though his juftice, were fo great, that he could not let wickednefs go unpunifhed, yet he would again have a new world of creatures, to whom his wifdom, power, and mercy, might be declared.

Seeing therefore the firft age mifcarried by their finfulnefs (for whofe purity God had fo well provided), the Almighty determined to begin the fecond age by three perfons of greater perfection and excellency then the other, called Bremaw, Vyftney, and Ruddery.

The Almighty thereupon defcending from heaven upon a great mountain called Meropurbatee ; upon the top of the fame the Lord pronounced his word, and faid, rife up Bremaw, the firft of living creatures in the fecond age. The earth then did render from her womb Bremaw at the voice of God, who did acknowledge and worfhip his maker ; and by a fecond and third command from the fame place, raifed Vyftney, and Ruddery, who with no lefs reverence adored their maker likewife.

But God, that maketh nothing without his ufe or end, did not make thefe to live idle, but to be ferviceable in the world's reftoring ; to the firft therefore, which was Bremaw, he gave the power to make the creatures, becaufe (fay the Banians) as great perfons do not their work but by deputies, fo neither was it fit God fhould be fervice to the creatures, but give them their being by his instruments. To the fecond, which was Vyftney, he gave the charge to preferve the creatures, for that as it was his mercy to caufe them to be, fo it was his providence to keep them in their being. But to the third, which was Ruddery, he gave power to deftroy his creatures, becaufe he knew they would be wicked, and deferve a judgment amongft them.

Now as God had given to thefe perfons power to do thefe great works, fo it was meet they fhould be fitted with means capable for the difcharge of their feveral charges. That Bremaw therefore might have power to make the creatures, he indued him with the abilities of creation and production. Secondly, that Vyftney might preferve the creature, the Lord gave all things into his power, that might tend to the prefervation of thofe that Bremaw fhould make ; therefore he made him lord of the fun and moon, of the clouds, fhowers, and dews that fall upon the earth, lord of the hills and vallies, difpofor of the changes of the year, the conferrer of riches, health, and honour, and whatfoever tended to the well-being of man, and the reft of the creatures. Laftly, that Ruddery might be a fit executioner of God's juftice, God gave unto his poffeffion whatfoever might tend to the deftruction of living creatures ; therefore Ruddery was made the lord of death and judgment, and whatfoever might tend to the punifhment of man, whether it were ficknefs, famine, war, or peftilence, or any thing elfe that might be a plague for fin.

According alfo to the feveral affignations of thefe perfons to their particular charges, they were allotted a determinate time of abiding upon earth. Becaufe the work of the creation was concluded in the fecond of their ages, (which was a work assigned to Bremaw), therefore Bremaw was to be taken up to the Almighty in the conclusion of the fecond age. And becaufe the other ages were multiplied with people by fome that were referved from deftruction, therefore Vyftney was kept on earth till he had doubled Bremaw's term of time, as of whofe prefervation there was longer need. And becaufe

because the world should end in destruction, therefore the continuance of Ruddery was three times so long, that when the great day of judgment should come, he might destroy all the bodies, and carry the souls with him to the place of glory.

Nought wanted now, but that they should every one in their several turns shew the powers conferred upon them. So Bremaw consulting with himself how he might fulfil the charge imposed upon him, grew extraordinarily afflicted in his body; the strangeness of which anguish vexing him in every part, boded some alteration or unexpected event; when to such a travail as happeneth to women in labour seized him, and a certain tumour and swelling of his body withall, according to the sudden ripeness of the burthen within, distended his bowels more and more, and gave newer and greater extremities to him in this agony, till the burthen (though Bremaw far exceeded the stature of common men) made two ruptures, the one on the right side, the other on the left; when behold two twins the one male, the other female, to wit, man and woman, did betray themselves to the world in full growth and perfect stature; who thus produced and informed concerning God by the instructions of Bremaw, the man was by him named Manow, and the woman Ceteroupa. So giving worship to God the creator, and reverence to Bremaw their producer, with a blessing of multiplication pronounced upon them, they were sent to the east, to a mountain called Munderpurvool, thence to disperse their generations to the west, north, and south; so they departed, and Ceteroupa brought forth three sons and three daughters; the eldest son was called Priauretta, the second Outanapautha, the third Soomeraut: the eldest daughter's name was called Cammah, the second Soonerettaw, the third Sumboo.

As these grew in years, they were in their several orders dispersed several ways; namely Priauretta and Cammah to the west, to the mountain called Segund; Outanapautha and Soonerattaw to the north, to the mountain Bipola; Soomeraut and Sumboo to the mountain Supars; all which brought forth plentiful generations. Thus Bremaw made man and woman, and replenished the earth with the rest of the living creatures.

Vystney likewise did provide all things necessary that might be to the sustentation and preservation of the living creatures that Bremaw had made, giving them in enjoyment such blessings as were needful to a well being.

To conclude, Ruddery did disperse afflictions, sickness, death, and judgment, according as the sons of men did by their wickedness invoke this smart upon themselves. And this was the order God took for restoring of people to inhabit the earth in the second age of the world. Now how God provided for the establishment of religion in this second age, that these that lived might fear and worship him, shall be declared in the chapter next following, as it is unfolded by the tradition of the Banians.

CHAP. VIII. — *How God communicated Religion to the World by a Book delivered to Bremaw; the particular Tracts of the same: the first Tract thereof touching the moral Law laid down, with the Appropriation of the same to the several Casts; and a Confutation of the Errors thereof.*

GOD, knowing that there would be but evil government where there was not the establishment of his worship and fear, after the world was replenished anew, bethought himself of giving them laws to restrain that evil in them that was the cause of the destruction of the former age.

Descending, therefore, on the mountain Meropurbatee, he called Bremaw to him, and out of a dark and dusky cloud, with certain glimpses of his glory, he magnified himself to Bremaw, telling him that the cause why he brought destruction on the former age,

was because they did not observe the instructions contained in the book delivered to Brammon. So delivering a book out of the cloud into the hand of Bremaw, commanded him to acquaint the people with those things contained therein. So Bremaw made known the fictions and laws unto the dispersed generations.

Of the contents thereof, if any desire to be informed, the Banians deliver, that this book, by them called the Shafter, or the book of their written word, consisted of these three tracts. The first whereof contained their moral law, or their book of precepts; together with an explication upon every precept, and an appropriation of the precepts to their several tribes or casts. The second tract unfolded their ceremonial law, shewing what ceremonies they were to use in their worship. The third tract distinguished them into certain casts or tribes, with peculiar observations meet to each cast or tribe: such was the sum of this book delivered to Bremaw; of which particulars, if any desire more distinct knowledge, we shall propose the pith and substance of this in that which follows.

First, then, the tract that containeth the moral law, and was by Bremaw published to the nations, comprised in the same eight commandments; which are these following:

“ The *first* commandment. Thou shalt not kill any living creature whatsoever it be, having life in the same; for thou art a creature of mine, and so is it; thou art indued with a soul, and it is indued with the same; thou shalt not therefore spill the life of any thing that is mine.

“ The *second*. Thou shalt make a covenant with all thy five senses. First, with thine eyes, that they behold not things that be evil; secondly, with thine ears, that they hear not things that be evil; thirdly, with thy tongue, that it speak not things that be evil; fourthly, with thy palate, that it taste not things that be evil, as wine or the flesh of living creatures; fifthly, with thine hands, that they touch not things defiled.

“ The *third*. Thou shalt duly observe the times of devotion, thy washings, worshipping, and prayers to the Lord thy God, with a pure and upright heart.

“ The *fourth*. Thou shalt tell no false tales, or utter things that be untrue, by which thou mightest defraud thy brother in dealings, bargains, or contracts, by this cozenage to work thine own peculiar advantage.

“ The *fifth*. Thou shalt be charitable to the poor, and administer to his need, meat, drink, and money, as his necessity requireth, and thine own ability enableeth thee to give.

“ The *sixth*. Thou shalt not oppress, injure, or do violence to the poor, using thy power unjustly, to the ruin and overthrow of thy brother.

“ The *seventh*. Thou shalt celebrate certain festivals, yet not pampering the body with excess of any thing; but shalt observe certain seasons for fasting, and break off some hours of sleep for watching, that thou mayest be fitter for devotion and holiness.

“ The *eighth*. Thou shalt not steal from thy brother any thing, how little soever it be, of things committed to thy trust in thy profession or calling; but shalt content thyself with that which he shall freely give thee as thy hire; considering that thou hast not right to that which another man calleth his.”

These eight commandments are bestowed amongst the four tribes, or casts, appropriating to each two commandments in several.

First, Brammon and Shuddery, the priest and the merchantman, are bound in the greatest strictness of religious observance, and hold the greatest agreement in their

worship; and Cuttery and Wyfe, the ruler and the handicraftsman, do most correspond in theirs.

To the Bramanes, which are the priests, they give the first and second commandments, as placing the strictest parts of religion in these two things: first, in the preservation of living creatures from destruction; next, in abstinence from things forbidden, as in the eating of flesh, or drinking of wine; to which observance they do also strictly enjoin the merchantman.

Next, more particularly, they apportion to Shuddery, as most proper to his profession, the third and fourth commandments; which two precepts enjoin to devotion, and bind from cozenage in their dealings, a sin too incident to those that are conversant in the balance and weights, who are so mysterious in that particular, as may well need an act of religion to restrain them from such fraudulency.

To Cuttery, their rulers or magistrates, they attribute the fifth and sixth commandments, as knowing oppression to be a sin most common to the mighty; and enjoining them to charity, who are best able to relieve the necessities of the poor.

To Wyfe, the handicraftsman, they refer the seventh and eighth commandments, who have need of some free times of enjoyment, yet given to lavishment of their gettings, if they were not admonished by their law; as also binding them from theft, a sin to which they may be invited by opportunity, as they discharge the duties of their calling in other men's houses.

In fine, to all these they owe a general observance, but are more particularly cautious in keeping the commandments appropriated to their own particular tribe or cast.

Since then the laws or precepts of any religion are no further to be allowed, than they seem to be well grounded, and to carry truth and good reason with them; methinks, by the way, here is something to be excepted against, in this Banian law, which, distinguishing them from men of other religions, may be examined, whether it may have allowance or no.

The principal part of their law, admitting nothing prodigious to opinion, we pass over, only that which cometh into exception, is that which is laid down in the first and second commandment, and is enjoined the Bramanes and Banians to observe, namely; first, that no living creature should be killed. Next, that they should not taste wine, or the flesh of living creatures.

Concerning the first, that they should not kill any living creature; the reason by which they confirm this precept is, because it is indued with the same soul that man is.

This we deny, for the Banians here seem to halt in their philosophy, and the learning of the ancients, who have delivered that there is a three-fold kind of soul. First, a vegetant soul, such as is in herbs and plants. Secondly, a sentient soul, such as is in beasts. Thirdly, a reasonable soul, such as is in man; which soul hath more noble acts to distinguish itself from the other two; as also, that when the other do *interire cum corpore*, "perish with the body;" this surviveth, and therefore is not the same soul, as shall hereafter be proved.

But that this tenet of theirs, denying the slaughter of living creatures for man's use is nothing foreign, may appear by scripture, which after the flood declareth God's allowance in this particular, Gen. ix. 3. "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you, even as the green herb have I given you all things." Next, by the custom of nations who differed in other points of religion, yet old consent in this slaughter of living creatures, add unto this the practice of Pythagoras, one whose name they adore, and who did lay the ground whereon this sect leaneth, he killed an ox, as Athenæus evicteth, lib. 1. Dipnosoph in this distichon:

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*Inciyta Pythagoræ cum primum inuenta figura est,
Inciyta, propter quam victima bos cecidit.*

Neither have they been abhorrent to this practice themselves, if the report of history may be credited, for Cœl Rhodigin reporteth, that the ancient Indians (which are the people now in mention) when Liber Pater discovered those parts, were clothed with the skins of wild beasts, which were before by them slaughtered. Neither is this observed by the Cutteries now, and therefore may seem to be a tradition of their own devising, neither from the beginning by them practised, nor by authentic law enjoined, that it should be an essential part of their religion.

And so we come to their second commandment, which containeth in it two prohibitions to be excepted against. The first, forbidding to drink of wine. The next, the eating of flesh.

To the first, whereas the Bramanes and the Banians abstain from wine by a religious kind of forbearance, at all times and seasons, without the absolute use of the creature; we answer, that this is a tradition void of ground or reason.

First, it is against the common end and use of the creature, which God hath made to comfort the heart of man, observing these cautions. First, that men drink not too much for the quantity. Secondly, for the manner, not in boasting or ostentation. Thirdly, for the time, that it be not when religious fasts require forbearance. Fourthly, for the place, that it be not where the use of the creature may bring scandal.

Next, those that have abstained from wine, have abstained for divers ends, but not precisely observing the points of this Banian injunction. The Romans did forbid their servants the drinking of wine, but it was because they might not forget the bonds of duty towards their masters. They did also enjoin their women to abstain from wine, but it was as Valer. Max. reports, lib. 2. cap. 1. *Ne in aliquod dedecus prolaberentur, quia, proximus à libero patre intemperantiæ gradus ad inconcessam venere[m] esse consuevit.* "Lest they should fall into defame; for that the next neighbour to intemperance is unbridled lust." The Carthaginians forbid their soldiers the juice of the grape, but it was lest drowsiness should oppress them in their watch to a public peril. The Egyptian priests, called Sarabaitæ, did for temperate ends abstain from wine, but it was not for ever; that false prophet, Mahomet, by his law forbid the drinking of wine, but it was a tradition and imposture of his own, and the very Mullæ and priests do not observe it always at present, as I myself have beheld. The Levites were forbid to drink wine, Levit. x. 9. but it was only before their entrance into the sanctuary; that, as Tremelius observeth, they might not deliver the counsels of the Lord with a troubled mind, but know what was fit for their administration: this was no perpetual prohibition. The Nazarites vow was to drink no wine, but this was not ever, but in the days of separation. Numb. vi. 2, 3. The Rechabites vowed to drink no wine, but this was arbitrary, and not by religious obligation, and not for ever, but for thirty years, the space between Jehu and Joachim the latter, and Zedekiah King of Judah. The civil abstinence, nevertheless, is not to be condemned, but this absolute disannulment of the use of God's creature.

Again, the confirmations of men, most temperate, do condemn this interdiction of wine. Galen called it the nurse of old age: Mnesytheus allowed men *laxare bebenas*, to loose the reins in merry and harmless rotations. Rigid Seneca said, though a man ought not by drinking to drown his sense, yet he might by drinking drown his cares. Plato, that leaned to some of the opinions that this people hold, said that wine was a remedy of God against old age, that a man might have *usum liberaliorem vini*, "a more liberal use of wine;" and others think that Pythagoras did not altogether abstain from

the Greek wines. To conclude, history reporteth of these ancient Indians that they were namely, *vini amatores*, "lovers of wine." Coel Rhodigin, lib. 18. cap. 31. reporteth, that at the death or funeral of one Calanus, there was a strife or contention managed Acratoposive, of healths drinking, and he that gained the victory, who was called Promachus, emptied four great drinking bowls. So that this law, prohibiting the use of this creature, was not from the beginning, neither is observed of all, and therefore seems no prohibition worthy of observance or injunction.

To the second prohibition, laid down in their second commandment, concerning the eating of flesh, we thus make our entrance.

First, it is certain, that these Bramanes or Banians, will not eat the flesh of living creatures that have either had life in them or the likeness thereof: eggs therefore come within the precincts of their abstinence, because they suppose the life to be in the shell, by which they become hatched or animate: roots also that are red are abstained from, because they hold consanguinity with the colour of blood. Neither will they cure their fevers by phlebotomy, but by fasting, because they suppose some of the life issueth with the blood. The reason why they would deter men from eating of flesh, is because they suppose there is a kind of metempsychosis, or passage of souls, from one creature to another; that the souls of men did enter into other living creatures, which should make men to abstain from tasting of them. Which opinion of theirs, that it may appear to be vain, we will shew, *First*, who were the authors of this opinion, concerning such metempsychosis, and how a harsh heretick had his succession of maintainers. *Secondly*, what is the effect and substance of this opinion. *Thirdly*, shew the reasons, by which it is maintained. And lastly, proceed to the refutation of the same.

First, then, for the original of this opinion, though certainly these Indians are a people ancient, yet may it not be thought, that this opinion began first among them: first, because history, that is the light of times, affirmeth them to be slaughterers of living creatures: next, because Plato and Pythagoras, that have names for defending this metempsychosis or metempsychosis, have an honoured mention amongst the people; it is likely, therefore, that they have met with some of their writings, in this particular, by which they have become known to them. *Thirdly*, because Jamblichus, with Chaeremon, the Stoic, think it to be first maintained amongst the Egyptians: that from the Egyptians then it came to the Grecians; that after it had been rise amongst them, it was made more tenable by the wits and learnings of Pythagoras, Plato, Empedocles, Apolonius, Tyranus and Proclus, and might, in Liber Pater's discoveries of those parts, be dispersed amongst this people, as well as by a scholar of Pythagoras, who spread it in Italy, where it found favour with Numa Pompilius, that superstitious Emperor, and was maintained by the Albanenses and Albigenes, confuted by Athanasius.

Secondly, touching the substance of this opinion, that gained the patronage of so great scholars; they did hold that there was a passage of souls of one creature into another, that this transmigration was of the souls of men into beasts, and of beasts into men: hence Pythagoras averred himself to be Euphorbus, and Empedocles in his verse affirmed himself to be a fish. This made it an abominable crime to eat flesh, lest, as saith Tertullian in Apologet. Cent. Gent. cap. 48. *bubulam de aliquo proavus quispiam absonaret*, "some should eat up the ox-flesh that had swallowed up his great grandfather's soul." This opinion gained propugnation and defence by Pythagoras and Plato, by this means; because that believing the soul's immortality, it might gain assent with others by this thought of its surviving in other bodies, after its relinquishment of the deceased, as Greg. Tholofs. affirmeth in his Syntax. Art. Mirab. lib. 8. c. 2.

Thirdly, the reasons by which they do induce assent to this transmigration of souls, were these; because the soul was impure by the sins and corruptions of the body, therefore it was needful it should be sublimed from this corruption, by such transmigration out of one body into another, as chemical spirits gain a purer essence by passing through the still or limbeck divers times; every distillation taking away some of his gross part, and leaving it more refined. Again, because it was meet the soul should make a satisfaction for the filthiness it had contracted, by remaining in the prison of the body, an exile from blessedness a longer time, till this passage from one body to another had so purified them, that they might be fit to enter into the Elysium, or place of bliss.

Lastly, in confutation of this opinion for prohibition of eating of flesh, from supposal of a metempsychosis, we maintain, that there is no such metempsychosis, or transmigration of souls.

First, the immortality of the soul we evince without this chimera of the fancy, by an argument drawn from man's dissolution: this is the nature of all things that are compounded; that they should be resolved into that which they were at first, before their conjunction. Man is compounded of soul and body; the very dissolution of these two in death declareth this, for that cannot be separated that was not before conjoined. This composition was by life, and a creature without life, being in the soul alone, it is manifest that the soul had it before ever it came to the body; or else that which was dead could never have lived by the means of that which was likewise dead. If the soul had this life before the body, it must need have the same after in his separation, and by consequence is immortal.

Next, in confutation of their reasons for this opinion, we answer; first, that the soul is not cleansed by such transmigration from body to body, but rather defiled by that filthiness those bodies contract, as water becometh defiled by infusion into an unclean vessel. Much more, since they affirm the souls of men enter into beasts, which are creatures of greater impurity. Besides, those spirits that are subtiliated by stills and limbecks, the fire is effectual to their subliming, but the bodies have not the goodness in them that may tend to the soul's greater purity in such transmigration. To conclude, it is improbable the soul should be enjoined to such a satisfaction for sin, as tendeth to its greater defilement. These reasons, therefore, avail little to confirm the soul's transmigration in the manner premised.

We, in the last place, shall prove this metempsychosis to be no other than a vain imagination, by the reasons following:

1. Then, that the souls are not derived from one another *per traducem*, "by way of traduction," appeareth by Adam's speech to Eve, Gen. ii. 23. "This is bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh." he doth not say, soul of my soul, and spirit of my spirit. It appeareth then that, though she received her body from Adam, yet she had her soul from God. And this is that which Zachery affirmeth, Zach. xii. 1. "The Lord formeth the spirit of a man within him; whence Augustine saith, *Eam infundendo creari, et creando infundi*, "That the soul being put into man was created, and by creating, was into man infused;" if therefore God created some, why not all?

2. Of spiritual things and corporal, there should seem the same manner of increase; but the bodies have new beings, therefore the souls.

3. If the souls were purified by their passage from one body to another, then that man that had the soul last, should be capable of all that knowledge that was enjoyed by the one that had it before, and so the infant should be an experienced creature in past occurrences: but we discern no such extraordinary ripeness of knowledge in one more than

than another, but that all our habits are gained by industry; which whilst Plato would excuse, saying, that the wandering souls did receive from the devil, a draught of the cup of oblivion, and so were forgetful of that which is past; Irenaeus thus taunted him: If Plato had trial that his soul was obtused with such a draught, I wonder that he could remember that his soul had lost her remembrance.

Lastly, if this were true, it would follow, that the souls of beasts should be immortal, which would be absurd to think in these better-knowing times. Having, therefore, proved this opinion of passage of souls out of one body into another to be a fancy, and nothing real, this may be no just cause to detain them from eating the flesh of creatures that have had life in them; neither would they, if there were great reason to the contrary, permit it as they do in the casts of Cuttery and Wyfe, whom if they pleased, they might restrain by the like injunction. All which thus evidenced, this already delivered may be sufficient to publish concerning the first tract in the book delivered to Bremaw touching the moral laws.

CHAP. IX. — *Of the second Tract of the Book delivered to Bremaw, containing the Ceremonial Law, in the Washings, Anointings, Offerings under green Trees, Prayers, Pilgrimages, Invocations, Adorations; together with the Forms of their Baptizings, Marriages, and Burials, customary amongst them.*

THE second tract of the book delivered to Bremaw, comprised certain ceremonial injunctions by them to be observed in the particulars following; the knowledge of which being something material to set forth the religion of this people, shall be the subject of this present chapter.

First, then, they are enjoined to frequent washings of their bodies in rivers; the original of which custom, they say, began with this second age of the world, and was made a part of their worship, to keep in memory the destruction that was brought upon the world for their defilement and sin. The ceremony observed in their washings is this; first to besmear their bodies in the mud of the river, the emblem of man's filthiness and corruption by nature; then walking into the river and turning their faces towards the sun, the Bramane utters this prayer: "Oh Lord, this man is foul and polluted as the clay or mud of this river, but the water hereof can purge off the defilement; do thou in like manner cleanse away his sin;" so diving and plunging himself three times in the river, whilst the Bramane iterateth the name of the river wherein he washeth, called Tappee, with the names of other rivers in India, celebrated for these customary washings, as Gonga and Nerboda, with other like rivers, the party shaking in his hand certain grains of rice, as his offering on the water, receiving absolution for sins past, is there dismissed.

Secondly, they use a certain unction in the forehead, of red painting, that, having certain grains stuck in the glutinous matter, is as their testimony that God hath marked them for his people: this is no other then to keep in mind the memory of their baptism, which accordingly as the mark vanisheth, is daily by them renewed, according to their washings, with the utterance of certain words accompanying the action, to put them in mind to be such as becometh God's mark.

Thirdly they are enjoined to tender certain offerings and prayers under green trees: the original of which custom they derive from Wyfe, to whom, they say, God appeared by vision under a tree, as is formerly mentioned, with injunction of worship in those places; so that the Bramanes, under such green tree, erect temples to pagods, in which they give attendance to perform religious rites and ceremonies, to such as repair

thither. The tree peculiarised for this worship, is called by some, as by Pliny and others, *Ficus Indica*, the Indian fig-tree : and by *Goropius Becanus*, affirmed to be the tree of life, that grew in the garden of Eden ; how far forth to be believed, I refer to Sir *Walter Raleigh's* first book of the history of the world, part 1. chap. 4. par. 1, 2, 3., where the mere probable opinion is given. Certain it is, that to this tree much is attributed by them, and they suppose some notable mischance shall happen to that party that violateth or injureth the least bough or branch of the same. It is a tree of fertile growth, whose branches be spreading, ample and spacious ; from whose boughs so disspread, do descend certain stems, that, rooting themselves anew in the earth, propagate an offspring, and so dilate it, that it seemeth beyond the custom of other trees to be capacious. To this tree when they repair, they thither bring offerings ; there they receive unctions, and there are sprinklings of several coloured powders ; there they pay their adorations, which they number by the clapper of a little bell ; there they pray for health, for riches, for fruitfulness of issue, for success in affairs ; there they often celebrate their festivals with great concourse. In which May-game of superstition. to make further enquiry, would be but vain and fruitless.

Fourthly, they are enjoined to certain prayers in their temples, which may hold some resemblance of common service, were it purged of superstitious ceremony ; the sum of which devotion, is the repetition of certain names of God, dilated and explained ; where also they use processions, with singing and loud tinkling of bells ; which chanting is of their commandments, with offerings to images, and such like impertinent services.

Fifthly, they are enjoined to pilgrimages to rivers far remote, as to the river *Ganges*, there to wash their bodies, and to pay their offerings, that the concourse of people repairing thither is great, and the golden offerings of treasure and jewels thrown into his silver waves, invaluable. He is likewise esteemed blessed and purified from sin, that can die with a palate moistened with that water.

Sixthly, another portion of their worship they bestow is invocation of saints, to whom they attribute the powers of giving success to several affairs ; they therefore that would be happy in marriage, invoke *Hurmout* ; they that are to begin the works of architecture, *Gunnese* ; they that want health, *Vegenaut* ; the soldier in his assault in feats of arms, cries, *Binohem* ; the miserable invoke *Syer* ; and they that are in prosperity give their orisons to *Mycasser*.

Seventhly, their law binds them to give worship to God, upon sight of any of his creatures, first presented to the eye after the rising sun : especially they pay their devotion to the sun and moon, which they call the two eyes of God : as also to some beasts which they hold more clean than others, they give extraordinary kind usage ; as to kine and buffaloes, to whom they attribute so much innocence and goodness by the souls of men entering into them, that they besmear the floors of their houses with their dung, and think the ground sanctified by such pollution.

In the eighth place, touching their baptizings or naming of their children, the ceremony thereof is different in the cast of the *Bramanes*, and other casts ; those that are of the other casts, are only washed in water ; then some of the kindred of the party delivered, menaceth the point of a writing pen against the forehead of the child, with this short prayer, that God would write good things in the front of that child. All those then that are present, saying, *Amen* to that prayer, they give to the child the name by which he shall be called ; and so putting an unction of red ointment in the midst of his forehead, as a sign that the infant is received into their church, and marked for one of God's children, the ceremony is dissolved. But then the children

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that are of the cast of the Bramanes, are not only washed with water, but anointed with oil, with certain words of consecration, in this manner: "Oh Lord, we present unto thee this child, born of a holy tribe, anointed with oil, and cleansed with water;" unto which adding the former ceremonies, they all pray that he may live a righteous observer of the law of the Bramanes: so enquiring out the exact time of the child's birth, they calculate his nativity, gathering by the position of the twelve signs of heaven the chances or mischances that may happen unto him; all which they conceal, and at the day of the child's marriage (which they account one of the happiest days in his life) publish the dangers past, and the conjectures to come in the sequel of his life.

In the ninth place, concerning their marriages, it is considerable, that the time is different from the custom of other nations, for they marry about the seventh year of their age, because they account marriage one of the most blessed actions of man's life; to die without which they account it a great unhappiness, which often happeneth by protraction or delay of time; as also that the parents might, before their death, see their children disposed, which cometh to pass by these early conjunctions. Next, for their contract in marriage; the parents of the children do prepare the way by private conference, the intention and purpose being made known, and betwixt them agreed upon; then there are messengers and presents sent to the parents of the maid to be married, with the noise of trumpet and drum, and the singing of songs in the praise of the perfections of the bride, which may truly give her the merit of one worthy to be coveted and sought unto: which presents being accepted, then there are gifts sent back to the bridegroom, in token of their acceptance of the nuptial proffer, with like singing of encomiasticks in praise of the bridegroom, setting him forth to be so well composed, as may well deserve acceptance. So the Bramanes appointing a day for the solemnization of the marriage, then there is a certain shew, to publish to the whole town this marriage intended. This shew is first by the bridegroom, who, in nuptial pomp, attended with all the men's children in the town, of the same tribe, some on horseback, some in palanquins, some in coaches, all adorned with jewels, scarfs, and pageant-like habiliments, make their curfation round about the most public streets in the town, with trumpets and kettle-drums, and gilded pageants. The bridegroom is distinguished from the rest by a crown on his head, decked with jewels very rich. And having thus published himself, the next day followed the bride in like pomp crowned, attended with all the girls of the same tribe, in no less bravery and triumphant accommodation, exposed to view of the spectators. The day drawing to his decline, they repair home to accomplish the full rites of marriage. The ceremony observed in their marriage, is, that they never are conjoined together but at the going down of the sun, at which time a fire is made, and interposed between the married couple, to intimate the ardency that ought to be in their affections; then there is a sicken string that encloseth both their bodies, to witness the insoluble bond of wedlock, that in marriage there ought to be no desertion or forsaking one another. After this bond there is a cloth interposed betwixt them, shewing that before marriage they ought not to make their nakedness known one to another. This custom, they say, was taken from the meeting of Braimon with Sauartree, who, because they were naked, covered their immodest parts till the words of matrimony were uttered. So the Bramanes pronouncing certain words, enjoining the man to afford all things convenient to the woman, and charging the woman to loyalty in the marriage vow, with pronouncing a blessing of fruitful issue to them both; the speeches concluded, the cloth interposed, rest away; the bond by which they were engirt, unloosed; and after that, full freedom to communicate themselves to each other. Dowry there is none given, that the drifts of marriage might not

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be mercenary, save the jewel sworn on the bridal day; and to the feast none repair but those of the same cast. To conclude in marriage they have some particular legal injunctions, by which the tribes are differenced; as first, that no woman may be admitted to second marriage, except in the tribe of Wyle which are in the handicrafts-men. Secondly, that men in all tribes are admitted to second marriages, except in the Bramanes. Thirdly, that every tribe do marry of such as are of his own cast: therefore the Bramanes must marry with such as are descended from the Bramanes; and the Cutterys with such as are descended from the Cutterys; so likewise the Shudderys. But the Wyfes are not only enjoined to match into their own tribe, but into such as be of their own trade; as a barber's son to a barber's daughter, and so of others, to keep their tribes and trades from commixion.

Lastly, as for their burials, this is their custom: when any man is desperately sick, and past hopes of recovery, they enjoin him to utter *Narraune*, which is one of the names of God, importing mercy to sinners, of which mercy at that time he standeth most in need. His spirits languishing, they stretch out his hand, pouring fair water into it, as the offering of his life, praying to *Kistneruppon*, the god of the water, to present him pure to God, with this offering of his hand. His life being departed, they wash his body as a testimony of his cleanliness and purity; this is the ceremony observed in the visitation of their sick. After this, for the burial of their dead — it is after this manner; first, they bear the dead body to a river side appropriate to such purpose, where setting the corpse down on the ground, the Bramane uttereth these words; "Oh, earth! we commend unto thee this our brother; whilst he lived thou hadst an interest in him: of the earth he was made, by the blessing of the earth he was fed, and therefore now he is dead we surrender him unto thee." After this, putting combustible matter to the body, accended and lighted by the help of sweet oil, and aromatical odours strewed thereon, the Bramane saith; "Oh, fire! whilst he lived, thou hadst a claim in him, by whose natural heat he subsisted; we return therefore his body to thee, that thou shouldst purge it." Then the son of the deceased taketh a pot of water, and setteth it on the ground, upon which he setteth a pot of milk, when throwing a stone at the lower pot, breaketh it to sheards, which rendereth the water to loss, and perishing; the vessel of milk above, defrauded of his support, poureth forth his humidity on the ground likewise: upon which the son thus moraliseth the action; that, as the stone by his violence caused the vessels to yield forth their humour, so did the assault of sickness ruin his father's body, and bring it to loss, as milk and water that is spilt on the ground, never to be redeemed. The body then being incinerated or burnt to ashes, they disperse the ashes abroad into the air, the Bramane uttering these words; "Oh, air! whilst he lived by thee he breathed; and now having breathed his last, we yield him to thee." The ashes falling on the water, the Bramane saith; "Oh, water! whilst he lived, thy moisture did sustain him; and now his body is dispersed, take thy part in him." So give they every element his own; for as they affirm man to have his life continued by the four elements, so they say he ought to be distributed amongst them at his death. After this funeral solemnity, the Bramane presenteth to the son, or nearest kindred of the deceased, a register of the deceases of his ancestors, as also readeth to him the law of mourners; that for ten days he must eat no beetle, nor oil his head, nor put on clean clothes, but once in every month throughout the whole year, on the day of the month in which his father deceased, must make a feast, and pay a visitation to that river that drunk up his father's ashes. Since these laws and injunctions, there hath sprung up a custom among them, that the women that survive their husbands, should offer themselves

themselves up alive to be sacrificed in the flames with them, which to this day is observed in some places, and for some persons of greater worth, though the examples be more rare now than in former times; of which custom Propertius thus speaks:

Fœlix Eois lex funeris una maritis,
Quos Aurora suis rubra colorat aquis;
Namq; ubi mortifero jacta est fax ultima lecto,
Uxorum fufis stat pia turba comis;
Et certamen habent lethi, quæ viva sequatur
Conjugium; pudor est non licuisse mori.
Ardent victrices et flammæ pectora præbent,
Imponuntq; suis ora perulta viris.

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A happy funeral law these Indians hold,
Where bright Aurora shines with beams of gold;
For when in fiery brands the husbands lie,
The women stand with hanging tresses by;
And strive who to their husband first may turn,
A body chaste into the flaming urn;
Whilst to the fire they yield a constant breast,
And with parch'd mouths do kiss their loves to rest.

But though Propertius maketh this to be a witness of their conjugal chastity, yet Strabo maketh the ground thereof to be the Indian women's disloyalty to their husbands; who in former times, by secret means, untimely poisoned them, to enjoy their paramours. The Rajahs therefore, to restrain this practice, did procure the Bramanes to make it an act of religion to interdict second marriages to the women, and that after the decease of the husband, the woman should no longer survive, that so they might become more careful of their preservation. The chaster sort, to gain an honour out of the infamy cast upon their sex, did, by voluntary sufferance, remove all suspicion of such machination of evil, since they were so ready to cope with the terror of death, to confirm their love; the ceremony whereof is this: when their husbands die, they array themselves in their best ornaments and jewels, and accompany the body to the funeral pit, singing all the way encomiastick songs in praise of their deceased husbands, expressing a desire to be with them. The body then being laid in the grave, the woman with a chearful countenance imparteth her jewels to her dearest friends, leapeth in to the corpse, whose head she layeth in her lap; the music sounding aloud, the pile is kindled by the fire, and set on a flame, whilst she maketh herself a martyr to approve her love.

These observances, partly enjoined by their law, and by themselves instanced in their present practice, may have been sufficient to give you information what might be the substance of the second tract of the book delivered to Bremaw. What the third tract imported, and how it is confirmed by their present manners and customs, we shall glance at in the following chapters.

CHAP. X. — *Of the third Tract delivered to Bremaw, concerning the four Tribes or Casts; their Injunction to follow that Order of Government, and so touching the first of those Tribes called the Bramanes; the Derivation of the Name, their Kinds, the Number of their Casts, their ministerial Discharge, Studies, and school Discipline.*

AFTER the consideration of the ceremonies enjoined and observed by them in matters of their worship, as it was the subject of the second tract of the book delivered to

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Bremaw, now followeth the third tract, declaring in what manner of order or distinction they should live, and what was meet for every one to observe in his own particular tribe.

And because there could be no invention more commodious for the government of the world, than was used by the four tribes in the first age, as to have Bramanes to instruct the people in matters of religion; to have Cutterys that should sway the scepter, and keep men in obedience; to have merchant-men that should use traffic and trade, as did Shuddery; to have servile and manufactory-men that should serve the use of the world in the handicrafts, as did Wyse; therefore they were by this tract bound to keep their own peculiar tribe or cast, and to observe what was proper to the faculties of each in several; which accordingly was done, and is yet continued so far as it lieth in their power, to conserve this ancient form of government and policy; wherein, if I shall somewhat digress from their injunctions, which for the most part present things less pertinent to be known, to a more particular display of their manners, I shall better discharge the parts required in this tract.

The Bramanes, then, being the first of these tribes, something shall be noted in particular touching them; and first of the name Bramane. Suidas is of opinion, that they are called Bramanes, of one Brachman that was the first prescriber of their rights. Postellus, lib. de origin. cap. 13 and 15, affirmeth them to be descended from Abraham by Cheturah, who feated themselves in India, and that so they were called Abrahmanes; the word suffering a syncope, they in the tract of time, for brevity of pronunciation, became called by the name of Bramanes. But they neither know of any such as Brachman, neither have they heard of Abraham, but affirm they receive this name of Bramanes from Brammon, which was the first that ever exercised their priestly function, as they find by record; or else from Bremaw, by adjection of this particule (nes), who was the first of the second age, to whom the law was delivered.

Touching the kinds of these Bramanes, taking them for such as discharge the priestly office amongst the people, they are of two sorts; first, the more common Bramanes, of which there are a great number in India; or the more special, of which there be fewer; and these be called by the Banians, Verteas; by the Moors, Seurahs.

The common Bramane hath eighty-two casts or tribes, assuming to themselves the names of that tribe; which, were so many wise men or scholars famed for their learning amongst them, called Augurs, or sooth-sayers, of such a place of dwelling. Thus the prime of them was called Vifalnagrananger, that is, the augur of Vifalnagra; the second Vulnagrananger, that is, the augur of Vulnagra, a town so called; and so of the rest, according to these eighty-two casts to be distinguished, being Bramanes of the discipline of such an augur.

These Bramanes, as they discharge their ministerial function in praying with the people, or reading their law, have some peculiar injunctions; as first, that they should strain their bodies into certain mimical gestures, so as may most face the people to gaze upon them and listen to them; that they pray with both their hands open to heaven, as ready to receive the things they pray for; that they pray with demissive eyelids, and sitting with their knees deflected under them, to shew their fear and reverence. Next that they must never read of the book delivered to Bremaw, but it must be by a kind of singing, and quavering of the voice, which, they say, was not only practised by Bremaw when it was published, but was also enjoined by God, that they might make his law as the matter of their rejoicing.

The Bramanes are likewise the feminaries of discipline amongst the younger sort of that cast, whose orders, both in their initiation and entrance into that manner of learning,

ing, is observable; as also, no less in their confirmation, and ordination to the priesthood: for first, about the seventh year of their age, they are received to discipline, being clean washed, to intimate the purity of that cast; then they are received naked, to shew that they have stripped off all other cares, to apply themselves to study; then their heads are shaven, a long lock being only left on the hinder part of the head, to shew that they must not forsake their study; if they do, by that lock they shall be drawn back again. They are bound to a Pythagorean silence and attention, and prohibited hauling, spitting, or coughing; wearing about their loins a girdle of an antelope's skin, and another thong of the same about their neck, descending under the left arm. About the fourteenth year of their age, (if they be capable,) they are admitted to be Bramanes, exchanging those leather thongs for four sealing threds that come over the right shoulder, and under the right arm, which they sleep withal, and never put off, but wear them in honour of God, and the three persons Bremaw, Vyltney, and Ruddery, and as the badge of their profession. In which ordination they are enjoined, first, not to alter their cast or tribe; next to observe all things enjoined in the Bramanes' law; lastly, not to communicate the mysteries of their laws to any of a different religion. These be the most of the principal things observed by these Bramanes.

Now for the more special Bramane, by them called the Vercea; he is some man of the cast of the Shudderers, or merchant-men, who for devotion taketh this condition on him: he is one, that for his habit weareth a woollen garment of white, descending to the middle of his thigh, leaving the lower parts naked: his head is always uncovered, as a witness of his perpetual reverence of God above. They do not shave, but pluck off all the hair on their head, save some small remainder on the crown: the like they do from their chin also.

Of this sort of Bramane there be several casts likewise; one is called the Soncaes, and these go not to church, but perform divine rites at home. Another is of the Puppas; these go to church to pray. A third, is of the Curdtsons, and these pray by themselves, without society. A fourth, called the Onk-leaus, and these indure not images. A fifth called the Puthaleaus, the most strict of them all.

These kind of Bramanes have a festival called Putschon, which is kept once every month, by five days solemnization, but betwixt each day of the five they keep a feast: this feast is kept at the ablest men's houses; and commonly at those times a pension is given, to restrain the death of cattle, or other living creatures.

More strict they seem to be in many things than the common Bramanes, for the other are not forbidden marriage as these are; more abstinent they are in diet, for out of the former feasts they eat nothing but what is given them, and reserve nothing for another meal; more cautious they are for the preservation of things animate, for they will drink no water but boiled, that so the vapour, which they suppose the life of the water, may go out. They disperse their very dung and ordure with a besom, lest it should generate worms that be subject to destruction; and they keep an hospital of lame and maimed flying fowl, redeemed by a price, which they seek to restore: they have all things common, but place no faith in outward washings, but rather embrace a careless and fordid nativeness. And this is sufficient to note concerning this kind of Bramane.

CHAP. XI. — *Concerning the second Tribe or Cast, called the Cutterys; presenting them in their flourishing Estate, their declining Estate, and their present Estate.*

THE second cast or tribe, being the Cutterys, had their denomination from Cuttery, the second son of Pourous, who, because domination and rule was committed unto him,

therefore all foldiers and kings are said to be of his tribe. That particular of Bremau's book that concerned this cast or tribe, contained certain precepts of government and police; the knowledge of which being but of common import, I rather choose to omit, and proceed to shew some other things notable concerning this tribe, touching their state or condition. These Cutteries may then be considered, either according as they were in their flourishing estate, or else in their declining estate, or in their present estate.

As they were in their flourishing estate, they were the ancient kings and rulers of India, especially of that part called Guzzarat, and were called by the name of Rajahs, which signifieth a king, whereof some were of greater dominion than others, according as they were of greater force. These Rajahs had principally four men about them of eminency. The first of which were the Bramanes, who by soothsaying and augury did shew the kings what time was most meet to begin their designs to prosecute them with success. The second was one called the Pardon, which was a man of policy in the carriage of state business, and dispatched all matters of judicature, having reference to the King for justice. The third was one that was called the Moldar, or the King's chamberlain, who was most commonly present with the King, as the companion of his conversation. The fourth was the general of the King's armies in the field, called Dismacke, who was sent abroad about all expeditions of war. These were the four that had chief eminency about the King. Furthermore, these Rajahs are said to have thirty-six tribes, as the noble families whence they were descended; some were of the cast or tribe of Chaurah; some of the Solenkees; some of the tribe of Vaggela; some of the Dodepuchas; some of the Paramars; that so no man of obscure birth might prett to dignity, but being descended from some of the thirty-six families: thus the Rajahs lived in their flourishing estate.

Now touching their declining estate: it is recorded in their history, that one Ranne-devill, a virgous woman did at her death prophesy the decline of the Banian state, in the time of Ravifaldee, chief Rajah; the beginning of which decline should be in his next successor's days; which they say accordingly happened, as shall appear by the story following:

It is then delivered in their history, that there was a Rajah called Ravifaldee, who had a son called Syderajjaldee: Ravifaldee suffering the common change of mortality, his son was careful to express his duty to his deceased father, in a costly monument, at a place called Sythepalapore, which being finished with great curiosity of art, and cost correspondent to that curiosity, being pleased with the work, and desiring to keep his father's memory and his own lasting by that monument, he consulted with the Bramanes, to know whether that temple should long abide; or if that pile of goodly workmanship should suffer ruin, by whom it should be defaced. It was divined to him by one Madewnauger, one famous in the discipline of the Bramanes, that one Sultan Alaudin, a Patan, King of Delee, should deface the same; as also gain some great conquest in Guzzarat. Syderajjaldee hopeful to prevent the defacement of this temple, by some timely composition, dispeeded his Bramane Madewnauger, and his Pardon to Delee, to enquire out the said Alaudin, and by a sum of money to procure the peace of his father's bones, and the sparing of the temple. But coming thither they could find no such man of any eminency, but another in the government: only by strict inquisition they met with a wood-gatherer there, who had a son so called: thither they repair to the amazement of Alaudin's poor parents; they make known the reason of their coming, and find the boy administering food to a young kid in his father's backside. The Bramane proposing to him the high fortunes that should betide him in
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being King of Delee, and in the conquest of Guzzarat; as also the end of their message, that Syderajjaldee did greet him, and did desire him, that when those things should happen, and he should invade Guzzarat, that he would forbear to deface the temple and monument of his father, erected at Sythepolalpole; as a motive to which favour Syderajjaldee did freely present him with a sum of money, which sum they tendered to Alaudin. Alaudin boldly answered, that he was not in appearance capable of any such fortunes, but if the heavens had so set it down in their great volume, he could not alter it, but must lay waste the temple; and in the majesty of his nature refused the gift and treasure brought him. His parents, better instructed by their own necessity what was meet for him to do than his heroic disposition would be taught, importuned him to take the treasure, urging their own needs, and how convenient a help it might be to raise him to these fortunes that were to him divined. So apprehending the counsel to be but reasonable, he took the treasure, and gave an escript, or writing, that albeit the heavens had decreed that he should scatter some stones out of that building, yet he would pick them out of the corners thereof in such manner as should fulfil his fortune, and make good his promised favour to Syderajjaldee, in the sparing of that temple and tomb of his father. By this money of composition, Alaudin gathered soldiers, and betook himself to arms, wherein he proved himself so resolute, that he gained great fame, whereunto his divining fortunes became such a spur, that he was made King of Delee, and after that made invasive conquests on Guzzarat, fulfilled his promise to Syderajjaldee in treaty, on the fore-mentioned business. In which conquest he overthrew many Rajahs, to the great ruin and decline of the Banian state. But growing weary of this long war, and many Rajahs flying to places inaccessible, led with a desire to return to Delee, his native place, he committed the further managing of these wars to one Futtercon, that was his cupbearer in this manner: For Alaudin considering how great he was grown from nothing, (and that accidentally,) he determined as accidentally to heap this fortune upon another; purposing over night with himself, that whoever did first present him the next with any gift, on him to confirm the government of that part of Guzzarat he had conquered. It so fell out, that whilst this secret was lodged up in the King's breast, that the fore-mentioned Futtercon, the King's wine-keeper, by the rising sun tendered a cup of wine to the King's hand, who smiled and looked favourably upon him, and in the presence of his army, confirmed him his successor in the government of that he had won, enjoining them also to acknowledge him, and to do whatsoever he should command in the further prosecution of that conquest. So Suttan Alaudin departed to Delee, and the said Futtercon did further invade Guzzarat, and so did the rest of the Mahometans that succeeded him, to the decline of the Banian state and regiment.

Now for their present estate; some of the Rajahs yielded, others flying to retirements impregnable, lay in the maw of the country, and could not be conquered even to this day; but making outroads, prey on the Caffaloes passing by the way; and sometimes come to the skirts of their strongest and most populous towns, having many resolute soldiers to go on in these attempts of rapine, called Rashpoots, which implieth as much as the sons of Kings; for being of the cast of the Cutteries, it is like they were nobly defended, and some of the progeny of those that were overrun in the Guzzarat conquest. Of those that live unconquered at this day, such a one is Rajah Surmalgee, living at Raspeeplaw; Rajah Berumshaw, at Molere; Rajah Ramnager; Rajah Barmulgee, and the great Rannah, who hath fought many set battles with the Mogul's forces. This may be observable concerning the cast of the Cutteries.

CHAP. XII. — *Of the third Tribe or Cast, called the Shudderics; of the Meaning of the Name Banian; of their Casts, and the Form of their Contracts in buying and selling.*

THE third son of Pourous being called Shuddery, and the profession appointed him to follow being merchandize, all such as live in the nature of merchants are comprised under this name, and belong to this cast: that which the book delivered to Brenaw contained concerning this tribe, was no other than a summary of religious advertisements, proper to the carriage of this profession, enjoining them to truth in their words and dealings, and to avoid all practices of circumvention in buying and selling. What may be further worthy of note concerning this tribe (being those that are most properly called Banians) at present, is either concerning the name Banian, the number of their casts, or the form of their contracts of buying and selling.

First, under the name of Banians is comprised either such as are merchants only, or brokers for the merchants; for nothing is bought but by the mediation of these, who are called Banians, which importeth as much in the Bramane's language, wherein their law is written, as a people innocent and harmless, because they will not endure to see a fly or worm, or any thing living injured, and being stricken, bear it patiently without resisting again.

Next for the number of their casts: they are equal to the Bramanes, being the self same casts, chusing either to be under their discipline, that are Vifalnagranagers, or Vulnagranagers, from the peculiar instruction of which Bramanes they are guided in matters belonging to religious worship; for being most like unto the Bramanes in their law, they more strictly follow their injunctions than the other tribes.

Lastly, their form of contract in buying and selling is somewhat notable, and distinct from the custom of other nations; for the broker that beateth the price with him that selleth, loofeth his pamerin, that is folded about his waist, and ipreadeth it upon his knee, with hands folded underneath, by their finger ends the price of pounds, shillings, or pence is pitched, as the chapman is intended to give; the feller in like manner intimateth how much he purposeth to have, which silent kind of composition, they say their law enjoineth as the form of their contract.

CHAP. XIII. — *Of the fourth Cast called the Wyfes; the Meaning of the Name; their Kinds and several Casts; Brenaw's Time is expired; he is took up to Heaven; the second Age is concluded by the Destruction of Wind and Tempest.*

LASTLY, as the fourth son of Pourous was called Wyfe, and was the master of the mechanics or handicrafts, so all manufactory men were to belong to the cast of the Wyfes. Those directions that were in Brenaw's book for these, were in precepts touching their behaviours in their callings.

This name Wyfe implies as much as one that is fervile or instrumentary; for this cause, as it may be supposed, because they are fervile or helpful to such as need their art; as was Wyfe, and those descended from him, who were indued with divers inventions: these people are at this present most ordinarily called by the name of Gentiles.

Which Gentiles are of two sorts, or kinds: first, the purer Gentile, such as liveth observant of the diet of the Banians, abstaining from flesh and wine, or using both very seldom: or else the Gentile Visceraun, called the impure or unclean Gentile, which taketh a greater liberty in diet, eating flesh or fish, or things animate; such are the husbandmen or inferior sort of people, called the Coulees.

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The purer sort of Gentile, as they hold greatest relation in their religious liberty with Cutteries, so they agree in the number of their casts, having *six-and-thirty*, according to the number of the trades or professions practised amongst them. In the particular of their handicrafts this is observable, that they make as few instruments serve for the effectuating of divers works as may be; and whatsoever they do is contrary to the Christian form of working, for the most part. Such is the substance of the third tract of the book delivered to Bremaw, concerning the four tribes or calls, somewhat accommodate to their present manners.

This book, comprising in it the platform of religion and government, thus delivered to Bremaw, was by him communicated to the Bramanes of those times, and by them published to the people, shewing what religion they should observe, and how they should live in their several tribes or calls. After which, according to the prescriptions therein, the rulers did keep the people in the order of government; the priests or Bramanes did give advice in matters of religion; the merchants did follow traffic and merchandizing; and the handicraftsmen did follow their several professions, serving the need of all men that had use of them. All things having a good beginning in this second age, religion was embraced, prayers were made to God, and the three persons, Bremaw, Vyftney, and Ruddery; the banks of the river were frequented, and daily washings were not neglected.

But after the people were multiplied, the succeeding generations were not of the primitive integrity; but the lower the times grew, the worse they were at the bottom. The Bramanes grew hypocritical and lip-laborious; the Cutteries, or rulers, swelled with pride and ambition, cried out for larger territories, meditating unjust amplifications of government; the merchants grew full of fraudulency in their dealings; and the handicrafts grew idle and overvaluing their labours.

In this uproar of ungodliness, the Lord grew angry and full of indignation, and descended on mount Meropurbatee, acquainting Bremaw with the wickedness of the world, who descended and premonished them of the judgment to come, which awhile hushed the cry of their wickedness; but they fell to their old evils again. Bremaw then interceded for them; but the Almighty would not be pacified, but took Bremaw up into his bosom, the time of his abode on earth being expired, that he might not behold the evils of the time to come.

Then the Lord made known his purpose of destroying the world to Vyftney, whose nature and office being to preserve the people, did intercede for them; but the Lord would not be pacified, but gave charge to Ruddery, whose office was to bring judgment and destruction on sinners, to cause the bowels of the earth to send out a wind to sweep the nations as the dust from the face of the earth.

So Ruddery enraged the winds in the bowels of the earth, which burst forth into eruptions, and the great body of the world had her trepidations and waverings; the day seemed to change colour with the night, the mountains and hills were hurled from their foundations, and, as some report, the river Ganges was carried from her wonted route to run in a new channel; so the tempest destroyed the people, saving a few that the Lord permitted Vyftney to cover with the skirt of his preservation, reserved to be the propagators of mankind in the third age: and so this age concluded.

CHAP. XIV. — *Shewing the Beginning of the third Age; the Restoration of the same by Ram; new Evils bring a Judgment, concluding the third Age by an Earthquake or Chafina.*

RUDDERY having restrained the winds from their former violence, all now was hushed; but miserable and lamentable it was to behold the earth so desolate and void of inhabitants, more miserable to see the carcases that were scattered on her surface, some blown from the tops of high mountains, others bruised to mash, all ruined and destroyed; so that the Almighty repented him of his own work, and Ruddery was sorry that he should be an instrument of so great fury and destruction.

But because the head of all the former disorders was from the wickedness and ill government of the kings and rulers, therefore the Lord utterly rased out all of the tribe or cast of the Cutterys; those that were preserved from destruction by the skirt of Vystney's preservation, being some few of the other three casts or tribes.

Now, because these four casts were so necessary to the world's government, that it could not subsist without them, though the cast of the Cutterys perished entirely for their wickedness; yet that they might be renewed again from a holier beginning, the Lord appointed that from the Bramanes the line of the kings should be renewed. So the chief of the Bramanes that was then preserved by Vystney, was called Ducerat; the next child that was born after this destruction, and which was the youngest of four, was chosen to propagate the race of their kings and rulers, who being religiously educated, might as well favour piety as policy, and with holiness and prudence govern men in their several tribes.

So he did many worthy acts, and exceedingly maintained religion, was a patron to the Bramanes and churchmen, and his name was Ram; who became so memorable for his worthy deeds, that his name is made honourable in the mention amongst them, even to this day, that whensoever they meet and salute one another, they cry Ram! Ram! as a word importing the wishes of all good.

It is like that after him there ruled many worthy kings; but tract of time rendering every thing worse at the latter ending than at the beginning, brought forth such as followed the course of the ancient wickedness, and new ambitions, and new hypocrisies, and new frauds and circumventions, and daily breaches of the law delivered in Bre-maw's book began afresh to make intrusion amongst them.

So the Almighty was again angry, that after so many judgments, the people would not be warned to his fear, therefore by God's appointment, Ruddery caused the earth to open and swallow them up alive, reserving only some few of the four tribes, as a last trial for the new peopling of the world again. And such was the conclusion of the third age of the world.

CHAP. XV. — *The fourth and last Age of the World; Vistney's Rapture to Heaven; the Banian's Opinion touching the final Conclusion of the World, and in what Manner they suppose it shall be.*

AFTER this, the Almighty again commanded, that the world should be peopled by those that were reserved, among whom there was one Kyltney, a famous ruler and pious king, of whose virtues they have ample record: as being one most notable in the last age, which they think now by the course of time to be devolved upon us; he did wonderfully promote religion, upon which there was a reformed beginning of goodness.

By this, Vystney's time (as they say) being expired, in this place and vale of mortality, the Lord took him up to heaven, there being no further need of his preservation, for when this age is concluded there shall be a final end of all things.

But the Bramanes, though they suppose time to be running on the fourth age of the world, yet they suppose this age shall be longer than any of the rest, in the end whereof they say Ruddery shall be rapt up into heaven. These ages they call by four names: the first, Curtain; the second, Duaper; the third, Tetraioo; the fourth, Kolee.

Concerning the manner of this final judgment, they hold it shall be more dreadful than any of the rest, and that it shall be by fire; that Ruddery then shall summon up all the power of destruction; that the moon shall look red; that the sun shall shed his purling light like flaming brimstone; that the lightning shall flash with terrors, the skies shall change into all colours; but especially fiery redness shall overspread the face of heaven; that the four elements of which the world at first was constituted, shall be at opposition and variance, till by this agony she be turned to her first confusion.

And that the final consummation of the world shall be by fire, they gather hence; of such as was the beginning of the world, of such shall be her dissolution; but the principles of the world's constitution, were these four, Earth, Air, Water, and Fire; therefore by them shall she be destroyed, which also they gather by the destruction of the several ages: for the people of the first age were destroyed by water; the people of the second age were destroyed by wind, which they account the air; the people of the third age were destroyed by earth; and the people of the last age shall be destroyed by fire.

Then (say they) shall Ruddery carry up the souls of all people to heaven with him, to rest in God's bosom, but the bodies shall all perish. So that they believe not the resurrection, for they say heaven being a place that is pure, they hold it cannot be capable of such gross substances.

The Author's Conclusion to the Reader; together with a Censure on the material Parts of this Relation.

THUS, worthy reader, thou hast the sum of the Banian religion, such as it is; not void of vain superstitious, and composed of forgery, as well may be judged by the precedent discourse, wherein, as in all other heresies, may be gathered how Satan leadeth those that are out of the pale of the church, a round, in the maze of error and gentilsim. I might leave the particulars to thy censure, as well as to thy reading; but since I have detected such gross opinions in this sect, I cannot let them pass without a rod thrust at their backs, as a deserved penance for their crime.

To help thy memory therefore in a short revise of their forementioned vanities; What seemeth their first age to present, but a figment of their own devising, to confirm them to be the most ancient of all people? as if, like the Egyptians, in the second book of Justin, they would only boast of antiquity; and to lay the first ground of religion and government, when the Scythians had better arguments to plead than they. How fabulous and like an old woman's tale seems their devised medium for the world's propagation; in placing four women at the four winds? And for the second age and the world's restoration therein, if by those three persons, Bremaw, Vystney, and Ruddery, they glance on the Trinity, how prodigious have they made that mystery; making it rather a quaternity, than a trinity? What a monstrous fancy have they formed and shaped for the peopling of that age; and if they aim not at a mark so sublime, what

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men shall deserve the attributes to them appropriate? Touching their law, the main pillars thereof have been demolished in its confutation: "The kingdom of God consists not in meats and drinks." For other their ceremonies and rites, contained in their second tract of the book, what man of reasonable understanding doth not wonder at their superstitions, which place their faith in outward washings, lotions and sprinklings? in worship of sun, moon, and other living creatures, in paintings, unctions, and garish processions, in offerings under green trees, in cringings, beckings, and bowings to images, and other multifarious ceremonies? All evidences of brains intoxicate with the fumes of error and polytheism. As for their four tribes, or casts, as in all things else, how Pythagorically they stand upon the number of four? The world was formed of four principles; divided into four points of the compass; to endure for four ages; planted by four men, matched by four women; restored again by four; and to be demolished by four several destructions; in four several elements; and, to conclude, like Sadducees, denying the resurrection, in which consisteth the hopes of the blessed: of which of St. Paul, 1 Cor. 15. 29. "If in this life only we have hope of Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

All these declare how they have made their religion a composed fiction, rather than any thing real for faith to lean on. Though, then, the novelty of this relation may make it grateful to any, who like an Athenian desireth to hear some strange thing or new, I know not wherein it may be more profitable than to settle us in the solidness of our own faith, which is purged of all such levities; for the vainness of error makes truth's greatest opinion, which duly considered may well move us to say,

——— Micat inter omnes
Julium Sydus, velut inter ignes
Luna minores.

"That our great light outshines all these, as far
"As silver moon outshines each lesser star."

THE RELIGION OF THE PERSEES.

THE INTRODUCTION.

HAVING declared the religion, rites, customs, and ceremonies of a people living in the East Indies, called the Banians, a sect not thoroughly published by any heretofore, whilst my observation was bestowed on such inquiry, I observed in the town of Surrat, the place where I resided, another sect called the Persees; who, because I did discern them to differ both from the Moor and Banian in the course of their living, and in the form of their religion; as also that the scripture, Dan. vi. 15. speaketh of the law of the Medes and Persians that might not alter; finding these to be that same people that are linked with the Medes, I thought it would not be unworthy of my labour to bring to the eyes of my countrymen this religion also, especially since I never read of any that had fully published the same, but that it hath remained obscure and hid from common knowledge. For this cause, desirous to add any thing to the ingenious that the opportunities of my travels might confer upon me, I joined myself with one of their churchmen, called the Daroo, and by the interpretation of a Persee,

whose long employment in the Company's service, had brought him to a mediocrity in the English tongue, and whose familiarity with me, inclined him to further my inquiry: I gained the knowledge of what hereafter I shall deliver, as it was compiled in a book writ in the Persian character, containing their scripture, and in their own language, called their Zundavastaw. But because we should be better informed concerning the people spoken of before we lay down their religion, we will first declare who these Persians are, and then proceed to their worship.

CHAP. I. — *Declaring who these Persians are; their ancient Place of Abode; the Cause of relinquishing their own Country; their Arrival in East India, and their Abode there.*

THESE Persians, or Persians, of whose religion we are now to speak, are a people descended from the ancient Persians in times not long after the flood, who then had their native kings and governors; but war, that causeth an alteration in states and empires, brought upon them a foreign sceptre.

About nine hundred and ninety-six years ago, one Yefdegerd was native king of Persia, who had his residence in the city of Yefd, near unto the old city of Spahaun, which is somewhat remote from the new city known by that name; this city of Yefd was a goodly city in those times, (as those use to be where kings keep their courts,) spacious for circuit, sumptuous in buildings, and populous for inhabitants, where this people lived in flourishing prosperity.

What time the Arabian captains of the sect of Mahomet made invasion into his country, about the nineteenth year of his reign, who having before been newly assaulted by a great multitude of Turks, that came from Turquetan, he was forced to fly to Karafon, where he died suddenly, in the twentieth year of his reign; being the five-and-fortieth king that descended from the race of Guiomaras, and the last in whom the ancient Persian monarchy concluded.

The Mahometans, upon the death of Yefdegerd, carried all in conquest before them, and subjected the natives of the country as vassals unto them; and as new lords bring in new laws, they contented not themselves to bring them to their form of government in state subjection, but also in matters of religion, to live according to Mahomet's constitutions, compelling them to be circumcised according to the Mahometan custom, contrary to the form of their own religion and worship.

These Persians, not enduring to live contrary to the prescript of their own law, and less able to reject their yoke, many of them by privy escape, and as close conveyance as they might of their goods and substance, determined on a voyage for the Indies, purposing to prove the mildness of the Banian Rajahs, if there; though they lived in subjection for matter of government, they might obtain liberty of conscience in regard to religion.

So repairing to Jasques, a place in the Persian Gulph, they obtained a fleet of seven junks, to convey them and theirs, as merchantmen bound for the shores of India, in course of trade and merchandise. It happened that in safety they made to the land of St. John's, on the shores of India, and arrived together, at or near the port of Swaley, the usual receptacle of such ships as arrive there. Treaty was made by some of them with a Rajah living at Nuncery, publishing their grievances, and the cause of their coming thither, as also their suit to be admitted as sojourners with them, using their own law and religion, but yielding themselves in subjection to their government; upon payment of homage and tribute, they were admitted to land the passengers contained in five of their junks.

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The other two junks remaining, one of them put into the road of Swaley, and treated with a Rajah that then resided at Baryaw, near unto Surat, who entertained them on like conditions to the former; but the Rajah of that place having wars with a neighbouring Rajah, who got the conquest, the Persees that resided with the conquered, were all put to the sword as adherents to the enemy.

The last junk coasted along the shores, and arrived at Cambaya, where they were received upon the pre-mentioned conditions, so that howsoever this people have been dispersed in India since their arrival, it hath been from some of these places. Thus, they lived in India till tract of time wore out the memory of their original, and the records of their religion being perished they became ignorant whence they were, being assigned to the profession of husbandry, or the dressing of the palmetoes or toddy trees; till being known by the name of Persees, they were recognized by the remnant of their sect abiding in Persia, who acquainted them with the story of their ancestors, and communicated to them both their law and instructions in the worship according to which they were to live. And these be the Persees, of whose religion we are to treat in the chapters following.

CHAP. II. — *Containing the Opinion of the Persees touching the Creation of the World, and the Creatures therein; together with a short Mention of the Flood, and the general Division of the following Discourse.*

Now, after the consideration of these Persees, of whose religion we are to speak, we proceed more particularly to the subject of this book, which is their worship and religion; wherein first cometh to be rendered their opinion touching the creation.

Touching this, the Persees affirm, that before any thing was there was a God, that was the Maker of all things, who, when he did determine to make himself known by his works in the creation of the universe, and the creatures therein, did divide this great work of the creation into a six-fold labour.

First then, they say, he made the heavens with their orbs, a place most glorious and pleasant, which he adorned with great lights and lesser; as the sun, moon, and stars; as also he did make the angels, which, according to their several dignities, he placed in their several orders one above another, which place he made a habitation of blessedness, for such as should live holily in this life: and having thus done, that he might teach us to do great designs with consideration and advice, he rested five days from the works of further creation.

Next, he made hell in the lower parts of the world, from which he banished all light and comfort; that as heaven might be a place of happiness to those that are good and please the Almighty, so this might be a place of horror and punishment to such as offend his majesty; wherein as in heaven, so God had made several mansions that exceeded each other in dolour, which were proportioned according to the degrees of offenders; about which time Lucifer, the chief of angels, with others of his order, conspiring against God, to gain the sovereignty and command over all, God threw him from the orb of his happiness, together with his confederates and accomplices, damned him to hell, the place that was made for offenders, and turned them from their glorious shapes into shapes black, ugly, and deformed, till the times of the world should be consummate, when all offenders in general should receive their sentence of punishment and condemnation. So God having accomplished this second labour, desisted from the work of the creation five days more.

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After this, the Almighty began the third labour of the creation, which was to make the earth, which, together with the waters called seas, make this lower world like a globe or ball, so agreeing together, that the sea's humidity maketh the earth fruitful, and the earth's solidity boundeth the waters in their due confine; which work thus finished, God suspended the work of the creation for five days more, and rested.

The fourth labour was to make the trees, plants, and herbs, that so the earth might bring forth fruits pleasant to the eye and taste, and for the comfort of the creatures living in the earth; this also done, God rested, and gave the former respite to his labours.

The fifth work was to make creatures fit to abide in the places forementioned, as beasts of all sorts, to forage in the green pasture; fowls to cleave the air with their nimble pinions; fishes to swim in the unknown depths of the watery oceans. The world thus replenished with creatures, God resumed his wonted rest and intermission from this labour.

And lastly, undertook his sixth labour, which was the forming of man and woman, to whom the rest of the creatures were made ministratory and servile, whose names their records deliver to be Al Adamah, and Evah, who being the first two by whom the multitudes of mankind should be propagated, God, as they affirm, did cause Evah to bring forth two twins every day; for a thousand years together, death did diminish none of the numbers of mankind by mortality.

But Lucifer, thus deposed with the rest of his orders, grew malignant both to God and man; and as God did good, so he laboured to do evil, and to perturb his actions, and tempt men to sin and wickedness, labouring to make man odious to his Maker, as also making himself an enemy to all goodness, which God yet did not fully revenge, as knowing nothing but evil to be in him and his confederates.

But the better to prevent his mischief, set certain supervisors over his creatures, to preserve them in that state wherein they were at first created. Thus, to one Hamull was committed the charge of the heavens; to Acrob the oversight of the angels, that they relapsed not as Lucifer had done; to Joder the oversight of the sun, moon, and stars; to Soreh the care of the earth; to Josah the command of the waters; Sumbolah had the charge of the beasts of the field; Daloo of the fish of the sea; Rocan of the trees; Cooz of man and woman; and Sertan and Afud, to whom God had given strength and power, were made the guardians of Lucifer, and the evil spirits, to master and conjure them from mischief to God's creatures, who yet, notwithstanding the watch of Sertan and Afud, did much mischief in the world by suggestion and temptation to wickedness; which made God offended with mankind for their wickedness.

The sins of men growing great, they say it appeareth in their record that there came a flood or inundation, which overflowed the earth and the inhabitants thereof; some few only God preserved to propagate the generations of the times following; that so there might not be an utter ruin of mankind. These generations were dispersed to people the earth again, from which all nations have had their descent. As, as their historiographer Mircond reporteth, in times not long distant from the flood, these Persees had a race of kings that were their proper governors, continued for above a thousand years by the succession of five-and-forty kings. The first whereof was Guio-maras, who, as Mercond reports, was the son of Aram, the son of Sem, the son of Noah, by the Persees called Adam Asseny, that is the second Adam; the last, in whom the monarchy of this people concluded (as is before shewed), was Yesdegerd. The abridgment of which chronicle I would have gathered from them, but that I found it

to agree punctually, both in matter and order, with that translation of Mr. Grimstone's, called *Estates and Empires, &c.* in the chronicle of the Kings of Persia, to whom I refer those that desire information therein.

What religion this people had in the reigns of Guiomaras, Syameck, Ouchang, Thamull, Jimhed, Zoack, Traydhun, and Manoucher, unto Lorasph, which was their fifteenth king, is not the scope of this present work, though then they had a peculiar kind of worship. But the religion that is the subject of this book, is a religion that was received in the reign of Gustasph, the son of Lorasph, their sixteenth king in succession, concerning the worship of fire: in the defence of which religion Gustasph was so zealous, that he made war against Ariaseph, King of Turron, for that he reprehended him in a letter about this worship.

Having then limited this book to its proper subject, three things in general are to be treated of in this work: first, to declare who their lawgiver, how their law was delivered, and came to be received of Gustasph, King of Persia. Next, to show the substance of their law. Lastly, to proceed to the ceremonies observed by them, not improper to this present tract.

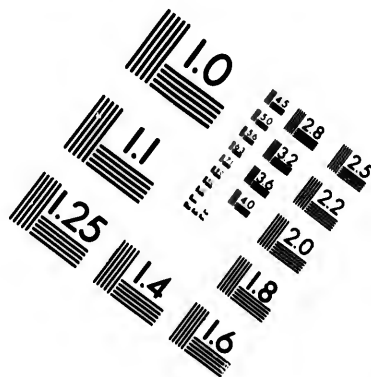
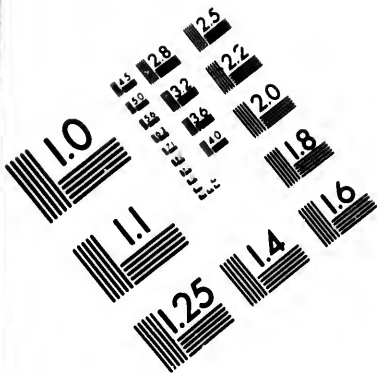
CHAP. III. — *Concerning Zertoost, the Lawgiver of the Persees; his Parents; the Omens that did fore-run his Nativity; their Interpretation; his Perils in his Birth-place; his Escape into Persia, and the Accidents happening in his Travels thither.*

CONCERNING the lawgiver of this people, it is left recorded in their old writings, that there lived in China two poor people, of honest fame and reputation, married together as man and wife; the man was called Espintaman, the woman Dodoo; these two having long lived in the state of marriage without issue, the woman earnestly prayed that God would give her a son; her request was heard, and much time passed not ere she conceived and grew pregnant.

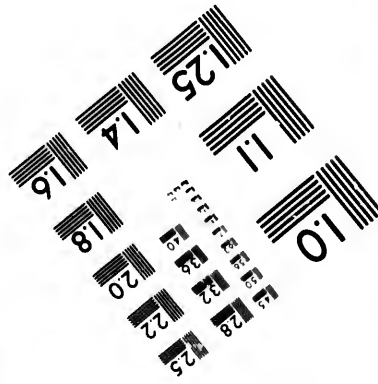
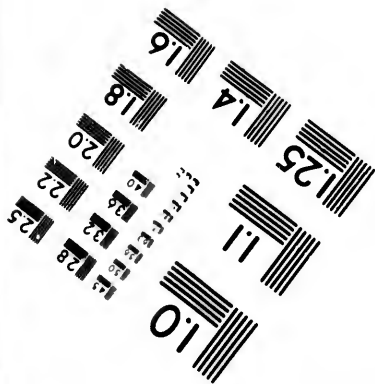
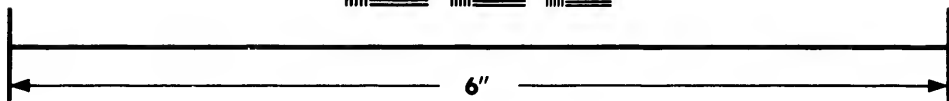
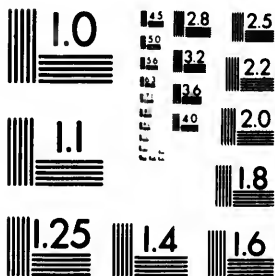
About the time of this woman's conception, she saw a vision presented to her in a dream, that filled her with great fear and terror; for she conceived that the heavens were of a light fire over her head, and that a flaming redness had overspread the firmament, which drove her into a great agony; when on a sudden there rushed into her sight four griffins, of grim and horrid appearance, who, seizing on her body, did from her womb seem cruelly to tear out the child she had conceived, to her great fear and despair of life; when on a sudden stepped in a man, of person goodly, and of warlike aspect, with a truncheon in his hand, in rescue of her, who with fury and resolution vindicated and recovered the child from the griffins, that would have torn it in pieces, and with gentle hand putting the child into the womb of his mother, did by sovereign art close up the rupture, that was by the griffins torn and dilacerated; whose agony thus mitigated by this worthy person, the griffins were driven away, the fieriness of the heavens altered, and Dodoo awaked out of her dream and slumber.

But the passion she suffered in this vision fixing the forepast occurrences more strongly in her mind, she related to her husband the particulars of her dream, the passages of which being so remarkable, she conceived it to be an omen either for good or evil, touching the child in her womb; whereof being desirous to be satisfied, she with her husband repaired to one that was a soothsayer, to be informed touching the significance of this vision. The diviner informed them, that this vision partly foretold good, partly evil, that should happen to the child that was in her womb; that by the fire which gave light was imported some strange revelation that should be shewed to the child, even to the enlightening of the whole world, which in that it did shine in heaven, the relation should





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should be touching some heavenly business; by the griffins, was set out enemies that should endanger the life of the mother, but principally endeavour the destruction of the child; by the man, was signified God above, who should repress the might of those enemies, that they should neither effect their cruelties on the mother or child, but also those dangers should be driven away, as appeared by the restitution of the heavens to their wonted estate, and the driving away of the griffins from the woman: with which interpretation Espintaman and Dodoo being highly satisfied, they returned home, awaiting the hopes that lay folded up in this child.

Time having his accomplishment, played the midwife and brought forth this child, who was no sooner brought from the dark womb to open light, but he foretold the joys he was to bring to the world in open laughter; so the time coming that he should receive his name, they called him Zertoost which importeth as much as a friend to the fire, because the soothsayer had prognosticated such good to him by the fire his mother beheld in the vision. But these notable things concerning this child could not be concealed, but that they were bruited to the ears of the King of China; who, fearing lest he was born to deprive him of his kingdom, or some of his successors, did, underhand, send the griffins drained of, that is, certain conspirators to betray Zertoost to destruction; who attempting evil against him, had their sinews shrunk up, and came to untimely end; so that every one was discomfited in attempting evil against one whom God had so miraculously preserved. But about twelve or thirteen years of age, a great sickness took him, which the King hearing of, he wrought secretly by a certain obscure physician to administer to him poisoned physic, if by such means he might rid away his life; but Zertoost, sensible of their evil practices towards him, refused both the intruding physician and his baneful medicines; and, weary of the wickedness of the place, solicited his parents to fly into Persia, by which means they should avoid those mischiefs that the King intended towards them, which would at some time or other either bereave them of him, or him of them. They, chary of their hopes in him, hearkened to his advice, and did, by the rising of the next sun, betake themselves to escape away. The various accidents that beset them by the way we omit, only it is delivered, that meeting with deep rivers which impeded his passage, he congealed them with hard frosts, and so passed over; and after long travel arrived at the King of Persia's court, in the reign of Gustafph lately mentioned; his parents applying themselves to such courses as might best procure the supplies of living, and Zertoost wholly dedicating himself to the service of God and religious devotions, as to which from his infancy he seemed inclined.

CHAP. IV. — *Shewing Zertoost's Meditation of the World's Wickedness; he goeth out to enquire of God some Revelation for the World's better Government; he meets an Angel, is carried to Heaven; his Request of the Almighty; his Vision; he receiveth a Book from the Lord, and returneth back from Heaven again.*

ZERTOOST thus arrived in Persia, and there making his abode, upon a time went into the fields, and revolving in his mind the world's wickedness, how one followed his lusts, another his pride, another his belly and epicurism, another his cruelty; that one sought the depopulation of countries, another the oppression of inferiors, and none observed good government, or had a good religion or worship amongst them; he began to examine the causes of all this wickedness that thus reigned amongst men below, and found it partly because Lucifer had laboured to corrupt and make nought that which

God had made good; next, because men had received no laws or good institutions, in those parts, to restrain them from sin, but every man lived according to his own devise, liberty, and liking, whether it were evil or good.

Hereof Zertoost more seriously considering, desired God to give him some revelation for the world's better government, and the establishment of religion amongst men; and conceiving the public place where he was not fit for such excellent communications, he went out further till he came to the point of a valley where two mountains joined together, when suddenly there descended before him, as his face was bent towards the earth, an angel whose wings had glorious pinions, and whose face glistened as the beams of the sun, saying, "Hail, Zertoost, beloved of God, what is it thou requirest?" Zertoost replied, that he desired to enter into God's presence to receive some divine laws to deliver to the nations, that so they might live in a better observance of his fear.

So the angel administering something to him to cleanse and purify his body, to make it capable of entrance into so pure a place, bade him close up his eyes, and he would transume and carry him up into that place of glory, where he should come into God's presence; whither being carried by the angel, he beheld such joys as were too mighty for his feeble senses; so that unable to sustain them, he fell into a trance, till God gave him power to endure the height of those pleasures; and being returned to himself, beheld the glory thereof, and heard the Almighty speaking as one encompassed with flames of fire, and revealing to him the secret works of the creation, in what order he made his creatures; and revealed to him things to come, shewing him that he should receive laws for the world's better government, and the establishment of religion, with many other things not fit to be uttered, neither by Zertoost ever published.

Then Zertoost, ready and willing to publish to all people what might be needful to bring them to God's better worship, did desire of God that he might live so long as the world should endure, a publisher of that religion which the Lord had promised to divulge by him, till he should make all nations believe the contents of that book. But the Lord answered, that if he should live ever so long, Lucifer would do more harm than ever he should do good; but if upon better consideration he would desire to live so long, his request should be granted.

So the Lord presented to Zertoost, in a vision, the state of all things past, present and to come, where he saw the troubles, sicknesses, and afflictions of man, more particularly, the state of the Persian monarchy, how Ouchang was slain by a stone; how Thamull died of a pestilence; how Timshed was slain by one of his own Captains; how men followed divers religions, and most their own ways, overlabouring themselves in the works of vanity. Over and above, God presented to his eyes the seven ages, or times of the Persian monarchy; the first was the golden age, that was in the days of Guiomaras; the second the silver age, that was in the days of Fraydhun; the third the brazen age, in the time of Kaykobad; the fourth the tin age, in the time of Loras; the fifth the leaden age, in the time of Bahaman; the sixth the steel age, in the days of Darab Segner; the seventh the iron age, in the reign of Yesdegerd. So Zertoost perceiving time to render every thing worse and worse, desired to live no longer than till he should discharge the message about which the Lord should send him, and that then he might be translated to the same place of glory again. So God reduced him to his own proper sense, from which he was ravished to godlike speculations.

Being thus, as he was before, of human capacity, after he had remained in heaven many days, the Lord delivered to him the book before mentioned, containing in it the form of good government, and the laws of religion that the Persians should follow; conferring

conferring likewise on Zertoost the heavenly fire, and other gifts that were never bestowed upon any man before or since. So Zertoost taking the heavenly fire into his right hand, and the book that God gave him in his left, he was delivered to the conduct of the angel that brought him thither, who was called Bahaman Umsiauppan, who taking up Zertoost, did cleave the air with his golden wings, till he had surrendered him to the place where he found him, and so left him.

CHAP. V. — *Shewing what happened to Zertoost, after the Angel left him; the Devil meeteth him and revileth him; he cometh to Gustasph's Court; the Joy of his Parents for his Return; the Infamy Gustasph's Churchman seeketh to put upon him; the Miracles whereby Zertoost doth vindicate his Fame; Gustasph's four Demands, and his four Grants.*

ZERTOOST was no sooner left by his heavenly guardian, but, Lucifer, an enemy to all goodness, met him, and called him a seeker after novelties and delusions, and told him, that God did not love him in such a manner as he believed, otherwise he would have kept him in heaven still, and not have sent him away; or else he would have granted him to live to the end of the world, when he desired it; that the book which he had, was stuffed with falsehoods; that he should come to trouble, danger, and shame about the publishing of it; as also that he should be laughed at for his fire, as being a creature of destruction, and a consumer of the works of man, and that there was no need thereof in hot climates; but that if he would depend on him, he could give him a book of better instructions, and present to him objects of better delight; could give him long life and honour, and power to work great miracles; that if he did not believe him, he was a senseless man, and deprived of his wits by his late vision.

But Zertoost, having placed his confidence better, told Lucifer, that, having lost that glory that his eyes beheld, he could not speak well of his Maker, nor be pleased with that great favour God had shewn him; but envying at it, sought not only to disannul his, but every man's happiness; charged Lucifer by the great name of his Creator, that put him into the dark dungeon of hell, under the custody of Sertan and Afud, and by the truth of that book, by which he should in the end of the world be arraigned and condemned, and by that fire in his right hand, by which he should be burned and tortured, to avoid his presence as a black-mouth defamer of God and goodness: at which Lucifer vanished with great horror and fear from him.

Lucifer, thus conjured from Zertoost's presence, he proceeded on his way to the city where Gustasph had his residence, and so to the place where his parents had their abode, who with no small sorrow had bewailed the absence of their son, and with vain inquest had sought him, but could not find him in whom their hopes were repositied; who now, to their strange joy and admiration, told them of his enthusiasms and raptures, wherein he had received that book and heavenly fire, that was so long before prognosticated by his mother's vision, and so truly interpreted by the augur and soothsayer. His parents blessed him, and became instructed in this new religion how to worship, as God had revealed to Zertoost.

These things could not be long hid; for the joys of mothers are not silent, but in every year did Dodoo pour forth her visions in her son's conception, and the soothsayer's interpretation of them; how true the particulars had fallen out; the late raptures her son Zertoost had in heaven; his revelations there, whereof a book written by God's own hand, and the strange fire he brought from thence, were lively evidences. These rumours being strange to all ears, and not testified by hearsay, but confirmed by

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one whose eyes had beheld the things averred, got passage, and were carried to the ears of Gustafph, then King of Persia, who therefore sent for Zertoost, of whom he enquired the further truth of this matter, who affirmed the same to be such as it was reported, that God had delivered him a book concerning his worship, and other secret knowledge inducing the worship of fire, whereof he gave some touches in particular to the King. The King admiring these things, and yet so certainly informed in the circumstances, grew wavering in his former worship and religion, and somewhat inclined to Zertoost, so that he divers times sent for him, and had much conference with him.

Gustafph's churchman then perceiving his sovereign to hearken to this new religion, wherein he had no knowledge, and that by degrees he lost that grace he had wontedly from him, did seek to put some infamy on Zertoost, by which the King might become alienated from him and that new-sprung religion, wherein he had no knowledge, and that by degrees began, as he thought, to sink too fast into the breast of the King; for this cause he suborned the porter that kept the door of Zertoost's house, which was a Persian, to convey under the bed of Zertoost, the bones of dead men, and the dead carcases of dogs, a creature loathsome to the Persians; of which whilst Zertoost was utterly ignorant, the King's churchman put himself into the presence of Gustafph, with some other of his nobles that did not favour Zertoost's innovation, saying, "Oh, King! what new religion is this to which thou standest so much inclined? or what is this new and strange lawgiver Zertoost whom thou so favourest? who the other day came in a poor manner into this land, as a fugitive from his native country, who, as I hear also, was hateful to his prince and the king of his people; that he should find such grace in bringing up a new religion, false and fictitious, and not of that authority it is pretended to be, being, as I also am informed, a man of unclean and beastly living, in whose house, at this time, and under whose bed whereon he hourly lieth, thou shalt find the bones of human bodies, the carcases and limbs of dead dogs, and filthy carrion, an abomination to the eyes of any clean person; continue thou then, Oh, King! in the law of thy fathers, and listen not to this novelist!" This speech being seconded with some of the great ones, and the act reported being so odious and abominable, Gustafph commanded Zertoost's habitation to be searched; and it being (as the churchman of Gustafph had reported) effected by the wicked conspiracy of Gustafph's churchman and Zertoost's servants, Zertoost was cast into prison, despised and hated of all people.

It happened in this time of Zertoost's imprisonment, that Gustafph had a horse which he much prized that fell very sick, and there was not any found that knew his disease, or how to cure him: this being told the jailor that had Zertoost in custody, and the King publishing great rewards to him that could restore him, Zertoost came to the knowledge of it; who told the keeper, that if the King pleased, he would cure the horse, or else be liable to the King's displeasure. The keeper so favoured Zertoost, that he made known his words to the King; so Gustafph sent for Zertoost, who, according to his promise, did restore the beast; which service was so acceptable to Gustafph, that he was had into new estimation again; and maintaining his innocency touching that same plot that was laid upon him, the King gave him liberty and great rewards, and by often conferences became nearly in respect with the King, so that a way was again afforded to publish this religion of Zertoost's; who working strange miracles among them, gained credence to be a man come from God.

This book of Zertoost's gaining every day a better opinion, and his great works really demonstrated shewing him to be a man of more divine endowments than was found in ordinary men; upon a time the King sent for him, and told him, that if he would

grant him four demands which he would propound to him, he would believe his law, and be ever a professor of that religion contained in the book he brought with him. Zertoost then bade him propose his demands, and, if they were such as were reasonable, they should be granted. The King then proposed them. The first whereof was, that he might ascend to heaven, and descend from thence when he list. The second was, that he might know what God would do at present, and in time to come. The third was, he might never die. The fourth was, that no instrument whatsoever might have the power to wound him or hurt him,

Zertoost thus replied, that these were difficult and high demands; neither did so great a power rest in him as to grant them; neither was it meet that any one man should have them all, for that therein he should rather seem to be a God than a man; yet difficult though they were, that the book of laws he had brought might be known to proceed from God, he would procure that these requests might be granted to several persons, but not all to one: So the first, which was to ascend to heaven and descend from thence at pleasure, was obtained for Gustafph, who, they say, had this power granted him. The second, which was to know what would fall out at present or hereafter, was granted to the King's churchman, that so he might direct the King in his designs, what should be undertaken, what should be left undone. The third, which was to live for ever, was granted to Gustafph's eldest son, called Pischiton, who yet liveth (as they say) if we will believe them, at a place in Persia called Demawando Cohoo, in a high mountain, with a guard consisting of thirty men, to which place all living creatures else are forbidden to approach, lest they should live for ever, as they do that abide there, who never suffer mortality. The last, which was never to be wounded with instrument or weapon, was granted to the youngest son of Gustafph, called Espondier, who, they say, by Zertoost's prayers was made invulnerable, that he might put himself into the danger of battle, without fear or hazard.

So Gustafph and the three other mentioned, proving the power of these several gifts, they all determined to live according to the precepts in Zertoost's book; wherein that they might be informed, Zertoost unfolded to them the contents thereof: the matter or subject of which book, of what nature it was, shall be declared in the chapter following.

CHAP. VI. — *Wherein is shewed the main Contents of the Book delivered to Zertoost, and by him published to the Persians, or Persees.*

HAVING shewed who Zertoost was, that was the lawgiver of these Persees, in what manner, according to their assertion, he received the book by strange revelation; with what wonders, as they affirm, he wrought assent thereunto, and belief thereon, by Gustafph and his nobles; after this it will perhaps be desired to know, what this book contained, that this sect deliver to be received after so wondrous a manner, which will be the drift of that which followeth.

They affirm then that this book contained in it three several tracts. The first whereof treated of that which we call judicial astrology, foretelling the events of things to come by judgment of the stars, which by them is called Astoodeger.

The second did treat concerning physick or the natural knowledge of things, with their causes, and the cures of the diseases incident to man.

The third was called Zertoost, because Zertoost was the bringer thereof, and this contained their law and matters that concerned religion; which books, according as their matters was divers, so they were delivered to men of several studies and learning.

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The first of these books, called Astodeger, which treated of judicial astrology, was committed to their Jesopps, or wise men, which are known by the name of Magies.

The second, which treated of physic, was given to their physicians to instruct them in that science.

The third, which contained their law, and matters of religion, called Zertoost, was delivered to their Daroos or churchmen, that they might know how to worship God themselves, and also instruct others in the knowledge of the same worship; of such three tracts did this book or volume consist.

These tracts were likewise divided into certain chapters, whereof seven were contained in the wiseman's, or Jesopp's book, seven in the physician's book, and seven in the Daroos or churchman's book.

But because that which was given to the augur or soothsayer, as also that which was given to the physician, containeth nothing concerning the religion to be declared, the uses of the former whereof are unlawful, and the knowledge of the latter in these experient times, seemeth unnecessary, we make addressment to the third tract, called Zertoost, which layeth down their law or religion, as most appurtenant to our present drift, in that which followeth.

CHAP. VII. — *Containing the Particulars of the Book of their Law, as they are apportioned; first to the Behedin, or Layman; secondly, to the Herbood, which is the ordinary Churchman; and lastly, to the Distoore, which is their Archbishop.*

THE common division of men being of such as are of the laity, or such as are of the clergy; and those of the clergy being either such as are ordinary, or such as are extraordinary, it pleased God, say the Persees, to apportion and divide his law amongst these three sorts of men.

First, Then, unto the layman, or Behedin, God gave five commandments; who being by secular occasions drawn from the services of religion, had, therefore, a less difficult injunction laid upon him.

“*First*, To have shame ever with them, as a remedy against all sin; for a man would never oppress his inferiors if he had any shame; a man would never steal if he had any shame; a man would never bear false witness if he had any shame; a man would never be overcome with drink if he had any shame; but because this is laid aside, men are ready to commit any of these, and, therefore, the Behedin, or layman, must think of shame.

“*Secondly*, To have fear always present with them, and that every time the eye twinkled or closed his lids together, they should stand in fear at those times of their prayers, lest they should not go to heaven, the thought of which should make them fear to commit sin, for that God sees what manner of ones they are that look up towards him.

“*Thirdly*, That whensoever they are to do any thing, to think whether the thing be good or bad that they go about, whether commanded or forbidden in the Zinda-vastaw; if prohibited, they must not do it; if allowed by the book of religion, they may embrace and prosecute the same.

“*Fourthly*, That whosoever of God's creatures they should first behold in the morning, it should be a monitor to put them in mind of their thanksgivings to God, that had given such good things for men's use and service.

“*Fifthly*, That whensoever they pray by day they should turn their faces toward the sun; and whensoever they prayed by night they should incline towards the moon, for that

that they are the two great lights of heaven, and God's two witnesses, most contrary to Lucifer, who loveth darkness more than light."

These be the five precepts enjoined to the layman or Behedin; now follow those that are to be observed by the ordinary or common churchman, called their Daroo, or Herbood, who, as his place required a greater holiness than the layman's, so his charge was greater; for not only is he by the book of their law enjoined to keep the Behedin's precepts without violation, but also to fulfil these eleven precepts more, as particular to himself.

"*First*, To know in what manner to pray to God, observing the rites prescribed in the Zundavastaw; for God is best pleased with that form of prayer, that he hath given in his own book.

"*The second*, To keep his eyes from coveting or desiring anything that is another's, for God hath given every man what he thinks meet for him; and to desire that which is another's is not only to dislike of God's dispose of his own gifts, but to challenge to himself that which God hath denied him, and whereof he seeth him unworthy.

"*The third*, To have a care ever to speak the truth, for all truth cometh from God, and as it is most communicated to men of God, so they should most shew it in their words and actions; but Lucifer is the father of falsehood, and whosoever useth it, it may be a sign that the evil spirit is powerful with such an one; the Herbood, therefore, shall shew himself to be contrary to him by his speaking the truth, for all men must give credit to his words.

"*The fourth*, To be known only in his own business, and not to enquire after the things of the world; it belonging only to him to teach others what God would have them do. Therefore the Behedin or layman shall see that he want nothing needful, but shall afford it him, and he shall seek nothing superfluous.

"*The fifth*, To learn the Zundavastaw by heart, that he may be ready to teach it to the Behedin, or layman, wheresoever he meeteth him; for from him must the people fetch their knowledge concerning God.

"*The sixth*, To keep himself pure and undefiled from things polluting, as from the carcases of the dead, or touching meats unclean, for God is pure, whose servant he is, and it is expected he should be such, abhorring the sight of all things that are foul and loathsome, and stopping the passages of his breath, lest their corrupted air should enter into him to defile him.

"*The seventh*, To forgive all injuries, shewing himself the pattern of meekness, that he may be thought one that cometh from God; for we offend God every day, yet he giveth us things that are good, when we deserve that he should recompense evil for evil.

"*The eighth*, To teach the common people to pray, according to the directions in the book of their law; to go and pray with them for any good they desire to obtain; and when they come to the place of worshipping, to join in common prayer together.

"*The ninth*, To give licence for marriage, and to join the man and woman together; and that no parents match their children without the consent and approbation of the Herbood.

"*The tenth*, To spend the greatest part of their time in the temple, that he may be ready for all that come to him; for to that God hath appointed him, and to that he must bind himself.

"*The eleventh* and last injunction is, upon pain of damnation, To believe no other law than that which was brought by Zertoost; to add nothing to it, to take nothing

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These are the precepts that are to be observed by the Herbood, or ordinary churchman, contained in the book of their law. Now their Distoree, or high priest, whereof they have never but one, to which all the Herboods pay their observance, as he is above the rest in dignity, so he is enjoined to be above the rest in sanctity; his injunctions, therefore, are transcending; for not only is he bound by their Zundavastaw, or book of religion, to observe all that is commanded the Behedin, or layman, in his five precepts, and all that is commanded the Herbood in his eleven precepts, but also to fulfil thirteen precepts more as peculiar to himself.

"The *first* is, That he must never touch any of a strange cast or sect, of what religion soever, nor any layman of his own religion, but he must wash himself, because God hath made him especially holy to himself, for which cause he must not approach to God in prayer with the touch of others uncleanness.

"The *second* is, That he must do every thing that belongeth to himself with his own hand, both to witness his better humility, as also the better to preserve his purity; namely, to set the herbs in his own garden, to sow the grain of his own field, to dress the meat that he eateth, unless he have his wife to administer to him in that, which is not ever usual.

"The *third* is, That he take the tythe or tenth of all things from the Behedin, as the Lord's dues, and employ it to such uses as he thinketh meet, since the Lord hath made him as his almoner and dispenser of charity.

"The *fourth* is, That as he must use no pomp or superfluity; so of that great revenue which cometh yearly to him, he must leave nothing overplus at the year's end, that must not be bestowed in good uses, either in charitable contributions to the poor; or in building of the temples of God.

"The *fifth*, That his house be near adjoining to the church, where he must keep and make his abiding, continuing in prayer and abstinence, not ostentating himself to public view, but living reclusive and retired from the world, as a man wholly dedicated to God.

"The *sixth*, That he must bind himself to greater purity than others, both in his frequent washings and also in his diet, in feeding on meats accounted more pure by the law, as also that he live sequestered from his wife in time of her pollutions.

"The *seventh* is, That whereas the Herbood is enjoined only to be known in the law or book called Zertoost, that the Distoree be acquainted with all the learning contained in the Zundavastaw, both in that part which treated of judicial astrology, committed to the Jesopp, or wise man, as also in that which concerneth the physician, and most especially in the book of the law; for it is expected that he should inform all men, and none should be found like him therein, before he be admitted to be high priest.

"The *eighth*, That he must never eat or drink excessively, for these are enemies to the high speculations required in a high priest.

"The *ninth*, That he stand in fear of nobody but God, nor fear any thing but sin; for he is so to trust in God, that he must not fear what Lucifer can do unto him.

"The *tenth*, That God hath given him power over all men in matters of the soul, that therefore when any man sinneth he may tell him of it, be he ever so great, and every man is to obey him, as one that speaketh not in his own cause but God's.

"The *eleventh*, That according to the wisdom that God hath given him, he be able to discern in what manner God cometh to reveal himself; in what manner Lucifer; and how to decide between falsehood and truth.

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“ *The twelfth*, That when God manifesteth himself to him in vision of the night, and sheweth him in what manner he made his works in the creation; he should not reveal God's secrets, but keeping them to himself should admire his power, for God doth not publish himself to any as he doth to his Disciple, or high priest.

“ *The thirteenth*, That he keep an ever living fire, that never may go out, which being kindled by that fire which Zertoost brought from heaven, may endure for all ages, till fire shall come to destroy all the world, and that he say his prayers over it, according as it is enordered by the book of the law.”

This is a summary of those precepts contained in the book of their law, that Zertoost by them is affirmed to bring from heaven, and that religion which Gustafph with his followers embraced, persuaded by the forementioned miracles by Zertoost wrought amongst them.

CHAP. VIII. — *Declaring other Ceremonies amongst these Persees, in their Feasts and Fasts; in their idolatrous Worship of Fire, Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials.*

THE third particular concluding this tract, consisteth in the display of certain rites and ceremonies observed by this sect, differencing them from others in the contents above mentioned; the particulars follow in their order.

First, then, Touching their liberty in meats and drinks, and their customs observed in their feasts and fasts. Their law alloweth them great liberty in meats and drinks; but because they will not give offence to the Banians, amongst whom they live, nor displease the Moers, under whose government they are; they especially abstain from eating of kine and hog's flesh, meats prohibited by the laws of the two former. It is observable also amongst them, that they eat alone, as a means for greater purity and cleanness; for they suppose they participate of another's uncleanness by eating with him: they likewise drink every one in several cups, proper and peculiar to their own uses, for the same cause; and if any chance to drink in another man's cup, they wash it three times, and abstain from the use thereof for a certain season after.

Secondly, For their festivals enjoined by their laws, they observe six in the year; and these feasts are celebrated for five days together, each of them according to the six works of the creation. The first is called Meduferum, which is upon the fifteenth of their month called Fere, which is our February, for joy that the Lord made the heavens to be a place of glory, to entertain such as fear him. The second is called Petufahan, which is upon their month Sheruar, our April the six and twentieth: for that the Lord had made hell to be a place for the devil and his angels. That feast, therefore, is a memorial to put them in mind that they take heed of that evil that may bring them thither. The third is Yatrum, celebrated upon the six-and-twentieth of their month Mahar, which is our May, in memory that the Lord made the earth and seas, to bring forth creatures for the use of man. The fourth is Medearum, kept upon the sixteenth of their month Deh, which is our August, in memory that God made the plants and trees, by whose fruits man is sustained and nourished. The fifth is Homespetamadum, upon the month Spindamud, which is our October, beginning on the thirtieth day, in remembrance that God made the beasts, fish, and fowl, creatures ordained for the sustenance of man. The sixth is called Medufan, falling on the eleventh of their month Ardebest, which is December, for joy that then the Lord made man and woman, from whence all mankind had their original.

In the third place, touching their fasts. After every one of their feasts they observe a five days abstinence, eating but one meal a day, in memory that the Lord after every

one of these labours, rested five days, and whensoever they eat of any fowl or flesh, they carry some part of it to the eggaree, or temple, as an offering to appease God, that for the sustenance of man they are forced to take away the life of his creatures : and these are the rites most notable touching their meats and drinks.

Now, in the second place, for their worship of fire, because this is an idolatry most notably distinguishing their worship from the worship of other sects : First, for the ground of this their worship of fire, it is fetched from the lawgiver Zertoost, who, as they affirm, being rapt up to heaven, had fire delivered unto him from God, and brought it thence, together with the book of their law, as the worship by them to be embraced, and by their law enjoined. Moreover, they affirm that Zertoost, being in the fore-mentioned rapture in the place of glory, did not see God, but heard him speaking to him out of the fire ; and when the fire was delivered, received it as the virtue of God, and his first-born of excellence ; and for these causes to be worshipped and revered.

Next, for the nature or quality of this fire. The first fire thus worshipped and idolized was that Zertoost brought from heaven with him, which was a living fire, that nothing could extinguish ; but whether this has certainly been preserved in the succession of time, to be communicated to all, is unknown ; upon defect hereof they are licensed to compose a fire of divers mixtures, to be kept living from time to time, to which they are to perform their enjoined worship. Such is that which is idolized in India, where this sect remaineth, in a place called Nuncery, that hath not been extinguished for the space of two hundred years, as they affirm. First, then, this fire consisteth of that fire that is made by the sparks flying from the flint, by the smiting of a steel. Secondly, of that fire that is made by the rubbing of two pieces of wood together, a custom much used amongst the heathens of ruder manners, by which they kindle their fires in all places where they need. Thirdly, of such fire as is occasioned by lightning falling on some tree or thing accendible. Fourthly, of such fire as is called wild-fire, which flying from place to place, and lighting on matter combustible, consumeth it. Fifthly, of artificial fire made by coals or wood most ordinary in use. Sixthly, of the fire wherewith the Banians use to burn the bodies of their dead. Seventhly, of the fire that is made by burning-glasses, and the beams of the sun : of all these ingredients they compose their idolatrous fire, which they call their Antisbcheraun, or religius fire. Lastly, for their ceremony or rite bestowed about this fire so variously composed, and by their Distoree, or high priest, so tended, that it may not extinguish : whensoever the Persees assemble themselves together to this worship, the Dostiree, or, in his absence, the Herbood, together with the assembly, encompass the fire about, and standing eleven or twelve feet distant therefrom, (for they hold it so holy that they fear to approach too near,) the Distoree or Herbood uttereth this speech : " That forasmuch as fire was delivered to Zertoost, their lawgiver, from God Almighty, who pronounced it to be his virtue and his excellency, and that there was a law delivered for the worship of this fire, confirmed by so many miracles, that therefore they should hold it holy, reverence and worship it as a part of God, who is of the same substance ; and that they should love all things that resemble it, or were like unto it, as the sun and moon which proceeded from it, and are God's two witnesses against them, if they should neglect that religion and worship so enjoined : as also to pray to God that he would forgive them, if, in the ordinary uses of this element, so serviceable to man's need, they should either spill water, which might in some manner quench it, or spit in it unawares, or put such fuel to it to keep it burning as was impure and unworthy of that holiness that was in that

element, or whatsoever abuses else they should do, as they used it in the necessary services of their life." And this is the sum of their worship touching the fire.

In the third place, for their baptism or naming of children, when they enter them into the church, this is their form; as soon as ever the child is born, the Daroo, or churchman, is sent for to the party's house, who, observing the punctual time of his birth, calculateth his nativity; after that, considering about the name of the child, at last the parents and friends approving the same name that the churchman giveth, the mother in the presence of them all giveth the name to the child, there being no ceremony but the naming of the infant as then used. After this the kindred of the child, together with the infant, accompany the churchman to the eggaree or temple, where he taketh fair water, and putting in into the bark or rind of a tree called holme, which groweth at Yefd in Persia, and is admired in this one particular, as they affirm, for that the sun of heaven giveth it no shadow: he then poureth the water into the infant, uttering this prayer, "That God would cleanse it from the uncleanness of his father, and the menstruous pollutions of his mother;" which done he departeth. About the seventh year of the child's age, when the same is more capable of his entrance into their church, he is led thither by his parents, to have a further confirmation, where he is taught by the churchman to say some prayers, and to be instructed in religion: wherein when he is prompt, he uttereth his prayers over the fire, having a cloth fastened about his head, and over his mouth and nostrils, according to their general custom in that worship, lest their breath issuing out of their sinful bodies, should taint that holy fire. Then after prayers be concluded, the Daroo giveth him water to drink, and a pomegranate leaf to chew in his mouth, to cleanse him from inward uncleanness; so washing his body in a tank with clean water, and putting on him a lincn cassock, which he weareth next his skin, called shuddero, which descendeth to his waist, as also a girdle of camels hair called cushee, which he ever weareth about him, and is woven like iclce by the preacher's own hand, he uttereth these prayers over him, "That God would make him a true follower of the religion of the Persees all the days of his life, of which those garments are the badge or sign; that he might never believe in any law but that which was brought by Zertooft; that he might continue a worshipper of their fire; that he might eat of no man's meat; nor drink of any man's cup, but in all things might observe the rites and customs of the Persees. All which transacted, he is held a confirmed Persee, and one of their own sect.

Fourthly, touching their marriages, and the rites in them observed. They have a five-fold kind of marriage distinguished by several names. The first they call Shaufan, which is the marriage of a man's son and a man's daughter together in the time of their youth, where the parents agree without the knowledge of the children; to this they attribute much, and suppose them to go to heaven that are married in this state. The second is called Chockerforo, when the party once widowed, is married again. The third, Codesherahafan, when a woman enquireth out a husband for herself, according to her own free choice. The fourth, Eckfan, when a young man or maid dying before they be married; then they have a custom to procure some man's son or daughter to be matched to the party deceased, attributing the state of marriage to be a means to bring people to happiness eternal in another world. Those that commonly use this, are the richer sort, who by a price hire the parties to such a contract with a sum of money. The fifth is called Ceterfon; when the father having no son, a daughter of his own having sons, he adopteth some of them to be his, and marieth them as if they were his own children; for they account that man unhappy that hath not a male or female, a son or a daughter to join in the state of marriage.

Now for the rite or ceremony observed in their marriages; it is this: the parties being agreed and met together for the purpose of contracting, about the time of midnight the parties to be married are set upon a bed together (for they are not married in their churches:) opposite to the parties to be married, stand two churchmen, the one in the behalf of the man, the other in behalf of the woman, with the kindred of each by the Herbood or churchman to either deputed; holding rice in their hands, an emblem of that fruitfulness they wish to them in their generations. Then the churchman that standeth in the man's behalf, moveth the question to the woman, laying his forefinger on her forehead, saying, "Will you have this man to be your wedded husband?" who giving consent, the churchman deputed in the woman's behalf, laying his forefinger on the man's forehead, moveth a like question, of which receiving answer, they join their hands together: the man making a promise to her, that he will give her so many dinaes of gold, which is a piece worth thirty shillings, to bind her to him, implying by that promise to maintain her with all things necessary; the woman again promiseth that all she hath is his: so the Herboods or churchmen scattering the rice upon them, pray God to make them fruitful and send them many sons and daughters, that may multiply as the seed in the ears of harvest; that they may live in unity of mind, and many years together in the state of wedlock. Thus, the ceremony being done, the woman's parents give the dowry, for the men give none, and the marriage feast is celebrated for eight days after; when such time is expired, they are all dismissed. And this is all that may be observable about their marriages or matrimonial ceremony.

In the last place, for the burial of their dead, two things are notable: first, the place of their burial; secondly, the ceremony used therein, differing them from others. First, for the place of their burial, they have two places or tombs built of a round form, a pretty height from the ground, sufficiently capacious and large; within they are paved with stone, in a shelving manner; in the midst of them a hollow pit, to receive the bones consumed and wasted; about by the walls are the shrouded and sheeted carcases laid, both of men and women, exposed to the open air. These two tombs are somewhat distant one from the other, the one is for all those that are of commendable life and conversation, but the other is for such as are notorious for some vice, and of public defame in the world for some evil, by which they are branded. Touching the ceremony observed in the burials of their dead, whensoever any of them are sick unto death, the Herbood or churchman is sent for, who prayeth in the ear of the sick man in this manner, "O Lord, thou hast commanded that we should not offend; this man hath offended: that we should do good; this man hath done evil: that we should worship thee; this man hath neglected: Lord forgive him all his offences, all his evils, all his neglects." When he is dead the churchman cometh not near him by ten feet, but appointeth who shall be the nacefflars or bearers: they then carry him on an iron bier, for the law forbiddeth that the body of the dead should touch wood, because it is a fuel to the fire they account most holy: and those that accompany the dead are interdicted all speech, because the grave or place of the dead is a place of rest and silence. Being come to the place of burial, the Nacefflars or bearers lay the body in, and the churchman standing remote from the place, uttereth the words of burial in this manner: "This, our brother, whilst he lived consisted of the four elements; now he is dead, let each take his own; earth to earth, air to air, water to water, and fire to fire." This done, they pray to Sertan and Afud, to whom was given the charge over Lucifer and the evil spirits, that they would keep the devils from their deceased brother, when he should repair to their holy fire, to purge himself: for they suppose

the soul to be vagrant on earth for three days after his decease, in which time Lucifer molesteth it: for security from which molestation it flieth to their holy fire, seeking preservation there: which time concluded, it receiveth justice or reward, hell or heaven. Upon this opinion, they all (as their business will permit) assemble themselves for three days together, and offer up their prayers at morning, noon and evening, that God would be pleased to be merciful to the soul departed, and remit the sins that the party committed in his lifetime. After the three days are expired, and that they think the definitive sentence is past, what shall become of him, they on the fourth day make a festival and conclude their mourning.

The Author's Conclusion to the Reader.

SUCH in sum (worthy reader,) is the religion which this sect of the Persees profess: I leave it to the censure of them that read, what to think of it. This is the curiosity of superstition to bring in innovations into religious worship, rather making devices of their own brain, that they may be singular, than following the example of the best in a solid profession. What seem these Persees to be like in their religious fire, but those same gnats that, admiring the flame of fire, surround it so long till they prove *ingeniosi in suam ruinam*, "ingenious in their own destruction?" And if the Papists would hence gather ground for purgatory, and prayers for the dead, and many other superstitions by them used, to be found in these two sects, we can allow them, without any shame to our profession, to gather the weeds of superstition out of the gardens of the Gentile idolaters. But the Catholic Christian, indeed, will make these errors as a sea-mark to keep his faith from shipwreck. To such I commend this transmarine collection, to beget in good Christians the greater detestation of these heresies, and the more abundant thanksgiving for our calling, according to the advice of the apostle, Ephes. iv. 17. "This I say, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having their understandings darkened, being alienated from the life of God, through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their hearts:" but rather that we may pray, that God would establish us in his truth; his word is that truth.

A JOURNEY FROM MADRAS

THROUGH

THE COUNTRIES OF MYSORE, CANARA, AND MALABAR.

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CHAPTER I.—*From Madras to Conjeveram, Arcot, Vellore, Paligonda, Satgudam, Pedda Naikena Durga, Vencatagbery, Baydamungulum, Waluru, Catcalli, Tayculum, Bangalore, and Seringapatam.*

MY inquiries could not commence, with proper effect, till after my arrival at Seringapatam, nor until I had there procured sufficient authority from the Raja's Dewan; I trust, however, that my observations on the appearance of the country, as I passed along, will not be considered as entirely useless.

In the afternoon of the 23d April 1800, I set out from Madras, in the very hot dry weather, which usually prevails at this season. After leaving the plain occupied by the houses of Europeans, I entered a country then scorched up by a powerful sun, yet containing little waste land; for the soil, being fine, produces a very good crop of rice, provided, in the wet season, the usual quantity of rain falls. In some places, the industry of the natives causes a verdure that is highly refreshing, by watering a few fields, that are near tanks, or reservoirs of water. These fields are now covered with rice, approaching to maturity; and in the rainy season they will yield another crop. The appearance of the country, however, at this time of the year, is dreary. It is almost as level as Bengal: and in general forms a naked, brown, dusty plain, with few villages, or any thing to relieve the eye, except a ridge of abrupt detached hills toward the south. The roads are good; and many of the huts being built of mud, and neatly covered with tiles, have a better appearance than those in Bengal: but the roofs of such as are thatched look ragged; as the thatch is not composed of smooth straw, but of Palmira leaves, which never can be put on with neatness.

Near the road, charitable persons have built many resting-places for porters, who here carry all their burdens on the head. These resting-places consist of a wall about four feet high, on which the porters can deposit their burdens, and from which, after having rested themselves, they can again, without assistance, take up their loads. The inns, or choultries, which are common on the road, evince an attention to travellers not to be found in Bengal. At these places, the poorest, without expence, have shelter from the inclemencies of the weather; and the richer traveller, can purchase both for himself and for his cattle, at least the necessaries of life.

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This part of the country, although at present naked, seems capable of raising trees and hedges; and shows evident appearances of its being in a state of improvement, there being in view many new plantations, especially of fruit-trees, and coco-nut palms.

Leaving on the right the road to Poonamalee, I went to Condaturu, near which the country assumes a very different and a very pleasing aspect. Numerous small canals, from the Saymbrumbacum tank, convey a constant supply of water to most of the neighbouring fields, and fertilize them without the trouble of machinery. They consequently yield every year two crops of rice. The one at present on the ground will be reaped in June, and has a very promising appearance.

Instead of preventing the crops from being cut down, till the rent is paid, as is usual in Bengal, the custom here is, to collect the grain in stacks, or heaps, after it has been thrashed out on the field. In order to guard against embezzlement, several pieces of clay, stamped with a seal, are then put on the surface of the heap; and, to prevent injury from the weather, it is thatched. The grain continues in these heaps, till the cultivator is able to satisfy the renter, either by advancing money, or by dividing the produce. In every village a particular officer, called Talliari, keeps watch at night, and is answerable for all that may be stolen.

The cattle in the neighbourhood of Madras are of the species which is common to the Decan; but much smaller than those which are brought from the northern parts of that country. They seem, however, to be larger than the cattle produced in the southern parts of Bengal. They are mostly light-brown, or white, and, notwithstanding the apparent want of pasture, are in better condition than the labouring cattle of Bengal, owing, probably, to the superior care that is taken of the rice straw by the inhabitants of Madras. Milch cows are fed entirely on grass; grain, or pulse, is rarely given to such cattle as are not employed in hard labour.

Near Madras, buffaloes are in general use, and are often yoked in the same cart with bullocks, although the paces of the two animals are very different. The buffaloes here are much smaller than in Bengal.

24th April.—I set out early, and soon arrived at Saymbrumbacum tank, which is of great extent. It has not been formed by digging, like those in Bengal; but by shutting up, with an artificial bank, an opening between two natural ridges of ground. The sheet of water is said to be seven or eight miles in length, and three in width; and in the dry season is let out in small streams, as wanted for cultivation. In the rainy season it receives a supply of water from the river Chir-nadi, and from several small streams that are collected by a canal. As at times the water overflows, and would break down the bank by falling over it, and sapping its foundations, the natives in different places construct what they call codies, or sluices of stone. These are twenty or thirty feet wide, and are lower by some feet than the other parts of the bank. On the surface, they are strongly fortified by large stones placed in a sloping direction; so that the water rushes over without undermining the bank, and is conveyed away from the fields by a canal. This is a matter of the utmost importance; for there are instances where, the banks of these large tanks having given way, whole villages have been destroyed by the torrent. In order, however, that when there is plenty of rain, the tank may be completely filled, a row of stone pillars is placed on the top of the sluice; and, on the water rising to a level with their base, a temporary wall is formed of mud, sticks, and straw, placed between the pillars, so as to confine the water till it rises as high as the top of the bank. People watch this

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night and day, in order to break down the temporary bank, should any additional rain endanger the whole. The water is let out, to supply the fields, by a sluice lined with stone, or bricks, and placed under the bank, on a level with the country. The lower end of this sluice is covered by a flat stone, in which is cut a circular opening, that can be shut or opened by a plug fixed to a bamboo, and secured in its place by two pillars of stone, which rise above the level of the water. The proper name for a tank of this kind, in the Tamul language, is Eray. Saymbrumbacum tank is said to be sufficient to supply with the water lands of thirty-two villages (should the rains fail) for eighteen months. In these villages, it is said, there are five thousand persons employed in agriculture. In a country liable to famine from want of rain, a reservoir, such as this, is of inestimable value.

The late collector, Mr. Place, although he augmented the revenue considerably; by the repairs made on this tank during his administration, gave great satisfaction to the inhabitants. Another of Mr. Place's measures seems to have been very well judged. He caused each village to be surrounded by a hedge of bamboos, with two small towers at each gate. By this measure, in case of any invasion, small parties of plundering cavalry may be kept off, and a great quantity of that most valuable plant, the bamboo will in time be raised. At present it is brought from the neighbourhood of Tripetty, and sells three-fold dearer than at Calcutta: for from ten to sixteen Bamboos cost here a pagoda, or 7s. 4½d.

The remaining part of my journey to Sri Permaturu tank was along the high grounds that bound it, and the Saymbrumbacum reservoir on the south. The land is no where so steep as to prevent the use of the plough; but in most places the soil is very indifferent. The rocks, or large detached masses of granite, project in many fields; and almost every where the country is overrun with low prickly bushes, such as the *Rhamnus circumscissus* of Linnæus, *Rhamnus scandens* of Roxburgh, *Paulinia Asiatica*, and *Monetia Barlerioides*. Except in a few fields, which in the rainy season are sown with ragy (*Cynosurus corocanus*), and other dry grains, there is here no cultivation; and I am assured by the natives, that in most places the crop would not be worth the seed. It appears too dry for any useful purpose, except giving a scanty pasture. Perhaps some forest trees might be planted on it with advantage, such as the Gurgions of Bengal, and the *Lagerstromia regina*. The Palmira thrives on it without trouble; but the produce is so cheap and abundant, from those which spring forth almost spontaneously, that, I am assured, the planting them on a large scale would not be profitable. The wild date (*Elate sylvestris*) is in a similar predicament.

The târi, or fermented juice, and the jagory, or inspissated juice of the Palmira tree (*Borassus flabelliformis*), are in this country more esteemed than those of the wild date, which is contrary to the opinion of the Bengalese. The people of the Carnatic alledge, that the produce of the latter is very heating. They pretend to be very moderate in the use of the târi, but consume much of the jagory. It sells in the country for 30 vees, a pagoda, or about 9s. 5d. a hundred-weight. Could it be converted into either a palatable spirituous liquor, or sugar, the barren plains of the Carnatic might rendered productive. The former appears not to be improbable, and seems to be an object worth trying. If it should answer, the whole of the grain distilled in Europe might be saved for food.

A native of Bengal, who accompanies me as a painter, is delighted with the plenty of milk and dhui in this part of the country. The dhui, or four curds, is made of buffalo's milk; and is much superior, he says, to that of Calcutta, and considerably cheaper.

cheaper. On account of the comparatively high value of provisions, he has hitherto been rather depressed in spirits.

Throughout the Carnatic the ass is a very common animal. The breed is as small as in Bengal; but there is a singular variety among them in their colour; some are of the usual ash colour, whilst others are almost black, in which case the cross on their shoulders disappears. Milk-white asses are also to be found, but they are rare. These are not varieties as to species; for black individuals have sometimes ash-coloured colts, and, on the contrary, black colts are sometimes produced by ash-coloured dams. They are kept by five classes of people, who are all of low cast, for the higher ranks disdain the use of an animal so impure. The ass is kept, 1st. by washermen, called Venar; 2d, by a people called Caravar, that carry salt from the sea-coast to the interior parts of the country; 3d, by tinkers, called Cunnar, who go up and down selling brass utensils; 4th, by people called Vaylacarar, who sell the glass rings worn on the wrists by the women of this country; lastly, by a wretched kind of people called Chenfu Carir.

I have as yet obtained but an imperfect account of this tribe. They are said to have neither house nor cultivation; but catch birds and game, part of which they sell for rice. One common article of their food is the white ant, or termes. They travel about from place to place, conveying their baggage and children on asses. Every man has also a cow, instructed like a stalking horie, by means of which he approaches his game, and shoots it with arrows.

The Chenfu Carir, who preserve their native manners, and never come among the villages, are said to speak an unintelligible jargon, and have no clothing but the leaves of trees. Those, who occasionally wander about in the cultivated country, understand many Telinga words, and wear a small slip of cloth to cover their nakedness.

April 25th. — Early in the morning I went from Sri Permaturu to an inn, or choultry, erected by Vira Permal Pillay, who was Dubash to Sir Charles Oakley. The country is high and barren, like that eastward of Sri Permaturu, but it has more Palmira trees, and in the neighbourhood of several tanks have been planted tamarind, Pipal (*Ficus religiosa*), Banyan (*Ficus indica*), and mast trees (*Uvaria altissima*), all of which thrive well, if they are watered for two or three years after being planted. The only trees that grow spontaneously are the *Melia Azadirachta*, and the *Robinia mitis*; the last of which flourishes both on the arid hills of the Carnatic, and on the muddy banks of the Ganges. Very little of this soil, at the usual rent, will repay the expence of cultivation; and in the present state of population it perhaps would not be proper to let it low, as by that means useful labourers might be taken away from more valuable lands. The same reason prevents the fields near the inn from being cultivated. They are level, but too poor to produce rice. The inhabitants would willingly bring them into cultivation for dry grains, were they allowed the two first years free of rent: but then part of the rice fields must remain uncultivated.

The inn, choultry, or chaturam, or Vira Permal Pillay consists of two square courts enclosed by low buildings, which are covered with a tiled roof, and divided into small apartments for the accommodation of travellers. The buildings on the outside are surrounded, by a colonnade, and are constructed of well-cut, whitish granite, brought from the distance of twenty miles. Although said to have cost 15,000 pagodas, or 5515l. 8s. 1d. they are very mean structures.

April 26th. — In the morning I went from Vira Permal's choultry, to the greater Conjevaram, called by the natives, Kunji. The country is in general level, but the

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soil is wretched. It consists chiefly of a coarse sand, seemingly deriving its origin from decomposed granite, and at this season of the year is almost destitute of vegetable covering; nor is it, perhaps, capable of being ever converted to use. Some spots possess a tolerable soil, and in these have been formed rice fields, that in the rainy season produce a crop, but at present they look quite desert. Near Conjeveram, many of the fields, receiving a supply of water from a large reservoir on the north side of the town, were covered with a thriving crop of rice, which displayed a verdure highly refreshing to the eye.

In one of the most desert places of the country, a very fine tank has been dug by a Dewan of the late Mahomed Aly. It is square, and lined all round with stones of cut granite, which descend to the bottom in steps. The water is said to be very deep. At two of the sides of this tank are choultries, built also of cut granite. Each consists of a room divided by two rows of pillars, that support a flat roof consisting of long stones. This apartment, which is shut up on three sides by a wall, and entirely open in front, is surrounded by a colonnade, or veranda, which in front is double. The pillars are very rude and inelegant, but are covered with figures, in basso relievo, of the Hindu deities, of fishes, and of serpents.

It must be observed, that there are two distinct kinds of buildings confounded by Europeans under the common name, choultry.

The first is called by the natives chaturam, and built for the accommodation of travellers. These, like that of Vira Pernal Pillay, have in general pent roofs, and commonly are built in form of a square enclosing a court in the centre.

The other kind, like those here, are properly built for the reception of images, when these are carried in procession; although, when not occupied by the idols, travellers of all descriptions may take up their quarters in them. These have flat roofs, and consist of one apartment only, and by the natives are called mandapam.

The inhabitants here distinguish also two kinds of tanks.

The first is the eray, which is formed by throwing a mound, or bank, across a valley, or hollow ground; so that the rain water collects in the upper part of the valley, and is let out on the lower part by sluices, for the purposes of cultivation.

The other kind of tank is the culam, which is formed by digging out the earth; and is destined for supplying the inhabitants with water for domestic purposes. In this country the culams are very frequently lined on all the four sides with cut stone, and are the most elegant works of the natives. By making tanks and choultries, the wealthy Hindus endeavour to procure a lasting good name; and they certainly deserve it, as the sums they expend in this way are very considerable, and the utility of the works is very great.

In passing through the Company's Jaghire, I have found very little inclination among the natives to oblige a European traveller. It appears to me, that their condition is better than that of the people in Bengal; but this is entirely contrary to the opinion of my painter. He has, no doubt, better opportunities than I can have of knowing the truth, the houses of the natives in both countries being inaccessible to a European. I suspect, however, that he is not exempt from prejudice in favour of his native land.

The town of Conjeveram is of considerable size, and very regularly built; but it appears to be by no means populous, as many of the lots for building are unoccupied, and none of the houses are more than one story high. The streets are tolerably wide and clean, and cross one another at right angles. On each side is a row of cocoa-

nut-trees, enclosed by a small mud-wall, painted vertically with red and white stripes.

The houses have mud-walls, and are roofed with tiles. Each is built in the form of a square, with a small court in the centre. They certainly appear to be much more comfortable than the houses in the country towns in Bengal. Most of them are inhabited by the Bráhmans belonging to two large temples, that are dedicated to Iswara, and to his wife Cámachuma. Of these Bráhmans there are one hundred families; a hundred dancing girls are kept for the honour of the deities, and the amusement of their votaries; and any familiarity between these girls and an infidel would occasion scandal. About three miles off, at the lesser Conjeveram, is another grand temple, dedicated to Vishnu, who has here a mandapam, for his reception at the two visits which he makes in a year to Iswara. Siva returns the visit once a year only. At these visits the worshippers of the two gods, who are of different sects, are very apt to fall into disputes, occasioning abusive language, and followed by violence; so that the collectors have sometimes been obliged to have recourse to the fear of the bayonet, to prevent the controversy from producing bad effects.

I have no occasion to describe the covils, or pagodas, that having already been done with sufficient accuracy. I shall only remark, that they are great stone buildings, very clumsily executed both in their joinings, and carvings, and totally devoid of elegance or grandeur, although they are wonderfully crowded with what are meant as ornaments. The rat'hs, tær, or chariots, on which the images of the gods are carried in procession, are much superior to those I have seen in Bengal. There are here three tær, one for Iswara, a second for his wife, and a third for his son Ganésfra. In Bengal, the images of Vishnu only, and of this family, are conveyed in rat'hs; Mahádéva, or Iswara, is never carried in procession.

At Cunji there is a small mosque of very neat workmanship. The Hindoos say, that it was originally a covil, or pagoda; but if it has been such, great alterations have been made on it for the better.

The divisions of the Bráhmans here, are different from those found in Bengal.

The most numerous class here, and which comprehends about one half of all the Bráhmans in the Lower Carnatic, is called the Smartal sect, and its members are followers of Sankara Achárya. They are commonly said to be the sect of Siva; but they consider Brahmá, Vishnu, and Iswara, to be the same god, assuming different persons, as the creator, preserver, and destroyer of the universe. They consider their souls as being portions of the divinity, and do not believe in transmigration as a punishment for sin. They are readily distinguished by three horizontal stripes on the forehead, made with the ashes of cow-dung.

The next most numerous sect of the Bráhmans here, are the followers of Ráma Anuja Achárya, who form about three-tenths of the whole. They are called Sri Vaishnavum and A'yngar, and may readily be known by three vertical marks on the forehead, connected by a common line above the nose, and formed of a white clay. They abhor Iswara, calling him the chief of the Rákshasa, or devils, and worship only Vishnu, and the gods of his family. They form two sects; the Wadagalay, who believe in transmigration, and the Tangalay, who do not.

The Madual form the remaining two-tenths of the Bráhmans. These use the vertical marks on the forehead, which are appropriate to the followers of Vishnu; but they worship Siva also; they believe in the generation of the gods in a literal sense, thinking Vishnu to be the father of Brahmá, and Brahmá to be the father of Siva.

All these sects admit the authority of the same Puráns ; but each sect explains some obscure passages so as to confirm its own doctrines.

Each sect of Bráhmans has here a number of followers, in proportion nearly to its own comparative strength. This, I am told, is not the case in Bengal, where the sect of Íswara or Mahadáva prevails among the Bráhmans, while that of Víshnu is the most common among the vulgar.

27th April. — In the morning I went to Oular Sát-ghadam, which is a choultry, or inn, with hardly any houses in its neighbourhood ; but it is remarkable for having formerly had seven hill-forts in its vicinity ; and from this circumstance it derives its appellation, Sát-ghadam. In the Decany dialect of the Mussulman language, Ghadam signifies a fortress situated on a hill, while Kíláh is applied to one built on a plain. In the Sanscrit language, Patanam or Patana is analogous with Kíláh, and Durga or Durgam, is analogous with Ghadam. In the Tamul language a fort of either kind is called Cotay.

Besides the chaturam and mandapam, there is another kind of building, which by Europeans is called choultry ; in the Tamul language it is called tany pundal, or water shed. These are small buildings, where weary travellers may enjoy a temporary repose in the shade, and obtain a draught of water or milk. In some of the inns or chaturams, provisions are sold ; in others, they are distributed gratis, at least to Bráhmans or other religious mendicants, as is the case in the choubaries of Bengal.

When a man erects a building of any of these kinds, the natives add its name to his, as a title of honour ; thus any person speaking of Vira Permal, would call him Vira Permal Chaturam. Others derive a similar title from having dug a culam, or constructed an eray.

28th April. — In the morning I made a long journey to Arcot. From Oular to Kávary-pák, the barren ridge on which the road leads is very narrow ; and the country, being abundantly supplied with water from the Kávary-pák tank, has a fertile delightful appearance : and with its distant hills, verdant fields, and running streams, would afford a most beautiful prospect, were it somewhat better wooded. The great eray, or tank, is about eight miles long and three broad, and fertilizes a considerable extent of country. I never viewed a public work with more satisfaction, a work that supplies a great body of people with every comfort which their moral situation will permit them to enjoy. Kávary-pák is a large but dirty village, with a stone mosque in its centre. The fort by which it was protected, is also built of stone, but is now ruinous.

After passing Kávary-pák, I found the barren ridge more extensive, reaching almost from the Palar to the northern hills, and in most places consisting of immense beds of granite, or of that rock decomposed into harsh coarse sand. The whole country is almost destitute of verdure, but a little withered grass affords sustenance to a few wretched sheep. Other parts have somewhat of a better soil, and in the rainy season may produce some of the dry grains ; several reservoirs have been formed in the waste, the water of which produces crops in a few narrow strips of land chiefly near the river. The bed of the river Palar at Arcot, where we crossed it, is above half a mile wide, but at present is quite a dry loose sand, except in two narrow channels, containing a stream not sufficient to turn a mill.

Arcot, or Arrucate, is the nominal capital of the Carnatic páyin ghát, (Carnatic below the passes) as the Mussulmans and English call the dominions of the Nabob. He maintains a garrison of his own troops in the fort, which is pretty large, but not

in good repair. The music of his nabut, or state band, is much superior to any thing I have ever heard among the natives, and is not much harsher than our clarionet. His brother-in-law, who manages this part of the country, resides near the fort, in a good house belonging to the Nabob.

The town surrounds the glacis on all sides, and is extensive. The houses are as good as in the towns of the Jaghire, the inhabitants speak the Decany dialect of the Mussulman language, which we call Moors or Hindustany. They took advantage of us as strangers, and for every supply we procured, demanded three times the usual price. At this place coarse cotton cloth is made. It seems to be cheaper than in the Jaghire, but dearer than in Bengal.

From Madras to Kávary pák, the road is tolerably good. From Kávary pák to Arcot, a wheel carriage could not easily pass. Many of the rich natives travel in bullock coaches like those in Calcutta, called chaycra. Near Arcot, I met the Mussulman women riding on bullocks, and entirely wrapt up in white veils, so as to conceal both features and shape.

The heat on the glacis of the fort, where I encamped, was intense. The hills in this vicinity are the most barren I have ever seen, those even of St. Jago in the Cape de Verd islands not excepted. They appear to be composed of the same granite that abounds in the elevated barren grounds, on which the road from Madras is conducted. They seem to be undergoing a rapid decay, and will probably continue to do so, till they are reduced to nearly a level with the circumjacent plain, when the decomposed parts, no longer rolling off, will cover them with a bed of sand, and prevent them from farther decay, as is now the case in the waste lands already mentioned. In many parts of the vallies, formed by these hills, is found chunam, or lime-stone nodules, which in Bengal is called congar.

29th April. — The country between Arcot and the western hills contains some good ground, some that serves for gardens, and dry grains, and some that is barren, consisting of granite covered with beds of sand.

The road leading to Vellore is conducted along the foot of the hills, which bound the Palar valley on the south, and is formed on the rocky basis of these hills, and on the sand and fragments that have fallen from them. A greater verdure, however, prevails here, than any I have seen in the Carnatic, owing probably to a subterraneous supply of water; for on the whole way there is not a spring visible. This ground at the foot of the hills is in some places pasture, and in others is overgrown with trees and bushes, especially with the wild date, or elate sylvestris, which thrives very well, but here is considered as useless. There are also many Palmira trees, from which tári is extracted. The lower part of the valley, near the river, is very good land, and looks well, the greater part of it being verdant with the second crop of rice. The houses and villages by the way are very miserable.

30th April. — I remained at Vellore in order to give my people rest. The present fort is large and beautiful; and having been chosen for the residence of the family of the late Sultan of Mysore, is strongly garrisoned by English forces. The town, which belongs to the Nabob, is pretty large, and well built after the Hindu fashion. Above it are three small forts, which occupy the summits of a hill that overlooks the town, but one of them only has a supply of water. The fortifications are said to have been erected by the Canarese monarchs.

The greater part of the Bráhmans in the lower Carnatic follow secular professions. They almost entirely fill the different offices in the collection of the revenue, and administration of justice; and they are exclusively employed as hircaras, that is, guides

guides or messengers, and as the keepers of inns or choultries. Much of the land is rented by them ; but, like the Jews, they seldom put their hand to actual labour, and on no account will they hold the plough. Their farms they chiefly cultivate by slaves of the inferior casts, called Súdra, and Panchum Bundum.

The Panchum Bundum are by far the most hardy and laborious people of the country, but the greater part of them are slaves. So sensible of their value was Hyder, that in his incursions it was these chiefly whom he endeavoured to carry away. He settled them in many districts as farmers, and would not suffer them to be called by their proper name, which is considered opprobrious ; but ordered, that they should be called cultivators. The Panchum Bundum consist of four tribes ; the Parriar, the Baluan, the Schecliar, and the Toti. The Shecliars dress hides ; and from among the Toti is chosen a particular class of village officers.

There are a few mussulman farmers, who possess slaves ; but the most numerous class is composed of the different tribes of the Súdra cast. Some of these possess slaves, but many of them cultivate their farms with their own hands.

In this Carnatic payin ghát, or Carnatic below the mountains, there are no fairs like the hauts of Bengal ; but the shop-keepers purchase the articles in demand from the farmers and manufacturers, and retail them daily in the bazars or towns. Milk and its preparations are commonly sold by women, who sit by the road side.

1st May.—I went from Vellore to Paligonda. The valley is in general very fine, much of it having water for two crops of rice ; some part, however, is covered with rocks of granite. The villages are very poor ; and the two towns, Verincheपुरum, and Paligonda, are full of ruins ; at each of them is a considerable temple ; that of Paligonda is within the remains of a fort. The name of the place is derived from a Tamul word, which signifies sleeping. It arises from the image in the temple, which represents Ranganáth, one of the forms of Vishnu, in a sleeping posture.

A procession, that took place to-day at Paligonda, gave me an opportunity of learning, that only the three pure casts of Bráhmans, Vaishyrs, and Súdra, are allowed to attend on such occasions. The fourth pure cast (the second in rank,) the Kshatriyas, are considered by all the Bráhmans here, as having been for many centuries quite extinct. The Parriar, and other impure tribes, composing what are here called the Panchum Bundum, would be beaten, were they to attempt joining in a procession of any of the gods of the Bráhmans, or entering any of their temples. The Bráhmans, indeed, despise those poor people so much, that they will give them no religious advice, nor perform for them any religious ceremony ; and, what is still more extraordinary, will not even receive money from them as charity. The Parriars have among themselves a kind of priests, named Velluan, who possess books in the Tamul language. They have also small temples, in which the only image is said to represent the head of the mother of Parasu Ráma Avatár. This, according to the legend, was taken up by the Parriars, when it had been cut off by her son.

I have already mentioned the three grand sects prevailing among the Bráhmans of this country, and which are said to prevail also over all the five nations of Bráhmans, called collectively Panth Dravada, who occupy the southern parts of India. There are, however, many other divisions among these Bráhmans, arising from their various occupations.

The proper duty of a Bráhman is meditation on things divine, and the proper manner of his procuring a subsistence is by begging (Bhikshá.) This mode of living is considered as very agreeable to the gods ; and all industry is deemed derogatory to the rank of a man, and more especially to that of a Bráhman. The lower classes of society,

society, however, in this degenerate age, not being sufficiently charitable, nor quite so willing to part with their money, as the noble cast of Bráhmans could wish, many of that sacred order have been obliged to betake themselves to what they consider as unworthy employments, such as being governors and judges of cities, collectors of revenue, and accountants; nay some even condescend to cultivate the earth by means of slaves. Hence arises the distinction of Bráhmans into Vaidika and Lókika, or Lovadica; the former of whom follow the proper duties of the cast, while the Lókika debase themselves by dedicating their labours to worldly affairs. The diversity of employment, however, does not create an absolute distinction of cast; the daughter of a Vaidika Bráhman may marry a Lókika, and the son of a Lókika may betake himself to the occupations of a Vaidika Bráhman; but instances of either circumstance are not common. It is, however, not so unusual for a poor Vaidika, to be tempted to give his daughter to a wealthy Lókika Bráhman; as for the son of a Lókika Bráhman to acquire the character of a pure Vaidika. He is always considered as a new man; and several generations, devoted to study and mortification, would be required to wash away the stain of ignoble birth, before the merits or learning of a Lókika family could enable them to procure a comfortable subsistence by charity.

The Bráhmans are considered as the priests of the Hindus; yet there are none, even of the lowest among the Lókika, who would intermarry with the families of the Bráhmans that officiate in the temples of Vishnu and Siva: and in this country no Bráhman officiates in any of the temples of the inferior gods, whose altars are stained with blood.

The highest among the Bráhmans are certain Vaidika, who by more than usual mortification attain a large proportion of divine favour. They cut off their hair; dress in a yellow or red cloth; eat but once a day; abstain entirely from women; and, relinquishing all the domestic enjoyments of society, live in pagodas, or matams, that is to say convents, where they dedicate their time entirely to devotion, and the instruction of those who are less pious, and who follow them as disciples. A Bráhman of this kind is called a Sannyási, and must be a man of learning, that is to say, must be able to read Sanscrit, and be acquainted with the dogmas of his particular sect. The number of Bráhman Sannyásis is very small, and is chiefly confined to those who are Gurus, Swamalus, or bishops of the different sects, and who, in every thing relating to religion and cast, have a jurisdiction over all their inferiors. They also perform certain ceremonies, such as Upadésa, and Chicranticum, which may be considered as analogous to the confirmation granted by our prelates. They are supported entirely by the contributions of their disciples; but these are so burthensome, that a Guru seldom continues long in one place; for the contributions even of Madras are not equal to supply the wants of a Swamalu for more than one or two months. A hundred pagodas a day, 36l. 1s. 5d. is as little, as can be decently offered to such a personage. The Raja of Tanjore is said to give his Guru 250 pagodas a day, (91l. 18s. 6d.), when that personage honours him with a visit. The Gurus travel in great state, with elephants, horses, palankeens, and an immense train of disciples, the least of whom considers himself as highly elevated above mankind by his sanctity. They generally travel at night, in order to avoid their Mussulman or European conquerors, who would not show them that veneration, or rather adoration, to which they consider themselves entitled; and they have therefore been seldom seen by travellers. On the approach of a Guru to any place, every inhabitant of pure birth must go to meet him; the lower classes are not admitted to his presence. The Guru, on being conducted to the principal temple, bestows Upadésa, or Chicranticum, on such

as have not received these ceremonies, and distributes holy water. He then inquires into matters of contention, or transgressions against the rules of cast; and having settled, or punished these, hears his disciples and other learned men dispute on theological subjects. This is the grand field for acquiring reputation among the Bráhmans. These disputations are said to be very similar to those which were common among the doctors of the Romish church seven or eight hundred years ago; and in fact a strong resemblance will be found between the present state of Hindu knowledge, and that which then prevailed in Europe.

The contributions for the support of the Guru are made chiefly by the rich Bráhmans, especially by the Lókika. Small donations offered by a Súdra would be rejected with scorn, as being proper only for the Bráhman who performs ceremonies for him; but should a Súdra offer a thousand or two thousand pagodas it would be received. As the Guru is supposed to be entirely weaned from the pleasures of the world, the whole of these contributions ought to be expended in charity, that is to say, in the support of buildings and men dedicated to the honour or service of the gods.

At Paligonda, the river Palar is considerably diminished in size, from what it is at Arcot; but at this season its channel is occupied entirely by dry sand. The people, however, procure water from it, by digging canals in the sand six or seven feet deep. These canals transverse the channel diagonally, and collect a gentle stream of pure water about a foot deep, and six feet wide; this by other canals is conveyed through the country to water the fields, and renders the valley of Vellore one of the finest tracts in the Carnatic.

2d May.—In the morning I went fifteen miles to Sátghadam. I first crossed the Palar, and proceeded up its northern bank till I came to the Camundala. Following the course of this river, I came to Gurietum, a pretty large town, about five miles N. N. W. from Paligonda. Part of it is on either side of the river, and that on the eastern side is guarded by a mud fort. Soon after, I turned towards the left from the Camundala, and entered a narrow valley leading west. So far was a fine valley, like that near Vellore, and well watered by canals, cut from the Palar and Camundala. This last river has water in many parts of its channel; but at this season, it does not afford in any place a quantity sufficient to form a stream on the surface. The narrow valley, by which I proceed, is watered in its lower part by a reservoir. The head of the valley rises considerably, and consists chiefly of dry fields; towards the upper end some is barren land full of granite. The hills approaching here, a stone wall, with a gateway, marks the boundary of Sátghadam. On the north this gate is commanded by a naked rocky hill, irregularly fortified by various walls and castles, after the country fashion. These are called Sátghadam, the Decany pronunciation of Sátghur, or the seven castles. The Malabar, or Tamul name of the place is Elamulla Durgam. The village under the hill, or the petta, is surrounded by a wall, and is pretty considerable in point of space, but it is ruinous. The district belonging to it is extensive and fertile. It is surrounded on all sides by granite rocks; and in the rainy season, the water of three torrents falls from it into the Palar near Amboor. The principal cultivation in it, however, is that of dry grains, with some fruit gardens, for which it is celebrated.

The Nabob has here an extensive garden, which he lets to some Armenians at Madras. The fruit, especially the oranges, are reckoned the best in the Carnatic, and the choicest are sent to the Nabob, and to other persons of distinction. This garden is a large piece of ground, thickly planted with a variety of fruit trees; and to the roots.

roots of each water is convey by separate canals : but the whole is kept in a very flovenly condition. More extensive gardens might be formed here, but the expence of watering them would be considerable.

Since leaving Madras, I have found the weather very hot and dry. The thermometer at noon in my tents, which are well constructed for keeping out the heat, has been from 95° to 98°. In a house it would probably have been two or three degrees lower. The wind has generally been strong ; but so arid, and hot, as not to mitigate the effects of the sun, or cool the burning atmosphere.

I am gravely informed by my interpreter, a Bráhmán, that he has relations, who live by performing a variety of wonderful feats. Among others, they can make a Mango stone, in the course of four hours, shoot out a small tree a foot high. He maintains, that this is not a deception, but a real art, the manner of doing which is as follows : Take of the kernels of a shrub which is a species of *Vantanea*, a convenient quantity, and grind them between two stones for seven days and seven nights, without ceasing. Then place a sword upright, with its point in a cup. Rub the pulp of the kernel on the blade of the sword, exposed to the sun, and an oil will run down into the cup. Put the oil in a bottle to be preserved for use. In order to perform the experiment, take a ripe Mango stone, rub it over with the oil, and place it in a pot of earth properly watered. The young shoot will be immediately formed : but dies soon, that is, whenever it has exhausted the nourishment contained in the kernel. I have seen the experiment performed at Calcutta ; and know that it is a mere deception.

3d May.—I went to Naiekan Eray, by the Pedda Naikana Durga Pass. After crossing the first hill by a very bad road, I descended into a narrow valley, running north and south, and containing two channels, in one of which was a small quantity of clear running water. These two currents uniting, and having joined the streams from Satghadam fall into the Palar near Amboor. In this valley was encamped an officer, with many pioneers, employed in making a road up the Ghats, from Amboor to Pedda Naikana Durga. The new road is very well formed ; but for about half a mile is exceedingly steep, so as to render a noble work of comparatively little value. The mountains of the Ghats have not quite so barren an aspect as those to the east ; and contain many trees, some of which are fit for timber.

Specimens of the following were brought to me, as being the most useful trees on the Ghats of this place. The names are Telinga.

1. Nara Vaypa, described by Dr. Roxburgh as a species of *Copaifera*. A black, hard timber, taking a good polish.
2. Yegu, which in my manuscripts I call *Pterocarpus*? Vaynga.—Gives small planks for doors, &c.
3. Naro, *Premna tomentosa* Willd.—Used for beams and posts in the huts of the natives.
4. Neruddy. — Serves for both planks and beams.
5. Muddi.—The wheels of the immense chariots of the gods are made from this tree.
6. Topissi, *Ulmus integrifolia*, Roxb. — Serves for door-frames, and similar uses.
7. Tayca, *Tectona Robusta*.—In this neighbourhood about a hundred full grown trees might be procured.
8. Chigry, a *Mimosa*, which I call Tuggula.—Said to be a black, heavy, strong timber.
9. Maiki, which I call *Bilitalium Farinosum*. — A white wood used for

posts &c.

10. Wudaga. — Used by Tippoo for stocking firelocks.
11. Palawarayu, *Nerium tinctorium*, *Roxb. MSS.* — The timber is sawed into planks; and ploughs, and other implements of agriculture, are made of it. The natives are acquainted with the process for extracting indigo from its leaves.
12. Devadarum, *Erythroxylon Sideroxyloides*, *L. M.* — A sweet-scented black wood, used by the poor instead of sandal wood.
13. Bilu, *Sweitenia Chloroxylon*, *Rox.* — The timber is reckoned of little value by the natives, although it is said to be our satin wood.
14. Raynou, *Rhamnus xyloprus* *Koen.* — A stronger timber used for posts and beams.
15. Aree *Bauhinia.* — A strong black timber.
16. Pedualinge. — A black wood.
17. Minofa Lebec, *L. M.* — A white heavy timber.
18. Tanaca. — Used for planks and beams.
19. Vaypachitu, *Melia Azadirachta*, *Lin.* — Used for beams and posts.
20. Nayla Balasu, Haydarany of the Canarese. — A black wood, that kindles readily, and burns clearly, and therefore is used for torches.

In ascending the Ghats, I had an excellent opportunity of observing the strata, where the rock has been cut away to form the road. The grand component part of these mountains is a granite, consisting of white felspar and quartz, with dark green mica, in a small proportion to the other two ingredients. The particles are angular, and of moderate size. It seems to come near to the glanitello of the Italians (*Waller. Min. II. p. 423*), and is an excellent material for building; as it is readily cleft by wedges, and is at the same time strong and durable. Intermixed with this is another stone, in a state of decay, consisting of angular masses of various sizes, divided by fissures, so as to be separable with little difficulty. The sides of the fissures are tarnished, and covered by extraneous matter. This is a stone commonly called a granite in decay, the mica being supposed to have been entirely decomposed, and the felspar to be in the act of decomposition, and to have assumed an arid powdery appearance, while the glassy quartz retains its natural consistence. That the strata in question are in a state of decay, from the numerous fissures in them, I have no doubt; but there are other strata of similar component parts common all over the lower Carnatic, especially at Mahabalipura (the seven Pagodas,) which are in the most perfect state of preservation, without the smallest mark of decay, and fit for forming the most durable buildings. Mr. Fichtel, who has been so kind as to look over my specimens, and to assist me with his opinion concerning their nature, thinks, that the stone of Mahabalipura consists of a mixture of arid and of fat quartz; and, although he calls the stone of the Ghats granite, I have no doubt of its component parts being the same with those of the Mahabalipura stone.

Both these rocks appear to be stratified; but the strata are wonderfully broken, and confused. In some places they are almost horizontal, in others they are vertical, with all intermediate degrees of inclination. Sometimes the decaying stratum lies above the perfect, and at other times is covered by it. I saw many strata not above three feet wide; while in other masses, of eight or ten feet high, and many long, I could perceive no division.

Immersed in both kinds, I observed many nobules, as large as the head, which were composed of a decaying substance containing much green mica. In other places there are large veins, and beds, containing small rhomboidal masses, of what Mr. Fichtel takes to be a composition of a small proportion of quartz with much iron.

The country about Naiekan Eray rises into swells, like the land in many parts of England, and is overlooked by the high barren peaks of the Ghats, which close the view to the eastward. Among these peaks, the most remarkable is that occupied by Pedda Naiekana Durga, or the Great Chief's castle, which, till the overthrow of the late Sultan, was a frontier of the Mysore kingdom. It formerly belonged to a Polygar, called the Pedda Naieka, who was restored by Lord Cornwallis; but obliged again to leave his dominions, after his Lordship granted peace to Tippoo. During the remainder of the Sultan's reign he continued to harass the country in nocturnal predatory excursions; but is now quietly waiting for the decision of the British government concerning his fate. The country formerly belonging to his family has, by the partition treaty of 1799, been annexed to the British possessions, and is under the authority of Captain Graham, the collector of Khistnaghery.

At Naiekan Eray, or the chief's reservoir, the only remains of a village are a ruinous choultry, and a few wretched shops called a bazar. The houses of the cultivators are scattered about in groupes of four or five families. The common language spoken here, as well as in the neighbouring parts of the Nabob's dominions, is the Telinga, or Beder, as it is commonly called. The people are infinitely more obliging than those below the Ghats, and my servants find here no difficulty in procuring supplies.

4th May. — In the morning I went from Naiekan Eray, to Vencataghery, about nine miles. So far as I can judge by the view, one half of the country has been ploughed; of the half that has never been cultivated, a small part, perhaps about a tenth of the whole, rises into hills too steep for the plough; the remainder is gently swelling ground, like the rest of the country; but the soil is very poor, and covered with copse, having a few large trees intermixed. The whole of the copse land serves for pasture, such as it is; and the bushes supply the natives with fuel for their domestic purposes, for burning limestone, and for smelting iron. The bushes seem also to preserve a moisture in the soil, which it is alledged would improve it, should it ever be determined to extend cultivation; so that I do not think the pasture would be improved by clearing the country; and the loss of fuel, and timber for country uses, that would be sustained by the operation, would be of serious inconvenience.

About two miles from Naiekan Eray, a torrent, in the rainy season, brings down from the hills a quantity of iron ore in the form of black sand, which in the dry season is smelted. The operation is performed by Malawanlu, the Telinga name for the cast called Parriar by the natives of Madras. Each forge pays a certain quantity of iron for permission to carry on the work.

Vencataghery was formerly the usual residence of the Pedda Naieka Polygar, and the ruins of his fort are still conspicuous. It is built on a rising ground, and consists of various enclosures, surrounded by walls of mud and stone, flanked by towers and bastions, that rise higher and higher as you advance inwards, till you come to the central enclosure, which contained the Raja's dwelling. There have been in this place three small temples, two of which are preserved. The remains of this place do not indicate that it ever possessed any grandeur, few of the rooms being more than seven or eight feet square. The outer enclosures contain much ground formerly occupied by the town, which is now reduced to one street of shops. The houses are much inferior to those in the Tamul villages. They are built of mud with thatched roofs; but do not surround a square court; nor have they any verandah to keep off the sun or rain. The inhabitants are almost all Telingas, or Gentoos, as the English of Madras call this nation.

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Near Vencataghery also iron is smelted from black sand, and mixed with the soil of different fields: lime-stone, in form of nodules, is common. The strata resemble those in the Ghats. The white granite is the most prevalent; but the masses of quartz impregnated with iron are much larger, and more perfect. I saw no other rocks: it would however appear, from the stones in the wall of the fort, that the country produces red granite. Near Vencataghery I observed the water tinged with an iridescent oily matter, floating on its surface, as is usual in coal countries.

5th May. — In the morning I went to Baydamungulum; leaving on my right a hill crowned with a fortress, and a temple dedicated to Seitadeva. By the way I visited a place to the north of my rout, where the natives obtain limestone. I found it to be two small fields, containing what in Bengal is called congear. These fields are distant from each other about three hundred yards, and are situated on a low piece of ground, surrounded by naked rocks of white granite. This low ground is intersected by the channel of a torrent, which at this season is quite dry; and the water of the only spring that I have yet seen in this arid country, passes by the sides of the two calcareous fields. In some parts of these fields, the small concretions, of which congear consists, are found on the surface, mixed with the soil; in others a foot of soil must be removed, before they are found in any quantity. The natives have never dug deep to ascertain the thickness of the bed. This kind of stone seems to be the *calcareus æquabilis incarnatus* of Wallerius. II. p. 124. Similar beds are said to be scattered all over the country. A few families of Malawanlu gain a subsistence by collecting the limestone, by burning it in kilns, and selling the chunam, or quick-lime, for chewing with betel.

Common salt (muriate of soda) seems to be also very generally diffused over this part of the country. It is found in low wet grounds, contained in a black poor soil, and in Tippoo's reign was extracted in considerable quantities. The trade with the Nabob's dominions being then entirely contraband, such a bulky article could not be smuggled in quantities sufficient for the consumption, and the inhabitants were obliged to have recourse to this their native salt; against which, however, they are strongly prejudiced, considering it as inferior to the salt made from sea-water.

I am informed, that in every part of the country the black sand ore of iron is brought down by the torrents; but that it is smelted in such places only as abound with woods. It is called *nalla isaca*, in the Telinga language; *cari usu*, in the Carnataca, and *carupa manul*, in the dialect of the Tamuls.

The land that has not been cultivated is much less in proportion than in my yesterday's route: I do not think that it occupies above three-tenths of the country. It consists entirely of rocks, or stones, without copse wood; but affords some miserable pasture in the interstices between the lumps of granite. In a few places are small hills. The wet ground cannot be more than one-fortieth part of the arable land.

The country is exceedingly bare, and the population scanty. All the houses are collected in villages; and the smallest village, of five or six houses, is fortified. The defence of such a village consists of a round stone wall, perhaps forty feet in diameter, and six feet high. On the top of this is a parapet of mud, with a door in it, to which the only access is by a ladder. In case of a plundering party coming near the village, the people ascend into this tower with their families, and most valuable effects, and having drawn up the ladder defend themselves with stones, which even the women throw with great force and dexterity. Larger villages have square forts, with round towers at the angles. In those still larger, or in towns, the defences are more numerous, and the fort serves as a citadel; while the village, or *pettah*, is surrounded by a weaker

defence of mud. The inhabitants consider fortifications as necessary for their existence, and are at the whole expence of building, and the risk of defending them. The country, indeed, has for a long series of years been in a constant state of warfare; and the poor inhabitants have suffered too much from all parties, to trust in any.

The mud here is excellent for making walls. It is a reddish ferruginous clay, intermixed with small fragments of quartz, and other materials of decayed granite; and a wall constructed of it will, with tolerable care, resist the rains for many years. So good is it, that in many towns and villages, the houses have flat roofs terraced with this mud, which is laid on in the dry season, and turns the rain very well. The houses and huts have their walls universally built of this mud; and have a tolerable appearance, the mud being smooth, and painted on the outside, with alternate vertical broad stripes of white and red. The white is lime, and the red colour is given by a ferruginous clay, which is called caym-munnu in the Karnataca language, shay-manu in the Tellinga, and erra-manu in the Tamul. The huts are built in the form of a parallelogram, without verandah or windows, or any other vent for the smoke than the doors. Rich men, instead of enlarging the house, generally build a number of similar huts in the form of a square, sufficient to accommodate their families, which are always numerous.

It is said by the people here, that for two months from this time, they expect to have occasional rains, with strong westerly winds. In the two succeeding months much wind, and almost constant rain usually prevail. In September and October the winds abate, and there are only occasional showers. After this comes cold weather with heavy dews. In the hot weather preceding the rainy season, there is very little dew.

Baydamungulum was formerly the residence of a Polygar, and a considerable place. In the dispute for the dominion, between its ancient lord and Hyder, the town suffered exceedingly, and is now reduced to sixty or seventy miserable houses, fortified by a mud wall, and some towers in a ruinous state. At the south side are the remains of a large fort, now totally useless; but at the north side is another fort, not so far decayed. One end of this the inhabitants have lately repaired as a last resource, and say that they will defend it to the utmost extremity. It contains an old temple, the roof of which, as an additional defence, has been surrounded by a parapet of mud.

The town stands about three hundred yards west from the Palar, which here is not above forty feet wide, and at this season contains two or three feet depth of water, nearly stagnant. In the rainy season, it fills several fine reservoirs, or tanks, for the use of cultivation.

The people here are a mixture of Tamuls, Telingas, and Karnataca, or Canarese, with a good many Mussulmans. They complain, that the Amildars of the Mysore government take more money from them, than they did in the reign of Tippoo; but acknowledge, that they are exempted from the licentiousness of that Prince's army, and from the arbitrary exactions usual in his government.

Tayculum is strongly situated at the end of a small hill of granite, and has a triple wall, each line strengthened with various defences. The houses, about a hundred in number, are very poor, and hardly fill up the space between the outer and second line of defence; about sixty of these houses are occupied by Mussulmans, among whom is the Amildar. There are eight families of Bráhmans, who are in possession of all the other offices under government. On the outside of the fort is a temple of Siva, and within it one of Vishnu; both of which are ruinous. On visiting the latter, I asked when and by whom it was built. A Mussulman, who was my conductor, replied, that owing to the great antiquity of the building, nobody knew. On hearing this a Bráh-

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man, sitting at the porch, asked with a sneer, if every body did not know that it had built itself. The Mussulman, attempting to be witty, asked the Bráhmaṇ if he had seen this. "How should I," replied the other, "when it happened so long ago?" The prevalent language at Tayculum is the Karnataca, called by us Canarese. I could not purchase a bullock here for less than double the price that I had paid at Madras. I found the people very unwilling to give me information; and I am clearly convinced, from what I have already seen, that without authority to demand it, very little useful information on statistical subjects could be procured by a mere traveller.

7th May. — In the morning I went to Waluru. On the whole day's route I saw no hills, except those mentioned yesterday; but at least six-tenths of the whole country seemed never to have been cultivated, and of this the greater part is covered with brush or copse wood. There is no large timber; but in some places the trees grow to a size sufficient for building the natives' houses, and other country purposes.

9th May. — I went to Catcolli, through a country containing much less granite than any that I have yet seen above the Ghats. The arable land may amount to seven-tenths of the whole, and perhaps a twentieth part of it is watered. The rice lands are mostly situated near the banks of the southern Pennar, or Dakshana Pinakani, as it is called in the Sanscrit language. This river passes southward by the east side of Catcolli. At present it contains a good deal of stagnant water; but in the rainy season its current is rapid, and it is frequently not fordable. The waste land contains much low brush wood, in some places intermixed with stunted mimosas. The hedges surrounding the villages in this part of the country, rise very high and thick, so as almost entirely to conceal the mud wall, which enlivens the prospect considerably, especially as at the villages there are a good many mango trees. The planting of these, or other fruit trees, is here attended with a considerable expence; as every young tree is surrounded by a mud wall, three or four feet high, and perhaps twenty in diameter; and in the dry season the plant requires to be watered every second or third day for three years.

There having now been several showers, the soil has been softened, and the farmers are busy ploughing their dry fields. Their plough and manner of working resemble those of Bengal. Both oxen and buffaloes are used, and frequently an animal of each kind is yoked in the same plough. This strongly marks a deficiency of stock; the two animals, from their different paces, being very ill suited to work together. Before the field is ploughed, it is manured with a compost of cow-dung, ashes, and mud. The manure is carried out by the women, in baskets placed on their heads, and is distributed very scantily, the baskets being emptied at the distance of about thirty feet from each other.

All the way between Arcot and this place I have frequently observed strata of gneiss, consisting of the same materials with the common grey granite of the country, and disposed in vertical strata. Under the great tank here is a remarkable bed of it, consisting of rough grains, and divisible into laminae from one quarter to one inch thick; and these are united into strata from one to two feet wide. These strata run by the compass north and south; and are intermixed with others of hornblende-slate, interspersed with small grains of white quartz, which thus compose a granitell. These strata, as are also those of the grey granite throughout the country, are intersected nearly at right angles by veins of quartz, often a foot and a half wide. These veins cross the various strata of granite, gneiss, and hornblende, to great lengths, without altering their direction; they frequently also contain feldspar, or feldspar and quartz intermixed, as is the case at Catcolli, where the veins are filled with a mixture of red-

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dish felspar and quartz ; which, if not venigenous, would form a granitell. It has commonly been alleged, that large veins of these materials denote a country to be productive of gems ; but the contrary is the case here, no precious stones having been ever found in Myfore. It must be observed, that among the natives the gneiss and grey granite are called white-stone ; and the hornblende-slate with quartz, and the quartz impregnated with iron, which I have before mentioned, are called the black-stone ; in fact these are found to approach to each other by such gradual shades, that it seems difficult to distinguish them, at least as genera ; yet in many cases the two extremes of each kind are so different, that they have very little resemblance to each other.

In the soil of this country are found two varieties of congear, or calcarious nodules. The nodules are often as large as a man's head, are very irregular in shape, and frequently perforated with holes, apparently from having been formed round the roots of plants. Outwardly they have an earthy resemblance, although in some parts there is an appearance of irregular crystallization. They are very hard with a splintery fracture. Both dissolve readily, and with a strong effervescence, in the muriatic acid ; but deposite a fine sand, that is insoluble. The solution contains iron, and their specific gravity is very considerable. The one is externally of a greyish white ; but its fracture has a dull purplish brown tinge, intermixed with shining particles, arising from its texture, which is a mixture of compact and sparry. Its fracture is splintery ; and it is opaque. The scratch is of a colour similar to that of the stone, which is hardish. Its lustre is common. The sand which it contains seems to be quartz, stained of a rust colour by iron. The other variety has, both externally and internally, a darker colour, and it has more numerous and larger sparry concretions. On breaking it, are discovered many irregular cavities lined with small, white, irregular crystallizations. It contains many black dots, probably fragments of shorl.

There can be little doubt, that these nodules have been formed by a deposition from water, and are therefore a tophus, or calcarious tuffa. I have already stated, that they appear to be the *calcareus aquabilis incarnatus* of Wallerius, or *mar.ior margaceum* of Linnæus. Mr. Kirwan would probably call them silicious marlites. The small pieces of quartz have evidently been involved by the calcarious matter, while that was in the act of deposition.

The burning of these calcarious nodules into quicklime, which they produce of a beautiful white colour, is at Catcolli the occupation of about ten families. The stones are brought from a distance of five miles ; some on oxen, but the greater part on men's heads. The lime is burned in kilns about six feet high ; at the bottom about four feet, and at the top about two feet in diameter. The structure is of mud wall ; and, in order to give admision to the air, it is perforated in many places through its whole height. The fuel used is charcoal, the making of which is the duty of the men, and the bringing it home that of the women.

10th May. — In the morning I travelled from Catcolli to Bangalore, through a very naked country, of which about six-tenths appear to be arable. The remainder is covered with low bushes, and much of it seems capable of being brought into cultivation. Not above a twentieth part of the arable ground is watered. The pasture is rather better than any that I have seen above the Ghats, and the cattle are in rather better condition than those in Bengal are at this season, when they are reduced to the lowest state of wretchedness compatible with existence.

The morning being cool and pleasant, I walked through the ruins of the fort of Bangalore, which was constructed by Hyder after the best fashion of Mussulman military

military architecture; and which was destroyed by his son, after he found how little it was fitted to resist British valour. The entrance toward the petta, or town, is a very handsome building of cut granite, and was probably considered by the defenders as the strongest part of the works. It certainly would have been a very difficult matter to have forced a way through all the various gateways in this entrance; as the troops, after having forced one gate, would have been exposed to a fire from all quarters before they could have reached another. But there are no ditches between the different gates, nor even without the outer one; and, if the enemy obtained possession of the works above the first gateway, they had a ready communication with all the others; as our troops found when they stormed the place, which they did at this part of the works. In the buildings of this entrance is a dungeon, amply provided with all the horrors that usually attend such places.

The garrison contained well-constructed magazines, and many huts for the accommodation of the troops; but no good building, except the mahal or palace. Although this is composed of mud, it is not without some degree of magnificence. On the upper story it contains four halls, each comprising two balconies of state for the Prince, and each balcony faces a different catchery, or court for giving audience. No persons, except a few trusty guards, were admitted into the hall with the Sultán: but at each end of the court was erected a balcony for the officers of the highest rank. The inferior officers occupied a hall under the balcony of the Prince, open in front, and supported by columns as high as the roof of the upper story. The populace were admitted into the open court, in which there were fountains for cooling the air. At each end of the halls are private apartments, small, mean, and inconvenient. The public rooms are neatly painted, and ornamented with false gilding. The offices are mean; and the bath consists of a small room, in which a person may sit, and have water poured over him. The same bath seems to have served both the Prince and his women, as it communicates with their apartments by a small court, which contains the huts that served for kitchens, and for lodging the female slaves. There were two apartments for the ladies. One, for the principal wife, contains a catchery, where, like the Sultán she gave audience to the concubines, and to the ladies of the Mussulman chiefs. The other apartment belonged to the concubines. It is a square court, having at two of the sides a corridor, under which the women sat at their meals and amusements. Behind the corridor are their sleeping rooms, which are mean, and dark, being about twelve feet square, and without any air or light, but what is admitted by the door, or in some by a hole about a foot wide. Lowness of roof is a fault prevailing over the whole structure. Before the palace is a large square court fronted by the *nóbat khána*, or station for the band of music, and surrounded by a fine corridor. The palace lately served the officers of a European regiment for quarters, while the privates were lodged in the corridor.

In the centre of the fort are still visible the ruins of the mud wall, that surrounded the small village, which occupied the place before Hyder founded the city.

11th May.—I visited the gardens made by the late Mussulman Princes, Hyder and Tippoo. They are extensive, and divided into square plots separated by walks, the sides of which are ornamented with fine cypress trees. The plots are filled with fruit trees, and pot-herbs. The Mussulman fashion is to have a separate piece of ground allotted for each kind of plant. Thus one plot is entirely filled with rose trees, another with pomegranates, and so forth. The walks are not gravelled, and the cultivation of the whole is rather slovenly; but the people say, that formerly the gardens were

were well kept. Want of water is the principal defect of these gardens ; for in this arid country every thing, during the dry season, must be artificially watered. The garden of Tippoo is supplied from three wells, the water of which is raised by the capily, or leather bag, fastened to a cord passing over a pulley, and wrought by a pair of bullocks, which descend an inclined plane. This, the workmen say, is a much more effectual machine than the yatam. Hyder's garden is watered from a reservoir, without the assistance of machinery. The taste of Hyder accorded more with the English than that of his son. His walks are wider, his cypress trees are not so much crowded ; and in the means for watering the plots there is not so much masonry, or bricklayer's work, employed. There is, indeed, so much of these in the parts of Tippoo's garden which he probably considered the finest, as almost to cover the ground, and to leave nothing but holes, as it were, through which the trees grow.

In this climate the cypress and vine grow luxuriantly, and the apple and peach both produce fruit ; the former much better, and the latter much worse than at Calcutta. Some pine and oak plants, lately introduced from the Cape of Good Hope, seem to be thriving. I think there can be little doubt, but that in this country all the valuable plants of the Levant would succeed. The people at the gardens could form no estimate of the quantity of grapes produced by any number of vines.

At Bangalore there are many Mussulmans ; and, owing to the change of government, they are in great distress. Accustomed to a military life, they do not readily enter into civil occupations, nor are they willing to attach themselves to the military service of the enemies of their late Sultan. Many of the more wealthy among them, however, are now betaking themselves to trade, and the poorer sort are gaining a livelihood by agriculture.

I was much surprised to hear, that the greatest complainers against the change of government are certain Brahmins ; although, by the fall of Tippoo, this cast has been freed from persecution, and is now in the almost exclusive possession of public offices. But it is alleged, that under the government of Tippoo, the persecutions fell chiefly on the Brahmins attached to temples, who are considered as low men ; while the Lokika, being the only men of business in the country, were in full possession of the revenue department. During the reign of the Sultan, the number of petty officers in this department was immense, and every one was permitted to share in the spoil of the country. The present system is, to reduce the number of officers, and to give to those who are employed allowances that ought to put them above temptation ; while a strict watch at the head of affairs renders it very dangerous either to injure the revenue, or the subject. By this system many Brahmins, formerly employed, are now destitute, and are said to be very clamorous.

I saw here a man labouring under the durda, elephantiasis, or lepra arabum ; and am told, that in almost every village one or two persons will be found afflicted with this terrible malady. It is very much confined to the poorer class of inhabitants, who here, however, enjoy a dry air, and use very little fish in their food. The frequency of the disease in the lower parts of Bengal, and about Cochin on the coast of Malabar, had led to an opinion, that it was produced by a moist climate, and a diet consisting of the fish which frequent muddy places : but the prevalence of the disease among the dry hills of Myfore strongly invalidates this opinion, especially as fish are little used by the inhabitants of that country.

Above the Ghats the kusht'ha, or leprosy, in which the skin of the natives becomes white, is also very common. The persons troubled with it enjoy, in every respect, good health, and their children are like those of other people.

12th May.—I went to Kingara, or Tingara, which seems to have formerly been much more flourishing than it is at present. The hedges, and other defences of the town, are of much greater extent than would be necessary for the present population; and the space within them contains the ruins of many houses. It is said to have been destroyed by Tippoo, in order to prevent it from being of use to Lord Cornwallis, and never to have recovered the loss which it then sustained. The inhabitants were very inhospitable; a Bráhmañ encouraging them to refuse us any assistance, by pretending that my people would not pay for what they might obtain. The fort is in good condition.

The arable land on this day's route does not appear ever to have exceeded four-tenths of the country; and the small proportion of irrigated land which has formerly been cultivated, appears to be now waste, owing to the decay of the reservoirs. The uncultivated land is more hilly than any between the Ghats and Bangalore. It is very rocky and bare, and does not contain even copse wood. Some part of our route led by the banks of a small river, which contained a little running water.

It is here alleged, that Tippoo's regulations, prohibiting trade to the dominions of the Nabob of Arcot, were very ill observed, and that passports were privately given to traders by the principal officers of government. The Sultan's table was served with country salt, and his nobles attended the court in their native manufactures; but, among the rich at home, sea-salt, and the cloths of Europe, Bengal, and Madras, were in constant use.

The country about Wiridy is beautiful. A small river runs north and south through the valley, which is about a mile wide, and extends far in the direction of the river. It consists of fields, swelling like the grounds in Kent, and contains many scattered trees, mangoes (*mangifera*), banyans (*ficus Bengulensis*), and the like. It is on all sides surrounded by hills, most of them covered with wood, but some rising into bare rocky peaks. If the rivulet were adequate to the other parts of the view, this would be complete; but at present it contains only small pools of dirty stagnant water.

The villages are small and poor, and are not fortified like the others in the country; the woods, by which they are surrounded, having probably been sufficient to keep off the irregular troops that attend all Indian armies, and which generally are cavalry. In case of invasion, the inhabitants have also been accustomed to take refuge in the neighbouring hill-fort called Ramagiri.

The strata throughout these hills, as well as in the country between them and the eastern Ghats, are disposed about north and south, by the compass, and are all nearly vertical. A very common stratum here is white quartz running parallel to the gneiss, and disposed between two strata of that rock. I have observed these strata of quartz three feet thick.

In both the Upper and Lower Carnatics, taking snuff is much more common than in Bengal: indeed I have never been in a country where the custom was more prevalent. Smoking, on the contrary, is in great disrepute. The hooka is totally unknown, except among Mussulmans. The lower classes smoke cheruts, or tobacco rolled up in a leaf; but a Bráhmañ would lose cast by such a practice, and it is not considered as becoming, even among the richer part of the Súdra tribe.

14th May.—I went to Chinapatam, or Chinapatana, through a very beautiful country, consisting of swelling grounds, in some places cultivated, and in many more covered with trees, which are intermixed with steep fantastic rocks and hills. The trees here are by far the finest that I have seen in either Carnatic, although they fall

very short of the stately forests of Chittagong. In these woods the bamboo is common. It is now in flower, and produces a great quantity of grain, which is gathered for food by the poor inhabitants of the neighbourhood.

The cultivation is said to extend but a short distance from the road, there being on either hand extensive woods. I therefore reckon the arable land, on this day's route, at one tenth of the country. It consists entirely of dry fields.

At a small temple, dedicated to Hanumanta, I observed, for the first time, the rock of red granite. It is a handsome variety, consisting of bright red felspar, a small quantity of glassy quartz, and a very minute proportion of black mica. I had before seen many detached masses of it in buildings; so that it is probably common in the country. It is a most elegant stone.

Chinapatam, or Chinapatana, is an open town, containing about a thousand houses. At some distance from it stands a handsome stone fort: this was formerly the residence of a Polygar family of distinction, which derived its name from Jacadéva Raja.

The cutwal, or superintendent of the market at Chinapatam, is a Mussulman, and is extremely attentive to strangers. This, however, does not proceed from any principle of hospitality, a virtue which seems little known in India. He expects a present in return, and charges three times the usual price for every thing that he furnishes. Between this and Madras I have met with two other native officers that were civil. One of these was a eunuch, the cutwal at Satghur in the dominions of the Nabob of Arcot; but he seemed to be actuated by the same motives with the cutwal of Chinapatam. The other was a Bráhmán, the amildar at Waluru, who was very polite, and did not seem to have any sinister design. Among all the other officers of government, I found that any attention to a traveller was considered as degrading to their rank, and could only be extorted by authority.

In sight of Chinapatam, but at a considerable distance, is Capála durga, one of the places to which Tippoo sent those unfortunate wretches who incurred his displeasure. It is a fort situated on a high steep rock. Death soon terminated the sufferings of those confined in it; for the air and water were extremely bad; and the wells were frequently rendered more loathsome and pernicious, by having purposely thrown into them the branches of euphorbium, and dead snakes, or other reptiles, in order to increase the putrefaction. It is said, that no native prisoner ever returned to detail the horrors of this dungeon.

The oppressions of Tippoo, and the miseries of war, are said to have driven away four-tenths of the cultivators. That tyrant received the country in a very flourishing state from his father, of whom every native that I have conversed with on the subject speaks in terms of the highest respect.

As we approach the capital, I think the style of building becomes somewhat better. The houses, although in other respects equally mean, have in general small verandas, or open galleries, in front, to shelter from the sun their shops and their customers. The villages are not fortified, the vicinity of the capital having been a sufficient security against marauders.

Near Muduru are the ruins of a stone fort, containing a temple of Vishnu, and the houses of several Bráhmans. This fort was built by the grandfather of the present Raja of Mysore, and destroyed by the late Sultan with great propriety; for it could make no resistance against a European army, but might serve as a protection to their convoys; at the same time, it was burthenfome, by being much stronger than was necessary for protecting the town against plundering parties of native cavalry.

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It must be observed, that throughout both Carnatics, except at Madras, and some other large towns under the government of infidels, the Bráhmans appropriate to themselves a particular quarter of every town, and that generally the best fortified. A Súdra is not permitted to dwell in the same street with a Bráhman; while he again exacts the same difference from the Whalliaru c. Curriers, and other low castes. These people in general live in wretched huts about the suburbs. A Bráhman is considered as polluted by merely walking through such a place.

Although the Nerium odorum is very common by the sides of rivers in most parts of the Mysore dominions, I found a garden here, of about an acre in extent, which was planted with nothing else. The flowers are dedicated to the temple, and a garland-maker is paid by a merchant to gather them for the use of the god. This is one of the deeds called charity by the Hindus. This plant has usually been taken for the oleander, which, I believe, is not a native of India.

16th May. — I went to Mundium, through a country free from hills, but of which not more than one half is arable. Much of it, however, might be rendered so without difficulty. The soil is in general poor. The waste land is occupied by brushwood, and many places are covered with the Phœnix farinifera, *Roxb.* among which are some trees of the wild date.

It is reported, that this tree was formerly very common; but Tippoo, observing that his subjects frequently intoxicated themselves with the tári, ordered the whole to be cut down; and in places near the capital the order was enforced.

This Prince is said to have attempted to introduce a great strictness of manners; absolutely prohibiting the use of all spirituous liquors, and ordering that no loose women should be tolerated. He was himself, however, unreasonably addicted to women; and the Bráhmans here allege, that he sometimes forced away the most beautiful of their daughters. After some detention in the Zenana, if he did not like them, he sent the girls back to their fathers, who, in general, refused to admit them into their families. But Tippoo was not to be treated in this manner with impunity. On such occasions, he sent for the father, took from him all his property, and flogged him severely. He then ordered the girl to point out any Bráhman for a husband, and the unfortunate man was flogged until he gave his consent. A loss of cast, of course, ensued; but the husband commonly fled out of Tippoo's dominions, leaving his wife behind, to want, or prostitution. On going to another place, and turning away his unclean wife, he could get an absolution from his Guru, with permission to marry again.

The hedges here, like those which I saw yesterday, are very bad fences, and are made of the Euphorbium antiquorum. When the ground is sown, the farmers fill up the gaps with thorns cut from the Mimosa indica of Lamarck. This tree is allowed to grow promiscuously through the fields, and its branches are lopped off for fuel, and for repairing the fences. Its shade does not injure the crops, and its timber is valuable for making ploughs, and other instruments of agriculture.

Mundium is a poor village, fortified by a mud wall that has been rebuilt since the restoration of the Raja's government. It was formerly an agrarum, or village bestowed in charity on the Bráhmans. They were deprived of it by Tippoo, when he annexed to the circar or public, all the property of that kind.

In the evening a slight of locusts passed over the town. It extended in length probably about three miles; its width was about a hundred yards, and its height fifty feet. The insects passed from west to east in the direction of the wind, at the rate of six or seven miles an hour. The whole ground and every tree and bush, was covered with them;

them; but each individual halted for a very short time on any one spot. They went in a very close body, and left behind them very few stragglers. In an hour after the flock had passed, few were to be discovered in the neighbourhood of the town. The stragglers from the grand body did not extend above a hundred yards on each side of it, and were perhaps not more than one to the cubic foot. In the middle of the flock four times that number must be allowed to the same space. I could not perceive, that in their passage they did the smallest damage to any vegetable; but I was informed, that last year a flock passed, when the crop of iola (*Holcus forghum*) was young, and had entirely devoured it. The noise of this immense number of insects somewhat resembled the sound of a cataract. At a distance they appeared like a long, narrow red cloud near the horizon, which was continually varying its shape. The locusts were as large as a man's finger, and of a reddish colour. Some of them I put into a box, intending next day to examine them; but in the course of the night they were devoured by the ants.

17th May. — In the evening I went from Mundium to the banks of the Cávery (Kavari), opposite to Seringapatam. For one half of the way the country is almost entirely free from rocks, or waste lands. Here I observed a space of about fifty yards in diameter, consisting entirely of a denudated rock of very white glassy quartz. There was no other rock near it. The quartz separates into fragments of a rhomboidal form, from the size of an orange, to that of a man's head; but these are all disposed in strata, every six or eight inches of rock separating, with a clean straight surface, from the similar parts on either hand. These strata are vertical; but, contrary to all the others that I have seen in the country, run nearly east and west.

About half way to Seringapatam I arrived at a hilly country that reaches very near to the Cávery. On the south side of these hills Lord Cornwallis encamped, before the final engagement which gave him possession of the island. His marches from Bangalore may every where be traced by the bones of cattle, thousands of which perished through fatigue and hunger. The road among these hills is no where steep, as it leads over a part of the ridge that is not high; but towards the west are numerous small mountains. Many parts of these hills are cultivated; but much more is incapable of ever becoming arable. The whole is stony, and the barest country that I have ever seen. From ascending the ridge, until reaching the Cávery, one can hardly find a bush sufficiently large to make a broom. Of the country in this day's route perhaps seven-tenths are arable, and of these a fifth at least produces wet crops. Many of the tanks however are ruinous, and their beds are now cultivated with iola, or *Holcus forghum*.

The strata on these hills are various. I saw red granitic porphyry, and took specimens of a fine-grained gneiss, consisting of pale red felspar, white quartz, and black mica. The most common rock, however, is the hornblende slate with quartz, which I have before mentioned. When exposed to the air in large high masses, so as to prevent the water from lodging on it, the pieces decay into fragments of a rhomboidal form; but, when exposed to the air on a level with the ground, so as to be penetrated by the rain water, it divides into thin laminae, like common schistus.

CHAP. II. — *Seringapatam and its Vicinity.*

MAY 18th, I was employed at Seringapatam in delivering my credentials.

19th May. — I had an interview with Purnea, the Dewan of the Mysore Rája, and, during that Prince's minority, the chief administrator of his government. By means

of Colonel Close, I have received assurances of every assistance in forwarding the objects of my mission; and a Bráhmán has been appointed to accompany me, with orders to call upon every person that I shall desire for information.

Purnea is a Bráhmán of the Madual sect, and descended from a family of the Coimbatore country. His native language is, of course, Tamul; but he speaks the Karnataca, Mussulman, Marattah, and, I believe, the Persian. He is said, by good judges, to be a person extremely well versed in the affairs of the country, and is much more active than Bráhmáns in general are. By the inhabitants he is now called Sri Mantra, the same title that is given to the Peshwa at Poonah. It is said to signify a person who has been fortunate from the time of his having been in the womb. Next to Meer Saduc, he seems to have enjoyed a greater power, under the late Sultan, than any other person; but his authority was greatly inferior to that of the above mentioned favourite; and he is said to have been in no small danger from the bigotry of his master. The Sultan is reported to have once proposed to Purnea to become a convert to the faith of Mahomet: as all proposals from a Sultan are tantamount to orders that must be obeyed, the Bráhmán replied, "I am your slave," and immediately retired. Those who knew the man, and especially the Sultan's mother, a very respectable lady, represented to that Prince, how dangerous such a proceeding was, and that, if persisted in, it would throw every thing into confusion; for the apparent acquiescence of Purnea, was merely words of course, and his influence among the people was considerable. Tippoo very properly allowed the affair to rest, and nothing more was said on the subject.

From the 20th of May, to the 5th of June, I was employed in visiting every thing remarkable in Seringapatam and its neighbourhood, and in taking an account of the state of agriculture, arts, and commerce at that place.

Seringapatam, as is well known, is situated at the upper end of an island surrounded by the Cávery, which is here a large and rapid river, with a very extensive channel, filled with rocks, and fragments of granite. At this season it is in many places fordable with facility; but during the rains it rises very high, to the great inconvenience of the inhabitants. On the south branch of the river a bridge has been erected, which serves also as an aqueduct, to convey from the upper part of the river a large canal of water into the town and island. The rudeness of this bridge will show the small progress that the arts have made in Mysore. Square pillars of granite are cut from the rock, of a sufficient height to rise above the water at the highest floods. These are placed upright in rows, as long as the intended width of the bridge, and distant about ten feet from each other. They are secured at the bottom by being let into the solid rock, and their tops being cut to a level, a long stone is laid upon each row. Above these longitudinal stones others are placed contiguous to each other, and stretching from row to row, in the direction of the length of the bridge. The whole breadth of this may be twenty feet. One half is occupied by the aqueduct, which is secured at the bottom, and on both sides by brick and plaster. The road is laid with gravel, and secured by a parapet wall on one side, and by the aqueduct on the other. But, however rude such a bridge may be, it is of most essential convenience to the town, and to the inhabitants of the southern bank of the river, though the construction is attended with great expense. The inconveniences felt from the want of a bridge to the northern branch are so great, that both Purnea and the resident are very anxious to have one erected; but on an estimate being formed, it is found, that even without an aqueduct, a rude bridge of this kind would cost 16,000 canter'raia pagodas, or 5,372l. 9s. 4d. It is very fairly proposed, that the

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Company should defray one half of this, as lords of the island; while the Raja should defray the other half, on account of the advantages to be derived by his subjects on the north side of the river.

Seringapatam is commonly called Patana, or Patan, that is to say, the city; but the name used in our maps is a corruption from Sri Ranga Patana, the city of Sri Ranga, from its containing a temple dedicated to Vishnu under that name. The temple is of great celebrity, and of much higher antiquity than the city, which did not rise to be of importance until the time of the Princes of the Mysore dynasty.

The island is about three miles in length, and one in breadth, and has a most dreary, ugly appearance; for naked rock, and dirty mud-walls are its predominant features. The fort or city of Sri Ranga occupies its upper end, and is an immense, unfinished, unfighly, and injudicious mass of building. Tippoo seems to have had too high an opinion of his own skill to have consulted the French who were about him; and adhered to the old Indian style of fortification, labouring to make the place strong by heaping walls and cavaliers one above the other. He was also very diligent in cutting ditches through the granite; but, as he had always on hand more projects than his finances were adequate to defray, he never finished any work. He retained the long straight walls and square bastions of the Hindus; and his glacis was in many parts so high and steep, as to shelter an assailant from the fire of the ramparts. In the island also, in order to water a garden, he had dug a deep canal parallel to the works of the fort, and not above eight hundred yards distant from them. He was so unskilled, as to look upon this as an additional security to the place; but had it been deemed necessary to besiege the town regularly from the island, the assailant would have found it of the utmost use. Had Tippoo's troops been capable of defending the place properly, this mode of attack would have been necessary; but the confidence which our officers justly reposed in the superiority of their men, and the extreme difficulty of bringing up the immense stores necessary to batter down many heavy works, made them prefer an attack across the river, where the works were not so strong, and where they ventured on storming a breach, that nothing, but a very great difference between the intrepidity of the assailants and defendants, could have enabled them to carry. The depth of the river was of little importance; but the assailants, in passing over its rocky channel, were exposed to a heavy fire of artillery, and suffered considerable loss.

On ascending the breach, our men found an inner rampart lined with troops, separated from them by a wide and deep ditch, and defended at its angle by a high cavalier. By this they were for a little while discouraged; as, from the information of spies, they had expected to have been able to mount the cavalier from the breach, and to form a lodgment there, till means could be taken to gain the inner works, and expel the garrison, which consisted of about eight thousand men, nearly the same number with that employed on the storming party.

After, however, the first surprise occasioned by this disappointment, the troops soon recovered their spirits, and pushed on, along the outer rampart, towards both the right and left of the breach. Those who went to the left found great opposition. At every twenty or thirty yards distance, the rampart was crossed by traverses, and these were defended by the Sultan in person. The loss of men here was considerable; but the English troops gradually advanced, and the Sultan retired slowly, defending his ground with obstinacy.

The enfilading fire from the Bombay army, on the north side of the river, had been so strong, that the defendants had been entirely driven from the ramparts on the right of the breach, and had been prevented from raising any traverses. Our people who went in that direction did not meet with the smallest opposition; and the flank companies of the 12th regiment, having found a passage across the inner ditch, passed through the town to attack the rear of the enemy, who were still opposing the Europeans on the left. The Sultan had now been driven back to the eastward of the palace, and is said to have had his horse shot under him. He might certainly have gone out at a gate leading to the north branch of the river, and nothing could have prevented him from crossing that, and joining his cavalry, which, under the command of his son Futty Hyder, and of Purnea, were hovering round the Bombay army. Fortunately he decided upon going into the inner fort, by a narrow sally-port; and, as he was attempting to do so, he was met by the crowd flying from the flank companies of the 12th regiment; while the troops coming up behind, cut off all means of retreat. Both parties seem to have fired into the gateway, and some of the Europeans must have passed through with the bayonet; as a wound, evidently inflicted by that weapon, was discovered in the arm of the Sultan. His object in going into this gateway, is disputed. The Hindus universally think, that, finding the place taken, he was going to the palace to put all his family to death, and then to seek for his own destruction in the midst of his enemies. But, although such is considered by the Hindus as the proper conduct for a Prince in his situation, we have no reason to think that a Mussulman would conduct himself in this manner; nor was Tippoo ever accused of want of affection for his family. I think it more probable, that he was ignorant of the British troops having got into the inner fort, and was retiring thither in hopes of being still able to repel the attack.

No individual claimed the honour of having slain the Sultan, nor did any of either party know that he had fallen in the gateway. The assailants were, indeed, at that time too much enraged to think of any thing but the destruction of their enemy. Each division pushed on towards the eastern end of the town; and, as they advanced, the carnage increased. The garrison threw themselves from the works, attempting to escape into the island, and from thence to their cavalry. The greater part, however, were either killed by the fall, or broke their limbs in a most shocking manner. Meer Saduc, the favourite of the Sultan, fell in attempting to get through the gates. He is supposed to have been killed by the hands of Tippoo's soldiery, and his corpse lay for some time exposed to the insults of the populace, none of whom passed without spitting on it, or loading it with a slipper; for to him they attributed most of their sufferings in the tyrannical reign of the Sultan.

The two divisions of the storming army now met at an open place surrounding a very fine mosque, into which the remains of the garrison withdrew, and with their destruction the fighting nearly ceased. The number of burials amounted to somewhat above seven thousand; several of these were towns-people of both sexes, and all ages; but this was accidental, for our soldiers killed none intentionally but fighting men. Those who are disposed to declaim on the horrors of a town taken by assault, may always find room to dwell on the women, infants, and aged persons killed, and on the little protection given by places, however sacred; for such terrible things must always happen, when an enraged soldiery with fire-arms are pursuing an enemy through a populous place.

When our two parties had met, and no longer saw before their eyes the enemy, by whom they, or their countrymen, had been often most barbarously used, they soon cooled,

cooled, and were disposed, by their officers, in the manner most proper to secure their new conquest; many, however, left their ranks; and the followers of the camp, under pretext of taking refreshment to their masters, poured into the town; and an entire night was employed in plunder. In this, I believe, very little murder was committed; although there can be no doubt that many persons were beaten, and threatened with death, in order to make them discover their property. The women on this occasion went out into the streets, and stood there all night in large groupes; I suppose, with a view of preventing any insult, by their exposed situation; few men being capable of committing brutality in public. This precaution was probably little necessary. The soldiers had mostly been in the trenches two days; they had been engaged in a hard day's work; and their hopes and their rage having then ceased, they were left in a state of languor, by which they were more inclined to seek repose, or cordial refreshments, than to indulge in sensual gratification.

Next day the wounded and bruised of the enemy were collected from the works, and neighbourhood, to which some of them had crept; and the mosque, which had been the great scene of bloodshed, became now a place of refuge, in which these poor creatures had every attention paid to them by the British surgeons.

The town of Seringapatam is very poor. The streets are narrower, and more confused, than in any place that I have seen since leaving Bengal. The generality of the houses are very mean, although many of the chiefs were well lodged after their fashion; but for European inhabitants their houses are hot and inconvenient. Within the fort, Tippoo allowed no person to possess property in houses. He disposed of the dwellings as he thought fit, and on the slightest caprice changed the tenants. A great many of the chiefs fell at Siddhiswara, and at the storming of Seringapatam; and those who survived, and the families of those who fell (all of whom have been pensioned by the Company,) have mostly retired to the dominions of the Nabob of Arcot, which they consider as more secure and pleasant than Myfore; many of the families having originally come from the Lower Carnatic, and settled here on the establishment of a Mussulman government. Numbers of the houses which had been thus deserted, are now occupied by the officers of the garrison.

The old palace of the Myfore Rajas at Seringapatam is in a ruinous condition. At the time of the siege the family was reduced to the lowest ebb. The old Raja Krishna, who was first confined by Hyder, died without issue; but left his wife in charge of a relation, whom he had adopted as his son. This young man soon died, not without suspicion of unfair means. His infant son, the present Raja, was under the charge of the old lady, and of Nundi Raja his mother's father, a respectable old relative, who now superintends his education. Shortly before the siege the whole family had been stripped by the merciless Meer Saduc of even the poorest ornaments; and the child, from bad treatment, was so sickly, that his death was expected to happen very soon. This was a thing probably wished for by the Sultan, the family having fallen into such contempt, that the shadow of a Raja would no longer have been necessary. The family of the Raja, having been closely shut up in the old palace, knew very little, during the siege, of what was going forward; and in the confusion of the assault, having been left by their guards, they took refuge in the temple of Sri Ranga, either with a view of being protected by the god, or of being defended by the surrounding walls from the attack of plunderers. On the restoration of the Prince to the throne of his ancestors, a place for his residence was very much wanted; the necessity of keeping the island of Seringapatam for a military station, having rendered the palaces there very unfit for the purpose. Tippoo, with his usual policy

of destroying every monument of the former government, had razed Mysore, and removed the stones of the palace and temples to a neighbouring height, where he was building a fort ; which, from its being situated on a place commanding an extensive view, was called Nazarbar. This fortress could have been of no possible use in defending the country, and was probably planned merely with the view of obfuscuring the fame of Mysore, the former capital. At a great expence, and to the great distress of the peasants working at it, the Sultan had made considerable progress in the works of this place, when he began to consider that it afforded no water. He then dug an immense pit, cutting down through the solid black rock to a great depth and width, but without success ; and when the siege of his capital was formed, the whole work was lying in a mass of confusion, with a few wretched huts in it for the accommodation of the workmen. Into the best of these, in July last, the young Raja was conducted, and placed on the throne. At the same time the rebuilding of the old palace of Mysore was commenced. It is now so far advanced, as to be a comfortable dwelling ; and I found the young Prince seated in it, on a handsome throne, which had been presented to him by the Company. He has very much recovered his health, and, though he is only between six and seven years of age, speaks, and behaves with great propriety and decorum. From Indian *etiquette*, he endeavours in public to preserve a dignified gravity of countenance ; but the attentions of Colonel Close, the resident, to whom he is greatly indebted for that officer's distinguished efforts in his delivery, make him sometimes relax ; and then his face is very lively and interesting.

The sovereign Rája of Mysore is called the Curtur ; in order to distinguish him from the head of another branch of the family, called also Rája, but distinguished by the title of Dalawai, or Putarfu. The two families generally intermarried ; and the power of the Curtur was frequently as much controlled by the Dalawai, as it was afterwards by Hyder. The Dalawai family still exists, having been spared by the magnanimity of Hyder, although they had attempted to procure his destruction ; and they had sunk too low in the estimation of the people, to be objects of Tippoo's jealousy. By the Mussulmans, they were in derision called the Pettahutty Rájas ; but the head of this branch, a handsome young man, being now pensioned by the Rája, and treated by the resident with respect, the subjects pretend to be ignorant of the appellation Pettahutty, and he is spoken of by his proper titles, although he has no authority. Numerous other branches of the Mysore family, in the male line, are scattered over the country, and are called Arfu Mocalu, or Raj'bundy. They are little respected ; and few of them are possessed of wealth sufficient to support the appearance of rank.

The palace of the Sultan at Seringapatam is a very large building, surrounded by a massy and lofty wall of stone and mud, and outwardly is of a very mean appearance. There were in it, however, some handsome apartments, which have been converted into barracks ; but the troops are very ill lodged, from the want of ventilation common in all native buildings. The private apartments of Tippoo formed a square, in one side of which were the rooms that he himself used. The other three sides of the square were occupied by warehouses, in which he had deposited a vast variety of goods ; for he acted not only as a Prince, but also as a merchant.

These goods were occasionally distributed among the amildars, or governors of provinces, with orders to sell them, on the Sultan's account, at a price far above their real value ; which was done by forcing a share of them upon every man in proportion to his supposed wealth. This was one of the grand sources of oppression, speculation,

tion, and defalcation of revenue. The friends, or wealthy corruptors of the amildars, were excused from taking a large share of the goods; while the remainder was forced upon poor wretches, whose whole means, when torn from them, were inadequate to the estimated value of the goods; and the outstanding balances on this account were always large.

The three sides of the square, formerly used as warehouses, are now occupied by the five younger sons of Tippoo, who have not yet been removed to Vellore. They are well looking boys, and are permitted to ride and exercise themselves in the square, when they are desirous so to do: they are also allowed to view the parade, and to hear the bands of music belonging to the troops in garrison.

The apartment most commonly used by Tippoo was a large lofty hall, open in front after the Mussulman fashion, and on the other three sides, entirely shut up from ventilation. In this he was wont to sit, and write much; for he was a wonderful projector, and was constantly forming new systems for the management of his dominions, which, however, he wanted perseverance to carry into execution. That he conceived himself to be acting for the good of his subjects I have no doubt; and he certainly believed himself endowed with great qualities for the management of civil affairs; as he was at the pains of writing a book on the subject, for the instruction of all succeeding Princes: his talents in this line, however, were certainly very deficient. He paid no attention to the religious prejudices of the greater part of his subjects; but every where wantonly destroyed their temples, and gloried in having forced many thousands of them to adopt the Mussulman faith. He never continued long on the same plan; so that his government was a constant succession of new arrangements. Although his aversion to Europeans did not prevent him from imitating many of their arts; yet this does not appear to have proceeded from his being sensible of their value, or from a desire to improve his country; it seems merely to have been done with a view of showing his subjects, that, if he chose, he was capable of doing whatever Europeans could perform: for although he made broad-cloth, paper formed on wires like the European kind, watches, and cutlery, yet the processes for making the whole were kept secret. A French artist had prepared an engine, driven by water, for boring cannon; but so little sensible was the Sultan of its value, that he ordered the water wheel to be removed, and employed bullocks to work the machinery. One of his favourite maxims of policy was, to overthrow every thing that had been done in the Raja's government; and in carrying this into practice, he frequently destroyed works of great public utility, such as reservoirs, and canals for watering the ground. Although an active Prince, he in a great measure secluded himself from his subjects (one of the greatest evils that can happen in an absolute monarchy); and his chief confidant, Meer Saduc, was a monster of avarice and cruelty. The people universally accused Tippoo of bigotry, and vain glory; but they attribute most of their miseries to the influence of his minister. The Bráhmans, who managed the whole of the revenue department, were so avaricious, so corrupt, and had shown such ingratitude to Hyder, that Tippoo would have entirely displaced them, if he could have done without their services; but that was impossible; for no other persons in the country had any knowledge of business. Instead of checking them by a constant inspection into their conduct, by exemplary punishment when detected in peculation, and by allowing them handsome salaries to raise them above temptation, he appointed Mussulman asophs, or lord lieutenants, to superintend large divisions of the country; and this greatly increased the evil; for these men, in a more than indolence, voluptuousness, and ignorance, confident of favour from the bigotry of their Sovereign, and destitute

of principle, univerſally took bribes to ſupply their wants ; and the delinquencies of the Bráhmans were doubled, to make good the new demands of the aſophs, over and above their former profits. Owing to this ſyſtem, although the Sultan had laid on many new taxes, the actual receipts of the treaſury never equalled thoſe in the time of his father. The amildars, under various pretexts of unavoidable emergency reported prodigious outstanding balances : while they received, as bribes from the cultivators, a part of the deductions ſo made. Although the taxes actually paid by the people to government were thus much lighter than they had been in the adminiſtration of Hyder, the induſtrious cultivator was by no means in ſo good a condition as formerly. The moſt frivolous pretexts were received, as ſufficient cauſe for commencing a criminal proſecution againſt any perſon ſuppoſed to be rich ; and nothing but a bribe could prevent an accuſed individual from ruin. Tippoo certainly had conſiderable talents for war ; but his fondneſs for it, and his engaging with an enemy ſo much his ſuperior in the art, brought on his deſtruction ; while his early habits of contending with the Marattah plunderers had given him a ferocity and barbarity, that muſt prevent every conſiderate perſon from pitying his overthrow. The policy in which he ſucceeded beſt, was in attaching to him the Lower Muſſulmans. He poſſeſſed in the higheſt degree all the cant, bigotry, and zeal, ſo well fitted for the purpoſe, and which ſome few men of abilities have ſucceeded in aſſuming ; but with him, I believe, they were natural. None of his Muſſulmans have entered into our ſervice, although many of them are in great want ; and they all retain a high reſpect for his memory, conſidering him as a martyr, who died in the defence of their religion.

Though Tippoo had thus ſecured the affections of many of his ſubjects, and though he was perhaps conſcious of good intentions, and fondly imagined that his government was fit to be a pattern to all others ; yet whoever ſees his private apartments, will be ſenſible, that the mind of the deſpotic monarch was torn with apprehenſion. Such is, perhaps, the univerſal ſtate of men of this deſcription ; and although a knowledge of the circumſtance may not be ſufficient to prevent the ambitious from graſping at this power, nor to induce the perſon who has once poſſeſſed it to return to the calm of private life, yet it may be ſome conſolation to the perſons expoſed to its baneful influence to know, that their ruler enjoys leſs ſecurity and tranquillity of mind than themſelves.

From the principal front of the palace, which ſerved as a revenue office, and as a place from whence the Sultan occaſionally ſhewed himſelf to the populace, the chief entry into the private ſquare was through a ſtrong narrow paſſage, wherein were chained four tigers ; which, although ſomewhat tame, would in caſe of any diſturbance become unruly. Within theſe was the hall in which Tippoo wrote, and into which very few perſons, except Meer Saduc, were ever admitted. Immediately behind this was the bed chamber, which communicated with the hall by a door and two windows, and was ſhut up on every other ſide. The door was ſtrongly ſecured on the inſide, and a cloſe iron grating defended the windows. The Sultan, left any perſon ſhould fire upon him while in bed, ſlept in a hammock, which was ſuſpended from the roof by chains, in ſuch a ſituation as to be inviſible through the windows. In the hammock were found a ſword and a pair of loaded piſtols.

The only other paſſage from the private ſquare was into the zenána, or women's apartments. This has remained perfectly inviolate under the uſual guard of eunuchs, and contains about fix hundred women, belonging to the Sultan, and to his late father. A great part of theſe are ſlaves, or attendants on the ladies ; but they are kept in equally ſtrict confinement with their miſtreſſes. The ladies of the Sultan are about

eighty in number. Many of them are from Hindustan Proper, and many are the daughters of Bráhmans, and Hindu Princes, taken by force from their parents. They have been all shut up in the zenana when very young; and have been carefully brought up to a zealous belief in the religion of Mahomet. I have sufficient reason to think that none of them are desirous of leaving their confinement; being wholly ignorant of any other manner of living, and having no acquaintance whatever beyond the walls of their prison.

Without the walls of Seringapatam are two gardens and palaces, which formerly belonged to the Sultan, but are now occupied by the commandant of the forces, and by the resident at the court of Mysore. The gardens have been laid out at a considerable expence, and canals from the river afford them a copious supply of water. The palace at the Laul Baug, which occupies the lower end of the island, though built of mud, possesses a considerable degree of elegance, and is the handsomest native building that I have ever seen. Near to it stands the mausoleum of Hyder, where his son also reposes in state. The tombs of both are covered with rich cloths at the Company's expence; and the establishment of Moulahs to offer up prayers, and of musicians to perform the Nobat, is kept up as formerly. The buildings are handsome of the kind, and are ornamented with misshapen columns of a fine black hornblende, which takes a most splendid polish. The other palace and garden, called the Durria adaulet Baug, was Tippoo's favourite retreat from business. Its walls are covered with paintings, which represent the manner in which the two Mussulman Princes, Hyder and Tippoo, appeared in public processions; the defeat of Colonel Bailie; and the costume of various casts, or professions, that are common in Mysore. In these paintings the figures are much in the style of caricatures, although they retain a strong likeness of native countenance and manner.

The principal workman employed by Colonel Close in repairing the palace in the Laul Baug, gave me the following account of the processes used for finishing the inside of the palaces at Seringapatam.

At first sight, one would imagine, that much gilding is used in the ornaments; but in truth not a grain of gold is employed. The workmen use a paper covered with false gilding. This they cut into the shape of flowers, and paste these on the walls or columns. The interstices are filled up with oil colours, which are all of European preparation.

The manner of making this false gilded paper is as follows:

Take any quantity of lead, and beat it with a hammer into leaves, as thin as possible. To twenty-four parts of these leaves add three parts of English glue, dissolved in water, and beat them together with a hammer, till they be thoroughly united; which requires the labour of two persons for a whole day. The mass is then cut into small cakes, and dried in the shade. These cakes can at any time be dissolved in water, and spread thin with a hair brush on common writing paper. The paper must then be put on a smooth plank, and rubbed with a polished stone, till it acquire a complete metallic lustre. The edges of the paper are then pasted down on the board, and the metallic surface is rubbed with the palm of the hand, which is smeared with an oil called gurna, and then exposed to the sun. On the two following days the same operation is repeated, when the paper acquires a metallic yellow colour, which, however, more resembles the hue of brass, than that of gold. The gurna oil is prepared as follows: Take three quarters of a maund (about 18 lbs.) of agashay any (linseed oil), half a maund (12 lbs.) of the size called chunderasu, and a quarter of a maund (6 lbs.) of musambra, or aloes prepared in the country. Boil the oil for two hours in a brass

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pot. Bruise the musambra; and, having put it into the oil, boil them for four hours more. Another pot having been made red hot, the chunderafu is to be put into it, and will immediately melt. Take a third pot, and, having tied a cloth over its mouth, strain into it the oil and musambra: these must be kept in a gentle heat, and the chunderafu added to them gradually. The oil must be strained again; and it is then fit for use.

The chunderafu is prepared from the milky juice of any of the following trees: (*Ficus glomerata* Roxb.), goni (a tree which I call *Ficus gonia*) bayla, bayvina, gobali, &c. It is therefore an elastic gum.

The oil used for painting consists of two parts of linseed, and one part of chunderafu.

In white-washing their walls, over the churam or lime plaster, the workmen of Seringapatam first give a thin coat of fuday, or fine clay; which is mixed with size, and put on with a hair brush. They next give a coat of whitening made of powdered balapum, or pot-stone, and then finish with a coat composed of eight parts of abracum, or mica, one part of powdered balapum, and one of size. The abracum is prepared from white mica, by repeated grindings, the finer particles being removed for use by washing them from the grosser parts. The wall, when finished in this manner, shines like the scales of a fish; and when the room is lighted, has a splendid appearance: but in the day-time the wall white washed with the powdered pot-stone alone, in my opinion, looks better than when washed with either quicklime or mica.

In the space between the city and the two gardens, the greater part of the island of Seringapatam is covered with the ruinous mud walls of the suburb, called Shahar Ganjam; and nothing can have a look more dismal and desolate. Tippoo, before the siege, had entirely removed the roofs; for he expected that the British army would have taken possession of the island, as they had done under Lord Cornwallis. It must not be supposed, however, that the huts, of which we now see the ruins, have been at any one time all inhabited. They were, in fact, cantonments for the troops, who were removed from one side of the island to another as caprice dictated. In Shahar Ganjam a new town is fast rising up, in which the streets are laid down broad and regular. In the old cantonments, the huts had been miserably huddled together.

According to the register of houses which I received from the cutwal, the fort, or city, contains 4,163 houses, and 5,499 families; and the Shahar Ganjam contains 2,216 houses, and 3,335 families. At five inhabitants to each house, we may estimate the population of the city to be 20,815, and of the suburbs 11,080; in all, 31,895 persons. This, however, is independent of a strong garrison and its numerous followers. The principal merchant in the place says, that in the reign of Tippoo the island contained 500,000 inhabitants; and he pretends to found his estimate on the quantity of grain consumed. In this calculation, I think he exaggerates grossly; as I see no place where such a number of persons could have lived. I know also, that the man, in other respects, is not to be trusted. Perhaps we may safely admit the former population of the island to have amounted to 150,000 persons; who were entirely supported by the court and army, scarcely any manufactures having been established. By the removal of the court, and the diminished number of the troops, the inhabitants have been reduced to the necessity of leaving the island; which is still a very inconvenient place for Europeans; all their servants, and the most common artificers, being people from Madras, who charge the most extravagant wages. Excellent meat and good vegetables are to be had in abundance; but bread being dear, the private soldiers are in general under the necessity of eating rice.

In this country, the division of the people into what are called the left and right hand sides, or Eddagai and Ballagai, is productive of more considerable effects than at any place that I have seen in India, although among the Hindus it is generally known.

The tribes, or casts, comprehended in the Eddagai, or left hand side, are nine.

1. Panchala, comprehending,
 1. The Cubbinadava, or blacksmiths.
 2. Badiga, carpenters.
 3. Cunjugaru, coppersmiths.
 4. Cul'badiga, masons.
 5. Axala, gold and silversmiths.
2. Bheri chitty, merchants, who pretend to be of the Vaishya cast.
3. Devanga, a class of weavers.
4. Heganigaru, oilmakers, who use two oxen in their mills.
5. Gollur, or Golawanlu, who transport money.
6. Paliwanlu, } two tribes of cultivators, who are not of Karnataca origin.
7. Palawanlu, }
8. Baydaru, hunters.
9. Madigaru, tanners or shoemakers. The Panchala command the whole party; and the Madigaru, in all disputes, form the most active combatants; on which account as their own name is reproachful, they are commonly the Eddagai cast, as if they were the only persons belonging to it.

The casts forming the Ballagai, or right hand side, are eighteen in number.

1. Banijigaru, who are of many trades, as well as of many religions. The two most conspicuous divisions are,
 1. Panchum Banijigaru, who are traders, and wear the linga.
 2. Teliga Banijigaru, who worship Vishnu.
 3. Wocligaru, cultivators of the Sûdra cast, and of Karnataca extraction.
 4. Rungaru, oilmakers, who use one bullock in the mill.
 5. Rungaru, calico printers, and tailors.
 6. Ladaru, a kind of Mussulman traders, who are followed by all the artificers of the same religion.
 7. Gujerati, merchants of Guzerat.
 8. Camatigaru, persons who are really of the Vaishya cast.
 9. Jainaru, worshippers of Jain.
 10. Curubaru, shepherds, blanket-weavers, and cultivators.
 11. Cambaru, potters.
 12. Agafaru, washermen.
 13. Besta, palankeen-bearers.
 14. Padma Shalayvaru, a kind of weavers.
 15. Naindaru, barbers.
 16. Uparu, persons who dig tanks, and build rough walls.
 17. Chitragaru, painters.
 18. Goallaru, keepers of cows and buffaloes.
18. Whalliaru The people called Parriars at Madras, who form the active part of the right hand side, and are commonly called Ballagai, their own name being disgraceful. The Panchum Banijigaru are the leaders of this division.

It must be observed, that in these lists I have used the Karnataca or Canarese language; and almost all the names are in the plural, as speaking of classes of men. The

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singular number may in general be obtained by rejecting the final *ru*. I must also observe, that these lists differ, in some respects, from a valuable account of the right and left hand sides, which Colonel Close was so obliging as to communicate. The difference, I suppose, arises partly from his having received the accounts through the medium of the Mussulman language, and partly from his having taken them at Bangalore. Mine I received at Seringapatam, by means of an interpreter from the Karnataca language; and I have found, that in different places, though at no great distance, there are considerable variations in the customs of the same tribes: a circumstance to which I request the reader's attention. My descriptions of sects are only to be considered as strictly applicable to those of the places where they have been taken. I avoid the Mussulman names; as I find that these people had, in general, very imperfect notions concerning their Hindu subjects, and frequently used distinctions to which there was nothing analogous among the aboriginal natives.

The origin of the division of Hindus into the right and left hand sides, is involved in fable. It is said to have taken place at Kunji, or Conjeveram, by order of the goddess Kali; and the rules to be observed by each side were at the same time engraved on a copper plate, which is said to be preserved at the temple of that place. The existence of such a plate, however, is very doubtful; both parties founding on its authority their pretensions, which are diametrically opposite. The different casts, of which each division is composed, are not united by any common tie of religion, occupation, or kindred: it seems, therefore, to be merely a struggle for certain honorary distinctions. The right hand side pretend, that they have the exclusive privilege of using twelve pillars in the pundal, or shed, under which their marriage ceremonies are performed; and that their adversaries, in their processions, have no right to ride on horse-back, nor to carry a flag painted with the figure of Hanumanta. The left hand side pretend, that all these privileges are confirmed to them by the grant of Kali on the copper plate; and that they are of the highest rank, having been placed by that goddess on her left hand, which in India is the place of honour. Frequent disputes arise concerning these important matters; and on such occasions, not only mutual abuse is common, but also the heads of the divisions occasionally stir up the lowest and most ignorant of their followers to have recourse to violence, and encourage them by holding out the houses and shops of their adversaries as proper objects for plunder. A very serious dispute took place at Seringapatam since it fell into the hands of the English. Thirty families of the weavers, belonging to the left hand side, joined themselves to the Teliga Banijjaru, and were encouraged by them to use all the honorary distinctions claimed by the right hand side. This gave great offence to the Panchum Banijjaru, and the Whalliaru were let loose to plunder: nor could they be pressed without an exertion of military force, by which several people were killed. In order to preserve the peace of the garrison, and to endeavour to bring the two parties to an agreement, it has ever since been thought expedient to prohibit any marriages from being celebrated within the fort.

Pride is the occasion of another violent dispute for precedency between two casts, the Panchum Banijjaru, and the Camatigaru, although they are both of the same side. The former allege, that they are the hereditary chiefs of the division; and the Camatigaru declare that they are of a higher cast, as being Vaishya, while the others are only Sûdras. The dispute at present runs very high, and has occasioned some trouble to government.

In every part of India with which I am acquainted, wherever there is a considerable number of any one cast or tribe, it is usual to have a head man, whose office is generally hereditary. His powers are various in different sects and places: but he is commonly

monly intrusted with the authority of punishing all transgressions against the rules of the cast. His power is not arbitrary; as he is always assisted by a council of the most respectable members of his tribe. The punishments that he can inflict are fines and stripes, and above all, excommunication, or loss of cast: which to a Hindu is the most terrible of all punishments. These hereditary chiefs, also, assisted by their council, frequently decide civil causes, or disputes among their tribe; and when the business is too intricate or difficult, it is generally referred to the hereditary chief of the ruling tribe of the side or division to which the parties belong. In this case, he assembles the most respectable men of the division, and settles the dispute; and the advice of these persons is commonly sufficient to make both parties acquiesce in the decision; for every one would shun a man who could be so unreasonable as to refuse compliance. These courts have no legal jurisdiction; but their influence is great, and many of the ablest amildars support their decisions by the authority of government.

The dominions of the Raja of Mysore are now divided into three great districts, or subayenas, called the Patana, Nagara, and Chatrakal subayenas or rayadas; from the three places where the chief offices or cutcheries are situated. The Patana district is by far the largest, and is under the immediate inspection of the Dewan, Purnea, and of his deputy, Bucherow. The cutchery is in Seringapatam; and dependent on it are ninety-one talucs, or sub-divisions, of which six formerly belonged to Nagara. This present district is a much greater extent of territory than ever before was subject to the Mysore family; for although they had conquered Coimbatore, and though some districts formerly belonging to them, and bordering on the Bara Mahal, have been ceded to the Company, yet, beside these six talucs taken from Nagara, they never possessed Sira, Bangaluru, nor Colar, which were conquered from Mussulman families by Hyder. In addition to this, they have acquired the Chatrakal subayena, containing thirteen talucs; and the Nagara, containing nineteen. Each of these districts is under the inspection of a subadar. Each taluc is managed by an amildar, who is an officer of justice, police, and revenue; but his authority is very limited; the power of severe punishment, and of revising all civil causes, being reserved to the Dewan. The amildars have under them a sufficient number of sheritadars, or accomptants, who in the Karnataca language are called parputties; and the villages under them are managed by gaudas, and shanabogas, called by the Mussulmans potails, and curnums. These two offices are properly hereditary. The gauda is the representative of the amildar, and the shanaboga is the village accomptant. The amildars, parputties, and shanabogas, are almost universally Brahmins. The gaudas are all Sûdras.

Near Seringapatam the farms in general extend to two or three ploughs of land. One plough is a poor stock; the possessor of four or five is a great farmer; and six or seven are reckoned prodigious wealth: the total want of a land measure, and the scattered disposition of the plots of which each farm consists, render it very difficult to ascertain the extent of a plough of land; especially as a difference arises from the proportion of watered land and dry field which it contains. We may readily affirm, however, that the extent of a plough of land is very inconsiderable; for the ploughings given to the same field are very numerous, although dispersed over a considerable portion of the year; and I was assured, that a plough wrought by bullocks did not labour more, daily, than one seventh of an acre.

This account of the tenures and extent of farms not being satisfactory, on my return to Seringapatam I assembled the amildar of the Pattana Ashta gram, with the most intelligent of his sheritadars, and several respectable gaudas, to consult them

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on the subject. They say, that a farmer having five ploughs, if he lives near the town, must keep ten servants, owing to the scarcity of forage. At some distance, five men servants are sufficient. In harvest and seed time, he must hire additional labourers, who are chiefly women, and must have fourteen oxen.

Instead of dividing the crops, as usual in most parts of the country, the farmer here cultivates his watered land as he pleases, and pays for each *candaca* of ground ten *candacas* of dry, which are equal in value to 1120 *seers* of rice. The average price of this is about 20 *seers* for a rupee. For this ground, therefore, he pays to the government 66 rupees, which is at the rate of 1l. 3s. an acre. He must also give an allowance to the gods, and to the *panchanga*, *talliari*, and other village officers, in lieu of the share which they were formerly wont to receive on a division of crops. The rent of dry field is paid in money, according to an old valuation formed on an estimate of its produce. With five ploughs a man cultivates about 12½ acres of watered land, and 25 acres of dry field. The *circar*, or government, is bound to keep the canals and tanks in repair.

The *ryuts*, or farmers, have no property in the ground; but it is not usual to turn any man away, so long as he pays the customary rent. Even in the reign of Tippoo, such an act would have been looked upon as an astonishing grievance. The *gaudas* are not here hereditary, but are appointed by the *amildar*, with the consent of the farmers; for the *amildar* never attempts to put in any person contrary to the wishes of the people. These *gaudas* receive a fixed pay of 20 *fanams*, or 13s. 5½d. a month, and perform the sacrifices, which in other places are usually offered by the hereditary chiefs of villages.

The account of these persons, concerning the quantity of ground that can be laboured by one plough, is probably under-rated. According to an account of the ground that is now actually cultivated by the plough in the *Pattana Ahta gram*, which was procured from *Purnea*, and given me by Colonel Close, the watered lands amount to 1369 *candacas*, or 8487 acres, and the dry field to 964 *candacas*, or 22,172 acres. This divided by 3078, which, according to public documents, is the number of ploughs in the same district, will give for a farm of five ploughs 13 7/8 acres of watered land, and 36 acres of dry field.

The hire of farmers' labourers at *Seringapatam*, and generally within two miles from the city, when employed throughout the year, is 10 *sultany fanams*, or 6s. 8½d. a month. The servant lives in his own house; and it is customary for the master on extraordinary occasions, such as marriages, to advance the servant money. This is not deducted from his wages by gradual instalments; but is considered as a debt, that must be repaid before the servant can leave his place. In case of the servant's death his sons are bound to pay the debt, or to continue to work with their father's master; and, if there be no sons, the master can give the daughters away in marriage, and receive the presents that are usually given on such occasions, unless these should exceed the amount of the debt. In harvest, the daily hire of a man is six *seers* of paddy. A woman transplanting rice gets daily ½ of a *suitana fanam*, or about two-pence. The only servant that does work in the house of a farmer is a woman, who comes once a day to sweep the house, and for her trouble receives a piece of cloth once a year. The women of the family cook, fetch water, and perform all other family labour. The servants are both *Súdras* and *Whalliaru*; but seven-tenths of the whole are of the former cast.

Six or seven miles from town, the monthly hire of a servant is 8 *fanams*, or about 5s. 4d. Farther from the city, the hire is one *fanam*, and 80 *seers* (or a little more than

than eleven pecks) of grain; of which one half must be racy, and the remainder of such kind as it may be most agreeable to the farmer to spare.

At different convenient places in every taluc there are weekly markets, which in good parts of the country may be about two or three miles from each other. To these the farmers carry their produce, and sell it, partly to consumers by retail, and partly by wholesale to traders. In the early part of the day they endeavour to sell their goods by retail, and do not deal with the traders unless they be distressed for money. It is not customary for traders to advance money on the crops, and to receive the produce when they ripen. At all these markets business is carried on by sale; no barter is customary, except among a few poor people, who exchange grain for the produce of the kitchen garden.

On considering the state of agriculture near Seringapatam, many capital defects will be perceived. A meliorating succession of crops is utterly unknown; scarcely any attention is paid to the improvement of the breed of labouring cattle, and still less to providing them with sufficient nourishment. The religion of the natives, indeed, is a powerful obstacle in the way of agriculture. The higher ranks of society being excluded from animal food, no attention will, of course, be paid to fattening cattle; and without that, what would our agriculture in England be worth? We could have no green crops to restore our lands to fertility, and but a scanty manure to invigorate our crops of grain. I am afraid, however, that the reader, in perusing the foregoing accounts, will have formed an opinion of the native agriculture still more favourable than it deserves. I have been obliged to use the English words ploughings, weedings, and hoeings, to express operations somewhat similar, that are performed by the natives; and the frequent repetitions of these, mentioned in the accounts taken from the cultivators, might induce the reader to imagine that the ground was well wrought, and kept remarkably clean. Quite the reverse, however, is the truth. Owing to the extreme imperfection of their implements, and want of strength in their cattle, a field after six or eight ploughings, has numerous small bushes remaining as upright in it as before the labour commenced; while the plough has not penetrated above three inches deep, and has turned over no part of the soil. The view of the plough and other implements in the annexed plates, will sufficiently account for this circumstance. The plough, it must be observed, has neither coulter nor mould-board, to divide, and to turn over the soil; and the handle gives the ploughman very little power to command its direction. The other instruments are equally imperfect, and are more rudely formed than it was possible for my draughtsman to represent.

The manufactures of Seringapatam and its vicinity were never considerable. They were chiefly military stores and camp equipage; and of course have been greatly reduced by the arsenal having become a mere dependency on that of Madras. Weavers are now assembled in considerable numbers in Shahar Ganjam, and in a short time will probably become numerous. The trade of the place was almost entirely confined to the importation of provisions, clothing, and luxuries for the court and army; and the returns were almost wholly made in cash.

The natives here are either not well acquainted with the quarries of their country, or else pretend great ignorance concerning them. Although the country abounds in a variety of ornamental stones, I observe only two about Seringapatam, that have received a marble polish. The one is the black stone used in Hyder's monument; the quarry for which I shall hereafter have an opportunity of examining. The other is a most beautiful green stone, of which some bases for pillars were found in

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the palace; but no person can tell from whence they were brought. It has the appearance of quartz stained by copper; but is vitrifiable, *per se*, in a moderate heat, and gives out no copper to the vitriolic acid.

The two finest stones near Seringapatam are found at Kingalu Copalu, and Cavary Cadu, both near the northern branch of the river. The former is a compact granite, consisting of dark red felspar, red and yellowish quartz, and black mica. Some of the yellow particles appear to be felspar. The prevailing colour is owing to the dark red minute particles of felspar; but it also contains large concretions of the same stone, which have a bright red colour.

I had a specimen resembling this brought me (I do not know from what place), in which the red felspar predominated over the quartz, and the mica was in a very small proportion. The grains are small; it is also a very ornamental stone.

The stone from Cavary Cadu may be called either a hornstone porphyry, or a granatine. Its basis is a dark brown hornstone, in which are imbedded grey, yellow, and red felspars, and black shorl. Like the former, it is very compact.

The granite, of which the walls of Mysore and Nuzerbar have been formed, is loose-grained, and consists of glassy quartz, green and black mica, and reddish felspar. The mica is in large quantity, and the felspar in a smaller proportion than usual.

Specimens of a fine-grained granite were also brought me from some quarry in the neighbourhood, consisting of black mica, grey felspar, and yellowish brown quartz, which gives the predominating colour. It is probably, rather a gneiss than a granite, as a stratified appearance may be seen in one of the specimens; but, except in the rock, it is generally difficult to distinguish gneiss from granite.

At Kingalu Copalu is also found a very pretty, fine-grained granitell, consisting of grey felspar and black mica. It is evidently of a slaty texture, and would be a gneiss, if it contained quartz. It is of the kind of stone called by Saussure, *roche feuilletée*, which seems to be a useful distinction.

Near the Durria Adaulut Baug, on the island of Seringapatam, are found nodules of a stone called *madi cullu*, which is sometimes used for making gun-flints; these, however, are of a bad quality. Better ones, called *cheky muky*, are said to be found near a village, called *Beü Cullu*, about twenty miles north and west from Seringapatam. The *madi cullu* is evidently a hornstone.

All these stones are very hard; yet the natives cut them into pillars, or flags, with tolerable facility. The same persons cut the stones out of the quarry, and afterwards work them up into the various fantastical shapes that are given to them in Hindu buildings. Good workers in stone get from 40 to 50 fanams a month (from about 1l. 6s. 10d. to 1l. 13s. 7d.) The drudgery is performed by common labourers. The granite may be cut by wedges in any direction, and to any length; but there is always one direction, in which it is found to split easiest; a number of small square holes, about an inch and a half in diameter, and four inches deep, are cut in the line by which the stone is meant to be split. The work is performed by a small steel punch of this shape, which is driven in by a heavy iron mallet. When the rock or stone is very long, or deep, these holes must be almost contiguous; but when the surface to be split is small, they may be at considerable distances. Blunt wedges of steel are then put in the holes, and each is struck upon in its turn until the stone splits, which it does in a straight line to the very bottom of the mass or stratum. The surface is cut smooth with steel chisels, and, except in the very finest works, receives no higher polish. When a marble polish is to be given, it is done by rubbing the stone with cakes made of the adamantine spar, reduced to

powder, and united with melted lac. The adamantine spar is here called curungada cullu, and is said to be found in lumps, which are immersed in rocks of a black stone, near Nagamangula. It must be observed, however, that at Nagamangula the people denied their having any such stone.

Near Seringapatam the congeal, or limestone nodules, called there suna cullu, are very common, and are found of four different qualities, which, however, are generally intermixed in the same field. These four varieties, therefore, although they produce lime of different degrees of whiteness, and are distinguishable by the workmen, have the same origin. They have, no doubt, been deposited by water; and I have been told, by good authority in Bengal, that a field, after having been perfectly freed of these nodules, will in a few years be again filled with them. Whence then is this calcareous matter derived? There are here no rocks of limestone, or marble, from which it could have been washed. The whole calcareous matter to be found in Mysore is a tufa. The quicklime is prepared by a class of people called Uparu, who are in general poor, and must receive advances to enable them to hire labourers. A labouring man at this work earns daily $\frac{1}{2}$ of a fanam, almost a sixpence; and women, who perform much of the labour, get one-third of that sum. They are allowed to collect the nodules, which are generally found by the sides of rivulets, and in waste ground, without paying anything to the public; but in the late government they were frequently compelled to supply the Sultan at a low rate. The lime is always burned with charcoal. The dark coloured quicklime, for building, costs at Seringapatam, six fanams a candaca, or nearly five pence a bushel; finer lime, for white-washing, costs ten fanams, or a little more than eight pence a bushel; and the finest, that is used for chewing with betel, costs twenty fanams a candaca, or one shilling and four pence half-penny a bushel.

Firewood at Seringapatam is a dear article, and the fuel most commonly used is cow-dung made up into cakes. This, indeed, is much used in every part of India, especially by men of rank; as, from the veneration paid to the cow, it is considered as by far the most pure substance that can be employed. Every herd of cattle, when at pasture, is attended by women, and these often of high cast, who with their hands gather up the dung, and carry it home in baskets. They then form it into cakes, about half an inch thick, and nine inches in diameter, and stick them on the walls to dry. So different, indeed, are Hindu notions of cleanliness from ours, that the walls of their best houses are frequently bedaubed with these cakes; and every morning numerous females, from all parts of the neighbourhood, bring for sale into Seringapatam baskets of this fuel.

Many females who carry large baskets of cow-dung on their heads are well-dressed, and elegantly formed girls. The dress of the Karnataka women is indeed very becoming; and I have never seen finer forms than even the labouring women of that country frequently possess. Their necks and arms are in particular remarkably well shaped. Their nastiness, however, is disgusting; very few of the inhabitants above the Ghats being free from the itch; and their linen, being almost always dyed, is seldom washed.

Timber, for building and furniture, may be had at Seringapatam of excellent quality; but it is dear; as it is brought from a great distance by land carriage. The principal supply comes from the neighbourhood of the western Ghats.

The plan which I have concerted with Colonel Clive, for my future investigations, is, to proceed to the chief places of the Raja's dominions; and there to make myself master, so far as I shall be able, of the state of the country. I am then to draw up a set of queries, applicable to the state of affairs, which Purnea will circulate

culate among the amildars, and procure their answers for my information. I shall follow a similar plan in the dominions immediately subject to the Company. The country toward the north-west being now in a very unsettled state, owing to the insurrection of Dundia, I shall defer my visit to that quarter to the last; with a view of giving the collectors of Canara time to answer such queries as I may propose to them, after having visited that province, which is the last part of the Company's territory that I intend to survey.

CHAP. III. — *From Seringapatam to Bangalore.*

HAVING finished my business at Seringapatam, on the 6th of June 1800, I left it early in the morning, and assembled my people at a small village, named Gaynangur, which is situated among the hills north from the river Cávery. The fields that are at present occupied having now been all ploughed, I observe that a large proportion of the arable land is left waste.

At Gaynangur there is much talc; but the laminæ are not large enough to serve for glass. It occupies the rents and small veins in an extensive chain of quartz, which is in a state of decomposition, and of which some parts are red, and some white. By digging deep, it is probable that larger pieces of the talc might be found. The inhabitants are wonderfully ignorant of the mineral productions of their country; for they did not know the limestone nodules, so common in this place, when shown to them in their own fields. All their lime comes from the city.

7th June. — I went to Mundium. Not above one-third of the arable land appears to be now occupied.

The flight of locusts that I saw when I was here last (p. 57), settled at a village to eastward, and ate up all the young jola.

The rice land here is watered entirely from tanks or reservoirs; and the cultivation is never commenced till there be a sufficiency of water in the tank to ensure the crop. When the rains set in early, and fill the tank timely, the farmers have yearly two crops; but when the early part of the season is dry they take a Hainu crop of wull' ellu, udu, heffaru, or carlay; and afterwards, when the tank is filled, plough for a crop of Caru rice.

8th June. — I went to Madura. Since the 4th instant, when we had a heavy storm of wind, rain, and thunder, the weather has been remarkably pleasant. The sun is in general clouded, and the temperature of the air like moderate summer-weather in England.

The proportion of ground in actual cultivation does not appear to exceed one-tenth part of the country. At Madura there is a very fine reservoir, which indeed waters more ground than the inhabitants can cultivate; for they are much reduced in number. In Hyder's time they amounted to 250 houses; and they rose to 400 in the early part of the Sultan's government. By the expeditions of Lord Cornwallis the houses sunk to 250, and Tippoo's late oppressions have reduced them to 100. The people, however, seem to be much satisfied with the protection they enjoy under the British forces, and are betaking themselves with industry to the re-establishment of their country.

Having procured a Sri Vaishnavam Bráhma, esteemed a man of great learning, I examined him concerning the peculiarities of his sect; but with very little satisfaction. However well these men may be instructed in certain dogmas, and the art of disputation, they are not qualified to give any satisfactory information concerning the

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origin of their order, or the means by which it came to prevail over others; for, of the sectaries which differ from themselves, such as those of Budha, Jaina, or Siva, they profess an almost total ignorance, and sovereign contempt.

This man allows, that in the existing Védas no mention is made of any division of the Bráhmans into sects; but he contends, that from the very beginning of the universe all the three sects of Smartal, Ayngar, and Madual, existed; and he says, that they are mentioned in the eighteen Puránas, which, next to the Védas, are by the Bráhmans esteemed as most holy. Although the Bráhmans have existed from the beginning of time, yet in the ninth century of the era of Sáliváhana, or tenth century of Christianity, twenty-one heretical sects had arisen in Bhárata-khanda, and had turned from the true worship almost the whole of its inhabitants. Each of these sects had a bhásha, or book explaining their doctrine, founded partly on dogmas derived from the Védas, and explained in the last six of the eighteen Puránas, and partly on tenets contrary to the books esteemed sacred by the Bráhmans. The most remarkable of these sects were the Buddhists, the Jainas, and the Sarvakas.

About this time arose a celebrated doctor of the Bráhmans, named Sankara Achárya, who belonged to the sect of Siva. The eighteen Puránas are divided into three distinct doctrines, called Satwika, Rájasa, and Tamasá; the principles of which, from their tendency, are compared to God, to a King, and to the devil; the first and last resembling God and the evil spirit, while the Rájasa is of a princely nature, partly good and partly bad. Sankara Achárya, as a Smartal, acknowledged the two first parts to be the proper guide for the conduct of Bráhmans; and wrote a bhásha, or commentary, called after his own name; in which he explained the doctrine of the first twelve of the eighteen Puránas, so as to reconcile it with the tenets of six of the prevailing sects, of whom the most remarkable were the Savaram, Ganapatyam, Saivam and Vaishnavum. By this method he gained a strong party; and having, among others, brought over the Prince of Sringa-giri, where he lived, he commenced a violent persecution against the heretical doctrines.

In the year of Sáliváhana 932 (A. D. 1009), at Sri Permaturu, or Srivaram P'huthur, near Madras, was born Ráma Anuja Achárya of the Sri Vaishnavam sect of Bráhmans, and who, of course, followed the authority of the first six only of the eighteen Puránas. These six are called Vaishnavam, Náradyam, Bágawatam, Garudam, Padmam, and Varáhanu. The second division of the eighteen Puránas is read by this sect of Bráhmans, although they do not found on it any of their doctrines. They look with horror on the third division. On arriving at the age of discretion, Ráma Anuja became a Sannyási, and wrote a commentary, in which he confuted the works of Sankara Achárya, and demonstrated, that of the twenty-one sects, the only one that ought to be tolerated was that called Vaishnavam. The commentary of Ráma Anuja is now the chief guide of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans. They worship Vishnu, and the gods of his family only, and all over the Decan are almost exclusively the officiating priests in the temples of these deities. They allege Brahmá to be a son of Vishnu, and Siva the son of Brahmá, and consider them as the creative and destructive powers in the universe; but they abhor the worship of these gods. Vishnu they consider as the same with Para Brahmá, or the supreme being; yet they worship him in nine only of his ten incarnations. Budha, although the tenth incarnation of Vishnu, is never worshipped by them, nor, I believe, by any Bráhman. The reason assigned for this is as follows: one of the Asuras, or demons, named Tripura, possessed a city, the inhabitants of which were very troublesome to the inhabitants of Brahma Lóka, heaven of Brahmá, who attempted in vain to take the place; it being

being destined not to fall, so long as the women who resided in it should preserve their chastity, which hitherto had been inviolate. The angels at length offered up their prayers to Vishnu, who took upon himself the form of a most beautiful young man, and became Budha Avatára. Entering then into the city, he danced naked before the women, and inspired them with loose desires; so that the fortrefs, being no longer defended by the shield of purity, soon fell a prey to the angels. As the Bráhmans cannot defend this action of the god, they never invoke him by the name or in the form of Budha Avatára.

Ráma Anuja Achárya having had great success both against the Smartal, and the heretical sects, especially the Jainas, formed a hierarchy for his followers. He divided the whole into eighty-four portions; and ordered, that each portion, and their descendants, should be subject to a Guru or Swámalu of his appointment, and to the successors of this Guru. The number of Gurus belonging to this sect are therefore eighty-four; of whom five are Sannyási, and seventy-nine are married hereditary chiefs.

The matams, or places where the five Sannyási Gurus chiefly reside, are Ahobalam, Totadri near Ráméswara, Tripathi, Sri Rangam, and Kunji. When one of these Sannyásis observes the approach of death, he appoints some Vidwanfa, or man of learning and piety, to be his successor. If the person chosen give his consent, he must forsake his wife, children, and goods, part of which goes to his children, and part is given in charity; that is to say, to the Bráhmans. The new Sannyási shaves his head, and throws aside the thread by which Bráhmans are distinguished. The virtues and powers belonging to his high rank he receives along with an upadéfa, which is delivered to him by his predecessor. Upadéfa is a mysterious sentence, which the Hindus receive from their Gurus, and constantly mutter when at their devotions. That of the Bráhmans is entirely different from what is bestowed on the lower castes; and is again very inferior to that given to the Sannyási Gurus, which, according to them, has most wonderful powers. In case of sudden death, the followers of the Mata meet, and choose from among themselves a Sannyási, who gets an upadéfa, from one of the others. These Gurus frequently give an upadéfa and some images to a favourite disciple, and appoint him a kind of deputy to manage their affairs at a distance. Thus the Ahobalam Swámalu has sent a deputy to Malcotay, who resides at that great place of Hindu worship, and there watches over the interests of his superior. These deputies observe the rules of Sannyási, but have no power to appoint a successor. When one of them dies, the followers send back the images to their Guru, and request that he would depute another representative.

Among the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans the office of an hereditary Guru descends in the male line according to primogeniture; but when one of them has no children he must adopt his nearest male relation, who succeeds him as his son. Kindred by the female line is considered as not forming a tie of blood. These hereditary chiefs, once in two or three years, make a circuit round the places where their followers live. They also send agents to transact their business. An infant may succeed, and during his minority the business is carried on by the nearest male relation, or by some other Vaidika Bráhman, whom the family appoints.

The Sannyásis and hereditary Gurus seem to be totally independent of each other, and to possess nearly the same authority and powers over their followers. When a Guru of any sect comes near a place, the whole inhabitants of a pure descent, whether they be his followers or not, must go out to receive him with the utmost respect. What is meant by the followers of a Guru, are certain families attached to him, to whom he performs

performs certain ceremonies, and over whom, in all matters connected with religion, he possesses a jurisdiction. In general, every man follows the Guru of his father: but this seems to be a voluntary submission; and it is commonly allowed, that a man, whenever he pleases, may change his Guru. The ceremonies bestowed by the Sri Vaishnavam Gurus on their followers are chiefly upadéfa and chakrántikam. The upadéfa I have already explained. It is delivered orally to the follower; and to write it down, or reveal it, are crimes of such an enormous magnitude as to be quite unknown. The chakrántikam is performed with the spear of the god Vishnu, which is made hot, and applied by the Guru to the shoulder of the disciple, so as to burn the skin. During life this is frequently repeated; the upadéfa is only delivered once.

Neither of these ceremonies are ever bestowed on a person of an impure birth; so that the Whalliaru and Madigaru must content themselves with praying to God for his blessing to avert evil, or bestow good. This however not being satisfactory, these poor people frequently attack the Bráhmans for an upadéfa. In order to be quit of their importunity, the Bráhmans sometimes tell them the name of any god, the constant muttering of which pleases the man much better than the offering up his requests to the deity in the pure language of the heart. So powerful is the influence of ceremony over that of reason.

In their judicial capacity the Gurus possess great authority. They take cognizance of all omissions of ceremonies, and actions that are contrary to the rules of cast. Small delinquencies they punish by pouring cow-dung and water on the head of the guilty person, by fine and by whipping. For great offences they excommunicate the culprit; which is done by shaving his head. This excludes a man from all society, even from that of his nearest connections; for his very wife would incur a similar punishment by giving him any assistance. The excommunication may be removed by the Guru; in which case he purifies the repentant sinner by a copious draught of cow's urine. Though the deputies have no proper authority to punish delinquents, yet they frequently make people voluntarily submit to their correction. They threaten any person to send a complaint to his Guru of some crime laid to his charge, and an order to proceed to the residence of the Guru to answer the complaint. Most persons, however, choose to submit to whatever the deputy dictates, rather than undertake the trouble of a long journey; at the end of which they might be more severely punished by the Guru, than they would have been at home by the deputy.

When a Guru is accused of any misdemeanor, he is called before a trimatustaru, or assembly of the most eminent Vaidika Bráhmans of all the three sects, who have the power of inflicting six different punishments, all of which are very severe.

9th June.—I went to Chinapatam, or Chenapattana, which was formerly the residence of a Polygar family, called Jacadéva Rayas. They were Teliiga Banijigaru, and seem to have risen into power about five centuries ago. They continued till very lately possessed of considerable territories; and were reduced by the Mysore Rajas, no long time before these, in their turn, became subject to the Mussulmans. The direct heir of the family, in the male line, now resides here in great poverty; and, being a petty trader, is called Jiva Raja Chitty.

Glass-ware is one of the manufactures of this place. It is made by two operations. In the first, from the raw materials are formed masses of glass; in the second these masses are wrought up into small bottles, and ornamental rings for the arms of women.

10th June.—I passed this day in examining the forests of this neighbourhood; but shall defer giving an account of the particulars, till I have visited some other parts of the same chain of woody hills, and shall be thus enabled to give at once a view of the

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whole. Owing to the badness of the soil in the hills near Chinapatam, few of the trees come to great perfection.

11th June. — I remained at Chinapatam, taking an account of the palm-gardens in the vicinity. A tract of land runs near this from Madura towards Magadi, which is about eighteen miles in length, and varies from one mile to a quarter of a mile in width. The whole of this, except a few barren spots intersecting it, is planted with cocoa-nut and betel-nut palms. All this ground might be cultivated for rice, and has a supply of water from reservoirs; but the plantations are much more valuable.

12th June. — I went to Râma-giri. A part of the way I had travelled before; but on coming to the Arkawati river, I turned to the north, and passed through a valley naturally beautiful, but which appeared dismal on account of its having been in a great measure deserted. Near its head I found a few small villages surrounded by a little cultivation.

Since the accession of Tippoo, Râma-giri has been strangely agitated. The town, which was then considerable, he removed from the west side of the river, and placed close under the hill upon which the fort is built. It was then surrounded by a wall, and some other defences of no great importance. The army of Lord Cornwallis summoned the fort; and the garrison, intimidated by the taking of many strong places which they had seen fall, surrendered without any resistance, and for some time our troops kept possession. After the peace Tippoo dismantled the fort, and now the amildar has again removed the town to the west side of the river, and placed it lower down than its original situation. During the incursions of Lord Cornwallis the inhabitants were deprived of the means of subsistence, and a large proportion of them perished of hunger. I give this, and other similar accounts of the state of population, from the information of the natives, which I believe is just, and rather partial to the British side, partly from flattery, and partly from their being sensible that they never before were under the protection of a people so humane, just, and powerful. The place is dreadfully infested by tigers, especially the fort, which occupies a large rocky hill, capable of a very tedious defence, even without any assistance from art. Several Brâhmans reside near the summit, for the place is reputed holy; but it is kept in a very slovenly state. It is plentifully supplied with water from several large cavities, or chasms in the rock, which receive the rain, and by their coolness prevent its sudden evaporation. Such cavities are called by the natives donays, and in all the rocky hills of this great chain of mountains are very common. In the hottest season they never become dry; but they have no springs to give a supply of fresh water, and of course afford but unwholesome drink.

The granite, of which the rock of Râma-giri consists, is very beautiful, and is composed of small grains of black mica, or perhaps micarelle, and of white glassy quartz, in which are immersed large masses of red felspar. It seems to agree exactly with Mr. Kirwan's definition of granitic porphyry. It is a very elegant stone, and might be procured in very large masses.

In this hilly tract, there is a race of men called by the other natives Cad' Eriligaru; but who call themselves Cat' Chenfu. Here they live in little huts near the villages, and have a small piece of blanket, or cotton cloth, to cover their nakedness. They are reconciled to the other natives, and pay a trifling capitation tax to government. Where the woods are more extensive, they are terrified at the sight of any civilized being, and live absolutely without any clothing, but cover their nakedness with a few leaves. In these forests they dwell in caves, or under bushes, which they make a better shelter from the weather, by adding small branches from other trees. When

the civilized part of this tribe go into the woods to visit their relations, or to trade with them, they must throw off their rags, lest they should be mistaken for a villager, in which case none of the Chenfu would approach.

The language of the Chenfu is a dialect of the Tamul, with occasionally a few Karnata or Telinga words intermixed; but their accent is so different from that of Madras, that my servants did not at first understand what they said. Their original country, they say, is the Animalya forests below the Ghats, which is confirmed by their dialect. Those who live in the villages have taken the Pancham Banijigaru as their chiefs; they trade chiefly with them, and call them their swamis, or lords; but, although they have learned to invoke the name of Siva, they do not wear the lingam.

Those in the woods have either no religion, or some simple one with which those here are unacquainted. The people of this country attribute to the Chenfu the power of bewitching tigers; and my Brahman gravely informed me, that the Chenfu women, when they went out to procure food, left their infants in charge of one of these ferocious beasts. The Chenfu, of course, deny their possessing any such power; but allege, that the art is known to another rude tribe named Soligaru, who inhabit the southern Ghats which separate this country from Coimbetore.

The Chenfu here live upon game, wild roots, herbs, and fruits; and a little grain, which they purchase from the farmers. They are enabled to do this by collecting some drugs, honey, and wax. It is on account of their having the exclusive privilege of collecting these two last articles that they pay a poll-tax, which is annually fifteen fanams, or 10s. 0½d. for each family.

13th June. — I went to Magadi, which in our maps is called Maghery. This stage was very fatiguing for my cattle; and the road passed through a wild but romantic country, which consists of low hills, intermixed with little cultivated vallies. The soil of these is tolerably good; and, like the Rama-giri valley, they are cultivated with dry grains only. The higher parts are covered with trees, which, owing to the poverty of the soil, are in most places very small; but near Savana-durga, and in a few other parts, the timber and bamboos grow to a good size. The summits of all the ridges of hills are bare rocks of the granitic porphyry, and often rise into high sharp peaks, or immense masses of naked stone. By far the most remarkable of these is occupied by Savana-durga, which the army of Lord Cornwallis took by assault; ever since which time it has been deserted.

15th June. — Having had little success yesterday in sending the woodmen to bring me specimens of timber, I went to-day into the woods on the east side of Savana-durga, which name has been corrupted by us into Severndroog. It is an immense bare rock, which has many fortifications on its summit. A lower rock, but yet one of great strength, is fortified, and is situated at the base of the larger, towards the small river which runs in a very deep ravine; and a large space between the ravine and rock is also inclosed by a stone wall, and surrounded by thick forests. This place formerly contained several temples, and some large gardens belonging to Magadi Kempa Gauda; and served as a place of refuge for the inhabitants of all the neighbouring country, who in case of invasion retired hither with their grain and cattle. A few families of Brahmins remain near the ruinous temples; and the site of the gardens is evident from a number of fruit and flowering trees. Every other part of the enclosure is overgrown with forest trees and bamboos.

Magadi Kempa Gauda, or the red head-man of Magadi, was a wealthy farmer, who, having gathered together a number of followers, built at his native village two large temples, and the fortress of Savana-durga, and became a polygar of great distinction;

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as he possessed also Râma-giri, and a great extent of the neighbouring hilly tract. About five years ago, Tippoo, with his usual policy of removing every monument of Hindu government, destroyed Magadi, and forced the inhabitants to settle in a new town, which he erected in the woods, and called Ali-nagar. The people are now deserting this place, and returning to their old abode in Magadi.

In the hollow ground near the river are some of the best forests in the country, the trees growing to a considerable size. The cattle of the inhabitants never go into them; nor can any one cut the timber without an order from government. Much of the lower land in this forest might be cleared and cultivated.

Throughout these hills, which extend northward from Capala-durga, are many cultivated spots, in which, during Tippoo's government, were settled many baydaru, or hunters, who received twelve pagodas (4l. 5s.) a year, and served as irregular troops whenever required. Being accustomed to pursue tigers and deer in the woods, they were excellent marksmen with their match-locks, and indefatigable in following their prey; which, in the time of war, was the life and property of every helpless creature that came in their way. During the wars of Hyder and his son, these men were chief instruments in the terrible depredations committed in the Lower Carnatic. They were also frequently employed with success against the Polygars, whose followers were men of a similar description. At present, as they receive no pay, they are obliged to apply more closely to agriculture; for in that way they always employed their leisure; and there is a prospect of their becoming a quiet and industrious people, although they still retain their arms, and an anxious desire for plunder.

16th June. — I remained at Magadi, endeavouring to complete my collection of the various timber trees. I sent also to Ghettipura to inquire after the iron mines: but was informed by the officers of government, that, nobody having wrought them for some years, their situation was not now known. After a long search, however, they had found a few stones, which they sent, believing that they might be iron-ore. I then sent for the man who had given me the information; and on the following day,

17th June, — I took him along with me to Ghettipura, where I not only found the ore in several places, but also the pits, from which the people were then actually taking it to supply their furnaces. I am at some loss to account for this desire of concealment relative to minerals, which also extends to every kind of quarry throughout the country, and which equally pervades the officers of government and the other inhabitants. Men, who have given me apparently correct information relative to their farms, have eagerly denied a knowledge of the fossile kingdom, which they, no doubt, possessed, and for which denial I can assign no plausible motive. The late Sultan, indeed, is said to have harassed his subjects exceedingly, by making them work at quarries, and also to have been very severe on the smelters of iron; and the people may have suspected, that my inquiries might lead to similar oppressions; but according to the iron-smelters' own account, the Sultan gave them a high price for their iron, and by his great demand afforded them constant employment. It is probable, however, that he compelled them to work much harder than they were inclined to do, and that they were defrauded by those who were entrusted with the payment.

Much steel was formerly made at Ghettipura, from whence it derives its name, which signifies literally hard town. It is a small village situated by the compass W. S. W. from Savana-durga, and is distant from Magadi about seven miles. Near it are many cultivated fields intermixed with low rocky hills. The ore is found both in the fields and hills.

The iron ore of the fields consists of small irregular masses, separated by thin layers of earthy matter, and is found in beds that are from five to ten feet deep, which have only been wrought in a few places, where they come so near the surface that they have been discovered by the plough. It is probable, that by digging deep they might be found to be of great extent. The small masses are easily beaten into powder, and then the black sand is readily separated, by washing, from the clay and sand that are the other ingredients in their composition. This ore is of two kinds; one efflorescing into red ochre, the other into yellow. Intermixed with both these kinds of ore, which are called female stones, are many lumps of what the natives call male stone. It appears to me to be composed of the same materials with the female stone, but is so hard, that the imperfect manipulations of the natives cannot reduce it to a powder, and of course they cannot separate the earthy matter. It is, therefore, looked upon as useless, fluxes being totally unknown to the miners of Myfore. The female stone appears to me to be the male in a state of decay.

The iron ore of the hills is also male and female; the latter being the only one used; and this is also, in my opinion, the male in a state of dissolution. The male stone in the hills bears a much larger proportion to the female than it does in the fields. This ore also is found on digging a very little depth into the soil, and seems to be the source from whence most of the black sand of the country is washed by the rain. It appears to me to differ from the quartz impregnated with iron, which I mentioned in the account of the Pedda Náyakana durga Ghats, only by containing a larger quantity of metal. The female stone is very easily reduced to a powder; and the iron sand is readily separated, by washing, from the quartzose sand, which is the other ingredient in the ore. It is not so rich in metal as the ore found in the fields. These two ores are called aduru cullu, or stones containing iron sand.

On the surface of the hills is found another iron ore called ipanada, which is scattered among the gravel in small lumps, from the size of an egg downwards. They are a pure ore, and are put in the furnace without any preparation, except breaking the larger pieces into bits about the size of a filbert. The quantity of ipanada required for one furnace is exactly the same, by measure, as that of Aduru; but the weight of ipanada is of course less, there being more space occupied by interstices, from the greater size of the pieces. The produce of iron from both is the same. The surface of the lumps of ipanada is often covered with a kind of black enamel.

18th June. — I passed this day in the woods near Savana-durga, investigating their productions. The woodmen are a poor ignorant race, most of them of the lowest cast, called Whalliaru; but they always pretend to know every plant of which the name is asked. They have also a number of specific appellations, such as bily, white; kempu, red; cari, black; doda, large; chica, small; betta, mountain; wullay, cultivated; cadu, wild; timbo, eatable; and the like; many of which they often apply to the same species, and sometimes the same name to different species, with so little accuracy, that any person, who depends on their accounts will find himself thrown into great confusion.

19th June. — I was obliged to remain at Magadi still another day to complete my collection of forest trees, and to procure specimens of the stones from the best quarries.

The stones that are employed in building the temples at Magadi, are,

1st. The granitic porphyry, or the granite which contains large masses of red felspar

felfpar in a small grained mixture of grey quartz and black mica, and which I described at Káma-giri. Near Savana-durga there is an excellent quarry of this stone.

2d. A granite consisting chiefly of black mica and red felfpar. This may be procured of a very large size.

3d. The common grey granite of the country. I met also with the two following stones :

1st. A granite with large grains black and white. This may be procured of great size.

2d. A most ornamental aggregated rock. The basis is green, of what nature I am uncertain; perhaps it may be a hornstone. It contains veins of white quartz, and concretions of red felfpar. The whole takes an elegant polish, and may, in Mr. Kirwan's acceptation of the word, be considered as a porphyry. Near the surface the rock is full of rents; but by digging deep, it is said, large masses may be procured. It seems to differ from the fine green stone which was found in the palace at Seringapatam, only by containing felfpar.

The trees that compose the forests among these hills are chiefly the following :

Henna gorivi, *Ixora arborea*, *Roxb. MSS.* — A small tree used for beams and posts in the houses of the poorer natives. People travelling at night use pieces of it for torches, as it burns readily and clearly.

Ghendu gorivi, or haydarany. — Serves for the same purposes as the preceding, and is probably a species of the same genus.

Cari hulivay, *Clusia forte stipularis*. — I believe the natives misapplied this name. They had often mentioned it to me, and had brought a specimen of the timber; but in the woods they sometimes called one tree by this name, and sometimes another. At last they fixed positively on this, which is said to produce good timber.

Heb, or Bily hulivay, *Chuncoa huliva*, *Buch. MSS.* A large tree, and good timber.

Tor mutti, *Chuncoa muttea*, *Buch. MSS.* — At Chinapatam this tree is called Cari hulivay. To the northward it is commonly called Muddi, which is a Telinga name. It is a very large tree, and its timber is very useful.

Tari, *Myrobalanus taria*, *Buch. MSS.* — Is a large tree much used by the natives. Its timber becomes tolerably durable, if, after being cut, it be kept some months under water. The kernel of the fruit is esculent.

Aralay, *Myrobalanus arala*, *Buch. MSS.* — The timber of this tree, like that of the former, requires to be watered in order to render it durable. The fruit is the common tanning and dying myrobalan of this country.

Amutta, or gowda. — It grows to be a large tree, and its timber is used for planks, beams, and posts.

Jugalagunti, *Diospyros montana*, *Roxb.* — The timber of this tree is said to be hard, and durable; but from some prejudice, it is never used by the natives. Its name signifies the scolding wife.

Tupru, *Diospyros tupru*, *Buch. MSS.* — Used for small beams and posts. The timber is said to be very hard and strong.

Vana rája, or Asha, *Bauhinia*. — It is called the prince of the forest, on account of the superior excellence of its timber; but it does not grow to a large size.

Hassur gunny, *Dalbergia*. — Grows to a middling size, and its timber is good; it nearly resembles the following tree; but may be readily distinguished by the bottom of its leaflets being acute; while in the other they are rounded.

Pachery,

Pachery, *Dalbergia paniculata*, Roxb. — Grows to a large size, but its timber is very uselefs; for the layers of which it is composed readily separate.

Biridy, *Pterocarpus fifoo*, Roxb. MSS. — A middling sized tree, of an excellent quality for furniture. By the Mussulmans it is called Siffo; but it does not seem to be exactly the same with the tree of that name which grows in the north of India.

Whonay, *Pterocarpus fantalinus*, L. F. — A large good timber tree, fit for furniture. Its bark contains a blood-coloured juice.

Hoingay, *Robinia mitis*, Lin. — It grows to be a large tree, and its timber becomes tolerably durable; if after it has been cut, it be kept some months in water.

Hurugulu, *Chloroxylon quod sweitenia chloroxylon*, Roxb. — This never grows to be a large tree, but its timber is beautiful. It is said to be the satin wood of the English cabinet-makers.

Chadacalu, *Chloroxylon dupada*, Buch. MSS. — An elegant tree, producing a resin that is frequently used in the temples, as incense.

Swamy, *Sweitenia febrifuga*, Roxb. MSS. — A strong, but small timber tree, produces a fine clear gum.

Gowda, *Sweitenia trilocularis*, Roxb. MSS. — A large tree; but its timber is very bad. Another tree, as before mentioned, was by the woodmen called Gowda; but that probably is a mistake.

Jani, *Grewia*. — There are three species called by this name, the Asiatica, the Orientalis, and that which I have named, Jania. The timber of none of them is useful.

Bili tali, *Bilitalium farinosum*, Buch. MSS. — In the Telinga language this tree is called tellamaliki. It grows to a large size, and its timber was said to be good; but I found it to be white, soft, and very perishable.

Betta tali, or Betta tovary, *Bombax gossypinum*. — A large tree. Its timber becomes somewhat durable, if kept in water some time after being cut; but without this precaution it is little worth.

Nai, or Cag nerulu. — This cannot be of the same genus with the following Nerulu, as it has alternate serrated leaves. A large tree, the timber of which is much used.

Rudrahu nerulu, *Calyptanthes jambulana* Willd. — Also much used. This is the tree from whence the Bráhmans derive the name of this earth.

Betta padri, *Bignonia chelonoides*. — A small tree; but its timber makes strong posts and beams.

Wullay padri, *Bignonia spathacea*. — Timber little used.

Navulady, Mail elou, *Hort. Mal. V. t. 1.* — A large tree, and durable timber, which takes a polish, and is used for furniture, planks, beams, and posts.

Shivuli. — A small, but good timber tree.

Topala, *Mimosa leucophea*, Roxb. — The bark, when newly cut, has a strong disagreeable smell, like that of the *mimosa indica*, E. M. It grows to be a large tree, and produces strong timber for posts and beams. The bark is used by the natives in distilling spirit from jagory.

Cagali, *Mimosa catechu*, Roxb. *Pl. Cor. N. 174.* — In some places, as near Chinapatam, this grows to be a large crooked tree. The quality of the timber is good. It is not the tree which produces the catechu.

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Mugli, *Mimosa covalum*, *Buch. MSS.* — A large tree. Timber black, very strong, and fit for posts and beams; but, like that of the foregoing, I was told does not take a polish. This last report of the natives seems to be ill founded.

Wullay fujula, *Mimosa tuggula*, *Buch. MSS.* — A large tree, but its timber is said to be not durable. To judge from appearance, however, this seems to be an error.

Betta fujalu, *Mimosa odoratissima*, *L.* — This is a large tree, which, according to the report of the woodmen, produces excellent durable timber.

Shalay, *Ficus*. — Used for beams, and pillars of a small size.

Atty, *Ficus glomerata*, *Rox.* — A large, useful tree. Its wood is remarkably light.

Cull atty, *Ficus rupestris*, *Buch. MSS.* — In a good soil grows to a large size, but soon divides into branches. It is used for beams, posts, and planks.

Birfi, *Ficus*. — A large useless tree.

Dévadárú, *Erythroxylon fideroxyloides*, *E. M.* — Never grows to a large size; but its wood is odorous, durable, and capable of a polish. It is used by the poor instead of sandal-wood.

Sri gunda, *Santalum album*. Sandal wood of the English merchants. — All the trees that were fit for sale have been lately cut by a Bráhmán, who was sent on purpose from Seringapatam. He procured about three thousand trees; but in less than ten years no more will be fit for cutting. The common size of the tree at the root, when it is cut, is about nine inches in diameter; but it has been known to arrive at a circumference of three cubits. In either case, not above a third of the diameter of the tree is of value; the remainder is white wood totally devoid of smell. The wood is of the best quality in trees that have grown on a steep rocky soil; that which grows in low rich situations produces wood of little value. The trees were cut partly by the servants of the Bráhmans, and partly by woodmen hired on the spot. The branches and white wood were removed in the woods, and the billets were brought hither, and dried in the shade. Although the bottom of the stem, under the ground and immediately above the division into roots, is the most valuable part of the tree, no pains were taken to procure this, and the trees were cut above the surface of the soil. This want of economy is said to have proceeded from the stony nature of the soil; but this I doubt. Every thing relative to the price, market, or customs upon sandal-wood are here unknown; and the person who cut it was not under the authority of the amildar. At two places in this hilly country the tree comes to great perfection; namely, at Jalamangala, between Magadi and Chinapatam; and at Mutati Habigay, near Capala-durga.

Jala, Shorea Jala, *Buch. MSS.* — Here it grows only to a small size; but at Rámá-giri, and many other places, it becomes large. It is said to take a polish, to be durable, and to be used for furniture. In Mysore it is on this tree only that the lac insects breed. Formerly there were many trees near Rámá-giri that contained lac, and paid a considerable rent; but during the war carried on by Lord Cornwallis they were destroyed by the armies. Although there are now great numbers of the trees, none of the insects are reared. This is attributed to the want of leaves. The amildar was wont to let the trees for no longer than one year; it can therefore be no object for an individual to supply the trees with insects, as he would not be certain of enjoying the fruits of his labour. Some settled bargain for a number of years ought to be entered into with those who are willing to introduce such a valuable article of cultivation.

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Dinduga, *Auderfonia Panchmoum*, *Roxb. MSS.* — A large valuable timber tree, that is used for planks, beams, pillars, and furniture. It abounds in gum, and is nearly allied to the *conocarpus* of botanists.

Doda Tayca, *Tectona robusta*. — A few trees of this valuable timber are found in most places of this hilly tract; but in general they do not grow to be of a size sufficient for use. Some good timber may, it is said, be procured at Mutati Habigay, a place near Capala-durga.

Urfina Tayca, *Nauclea cordifolia*, *Roxb.* — Grows to be a large tree; and its timber is said to be equally valuable with that of the *tectona*, or common teak.

Cadaga, Cadaba, or Cadava, *Nauclea purpurea*, *Roxb.* — A large tree, the timber of which is much used.

Chaningy, *Lagerstromia parviflora*, *Roxb.* — In favourable situations it also grows to a large size; but its timber is of very little value. It may be improved, however, by soaking it in water for some months after it has been cut.

Hadaga. — A small tree; but its timber is used for furniture, door frames, and other purposes which require strong materials.

Mitly, *Trophis aspera koenigii*. — A small tree; but its timber is much esteemed on account of its being hard, and taking a good polish.

Eafy, *Premna tomentosa*. — Reported to be bad timber; but it apparently without foundation. It is put as a frame-work in the middle of mud-walls, in order to give them strength.

Bewu, *Melia azadirachta*. — A large timber tree, that is much used here, and from which a gum exudes.

Mara halay, *Nerium tinctorium*, *Roxb. MSS.* — The natives are acquainted with its dyeing quality. Its timber is said to be hard and white like ivory, and is used for small furniture, such as beds and chairs.

Tapiffa, *Ulmus integrifolia*, *Roxb.* — Is a small tree, but makes beams, planks, and posts.

Elichi, *Rhamnus jujuba*, *L.* — Grows crooked; but its timber is hard, and is used for small furniture.

Heb Hefary, *Uvaria tomentosa*, *Roxb.* — A small tree that is also used for furniture.

Chica Hefary, *Uvaria cerasoides*, *Roxb.* — Useless.

Timbu Bayla, *Egle marmelos*, *Roxb.* — A large tree, producing strong timber.

Nai Bayla, *Limonia crenulata*, *Roxb.* — Useless.

Bideru, *Bambusa*. — The Bamboo here is divided into two kinds: one solid, or nearly so, and called by the natives *chittu*; the other hollow, and called *doda*. They are not considered as distinct species, the solidity of the former being attributed to its slow growth in dry stony places. Not having had an opportunity of examining the fructification, I cannot determine how far this opinion is well founded. It is the only kind found among these hills; and, although not of great size, is very strong and heavy. For common purposes I do not think it so useful as the hollow kind; but it is admirably adapted for the shafts of spears, and by Tippoo was applied to that use for his cavalry.

Muruculu, *Chirongia glabra*, *Buch. MSS.* — In many parts, and especially near Chinapatam, this is the most common tree. Its wood is not much valued; but it produces large quantities of a dark-coloured gum. The fruit is esculent.

Hulu Muruculu, *Antidesma alexiteria*. — Of no use.

Cadu Nimbay, or Cadimbay. — A small tree, that produces very hard timber, fit for bolts, and small beams.

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Narwully, *Cordia monoica*, *Roxb.* — Ropes are made of its bark. The fruit is esculent, but tasteless.

Cambi, *Gardenia*.

Hay Cambi, *Gardenia latifolia*, *Roxb.* — These two trees are usefess.

Mara harulu, *Jatropha curcas*. — Its seed is collected for lamp oil. The dried stems answer excellently for match, as they burn slowly, and without flame.

Gheru, *Anacardium semecarpus*. — The fruit used in medicine, and for marking linen. The timber is usefess.

Mudali, *Ochna suquarrofa*. — A beautiful but usefess tree.

Nelli, *Phyllanthus emblica*. — The timber is bad, yet the poor use it for beams and rafters. The fruit is pickled.

Cacay, *Cassia fistula*. — Used in religious ceremonies.

Chillu, *Strychnos potatorum* *Koenigii*. — The timber usefess. The use of the fruit, in cleaning water, is known to the natives.

It must be observed, that the account I have given of the qualities of the timber trees is derived from the natives. I have had no opportunity yet of ascertaining their nature by experiments: but I have procured specimens of most of them; and from these specimens their real qualities may be hereafter determined. For this purpose, they have been transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors, in whose Museum they have been deposited.

20th June. — In the morning I went to Taveri-caray, by a road passing the whole way through woods. I saw only one small village, which was occupied by iron smelters, and surrounded by a little cultivated land. The country round Taveri-caray is well cleared, and seems to have suffered little from the wars.

It is said, that in the great forests round Savana-durga, there is a small animal called the shin-nai, or red-dog, which fastens itself by surprise on the neck of the tiger, and kills him. On this account the tiger is not so common in these large forests, as in the smaller woods. The shin-nai is quite distinct from the wild-dog, which is said to be very common here, to grow to a large size, and to be very destructive to sheep. By this wild dog the natives probably mean the wolf. I have seen native drawings of the shin-nai, which appear to represent an animal not yet described.

21st June. — I went from Taveri-caray to Bangalore. Much of the country is covered with bushes, and consists of a very poor soil. The greater part of the arable lands near Bangalore are cultivated: but at some distance from it many fields are waste, owing to a want of people.

CHAP. IV. — Bangalore.

FROM the 22d of June until the second of July I remained at Bangalore, or Bangaluru; a city which was founded by Hyder, and which, during the judicious government of that Prince, became a place of importance. Its trade was then great, and its manufactures numerous. Tippoo began its misfortunes by prohibiting the trade with the dominions of Arcot and Hyderábád, because he detested the powers governing both countries. He then sent large quantities of goods, which he forced the merchants to take at a high rate. These oppressions had greatly injured the place; but it was still populous, and many individuals were rich, when Lord Cornwallis arrived before it, with his army in great distress from want of provisions. This reduced him to the necessity of giving the assault immediately, and the town was of

course plundered. The rich inhabitants had previously removed their most valuable effects into the fort; but these too fell a prey to the invaders, when that citadel also was taken by storm. After the English left the place, Tippoo encouraged the inhabitants to come back, and by promises allured them to collect together the wrecks of their fortunes, from the different places to which these had been conveyed. No sooner had he effected this, than, under pretence of their having been friendly to the English, he surrounded the place with troops, and fleeced the inhabitants, till even the women were obliged to part with their most trifling ornaments. He then kept them shut up within a hedge, which surrounded the town at the distance of a coss, till the advance of the army under General Harris made the guard withdraw. The inhabitants, not knowing whom to trust, immediately dispersed, and for some months the place continued deserted. The people, however, are now flocking to it from all quarters; and although there are few rich individuals, trade and manufactures increase apace; and the imports and exports are estimated already to amount to one-fourth of what they were in its most flourishing state. The manufacturers and petty traders are still very distrustful and timid; but the merchants, many of whom have been at Madras, and are acquainted with British policy, seem to have the utmost confidence in the protection of our government.

There is only one place below the western Ghats, with which at present the people of Bangalore carry on any trade. It is called here codeal, or cowdal, and in our maps is named Mangalore. To that place are from hence sent cotton cloths, both white and coloured, and manufactured in this neighbourhood. The returns are raw silk and silk cloths. The trade to Calicut was formerly very considerable; but at present, owing to the unsettled state of the province of Malabar, it is at a stand. The imports were all kinds of foreign goods brought in by sea. The exports were coloured cotton cloths. Some persons are now about to venture a renewal of this commerce.

The trade with the country ceded to the Nizam, and Marattahs, south from the Krishna river, is carried on chiefly by the merchants of Balahari (Bellary), Advany (Adoni), Aggady, Darwara, Hubuli, Naragunda, Navalagunda, and Gutti. Agents from each of these places reside here, receive goods from their principals, and sell them to the merchants of Bangalore. Sometimes, but rarely, the merchants of Bangalore go for a cargo of goods; but at these places they have no agents. In the countries of the Nizam, and Marattahs, merchants meet with no disturbance; but the duties are rather heavy. The chief import from thence is cotton wool, with some coarse cotton thread, both white and red; coarse white, red, and blue cotton cloths; muslins; dotras, or cotton cloths with silk borders; blankets worth from two to three pagodas each; wheat; afafetida; terra japonica; carthamus flowers, or coffumba; feringi root, a red dye used at Saliem; dates; and dratcha, a kind of bad raisin. The returns from Bangalore are made chiefly in money; but some coloured cotton and silk cloths are also sent.

Some Gossai merchants from Poonah bring shawls, saffron, and musk from Cashemire, and Persian pearls from Surat. The returns are made in money, and Manar pearls.

From Burrahunpour Patan merchants formerly brought chitties, or chintz, and gold lace, cloth, and thread. The exports were money, and pearls. This trade has always been protected by the Marattahs; but, owing to the oppressions of the Sultan's government, has for some years been at a stand. Some merchants are now preparing investments for its renewal.

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From Hyderábád, Narain-petta, Guldometcullu, and other places in the old territories of the Nizam, Patan and Gujerati merchants brought red cotton cloth, flowered with gold and silver, for the dress of the children of the Mussulman chiefs, and other rich persons; turbans; and fine manufactures of cotton. The returns are in money and pearls. In the reign of the Sultan, this trade was contraband, and now suffers interruption from the robbers that are numerous in the Nizam's dominions.

The trade between the dominions of the Nabob of Arcot and Bangalore is carried on at Wallaja-petta, chiefly by the merchants of this place, who constantly keep agents there; at times, however, they send cargoes to other places below the Ghats. The imports from the Lower Carnatic are salt, sulphur, tin, lead, zinc, copper, European steel, paints, and glue; indigo, nutmegs, cloves, camphor, benjamin, modi, a hot root used in medicine; Tripathi cardamoms (grana paradisæ?); China-root; raw silk of the kinds called Bily-china, Calturi-china, Rajanagari, Cumercani; (Comercally in Bengal?), Seidabad and Caia, of which the first is by far the best; Bengal, China, Walinda, and Burrahumpour silk cloths; Conjeveram, and Arnee cotton cloths; English woollen cloth, canvas, and blankets; Goni cloth; pack-thread; English and native paper from Lala-petta, Wallaja-petta, and Tripaturu; English hardware, glass-ware, and looking-glasses; China sugar-candy; Bengal sugar; dates; and almonds. The returns from Bangalore are chiefly betel-nut, sandal-wood, black pepper, true cardamoms, shical, and tamarinds. Cloths, I suspect, are also sent; but the merchants here deny it. Pearls and red coral were formerly brought up from the low country; but ever since the war this trade has been at a stand. The balance of money is in general due by the low country merchant.

The duties levied by the Nabob on cloths amount to four canter'raia pagodas, or 3s. 8d. on the bullock-load. This, on coarse goods, amounts to about four per cent. of their value; but on fine goods is mere trifle. Small articles of various kinds pay only 2½ pagodas, or about 20 pence, on the bullock-load. No estimate can be formed of the per centage, to which this amounts; as some bullock-loads cost five pagodas, and some 500. On all goods going from this country the duties are 1½ canter'raia pagodas, or one shilling on the bullock-load. Salt pays nothing. The whole of the duties are no great burthen, and the merchants do not complain of any trouble or delay in the collection. They consider the duties as a pledge for the protection of the government of the country through which they pass; and the custom-houses are bound to make good all losses by robbers.

No direct trade has been yet carried on between Bangalore and the Company's jaghire; but some Gujerati merchants, now here, are making the necessary arrangements for opening a trade directly with Madras.

Tanjore merchants bring hither pearls, and take away money.

The merchants of the Bara mahal, and Saliem districts, annexed by Lord Cornwallis to the Company's dominions, send cotton cloths, and take back the same articles that are carried to Wallaja-petta. Agents from Kishna-giri and Vanambady constantly reside here; and merchants occasionally come from Saliem and Darapuram. The merchants here have no agents at those places, but occasionally send goods thither.

In the dominions of the Raja of Myfore a considerable trade is carried on with several places in the Nagara district, namely Bidderuru, Bogunji, Sringa-giri, Copa, Kigganyinara, Calasa, Munday-cara, and Muturu. From these places are imported

great quantities of betel-nut, black pepper, sandal-wood, and cardamoms, partly by the merchants of Bangalore, and partly by those of the Nagara district. The returns from hence are grain, tobacco, tamarinds, blankets, muslins, turbans, coloured cotton stuffs, and silks, the manufacture of this place; and the paper of the Lower Carnatic. Both parties prefer selling their goods by wholesale, and laying in their returning investment by the same means; but they are seldom able to do so, and are more commonly reduced to the necessity of leaving part of their goods in the hands of an agent, and of purchasing their new investments at the different weekly markets in the country. Three quarters of the returns from Bangalore to Nagara are made in cash.

From Seringapatam the imports to Bangalore are black pepper, sandal-wood, and cardamoms: the return is made in every kind of cloth manufactured here, with all the kinds of goods brought from the Lower Carnatic, to a far greater value than that of the goods imported from Seringapatam.

From Gubi and its neighbourhood, in the centre of the Raja's dominions, are imported pepper, betel-nut, and cocoa-nuts. The merchants of Bangalore make the purchases at the weekly markets, and carry with them chiefly money; but also turmeric, the produce of this place; and oxen from Hossocotay, and Colar.

To Chatrakal (Chittledroog) the merchants of Bangalore send the manufactures of the place, and in return receive country blankets. The dealers carry their own goods from one place to the other, and generally return with the produce in cash.

From Doda Balla-pura occasional traders bring fine red cotton cloth manufactured there, and take back the produce in money.

From Namagundla, beyond Nandi-durga, are brought jagory, raw sugar, and sugar-candy, which are also sold for cash.

The places east from Bangalore, such as Colar, and Nurfapura, send money, and procure betel-nut and black pepper.

Betel-nut is the principal article of trade at Bangalore, and is of two kinds; the best, called deshavara, comes from the Nagara district; the inferior quality is called wallagran, and comes from Gubi, and all the places south from Sira, and north from Madura. This last is chiefly reserved for country use: but the deshavari is dispersed through the country to the eastward, as far as Madras. It is all what is called *boiled nut*.

In this country black pepper is next to betel-nut, the most common article of commerce. Of this also there are two kinds, the codali, and baygadi; the difference in value is inconsiderable, but the codali is reckoned rather the best. Much of it is sent down to the Baramahal, and to the dominions of the Nabob of Arcot. This was one of the articles in which the Sultan traded.

Sandal-wood is also a considerable article of commerce at Bangalore. The best comes from the Nagara district, and from the country bordering on the western Ghats. An inferior kind comes from Madura, Denkina-cotay, Deva-rayana-cotay, and other places in the ridge of hills which run north from Capala-durga. Each kind is divided into three sorts: the first is that which is between the root and first branches; the second is that of the large branches; and the third is that of the small branches, so far as these contain red wood. The sandal tree, according to the idea of the natives, is of two kinds; male and female: the former of which is dark, the latter pale-coloured, both are of the same value. The sandal of the old tree is said to be more valuable than that from a young one; but the merchants, in forming an estimate of its value,

go entirely by the strength of its smell. During Tippoo's government none of the sandal-wood came to this market: he either did not allow it to be cut, or else stored up in his forts whatever was felled.

Black blankets, or cumlies, are here a considerable article of commerce; and some merchants of the Carubaru cast, trade in nothing else. They are brought chiefly from Gori Bideruru in the Madhu-giri taluc, and also from Sira, Chatrakal, and Balahari. These last are by much the best; next to them are those from Chatrakal. They vary in price from four fanams, or 2s. 9½d. to 15 pagodas, or 3l. 3s. 6½d. By far the greater part are under the value of one pagoda, or 6s. 8½d. They are chiefly retailed here for country use.

The importation of cotton wool to Bangalore is very great, and is carried on entirely by the Pancham Banijjaru. There are two kinds of cotton wool; one called red, and another white; which distinction does not arise from any difference in the plants, but from the quality of the soil in which they are raised. The white is the best; and both are imported clean, and fit for use. It comes mostly from the dominions of the Marattahs, and the Nizam; and is brought hither by the merchants from Naragunda, Navalagunda, and Savonuru in the Duab; from Jalalu, the district in which Gajéndraghur is situated; and from Hubuli, in which stands Darwara, all of which belong to the former: and from Balahari and Advany, which belong to the latter power. All the merchants are natives of these places, and in the Marattah country are very well protected. They sell by wholesale to the traders of Bangalore, who retail it out in the town and neighbourhood. A bullock-load of cotton, coming from the Marattah country to Bangalore, and worth from 14 to 20 Ikeri pagodas, or from 5l. 10s. 3d. to 8l. 1s. 8d. pays in all, of transit duties, nearly two canter'raia pagodas, or 13s. 5d. In this neighbourhood it has been in vain attempted to cultivate cotton. For family use a little has been raised; but the produce has been very small.

A kind of drug merchants at Bangalore, called gandhaki, trade to a considerable extent. Some of them are Banijjaru, and others are Ladaru, a kind of Mussulmans. They procure the medicinal plants of the country by means of a set of people called Pacanat Jogalu, who have huts in the woods, and, for leave to collect the drugs, pay a small rent to the gaudas of the villages. They bring the drugs hither in small caravans of ten or twelve oxen, and sell them to the gandhaki, who retail them. None of them are exported. Small traders from the neighbouring towns bring popli and muddi barks; honey, and wax; agalafunti, and hayguntigay, two medicinal roots; myrobalans; and Dinduga gum; all which they procure from the Eriligaru. The whole wax of the country used formerly to be brought hither; but now a great part of it is carried directly to the Lower Carnatic. The quantity annually procured does not exceed a hundred maunds, or about 2,425 pounds. The Dinduga gum might be had to the extent of two or three hundred maunds, or from 4,850 lbs. to 7,275 lbs. a year, if money were advanced for it at the rate of from 8 to 12 fanams a maund, or from 1l. 3s. 4d. to 1l. 15s. 1d. the hundred weight. At present a small quantity only is collected for the use of the silk-weavers. The cotton-merchants from the Duab of the Krishna supply the gandhaki with cut, or terra japonica; with asafetida, maituta and maiful, two substances used by the natives in cleaning their teeth; costa, a medicine; loduchica, a dye; sulphur, alum, borax, and opium. From the gandhaki these merchants purchase muddi and popli dyes, lac, and wax. The lac is partly bought from the Woddar, who collect it in the neighbourhood; and partly from traders, that bring it from Madhu-giri, Godagiri, Banirgutta,

gutta, and Denkina-cotay. The spices, the Tagashay seed, and indigo, are procured by the gandhaki from the Lower Carnatic. Fossile alkali, or soda, is partly brought from Krishna-giri in the Bāra-mahāl; and partly from Chin'-rāya-pattana, Gotalu, and Holy Narasinga-pura. Tonda flowers, for dyeing, are brought from Nagara, and from Denkina-cotay; those produced in the latter place are the best. Molt of the Capili-podi dye, or flower produced on the fruit of the *Rotleria tinctoria* of Dr. Roxburgh, comes from Chin'-rāya pattana; but a little is procured from Rāmagiri. The Cossumba, or *Carthamus tinctorius*, that grows in the country, is not nearly sufficient for its demand; and much of this article is imported by the cotton-merchants from the Duab.

The trade in salt from the Lower Carnatic is very considerable, as none but the poorest people eat that made in the country. It is carried on by two classes of people: the Woddaru, or tank-diggers; and the Coramaru, who, in the intervals between their commercial expeditions, make baskets. The salt is brought up from the Lower Carnatic by people of the same casts; and by those, who reside here, is distributed throughout the country as far as Magadi, and Chinapatam. The people who bring the salt take back, in return, tamarinds, seeds for making oil, and all kinds of grain that happen to be cheaper here than in the low country.

Goods of all kinds are transported by cattle in back-loads. The best cattle are used in the cotton trade, and belong to Pancham Banijjaru, natives of the country where the cotton grows. These people speak the Karnata as their native language, but do not intermarry with the Pancham Banijjaru of Bangalore. The bullocks employed in this trade are very fine animals; and each brings from 12 to 15 maunds of cotton, or from 327½ to 409½ lbs. They travel daily at the rate of three computed coses, which may be about twelve British miles; and in three hours they perform this journey. Besides straw, they are fed on oil-cake, and the seed and leaves of the cotton plant. They cost from 15 to 25 pagodas, or from 5l. 8s. 8d. to 8l. 7s. 10d. In the same manner are fed the oxen which are employed in transporting betel-nut, pepper, and most other kinds of goods; but these cost only four or five pagodas, or from 1l. 6s. 10d. to 1l. 13s. 7d. They also travel three coses a day; but their average load is only eight maunds, or 206½ lbs. Many Banijjaru follow the profession of carriers, and keep oxen for the purpose. The rate of hire is always fixed on the average load of eight maunds, and never according to time, but always by distance. The carriage of a bullock-load of pepper, betel-nut, or other articles that flow well, and may be equally divided, costs 15 fanams from Bangalore to Wallajapetta, distant about 145 British miles; on articles that cannot be so well divided the price is about 18 fanams. The first gives 1¼⁰/₀ penny a mile for the hundred weight; the second gives 1⅞⁰/₀ penny. The carriers are not answerable for any accident that may happen to the goods; the merchant therefore must send with them some trusty person, who is generally a younger branch of the family. The bullock employed in carriage is always shod with slight iron shoes.

Buffaloes of the northern breed are sometimes employed, especially by the merchants; their great size enabling them with convenience to support a bulky article. They are very fine animals, and their common load is 15 maunds, or about 410 lbs. with which they travel at the rate of 12 or 15 miles a day; but they require higher feeding than the bullock does.

The people who transport salt and grain generally use asses, or a very poor kind of bullock. The ass carries from 40 to 50 seers measure, or from 1⅞⁰/₀ bushel to 1⅞⁰/₀ bushel. They can travel about six miles a day, and are all males purchased from the

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the washermen who breed them. Two men take charge of twelve loaded asses. These creatures get nothing to eat but what they can pick up by the sides of the road. Their cost is from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to two pagodas, or from 10s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 13s. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

The bullocks employed by these people are treated much in the same manner as the asses; but each carries from 60 to 80 seers of grain, or from 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ bushels to 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ bushels. Merchants, who deal in betel-nut, pepper, &c. have sometimes had recourse to this poor kind of conveyance; but it is very rarely done, the slowness with which these cattle travel rendering the dealer liable to suffer great loss from fluctuations in the markets.

This is the information collected from all the most respectable merchants of the place. According to the custom-house accounts the imports are salt; sugar-candy; cocoa-nuts; betel-nut; pepper; cut, or terra japonica; ginger; capili, patunga root; and muddi dyes; wax; lac; steel; false gilded paper; indigo; sandal-wood; sulphur; sulphur; yellow arsenic; cinnabar; brags and copper, wrought and unwrought; lead; zinc; paper; dates; calturi, a kind of turmeric; benjamin; fonpa, one of the carminative seeds; asafotida; camphor; cardamoms; cloves; nutmegs; mace; gopichandana, a clay used by the Bráhmans for making their marks; rudrakshi, a fruit used by the Bráhmans for their beads; almonds; opium; golai, a kind of opium; fanacallu, the stone used for powdering sandal; balapum, or pot-stone; allum; five medicinal salts, from Madras; bang; oil of sesamum; ghee; honey; oil of the melia azadirachta; cocoa-nut oil; Carnatic tobacco; Madras cloths, cotton, silk, and woollen; raw silk; red and white cotton thread; carpets; Thibet cow tails; cofumba flowers; Burrahunpour cloths; Balahari cloths; Cashemire goods brought by Gossais, who travel with horses and camels; the goods are, musk, saffron, carpets, and shawls; mutabi, or gold cloth of Hyder-ábád; cumlies, or country blankets from Chatrakal and Balahari; English blankets, or hutú cumlies; paints; goats, and sheep from Penu-conda; hard-ware; palmira; and date jagories; molasses; myrobalans; wheat from Balahari and Penu-conda; besides the produce of the neighbouring country.

The trade of the country not having been yet opened a year since the inhabitants had deserted the place, no proper estimate can be formed of the quantity of exports and imports; but it is on the increase every month, and is now about one fourth of the quantity that was exported and imported in the most flourishing time of Hyder's government. The son of the person who had then charge of the custom-house, states the following particulars of the trade at that period. In one year there were imported 1500 bullock-loads of cotton wool; 50 bullock-loads of cotton thread; 230 bullock-loads of raw silk; 7000 bullock-loads of salt; foreign goods from Madras 300 bullock-loads. At the same time were exported of betel-nut 4000 bullock-loads, and of pepper 400 bullock-loads.

Although, in common reckoning, the day begins at sun-rise, yet this is by no means the case in the Chandramánam almanac. Some days last only a few hours, and others continue for almost double the natural length; so that no one, without consulting the panchánga, or almanac-keeper, knows when he is to perform the ceremonies of religion. What increases the difficulty is, that some days are doubled, and some days altogether omitted, in order to bring some feasts, celebrated on certain days of the month, to happen at a proper time of the moon, and also in order to cut off six superfluous days, which twelve months of thirty days would give more than a year of twelve lunations. Every thirtieth month one intercalary moon is added, in order to remove the difference between the lunar and solar years. As the former is

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the only one in use, and is varying continually, none of the farmers, without consulting the panchānga, know the season for performing the operations of agriculture.

These panchāngas are poor ignorant Brāhmins, who get almanacs from some one skilled in astronomy. This person marks the days, which correspond with the times in the solar year, that usually produce changes in the weather, and states them to be under the influence of such and such conjunctions of stars, male, female, and neuter; and every one knows the tendency of these conjunctions to produce certain changes in the weather. The poor panchāngas are as much in the dark as their neighbours, and actually believe that the year consists of 360 days, six of which are lost, nobody can tell how. As for the skill in astrology by which the learned are supposed to be able to foretell the seasons, I have never met with even a Vaidika Brāhman, that doubted its existence. It is, however, looked upon as a common science, as not having any thing miraculous in it, nor being communicated to its professors by divine favour.

The office of panchānga in every part of this country is hereditary, and is always held by a Brāhman, who acts as purōhita, or family priest, to all the persons of pure descent in the town or village. In Bengal, Brāhmins who have lost cast act as purōhitas for the low or impure casts; but both here, and in the Lower Carnatic, such an office would be considered as too degrading for even the most reprobate of the sacred order. The office of purōhita consists in reading at certain ceremonies, such as marriages, births, funerals, the building of a new house, or the like, what are called mantrams, and sāstrams. Mantrams are certain fixed forms of prayer, or invocations of the deity; and the high dignity of the Brāhmins arises from the power which certain mantrams, pronounced by them, are believed to possess. For instance, by a proper mantram, the deity may be removed from any inspired image into a pot of holy water, and the image having been ornamented by profane hands, the deity may be again transferred back from the pot of water. Sāstrams are portions of the writings esteemed sacred; and of which certain parts are appointed to be read on particular occasions, such as I have above mentioned.

I assembled at different times the chief persons of some of the most conspicuous casts at Bangalore, and procured from them the following account of their customs.

The Banijigas, or Banijigaru, are in this country a very numerous class, and are of three kinds, the Pancham, the Jaina, and the Telinga Banijigaru.

The Pancham Banijigaru are by the Mussulmans called Lingait, as being the chief persons of the sect, who wear, round their necks, a silver box containing an image of Siva in shape of the Linga, under which form only he is ever worshipped. From this circumstance they are also called Sivabhaṭṭaru, and Lingabuntaru; but in this country there are many other lower casts, who wear the same badge of religion. The Pancham Banijigaru are also the heads of the right hand side. They admit of no distinction of cast among themselves, except that arising from a dedication to the service of God; but they do not admit of any profelytes from other Hindu races; nor do they intermarry with any of the lower casts that wear the Linga. The Brāhmins allege, that they are Sūdras; but this, in general, they earnestly deny. The manner in which the Brāhmins reason with them is this: you are, say they, neither Brāhman, Kshātri, nor Vaisya. If therefore you are not Sūdras, you must belong to one of the low, or impure casts. Many of the Lingait, rather than endure such a terrible degradation, are induced to acknowledge themselves of the Sūdra cast. It must however be observed, that Vānija, from which their name is probably derived,

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The Pancham Banijigaru are divided into a number of tribes, which seem to derive their names from certain places where they were formerly settled. Two persons of different tribes never intermarry; but all persons of the cast can eat together, and the whole are under the jurisdiction of the head-man (*pedda chitty*), of whatever tribe he may be. This office is, as usual, hereditary; and the person who enjoys it is exempted by government from house-rent, and from one half of the customs on his goods. He finds merchants coming from a distance in lodging and warehouses, settles disputes among his clan, and punishes them for misdemeanors. In general, he is supported by the officers of government, who punish such of his followers as do not give him the customary obedience. His judicial authority, however, is not arbitrary. All his proceedings are open; and he cannot act contrary to the advice of his council, which consists of all the old and respectable men of the cast.

Besides this division into tribes, which arises from the names of places, there seem to be other distinctions among the Linga Banijigas; some are called Aray, that is, Marattahs, and some Teliga, that is, Telingas; and neither of these ever intermarry with each other, or with those who are of the Karnata nation. Some persons allege that Pancham, the title commonly given to the whole, is only the name of a division; and that there are also Linga Banijigas called Budugulu, Lulgunderu, and Turcanaru.

The Pancham Banijigaru are chiefly traders. They may, however, follow any profession, except such as belong to the most disgraced casts; and this exception seems rather to arise from a wish to keep themselves respectable, than from any positive law. Like all other worshippers of Siva, they bury the dead, and never offer sacrifices. They do not purchase their wives, of whom they may marry as many as they please. The women are not confined, but cannot marry a second husband; and after the signs of puberty appear, a girl is no longer marriageable. Adultery is very rare; that is to say, among the women; for among the people of this country the term is never applied to the infidelity of married men. The Pancham Banijigas never eat animal food, nor take any intoxicating substance. They cannot eat, except when the sun shines; of course, in cloudy days they are under the necessity of fasting.

Like most other Hindu casts, the Pancham Banijigas consist of a portion that follow worldly affairs, and another that dedicate themselves entirely to what they call the service of the gods; that is to say, idleness, meditation, prayer, abstinence, and the mortification of the passions. Among this cast, these consecrated persons are called Jangamas, Einaru, or Wodearu. Any Pancham Banijiga, who is qualified by his education and manners, may become a Jangama; but the descendants of a Jangama never betake themselves to honest industry. They always subsist upon charity; and most of them wander about with a great number of small bells tied to their legs and arms, in order to give the inhabitants of the villages notice of their presence; so that they may come out to invite the holy men to their houses, or to bestow charity. Many others live about the matas, or colleges of the Gurus of the cast, and act as their servants.

The Gurus or Swamalus of the Pancham Banijigaru are Sannyasis; that is, men who have forsaken all, and they possess an absolute authority in all religious matters, among which is included the chastity of the women. Of these Gurus, or Sannyasis, there are four that are called thrones, and whose matams are called baly-hully; huginy, near Nagara; sri-shela, near Nundyal; and canelly, near Bangaluru. These thrones seem to be independent of each other; and their occupants for the time

being are supposed to be actual incarnations of Siva. When a Guru leaves this world, and is reunited to Siva in heaven, he is in general succeeded by a person of his own nomination. The Guru generally educates four or five children of his own family, with a view of choosing the fittest of them for his successor. These pupils are taken into the matams at five or six years of age, and until they attain their thirteenth year, are called Mari; after which they are not by name distinguished from the common Jangamas; but if they choose to marry, they must relinquish all hopes of becoming a Guru. The pupil is made a Guru (sage), or an incarnation of God, by receiving from his master a particular upadésa; and in case of a Guru's dying without having disclosed this awful secret, the other Gurus assemble, appoint the most promising pupil to succeed, and at the same time deliver to him the upadésa of his rank. The Guru, when he pleases, may marry; but he is thereby degraded from being a portion of the divinity, and from his power; and no one has yet been found so desirous of marriage, as to relinquish these pre-eminencies.

There are many inferior matams which are occupied by Sannyásis, called Mahántina. These originally received an upadésa from some of the four chief Gurus, and were sent to distant parts to manage the concerns of their superiors; but, though they all acknowledge the superiority of the four Gurus, yet they educate pupils in the same manner, and from among these appoint their successor, by teaching him their upadésa. These pupils, till they arrive at the age of puberty, are called Putta Dévaru. The Mahántina having sent deputies to different places, even these have now assumed a separate jurisdiction, and educate their own successors.

The Mahántina attend at marriages and funerals, and punish all persons of the cast, for every kind of offence against religion, by ordering every good man to avoid communication with the delinquent. This excommunication is not removed, till, by the intercession of friends, and the most humiliating requests of the offender, he obtains pardon by paying a fine under the name of charity. On this occasion, the Mahántina bestow some consecrated water and victuals, which wipe away the offence. The Gurus occasionally visit the different Mahántina throughout the country; but it is the Guru only of the matam from whence the Mahántina originally came, that possesses any jurisdiction over the inferior.

The Pañcham Banijjaru worship only Siva, his wife, and his sons: but they allege that Brahmá and Vishnu are the same with Siva. They suppose, that their sect has existed from the beginning of the world; but that at the time of Bejala Rája, who reigned about seven hundred and twenty years ago at Kalyána Pattana, the Kings and most of the people were Jainas. At this time Bafwana, the supposed son of a Bráhmán, became prime minister of the Raja, and restored the worship of Siva. Many of the Jainas were converted, and their descendants now form the Jaina Banijjaru, who, although they have the same religion with the Pañcham, are never admitted to the priesthood, nor to intermarry with the original sect. Bejala Rája having been put to death by Jagadíva and Bomanna, two servants of Bafwana, that minister reigned in his stead; and then promulgated the law which this sect now follow; and this, with an account of all the actions of Bafwana, are contained in a book called Bafwana Purána; which was written by a Bráhmán called Bhimakavi, at the desire of Bafwana. The sect are in possession of another book of great authority. It consists of six Sástrams written by a Jangama named Nijaguna, who, in the conversation which he had with an image of Siva at a temple on a hill near Ellanduru, received the necessary instruction. As soon as he had finished the book, this Jangama did not die; but the image, opening, received him into its substance.

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The Teliga Banijjaru derive their name from having originally come from the Telinga country, which, in the dialect of Karnata, is called Teliga. They all retain the Telinga language, and allege that all Banijjas are descended from a person called Prithivi Mala-chitty. By his first wife, who was of the Vishnu sect, he had the ancestors of their cast; and by his second wife, who worshipped Iswara, or Siva, he had the ancestors of the Lingabantaru. They are evidently an inferior people, and more ignorant than the other Banijjas, owing probably to their being under the Bráhmans, who exclude their followers from a share of their learning. In the Teliga language they are called Baliija; whence, probably, is derived the name Bulje-war, which is bestowed by the Mussulmans on all Banijjas.

The true Teliga Banijjas are merchants and traders of all kinds, farmers, and farmers' servants, and porters for the transportation of goods or baggage; but never artists, nor mechanics. They are divided into a number of tribes, all of which can eat together; but one tribe never marries with another. The chiefs of the Lingabantas have a civil jurisdiction over the Teliga Banijjaru; but in order to settle matters relating to their own cast, they choose the man whom they judge to be most capable; and in the absence of their Gurus, this man calls an assembly of the elders, and settles the affair.

Their Gurus are all hereditary chiefs of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans, and never punish any delinquent without the advice of a council of elders. In their visits, these Gurus live in the temples, and assemble the people in order to collect their contributions, and to bestow upadéfa and chakrántikam on such as choose to receive them. The panchánga acts as their puróhita, attending at births, marriages, and funerals, and on each occasion receives charity.

Among the Teliga Banijjaru the custom of Dáféri prevails. A Dáféri is a man dedicated to the service of the Tripathi Vishnu; that is to say, who subsists by begging in the name of that idol. When a sick man is in great danger, he frequently vows, if he recovers, to take Dáféri, or to make one of his sons assume that profession; and ever afterwards the eldest son of the family must follow that business, but the younger sons follow some industrious employment. The Dáféri may marry, and may be a rich man; as the younger branches of his family live in his house, and cultivate the ground; or carry on trade: but he himself wanders about, and collects grain and small money from those who are charitable. They get by rote a prayer in Telinga poetry, which they constantly bawl out in the streets, and endeavour farther to attract notice by blowing on a conch. It seems to be only the Súdras of the Vishnu sect that follow this idle life, and few of them are able either to read or write.

The Teliga Banijjaru are acknowledged to be true Súdras, and they allow this to be the case. A few of them learn to read and write accòmpts, but they never attempt any higher kind of learning. They eat sheep, goats, hogs, fowls, and fish, and may use bang; but they ought not to drink spirituous liquors. They bury the dead, and the women formerly used to bury themselves alive with their deceased husbands; but this custom has fallen into disuse. They pray to Vishnu, and all the gods of his family; and also to Dharma Rája, an inferior god of a beneficent nature; but with the Bráhmans he is not an object of worship. In case of danger, they offer bloody sacrifices to several destructive spirits; such as Marima, Putalima, Mutialima, and Gungana, which is a lump of mud made into a sort of temporary image. The Bráhmans of this country abhor this kind of worship, and call all these gods of the vulgar evil spirits,

Saktis, or ministers of Siva. They never offer sacrifices at the temples of these deities, and much less ever act as their pújaris. Influenced, however, by superstition, although they condemn the practice, they in sickness occasionally send a small offering of fruit or money to these deities; but, being ashamed to do it publicly, the present is generally conveyed by some child, who may be supposed to have made the offering by mistake. The small temples of these deities are very numerous, and the pújaris are in general of the impure casts. I am inclined indeed to believe, that they are the original gods of the country; and that these impure casts are the remains of the rude tribes that occupied the country before the origin of the Bráhmans, or other sects, that introduced forms of worship more complicated, and more favourable to the priesthood.

Many of the people who burn lime are a kind of low Teliga Banijjaru, as they can eat in the houses of that class; but their native language is the Karnataka, or Canarese; and the two tribes do not intermarry. They are divided into several families, and no man marries out of his own; but they can all eat together. They have hereditary chiefs, who settle disputes relating to cast; but in civil affairs they are subject to the chiefs of the Pancham Banijjaru. They do not wear the linga, yet they consider as their Guru the Nidamavudy Swámalu, who is a Mahántina Einaru, and lives in the Bala-pura district. They never eat with the sect of Siva; and use animal food, and bang; but are not allowed to drink spirituous liquors. They bury the dead. They are allowed a plurality of wives, who are not confined, and are so industrious that they are looked upon as a support to their husbands. They are never divorced, except for adultery; and if their infidelity has not been with a man of a very low cast, the parties are frequently reconciled by the Swámalu, who makes them eat together some consecrated victuals, which, with some holy water, puts an end to all differences. None of them can either read or write. They never become Dáféri. The god of their cast is Vencaty Rámána, or the Tripathi Vishnu: but they pray also to Dhárma Rája, and offer sacrifices to Marima, and other destructive spirits.

Another inferior kind of Teliga Banijigas are the Goni makers. They will willingly eat in the houses of that cast; but these will not return the compliment. They will also eat the meat prepared by a Pancham Banijiga. They have their own hereditary chiefs, who are as ignorant as their followers, none of them being able either to read or write. Some of them are farmers, and some are small traders, which does not effect any difference in cast. They do not wear the Linga, and Guru is one of the hereditary chiefs of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans, whose family title is Tata Achárya. The present Guru, named Ráma Achárlu, lives here. Those who are natives of this country bury their dead, and the Goni makers of the Lower Carnatic burn theirs; but this does not prevent the two from intermarrying. They are allowed a plurality of wives. Without danger of losing cast they can eat hogs, fowls, mutton, and fish, and can drink spirituous liquors.

The Dévángas are a set of weavers, consisting of two nations, Karnata, and Telinga.

The Karnata or Canara Dévángas in this country all wear the linga, but are a distinct cast from the Pancham Banijigas, with whom they neither eat nor intermarry. The same is the case between them and the Teliga Dévángas. Their Guru is Cari Bafwa-uppa, who from the place of his residence, is commonly called the Nidamavudy Swámalu. The Dévángas pretend that he is totally independent of the Gurus of the Linga Banijjaru; but I have reason to think that this is a vain piece of pride, and that he is one of the Mahántina before mentioned. The Guru sends Jaugamas to all the villages where Dévángas reside, and receives contributions under the name of charity.

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The proper god of the cast is *Išvara* or *Siva*, and his wife and family; especially his servant the *Bafwa*, and his son *Ganésa*, who has particular authority over the loom, and, when his worship is neglected, is apt to make it go wrong.

The hereditary chiefs of the Canara *Dévángas* are called *Iyamána*. With the assistance of a council of the elders, these chiefs take cognizance of all offences against the ceremonies of cast. They reprimand for small offences; for those of a higher nature, excommunicate; and, in cases of great importance, send the accused person to the *Swámalu* for his decision. The chiefs and councils endeavour to settle all civil disputes between members of the cast, first by admonition; then by excommunication of those who are unreasonable; and finally by applying to the officers of government, who generally enforce the decrees of the *Iyamánas*.

The whole of the Canara *Dévángas* can intermarry. They are allowed a plurality of wives, which they purchase from their parents, paying from 4 to 16 pagodas (11. 6s. 2d.—51. 7s. 5d.) for each, according to their circumstances. The wives are not shut up, nor are they ever divorced except for adultery. They eat no animal food, nor use any intoxicating substance, except as a medicine. They bury the dead, and believe that after death good men are united to God; bad men suffer transmigration. The *Nidamavudy Swámalu* is looked upon as the same with *Išvara*, and even a common Jangama is considered as a portion of the deity.

The *Teliga Dévángas* retain their native *Teliga* language, but are divided into two sects; of whom one worships *Vishnu*, and the other *Išvara*; but both sects intermarry, the wife always adopting the religion of the husband.

The *Teliga Dévángas* of the sect of *Siva* do not wear the *linga*, although they consider *Cari Bafwa-uppa* as their *Guru*. The priest admonishes them to wash their heads, and to pray regularly to *Išvara*; and, as usual, requires from them contributions. He has a small due on every marriage. The *panchángas* reads *mantrams* at births, marriages, and funerals; at the *amáválya*, or last day of the lunar month, and at the *tithi*, or day on which their parents died; on both of which days a fast, in commemoration of their deceased parents, is observed by the greater part of the Hindu race. On these occasions the Jangamas attend, but merely to receive charity. Concerning a future life, they have similar opinions with those who wear the *linga*. They offer bloody sacrifices to the *Saktis*. They bury the dead; and the

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custom of the widow burying herself alive with her husband's body was once prevalent among them, but has now become obsolete. Girls, after the age of puberty, continue to be marriageable. A man is allowed to take many wives, but is not permitted to shut them up, nor to divorce them for any cause except adultery. The men confine their learning to the being able to read and write accounts. They eat fowls, fish, hogs, sheep, and goats, but account it unlawful to drink spirituous liquors.

The Teliga Dev. of the Vishnu sect are followers of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans, and are acknowledged by them to be Súdras.

The hereditary chiefs, or Ijyamánas, of all the Dévángas are the same; each man in the place submitting to the authority of the chief of the sect that is most numerous.

The Shaynágas, or Shaynagaru, form a very numerous and wealthy class of weavers. They are divided into two nations, Telinga, and Canara; but of the former, there are none in this neighbourhood.

Although by far the greater part of the Canara Shaynagas are settled below the Ghats, in countries where the Tamul language is spoken; and though all these who are settled now in this neighbourhood came up from the Lower Carnatic about eighty or a hundred years ago; yet the whole cast retain the language of Karnata as their native tongue. This confirms the truth of a tradition prevalent among them, of their having all originally gone down from this country; but they can assign no date, nor any reason for such an emigration. They are divided into two classes; one dedicated to religion, and called Einaru, Jangamas, or Wodecaru; the other follow lay professions. All the weavers can intermarry; but they are never honoured by an intermarriage with the Einaru, nor are they ever admitted into that sacred order. They wear the lingam, and consider their priests as portions of the deity. They bury the dead. They can eat in the house of a Panchain Banijiga; but the two casts never intermarry.

The hereditary chiefs of the Canara Shaynagas are called Ijyamána, and, with a council of elders, possess the sole cognizance of transgressions against the rules of cast, as well as of civil disputes; for the power of the Jangamas is confined to admonition. They do not shut up their women; and are not allowed to take a second wife, unless the first dies, or has no children. When a man marries his first wife, he must give her father 101 fanams, or 3l. 7s. 10d.; for a second he must give 131 fanams, or 4l. 7s. 11½d. No divorce can take place, except for adultery on the side of the woman; the wife in India having no remedy for her husband's infidelity except her tongue; and in case of her being too free in the use of that weapon, the men very frequently repress it by beating.

The weavers learn to read and write accounts, and letters on business; but in this country these are reckoned very mean accomplishments. A plain composition in prose, and consisting merely of common sense, is looked upon as a kind of reading beneath the dignity of a man of learning, who ought always to compose in poetry; and the more obscure he renders his meaning by allegories the better. The books containing the doctrines of the sect are confined entirely to the Einaru, whose duty it is to explain them to the laymen. The chief book in use among them is called the Márkandiya Purána; and they do not receive as canonical the Bawana Purána.

Among the Einaru of the Shaynagas are several high priests called Putta Dévarus or Swámalus. These are all Sannyasis, and seem to be independent of each other.

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Those which are known to the people here, are, Sankara Dévaru, who lives at Changamau near Trinomaly; Bhufágara Swámi, at Narasingha pura, near Arnee; Gangádhara Swámi, at Kunji; Sénavera Dévaru, at Chinamangala near Trinomaly; and Gurufiddha Dévaru, at Trinomaly: all which places are in the Lower Carnatic. These Putta Dévaru have their matams at the places above mentioned; but travel occasionally through the country occupied by the weavers, collecting the contributions of the charitable, bestowing advice on the adults, and the linga on the children, who receive it with some particular ceremonies. Each of the Putta Dévarus educates a boy, who is of the sacred class by birth, who is intended to be the successor of his master, and who is called Mari. The Putta Dévaru, if he chooses, may deliver over his office to the Mari, and take a wife; in which case he is degraded to the rank of a common Einaru. This is frequently done, as my informants were obliged to confess; though they did so with great reluctance; for they were unwilling to disgrace their swámalus before their neighbours, who consider celibacy as a much more honourable state than marriage. The married Einaru have their houses near the different matams. Some of them live with the Sannyásis, and are their menial servants; but the greater part of them, that are able to undergo the fatigue, wander about to collect charity for their support. In the Lower Carnatic they are said to sell glass rings, and other trinkets.

The people of this cast, with whom I conversed, were either so ignorant, or so unwilling to speak on the subject of their religion, that I cannot depend much on what they said. The Jangamas of the Pancham Banijigaru allege, that the Swámalus of the Shaynagas are of their sect: and the Mahántina, no doubt, attend at the funerals and other public ceremonies of the Shaynagas; but those allege that this is merely for the purpose of begging, and that they perform no part of the ceremony. The Panchánga reads mantrams at marriages and births, and receives the usual fees.

The Coramas, or Coramaru, are a set of people considered by the Bráhmans as of an impure or mixed breed. They make baskets, and trade in grain and salt to a considerable extent; but none of them can read or write. They live, in general, in small camps of moveable huts, which are sometimes stationary near large towns; but they are often in a state of daily motion, while the people are following their mercantile concerns. The coramas consist of four families, Maydraguta, Cavadiru, Maynapatru, and Satipatru. These are analogous to the Gótrams of the Bráhmans; for a man and woman of the same family never intermarry, being considered as too nearly allied by kindred. The men are allowed a plurality of wives, and purchase them from their parents. The agreement is made for a certain number of fanams, which are to be paid by instalments, as they can be procured by the young woman's industry; for the women of this cast are very diligent in spinning, and carrying on petty traffic. When the bargain has been made, the bridegroom provides four sheep, and some country rum, and gives a feast to the cast; concluding the ceremony by wrapping a piece of new cloth round his bride. Should a man's wife prove unfaithful, he generally contents himself with giving her a beating, as she is too valuable to be parted with on slight grounds; but, if he chooses, she may be divorced. In this case, he must assemble the cast to a feast, where he publicly declares his resolution; and the woman is then at liberty to marry any person that she chooses, who is willing to take her.

The coramas do not follow nor employ the Bráhmans; nor have they any priests, or sacred order. When in distress, they chiefly invoke Vencaty Rámána; the Tripathi Vishnu, and vow small offerings of money to his temple, should they escape.

escape. They frequently go into the woods, and sacrifice fowls, pigs, goats, and sheep, to Muni, who is a male deity, and is said by the Bráhmans to be a servant of Iswara : but of this circumstance the coramas profess ignorance. They, as usual, eat the sacrifices. They have no images, nor do they worship any. Once in two or three years the coramas of a village make a collection among themselves, and purchase a brass pot, in which they put five branches of the melia azadarichta, and a cocoa-nut. This is covered with flowers, and sprinkled with sandal-wood water. It is kept in a small temporary shed for three days, during which time the people feast and drink, sacrificing lambs and fowls to Marima, the daughter of Siva. At the end of the three days they throw the pot into the water.

The Panchálas, or Panchálaru, a name corrupted by the Mussulmans into Panshal, are a cast that follow five different trades, goldsmiths, carpenters, blacksmiths, mafons, and coppermiths. These occupations do not occasion any difference of cast; the son of a man of any one of the trades may, if he pleases, follow any other, and all of them can eat together and intermarry. Each trade, it is true, has a head-man; but the whole are subject to one hereditary chief, who is here a goldsmith. He is the leader of the left hand side; and at present the dispute between him and the chief of the Banijigas runs so high, that government have been obliged to part the town into two divisions. In the one of these the right hand side is not allowed to perform any ceremonies, nor to go in procession; and the other division is kept equally sacred from the intrusions of their adversaries. The head-man of the goldsmiths has a similar jurisdiction with other chiefs of casts; and, with the assistance of his council, can levy fines, which are given to the goddess Káli; that is to say, to her priest.

The Panchálaru are divided into two sects; one worshipping Siva, the other adoring Vishnu; but this does not produce any schism; the two parties eating together, and intermarrying; and when this happens, the wife adopts the religion of her husband. Káli is considered as the proper deity of the cast; but receives no bloody sacrifices from her votaries. Both sects are prohibited from animal food, from spirituous liquors, from divorce (except in case of adultery), and from marrying a girl that has arrived at the age of puberty. The Bráhmans read mantrams at the births, marriages, and funerals of both sects; and no distinction is made by either, whether the Bráhman be a worshipper of Siva, or of Vishnu.

The most numerous and richest of the Panchálas belong to the sect of Siva, and wear the linga; but they have nothing in common with the Pancham Banijigas, and in fact are their most bitter enemies. This sect bury the dead.

The Panchálas who worship Vishnu are called Bagota, and have among them a family dedicated to religion. The eldest son of this family always succeeds to the dignity of Guru on the death of his father; the other male branches of the family are supported by the contributions of the sect, and pass their time in devotion and study. The women of the family intermarry with the working men of the cast. The Guru is named Viper Vencaty Achárya; Vipur being his name, and Vencaty Achárya his title. He lives at Wadiga-palla, which is twelve cosses from Bangalore, and in the Doda Bala-pura district. He travels about among his followers, receiving their contributions and bestowing Upadéśa, and Chakrántikam, or Mudradárana as it is called in the Sanskrit language.

The Madigas or Madigaru, are looked upon as a very low cast. They dress hides, make shoes, and some of them cultivate the ground, acting as servants to the farmers. They are divided into small tribes of ten or twelve houses, and intermarry with the daughters of these houses only, in order to be certain

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of the purity of their race; of which they seem to be as fond, as those castes that are esteemed infinitely superior in rank. Some of the richer among them take two or more wives; but this is not common as a girl's father requires from 30 to 80 fanams (1l. 6s. 1½d. — 2l. 13s. 8½d.) They never divorce their wives for any crime, except adultery. They eat carrion, and all manner of animal food, and avowedly drink spirituous liquors. Their religious worship seems to be exactly the same with that of the Coramaru; but they have a priestly tribe, who never intermarry with the laity, who live entirely on their contributions, and are called Jambu. There is a matam of Jambu at Cuddapa; and the office of high priest there is hereditary. This person takes frequent rounds through the country, collecting money, and admonishing his followers. I have never seen any of the Jambu; and, if they have any learning among them, they keep it entirely to themselves, as none of the laity can either read or write.

The Madigaru, who by the English of Madras are called Siclars, have no hereditary chiefs; but, in case of any fault being committed by a person of the caste, the elders assemble, and punish him according to custom.

The Rungaru are a tribe admitted to be of the Súdra caste. They are tailors, and printers of calico cloths. They have hereditary chiefs, with the usual jurisdiction, and follow the rules of their caste. Their Guru is an hereditary chief of the Sri Vaishnavam, who resides at Seringapatam. He punishes obstinate offenders, and bestows upadésa; and in return takes their contributions. He does not favour this caste by giving them chakrántikam.

The Jotyphanada, or Jotyphaganada Ganagaru, are a kind of oil-makers, who deal largely in that commodity, and have two oxen in their mills. They pretend to be of the Bheri, or Nagarada sect of the Vaishya caste; but this is not admitted by either the Bheri or Bráhmans. They are a real Karnataca tribe. Two families here wear the linga, and are not admitted either to eat or intermarry with the others, who are all followers of one of the hereditary chiefs of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans, who lives here, and is called Nullary Chakravarti. He bestows on them upadésa, and sometimes chakrántikam, but that rarely. When they marry, he gives them a string or thread, to be worn over the shoulder. This should be given to the real Vaishya only; but a relaxation is made in their favour, as they pay for the badge; and the preservation of the privileges of the lower castes is looked upon as a matter of very little importance. The Guru comes sometimes in person, but others sends his agents, to levy the dues which are paid at marriages, and to receive the casual charity that is given according to the ability and disposition of his followers.

These oil-makers offer sacrifices to the Saktis, or goddesses; making vows to do so, when they are in sickness or distress. Some of them make Dáséri; and their descendants ever afterwards follow the same manner of living, and refuse to intermarry with the industrious part of the caste, whom they consider as their inferiors. Some of the oil-makers burn, and some bury the dead. There have been instances, in the memory of man, of some of their widows having burned themselves along with the bodies of their husbands; but it is a very rare occurrence. Their wives can be divorced for adultery only, and are not shut up, although the men are allowed a plurality of women. They eat no animal food, nor is it lawful for them to drink spirituous liquors. They possess no learning, farther than being able to read and write accoutps; and a few poems in the Andray, or poetical language of Telingana, which the Dáséri commit to memory.

The people who, in the language of Karnata, are called Chitrakaru, are commonly better known by the Mussulman appellation Jinigar, or Jiligar. They make chests, trunks, scrutoires, beds, and palankeens, paint houses, draw pictures of the gods and of women, gild, act as tailors, make gold thread, and sword scabbards, turn wood, and bind books. They never cultivate the ground, nor act as merchants. They pretend to be of the Kshatriya cast; and their Guru, in consequence, indulges them with a thread like that of the Bráhmans; but their pretensions to high rank are entirely disfavoured by all other casts. They have among them some rudiments of learning. In the Brahmanda Purána, which is the book that they consider as appropriated to their cast, it is related, they say, that their ancestors, on account of some injury done to the Bráhmans, were condemned to follow their present mechanical occupations. They are divided into two sects; one worshipping Siva, and the other Vishnu: but this division produces no difference of cast, as they can all eat and marry together, the wife, as usual, adopting the religion of her husband. The worshippers of Siva do not wear the linga, but are followers of the Smartal Bráhmans. A Vaidika Bráhman residing here bestows the thread and upadésa, and attends at births, marriages, and funerals, which are performed on the pile, and are sometimes accompanied by the sacrifice of a wife. Those who worship Vishnu are followers of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans. Neither division of these people eat animal food, nor drink spirituous liquors. They are allowed plurality of women, but do not confine them. Like all the other tribes of this country, however, they do not willingly admit any person of a different race into the inner apartments of their houses; especially if he be of a cast that they consider as inferior to their own; persons of their own tribe, and those whom they consider as of higher rank, can go into every part of their house, except the kitchen. The circumstances which seem chiefly to add dignity to a cast are, its being restricted from the pleasures of the world, especially those of the table; the following no useful employment; and the being dedicated to what they call piety and learning. Almost every man endeavours, as much as possible, to assume at least the external appearance of these qualifications; and in the people of this country a hypocritical cant is a remarkable feature. Even young men of active professions, when talking on business, will frequently turn up their eyes to heaven, and make pious ejaculations, attended with heavy sighs.

The Shalay are a cast of weavers, divided into two distinct tribes, that never intermarry, and have separate hereditary chiefs. They are of Telinga origin, and in their families retain that language: according to tradition, they have been in this country for six generations.

The Samay Shalay wear the Linga, and of course are worshippers of Iswara, and the gods of his family. They reject the worship of the Saktis, or destructive powers. Their Gurus are the Einaru of the Pancham Banijigas, with which cast the Samay Shalay can eat, but they cannot intermarry. When their Guru visits the town, each Shalay of this sect must present him with two fanams (1s. 4d.); and when a Samay Shalay waits on the Guru at the matam, he must make an offering of ten fanams, (6s. 8d.) The Guru does not give upadésa; but, in place of it, bestows the linga. In case of the Guru's absence, this may be done by any Einaru. The Einaru attends at births, marriages, funerals, and on the occasion of building a new house. The Panchanga attends at marriages to read the mantrams, or service proper for the ceremony, and receives the usual fees. On these occasions, the Einaru washes the bridegroom's feet, and gives him some consecrated victuals. They bury the dead,

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and the widow is sometimes buried alive at the same time, but not in the same grave with the deceased husband. Widows cannot marry a second time, as is the case throughout India with females of any cast above those that are reckoned impure. The men are allowed a plurality of wives; but, except for adultery, can neither confine nor divorce them. They cannot legally eat animal food, nor drink spirituous liquors. The laymen are permitted to read several Puránas; such as the Bafwa Purána, which gives an account of the laws of their religion: and the Shalaywara Purána, which is extracted from a book called the Bráhmada Purána, and contains the rules of their particular sect, as the original work contains the rules of every sect whatever.

The worshippers of Vishnu, among this class of weavers, are called Padma Shalay, and give the following account of their origin. The whole Shalay formerly wore the linga; but a house having been possessed by a devil, and this sect having been called upon to cast him out, all their prayers were of no avail. At length ten persons, having thrown aside the linga, and offered up their supplications to Vishnu, they succeeded in expelling the enemy; and ever afterwards followed the worship of this god, in which they have been imitated by many of their brethren. The descendants of these men, who are called Sadana Ashorlu, or the celebrated heroes, never work; and having dedicated themselves to the service of god, live upon the charity of the industrious part of the cast, with whom they disdain to intermarry.

The Guru of the Padma Shalay is Tata Achárya, one of the hereditary chiefs of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans. He lives at Doda Bala-pura, and bestows upadéfa and chakrántikam. He has here a deputy, a Vaidika Bráhman, who attends at births, marriages, and burials. Widows are never buried alive. The Padma Shalay are allowed a plurality of wives; but cannot confine their women, nor divorce them, except for adultery. They cannot legally eat animal food, nor drink spirituous liquors; but are permitted to use ganja, or hemp, which the English in India usually call bang. Some among them are able to read poetry, and have a book called Márkandiya Purána, which is also followed by several sects that wear the linga, and is said to have been written by a Rishi named Markanda.

The Comatigas say, that they are the only true Vaifya, which is the third in rank of the pure casts; and they pretend, that now they are next in rank to the Bráhmans, as the second pure cast has become extinct. In both these pretensions they are supported by all the Bráhmans who are not desirous of flattering some Rája that pretends to be a Kshatri. They are found thinly scattered in every part of India, and are not prevented from eating in common, or from intermarriage, by any difference of nation or sect. A Comatiga coming from Káfi or Benares, on being examined, and found to be acquainted with certain customs peculiar to the cast, and which are kept secret, is received here into all families, and may marry any of their women. They deal in cloth, and all kinds of merchandize, especially money and jewels; but are not allowed to sell spirituous liquors, nor any intoxicating substance; nor do they ever cultivate the ground, or follow any mechanical profession. They have hereditary chiefs, called Pedda Chitties; and the chief of each town or district is totally independent of the others. When a town is very large, the chief, for the parts that are remote from his house, appoints inferior officers, who settle trivial disputes. These chiefs possess the usual jurisdiction, and enjoy more than common immunities, for they pay nothing to government. They can in no case act without the assistance of all the elders in the place. The Comatigas are not allowed to take animal food, nor any thing that will intoxicate. Polygamy is allowed to the men, and the women

are not divorced for any cause, except adultery. In this country they are not confined; but in the northern parts of Hindostan the Comatigas follow the example of their neighbours, and shut up their wives. Many of this cast read books composed in poetry; that which is considered as peculiarly belonging to it, is called Vaifya Purána, and is imagined to have been composed by the goddess Kanyaká Paraméswarí, which is one of the names of the wife of Iswara. They all burn the dead, and sometimes the widow accompanies on the pile her departed husband. The women are no longer marriageable after the signs of puberty have appeared; and widows are condemned to perpetual celibacy. Some families of this cast worship Vishnu, and their Guru is Bhadra Achárya, one of the hereditary chiefs of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans, who resides at Sri Rangam near Trichinopoly. Younger branches of the family reside at different places, and act as deputies for the chief. The one who acts in this neighbourhood resides at Doda-Bala-pura, and is called Chicana Botalu. The other families of this cast worship Siva, and have for their guru a Sannyási Bráhman of the Smartal sect, who lives at Sivaganga, and acknowledges the Sringa-giri Swamalu as his superior.

The Ruddi are one of the tribes of Súdra cast, which being much employed in agriculture, are called Woculigaru in the language of Karnata, and Cunabi in that of the Decany Mussulmans. Besides cultivating the land, both as farmers and as their servants, they act also as porters, and sometimes carry on a small trade in grain. Like all the other Súdras employed in agriculture, they have formed a part of the native foot militia, that seems to have been established throughout India, and in which probably every man of this description was enrolled. The considering the Khatriya as the military cast seems an error. At present, the Ruddi frequently serve as Candahara, or the armed men, that without discipline collected the revenue, and composed the most considerable body in the armies of all native princes. They appear to form a numerous race of men; many of them live below the Ghats, and some are of Telinga, while others are of Karnata extraction. They can all eat together, but they never intermarry, except with particular families, the purity of whose descent they consider as well known. They acknowledge an inferiority to another class of Súdras who cultivate the land, and are called Sadru; for they will eat in the house of a Sadru, but he will not return the compliment by eating in theirs, which, among the Hindus, is a sure criterion of rank. They have Ijyamánas or hereditary chiefs, possessing the usual jurisdiction and immunities. Some of them can read and write accounts; but none proceed farther in learning. They eat hogs, sheep, goats, venison, and fowls, and can take bang (or the leaves of the *Cannabis sativa*); but lose cast by drinking spirituous liquors. The men are allowed polygamy; but do not shut up their women, who are very industrious, and perform much of the country labour. They are divided into two sects by a difference of religion; one party worshipping Vishnu, and the other Siva; but this does not prevent intermarriages. Those who worship Vishnu are followers of the Sri Vaishnavan Brahmans; but do not receive either upadéśa or chakrántikam, contenting themselves with a little holy-water, which they obtain in return for their charity. Those who worship Siva are followers of a kind of Jangamas, but do not wear the linga. The people with whom I conversed seemed to consider these as the same with the Jangamas of the Pancham Banijigas; but this cast informed me, that they were distinct, and that the Gurus of the Ruddi were the same with those of the Curabaru, whose chief resides at Cangundy in the Bára-mahál. In their visits, the Gurus of both kinds receive from one to ten fanams (from 8d. to 6s. 8½d.) from each Ruddi, according to his circumstances.

stances. The Panchánga attends at births, marriages, funerals, and other ceremonies; and on each occasion receives a fanam. At the new and full moons, he also gets some trifling present of grain. Besides the worship of the great gods, they offer sacrifices to the destructive powers; among whom a female spirit, named Chaudéiwari, has in this neighbourhood many temples. The Pújári, in at least one of them, is an oil-maker of the cast formerly described, and his office is hereditary. The Ruddi is one of the lower casts employed in agriculture, and allowed to be of pure descent; but many of its members are rich, and are the Gaudas, or hereditary chiefs of villages.

The Bheri are a kind of merchants, who call themselves also Nagaratra, corrupted by the Mussulmans into Nagarit. They pretend to be of the Vaífyá cast; but this is denied both by the Bráhmans, and by the Comatigas. They deal in drugs, grain, cloth, and money, and travel about in caravans. Some of them are farmers; but they never cultivate the ground with their own hands; nor do they ever follow any mechanical profession. They are divided by religion into two sects, that do not eat together, nor intermarry; and each has its own hereditary chief, who acts independently as to matters of ceremony; but in matters of a civil nature, the chief of the sect that is most numerous in the place assumes the sole authority. These chiefs are called Ijyamána, and possess the usual jurisdiction; but are not indulged with any immunities from taxes. When a man wants to marry, he goes to his hereditary chief, as is indeed usual with all the higher casts, presents him with betel, and discloses his intention. The chief sends for the father of the girl, and endeavours to bring the matter to a favourable conclusion. As for the girl, she is not at all consulted, and is indeed too young to have formed any attachments, as she must be married before any signs of puberty appear; for afterwards she is considered as being deflowered, and incapable of marriage. Owing to the custom of polygamy, however, very few of the women in this country live in a state of celibacy, except young widows of the higher casts, who never can marry again, and who are very numerous; for matches between old men and mere children are common. The comfort of having children, however, is in general all the pleasure that married women of rank in India enjoy. Where polygamy prevails, love is little known; or if it does possess a man, he is generally captivated by some artful dancing girl, and not by any of his wives; all of whom were married before they could either excite or feel that passion.

The Nagaratra, who worship Vishnu, are here the most numerous sect. They burn their dead, and the rules of cast require the widow to burn herself with her husband's body; but this custom has fallen into disuse. They do not intermarry with such of their sect as, being originally of the Lower Carnatic, speak the Tamul language as their native tongue. Their Guru is Trimula-tata Achárlu, an hereditary chief of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans; but, as forming part of left hand side, they are in, all matters belonging to that division, under the authority of Dharma Siva Achárlu, a Smartal Sannyási, and who, they say, bestows upadéfa and chakrántikam on them, in the same manner as their own Guru. My interpreter, however, suspects that in this there is some mistake; as the latter ceremony is performed with the point of Vishnu's spear, which a Smartal Bráhman, so far as he knows, never uses. Their own Guru comes once a year, receives contributions, bestows upadéfa and chakrántikam, and, as usual, exercises spiritual jurisdiction. The Panchanga acts as their Puróhita; and it is of no consequence, whether or not he be of the same sect with them. Some of this cast are able to read poetry, and peruse a book called Vaífyá Purána, which they consider as belonging to their cast.

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The Palliwánlu are the only persons in the Colar province (of which this is a part) who cultivate kitchen gardens. They also cultivate the ground, both as farmers, and as their servants. They are all of Tamul extraction; and, although they have been in this country for many generations, still speak the Tamul language in their own houses, and intermarry with the Palli of Arcot and Vellore. They are properly called Vana Palli, and must be distinguished from the Mina Palli, who are fishermen. This is one of the most numerous of the tribes of the Tamul nation, but is considered as rather low. They have hereditary chiefs called Gaunda, who possess the usual jurisdiction. None of them can read. They are allowed to eat animal food, and to drink spirituous liquors. Their women continue to be marriageable after the age of puberty, and are very laborious. They cannot be divorced for any cause, except adultery; but the men are permitted to have a plurality of wives. They bury their dead.

The Palliwánlu have no Guru; but the Panchánga acts as their Paróhita at births and marriages, at the Amáválya, and at the annual commemoration of their deceased parents. They wear the mark of Vishnu's sect, and sometimes pray to Vencaty Rámana; but the proper god of their cast is Dharma Rája. His images exactly resemble those of Godama, who is frequently called by that name; but by the people here their god is said to be the eldest brother of the five sons of Pándu, who lived at the commencement of this Yugam. He is a beneficent deity, like Godama, abhorring blood; and is worshipped by offerings of fruit, flowers, and the like. The Palliwánlu have temples of this god attended by Pújáris of their own cast. Like all the other inhabitants of this country, they are much addicted to the worship of the Saktis, or destructive powers; and endeavour to avert their wrath by bloody sacrifices. These are performed by cutting off the animal's head before the door of the temple, and invoking the deity to partake of the sacrifice. There is no altar, nor is the blood sprinkled on the image; and the body serves the votaries for a feast. The Palliwánlu have temples dedicated to a female spirit of this kind named Mutalima, and served by Pújáris of their own cast. These priests can neither read nor write, but their office is hereditary. Their families can intermarry with those of the laity, who cultivate the priest's garden, and give him annually a suit of clothes. The Palliwánlu also offer sacrifices to Mária, whose Pújáris here are Curubáru; and to Putálima, whose Pújáris are Lingáit. They sometimes take the vow of Dáléri.

CHAP. V. — *From Bangalore to Joda Bala-pura.*

HAVING finished my inquiries at Bangalore, on July 3d, 1800, I went to Agara, a fortified village two cosses distant, which is inhabited by farmers, and where a great many mangoes are raised for the Bangalore market. The intermediate country is good, but does not contain a number of inhabitants nearly sufficient to cultivate the whole.

The Gauda, called corruptly Gaur, and in the Mussulman language the Potail, is the chief Ryut, or farmer, in the village, and receives the whole dues of government. The rent of each field of dry land is fixed by an old valuation, which it is supposed was made in the time of Krishna Ráyalu; and for any field more cannot be legally demanded; but the equal division of the crops is always wished for by the farmers. This, they allege, arises from the flourishing state in which the country was when the valuation was made, compared with its present poverty; but considering the great diminution of the value of gold and silver since that period, I am more inclined

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to believe, that the preference given to a division of crops arises from the facility which that plan offers for defrauding the government.

The office of Gauda was originally hereditary; but now these persons are appointed by the Amildar, and continue in place so long as they keep up the collections to their supposed value, or until some other man undertakes, by bringing a greater number of farmers, to make the revenue more productive. The Gauda settles all disputes in the same manner as the hereditary chiefs of castes do. His council always consists of four elders. In case of any delinquency in the village, the Gauda and his council instruct the Shanaboga, or accomptant, to write out a statement of the case, and to transmit it to the Amildar for his information and decision. He frequently advances money for the other farmers, to enable them to pay their rents, and has the whole of their crops as his security. The whole remuneration for his trouble, so far as is avowed, is the share which he receives in the division of the wet crops.

The Shanaboga, called Shanbogue by corruption, and Curnum by the Mussulmans, is the accomptant of the village. He is always a Bráhma, and his office is hereditary. He is under the orders of the chief of the village, who is almost always a Súdra; but the allowances of the accomptant are greater, as he must give up the whole of his time to business. He keeps all the accompts, and writes all the letters as dictated to him by the chief of the village. These two officers ought to be a mutual check on the conduct of each other.

The servants under the chief and accomptant of the village are the Toti, Talliari, Nirguntty, Tarúgara, and Alitigara.

The office of the Toti and Talliari is the same; but the first is of the Whalliaru cast, and the second is either a Madiga or a Bayda. These persons hold their places by hereditary right, and are the watchmen of the village. They are sent on all messages, and as guides for persons travelling on public business. They watch the crops in the day-time, and assist the farmers to do so at night. Their most peculiar duty, however, is to ascertain the boundaries of each field, and of each farmer's possession.

The Nirguntty is generally a Whallia; but sometimes a Súdra holds the office, which is hereditary. His duty is, to divide the water of the tank or canal, and to convey the proper share to each man's field. He, of course, has the charge of the sluices, and of the small canals and drains for watering the fields. He also assists in watching the crops.

The Tarugara, or Aduca, collects the farmers, and prevents them from following any other occupation than that of cultivating the land. The lower classes of people in India are like children; and, except in the more considerable places, where they meet with uncommon encouragement to industry from Europeans, are generally in such a state of apathy, that, without the orders of government, they will hardly do any thing. The duty of the Aduca is to bustle among the farmers, and to call them out to work. He may therefore be called the beadle of the village.

4th July. — I went three coffes to Sirja-pura, one of the manufacturing towns dependent on Bangalore. The weavers of Sirja-pura are of the castes called Devangas, Shalay, and Togotaru. The cloths were formerly made of a very fine quality, but at present the only demand is for coarse goods. The merchants here act merely as brokers, and the weavers frequently carry their own goods for sale to Bangalore. Purchases are made here by traders from Seringapatam, Sira, Chatrakal, Codeal, Savanuru, Gubi, Bangalore, Colar, Malavagul, Cangundy, Hoffs-cotay, Bala-pura, Tumcuru,

Tumcuru, Magadi, and Krishna-giri. The merchants of this place bring their cotton from Bangaluru, Hossocotay, and Colar.

Owing to a want of hands, much of the country through which I passed to-day is waste; but by the way I saw many fortified villages. The country is remarkably bare. The crops of dry grains ought now to cover the ground; owing, however, to the want of rain, they have not yet begun to spring.

5th July. — I went four coffes to Walur, and by the way passed through a manufacturing town named Lacor. It is not quite so large as Walur; but is a well built mud fort, strengthened by a fine hedge.

I found the Bráhma who had been attentive on my former visit, and who had called himself Amildar, or chief of a district. This I now learned was a falsehood. He was only a parputty, or chief of a subdivision; and his civility seems to have arisen from a desire of being considered as a great man, and of receiving attentions to which he was by no means entitled. Having been now detected, he did every thing, so far as he could venture, to cross my wishes. This assumption of titles to which they have no right, is a very common piece of vanity among the natives of India, though it often leads to very severe mortifications: all the amildars here wish to be called subadars, or chiefs of principalities, and from all their dependents receive this title; but in the Raja's dominions two persons only have a just claim to this appellation.

Every where in Karnata the palanquin-bearers are of Telinga descent, and in their own families speak the language of their original country. In the language of Karnata they are called Teliga Belfas, but in their own dialect they are called Bui. Having assembled those who live here, they gave me the following account of their cast. Their proper occupations, beside that of carrying the palanquin, are fishing, and the distillation of rum. Wealthy men among them become farmers; but none of the cast hire themselves out as farm-servants. They are acknowledged to be of the Sédra cast, but rather of a low rank. Their hereditary chiefs are called Pedda Bui, which among the Europeans of Madras is bestowed on the head-man of every gentleman's set. They are allowed a plurality of wives, who are not confined. Though they all can eat together, they never intermarry, but with certain families, which are well known to each other, so as to avoid all danger of an impure race. They are allowed to eat sheep, goats, and fish, but ought to lose cast by drinking spirituous liquors. I well know, however, that this law is very much neglected. They bury the dead, and are all worshippers of Vishnu. They make offerings of fruit and flowers to the Saktis, but never offer bloody sacrifices to these destructive powers. Their Curus are hereditary chiefs of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans, who receive their contributions, and bestow on them holy water, and consecrated victuals; but do not give them upadésa nor chakrántikam. At births, marriages, and funerals, the panchánga, or astrologer, attends as puróhita, or priest. Some of them are taught to read and write accoimpts; but they never acquire any farther learning.

The potmakers and dyers form one cast, and are all properly called Cumbharu; but those who dye are, on account of their trade, called Nilgaru. The two trades are followed indifferently by persons of the same family; but the cast is divided into two nations, the Teliga and Karnata, that do not intermarry. Those here are of the former nation, and give the following account of themselves.

They retain the Telinga language, being a tribe of that nation. They can eat in the house of a Karnataca potter, but he will not return the compliment; as they are allowed

allowed to eat animal food, which he abhors. Even among those of the Telinga nation, all good men abstain entirely from this indulgence. It is not lawful for them to drink spirituous liquors. They are allowed polygamy; but do not confine their women, nor divorce them for any cause except adultery. Girls continue to be marriageable after the age of puberty, and are very laborious in making pots. Widows cannot marry again; but it is never expected that they should burn themselves with the dead bodies of their husbands.

They follow no other trades than those of potters and dyers. The hereditary chiefs of this cast are called Gotugaru, or renters, and live at the kasba, or chief town of the district. They possess the usual jurisdiction, and are exempted from all duties, on condition of collecting the rent that is paid to government by the pot-maker of every village. This office is hereditary, and we have seen that, on condition of furnishing the cultivators with pots, he receives considerable dues on all the produce of the land. In many parts of India, the pot-maker is bound to supply all travellers with pots for dressing their victuals; but here this is done to such travellers only as are going on public business, and in consideration of this the potter pays nothing for his clay. They use a wheel, but are very unskilful in their art; for they are entirely ignorant of any glazing or enamel.

The potters of the Telinga nation say, that they are of the Sáliváhanam cast; as that mighty King was the son of one of their women. The Bráhmans allege, that she was impregnated by one of the sacred order. These potters wear a thread like the Bráhmans, and allege, that they are possessed of mantrams, or forms of prayer, which they can read, and which are endowed with considerable power. This is altogether denied by the Bráhmans, who laugh at the prayers of the potters, as being low trash in the vulgar language. The potters certainly understand the Andray, or poetical language of their nation, and are possessed of a translation of the Bhágavata Purána in their language.

A few of these potters worship Siva, and are followers of the Smarta Bráhmans; but by far the greater part are of Vishnu's side, and follow the hereditary chiefs of the A'yngar. On their followers of this tribe these Gurus bestow upadésa, chakrántikam, and holy water. The renter settles all disputes, and punishes delinquents; the power of the Guru being confined to the bestowing of spiritual gifts, and the receiving of contributions, both as dues on marriages, and as annual tribute, besides what he gets as charity at casual visits. The panchanga, or astrologer, acts as their puróhita, or family priest, and reads mantrams, or set forms of prayer, in the Sanskrit language, at births, marriages, funerals, new moons, and at the annual commemoration of their father's death, which is only called Tithi when the parties are Bráhmans. Some of the potters understand the Sanskrit, so far at least as to be able to repeat the prayer after the astrologer, which is supposed to add considerably to its efficacy. At these ceremonies there attend for charity all the Bráhmans of the neighbourhood, who are vaidikas, and who think that they can get any thing worth their while. These worshippers of Vishnu among the potters never take the vow of Daseri; but when they are sick they sometimes make a vow to live by begging, for a certain number of days after they recover. This is looked upon as very agreeable to the gods, and a sure way of obtaining their favour. They offer bloody sacrifices to the Saktis, or destructive spirit; but never act as priests in their temples. They never pray to Dharma Raja.

6th July. — I went three cosses to the place which in our maps is named Vackaleer; but which the natives, to my ear, pronounce Waculeray. The half of the way next

Walur passes through a very barren country, on which, even at this season, there is scarcely a leaf of grass to be seen. It is thinly covered with bushes and stunted trees. Beyond this there is some cultivation; and towards some rocky hills, at the foot of which Waculeray stands, the soil becomes good, and is well cultivated and wooded. Waculeray contains about a hundred houses, and is fortified by a wall and citadel, both of mud. It has no hedge. The reason assigned by the farmers for living thus together, and for shutting themselves and their cattle within the walls of a fort, is, the frequency of robbers, who live in the hills and woods, and who in the night plunder every thing that is not well secured.

The farmers in this town are seventeen houses; and there are twenty-two houses of Brahmins, who live better, and are better lodged than the Sûdras, although, except two or three officers of government, they all subsist upon charity.

7th July. — I went three cosses to Colar. The first part of the road passed through a narrow valley, confined between two ridges of low, rocky, naked hills. The valley in many places has formerly been cultivated; but now the whole is waste, and covered with bushes, among which the oleander (*Nerium odoratum*) is common. Farther on, the hills to the right disappearing, the country in that direction is level to a great extent, seems to be very fertile, and has probably once been almost all cultivated. It contains many reservoirs, but from the want of trees looks very naked. The spots which at present are cultivated do not seem to be more than a tenth part of the country.

8th — 11th July. — I passed these days at Colar, examining the state of agriculture in its neighbourhood. This is the most level country that I have seen above the Ghats; but it contains many bare rocky hills, which are situated at considerable distances, with level ground between them. Rice forms a very large proportion of the crop, and equals in quantity the ragy. The country is very poorly watered, and often suffers from a want of rain; for an old revenue officer of the place remembers four famines that arose from this cause.

Colar has a large mud fort, which is now repairing. The town contains seven hundred houses, many of which are inhabited by weavers. It was the birth-place of Hyder Aly, whose father lived and died in the town. A handsome mausoleum was erected for him by his son; and near it a mosque, and a college of Moulahs, or Mussulman priests, with a proper establishment of musicians, were endowed to pray for the repose of his soul. The whole is kept up at the expense of the Company.

On the hill north from the town was formerly a durga, or hill-fort, in which for some time resided Cossim Khan, the General of Aurungzebe, who, towards the end of the 17th century, made the first regular establishment of Mussulman authority to the south of the Krishna river. Colar was the capital of one of the seven pergunnahs, or districts, into which that General divided his conquests, which had been formerly invaded by the Mussulman King of Vijaya-pura (Bejapoor), and afterwards had become subject to the Marattahs. The other pergunnahs were, Sira, Budihalu, Bafvapatrana, Penu-conda, Hossé-cotay, and Burra Bala-pura. These formed what the Mussulmans called the subah of Sira, or the Carnatic Bejapoor Balaghaut, which are recent distinctions not at all known to the natives, and of which the memory is likely soon to be entirely obliterated.

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this country. On the top of the hill are four small villages, which have their fields, gardens, and tanks, raised high above the level of the country, in the same manner as it is above the parts near the sea. Their little territories are surrounded by high rocks, and separated by woody ridges, like a perfect epitome of Karnata Proper, or Balaghat, as it has been called by the Mussulmans. The soil is fertile, and the water in many places being near the surface renders it fit for gardens. Although hill-forts are generally reckoned unhealthy, this seems to be by no means the case on this mountain. The inhabitants rather look upon the air as more healthy than common, and last year their cattle suffered much less than those of their neighbours. The hill seems to attract more moisture than the level country, and to be more favoured with rain; for a certain field on it annually produces a crop of rice, without any artificial watering, which in this arid climate is looked upon as a kind of miracle. There is a spring of water, which flows from the side of the hill in a small stream; and, such a thing being here very uncommon, the Bráhmans have conducted it along a gutter formed in the rock; and where it falls from thence, have, under a building, placed some stone, which the obsequious imagination of the natives conceives to resemble a cow's mouth. The place, as being holy, is much frequented; and a ruinous temple at some distance attracts to its annual feast about ten thousand pilgrims.

Even in such a remote place, to which every access is steep and difficult, I found, that the inhabitants were not protected by their extreme poverty, but each village was provided with fortifications. The people said, that whenever any neighbouring Polygar was troublesome, the Baydaru, or hunters, were accustomed in the night time, under pretence of being the Polygar's men, to go and plunder their neighbours. This they always did by surprise, as their love for plunder is at least equalled by their cowardice. Whenever these ruffians are prowling about, one or two men keep watch in a tower; and on the first alarm, all the inhabitants fly to their arms, and retiring to the tower, from thence fire upon the robbers, who in general attempt to carry away the cattle.

The trade and manufactures of Colar had been entirely ruined by Tippoo; as it was in the immediate neighbourhood of his enemy's dominions, with whom he would allow of no communication. Both are now rapidly on the increase, and exceed even what they were in the reign of Hyder. No army came this way in the last war; but they suffered a little in the invasion by General Smith, and considerably by that of Lord Cornwallis. The merchants suffered much by Tippoo's forcing goods on them at a high rate; and still more by his capriciously forcing them to change the places of their abode. He frequently founded new bazars, or market towns, and compelled merchants to remove thither; although the place might be quite out of the way by which their trade was usually conducted. From the officers of the Nabob of Arcot, merchants meet with no annoyance. Some of them, being constant traders take from the custom-houses what they call cowl, or protection; and on that account pay on one-half of the duties that are exacted from occasional visitors. A merchant who has this kind of protection, for every 800 maunds of betel-nut, worth about 55*l.* pays to the Nabob's custom-houses, on the way between this and Wallaja-petta, 33 star pagodas, or a little more than 12*l.*

In the country villages much coarse cloth is made by the Whalliaru weavers. Those in the town are Dévangas and Shaynigaru, who make the white cotton cloth with silk borders called putaynthara. They make also the muslins called sada shilla, and dutary, and white turbans.

Merchants from Balahari, Advany, Naragunda, Navalagunda, Maynastiggy, Jaliati, and Anigiri, places near the Krishna river, bring cotton wool, cotton thread, dark blue cotton cloth, terra japonica, asafœtida, dates, almonds, and inaituta, which is used as a dentifrice. The merchants of Balahari take back in cash three fourths of the returns, and the remainder in castor-oil, popli dye, and jagory. The other merchants take back the whole in cash. The merchants of Hyder-Nagar bring betel-nut, black-pepper, and sandal-wood. They take back cash, and a little white muslin. Here the merchants of Seringapatam purchase cloth with cash. The merchants of Gubi bring betel-nut, and black-pepper; and take back cloth, and some money. From Sira the same articles are brought; the returns are entirely in cloth. From Bala-pura are brought sugar, and some cloth fitted for the dresses of women. From the Lower Carnatic the merchants bring salt, and the goods that are imported by sea from Europe, China, Malacca, &c. with a considerable balance of money due for the betel-nut, black-pepper, garlick, tamarinds, shicai (fruit of the mimosa japonica), and grain, that are sent from hence. The silk is all brought from Bangalore, and no cotton grows in the country.

In this place are settled a kind of shoe-makers called muchaveru; they are Rajputs, and in their families retain the Hindustány language, as having originally come from the country which the Mussulmans call Agimere. Like all the persons of an unmixed breed from that country, they pretend to be of the Kshatriya cast; but this high rank is denied by the Bráhmans to even the highest of the Rajputs, those whose profession is agriculture and arms, and who, the Bráhmans say, are merely the highest class of the Sùdras, like the Nairs of Malabar, or Káyasthas of Bengal. These shoe-makers are not allowed to eat nor to intermarry with the Chittrakaru, nor with the weavers, who come from the same country; and much less with the Rajputs properly so called, who are by cast the cultivators and defenders of the soil. They came into this country with Cossim Khán, the General of Aurungzebe, and settled chiefly here and at Sira. They follow no other profession than that of making shoes. The proper Gurus of this cast are the Vairagis, who read to them, and receive their charity. The panchanga, or astrologer, attends their marriages, and gives them a kind of upadésa. None of them can read. They are worshippers of Vishnu, and do not pray nor offer sacrifices to the Saktis, nor to Dharma Raja; but contribute their share of the expense at the sacrifices, and festivals, which the village as a public body performs in honour of these gods. They are allowed to eat mutton and fish, but not to drink spirituous liquors. They are allowed to marry several wives, and confine them after the custom of their own country. They have chiefs, who determine matters relating to cast, but their office is not hereditary: they are elected in an assembly of the people.

The Telega Uparu are a tribe of Telinga origin, as their name expresses; and retain in their families the language of their original country. They can give no account of the time when they came to Colar. Their proper occupation is the building of mud walls, especially those of forts; but some of them are farmers, and some farmers' servants, or Batigaru; they act also as porters. They have hereditary chiefs called Ijyamána, who possess the usual jurisdiction. None of them can read or write. They are allowed to eat venison, mutton, fowls, swine, and fish; but cannot avowedly drink spirituous liquors. They are allowed a plurality of wives, who are very laborious, and each costs five pagodas (1l. 16s. 7½d.), which are presented to her parents. The girls continue to be marriageable after the age of puberty; but a widow cannot take a second husband. They bury the dead. They never take the vow of Daseri, or of dedicating themselves to the service of the gods. The god of their cast is Vishnu; but

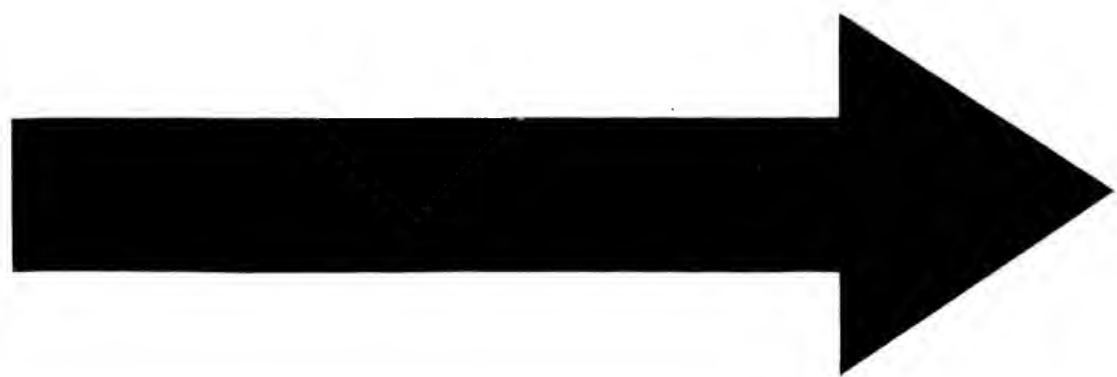
but they pray to Dharma Rája, and offer sacrifices to the Saktis. They have no knowledge of a future life, and pray only for temporal blessings. Their Gurus are the hereditary chiefs of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans, who on the richer part of the cast bestows upadéfa and chakrántikam. The panchánga, or astrologer, attends only at marriages.

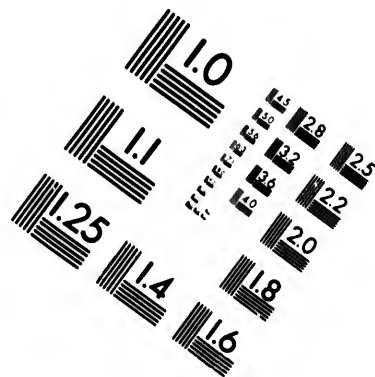
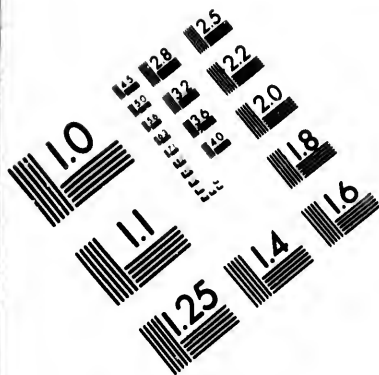
A Smartal Bráhman, reckoned a man of learning, but who seems to be very unwilling to open such stores as he possessés, denies all knowledge of the worshippers of Jain, Buddha, or the Linga, farther than that he has heard them mentioned. The doctrines of all other sects, but his own, he considers as contemptible, and not worthy of notice.

He believes in a supreme god called Náráyana, or Para Brahmá, from whence proceeded Siva, Vishnu, and Brahmá; which still, however, are all the same god. His sect pray to Siva and Vishnu, with many of their wives, children, and attendants, among whom are the Saktis, and destructive powers. Siva, however, is the principal object of their worship; for they consider him as the most powerful mediator with Náráyana, who is rather too much solicited to attend to their personal requests. They abhor bloody sacrifices; and they reprehend their followers of the Súdra cast for using that manner of worship, which they say, that it is the custom of the Súdras; and that what these low people do has little or no consequence. When a good Bráhman dies, his spirit is united to God; but a bad one is first punished in a purgatory, and then by passing through various other lives, as an animal, or as a person of some of the low casts, till at last he becomes a Bráhman, and has another opportunity by his good works of gaining heaven.

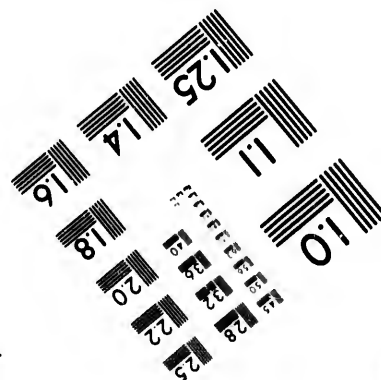
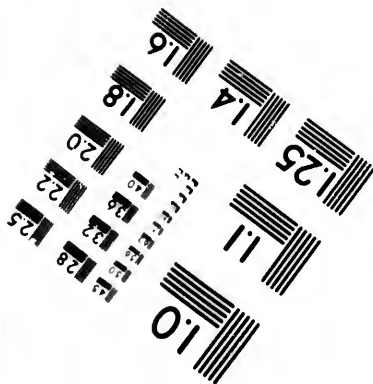
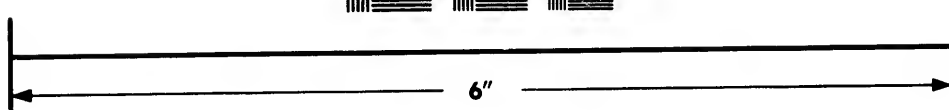
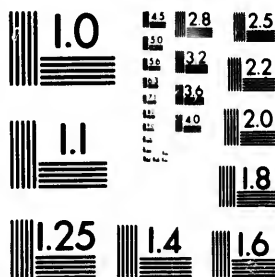
Sringa-giri, south from Hyder Nagar, is by this person considered as the chief throne of the Brahmans. Their God assumed the form of a Bráhman named Sankara Achárya, and, having become a Sannyáfi, established his mata or college, at the place at which there has ever since been a succession of Sannyásis, who are the Gurus of the order, and are called Swamalus. In different places of India these have established agents, or deputies, who are also Sannyásis, and assume the title of Swamalu. Originally these agents were all sent from the college at Sringa-giri; but now, although they acknowledge the superiority of the representative of Sankara Achárya, they all educate young men in their own matas, or colleges, and from among them appoint their successors. In the chief college at Sringa-giri there are many disciples, who are all of Vaidika families, who never marry, and who are carefully educated in such learning as the Bráhmans possess. They are called Brahma Cháris; and from among them the Guru, when he is about to die, selects the one that appears to him most deserving, and reveals to him the upadéfa peculiar to his rank, by which the favourite becomes his successor. The inferior Swamalus (properly Swámýálu) educate in a similar manner their successors. Should the Sringa-giri Swamalu die without appointing a successor, the deputies or agents assemble, and select from among the Brahma Cháris the most deserving person, and, revealing to him the upadéfa, constitute him their chief. Till he is on the point of death, a Swamalu is very unwilling to deliver the upadéfa to a successor; as, immediately on getting possession of it, his power becomes equal to his own; and if he should recover, the new Swamalu might remove to another college, and act independent of his authority.

Besides the vedas, and eighteen puránas supposed to have been written by Vyása, which are common to all Bráhmans, the Smartal sect follow, as peculiar to themselves, four sastrams, or books, called Mimáfa, Tarka, Vyákaranam, and Védánta, which are said to contain a system of logic, metaphysics, and grammar, that is necessary to explain





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explain the doctrine of the Védas; and the Sankara Bhasná, a commentary which explains the doctrine of the Sutras.

The Gurus of the Smartal sect seem to act chiefly in an episcopal capacity; that is, as superintendants of the manners of their followers. They would not appear to perform any ceremony for the sect, which, as being followers of Siva, does not admit of chakrántikam; and among the Smartal, it is the puróhita who gives upadéfa. When a Smartal commits any fault, if the Guru or his deputy be near, he assembles ten learned men of the sect, and with their advice punishes the delinquent. If, however, the fault be of such a nature as to deserve excommunication, which is the highest punishment, the Guru must for the purpose assemble a trimastaru, or council, composed of the most learned men of the three sects, Smartal, A'yngar, and Madual. These councils may be held, and may punish delinquents, without the presence of either Guru, or deputy. The faults that occasion a loss of cast, and for which no pardon can be given, are, I. Sexual intercourse within the prohibited degree of consanguinity. II. Sexual intercourse with any prohibited cast. III. Eating forbidden food, or drinking intoxicating liquors. IV. Stealing. V. Slaying of any animal of the cow kind, or of the human species; but a Bráhma is permitted to kill his enemy in battle. VI. Eating in company with persons of another cast, or of food dressed by their impure hands. VII. Eating on board a ship food that has been dressed there. VIII. Omitting to perform the ceremonies due to their deceased parents. For smaller offences, the Guru or his deputies punish in various ways; by commanding pilgrimages, or fasts; by fines; by holding burning straw to the body of the delinquent, which is sometimes done with such severity as to occasion death; by shaving the head, so as to occasion a temporary separation from the cast; and by giving large draughts of cow's urine, which is supposed to have the power of washing away sin. Ordeals are also in use; and a most barbarous one is applied to those who, having had sexual intercourse with a person of another cast, allege that it was by mistake. If the criminal be a woman, melted lead is poured into her private parts; if it be a man, a red hot iron is thrust up. Should they be innocent, it is supposed that they will not be injured. A male Bráhma, however, even if married, may with impunity have connection with a dancing-girl, all of whom in this country are dedicated to the service of some temple.

The low casts, that are followers of the Smartal Bráhmans, seem to engage very little of the Guru's attention. They occasionally give them holy water, and the ashes of cow-dung to make the mark of Siva on their foreheads, and receive their contributions; but they leave the punishment of all their transgressions against the rules of cast to their own hereditary chiefs; at whose desire, however, they reprimand and impose fines on obstinate offenders. They seem to have no wish to constrain other casts to any particular dogmas, or mode of worship: the only thing, they think, in which a Súdra ought to be instructed to believe, is, that the Bráhmans are infinitely his superiors; and that the only means of gaining the favour of the gods is by giving them charity. With regard to all sects that refuse to acknowledge these grand doctrines, and even among themselves concerning points of faith, no men can be more intolerant, nor violent.

If the fines imposed by a Guru appear to his council to be immoderate, they have the power to reduce the amount. If any one offers charity, that, considering the man's circumstances, the Guru thinks too small, he has no power to extort more; but he may reprimand the person for his want of the great virtue of charity.

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This man says, that the Bráhmans are separated into two great divisions; one of which occupies the countries toward the south, and the other the countries toward the north. He holds in great contempt those from Káfi or Benares, as being men from the north; and would not even admit them to the honour of eating in his house. These Bráhmans, he says, eat fish, offer bloody sacrifices, and commit other similar abominations. The northern Bráhmans are, however, at least as proud as those from the south, and allege several reasons for holding them in contempt; among which the most urgent is, that the women of the southern Bráhmans are allowed to appear in public.

None of the southern Bráhmans can, without losing cast, taste animal food, or drink spirituous liquors; and they look upon the smoking of tobacco as disgraceful. All those who have been married are burned after their death, and their wives ought to accompany them on the pile; but this custom has fallen very much into disuse, and instances of it are extremely rare; whereas in Bengal it still continues to be common. A woman can on no account take a second husband; and, unless she is married before the signs of puberty appear, she is ever afterwards considered as impure. They are not at all confined, and can be divorced for no other cause than adultery. When a Bráhman divorces his wife, he performs the same ceremonies for her, as if she had died.

Although all the southern Bráhmans can eat together, yet they are divided into nations, that never intermarry; and, although they have long been living intermixed, they generally retain in their families the language of the country from whence they originally came.

Each nation has its Vaidika, who subsist by charity, and dedicate their lives to study and devotion; its Lokika, who follow worldly pursuits; and its Numbi, or priests who officiate in temples, and debase themselves by receiving monthly wages, and by performing menial duties to the idols. The Lokika and Vaidika may intermarry; but in accepting of his daughter for a wife, a poor Vaidika does honour to the greatest officer of government; and still more in giving him a daughter in marriage. The Lokika are never admitted to become Sannyásis; this, however, is not considered as arising from any invincible rule of cast, but only from their want of the proper qualifications.

Each nation again is divided into the sects of Smartal, A'ayngar, or Sri Vaishnavam, and Madual; but in one nation one sect is more prevalent than in another. A difference of sect does not properly constitute a difference of cast; as the son of a Smartal may become a worshipper of Vishnu; and, on the contrary, an A'ayngar may become a follower of the Sringa-giri college; but such changes are not common. The Smartal and Madual eat together, and intermarry, although the one worships Siva and the other Vishnu; and on such occasions the woman always adopts the religion of her husband, which seems to be a proof of a great degradation of the sex, who are not considered as worthy to form an opinion of their own on a point of this importance. The Sri Vaishnavam or A'ayngar will not marry, nor eat with a Madual, although they both worship Vishnu; and still less will they have any communication with a Smartal; which arises, however, not from any difference in cast, but from a hatred to the doctrines entertained by these sects.

The Bráhmans of every nation are divided into certain families, called gótrams; and a man and woman of the same family never marry together. The connection of gótram is entirely in the male line; and the Bráhmans who speak English translate it by our word cousin, and sometimes by brother, or, what is analogous to it, by
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the Mussulman word *bhai*. The son of their mother's sister they consider as a more distant relation than any person of the same *gótram*.

12th July. — In the morning I went four *coffes* to Calura, said to be the residence of an *amildar*; but in the list of talucs, or districts, which I procured from the revenue officer at Seringapatam, I see no such place mentioned. In all probability, therefore, it is only a subdivision called a *hobly*, and its chief, in order to augment his importance, calls himself to me an *amildar*. He has retained his station for thirty years, and has acquired a name by digging a *colam*, or tank. It is about half a mile from the town, is surrounded by a fine Mango grove; and the road from it to the town has on each side a raised walk, with an avenue of mango and tamarind trees reaching the whole way.

For more than one half the way from Colar the country is at present entirely depopulated. Formerly there has been much cultivation; and the broken fragments of the hedges by which the dry fields were inclosed remain, to show its once flourishing state. The remainder of the country is in a better condition; but at least one half of what has been formerly cultivated is now waste. I here passed two large villages well fortified with mud walls, and surrounded by strong hedges. The country contains many detached, naked, rocky hills; and many places seem to be fit for palm gardens, of which, however, I saw none. The mist frequently rests on the tops of the hills, while the country below is clear.

The Woddas, or Woddaru, are a tribe of Telinga origin, and in their families retain that language, although they are scattered all over the countries where the Tamul and Karnátaça tongues are prevalent. They dig canals, wells, and tanks; build dams and reservoirs; make roads; and trade in salt, and grain. Some of them are farmers, but they never hire themselves out as *Batigaru*, or servants employed in agriculture. Some of them build mud-houses; but this is not a proper occupation for persons of their cast. The old and infirm live in huts near villages, and dig and repair tanks, or wells, or perform other such labour; while the vigorous youth of both sexes travel about in caravans with oxen and asses, in pursuit of trade. In these caravans they carry with them all their infants, and their huts, which latter consist of a few sticks and mats. They follow armies to supply them with grain, and in the time of peace take to the Lower Carnatic grain, jagory, and tamarinds, and bring up salt. In Hyder's government they were very numerous; but, having been forced by Tippoo to work at his forts without adequate pay, a great number of them retired to other countries. As they are a very useful set of people, they are now encouraged, and are fast returning. There are no distinctions among them that prevent inter-marriages, or eating in common. They eat fowls, sheep, goats, swine, rats, and fish; but reject carrion. They are allowed to take all manner of things that intoxicate, and are in fact much addicted to spirituous liquors. They marry as many wives as they can get, and the women seem to be more numerous than the men, as no person is without one wife, and the generality have two; several go so far as eight. A man is in general more restricted from taking many wives by the expence of the ceremony, than by any difficulty in supporting the family; as the women are so industrious, that the more wives he can get, the more he lives at his ease. A lazy woman is immediately divorced by her husband; but, if she can find a man willing to take her, she is at liberty to marry again. The girls continue marriageable from seven years of age, until their death; and a widow is not prevented from taking another husband. Formerly, when the cast was richer, a man gave a hundred
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fanams (31. 7s. 1d.) to the parents of the girl whom he wanted to marry; but this is now reduced to two fanams (1s. 4d.) to the father, a piece of cloth to the mother, and a hundred cocoa-nuts as emblematical of the original price. The marriages are made in an assembly of the tribe; and the ceremony consists in the bridegroom and bride walking thrice round a stake, which is erected for the purpose. Next morning they give another feast, and present the company with betel. The panchanga, or astrologer, does not attend, nor are there any prayers (mantrams) read on the occasion. In case of adultery, the custom of the cast is to put the woman to death; but this severity is not always used. In case of a man's treating his wife very harshly, she may retire to her mother's house, and live there; but, without his consenting to divorce her, she cannot marry again. The custom of the cast is to bury the dead; and, although the women are very harshly used by their husbands while drunk, and although widows are not prevented from marrying again, yet it is said, that perhaps one widow in a hundred throws herself into a pit filled with fire, and burns herself near the grave of her husband. The Bráhmans do not officiate at funerals; but on those occasions money is distributed among them and other mendicants.

The Guru of the cast is Tata Acharya, one of the hereditary chiefs of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans who lives at Penu-conda. They go either to him, or to some of his relations, who live in different parts of the country, and receive chakrántikam, and advice to wear the marks of the god Vishnu; and, according to their abilities, give in return, from one to three fanams. They are allowed to attend at the festivals of the great gods, although their claim to be of a Súdra, or pure descent, is rather doubtful. Many of them can read and write accòmpts; but they attempt no higher kind of learning. Although the Woddaru pray to Vishnu, and offer sacrifices to Marina, Gungoma, Virapaeñima, Durgama, Putalima, and Mutialima, yet the proper object of worship belonging to the cast is a goddess called Yellama, one of the destroying spirits. The image is carried constantly with their baggage; and in her honour there is an annual feast, which lasts three days. On this occasion they build a shed, under which they place the image, and one of the tribe officiates as priest, or pújári. For these three days offerings of brandy, palm-wine, rice, and flowers are made to the idol, and bloody sacrifices are performed before the shed. The Woddas abstain from eating the bodies of the animals sacrificed to their own deity; but eat those which they sacrifice to the other Saktis. This cast frequently vow Daséri, or dedicate themselves to the service of God; which does not prevent from trading those who are rich or industrious; those who are idle live entirely by begging. The duty of a Daséri requires that he should daily wash his head, and take care, when he eats in company with the profane, that their victuals do not intermix with his. On Saturday night, after having washed his head, and prayed for some hours, he must cook his victuals in a clean pot. He learns by rote a set form of prayer in the poetical language, or Andray; and while he repeats it, he rings a bell, and at intervals blows on a conch. The hereditary chiefs of this cast possess the usual jurisdiction. The fines imposed by them never exceed three fanams (two shillings,) and three cocoa-nuts; and are always expended on drink.

The Whallias, or Whalliaru, by the Mussulmans called also Dædh, and Ballagai-jat, as forming the most active combatants on the right hand side, are nearly the same with the Parriar of the people who speak the Tamul language, and with the Malivanlu of those who use the Telinga dialect. Like the Bráhmans, the Whallias of all nations can eat together; but two persons of different countries never intermarry. Although this cast be looked upon as the very lowest of all others, they are desirous of

keeping up the purity of the breed; and never marry but with the daughters of families, with whose descent, from long vicinity, they are well acquainted. Like the Súdra, they are divided into several ranks that do not intermarry. The highest are here called Morafu Whalliaru, and are cultivators of the ground, weavers, and smelters of iron ore. Inferior to these are Maligara Whalliaru, or musicians; Naindaru Whalliaru, or barbers; and Afaga Whalliaru, or wathermen. These again are quite distinct from the musicians, barbers, and wathermen of the pure tribes, who, though lower than the cultivators, are all of Súdra cast. All the different ranks of Whalliaru, though they do not intermarry, eat together, and join in their public ceremonies. The Whalliaru are not permitted to build their huts within the walls of towns or villages; but, if there be any hedge, they generally inhabit between it and the ditch. In very large places their huts form streets, and into these a Bráhmán will not deign to put his foot; nor in a place so impure will a Súdra build his house; in like manner as a Bráhmán is very unwilling to occupy a house in a street which the Súdra inhabit. A Bráhmán, if he be touched by a Whallia, must wash his head, and get a new thread; and a Súdra, who has been similarly defiled, is obliged to wash his head. A Bráhmán of this country will not give any thing out of his hand to persons of lower birth, of whom he is not afraid; but throws it down on the ground for them to take up. He will receive any thing from the hand of a person of a pure descent; but when a Whallia delivers any thing to the Bráhmán, he must lay it on the ground, and retire to a proper distance, before the Bráhmán will deign to approach. Europeans, from their eating beef, are looked upon by the natives here as a kind of Whalliaru; and nothing but the fear of correction prevents them from being treated with the same insolence.

The proper business of the division of Whalliaru, called Morafu, is the cultivation of the ground, in which both men and women are very industrious; but they do not appear to have ever formed a part of the native militia, like the Súdra cultivators, nor to have been entrusted with arms, until they began to enter into the Company's service. From among them several families hold, by hereditary right, the low village offices of Toti and Nirguntý, or of watchmen and conductors of water. Some few of the cultivators are farmers; but by far the greater part are yearly servants or Batigaru. Some of them weave coarse cloth, and some smelt iron ore. They have chiefs called Gotugaru, who, with a council as usual, settle all disputes and matters of cast.

The Guru of the Whallias is called Kempa Nullari Einaru, and lives at Tripathi. He is married, and wears the mark of Vishnu. They do not know of what cast he is; but he does not intermarry with the Whalliaru; and my interpreter says that the Gurus of this low tribe are all of the people called here Satánana. The Guru occasionally comes round, lives in the huts of his followers, and receives their contributions. He puts the mark of Vishnu on their foreheads, and exhorts them to pray to that god, and to those of his family. They have no priest that attends at births, marriages, burials, nor at the ceremonies performed in honour of their deceased parents; nor do they ever receive upadéfa or chakrántikam. They pray to Dharma Raja, and offer sacrifices to Marima, Caragadumma, and Gungoma. The pújári, or priest, who officiates in the temple of this last destructive spirit, is a Whallia; and hers are the only temples into which any of this tribe are ever admitted. They eat the sacrifices offered even to this deity, peculiar to their cast. Their Guru never joins in any of these sacrifices; none of them can read or write. They are allowed to drink spirituous liquors, and to eat beef, pork, mutton, fowls, and fish; nor have

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they any objection to eat an animal that has died a natural death. Their marriage ceremony consists in a feast, at which the bridegroom ties the bridal ornaments round the neck of his mistress. Except for adultery, a man cannot divorce his wife; and if she has children, he cannot during her life take another; but if a man, in a reasonable time after marriage, have no children by his first wife, he may take a second. Widows are not permitted to marry again; but it is not expected that they should burn themselves, nor preserve celibacy with great exactitude. Many of this cast take the vow of *Daséri*.

The *Togotas*, or *Togotaru*, are a class of weavers of *Telinga* origin, and in their families retain that language. They follow no other trade than weaving, and have hereditary chiefs called *Jyamána*, who possess the usual authority. Many of them can read and write accounts; but none attempt any higher kind of learning. Idle, stupid fellows, that cannot get a living by their industry, take the vow of *Daséri*, and go about praying with a bell and conch. They have no tradition concerning the time when they came into this country. They all eat together, but intermarry only with such families, as by long acquaintance know the purity of each other's descent. They cannot lawfully drink spirituous liquors, but can eat fish, fowls, and mutton. It must be observed, that, throughout the southern parts of India, fowls are a common article of diet with the lower casts; whereas in Bengal, their use is confined entirely to Mussulmans. In Bengal again ducks and geese are commonly used by the Hindus; but in the southern parts of India these birds are not at all domesticated, except by Europeans. It is not usual for the weavers of this cast to take more than one wife, unless the first prove barren; but there is no law to prevent them from taking as many as they please. Parents that are poor take money for their daughters, when they give them in marriage; those that are in easy circumstances do not. Widows cannot marry again, but are not expected to kill themselves. A woman can only be divorced for adultery. The Gurus of these weavers are hereditary chiefs of the *Aáyngar*, who, in return for the contributions of their followers, bestow *upadéfa* and *chakrántikam*; of course they are worshippers of Vishnu. The *panchánga*, or village astrologer, whether he be a follower of that God, or of *Siva*, attends at births, marriages, funerals, at the ceremonies performed in honour of their deceased parents, and at the building of a new house; and on each occasion gets a fee of one fanam, or eight-pence. On other occasions, when a weaver wants to pray, like other *Súdra*, he calls in a *Satánana*, who reads something in an unknown language, and gives the votary some holy water, which he consecrates by pouring it on the head of a small image that he carries about for that purpose. A similar ceremony when performed by a *Bráhma*n, from the charity that accompanies it, is called *dhana*, and is supposed to be much more efficacious in procuring the favour of the gods.

13th July. — In the morning I went three coffes from Calura to Silagutta. The rains having become heavy, the people are now busy sowing their ragy. The showers are frequent, and the winds from the westward are strong. A great part of the country is overgrown with stunted bushes, even where the soil appears to be tolerably good, and has never been in a state of cultivation. Perhaps one half is rated in *Krishna Ráyalu's* accounts, and of that two thirds may be in actual cultivation; for the country is in a better state than that through which I passed yesterday. It does not contain so many small rocky hills; but I have in front, *Nandi-durga*; on my right, *Rymabad*, or *Rymangur*; on my left *Chintamony*; and

on my rear, Ambaji-durga. By the way I passed three large villages, all strongly fortified with mud-walls and hedges.

Silagutta is a town containing about five hundred houses, several of which are occupied by weavers. It formerly belonged to a family of Polygars, named Narayana, who possessed Devund-hully (corrupted into Deonelly), Naudi-durga, and the two Bala-puras. The country around is the prettiest of any that I have seen above the Ghats. It has two fine tanks, like small lakes; and their banks are covered with gardens. At a distance it is surrounded by hills occupied by durgas, or hill-forts, of which five are in sight.

I assembled here some intelligent panchángas, or astrologers, and farmers, and procured from them the following account of the prevailing seasons; which may be considered as applicable to the north-eastern and middle parts of the dominions of the Mysore Raja.

The almanacs divide the year into three equal portions, called candaia; and each of these again is divided into two ritugalu, or seasons, of which each contains two months. The names of these seasons having been taken from the climate of a country not entirely similar to this, are not always applicable to the seasons of this place. They are, I. Vafanta Ritu, or spring season; which contains Chaitra and Vaifaka, or this year from the 26th of March to the 23d of May. In this the trees flower, the weather is hot and clear, with very gentle winds from the westward. There are occasional showers of rain, or hail, but they are not accompanied by squalls of wind. II. Gríhma Ritu, or the scorching season, includes Iyaishtta and Asháda, or in this year from the 24th of May to the 21st of July. The air is rendered cool by clouds, and strong westerly winds. The rains are heavier than in Vafanta, but are not at their height. Thunder is common, but not very severe. III. Varshá Ritu, or the rainy season, comprehends Srávana and Bhadrápada, or from the 22d July to the 18th of September. At this season the rains ought to be very heavy, and the air to be cool, with frequent and violent thunder and lightning. The winds are westerly, and from the middle of Asháda to the middle of Srávana, or about our month of July, are very violent; afterwards they abate. IV. Afwaja and Kartika from Sarat Ritu, which this year extends from the 19th of September to the 16th of November. At this season there are long falls of rain; but it is not very heavy, and there are considerable intervals of fair weather. The winds are light, and come from the northward. During the rain, to the feelings of the natives, the air is very cold; in the intervals it is temperate. The thunder is moderate. V. Hémanta Ritu, or the season of dew, comprehends Márgasirsha and Paushya, or from the 16th of November to the 14th of January. At this season there is no rain, but there are heavy dews; and thick fogs obscure the sun, and render the air very cold. The winds are moderate, and come from the northward. VI. Sayshu Ritu, or the season of moonshine, comprehends Mága and Phálguna, or from about the middle of January to the middle of March. There are sometimes slight showers, but the weather is in general dry and clear, with very little dew. The winds are light, and come from the eastward. The warm season commences; but the heat, according to the sensation of the natives, continues moderate. This is the season of the principal rice harvest. The air is most unhealthy, and occasions most fevers, during the first and last seasons, or in the hot and dry weather. By the natives this country is esteemed very healthy; they acknowledge, however, that the air of the durgas is very bad.

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The Morasu are an original tribe of Karnata, who are admitted by all parties to be Súdra, and who, as being cultivators of the land, are called Woculigaru; which by the Mussulmans has been shortened into Wocul. In the two Bala-pura districts they are very numerous, and formed a part of the native foot militia, called in this language Candashara. They are cultivators of the ground, both as masters and servants, and occasionally hire themselves as porters. They form three tribes; Morasu, properly so called, Morasu Moscu, and Teligu Morasu, which last would appear from the name to be a tribe of the Telingana nation. These tribes eat together, but do not intermarry; and even in each tribe persons confine their marriages to a few families, whose descent is known to be pure. My informants are of the Morasu, properly so called, and must be distinguished from the impure tribe called Morasu Whalias, who are not Súdra.

The men of this tribe, but not the women, can eat with those of another tribe of cultivators called Sadru. A principal object of worship with this cast is an image called Kála-Bhairava, which signifies the black dog. The temple is at Sitibutta, near Calanore, about three cosses east from hence. The place being very dark, and the votaries being admitted no farther than the door, they are not sure of the form of the image; but believe, that it represents a man on horseback. The god is supposed to be one of the destroying powers, and his wrath is appeased by bloody sacrifices. The throats of goats and sheep are cut before the door of the temple as sacrifices, and the flesh is boiled for a feast to the votaries. In this the priest, or pujari, never partakes. He is a Satánana, and worships the god by offerings of flowers and fruit. He, as usual, consecrates water by pouring it over the head of the image, and afterwards sells it to the votaries. At this temple a very singular offering is made. When a woman is from 15 to 20 years of age, and has borne some children, terrified lest the angry deity should deprive her of her infants, she goes to the temple, and, as an offering to appease his wrath, cuts off one or two of her fingers of the right hand. To the destructive female spirits called Gungoma, Yellama, Marima, and Patalima, the Morasu offer sacrifices. They do not pray to either Vishnu, or Siva. None of them here have ever seen a Guru belonging to their cast; but they have heard, that about the time of their birth (about 50 years ago), a Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmán came to the place, and was called their Guru. The panchánga acts as their puróhita at marriages, and at the ceremonies performed, both annually, and at the new moons, in commemoration of their deceased parents. The Bráhmans, when they subjugated the different rude tribes in the south of India, seem to have made very little difficulty about religious opinions and customs. Every tribe seems to have retained their own; and the Bráhmans were contented with an acknowledgment of their authority, and with contributions given for the performance of certain ceremonies, much connected with astrology and magic; by pretensions to which their power was probably extended. They themselves have perhaps been influenced by the superstitions of their converts, whose gods, being malignant spirits, they adopted as servants of Iswara, the power of destruction. The Bráhmans, when in sickness and distress, invoke with fear and trembling the power of Bhairava, and of the female Saktis; who were formerly, perhaps, considered by the natives as the malignant spirits of the woods, mountains, and rivers; and worshipped by sacrifices, like the gods of the rude tribes which now inhabit the hilly region east from Bengal, and whose poverty has hitherto prevented the incursions of the sacred orders of their more learned western neighbours.

None of the Morasu can read or write; and they never take the vow of Dáséri. They believe in transmigration as a state of reward and punishment, and of course believe

believe in the immortality of the soul; which, so far as I can learn, is not in this country an universal belief among the lower castes, nor among the rude tribes who inhabit the hills. They have hereditary chiefs, called Gauda. The present possessor of that rank here is a boy. He is brought into the assembly, and sits there, while the heads of families settle all disputes, and punish all transgressions against the rules of cast. It is lawful for a Morafu to eat every kind of animal food, except beef and carrion. They are prohibited from drinking spirituous liquors. The men are allowed polygamy, but, except for adultery, cannot divorce their wives. The women spin, work in the fields, and are very industrious. Widows cannot marry again, but are not expected to bury themselves alive with their dead husbands' bodies.

I have formerly mentioned, that the tribe called Bheri, or Nagaratra, is divided into two sects; of which one worships Vishnu, and the other Siva. The doctrines of the former have been already explained. Those who worship Siva are subdivided again into two parties; of which the one wears the linga, and the other does not. These last I have now assembled: they say, that they are of the Vaisya, or third pure cast; but this is denied by the Comaties and Brahmans. They despise the oil-makers, who call themselves Nagaratra, as being greatly their inferiors. They neither eat, intermarry, nor have common hereditary chiefs with the Vishnu Nagaratra. They are a tribe of Karnataka descent; and are dealers in bullion, cloth, cotton, drugs, and grain. Some of them act as porters; but they never formed any part of the militia, nor cultivated the ground, nor followed any handicraft trade. They cannot lawfully eat any kind of animal food, nor drink spirituous liquors. They have a knowledge of accomplishments, but attempt no higher kind of learning. They are allowed many wives, but do not shut them up; nor can they divorce them for any cause except adultery. In order to preserve the purity of the cast, they intermarry with such families only, as their forefathers have been accustomed to do. They burn the dead; but the widows are not expected to burn themselves. They do not wear the linga; but pray to Siva, alleging Vishnu to be the same. They never offer bloody sacrifices to Marima, nor to any other of the Saktis. They never take the vow of Daseri; but, when in sickness or danger, make mental vows to Venecaty Rãmãna, the idol at Tripathi, or to the Siva at Nunjinagodu; and promise, in case of being saved, to feed a certain number of Brãhmans, or to send a sum of money to these temples.

The proper Guru of this cast is a Smartal Brãhman, called Dharma Siva Achãrya; who resides at Kunji, and whose office is hereditary: but in affairs relating to the left-hand side they are subject to Munailwara Swãmi, who is the Guru of that division of this tribe which wears the linga. Dharma Siva Achãrya bestows holy water on his followers, and receives their contributions under the name of charity. A certain sum is paid for each public ceremony, and another is given for holy water. Once in four or five years this personage comes, and receives the sums that have been collected for him at the different villages. On these occasions he punishes any of his followers who may have been guilty of a transgression of the rules of cast, and there is no slighter punishment than excommunication; but he cannot inflict this without the consent of the heads of the cast assembled in council.

The panchãnga, or village astrologer, acts as puróhita at marriages, funerals, births, on the building of a new house, and at the ceremonies performed monthly and annually in honour of deceased parents. On these occasions the puróhita reads prayers in the Sanskrit language. The Nagaratra endeavours to repeat after him; but it being an unknown tongue he seldom is able to proceed farther than a few of the first words, and then must hearken quietly to the remainder, as the Brahman does not choose to pronounce

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There is here a tribe of Teliga Banijigas, who follow no other profession than that of gardeners. They allow themselves to be inferior to those who are merchants, or farmers; but pretend to be superior to the weavers of sackcloth. In their families they retain the Telinga language, and follow the usual ceremonies of the Súdra, who have the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans as their Gurus. By these teachers they are kept in a most beastly state of ignorance, nor could they give me a rational answer to any question that I proposed relative to their customs. They are, however, very active and skilful in their business. The people, who here are commonly called Satánana, call themselves Vaishnavam, as being the very chief of the worshippers of Vishnu, an honour to which no other cast seems to think them entitled. The Bráhmans allege that they are Súdra; but this title is rejected with scorn by the Vaishnavam, although they have received the Bráhmans as their Gurus. The Vaishnavam seem to be the same tribe with those called Boistum in Bengal; but it must be confessed, that many of the rules of the two casts are very different; yet perhaps not more so than the rules observed by the Bráhmans of the two countries. The Bráhmans evidently entertain a jealousy of the Vaishnavam, and endeavour to render them as ridiculous as possible; for their profession approaches too near to that of the sacred order. I am inclined to suspect, that they are the remains of a very extensive priesthood, who formerly held the same station with respect to the Whalliaru, that the Bráhmans do now to the Súdra, and who with their followers formed the heretical sect called Vaishnavam. This would be cleared up, perhaps, by a conversation with a sect called the Válmika Satánana, who are said to be the proper Gurus of the Parriar below the Ghats: but I have not had an opportunity of investigating this matter.

The Satánana are divided into two sects besides the Válmika. Both contend for a priority of rank; and they neither intermarry, nor eat in common. If we were to judge by the circumstances that give rank to Bráhmans, the Tricoveluru Satánana ought to be the highest; but the other class call themselves Pratama, or first. They are also called Coil Satánana, as being a kind of officiating priests in the temples.

The Tricoveluru Satánana, in order to procure worldly enjoyment, act as school-masters to instruct the youth in the reading and writing, both of Sanskrit and of the vulgar languages; and also in music, both vocal and instrumental. Some also, who are rich, become farmers. The proper manner, however, in which they ought to subsist, is by begging; and by this rejection of worldly enjoyment, like the Bráhmans, they expect in a future state to obtain a high reward. They intermarry, and eat among one another, without any distinction of family, learning, or profession; and have no objection to a man of any nation, provided he can show that he is a Satánana. The Bráhmans allege, that on such occasions they are not very scrupulous in their inquiries. They have hereditary chiefs, who with the assistance of a council settle disputes, and punish delinquents. They are not allowed to take animal food, nor spirituous liquors. Here they bury, below the Ghats they burn, the dead. They are allowed two wives, who can only be divorced for adultery. Their native language is the Telinga; yet the book peculiar to the cast is in the poetical language of the Tamul nation. This they call the Védam; but the Bráhmans call it Trivéda Prabandam. They allege, that they read the eighteen Puranas;

Puráns; but this the Bráhmans deny. They worship Vishnu by set forms of prayer; but address Siva only mentally, or by extemporary petitions, when they consider themselves in danger from his destructive power. They never worship in any manner Dharma Rája, Maríma, Putalíma, or any other of the Saktis. None of them take the vow of Dáferi; but some assume a life of celibacy, and live entirely by begging. In this case, they never cut their hair, and are called Ekangi. They cannot assume this order without some ceremonies having been performed by their Gurus, who are both the Sannyásis and the hereditary chiefs of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans. These confer upadéśa and chakrántikam without reward, and at the same time give the Satánana a dinner; which, as being a kind of charity, is rather an acknowledgment of the Bráhman's inferiority; the person who receives the charity being, in this country, considered as of a higher rank than the donor. By charity here must always be understood something given to a person asking for it in the name of God, as having dedicated himself to a religious life. Alms given to the necessitous poor and infirm, are received with great thankfulness, such persons being very numerous above the Ghats.

In the Tamul language, the Satánana are called Satany. Those who serve in temples, and who are thence called Coil, on account of their assumed superiority, take the name of Pratama. They say, that their proper office is that of Pujári in the temples of Vishnu, and of the gods of his family. The Pujá consists in chaunting some prayers, and pouring some water over the head of the image, and thus making what they call holy water; which is distributed among the people to drink, and to pour on their heads when they pray. As the image is always well rubbed with oil, the water impregnated with this forms no pleasant beverage; but that renders the drinking of it more meritorious. The prayers used by the Pratama Satany, on such occasions, are in the Tamul language; and although the holy water consecrated by them is good enough for the Súdra, it is of no use to a Bráhman, who in his ceremonies can employ such only as has been consecrated by a Bráhman Pujári. The Satany adorns the image with flowers, cloths, and jewels, and anoints it with oil. They and the Bráhmans who are in the service of the temple are the only persons that may touch the image; they therefore perform all the menial offices about the shrine, and place the images on their chariots, or beasts of carriage, when they are going in procession. The Súdra are only permitted to drag the ropes by which the carriage is drawn. A few of this kind of Vaishnavam are farmers, and some are employed to cultivate flower-gardens, especially those which are reserved for the use of temples. Many of them obtain permission from their Guru, and by receiving a new upadéśa become Ekangi, assume a red or yellow dress, and, leading a life of celibacy, support themselves by begging. They never take the vow of Dáferi. Their native language is the Telinga; but their cast book is the Triveda Prabandam, and they can also read shlokams or verses in Sanskrit. They neither eat animal food nor drink spirituous liquors. They burn the dead, and their widows ought to burn themselves; but this custom has become entirely obsolete. Widows, and girls, above the age of ten, are not marriageable. The men are allowed many wives; but do not shut them up, nor divorce them for any cause except adultery. Like those of the Bráhmans, the women of the Satánana never spin, nor follow any productive industry; but they bring water for domestic purposes, and cook the family provisions. The Pratama Vaishnavam are all equal, and can all intermarry and eat in common. The hereditary chief of all those in this neighbourhood resides at Manjupulla, and, with a council as usual, possesses a jurisdiction both civil and criminal. Their Guru is Puttara Acharya, one of the hereditary chiefs of the Aayngar Bráhmans. He bestows on them upadéśa and chakrántikam; and on these occasions

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expects charity. They pray only to Vishnu and to the gods of his family, and abhor the worship of Siva, or of his followers the Saktis.

15th July.—I went three coffes to the place which in our maps is called Chiina Balabaram; the nature of which name no one here understands. By the Mussulmans it is called Chuta Balapour, and the native appellation is Chica Bala-pura. The country the whole way has been arable; but at present a great part of it is uninhabited, and one of the finest rice-grounds that I have ever seen above the Ghats is quite waste. About forty years ago Chica Bala-pura belonged to Náráyana Swámi, a Polygar, who possessed also Doda Bala-pura, Devund-hully, and Silagutta, a country producing a yearly revenue of 100,000 pagodas, or 33,579l. os. 4d. He resided chiefly at Chica Bala-pura, and Nandi-durga was his principal strong hold; from the strength of which he had been able to resist the power of the Mussulmans of Sira. This place then contained a thousand houses of merchants or traders; and, although not a fortress of much strength, it was a mart of great importance. Hyder, after reducing the neighbouring countries, laid siege to it; and the Rájá, unable to resist, agreed to pay 100,000 pagodas; but after some delay the Mussulman was persuaded to go away with only 60,000. These the Rájá levied by a contribution from the merchants of this town, which was not given without great reluctance, and is considered as the commencement of their misfortunes. Soon after, the Rájá of Gutti coming to the assistance of his friend Náráyana Swámi, that Polygar became refractory, and again drew upon himself the anger of Hyder, who took all his forts, and expelled him from the country. The place continued to enjoy considerable prosperity under Hyder, although, in consequence of the contribution exacted by the Rájá, many of the mercantile houses had withdrawn; for in India, as elsewhere, merchants cannot endure to be taxed. They were soon after entirely dispersed by the tyranny of Tippoo; but he added much to the ornament and strength of the fort. On the arrival of Lord Cornwallis the Rájá was reinstated; and, after the retreat of the British army, like the other Polygars who had been restored to their countries, he refused submission to Tippoo. Ishmael Khán, the father of one of the Sultan's wives, was sent with an army to reduce them. In besieging one of the forts he met with considerable loss; and it was only from its ammunition having been exhausted, that the place surrendered. It is said, that the garrison, consisting of seven hundred men, obtained terms of capitulation which were not observed; the chief officers were hanged, and every soldier had either a hand or a leg cut off with the large knife used by the Madigaru, who in this country are the dressers of leather; the only favour shewn to the garrison was the choice of the limb that was to be amputated. A similar punishment was at the same time inflicted on 700 of the neighbouring farmers, who had occasionally stolen into the place, and assisted in its defence. As they had no means of stopping the hemorrhage, except by applying rags dipped in boiled oil; and as many were too poor, and the greater part, on such an occasion, too friendless to procure assistance, a small proportion only of these wretches survived. Some of them are here now, and subsist by begging; and the messenger of Purnea, who attends me, was present at the execution, as one of Tippoo's soldiers. This barbarous punishment had, however, the desired effect; and every Polygar instantly quitted the country. In the last war, the heir of the family returned, and for five months occupied the place. The people here seem to be attached to him; but those of Silagutta consider him as a ruffian, like most other Polygars. The Mysore government offered him terms, which he despised. Rather than accept of any thing less than what his

family formerly possessed, he preferred retiring to the countries ceded to the Nizam, where there is a kind of licence for all manner of disorder.

The town is now beginning to revive; and I am told, that both it and the country round are more populous, and better cultivated, than they were under Tippoo's government; the vicinity of the Nizam's dominions affording excellent means of obtaining a supply of inhabitants. The trade is entirely confined to the purchase and sale of articles produced in the neighbourhood, except that they get some cotton-wool from the Nizam's country, and send thither some sugar and jagory. The manufacture of sugar of a fine quality is in great perfection, but on a very confined scale, and is kept a profound secret by a family of Bráhmans. Weavers of white cotton cloth are beginning to assemble, and fifteen houses of them are now at work. The place contains 400 houses, of which no less than 100 are occupied by Bráhmans. Formerly they had a great extent of charity lands; but, these having been all resumed, they are very poor. Most of them are Vaidika, and therefore few choose to follow any useful profession. Thirty of the houses are of such high rank, that they live entirely upon charity.

16th July. — I remained at Chica Bala-pura, where I find that a large proportion of the inhabitants speak, as their native dialect, the Telinga language; yet the Náráyana family were of Karnata extraction. At this place the regulations of Krishna Ráyalu were never received, owing perhaps to its having been in possession of the Náráyana family before it became subject to the yoke of the Anagundi Kings, who were of Telinga descent.

The Bráhman, who is here reckoned the most learned of the Sri Vaishnavam sect, says, that Ráma Anuja Achárya made 700 Sannyásis, each of which had a mata, or college, and 74 hereditary chiefs. The Sannyásis are now reduced to five that are called thrones (Singhafanas); but the whole of the hereditary chiefs remain. About 500 years ago a schism arose in the sect concerning the interpretation of certain of their books. Some of the Sannyási and some of the hereditary chiefs followed one interpretation, and some another; and each was followed by the whole of the disciples belonging to his college, or house. Hence the Sri Vaishnavam are divided into Tangalay and Wadagalay, who will neither eat together, nor intermarry. The Sri Vaishnavams of the country south from the Krishna river will not intermarry with either Smartal or Madual; but those from Golconda are not so scrupulous; and many who originally came from that country are now settled in these parts. The differences between the two sects of Aayngar consist in some ceremonies: for instance, at prayers, the Wadagalay ring a bell, which the Tangalay hold in abhorrence. Besides, the Wadagalay think, that in order to obtain future bliss, it is very necessary to be regular in their devotions, and liberal in their charity to pious Bráhmans. Their opponents attach less importance to those duties. This man denies that his sect ever bestow proper upadéfa on their Súdra followers, or ever read proper mantrams to them. These ceremonies are reserved for the three higher casts only; and of these the second is entirely extinct. Those who are pretenders to this rank are by the Bráhmans treated merely as Súdra. On solemn occasions the panchángas, or village astrologers, read some prayers to the Súdras; but they are not taken from the Védas, and are considered as of very little efficacy. These Bráhmans do not consider themselves as at all bound to instruct the Súdras, nor to prevent them from offering bloody sacrifices to evil spirits.

According to my informer, the Aayngar always existed; but before the time of Ráma Anuja, from the want of charity, they had fallen into a low state; for at that

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time the worshippers of Linga, Jain, and Buddha, three of the twenty one heretical sects, were very numerous. The hereditary chiefs do not send fixed deputies to reside among their distant followers; but they occasionally send agents to make circuits, bestow *chakrántikam*, and receive charity. My informer insists positively, that the Sannyásis never bestow their *upadéśa* on any person, but their intended successor; lest the Bráhmán so dignified should establish a separate throne. Sometimes the intended successor gets the *upadéśa* early, and is sent to travel till his predecessor dies. The agents employed by the Sannyásis, to prevent them from aspiring to the dignity of their masters, are always married men.

The Numbi are an inferior order of Bráhmans, whose duty is to act as *pujáris* in the temples. They are all *Vaidika*, and never follow any worldly occupation; but are despised on account of their receiving fixed wages for performing their duty. The other Bráhmans originally, perhaps, all lived by begging, which is the proper occupation of the cast, and the most dignified manner of living, as being most agreeable to God; and in consequence acquired an hereditary superiority over the Numbis, which is kept up even by the *Lokika*, who have betaken themselves to worldly business, and who for wages will serve even men. Whatever may be the cause, no *Lokika*, much less any *Vaidika*, will eat or intermarry with a Numbi; but these receive the same *upadéśa* with the others, and are permitted to read the same books. They all marry, and their offices are hereditary. They are divided into two sects, that do not intermarry. Those of the one act in the temples of Vishnu, and follow as *Gurus* the heads of the *Aayngar* sect. The others are *pujáris* in the temples of *Iwara*, and follow as *Gurus* the *Smartal Sannyásis*. The *Madual* have no Numbis; and their *Gurus* are the only persons of the sect who perform the office of *pujári* in any temple.

The *Aayngar* say, that *Para Brahma*, *Náráyana*, or *Vishnu*, is the supreme god. He is represented by images having one head, and under that form is worshipped in all temples. He assumed four great forms, or *avatárs*, *Anirudha*, *Pratimána*, *Vasudéva*, and *Sankarshana*: the forms of these *avatárs* may be seen in temples, but they are only worshipped by the angels. The supreme deity then assumed eleven incarnations, or inferior *avatárs*. Ten of these are common objects of worship with men; the eleventh, or *Budha*, is held in abhorrence. *Bráhmá*, the son of the supreme deity, was born with five heads; but lost one of them in an intrigue which he had with the wife of his son *Iswara*. He is represented in temples with four heads; but his images are placed there merely as ornaments, and never occupy the sacred place where the object of worship stands. *Iswara*, the son of *Bráhmá*, has five heads, and is held in abhorrence by the *Aayngar*, as being the husband of *Parvati*, who has taken the form of many destructive spirits, such as *Marina*, *Putalina* and the like. Fear of immediate destruction sometimes tempts the *Aayngar* to pray to the destroying powers; but in general they pretend, that they are entirely occupied by thoughts of happiness in the next world, which can only be procured by the favour of the *avatárs* of *Vishnu*, or of their wives, all of whom are incarnations of *Máyá*. The servants of the *avatárs*, such as *Hanumanta*, are not proper objects of worship; but some Numbis, in order to procure bread, officiate as priests in their temples; for the populace believe, that these beings have the power of bestowing temporal blessings.

The most learned *Smartal* here say, that *Para Brahma* is the supreme god, and *Máyá*, or *Sakti Prakriti*, is his wife. They deny the four forms of God worshipped in heaven; but say, that from *Máyá* proceeded three great *avatárs*, of a good, of a kingly, and of a destructive nature; and named *Vishnu*, *Bráhmá*, and *Iswara*, or

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Siva. Vishnu has assumed a great number of inferior avatárs, or incarnations, of which however ten are more distinguished than the others. The three avatárs, called Vishnu, Brahmá, and Iswara, are however to be considered as all the same with Para Brahma; and Parvati, the wife of Siva, is the same with Máyá. All the Saktis are a kind of avatárs of Parvati; but Bráhmans ought not to worship her under these forms. To obtain wisdom, the Smartal worship Siva, and his wife Parvati; Geneswara, their son, to prevent him from obstructing their views; and Vishnu to obtain heaven. They do not allow that there is any image of Para Brahma or Náráyana; and say, that the image so called by the Aayngar, is one of the forms of Vishnu. This sect evidently believe in a kind of Trinity, there being three forms which are essentially the same, and yet different; but their doctrine is very distinct from that taught by Christians; as they have in their supreme god-head a male and female power, from whence proceed three persons of the male sex, accompanied also by three female persons, and the female is always called the Sakti, or power of the deity.

The Smartal say that it was God who assumed the form of Saukara Achárya, and that he lived long before the time of Ráma Anuja. At that time all Bráhmans were Smartal; but the Kings and people were mostly followers of Buddha, or of the other heretical sects.

All these Bráhmas, when asked for dates, or authority, say, that they must consult their books, which may be readily done; but when I send my interpreter, who is also a Brahman, to copy the dates, the Brahmans here pretend that their books are lost.

The Pacanat Jogies belong to a tribe of Telinga origin, that is scattered all over the peninsula; and in their own language they are called Jangalu. The proper business of their cast is the collecting, preparing, selling, and exhibiting of the plants used in medicine. As a guide in the practice of physic, they read the Vaidya Sastram, which is written in the Telinga language; and they also study the Abara, which is the most approved dictionary, or school-book, in that dialect. They are very poor, and go about the street, each crying out the names of certain diseases, for which he pretends to have a powerful specific. Their virtuous men, after death, are supposed to become a kind of gods, and frequently to inspire the living; which makes them speak incoherently, and enables them to foretell the event of diseases. Medicine in this country, has indeed fallen into the hands of charlatans equally impudent and ignorant. Such of the Jangalu as are too lazy and unskilled to practise physic, live entirely by begging. In whatever country they have settled, they can all, without distinction, intermarry; which by their neighbours is looked upon as a great indecency, and as subversive of the purity of cast. They keep as many wives as they can; and never divorce them, adultery being either unknown, or not noticed. They do not marry their girls till after the age of puberty. A widow cannot take a second husband; but she is not expected to bury herself with the body of her husband. They can lawfully eat sheep, goats, hogs, fowls, and fish; and intoxicate themselves with spirituous liquors, opium, and hemp. They have moveable huts, which they pitch on the outside of towns, and wander about the country, selling and collecting their drugs. Asses are their beasts of burthen. They have no hereditary chiefs, but follow the advice of old men, who have, however, no power of excommunication. They consider Iswara and Vishnu as the same god, and, when in distress, pray mentally to these deities. They offer sacrifices to Gangoma, Yellama, Gorippa, &c.; and in distress make vows of money to Dharma Raja. Their Guru is the Sri Shela Bichawutta, who sits on the Surya

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Singháfana, or throne of the sun. He is a married man of hereditary rank, and wears the linga, of which the Jangalu are not considered worthy. When one of them goes to the Guru, he makes a profound reverence, and, according to his slender means, presents a small sum. The Guru, in return, gives them some consecrated ashes of cow-dung, with which they make the mark of Siva on their foreheads; and he takes their beads in his hand, by which the prayers repeated on them become more efficacious. At their marriages the panchanga reads prayers (mantrams). At the Amavafya, or new moon, they fast; but they observe no ceremony in honour of their parents.

The Afagaru, Afagas, or washermen, in this country are of two kinds, Súdra, and Whalliaru. The former are of two nations, Telinga and Karnata. These last are by far the most numerous; and, although they will not intermarry with the Telinga washermen, yet they will eat in common. They have no hereditary chiefs; but the collector of the district, who is appointed by the government, and receives a salary, carries all complaints to the cutwal of the Kasba, or police officer of the chief town of the district, who settles them according to custom. The washermen of every village, whose office is hereditary, washes all the farmers clothes, and, according to the number of persons in each family, receives a regulated proportion of the crop. Out of this he must pay to government a certain sum, which in general is collected by the head washerman of the Kasba. They follow no profession but that of washing; and in all public processions, are bound, without reward, to carry a torch before the images, and the chief officer of government. Both men and women wash. Their proper beasts of burthen are asses, each house keeping for breeding and labour two or three the asses. The female colts are reserved to keep up the breed; and the males are sold to the different petty traders that use this kind of cattle. The washermen confine their marriages to a few families that they know to be of pure descent. They marry a number of wives if they can afford it; but that is seldom the case. The girls, even after the age of puberty, continue to be marriageable; but cannot take a second husband. They can be divorced for no other cause than adultery. None of them can read: in fact, although admitted to be Súdras, they are a cast most deplorably ignorant. They never take the vow of Dáseri. They are allowed to drink spirituous liquors, and to eat fish, fowls, and hogs; but will not touch carrion. They worship a god called Bhúma Dévaru, who is represented by a shapeless stone. At Bangalore, and some other large towns, they have temples dedicated to this god, and served by a pújari of their own cast. To Bhúma Dévaru they offer fruit, and solicit him not to burn or destroy their cloth. They sacrifice animals to Ubbay; which, so far as I can understand, means steam. They conceive that it is God who makes their water boil, and occasionally burns their cloth; and also that the steam, issuing from the water, is the more immediate residence of the divinity, whom therefore they call Ubbay; but they believe Ubbay and Bhúma to be the same. This seems to be the proper worship of the cast; but they address themselves to any other object of superstition that comes in their way, praying to Vishnu and the other great gods, and sacrificing to Putalima and the Saktis. These prayers and sacrifices seem intended merely to procure temporal prosperity. I could not perceive that they had the smallest knowledge or belief of a state of future existence. Their Gurus are of the Satánana cast; but where they live, or what they do, is to their followers totally unknown. They come round occasionally, bestowing holy water, and getting food and money as charity. The panchanga attends at marriages, and tells them the times of the new moon; at which period almost all Hindus observe a fast in memory of
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their deceased parents. They say, that, as they wash the clothes of the astrologer, or panchānga, he occasionally comes, and tells them some lies; for that he is never at the trouble of predicting the truth, except to those who are rich.

The Wully Tigulas, like the Vana Pallis, are a cast of Tamul or Tigula origin; and their only employment is the cultivation of kitchen gardens. They have lost their original language; but when there is a scarcity of girls here, they go down to the Lower Carnatic, and get wives from the parent stock. The men are allowed a plurality of wives, and never divorce them, but content themselves with giving their females a good drubbing when they prove unfaithful. The girls continue to be marriageable after the age of puberty, and are very industrious in gathering the produce of the garden, and in carrying it to market. They do not spin. This cast has hereditary chiefs called Gaunda, which is the Tamul name for the head man of a village. None of them can read. With the Vana Pallis they eat, but cannot intermarry. They are allowed to eat animal food, but not to drink spirituous liquors. They bury the dead, and have some faint notions of a future state; but rather as a thing of which they have heard, than as a thing of which they are firmly convinced, or in which they are much interested. They take the vow of Dāseri, which literally means service; the person, who takes the vow, thereby dedicating himself to the service of God. They are admitted into all temples, so that they are not considered of an impure descent; but they have no Guru. At the annual commemoration of their deceased parents, the pauchānga reads prayers (mantrams), which they do not understand; but at births, marriages, or funerals, no such ceremony is required. They do not observe the amāvāsya. The cast god is Venkata Rāmana, or the Vishnu of Tripathi. When they go into a temple of this idol, they give the priest some small money, and get in return holy water and consecrated flowers. They offer sacrifices to the Saktis, and in fact worship every thing they meet, which is called a deity.

17th July.—In the morning I went three coffes to Bhidi-caray, a small fortified village situated on the side of Nandi-durga, which is opposite from Chica Bala-pura. I passed through among the hills by the side of Chin'-raya-conda; from whence, it is said, springs the Pennar, or, the Utara Pinākani, as it is called in the Sanskrit. This river runs toward the north; and the Palar, which springs from Nandi, runs to the south. These hills may therefore be looked upon as the highest part of the country in the center of the land, south from the Krishna. The sources of the Kāvéri and Tungabhadra, towards the western side, are probably higher.

Among the hills of Nandi-durga is much fertile land, now covered with bamboos, and useless trees; but which, with a little encouragement, might be brought into cultivation: this, however, would be improper, until there be a number of people, and a quantity of stock, sufficient to occupy all the lands that have formerly been cultivated, but are now waste. Such, at least, is the opinion of the amildar, who is a sensible man.

I took an opportunity, in company with this amildar, of examining into the management of the lac insect; and for this purpose we collected all the people who follow that employment. I have always found, that the more of any class of people were assembled, the more likely I was to get just information: not that all of them spoke; some one or two men generally answered my questions; but they did it without fear of reflexions from those who might otherwise have been absent; as every one, if he chose, had an opportunity of speaking. The Hindus of all descriptions, so far as I have observed, are indeed very desirous of having every kind of business discussed in public assemblies.

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The people who manage the lac insect, in the hills near Nandi-durga, are of the cast called Woddaru; and for the exclusive use of the trees they pay a rent to government. The tree on which the insect feeds is the jala, which is nearly related to the faul of Bengal, or the shorea of Gærtner, and perhaps the vatica chinensis of Linnæus. All the trees that I saw here were small, not exceeding eight or ten feet in height; and their growth was kept down by the insect and its managers; for this size answers best. The tree, left to itself, grows to a large size, and is good timber. For feeding the insect, it thrives very well in a dry barren soil; and is not planted, but allowed to spring up spontaneously as nature directs. It is often choked by other trees, and destroyed by bamboos, which, by rubbing one against another, in this arid region, frequently take fire, and lay waste the neighbouring woods. By removing all other trees from the places where the jala naturally grows, and perhaps by planting a few trees on some other hills, and protecting them from being choked as they gradually propagate themselves, the lac insect might be raised to any extent on lands now totally useless, and never capable of being rendered arable. In Kartika, or from about the middle of October to the middle of November, the lac is ripe. At that time it furrounds almost every branch of the tree, and destroys almost every leaf. The branches intended for sale are then cut off, spread out on mats, and dried in the shade. A tree or two, that are fullest of the insect, are preserved to propagate the breed; and of those a small branch is tied to every tree, in the month Chaitra, or from about the middle of March to the middle of April; at which time the trees again shoot out young branches and leaves. The lac dried on the sticks is sold to the merchants of Balahari, Gutti, Bangalore, &c.; and according to the quantity raised, and to the demand, varies in price, from 5 to 20 fanams a maund. This is what is called stick-lac. In my account of Bangalore, I have given the process for dyeing with this substance; which after the dye has been extracted, is formed into seed and shell-lac.

I found the country beyond the hills more desolate than that near Chica Bala-pura. One-third of what has formerly been cultivated is not occupied; many of the villages are entirely deserted, and have continued so ever since the invasion of Lord Cornwallis. The people say, that they were then afflicted with five great evils: a scarcity of rain, followed by that of corn; and three invading, and one defending army, all of which plundered the country, and prevented grain from being carried from places where it might have been procured; but, in destruction, the armies of the Marattahs, and of the Sultan, were eminently active; and the greater part of the people perished from want of food. In this last war they met with no disturbance from the armies; but three-fourths of their cattle perished by disease. This was not owing to a want of forage, of which there was plenty; but is by the natives attributed to an infection, which was propagated from the cattle of the armies besieging Seringapatam. Between Colar and Chica Bala-pura the disease has this year again made its appearance; but it has not yet come to this side of the hills.

The whole land near Bhidi-caray has formerly been cultivated; and the champaign country seems to extend far to the westward, where, at the distance of thirty-two miles, Siva-ganga rears its conical head. The ragy is now coming up, and makes a wretched appearance; for in every field there is more grass than corn. Notwithstanding the many ploughings, the fields are full of grass-roots, which are indeed of great length, very tenacious of life, sprout at every joint, and are of course difficult to remove; but a good harrow would effect much. The farmers of this country are abundantly industrious; but their want of skill is conspicuous in every operation.

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CHAP. VI. — *From Doda Bala-pura to Sira.*

THE 18th July I went two coffes to Burra, Pedda, Doda, or Great Bala-pura, as it is called in the Mussulman, Telinga, Karnata, and English languages. All the country through which I passed has formerly been under cultivation; but now it is almost entirely unoccupied.

On the dissolution of the Vijaya-nagara kingdom, Náráyana Swámi, the polygar of Bala-pura, assumed independency; and in the fort, remains of his castle, surrounded as usual by temples, may still be traced. On the invasion by the Mogul army under Cossim Khán, the polygar was obliged to give up this open part of his country, and to retire to Chica Bala-pura, situated nearer his strong holds. Doda Bala-pura formed then one of the seven districts of the Sira government; but it was soon wrested from the Mussulmans by the Marattahs. On their decline again, after the battle of Panniput, it was seized by the Nizam, who gave it as a jaghir, or feu, to Abbás Khuli Khán, a native of the place. He enlarged the fort to its present size, made very good gardens after the Mussulman fashion, and built a palace with all conveniences suitable to his rank. On the growth of Hyder's power, however, he was under the necessity of giving up the place without resistance; but not choosing to enter into that adventurer's service, whom he considered as his inferior in rank, he returned with his children into the Lower Carnatic, and entered into the service of the Nabob of Arcot. One of his wives and her grandson refused to follow him; and these live now in the fort upon a small pension that was granted them by Hyder, and which has been continued by the Company. The fort, considering that it is built entirely of mud, is very large, and very strong. All within, as usual, is a sad heap of rubbish and confusion. The Assur Khana of Abbás Khuli Khán is, however, a handsome building. In this kind of temple the Mussulmans of the Decan, infected by the superstition of their neighbours, worship Allah under the form of a human hand, painted on a board between two figures that represent the sun and moon.

One side of the fort is surrounded by gardens; and the other three sides by the town of Bala-pura, which contains 2000 houses, and is fortified by a mud wall and hedge. In this town was born Meer Saduc, the detestable minister of the late Sultan. He adorned his native place by a garden, which, together with that of the Abbás Khuli Khan, is kept up by the Raja.

19th and 20th July. — I remained at Doda Bala-pura, making some enquiries.

The Gollaru, or, as they are called in their own language, the Gollawanlu, are a tribe of Telingana descent, and must be distinguished from the Cadu, or Carridy Goalaru, who keep cattle; with whom they never eat in common, nor intermarry. They are one of the tribes of Súdra, whose duty it is to cultivate the ground, and to act as the village militia. This cast has, besides, a particular duty, the transporting of money, both belonging to the public, and to individuals. It is said, that they may be safely intrusted with any sum; for, each man carrying a certain value, they travel in bodies numerous in proportion to the sum put under their charge; and they consider themselves bound in honour to die in defence of their trust; of course, they defend themselves vigorously, and are all armed; so that robbers never venture to attack them. They have hereditary chiefs called Gotugaru, who with the usual council settle all disputes, and punish all transgressions against the rules of cast. The most flagrant is the embezzlement of money intrusted

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trusted to their care. On this crime being proved against any of the cast, the *Gotugaru* applies to the *amildar*, or civil magistrate, and, having obtained his leave, immediately causes the delinquent to be shot. Smaller offences are atoned for by the guilty person giving an entertainment. In cases of adultery, the chief collects four elders, who admonish the woman to a more decent conduct. If she be repentant, the husband takes her back; but if she be impudent, he divorces her. After the age of puberty the girls continue to be marriageable, and a man may marry as many of them as he can maintain, or procure; for the former is not difficult, the women being very industrious, both in the field and in spinning. They are divided into several families, *Mutšaru*, *Beinday*, *Molu*, *Sadalawanlu*, *Perindalu*, and *Toralay*. These are like the *Gótrams* of the *Bráhmans*; the inter-marriage of two persons of the same family being considered as incestuous. They call the proper god of the cast *Krishna Swámi*, who is one of the incarnations of *Višnu*; and they allege, that he was born of their cast both by father's and mother's side. The *Bráhmans* allege, that the mother of this great warrior was of the *Goala*, or cow-keeper cast; in which, perhaps, they are well founded; and they pretend, that a *Bráhman* condescended to impregnate her, which is not improbable. The *Gollawanlu* offer sacrifices to the *Saktis*. They pray to *Kála Bhairava* (terrific time); but the women do not appease his wrath by sacrificing their fingers, like the female *Morasu* above described. They think, that after death good men become a kind of gods; and they offer sacrifices to these spirits: bad men become devils. They know nothing of transmigration. They bury the dead, and sometimes take the vow of *Daferi*. They are allowed to eat animal food, and to drink spirituous liquors. Although their *Guru* wears the *linga*, they do not. He is a *Jangama*, named *Malaiswara Swámi*, who lives at *Mapákáli Conda*, about 14 miles north from hence. On his followers he bestows holy water; and for every marriage accepts of a *fanam*, although he does not attend the ceremony. This tribe seems not to be much attached to any sect; as its members also take holy water from the *Gurus* of the *A'ayngar Bráhmans*, and bestow on those persons charity in money and grain. At their marriages, at the new moons, at births, and at the *Todanu*, as the annual commemoration of the death of their parents is called in the *Telinga* language, the *panchanga*, or village astrologer, reads prayers (*mantrams*), which are by them reckoned of great efficacy, as they are in a language which they do not understand.

The *Cunsa Woculigaru* are a tribe of *Súdra* of *Karnata* descent, who are properly cultivators, and who formed a part of the *Candashara*, or native militia. Their hereditary chiefs are called *Caudas*, whether they are head men of villages or not. The *Gauda* by excommunication, or by the mulct of an entertainment, settles disputes and punishes transgressions against the rules of cast. In cases of adultery, the head man, assisted by his council, inquires into the matter. If the man has been of the same cast, the adulteress is only reprimanded, the husband of course retaining the power of giving her corporal punishment, although he rarely proceeds to such extremities; but if the man has been of a strange cast, the adulteress is excommunicated. They can all intermarry, and the men are allowed to take several wives. The women are very industrious spinners, and labourers in the field, and continue to be marriageable after the age of puberty. Widows ought to be buried alive with their husbands' bodies; and some of the more strict people regret that the custom has become entirely obsolete. They are allowed to eat animal food, but not to drink spirituous liquors. Some of them can read and write accompts. They all worship the *Saktis*, by sacrificing

animals, which they afterwards eat. They believe, that after death the spirits of good men become a kind of gods, and, by sending dreams, warn men of what is to happen. Bad men, after death, become devils, but have no power over the living. To the fainted spirits they offer sacrifices. Some of them take the vow of Dáseri, and some pray to Dharma Rája. The panchánga, or village astrologer, reads mantrams to them at marriages and births, and in some places attends at the annual commemoration of their parents' death; but in other places, those who have taken the vow of Dáseri attend at this ceremony. They are divided into two religions. One sect worships Siva: these do not wear the linga; but their Guru is a Lingabanta Einaru, called Nanjaya, who lives near Colar: he comes occasionally, distributing holy water, and accepting charity. The other sect worships Vishnu, and follows the hereditary chiefs of the A'ayngar, who on their occasional visits distribute holy water, and accept of charity.

The Lali-Gundaru deny their being Súdras, and say that they are Linga Banijigas; but that race will neither eat in their houses, nor give them their girls in marriage. They are a tribe of Karnataka descent. They are farmers, bullock-hirers, gardeners, builders of mud-walls, and traders in straw and other small merchandize: but they never take service as Battigaru, or hinds. They have hereditary chiefs called Ijyamánas; who, as usual, with the assistance of a council, settle disputes, and punish transgressions against the rules of cast, by mulcting the offender in an entertainment, or by a temporary excommunication. In cases of adultery, the chief and his council first investigate the business. If they find it proved, that a woman has been guilty of a connection with a man of a strange cast, the priest (Wodear) is called, and in his presence she is excommunicated; but if she has only bestowed her favours on a man of the cast, her husband turns her away, and she may live with any unmarried person of the cast as a concubine. The men are allowed to have a number of wives; and even after the age of puberty, the women continue to be marriageable. The sex are very industrious, both at spinning, and working in the fields. This cast bury the dead; and, although they offer sacrifices of the Saktis, are not allowed either to drink spirituous liquors, or to eat animal food. They pray to the spirits of good men, thinking that they are the occasion of dreams which foretel future events; but they know not what becomes of the spirits of bad men after death. Some of them are worshippers of Vishnu, and some of Iswara. The Guru of the former is a Sri Vaishnavam Bráhman residing at Ahobalum. The Guru of the Siva side lives at Meilar, and is called Lingappa. He wears the linga, as do also his followers; and he is a Sannyási, but of what kind the people here do not know. In his excursions, which do not happen above once in ten years, he distributes holy water, and receives contributions under the name of charity. It is at their marriages only that the panchánga reads mantrams.

I have already mentioned the customs of the Nagaratras, or Bheri, who worship Vishnu, and of those who worship Siva without wearing the linga. I had here an opportunity of examining those who wear that indecent badge of their religion. They will neither eat nor intermarry with either of the other two sects; but the whole submit to the authority of the same hereditary chiefs, whatever their religious opinions may be. They say, that all Bheri were formerly of the Vishnu side, and that about five hundred years ago they separated from it. Yet they contend, that even before this secession, they and all other Nagarataru were under the authority of Dharma Siva Achárya, a Smartal Sannyási residing in the Lower Carnatic. For this extraordinary circumstance they can assign no reason. This Bráhman at their marriages bestows on them a thread, like that which is worn by the three higher casts; for they pretend to

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be Vaifyas. For each thread, which ever after marriage they continue to wear, they pay one fanam. Under the name of dharma (duty), they also give contributions to this Bráhmán whenever he comes to the place. On such occasions he punishes by whip and fine all those who have transgressed against the rules of cast. They are also subject to Muníswara Swámi, a person of their cast, who lives at Baswana-pura, near Cangundy, in the Bára Mahál. He bestows on them the linga, and an upadésa; but his power in punishing for delinquencies extends only to fines. The first Muníswara Swámi is believed to have sprung from the earth at Calyána Patana; and his successors acknowledge no superiors, but are considered as Iswara in a human form. The office is hereditary, and of course the Swámi marries. The eldest son, on the death of his father, becomes an incarnation of Siva; while the younger brothers are considered merely as holy men, but follow begging as their profession; for in this country that is esteemed the most honourable employment. They reside in the matam, or college, with their brother, and accompany him in his travels among the disciples. The daughters of this sacred family never marry persons of lower birth; but when there is a scarcity of women for the use of the men, they condescend to take the daughters of the Emulnaru, who among this sect are a kind of nobility. These do not intermarry with the populace; but they follow lay professions, and are not in exclusive possession of the office of hereditary chief. In the two other sects of this cast, there are no Emulnaru. The Bráhmán Guru, and Muníswara Swámi, are considered as of equal rank. The Lingabanta Jangamas are not by this cast considered as their Gurus; but they receive charity, by which a kind of authority is implied. They give nothing to the Dévanga Jangamas. They do not know that Muníswara Swami is possessed of any books: when he bestows the linga, he prays extemporarily in the vulgar tongue. At marriages, and the ceremonies which are performed for their deceased parents, the panchánga and mendicant Bráhmáns attend, and read mantrams. On these occasions the Jangamas also attend, and besides receive the whole profit of births and funerals. They bury the dead, and their widows ought to accompany them in the grave; but this custom has become obsolete. Widows cannot marry again: such an action, indeed, being considered as intolerably infamous, my informers lost all patience when I asked the question. The men are allowed a plurality of wives, but cannot divorce them for any cause except adultery. They are not allowed to eat animal food, nor to drink spirituous liquors.

I here find, that besides the tradesman, there are three divisions among the Whalliaru; and that the customs of each differ considerably in different villages, as might be naturally expected among a people who have no written rule. There are two tribes of Whallias that speak the language of Karnata; one called simply Karnata, and the other Morasu Whalliaru. These last deny that they have any Guru; but say, that they give presents to the priests at the temple of Kála Bhairava. They offer sacrifices to the Saktis, to whom they are never pujáris; and in this place they never take the vow of Dáseri. The Karnata Whalliaru say, that they have a god named Cadri Singuppa, which is one of the names of Vishnu. The pujári at this idol's temple is a Vaishnavam, and acts as their Guru. He sends annually a deputy to bestow holy water, and receive charity. They also sacrifice to the Saktis. The Teliga Whalliaru call themselves Maliwanlu, and retain the Telinga language. Their religion here is the same with that last mentioned. They have no idea of a future state. They never marry two wives; but, to keep up the family, if the wife has no children, they may take one concubine. Some men do not marry, and these may keep as many concubines as they please. The Gotugaru, or chief of the cast, here, is not an hereditary office, but a person appointed by the amildar to collect the house rent. He is a Parriar from

the Lower Carnatic; for, as I have before observed, the Parriar of the Tamuls, is the same cast with the Whalliaru of Karnata, and the Maliwanlu of Telingana. He settles all disputes; and on all delinquents imposes a mulct of an entertainment.

The Teliga Dévángas of the Siva sect intermarry with those who worship Vishnu; and the wife always adopts the religion of her husband. Even after the age of puberty the women may marry; and, except for adultery, cannot be divorced. Polygamy is allowed to the men, but they do not confine their women. Widows were formerly expected to bury themselves alive with their husbands' bodies, but the custom has become obsolete. The people of this cast are allowed to eat animal food; but not to drink spirituous liquors. They offer sacrifices to the Saktis, and have the same opinion concerning a future life that the Canara Dévángas entertain. They can read, and write accounts. Although they do not wear the linga, they reject the Brahmáns as Gurus, and follow Cari-Baswa Uppa, who admonishes them to wash their heads, and to pray to Iswara. He as usual receives dharma, or charity, and on every marriage has a small fee. At births, marriages, funerals, new moons, and the annual celebration of their parents' decease, the panchánga reads mantrams; but the Jangamas share in the profits, as on all these occasions they receive charity.

I found here three Smartal Brahmans, who were reckoned men of learning. They said, that the sacred cast is divided into at least two thousand tribes, which from hatred to one another, never intermarry; for they might do so without infringing the rules of cast. It is considered as incestuous for two persons of the same Gótram to intermarry. The origin of the Gótrams is thus explained. The first Bráhmans that sprung from the head of Brahmá when he created mankind are still alive, and are called Rishis. They are endowed with wonderful powers, being able to induce the gods to perform whatever they please. This power they obtained by long fasting and prayer; and they continue to pass their time in these exercises, living in very retired places, and having been very seldom seen, especially in these degenerate days. Each of these Rishis had children, and each became thus the founder of a Gótram; all his descendants in the male line constituting one family. Every Gótram possesses Vaidika, Lokika, and Numbi, or Siva-Brahmana, as this last set are called by the Smartal.

21st July.—I went five cosses to Tonday Bava, near Mahá-kálidurga, passing chiefly through a barren hilly country, totally uncultivated, and covered with bushes or coppice-wood. It is part of a hilly chain that comes toward the west from the north of Colar, and meets at right angles the chain that extends north from Capala-durga. This chain running east and west is called a Ghat, and the country to the north of it is said to be below the Ghats. The whole of it is watered by branches of the Utara Pinákani, or Pennar. The nature of the crops here is very different from that in the southern parts of the country.

The Baydaru are of two kinds, Karnata and Telinga. The former wear the linga, and are said to be numerous near Raya-durga. Those in the north-eastern parts of the Mysore Rája's dominions are of Telinga descent, and retain that language. They seem to be the true Súdra cultivators and military of Telingána, and to have been introduced in great numbers into the southern countries of the peninsula, when these became subject to Andray or Telingána Princes. The Telinga Baydas neither intermarry, nor eat in common with those of Karnata extraction. Among themselves they can all eat together; but, in order to keep up the purity of the race, they never marry, except in families whose pedigree is well known. Like the Bráhmans, they are divided into a number of families, of which a male and female can never intermarry. They have also among them a race of nobles called Chimalas. Among these are the hereditary

hereditary chiefs, who punish transgressions against the rules of cast, and who are called *Gotugaru*. From this class of nobles were also appointed the feudal lords, vulgarly called *Polygars*; but who assumed to themselves the Sanskrit title of *Santhānīca*. Civil differences in this tribe are made up in assemblies of the heads of families, the hereditary chiefs having become almost extinct. No heavier punishment was ever inflicted by these, than the mulct of an entertainment. The *Baydaru* ought by birth to be soldiers, hunters of tigers, boars, deer, and other noble game, and ought to support themselves by cultivating the ground. They are both farmers and hinds, and sometimes act as *taliari*, a low village officer. They are permitted to eat fowls, sheep, goats, hogs, deer, and fish, and to drink spirituous liquors. The men are allowed to take many wives, but can only divorce them for adultery. The women are very industrious, both at home and in the field; and even after the age of puberty continue to be marriageable. Widows are not expected to sacrifice themselves to the manes of their husbands; but they cannot marry a second time. In some families of the *Baydaru*, however, they may be received as concubines. They bury the dead. They believe, that after death wicked men become devils, and that good men are born again in a human form. The spirits of men who die without having married, become *Virika*; and to their memory have small temples and images erected, where offerings of cloth, rice, and the like, are made to their manes. If this be neglected, they appear in dreams, and threaten those who are forgetful of their duty. These temples consist of a heap or cairn of stones, in which the roof of a small cavity is supported by two or three flags; and the image is a rude shapeless stone, which is occasionally oiled, as in this country all other images are. Female chastity is not at all honoured in this way. This superstition seems rather local, than as belonging to this cast; for it is followed by all the *Súdras* of this part of the country, and I have not observed it any where else. The *Baydaru*, in consequence of vows made in sickness, take *Dāferi*, that is, dedicate themselves to the service of God, both perpetual and temporary. The proper god of the cast is *Trimula Dévaru*, to whom a celebrated temple is here dedicated. It is an immense mass of granite on the summit of a low hill. Under one side of it is a natural cavity, which is painted red and white with streaks of red and lime. In this cavity is placed a rude stone, as the emblem of the god; and it is attended by a priest or *pujári* of the cast called *Santánana*. To this place all the *Baydaru* of the neighbourhood once a year resort. The *pujári* then dresses some victuals; and having consecrated them, by placing them before the idol, he divides them among the people. *Trimula*, it must be observed, is the name of the hill at *Tripathi*, on which the celebrated temple of *Vishnu*, under the name of *Vencaty Rámāna*, is built. The *Baydaru* never pray to any of the *Saktis*, except *Marima*, who inflicts the small-pox on those who offend her. To this terrible power they offer sacrifices, and eat the flesh. Their *Guru* is *Trimula Tata Achárya*, an hereditary chief of the *Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans*, who gives them *chakrántikam*, *upadesa*, and holy water, and, when he visits the place, receives from each person one *fanam*. At marriages, and at the annual commemoration of deceased parents, the *panchanga* acts as *purohita*.

22d July. — I went three *cosles* to *Aisauru*, a village inhabited by cultivators, and said to contain five hundred houses, but which looks wretchedly poor.

23d July. — I went three *cosles* to *Doda Bailea*, a fortified village inhabited by farmers, which contains about fifty houses.

24th July. — I went two *cosles* to *Madhu-giri*, or *Honey-hill*, a strong *durga* which is surrounded on all sides by hills. From *Bailea*, these hills appeared as a connected chain, and are a part of that ridge which runs north from *Capala-durga*; but on entering among

among them, I found narrow vallies winding through in all directions. The hills are rocky and bare; but in many places the soil of the vallies is good. In some places there are cocoa-nut gardens; but many of the cleared fields are now unoccupied, and a great deal of good ground seems never to have been reclaimed.

The view of Madhu-giri, on approaching it from the east, is much finer than that of any hill-fort that I have seen. The works here make a very conspicuous appearance; whereas in general they are scarcely visible, being hidden by the immensity of the rocks on which they are situated. On the fall of the Vijaya-nagara monarchy, this place belonged to a Polygar named Chiccuppa Gauda; but more than a century ago it came into the possession of the Mysore family. Mul Rája built the fortress of stone, which formerly had been only of mud. Here also he built a palace; in the suburbs he rebuilt a large temple; and near it he made fine gardens, and the handsomest building for the reception of travellers that I have seen in India. Unfortunately, it is now ruinous. The fortifications were improved to their present form by Hyder; the place in his time was a considerable mart, and possessed some manufactures, having a hundred houses occupied by weavers. A Marattah chief, named Madi Row, held it for seven years of Hyder's government, having seized it after the victory which his countrymen gained at Tonuru. When he was forced to retire, he plundered the town of every thing that he could carry away; and with the exaggeration usual in Hindustan, the place is said to have been so rich, that he disdained to remove any thing less valuable than gold. The oppressions of Tippoo had nearly ruined the place, when the destruction was completed by the Marattah chief, Bulwunt Row, one of Purseram Bhow's officers. Although he besieged the fort five months, he was unable to take it. His army was numerous, exaggerated by native accounts to 20,000 men; but they were a mere rabble, a banditti assembled by the Polygars, who formerly were dispossessed of the neighbouring strong holds, and who then had ventured back under the protection of Lord Cornwallis. When that nobleman gave peace to the Sultan, these ruffians had entirely ruined every open place in the neighbourhood; but they were immediately afterwards dispersed by the Sultan, who pursued with so much activity the 500 Marattah horse which had joined this rabble, that twenty only escaped with their chief. The place has ever since been in a very languishing condition, but is beginning to revive. Purnea has appointed a brother-in-law of his own to be amildar, and gives the inhabitants considerable encouragement.

The Idigas, or Idigaru, are a cast of Telinga origin; and, though they have lost all tradition concerning the time when they settled in this country, they still retain their original language. In this they are called Inrawanlu. They can all eat in common, but keep up the purity of the breed by marrying only in certain families whose descent is known. Like the Shanar of Madras, their proper business is to extract the juice of palm trees, to make it into jagory, and to distil it into spirituous liquors; but some few of them have become farmers. They wish to be called Súdras; but their claim to be of a pure descent is not acknowledged by the Bráhmans, and they appear never to have been permitted to carry arms. The Idigas can read and write accounts. Although they eat animal food, they are prohibited from drinking even palm-wine. The men are allowed a plurality of wives, but can divorce them for no cause except adultery. Adulteresses and widows cannot marry again; they may, however, become concubines, or cutigas. All the descendants of these form an inferior kind of breed, called also cutigas, with whom those who are descended from chaste mothers will not intermarry. The women sell the produce of their husband's labour, and manage household affairs; but never toil in the fields. Even after the age of puberty they continue to be marriageable,

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riageable, and are not permitted to bury themselves with their husband's bodies. They have no hereditary chiefs; but the *renter*, with a council as usual, settles all disputes, and punishes by fine all transgressions against the rules of cast. At their marriages, and at the monthly and annual ceremonies performed in commemoration of their deceased parents, the *panchanga*, or astrologer, reads mantrams. Their Guru of the cast called *Satánana*, and is named *Cadry Singaia*. Near this place he has two houses, and his office being hereditary, he is a married man. He reads to them the history of the gods, written in the *Telinga* language; gives them holy water, administers them to wear the mark of *Vishnu* on their foreheads, and from each person he receives two fanams as charity. His visits are about once in two years. With such a Guru, the principal object of their worship is of course *Vishnu*; but they also offer sacrifices to the *Saktis*, and to the *Virika*, or men who, on account of chastity, have been fainted. All other good men are supposed to become powerful spirits, but are not objects of worship. Bad men are punished in hell. This cast do not take the vow of *Dáseri*.

The *Curubaru* are an original cast of *Karnata*, and, wherever they are settled, retain its language. They are divided into two tribes, that have no communion, and which are called *Handy Curubaru*, and *Curubaru Proper*. These last again are divided into a number of families; such as the *Any*, or elephant *Curubaru*; the *Hal*, or milk *Curubaru*; the *Colli*, or fire C.; the *Nelly C.*; the *Sámanta C.*; the *Coti C.*; the *Afil C.*; and the *Murhindina Curubaru*. These families are like the *Gótrams* of the *Bráhmans*: it being considered as incestuous for two persons of the same family to intermarry. The *Proper Curubaru* have hereditary chiefs, who are called *Gaudas*, whether they be head-men of villages or not, and possess the usual jurisdiction. Some of them can read accompts, but they have no book. The proper duty of the cast is that of shepherds, and of blanket weavers; and in general they have no other dress than a blanket. A few of those who are rich have betaken themselves to the luxury of wearing cotton cloth next their skin; for all casts and ranks in this country wear the blanket as an outer garment. The dress of the women resembles that of the females of the kingdom of *Ava*. The blanket is put behind the back, and the two upper corners, being brought forward under the arms, are crossed over the bosom, and secured by the one being tucked under the other. As their blanket is larger than the cloth used by the women of *Ava*, the dress is more decent. The *Curubaru* were, besides, *candachara*, or militia; cultivators, as farmers, as servants, and as gardeners; *attavana*, or the armed men who serve the *amildars*; *anchay*, or post-messengers, and porters. They are allowed to eat animal food, but in most places are not permitted to drink spirituous liquors. In other places this strictness is not required; and almost every where they intoxicate themselves with palm-wine. The women are very industrious, and perform every kind of work, except digging and ploughing. Even after the age of puberty they continue marriageable, and can only be divorced for adultery. In this cast the custom of *cutiga*, or concubinage, prevails; that is, all adulteresses who are turned away by their husbands, and have not gone astray with a strange man, and all girls and widows, to whom a life of celibacy is disagreeable, may live with any man of the cast who chooses to keep them. They are looked down upon by their more virtuous sisters; but still are admitted into company, and are not out-casts. Among the *Curubaru*, the children of concubines do not form a separate cast, but are allowed to marry with those of a pure breed. By a connection with any man, except a *Curuba*, a woman becomes

becomes an entire out-cast. The men take several wives; and, if they be good workers, do not always divorce them for adultery; but, as they thus incur some disgrace, they must appease the anger of their kindred by giving them an entertainment, and the Guru generally interposes his authority to prevent a separation. The Curubas believe, that those men who die without having been married become Virikas, to whose images, at a great annual feast, which is celebrated on purpose, offerings of red cloth, jagory, rice, &c. are made. If this feast be omitted, the Virikas become enraged, occasion sickness, kill the sheep, alarm the people by horrid dreams, and, when they walk out at night, strike them on the back. They are only to be appeased by the celebration of the proper feast. The peculiar god of the cast is Bir'-uppa, or father Biray, one of the names of Siva; and the image is in shape of the linga; but no other person prays to Siva under this name, nor offers sacrifices to that god, which is the mode by which the Curubas worship Bir'-uppa. The priests who officiate in the temples of this deity are Curubas. Their office is hereditary, and they do not intermarry with the daughters of laymen. In some districts, the Curubas worship another god, peculiar, I believe, to themselves. He is called Battay Dévaru, and is a destructive spirit. They offer sacrifices to him in woods, by the sides of rivulets, or ponds. The carcases of the animals killed before the image are given to the barber and washerman, who eat them. Besides these, the Curubaru offer sacrifices to the Saktis, and pray to every object of superstition (except Dharma Rája) that comes in their way. They are considered as too impure to be allowed to wear the linga, as their Guru does. This person is called a wodear, or jangama; but he is married, and his office is hereditary. His title is Rávana Siddhelwara, and he originally lived at Sarur, which is near Kalyána pattana. At his visits he bestows consecrated ashes, and receives charity. He has a fixed due on marriages, and sends his agent to collect it. At some of their ceremonies the panchánga attends, and acts as puróhita.

30th July.—I went four cosses to Badavana-hully, or the poor man's village; which is fortified with a mud-wall and a strong hedge, and contains about twenty houses of cultivators. In the former war it fell into the hands of Purferam Bhow's army; and, although the inhabitants have lived ever since in perfect security, it has not yet recovered one-half of its former population. The disease among the cattle last year did not extend toward this quarter farther than Chica Bala-pura; but this year it has killed one half of the stock.

The country through which I came to-day consists of vallies interspersed with detached barren hills. In these vallies there has been formerly a good deal of cultivation; at present, however, they are not half peopled. A great part of the country is covered with the wild date palm, or *date sylvestris*, of which no care is taken. Even on bad soils it seems to be so thriving, that I have no doubt but that even there it is sufficiently productive of juice.

31st July.—I went four cosses to Sira. The greater part of the country, through which I passed to-day, is covered with trees, which are rather higher than is usual in the wastes of this country. Among them were many wild date palms. The Sultan, as I have already mentioned, with a view of enforcing the doctrine of his religion, which forbids the use of intoxicating liquors, gave orders that all these should be cut. Like most of his other regulations, this seems to have been very ill obeyed; for in the central parts of his dominions no tree seems to be in such abundance. On the way, I passed two ruinous villages, and one still inhabited; but by far the greater

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number of the fields were uncultivated, and by far the greater part of the country shows no traces of its ever having been reclaimed, although it seems in very few places to be too steep or too barren for the plough.

From the 1st to the 6th of August, I remained at Sira, investigating the state of that neighbourhood, as being the principal place in the central division of the Raja's dominions north from the Cavery.

Sira, for a short time, was the seat of a government which ruled a considerable extent of country, and seems to have been at its greatest prosperity under the government of Dilawur Khan, immediately before it was conquered by Hyder. It is said, that it then contained 50,000 houses, of which Mussulmans occupied a large proportion. By this change of masters Sira suffered greatly; not owing to any oppression from Hyder, but from its being deprived of the expenditure attending the court of a Mogul Nabob. It was also much reduced by the Marattah invasions, which had nearly proved fatal to the rising power of its new master; and its ruin was accomplished by his son Tippoo, who removed twelve thousand families, to form near his capital the new town of Shahar Ganjam. About three hundred houses remained, when the Marattah army, under Purferam Bhow and Hurry Punt, took up their head quarters in the fort, which is well built of stone, and of a good size. These invaders did no harm to the town, but destroyed most of the villages in the neighbourhood, and many of these still continue in ruins. The town itself, although the seat of an asoph, or Mussulman lord-lieutenant, continued to languish till it came under the English protection. It is little more than a year since the army under General Harris encamped here on its route to Chatrakal; and since that time two thousand houses have been built; many of its former inhabitants, whom the Sultan had forced to Seringapatam, have returned to their native abode; and others are coming in daily from the country that has been ceded to the Nizam. The only building in the place worth notice is the monument of a Mussulman officer, who commanded here during the Mogul government; but it is abundantly supplied with tombs of men who by the Mohammedans are reputed saints, and near which the people of that faith are anxious to be buried, as they consider the ground holy. The only considerable temple was pulled down by Bahadur Khan, the last asoph of the place; who was building a monument for his wife with the materials, when the arrival of the British army put a stop to such proceedings.

The Dévângas here make two thick coarse cloths; the one called *cadi* is plain, and resembles what is made by the Whalliaru near Bangalore; and the other has red borders, like the cloth of the Togotarus. The whole of the cloth made here is used in the immediate neighbourhood.

The Bily-Mugga weavers consider this name as a term of reproach, and call themselves Curivina Banijigaru. They are an original tribe of Karnata. Some of them are dealers in cloth or grain, and a few are farmers. They have no hereditary chiefs; but infractions of the rules of cast are punished by their clergy or jangamas; who are, however, bound to act by the advice of the elders of the tribe, should the fault be of such magnitude as to require excommunication. An assembly of the heads of families settles disputes. They pretend to be one of the tribes of pure Banijigas, and to be capable of being appointed to the priesthood. They say, that there are six tribes of proper Banijigas; the Badagulu, the Pancham, the Stalada, the Turcana, the Jainu, and the Curivina. All these can eat together; but cannot internarry, unless they have been appointed jangamas; and the descendants of these never marry with the laity, although among themselves they lose all former distinctions. Each of

these six tribes are again divided into Gótrams, and a man and woman of the same Gótram can never marry. The Gótrams of the Curivina are sixty-six in number. They may marry as many wives as they please; but cannot divorce them, except for adultery; and it is not unusual for a husband to keep his wife after she has been guilty of this crime. Women are marriageable even after the age of puberty; and widows may live with a man in a kind of left-hand marriage, and be called Cutigas, or concubines; but both the man with whom they live, and their children, are considered as legitimate. If a woman leaves her husband, and cohabits with another man of the same cast, she is called a Hadra; but her children are not disgraced. Any woman, even an unmarried one, who has connexion with a man of a strange cast, is excommunicated. A widow ought to bury herself alive in her husband's grave; but the custom has become entirely obsolete. The people of this cast eat no animal food, nor drink any intoxicating liquor. They never take the vow of Dáséri. They are allowed to read all the books belonging to the sect, among which they do not reckon the Védas. They wear the linga, and their adorations are principally directed to that emblem of Siva. Their women offer fruit and flowers to Marima, and the other Saktis; but this is not done by the men. They do not believe in the Virika, or spirits of chaste men. Their Gurus are the same with those of the Pancham Banijgaru; the five chief thrones being called Paravutta at Humpa, Verupacshy near the Tungabhadra river, Hujiny, Balahully, and Nidamavudy. Their lay followers of this cast these Gurus make what is called Detcha. The Detcha, having shaved and washed his head, is instructed in some mantrams, or forms of prayer, which are in the vulgar tongue, but which, like the upadésa of the Bráhmans, are kept a profound secret. The Guru then bestows on the Detcha some consecrated herbs and water, and the Detcha in return gives him some money. This ceremony is analagous to the Dhana of the Bráhmans. The Gurus on their circuits receive also from their followers dharna, or charity, or rather duty, but have no fixed dues. The Einaru attend at marriages, births, and funerals, at Mala-paksha, as the tithi of the Súdras is called, and at all great feasts. On these occasions they perform pujá to the linga, reading some mantrams, in the vulgar tongue however, and pouring over it some water and flowers, which by this means are consecrated, and then are divided among the people whom the occasion has assembled. The Einaru then eats something that has been prepared for him, and at marriages receives a small sum of money. The panchánga, or village astrologer, attends on similar occasions, and reads mantrams in the vulgar language. He is of course paid for his trouble.

Here, some Dévángas of the Karnata nation do not wear the linga; but still they consider Cari Bafwa Uppa as their Guru. They will eat in the house of a Dévanga who wears the linga, but he will not return the compliment. They eat in common, but do not intermarry with the Telinga Dévángas, who, like themselves, worship Siva, without wearing his indecent badge. They eat animal food; an indulgence which has probably occasioned the separation. They ought not to drink spirituous liquors. As a kind of excuse, or pretence for eating the flesh, they offer bloody sacrifices to the Saktis. They take the vow of Dáséri, but do not pray to the Virika, or spirits of men fainted for chastity. They acknowledge transmigration, as a future state of reward and punishment.

The Sadru Woculigas are a cast of Karnata origin and Súdra birth; they are divided into two tribes that seem to have no communion; the Cumblagataru Sadru, and the Sadru simply so called. The Sadru Proper are cultivators, both as masters and servants;

they act as Candachara, or native militia, and sometimes trade in grain. They have no hereditary chiefs; but their disputes are settled by a council of four Sadru Gaudas, or chief farmers, who also punish all transgressions against the rules of cast, excommunicating licentious women, and other heinous offenders, and reprimanding those who have been guilty of less enormous faults. By religion they are divided into three classes, those who worship Jaina; those who worship Siva; and those who worship Vishnu under the form of Vencaty Rámána; but this does not prevent intermarriages, and the woman always adopts the religion of her husband. They are also divided into a number of families analagous to the Gótrams of the Bráhmans; and a man never intermarries with a woman of the same family. They have among them a bastard race, descended from widows, who have become the kind of concubines called Cutigas; but they are not numerous, and are held in great contempt by the others. The Gauda whom I have so often mentioned is the person that gives me the information concerning the cast. He is a worshipper of Vencaty Rámána, and denies any belief in a future state; his worship of the gods being performed with a view of obtaining temporal blessings. This sect takes the vow of Daféri, and bury the dead. They can write accompts, but have no books nor science. They eat no animal food, and ought not to drink spirituous liquors. They are allowed as many wives as they can obtain; but do not divorce them for any cause except adultery. Girls continue to be marriageable even after the age of puberty; and widows are not expected to bury themselves with their husbands' bodies; but their becoming concubines of the kind called Cutigas is considered as very disgraceful to all their connections. Their Guru is Tata Achárya, an hereditary chief of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans. He bestows on his followers holy-water, and consecrated victuals, and accepts their charity. The panchánga, or village astrologer, is their puróhita, and attends at marriages, births, the building of a new house, and at Mala-paksha, the ceremony which the Súdras annually perform in commemoration of their deceased parents. The Sadru who worship Siva are but few in number, and wear the linga. The third sect of Sadru worship only the God Jaina, but do not intermarry with the true Jainaru. These burn the dead. The Gauda says, that formerly all the Sadru were Jainu; but that his ancestors, disliking that religion, betook themselves to worship Vishnu. They have not adopted the worship of the Saktis, of Dharma Rájá, nor of the Virika.

The Ladas, or Ladaru, have a language quite different from all the others that are spoken south of the Krishna river. This language they call Chaurasi; and say, that it is spoken at a city called Caranza, which is near the river Gódávári. In fact, it is a dialect of that spoken near Benares, to which the others have much less resemblance. The Ladaru say, that, in consequence of a famine in their own country, about five hundred years ago, they came to this neighbourhood. They serve as cavalry; trade, especially, in horses, and farm lands, but never cultivate them with their own hands. They assume the title of Kshatryas of the family of the sun, and wear a string like the Bráhmans. They will not intermarry with the Rajputs, or other pretenders to a royal descent; but they are treated by the Bráhmans merely as Súdras, and in fact seem to be the highest rank of Súdras in their native country, like the Kayasthas of Bengal, or the Kerit Nairs of Malyala. They are of 14 different families, like the Gotrams of the Bráhmans; and some are followers of the Siva Bráhmans, and some of the Sri Vaishnavam; but this does not produce a separation of cast; for the woman always adopts the religion of her husband. They have no hereditary chiefs; but the affairs of the tribe are managed by an assembly of the heads of families. For small faults these assemblies reprimand; for adultery, or for eating forbidden food, or with forbidden

persons, they excommunicate. Many of them read Sanskrit, and study every kind of book, except the Védas, which they never presume to inspect. My informers are worshippers of Vishnu; yet their Guru is a Smartha Bráhmán, who bestows consecrated victuals and holy water, and receives their dharma. When they are 6 or 7 years of age, they receive from the panchānga their first thread, and upadéśa, at a ceremony called Upanéna. At this the panchānga reads mantrams, as also at births, marriages, full and new moons, at Sankrántis, or the first days of the solar months, at funerals, and at the Mala-paksha lately mentioned. These Ladas sacrifice to the Saktis, especially to the goddess Bhawáni. The pujáris or priests in the temples of this idol are called Bombolas, who observe the rules of Sannyási, especially celibacy, and yet go absolutely naked. They have disciples who are also Sannyásis, but who are not considered as sufficiently holy to be allowed to show their nudities. Part of the sacrifices are eaten by the votary, and part by the Bombola; but the animal is sometimes made a burnt offering to the idol, which in this country is done by no other cast. This burnt offering is by the Ladas called Hómam, which is the same name that the Bráhmans use for their burnt-offerings; but these always consist of flour, or other vegetable matter. It is true that the Bráhmans have a burnt sacrifice of animals, which they call Yagam; but it must be preceded by such a severity of penance, and is attended with such enormous expence that no one in these degenerate days is either willing or able to undertake such an offering. The proper Sakti Pújá, that ought to be performed to Bhawáni, has also fallen into disuse here among the Ladas; but my interpreter says, that at Madras it is very common. The votary takes an animal, and offers it as a sacrifice to the idol in presence of a beautiful young woman, who is perfectly naked. It is supposed that any person who, while in the performance of this sacred ceremony, should even look with desire at the charms exposed to his view, would be instantly struck dead; no one, therefore, undertakes it who has not great confidence in the power which he has over his passions. By the Bráhmans this ceremony is much condemned, and ought to deprive any one of his cast that attempted its performance; yet some of them are said in a private manner to have recourse to this superstition, as it is supposed to have wonderful efficacy in procuring temporal success and felicity. Some of the Ladaru take the vow of Daseri, and at the same time receive chakrántikam. These beg only one day in the week, following on the other six their usual professions; and they never travel about as vagabonds making a noise with bells and conchs. The Ladaru burn their dead, who ought to be accompanied on the pile by their widows; but this custom has become obsolete. Widows are not permitted to become concubines of the kind called Cutigas, nor are the men allowed to keep those called Hadras. A girl after ten years of age is no longer marriageable. The men may take as many wives as they can procure, but can only divorce them for adultery. Persons of this cast drink no spirituous liquors; and, as is usual in Bengal, eat no animal food, except that which has been offered as a sacrifice.

CHAP. VII. — *From Sira to Seringapatam.*

AUGUST 7th, 1800. — Having been informed, that in the woods to the north and north-east of Sira many cattle are bred, and that in the hills to the eastward much steel is made, I determined to take a short journey in these directions, although it was in some measure retracing my steps. For the cattle, Pauguda and Niddygul are the principal places; there being twelve large herds in the one district, and ten in the other. These places, however, being much out of my way, I determined to proceed to Madighesly, where, I was told, there were several herds. In the morning I went five

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coffes to Chandra-giri, or Moon-hill, which is a poor village at the foot of a high rock east from Badavana-hully. Of course, I had before travelled the greater part of the road. In the neighbourhood of Chandra-giri are some fine betel-nut gardens. Formerly these amounted to five candacas of land, or 150 acres. In the time of a dreadful famine, which happened about thirty-six years ago, these gardens suffered much, owing to the wells having become dry; for they are all watered by the machine called Capily. They suffered still more, owing to the desertion of their proprietors, on account of the assessment which was imposed by Tippoo, to enable him to pay the contribution which Lord Cornwallis exacted. They are now reduced to about 45 acres, or $1\frac{1}{2}$ candaca.

The tank here ought to water 6 candacas of land, or 180 acres: but from being out of repair, it at present supplies one-sixth part only of that extent. The farmers here allege, that in the last twenty years they have had only one season in which there was as much rain as they wanted. In this district of Madhu-giri some of the villages want one quarter, some one half, and some two-thirds of the cultivators which would be necessary to labour their arable lands, and some have been totally deserted.

8th August. — I went three coffes to Madighefhy. Part of the road lay in the country ceded to the Nizam, who in the neighbourhood of Ratna-giri has got an insulated district, in the same manner as the Rájá of Mysore has one round Pauguda. The whole country through which I passed was laid waste by the Marattah army under Purscram Bhow; and as yet has recovered very little. In the Nizam's territory the villages were totally deserted. The greater part of the country is now covered with low trees, but much of it is fit for cultivation. On my arrival at Madighefhy, I was not a little disappointed on being told by the civil officers, that in the whole district there was not a single cow kept for breeding; and that the only cattle in the place were a few cows to give the village people milk, and the oxen necessary for agriculture.

Madighefhy is a fortress situated on a rock of very difficult access, and garrisoned by a few Company's sepoy; in order, I suppose, to prevent any of the ruffians in the Nizam's country from seizing on it, and rendering it a strong-hold to protect them in their robberies. At the foot of the hill is a well-fortified town, which was said to contain 100 houses, but that account was evidently greatly under-rated. In it were 12 houses of farmers, and twenty of Bráhmans, who, except two officers of government, were all supported by the contributions of the industrious part of the community; for Tippoo had entirely resumed the extensive charity lands which they formerly possessed. Their houses were, however, by far the best in the town, and occupied, as usual, the most distinguished quarter. The place is now dependent on Madhu-giri; but during the former government was the residence of an asoph, or lord-lieutenant. His house, which is dignified with the title of a mahal, or palace, is a very mean place indeed. The Mussulman Sirdars under Tippoo were too uncertain of their property to lay out much on buildings; and every thing that they acquired was in general immediately expended on dress, equipage, and amusement.

The place originally belonged to a Polygar family; a lady of which, named Madighefhy, having burned herself with her husband's corpse, her name was given to the town; for, above the Ghats, this practice, so far as I can learn, has been always very rare, and consequently gave the individuals who suffered a greater reputation than where it is constantly used. Madighefhy was afterwards governed by Ránis, or Princesses, of the same family with the heroine from whom it derived its name. From them it was conquered by the family of Chicuppa Gauda, who retained it long after the Polygars of Mysore had deprived them of their original possessions, Madhu-giri and Chin'naráyan'durga. During the invasion of Lord Cornwallis, a descendant of

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Chicuppa Gauda came into this country; and, when he found that the place must return to the Sultan's dominion, he cruelly plundered it of the little that had escaped Marattah rapacity. He did not leave the place, which is extremely strong, till Commur ud' Deen Khan came into the neighbourhood with a considerable force.

In the vicinity there is very little cultivation, owing, as the natives say, to the want of rain. The late Sultan three years ago expended 700 pagodas (about 230*l.*) in repairing a tank, that ought to water eight candacas, or 240 acres of rice-land; but in no year since has the rain filled it, so as to water more than what sows two candacas. The wells here are too deep for the use of the machine called capily.

9th August. — The native officer commanding the sepoy in the fort having informed me that I was deceived concerning the herds of breeding cattle, and the village officers being called, he gave such particular information where the herds were, that it became impossible for them to be any longer concealed. The people, in excuse for themselves, said, they were afraid that I had come to take away their cattle for the use of Colonel Welleley's army, then in the field against Dundia; and, although they had no fear about the payment, yet they could not be accessory to the crime of giving up oxen to slaughter. In the morning I took the village officers with me, and visited some of the herds; but the whole people in the place were in such agitation, that I could little depend on the truth of the accounts which they gave; and I do not copy what they said, as I had an opportunity soon after of getting more satisfactory information.

The country round Madighefhy is full of little hills, and is overgrown with copse wood. The villages of the Goalas, or cow-keepers, are scattered about in the woods, and surrounded by a little cultivation of dry-field. The want of water is every where severely felt, and the poor people live chiefly on horse-gram, their ragy having failed. In many places the soil seems capable of admitting the cultivation to be much extended.

Near the town is a fine quarry, of a stone which, like that found at Ráma-giri, may be called a granitic porphyry.

Here also may be easily quarried fine masses of grey granite.

10th August. — In the morning I went three cosses to Madhu-giri. The road led through pretty vallies, surrounded by detached rocky hills. These vallies showed marks of having once been in a great measure cultivated, and contained the ruinous villages of their former inhabitants. Ever since the devastation committed by Purferam Bhow, and the subsequent famine, they have been nearly waste; and many of the fields are overgrown with young trees. A few wretched inhabitants remain, and a few fields are cultivated; and it is said, that this year greater progress would have been made toward the recovery of the country, had not the season been remarkably dry and unfavourable.

On my arrival at Madhu-giri, and questioning Trimula Náyaka on the subject, I found that every town and village in this hilly country had herds of breeding cattle. One of the herds I had met on the road; but they were so fierce, that, without protection from the keepers, it would have been unsafe to approach them. I determined, therefore, to remain a day at Madhu-giri, and examine the particulars.

12th August. — Having been informed, that Chin'naráyan,-durga was distant three cosses, I ordered my tents to be pitched at that place; but on coming up, I found that the distance was only one cofs. In this country, it is indeed very difficult to get any accurate information concerning routes and distances.

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who seems to be a very industrious man. He says, that last year he brought 200 ploughs into his district, and that 200 more would be required for its full cultivation. Near Chin'-naráyan'-durga the country, for the most part, consists of a rugged valley surrounded by hills; but the fields between the rocks were formerly cleared, and well cultivated, and are said to be very favourable for ragy, the rock enabling the soil to retain moisture. Among these rugged spots we visited some iron and steel forges, which had indeed induced me to come this way.

As we approached Tavina-Caray, the country becomes open; and I observed that every field was cultivated. Tavina-Caray is a small town; but several additions to it are making. Some streets in the petta are well laid out; and, as an ornament before each shop, a cocoa-nut palm has been planted. The fortress, or citadel, is as usual almost entirely occupied by Bráhmans. This might seem to be an improper place for men dedicated to study and religion; but in cases of invasion their whole property is here secure from marauders; while the Súdras, who are admitted during the attack as defenders, must lose all their effects, except such moveables as in the hurry they can remove.

14th August. — I went to Tumcuru, the chief place of a district, called also Chaluru. The country is the most level, and the freest from rocks, of any that I have yet seen above the Ghats; I observed only one place in which the granite showed itself above the surface. The soil in most places is good, and might be entirely cultivated. Near Tavina-Caray it is so; but as I approached Tumcuru, I observed more and more waste land. I understand, that the late amildar did not give the people proper encouragement; and about twenty days ago he was removed from his office. By the way I passed nine or ten villages, all fortified with mud walls and strong hedges. At some distance on my left were hills; and the prospect, would have been very beautiful, had the country been better wooded; but, except some small palm gardens scattered at great distances, it has very few trees. Tumcuru is a town containing five or six hundred houses. The fort is well built, and by the late amildar was put in excellent repair. The petta stands at some distance. The great cultivation here is ragy, but there are also many rice-fields. This year there will be no kárúka crop, as at present the tanks contain only eight or ten days water.

15th August. — I went three cosses to Gubi; which, although a small town, containing only 360 houses, is a mart of some importance, and has 154 shops. The houses in their external appearance are very mean, and the place is extremely dirty; but many of the inhabitants are thriving, and the trade is considerable.

16th August. — I went three cosses to Muga-Náyakana-Cotay, a village in the Hagalawadi district. It is strongly fortified with mud-walls, and contains 190 houses. Before the last Marattah invasion, it had, in the petta, a handsome market, consisting of a wide street, which on each side had a row of cocoa-nut palms. While Purferam Bhow was at Sira, he sent 500 horse and 2000 irregular foot, with one gun, to take the place, which was defended by 500 peasants from the neighbourhood. They had two small guns, and 100 matchlocks; the remainder were armed with slings and stones. The siege lasted two months, during which the Marattahs fired their gun several times, but they never succeeded in hitting the place. On some occasions they had the boldness to venture within musket shot of the walls; but two or three of their men having been killed, they afterwards desisted from such deeds of hardihood, and finally retired without one of the defendants being hurt. The peasant destroyed the market, to prevent the Marattahs from availing themselves of the houses in their approach. Nothing can equal the contempt which the inhabitants

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of Karnáta have for the prowess of a Marattah army, but the horror which they have at its cruelty. When Purferam Bhow left this neighbourhood, his people carried off all the handsome girls that fell into their hands; and they swept the country so clean of provisions, that three-fourths of the people perished of hunger.

17th August.—In the morning I went two and a half cosses to Conli.

18th August.—In the morning I went all over Doray Guda, which is about a mile in length, from five to six hundred yards in width, and is divided into three hummocks. The northernmost of these is the most considerable, and rises to the perpendicular height of four or five hundred feet. It is situated in the Hagalawadi district; but, for what reason I know not, pays its rent to the amildar of Chica Nayakana Hully. This is the only hill in this vicinity that produces the iron ore; but as the same hill in different villages is called by different names, I at one time imagined that the mines had been numerous. The people here were ignorant of there being any other mine in this range of hills; but that I afterwards found to be the case. At Conli this hill is called Doray Guda, which name I have adopted. On all sides it is surrounded by other low hills; but these produce no iron.

The whole strata of these hills are vertical, and, like all others that I have seen in the country, run nearly north and south. Where they have been exposed to the weather, on a level nearly with the ground, which is generally the case, these strata divide into plates like schistus, and seem to moulder very quickly. In a few places they rise into rocks above the surface, and then they decay into roundish or angular masses. All that I saw were in a state of great decay, so that it was difficult to ascertain their nature; but, no doubt they are either earthy quartz, or hornstone, variously impregnated with iron, and perhaps sometimes with manganese. Within, the masses are whitish, with a fine grained earthy texture; but outwardly they are covered with a metallic efflorescence, in some places black, in others inclined to blue.

A ledge of this rock passes through the longer diameter of Doray Guda, and seems to form the basis of that hill; but the whole superstratum, both of the sides and summit, seems to be composed of a confused mass of ore and clay. The surface only is at present wrought; so that very little knowledge can be obtained of the interior structure of the hill. In its sides the miners make small excavations, like gravel-pits, but seldom go deeper than five or six feet. On the perpendicular surface of these the appearance is very various. In some places the ore is in considerable beds, disposed in thin brittle vertical plates, which are separated by a kind of harsh sand, yellow, bluish, or green. In one place I observed this sand of a pure white, and forming little cakes, readily crumbling between the fingers. In other places the ore is hard, forming irregular concretions, with various admixtures of earth, clay, and ochres. This kind has a tendency to assume regular forms, botroidal, and reniform, which inwardly are striated with rays diverging from a center. Sometimes plates are formed of this kind of ore, which consist internally of parallel striae. Another form of the ore is bluish, and very brittle. The whole is mixed with what the natives call caricul, or black-stone, which is brown hæmatites. This is also scattered all over the surface of the ground, and there especially assumes botroidal and reniform shapes. By the natives it is considered as totally useless. In some pits I could observe nothing like a regular disposition of the component parts; in others, the various substances are evidently stratified, both in straight and waved dispositions.

The manner of mining the ore is extremely rude and unthrifty. A man with a pick-axe digs on the side of the hill, until he gets a perpendicular face five or six feet wide, and as much high, having before it a level spot that is formed from what

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he has dug. Before him he has then a face containing ore, more or less intermixed with clay, sand, and hæmatites, and covered with two or three feet of the external soil. He then scoops out the ore, and matters with which it is mixed; having beaten them well with the pick-axe, and rubbed them with his hands, he picks out the small pieces of ore, and throws away the hæmatites, sand, clay, ochre, and large pieces of ore; assigning as a reason for so doing, that, as he can get plenty of small pieces there is no occasion for him to be at the trouble of breaking the large ones. The crumbling ores are also much neglected, as they are transported with difficulty. When they have dug as far as they choose to venture, which is indeed a very little way, the miners go to another spot, and form a new pit. The ore, broken as I have now mentioned, is carried down on asses backs, and farther cleaned from earth, and broken into very small pieces, before it is put into the furnace. If it is to be carried far, it is generally transported by buffaloes; but this unwieldy animal is incapable of ascending the hill, which in many places is very steep, and the paths are formed on the mouldering materials that have been thrown away by the miners. There is no person who prepares the ore for those who come from a distance; they remain here for some time with their asses; and, when they have collected a considerable quantity, a number of buffaloes are brought to carry it away. The renter has no occasion to come near the mine. He knows the men that get a supply of ore, and each pays yearly a certain sum, and takes as much ore as he pleases. The renter states the furnaces that are supplied from hence to be six in Tumcuru, ten in Hagalawadi, seven in Chica Nayakana Hully, and three in Sira; but I have access to know that he conceals part of them; yet he is much more correct than the revenue accounts that are kept in Purnea's office at Scringapatam.

No tradition remains concerning the time when this mine began to be wrought, for the natives think that ore has been taken from it ever since the creation of the world; or, as they express themselves, since the hill was born; and, as above 100 ass-loads are daily carried from it, I think it probable that the miners have repeatedly gone over the surface. At each time the natives remove only a very small proportion of the iron; and after a certain number of years, new decompositions, and recompositions of the materials, seem capable of rendering the surface again fit for their manner of working.

The miners have a tradition, that formerly there had been dug into the southern face of the largest hummock an immense cavern, from whence the whole neighbourhood was supplied with ore. The roof of this is said to have given way, and to have buried the miners of seven villages, with all their cattle. The appearance of the hill confirms the truth of this tradition, there being evident proofs of a part of it having fallen in; and in the perpendicular surface, left by this convulsion, may be seen the mouth of a cavern, probably a part of the old mine. The time when this happened is likely to have been very remote; as, lower down than this convulsed surface, there is another mine, which the natives believe to be a natural cavern, and into which, not without some reason, they are afraid to enter. Indeed, none of them have attempted it; for they are persuaded that it extends a great way into the earth, which made me curious to examine it.

The miners have evidently wrought into this part of the mine from the westward; and until they came to the ledge of earthy quartz, or hornstone, before mentioned, they have carried on a regular face of considerable width and depth. This ledge cutting off the mine, they had by the side of the barren rock made a horizontal cavity into the hill, and thus formed a cavern about fifty feet long, twelve feet high,

and nine wide. It is probable, that they had then met with some obstruction; for under this they have formed another mine, which cuts off the communication between the ground and the first-mentioned cavern. As there were evident marks of the feet of a large beast of prey at the mouth of the cave, I took the precaution of making a sepoy fire his musket into it; and, nothing but a large flock of bats, having appeared, I went in, accompanied by two armed men. We soon came to a place where a bed had been formed in the sand by some of the tiger kind; and having advanced about 100 feet we reached the end of the cave, where another wild beast had formed its bed. This, therefore, was probably the usual haunt of a pair of leopards. We found also a porcupine's quill; but were uncertain whether the animal had fallen a prey to the leopards; or whether protected by its prickles, it ventured to shelter itself in their company. The sides of the mine consist partly of the ore, and partly of the rock already mentioned, which is much intermixed with the caricul, or brown hæmatites. The place is perfectly dry. It is probable that the work was deserted when the poor people in the higher mine suffered. Ever since, the miners have contented themselves with working on the surface, and even there are in constant fear. An annual sacrifice is offered to prevent the spirit of the hill from overwhelming the miner. She is called *Canicul Dévâru*, or the goddess of ironstone, and *Gudada Umma*, the mother of the hill; and is represented by the first convenient stone that the workmen find when they come to offer the sacrifice. They also put themselves under the protection of a benevolent male spirit, named *Muti Raya*, or the Pearl King. He is worshipped by offerings of flowers and fruits only, and is represented by a shapeless stone, that is hid in the obscurity of a shrine, which is composed of stones and flags, and which in all its dimensions extends about six feet.

19th August. — In the morning I went two coffes to a village named *Madana Mada*, having been detained on the way by examining the minerals of a hill, which, from a temple situated near it, and dedicated to *Siva*, is named *Malaiswara Betta*. Owing to the vicinity of this temple, a white lithomarga that is found on the hill is considered as holy, and is used in place of the consecrated ashes which the followers of *Siva* employ to make the marks of their religion. The strata are nearly the same as near *Doray Guda*, and consist of a schistose decaying rock, disposed vertically. Parallel to this I observed strata of white fat quartz, from one inch to twenty feet in thickness. Near the temple I found the veins, or strata of quartz, running parallel to each other, and from six to twelve inches distant, and at similar distances sending off transverse bands which united the strata. The interstices of this kind of network were filled up with the common stone of the country, not much decayed. It seems to be a hornstone, containing a good deal of iron, and some mica. The surface of this rock had a curious appearance. The ferruginous brown of the hornstone being chequered with the gray quartz; while this, resisting the weather best, stood up considerably above the surface, and represented in miniature the whin-dykes of the island of *Mull*, as described in the *Philosophical Transactions*. In some places I saw the white quartz decaying into sand, and forming masses, that on the slightest touch crumbled between the fingers. As I ascended the hill I met with a curious concretion of brown calcareous tufa. It resembled very exactly a decayed white ant's (termes) nest changed into lime; and amongst its branches were impacted some pieces of decayed hornstone, round which it had evidently been formed. In these hills such concretions, I was afterwards informed, are very common; and some of them are of a pure white, in which case they are burned into lime. But this information I did

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not receive in time to ascertain the fact. I saw also several detached lumps of brown hæmatites; but on the hill there is no ore of iron, that is by the natives considered as workable.

The lithomarga is found in large masses heaped together, and incumbent on the rocky strata, with various fragments of which it is intermixed; and it appears to me to have been formed from the hornstone in a particular state of decay. Its surface is generally shining, polished, and conchoidal. The masses, so far as I observed, are not disposed in strata; but, internally, some of the pieces are composed of alternate thin plates of different colours. That used for superstitious purposes is of a pure white colour, and indurated substance; some is red, being coloured by an oxyde of iron; some, as I have observed before, is internally stratified, and consists of alternate layers of the lithomarga and of a yellow ochre; some is black, resembling very dark vegetable mould in an indurated state; some again of the lithomarga is of a pure white colour, and friable nature; and nearly approaching to this is another clay, which is evidently decomposed white mica. Among the lithomarga is found a black friable substance, in its appearance much resembling charcoal; but it is undoubtedly of a fossile nature, and probably is an iron ore. It has a bluish tinge, which it probably derives from manganese.

The temple of Malaivvara is a very poor building; but is much frequented at a festival in the month of Magha. Some of the figures on the chariot of the image are exceedingly indecent. The woods above the temple are rather taller than usual in these barren hills, and contain many trees of the Dupada, Chloroxylon Dupada, *Buch. MSS.* The resin is used as incense; and musical instruments, somewhat resembling the guitar, are made of the wood. From the top of the hill the view is very fine; the country being composed of hills, cultivated fields, reservoirs, like small lakes, and palm gardens, all intermixed. In this hilly country are some considerable flocks of sheep, but no herds of breeding cows.

Madana Mada contains 40 or 50 houses, and is placed between two reservoirs; one belonging to itself, and the other to a neighbouring village. So partial are the rains in this country, that the one reservoir is now half full, while the other has not above a quarter of its water; the two hills, from whence they are supplied, being on opposite sides of a very narrow valley. Madana Mada has a very fine palm garden, for the use of which the water of its reservoir is entirely reserved. When that fails, the proprietors have recourse to the machine called capily. Three thousand pagodas have been granted by Purnea for enlarging their reservoir; by which means the machinery is expected to become unnecessary, and of course the revenue will be greatly augmented. The gardens here contain 48,000 palm trees.

At night I was awaked by a prodigious noise in the village, which was at some distance from my tents. On inquiry of the sentry, I was told, that there was no one near except himself; every other person having gone into the village as soon as the uproar commenced. I lay for some hours in great uneasiness, supposing that my people had quarrelled with the natives; but, it being a rainy night, I did not venture out, and was unwilling to part with the sentry. Soon after all was quiet, and the people returned. In the morning my interpreter told me with a good deal of exultation, that one of the cattle-drivers had been possessed by a pyfachi, or evil spirit, and had been for some time senseless, and foaming at the mouth. On this occasion the whole people, Mussulmans and Pagans, had assembled; and, in hopes of frightening away the devil, had made all the noise that they could; but he had continued obstinately to keep possession, till the arrival of the Brahman, who, having

thrown some consecrated ashes on the man, and offered up the prayers proper for the occasion, at length procured a release. The interpreter, I suspect, made the most of his story, in order to remove my infidelity; as the day before I had refused my assent to believe, that certain mantrams pronounced by a Bráhmán could compel the gods to be present in whatever place he chose. It is almost unnecessary to observe, that the poor cattle-driver was subject to the epilepsy, the recurrence of which this night had, I believe, been occasioned by a violent paroxysm of intoxication, in which the whole party had been so deeply engaged, that until morning I could not get a man to tie up the baggage.

20th August. — In the morning I went to Chica Nayakana Hully; and by the way visited a hill called Gajina Guta, which produces much cavi culu, or reddle. This hill is reckoned 1½ cofs from Chica Nayakana Hully. The part of it which I examined consists of caricul, or brown hæmatites, and clay. In some places the hæmatites forms a kind of rock; in others it is found only in small lumps, immersed in the clay. In this hill it has every where a strong tendency to decomposition, and then in most places forms red ochre, but in some parts it falls into a yellow oxyde. I observed nothing in it like strata. Those masses which consist of clay mixed with lumps of the hæmatites, in various stages of decomposition, bear a strong resemblance, except in hardness, to the hornstone porphyry found near Seringapatam; for many of the lumps of hæmatites are angular, and have a glassy longitudinal fracture, while their transverse fracture is earthy. Whoever sees these masses, I am persuaded, will be struck with the resemblance, and will believe that from the one kind of mineral the other derives its origin. In all this chain of hills, however, I confess, I saw no porphyry, nor even granite. The reddle is found in large veins, or irregular masses, running through the rock of hæmatites, or masses of clay, in very irregular directions; and seems to be nothing more than the hornstone of the country dissolved into clay, and then strongly impregnated with the red oxyde of iron, from a similar dissolution of the hæmatites. It always contains specks of yellow ochre. People come to dig it from Hegodu Devana Cotay, Chin'-ráya-pattana, Narasingha-pura, Gubi, and all the intermediate country toward the south and west, and they send it still farther toward the frontiers. For every ox-load of about 5 cucha maunds, or about 130lbs. they pay to the renter 12 dudus, or about 6d. He says, that about 30 loads only are annually required. He keeps no person on the spot, and is either attempting to deceive me, or is himself defrauded; for the excavations made to collect it are very considerable. It is used to paint walls, and to dye goni or sackcloth, and the cloth used by Sannyásis and Jangamas. The dye comes out with the least water, but the colour is easily restored.

In the same places are found lithomargas of several colours, which seem to me to be portions of the clay less impregnated with iron than the reddle; and which perhaps derived their origin from hornstone, that contained magnesia, as some are known to do.

In one of the excavations that have been made by digging out the hæmatites, and which forms a cave, I found the nests of a flock of wild pigeons, exactly resembling those of the caves of Europe. This bird, therefore, is perhaps one of the most universally diffused kinds in the old world, at least of such as are in a wild state. The common sparrow is equally universal.

Chica Nayakana Hully is a large square town, strongly fortified with mud walls, and having bruches, or cavaliers at the angles. In its center is a square citadel, fortified in a similar manner. In the outer town a wide street runs all round, and on both hands

sends off short lanes to the outer and inner walls. The houses are at present very mean and ruinous, and do not nearly occupy the whole space within the walls. They are in number about 600, of which 80 are occupied by Bráhmans. It contains a garden which belongs to the government; is in great disorder, and is rendered disgusting by two banyan-trees (*Ficus Bengalenfis*) loaded with large bats, whom the people will not disturb. To the south of the town there was formerly a large suburb; but about forty years ago it was destroyed in an invasion of the Marattahs. It was plundered by Pufferam Bhow, when he was going to join Lord Cornwallis at Seringapatam; but at that time he obtained very little, the inhabitants having hidden their most valuable effects, and withdrawn into the hilly country. When the Marattah army retired to Sira, they sent to the inhabitants assurances of protection, and began by making small daily distributions of charity to the Bráhmans. By this means they inveigled back a considerable number of the inhabitants; and no sooner had they got the leading men into their power, than they put them to the torture, until the wretched men discovered where their effects were hid, and thus they procured 500,000 rupees. During the remainder of Tippoo's reign the place continued languishing, the inhabitants of 300 houses only having ventured back. It possesses a small manufacture of coarse cotton cloth, both white and coloured, and made by Dévángas and Togotaru. It has also a weekly fair, at which these goods, and the produce of the numerous palm-gardens in the neighbourhood, are sold. Many of its inhabitants act as carriers, transporting goods to different places for the merchants of Naggara and Bangaluru. Its name signifies the town of the little chief; which was the title assumed by the Polygars of Hagalawadi, its former masters, and who, about 300 years ago, first fortified it. About a century afterwards they were overcome by the Polygars of Mysore; and, in order to retain Hagalawadi free from tribute, gave up entirely this part of their dominions. Hyder made them tributaries even for Hagalawadi, and his son stripped them of every thing.

21st August. — I remained at Chica Nayakana Hully, invelligating the management of the palm gardens in its vicinity. These occupy by far the greater part of the watered land in the districts called Honawully, Budihalu, Hagalawadi, and Chica Nayakana Hully, with a considerable portion in Sira and Gubi. In the dry season they require the assistance of the capily, the water in the reservoirs seldom lasting throughout the year.

22d August. — I went three coffes to Arulu Gupay. Except the ridge of hornstone hills on my left, and a short detached ridge on my right, the country was free from hills. The soil was, however, by no means so good as that in the level country which lies between the Durgas and the ridge of hornstone; for in many places the rock appeared above ground, and lumps of white quartz almost intirely covered many fields. The rock here was grey granite. I believe the hornstone is confined to the ridge in which Doray Beta is situated. In the small ridge to my right, the rocks were grey granite; the black-stone already described as accompanying this in the eastern Ghats; and the same containing white spots, which probably were quartz.

At a small village by the way, I was shewn a well, from whence what the natives call shidy munnú had been taken. It was in the back yard of a Bráhman's house. About two months ago he had dug 20 feet through the common soil of the country, which in many places is very deep. He then came to a stratum of this substance, which he continued to procure until prevented by water. It is a loose scaly earth, of a silvery white colour, and is mixed with small fragments of quartz. It is so friable, that it cannot be handled without falling to pieces, and is no doubt schistose mica in a state of decay. The micaeous matter is washed off by water, and in the houses of inferior persons, serves the
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same purposes that the powdered mica, or abracum, does in the palaces of the great. They are in fact the same, only the abracum is purer. Shidy munnu is said to be found in great quantity near Colar.

Arulu Gupay is a large village in the Hagalawadi district. It is fortified with a mud-wall and ditch; but its market, which is a street running the whole length of the one side of the town, is quite defenceless. It contains about a hundred houses, and a temple of curious workmanship dedicated to Narasingha. It is not of great size, but the whole is built of what the natives call *sila cullu*, or image-stone, which is indurated pot-stone. This has been cut and carved with great pains and industry, but is totally devoid of elegance or grandeur. The general design is clumsy, and the execution of the figures miserable. It wants even strength, the usual concomitant of clumsiness among the buildings of rude nations; and the walls, although not above fourteen feet high, and built of large stones which have suffered no injury, are yielding to the pressure of the roof, and probably will soon fall. It is said to have been built by one of the Sholun Râyas.

23d August. — In the morning I was detained by a very heavy rain, which has given the people high spirits. In the afternoon I went two *cosies* to Turiva-Caray, the residence of an *amildar*. The country afforded a melancholy prospect. Like that near Bangalore, and the other places toward the eastern Ghats, it rises into gentle swells, and occasionally projects a mass of naked granite, or of quartz blackened by iron; but it has once been completely cultivated; and every spot except those covered by rock, bears marks of the plough. Scattered clumps of trees denote the former situations of numerous villages: all now, however, are nearly deserted. I saw only two houses; and a few fields ploughing for horse-gram seemed to be the commencement of cultivation, from the time the country had been laid desolate by the merciless army of Purferam Bhow.

Turiva-Caray consists of an outer and an inner fort, strongly defended by a ditch and mud-wall. It has besides, at a little distance, an open suburb, and contains 700 houses; but is by no means completely rebuilt. It has no merchants of any note; but contains 20 houses of *Dévânga* weavers and 150 of farmers. It possesses two small temples, similar to that at Arulu Gupay; and which, like it, are said to have been built by a Sholun Raya, who was contemporary with Sankara Achârya, the restorer of the doctrine of the Vedas.

This Prince is very celebrated, by having built temples throughout the country south from the *Krihna* river. All of them that I have seen are small, and entirely built of stone. Their architecture is very different from the great temples, such as that at Kunji; the upper parts of which are always formed of bricks, and whose most conspicuous part is the gateway. This last mentioned system of architecture seems to have been introduced by *Krihna* raya, of *Vijaya-nagara*; at least, the 18 most celebrated temples in the Lower Carnatic are commonly said, by the *Brâhmanas*, to have been rebuilt by that Prince: for it must be observed, that scarcely any temple of celebrity is admitted to have been founded in this *Yugan*, or age of the world; and many of them are supposed to be coeval with the universe. The small rude temples so common in the country, and which from the simplicity of their form are probably of great antiquity, are all dedicated to *Saktis*, or to spirits worshipped by the low casts, and never to any of the great gods. Many of them, no doubt, are of very late erection; but they seem to me to preserve the simple form of temples erected by rude tribes; and the worship performed in them appears to be that which prevailed throughout India before the introduction of the 21 sects which the *Brâhmanas* reckon heretical; although

although some of them were probably antecedent, at least in Southern India, to the three sects of Bráhmans who follow the doctrine of the Vedas.

This place formerly belonged to the Hagalawadi Polygars, who, although called Chica Náyakas, or little chiefs, seem to have been a powerful family. One of them, who lived about 250 years ago, constructed in this neighbourhood four temples, and four great reservoirs. According to the legend, Ganésa supplied him with money for carrying on these. This god appeared to the chief in a dream, informed him that a treasure was hidden under an image which stood in the suburbs, and directed him to take the money and construct these works. The treasure was accordingly found, and applied as directed. The image from under which the treasure had been taken was shown to me; and I was surprised at finding it lying at one of the gates quite neglected. On asking the reason, why the people allowed their benefactor to remain in such a plight, they informed me, that the finger of the image having been broken, the divinity had deserted it; for no mutilated image is considered as habitable by a god. At one of the temples built with this money I saw a very fine black stone, well polished, and cut into a rude imitation of a bull. It was about eight feet long, six high, and four broad, and seemed to be of the same kind with the pillars in Hyder's monument at Seringapatam. The quarry is six miles distant. The reservoir here is in very fine condition, and was constructed with Ganésa's treasure. It formerly watered some excellent arca gardens; but, in consequence of Purseram Bhow's invasion, most of the trees perished. For some days his head-quarters were at this place. The coconut palms, that formerly surrounded the betel-nut gardens, still remain, and mark their extent. The amildar says, that he has only one-half of the people that would be necessary to cultivate his district, and that most of them are destitute of the necessary stock.

24th August. — I was detained all day at Turiva-Caray by the violence of the rain. The strata here consist chiefly of grey granite, or gneiss; for the matters composing it are sometimes nearly stratified, the dark green mica, or talc, being in some strata much more predominant than in others. This gives it a veined appearance; but it is perfectly solid, and, except this appearance, has nothing of a slaty texture. Here may be observed beds parallel to the strata of granite, and consisting entirely of this green matter in a state of decay. Its very greasy feel makes me suspect that it is rather talc than mica. Here also, as well as in many parts of the country, the grey granite is intersected in all directions by veins of reddish felspar, intermixed with fragments of white quartz. These veins are frequently a foot wide; and sometimes, in place of being disposed in veins, the felspar runs in beds, or strata, which are parallel to those of the granite, and are several feet in width.

25th August. — In the morning I went two coffes to Cada-hully, a small village fortified with a mud-wall. The country nearly resembles that between Arula Gupay and Turiva-Caray; but the soil is more inclined to be stony. It is, however, in a rather better state of cultivation, and perhaps a fourth part of the arable fields is now occupied. At this village there was a sheep-fold, strongly fortified by a hedge of dry thorns, and containing four huts, which the shepherds usually occupied. These people, alarmed at my appearance, and suspecting that I came to take away their flocks for the use of the army, did not approach the village all night; but preferred exposing their cattle to the danger of tigers. These beasts of prey are said to be numerous here, and at night frequently prowl under the walls; we therefore burned fires round the tents, as was our usual practice in suspicious places. My motive for stopping at this poor place was, to examine the quarry from whence the fine black stone used in Hyder's monument

ment was taken. When I assigned this reason to the people, it appeared so absurd to them, that their fears were greatly increased.

This quarry is situated about half a mile east from the village, and rises in a small ridge about half a mile long, a hundred yards wide, and from twenty to fifty feet in perpendicular height. This ridge runs nearly north and south, in the common direction of the strata of the country, and is surrounded on all sides by the common grey granite, which, as usual, is penetrated in all directions by veins of quartz and felspar; but neither of these enter the quarry.

This stone is called caricullu, or black-stone, by the natives, who give the same appellation to the quartz impregnated with iron, and to the brown hæmatites; and in fact they all run very much into one another, and differ chiefly in the various proportions of the same component parts; but have a certain general similitude easily defined, and are found in similar masses and strata. The black-stone of this place is an amorphous hornblend, containing minute but distinct rhomboidal lamellar concretions of basaltine. I imagine that it is the same stone with that which by the antients was called basaltes, and which was by them sometimes formed into images, as it is now by the idolaters of India.

The surface of the ridge is covered with large irregular masses, which, where they have been long exposed to the air in the natural process of decay, lose their angles first. When these masses have thus become rounded, they decay in concentric lamellæ; but where the rock itself is exposed to the air, it separates into plates of various thicknesses, nearly vertical, and running north and south. In the found stone, there is not the smallest appearance of a slaty texture, and it splits with wedges in all directions. The north end of the ridge is the lowest, and has on its surface the largest masses. It is there only that the natives have wrought it; they have always contented themselves with splitting detached blocks, and have never ventured on the solid rock, where much finer pieces might be procured than has ever yet been obtained. The baswa, or bull, at Turiva-Caray, is the finest piece that I have seen.

Immediately north from the village is a quarry of ballapum, or pot-stone, which is used by the natives for making small vessels; and is so soft, that pencils are formed of it to write upon books, which are made of cloth blackened and stiffened with gum. Both the books, and the neatness of the writing, are very inferior to the similar ones of the people of Ava, who, in fact, are much farther advanced in the arts than the Hindus of this country. This pot-stone separates into large amorphous masses, each covered with a crust in a decaying state; and some of them are entirely penetrated with long slender needles of schorlaceous actynolite.

In the same place I found the calcareous tufa in a solid mass, and procured a specimen distinctly marked with the impression of a leaf.

Immediately parallel, and contiguous to the pot-stone, is a stratum of quartz in a state of decay; which separates into schistose plates, disposed vertically, and running north and south.

At Haduna Betta, or Kite-hill, a coss east from Belluru, masses of a harder pot-stone, called sila cullu, may be procured; and from thence probably Sholun Râya conveyed it to build his temples at Arulu Gupay, and Turiva-Caray.

26th August — In the morning I went three cosses to Belluru.

In this part of the country a good many sheep are bred: in the morning I met with three large folds of them.

To the eastward of Belluru is a range of barren rocky hills. One of them rises to a considerable height, and is called Haduna Culla Betta, or Kite-rock Hill, from its

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Belluru is a large town, and both suburbs and citadel are strongly fortified with a mud-wall and ditch. The walls of the citadel have been lately repaired; but those of the suburb are in the same ruinous state in which, on the approach of Purferam Bhow, they were left by Tippoo's troops.

In all this part of the country it has been customary, when a new village was founded, for the person appointed to be hereditary Gauda, or chief, to place a large stone in or near the village. This stone is called the *curuvu cullu*, or calf-stone, and is considered as representing the *Gráma Déváru*, or god of the village. The hereditary Gauda always officiates as *pújari*, or priest; and at the annual village feast, after having rubbed it with oil, offers a sacrifice, with which he feasts his relations and the chief men of the place.

27th August.—I went three cosses to Nágamangala. The country through which I came resembles what I saw yesterday; but the greater part of the heights, although barren, appear as if they had been formerly cultivated. At present very little of the country is under cultivation, and it looks very bare. Within sight were many ruinous villages.

Nágamangala is a large square mud fort, and contains in its center a square citadel, which, like that of Chica Nayakana Hully, leaves room in the outer town for a street, with short lanes on each side. In the inner fort are two large temples, and some other religious buildings, in good repair; and a mahal, or palace, a catchery, or public office, and several large granaries in ruins. The town and all these public buildings were erected by a Prince named Jagadéva Ráya, who seems to have been of the same family with the Rájas of Mysore; for the two houses had frequent intermarriages. According to tradition, Jagadéva Ráya, who founded this city, lived about 600 years ago. His dominions extended from Jagadéva-Pattana on the east, to the frontiers of the Manzur-ábád Polygar and of the Ikeri Rája on the west. They were bounded by Hagalawadi on the north, and included the Belluru district. On the south they were bounded by the territories of the Rája of Mysore, and of the Vir'-Ráya, who possesses the country that we call Coorg, and who was then proprietor of Mahá-Ráyana-Durga. About three centuries ago, the successor of Jagadéva Ráya, dying without children, was succeeded by his kinsman, the curtur of Mysore. This town was originally called P'hani-pura, or the city of snakes; but its name has been changed into Nágamangala, which signifies the blessed with serpents. Before the invasion of Purferam Bhow it contained 1500 houses, which are now reduced to 200, that are scattered amid the ruins. At the same time the Marattahs destroyed 150,000 palm trees. In the whole district there are only about one half of the necessary cultivators, and they come in slowly, the Nizam's country being at too great a distance. Forty houses only have been built since the place received cowl, or protection, from the English. It possesses three fine reservoirs; but for the last four years so little rain has fallen, that very little of the rice-ground has been cultivated, and the proprietors have not been able to replant their palm-gardens.

I observed the people fishing in the small quantity of water that is in the reservoirs; and was told, that small fishes are to be found in all the tanks of the country, although they frequently dry up, and have no communication with streams from whence they might get a supply. The eggs, no doubt, remain dry in the mud, and are not hatched until they have been moistened by the return of the water.

The greater part of the inhabitants of Nágamangala are what are here called Tígularu, or Taycularu; that is to say, are descended from persons who came from coun-

tries where the Tamul language is spoken. According to tradition, they left Kunji about 700 years ago; but they can give no account as to the occasion of their ancestors deserting their native country. Most of them have lost their original language; but they never intermarry with the native Karnátas. Some of them can read the books in the Tamul language that belong to their cast.

Immediately west from Nágamangala is a hill, which consists chiefly of a talcose argillite, approaching very near to a flaty pot-stone; the natives indeed call it by the same name; and they use it for pencils as they do the other. Its structure is flaty, and it is disposed in strata much inclined to the horizon, and running north and south. Some of it is reddish; and some has a greenish hue. Intermixed with it are several large masses of white quartz. The rock at the town is granite.

28th August.—In the morning I went three cosses to Chinna. The country is more barren than any that I have seen for some time, and the heights rise into low rocky hills. Some parts of it are covered with low trees, especially with the elate sylvestris, or wild-date. Chinna is a poor ruinous place. It was formerly of some note; but about thirty years ago it was destroyed by the Marattah army, then attacking Hyder, and it has never since recovered.

29th August.—I went one coss to Mail-cotay, or the lofty fortrefs. The country is steep, and nearly uninhabited. There are, however, many places on the ascent that have a good soil, and that have formerly been cultivated. The other lands are covered with copse-wood.

Mail-cotay, in the Sanskrit language, is called by the uncouth name of Dakshina Bhadrikáframam. It is situated on a high rocky hill, and commands a noble view of the valley watered by the Cávéri, and of the hills of Mysore to the south; of those of the Ghats to the west; and toward the east, Savana-Durga and Síva-Gangá close the prospect. It is one of the most celebrated places of Hindu worship, both as having been honoured with the actual presence of an Avatára, or incarnation of Vishnu, who founded one of the temples; and also as being one of the principal seats of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans, and having possessed very large revenues. About forty years ago it contained almost a thousand houses, inhabited by Bráhmans, who did not allow many of the Sùdras to remain in the place. A few shop-keepers and Satánas composed the remainder of the inhabitants. Soon after this period the Marattahs gained a victory over Hyder, and encamped for some time on the south side of the hill. The Bráhmans here were too cunning to be caught, and the place was entirely deserted; but even the temples of their gods did not escape Marattah rapacity. For the sake of the iron-work, and to get at it easily, they burned the immense wooden raths, or chariots, on which the idols are carried in procession; and the fire spread to the religious buildings, some of which were entirely consumed. A sufficient number, however, still remain. The three principal are, a temple placed on the very summit of the rock, and dedicated to Narasingha, one of the Avatáras of Vishnu; the great temple of Chillapulla Ráya; and a noble tank.

The large temple is a square building of great dimensions, and entirely surrounded by a colonnade; but it is a mean piece of architecture, at least outwardly. The columns are very rude, and only about six feet high. Above the entablature, in place of a balustrade, is a clumsy mass of brick and plaster, much higher than the columns, and excavated with numerous niches; in which are huddled together many thousand images composed of the same materials, and most rudely formed. Unwilling to give offence, I did not see any of the interior parts of it; although no remonstrance would have been made against my entering the inner courts; but I wished to get some infor-

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nation from the Bráhmans; and my not presuming to approach so holy a place evidently gave satisfaction. The present structure was built, or at least put into its present form, by Ráma Anuja Achárya; but, as I have before mentioned, the temple itself is alleged to be of wonderful antiquity, and to have been not only built by a god, but to be dedicated to Krishna on the very spot where that Avatára performed some of his great works. Although the image represents Krishna, it is commonly called Chillapulla Ráya, or the darling prince; for chillapulla is a term of endearment, which mothers give to their infants, somewhat like our word darling. The reason of such an uncommon appellation being given to a mighty warrior is said to be as follows: on Ráma Anuja's going to Mail-cotay, to perform his devotions at that celebrated shrine, he was informed that the place had been attacked by the Turc king of Delhi, who had carried away the idol. The Bráhmán immediately set out for that capital; and on his arrival he found that the king had made a present of the image to his daughter; for it is said to be very handsome, and she asked for it as a plaything. All day the Princess played with the image; at night the god assumed his own beautiful form, and enjoyed her bed; for Krishna is addicted to such kinds of adventures. This had continued for some time when Ráma Anuja arrived, and called on the image, repeating at the same time some powerful mantrams; on which the idol immediately placed itself on the Bráhmán's knee. Having clasped it in his arms, he called it his chillapulla, and they were both instantaneously conveyed to Mail-cotay. The princess, quite disconsolate for the loss of her image, mounted a horse, and followed as fast as she was able. She no sooner came near the idol than she disappeared, and is supposed to have been taken into its immediate substance; which, in this country, is a common way of the gods disposing of their favourites. A monument was built for the princess; but as she was a Turc, it would have been improper to place this building within the walls of the holy place; it has therefore been erected at the foot of the hill, under the most abrupt part of the rock.

The tank is a very fine one, and is surrounded by many buildings for the accommodation of religious persons, and for the intended recreation of the idols when they are carried in procession. Were these kept in good order, they would have a grand appearance; but the buildings are filthy and ruinous. The natives believe, that every year, at the time of the grand festival, the water of the Ganges is conveyed by subterraneous passages, and fills this tank; yet they candidly acknowledge, that not the smallest external mark of any change takes place. On this occasion it is customary to throw in bits of money. My attendant messenger, who is a Bráhmán, says, that he was present when all the water was taken out by orders from the Sultan, who expected by this means to find a great treasure. All that was found, however, was a pot full of copper money.

The jewels belonging to the great temple are very valuable; and even the Sultan was afraid to seize them. They are never exposed to the risk of being carried away by any desperate ruffian, but are always kept in the treasury at Seringapatam; and during the time of the festival are sent to Mail-cotay, under a strong military guard. This property was respected by the British captors, and the jewels are sent to the place as formerly.

I expected here to be able to get some account of the Mysore family, who long had been generous benefactors to the Bráhmans of Mail-cotay; but in this I was entirely disappointed. I was told that they gave themselves no concern about worldly affairs; and that to them the history of the low casts was of no consequence. They seem not at all interested about their young Rája; and the family has been so long in obscurity, that it is no longer looked up to with awe; which among the natives in general is the

only thing that supplies the place of loyalty. Their military men are the only class that seem to have a strong attachment to their princes; and they serve faithfully, so long as they are regularly paid, or gratified by a permission to plunder; but provided these pay them better, they are equally willing to serve a Mussulman or Christian leader, as a Hindu Prince. Terror is therefore the leading principle of every Indian government; and among the people, in place of loyalty and patriotism, the chief principles are, an abject devotion to their spiritual masters, and an obstinate adherence to custom, chiefly in matters of ceremony and cast.

The hill on which Mail-cotay stands consists of many different kinds of rock; but to most of them, the French term *Roche feuilletée* seems applicable. They are all aggregates, with their component parts disposed in a striated or foliated manner. They are of very great tenacity, being extremely difficult to break, especially across the fibre; they split somewhat more easily in its direction, but even in that strongly resist all external violence. These rocks are disposed in vertical strata, running north and south, and the fibres or laminae are placed in the same direction. In small pieces this structure is often not easily discernible; but it is always very conspicuous in large masses, or when the rock begins to decay. The strata are intercepted by fissures crossing them at right angles; but never, so far as I observed, containing any extraneous fossil, such as quartz or felspar. In decay, this rock has a tendency to form long cylindrical masses, which, from their fibrous nature, have somewhat the appearance of petrified logs of timber. The most common of these strata are various kinds of gneiss, which may be cut here into pillars of any size, and afford admirable materials for fine buildings. Some of it is very small grained, and assumes the form which by some mineralogists is called regenerated granite. In some of the buildings here are columns of this kind, which are of an excellent quality, and cut remarkably well. The people could not tell from whence they had been brought. Many other strata consist of a granitel, composed of hornblend slate, quite black, and mixed with white quartz. When broken longitudinally, the quartz forms veins; when transversely, it forms spots. It might perhaps be called a hornblend porphyry. Here are also strata of schistose mica; one of which is decayed into a kind of earth called nama, and is a source of some profit to the place. It is supposed to have been created by Garuda, or the mythological eagle on which Krishna rides; and near this is used by all the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans, and their followers, to mark their foreheads. Some of it is, for this purpose, sent even to Káfi, or Benares. Some Vaishnavams work it by digging the whole substance out of the beds in which it lies, and throwing it into large vessels of water. It is well stirred about; and, while the mica swims, the fragments of quartz remain at the bottom, and are taken out by the hand. The mica is then allowed to subside, and forms into a mass, which is divided into small pieces, and afterwards made into balls by being moistened in water. These are sold for use, and are perfectly white.

31st August. — In the morning my interpreter informed me, that last night, until a late hour, he had attended the council of Bráhmans at the temple. After a long deliberation, it was determined that they would give him a verse, or *ślókam*, containing the era that I wanted to know, enigmatically expressed, as is usual in these verses. They also explained the enigma to him in the vulgar language, and gave him a copy of this, which he might show; but they enjoined him by no means to expose to profane eyes the *ślókam*, a request that he treated with great contempt. It was also determined, that they would neither copy any part of the book, nor permit it to be seen, under pretence of its having been carried away by the Marattahs. What could induce them to adopt such an excuse, I cannot tell. Before a hundred people at my tent, and these the chief inhabitants of the place, a man venerated for

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his years, his learning, and his piety, declared himself possessed of the book, and received money to defray the expence of copying a part of it; and now he was not ashamed to declare, that thirty years ago he had been robbed of it. To do him justice, he offered to refund the money; but my interpreter refused it, having no orders to rescind the bargain. It had, indeed, been by his advice that I had made the advance. He alleged, that in his cast no promises of reward are looked upon as good for any thing; but that the immediate view of the money produces strong effects; and, after receiving the money, the faithful performance of what a Bráhmau undertakes may very generally be expected.

I then went to Tonuru-Caray, by the Mussulmans called Muti Talau, or the pearl-tank, a name given to it by one of the Mogul officers who visited the place. From Mail-cotay it is distant three cosses.

The strata here are similar to those at Mail-cotay; but are so intersected by fissures as to be of no use for building.

On the rising ground, north from the reservoir, a severe battle was fought between the Marattahs and Hyder. The latter was completely defeated, and all his army destroyed, except one corps, with which he fled into Seringapatam, passing by the western end of the hills.

1st September. — I went three cosses to the northern bank of the Cavery, at Seringapatam. By the way, I examined the quarry of grey granite at Chica Mally Betta, which is the best in the neighbourhood. It is about six miles north from Seringapatam. The workmen have never cut upon the solid rock, but have contented themselves with splitting the lower blocks that cover the surface of the hill, and a stone 12 cubits long is reckoned a very large one. Longer ones, if wanted, might no doubt be obtained by cutting into the solid rock. This granite, in its appearance, has nothing either of a fibrous or foliated texture; but in fact its parts are so disposed, that the stone splits much easier in one direction than in any other. The workmen cannot judge of this by external appearance; but they try the block by chipping it in various parts, until they find out the direction in which the wedge will have its most powerful effects. In decay, the plates of which the rock consists are abundantly conspicuous. This stone is easier wrought than that of Mail-cotay; but, owing to the coarseness of its grain, cannot be cut into such fine figures.

Chica Mally Betta and the French rocks, as we call them, are two small rocky hills, which rise up in the middle of the country between Tonuru and the Cavery. In no other place, except the Kari-ghat hill, is the surface too steep for the plough. All the low ground has formerly been cultivated, though in many places the declivity of the fields is great. North from the canals a very small portion of the arable land is at present in cultivation; and even under the canals there is waste land, although these noble works are now full of water, and send forth copious streams to all the fields between them and the river. Owing to the steepness of the ground, many of the rice plots are not above six feet square; and the ingenuity and labour with which they have been formed almost equal those of the Chinese terraces.

1st — 4th September 1800. — I remained at Seringapatam repairing my equipage and making ready for the journey. The Cavery is now full, and contains a large rapid stream; but its water is by no means clear, and is reckoned unwholesome. The town is so low, that at this season many of the houses are damp and unhealthy; and the air of the eastern end of the island is still more prejudicial to the human constitution.

CHAP. VIII. — *Journey through the part of Karnata south from the Cavery.*

ON the 5th of September, I went one cofs to Pal-hully. Owing to some mistake, my baggage missed the way; and, after having wandered the whole day, arrived in the evening with the cattle so fatigued, that on the day following it was impossible to move.

6th September. — Pal-hully formerly contained a thousand houses; but during the siege of Seringapatam, as it was in the immediate rear of the camp of General Harris, it was entirely destroyed. A hundred houses have been rebuilt, and the inhabitants are daily returning.

7th September. — I went three coffes to Gunjural-Chatur, which is situated in the Mahafura Nagara Taluc, or district of the city of Mysore, and distant three coffes from that place. The country is uneven, but contains no hills. Its strata consist of gneiss, schistose hornblende, and schistose mica, and run nearly north and south.

8th September. — I went three Sultany coffes to Muluro. At the distance of one cofs from Gunjural-Chatur I came to Sicary pura, which by the Mussulmans was called Hussenpoor. It had been given in jaghir to Meer Saduc, the favourite minister of Tippoo Sultan; and, although an open town, it has been a neat place with wide streets, which crossed each other at right angles. More than half of the houses are now in ruins. On the approach of one of our foraging parties, it was entirely destroyed by Purnea and Cummer ud' Deen Khan, and a few only of the houses have been rebuilt.

At a short distance west from Sicany-pura is a fine little river called the Lakshamana tirta, which comes from the south-west, and rises among the hills of the country which we call Coorg. At all times it contains a stream of water, and in the rainy season is not fordable. It supplies six canals to water the country. The anas, or dams, that force the water into these canals, are fine works, and produce beautiful cascades.

Water for drinking is here very scarce and very bad, yet the people have never attempted to dig wells.

9th September. — I went to Emmaguma Cotagala.

10th September. — I went three coffes to Priya-pattana, which in our maps is called Periapatam.

The following is the account of the climate which was given me by the most intelligent natives of the place. The year is, as usual, divided into six seasons: I. Vafanta Ritu comprehends the two months following the vernal equinox. During this the air is in general very hot, with clear sun-shine, and strong winds from the eastward. No dew. Once in ten or twelve days squalls come from the east, accompanied by thunder, and heavy showers of rain or hail, and last three or four hours. II. Grishma Ritu contains the two months including the summer solstice. The air is very hot, and there is no dew. The winds are westerly; during the first month weak, but after the solstice strong. It is said, that formerly, during this period, the weather used to be constantly clouded, with a regular, unintermitting, drizzling rain; but for the last half century such seasons have occurred only once in four or five years; and in the intervening ones, although the cloudy weather continues, the constant rain has ceased, and in its place heavy showers have come at intervals of three or four days, and these are preceded by some thunder. III. Varsha Ritu includes the two months preceding the autumnal equinox. The air is cool. The winds are light and come from the west-

ward. Formerly the rains used to be incessant and heavy; but of late they have not been so copious oftener than about once in four or five years: still, however, they are almost always sufficient to produce a good crop of grass and dry grains, and one crop of rice. Priya-pattana has therefore been justly named the chosen city by the natives of Karnáta, who frequently suffer from a scarcity of rain. At this season there is very little thunder. IV. Sarat Ritu contains the two months following the autumnal equinox. In this the air is colder, and in general clear; but once in three or four days there are heavy showers from the north-east, accompanied by thunder, but not with much wind. In the intervals the winds are gentle, and come from the westward. Moderate dews now begin. V. Hémana Ritu includes the two months immediately before and after the winter solstice. The air is then very cold to the feelings of the natives. They have never seen snow nor ice, even on the summits of the hills; but to these they very seldom ascend. Bettada-pura I conjecture to be about 1800 or 2000 feet perpendicular above the level of the country, which is probably 4000 feet above the sea. It is a detached peak, and is reckoned higher than either Siddhészvara, or Saibia Paravata, from whence the Cavery springs. These two are the most conspicuous mountains of the Coorg country, and are surrounded by lower hills. At this season there are heavy dews and fogs; so that until ten o'clock the sun is seldom visible. There is very little wind; but the little that there is comes from the west. This is reckoned the most unhealthy season; and during its continuance intermittent fevers are very frequent. VI. Saythu Ritu includes the two months immediately preceding the vernal equinox. The dews decrease gradually in the first, and disappear in the second month. There is no rain, and the atmosphere is clear, with remarkably fine moonshine nights. The air is cool and pleasant. The winds are from the eastward, and moderate. Except in Hémana Ritu, fevers are very rare. In the Coorg country the air is hot and moist, and by the natives of this place is reckoned very unhealthy.

Sandal-wood grows in the skirts of the forest. The people of Coorg were in the habit of stealing a great part of it; but since the country received the Company's protection they have desisted from this infolence. It is often planted in gardens and hedges; and, from the richness of the soil, grows there to a large size; but in such places the timber has little smell, and is of no value. It is a daray, or stony soil only, that produces fine sandal. It may be felled at any season; and once in twelve years, whatever has grown to a proper size is generally cut. On these occasions, this district produces about 10,000 maunds, or above 2000 hundred-weight. The whole was lately sold to the agents of the Bombay government, and a relation of Purnea's was employed to deliver it. Much to the credit of the Dewan, this person was put in confinement, having been detected in selling to private traders some of what he cut, and also in having sold great quantities that were found buried. During the Sultan's government a great deal of it arrived at maturity, which he would not sell. In general, this was privately cut, and concealed under ground, till an opportunity offered of smuggling it into the Vir' Ráya's dominions. The amildars have now received orders to cut all the sandal-wood in their respective districts, and to deliver it to the Bombay agents. They know nothing of the conditions of sale. At present, no sandal-oil is made at Priya-pattana.

The woods are infested by wild elephants, which do much injury to the crops. They are particularly destructive to the sugar-cane and palm-gardens; for these monstrous creatures break down the betel-nut tree to get at its cabbage. The natives have not the art of catching the elephant in kyddas, or folds, as is done in Bengal; but

but take them in pit-falls by which a few only can be procured, and these are frequently injured by the fall.

The strata of rocks in this neighbourhood are much concealed; but from what I have seen of them, I am persuaded that their direction is different from that of the strata toward the north-east. They run about west-north-west and east-south-east, a point or two more or less I cannot determine, as my compass was stolen at Bangalore, nor could I repair my loss at Seringapatam. The most common rock here is hornblende. In the buildings of the place there are two excellent stones: one is what the Germans call regenerated granite; the other is a granite, with grey quartz and reddish felspar disposed in flakes, or alternate plates; but in such an irregular manner, that it does not appear to me that they could be so arranged by any deposition from water, however agitated.

14th September. — In the morning I went three cosses to Hanagodu, the chief place of a division, called a hobli, dependent on Priya-pattana. It has a mud fort; but the suburb is open, and contains about fifty houses. The country is naturally very fine; little of it is cultivated however, and it is infested with tigers and elephants that are very destructive. Hanagodu is one coss and a half distant from the southern frontier of Priya-pattana, and at a similar distance from the present boundary of Coorg. The Vir' Rája is said to have made a ditch and hedge along the whole extent of the old eastern boundary of his dominions, which runs within three cosses of Hanagodu. One-half of this distance, next to his hedge, was reckoned a common or neutral territory; but the Rája lately claimed it as his own; and, the Bombay government having interfered, Tippoo was compelled to acknowledge the justice of the claim. The whole country between Hanagodu and the frontier of Coorg has for sixty years been waste.

The Lakshmana river passes within a quarter of a mile to the eastward of Hanagodu, and at present contains much water. At all seasons it has a considerable stream; and at this place is the uppermost of its dams. Advantage has been taken of a natural ledge of rocks which crosses the channel, and stones have been thrown in to fill up deficiencies. The whole now forms a fine dam, over which rushes a cascade about a hundred yards long, and fourteen feet high; which in a verdant and finely wooded country, looks remarkably well. This dam sends off its canal to the eastward, and waters the ground that requires for seed 100,000 seers of rice. If this be sown as thick as at Priya-pattana, the ground irrigated will amount to 2678 acres. On the ground above the canal, as the declivity in many places is very gentle, much might be done with the machine called capily; but the use of that valuable instrument is here not known. It is probable, that on this river several additional dams might be formed. Here it is said, that of the seven, which have been built, three are now out of repair.

The Gungricara Woculigas are in this neighbourhood the most common race of cultivators, and are a Súdra tribe of Karnáta descent. Some of them wear the linga, others do not. It is from these last that I take the following account. The two sects neither eat together nor intermarry. They act as labourers of the earth, and as porters. The head of every family is here called Gauda; and an assembly of these settles all small disputes, and punishes transgressions against the rules of cast. Affairs of moment are always referred to the officers of government. The business of the cast, as usual, is punishing the frailty of the women, and the intemperance of the men. If the adulterer be a Gungricara, or of a higher cast, both he and the husband are fined by the officers of government, from three to twelve fanams, or from two to

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eight shillings, according to their circumstances. The husband may avoid this fine by turning away his wife, in which case she becomes a concubine of the kind called Cutiga; but this is a length to which the husband seldom chooses to proceed; the difficulty of procuring another wife being considered as a more urgent motive than the desire of revenge. If, however, the adulterer has been of a low cast, the woman is, without fail, divorced, and delivered over to the officers of government, who sell her to any low man that will purchase her for a wife. In this cast there are two kinds of Cutigas: the first are such women as have committed adultery and their descendants, with whom no person of a pure extraction will intermarry; the others are widows, who, having assembled their relations, obtain their consent to become lawful Cutigas to some respectable man. The children of these are legitimate, although the widows themselves are considered as inferior to virgin wives. A man never marries a woman who is of the same family in the male line with himself. The men are allowed a plurality of women, and the girls continue to be marriageable even after the age of puberty. None of them can lawfully drink spirituous liquors. Some of them eat meat, but others abstain from this indulgence. These two do not intermarry, and this division is hereditary. Some of them can keep accounts, and even read legends written in the vulgar tongue. Some worship Siva without wearing the linga; and some worship Vishnu; but this produces no division in cast. They do not offer bloody sacrifices to the Saktis; but pray to the images of the Baswa, or bull of Iswara, of Marima, and of the caricul, or village god. They do not believe in the spirits called Virika; but indeed that worship does not seem to extend to the south of the Cavery. They do not take the vow of Dáséri. They bury the dead, and believe that in a future state good men will sit at the feet of God. Even a bad man may obtain this happiness, if at his funeral his son bestow charity on the Dáséris. An unfortunate wicked man, who has no son to bestow charity, becomes as mud. By this, I suppose, they mean that his soul altogether perishes. Their Guru is an hereditary chief of the Sri Vaishnavam Bráhmans, and lives at Mail-cotay. He gives them chakrántikam, holy water, and consecrated rice, and from each person accepts of a fanam a year, as dharma. The panchánga, or village astrologer, acts as puróhita at marriages, at the building of a new house, and sometimes at the annual ceremony performed in commemoration of their deceased parents. On these occasions, he reads mantrams, which the Gungricara do not understand, and of course value greatly. He is paid for his trouble.

15th September. — I set out very early with an intention of going to Hegodu Devana Cotay, where, as I had been informed, I should have an excellent opportunity of examining the forests that invest the western frontiers of the Mysore dominions. I was two hours employed in getting my baggage ferried over the Lakshmana; for there was only one leather boat, about six feet in diameter.

16th, 17th, and 18th September. — I remained at Hejuru, endeavouring to procure an account of the forests, in which I met with much less success than might reasonably have been expected. I went into them about three coffes, to a small tank, farther than which the natives rarely venture, and to which they do not go without being much alarmed on account of wild elephants. In this forest these animals are certainly more numerous than either in Chittagong or Pegu. I have never seen any where so many traces of them. The natives, when they meet an elephant in the day-time, hide themselves in the grass, or behind bushes, and the animal does not search after them; but were he to see them, even at a distance, he would run at them, and put them to death. It is stragglers only from the herds, that in the day-time frequent

the outer parts of the forest. The herds that at night destroy the crops, retire with the dawn of day into the recesses of the forest; and thither the natives do not venture, as they could not hide themselves from a number. It is said, that at the above-mentioned tank there was formerly a village; but that both it and several others on the skirt of the forest have been lately withdrawn, owing to an increased number of elephants, and to the smaller means of resistance which the decrease of population allows.

The Cad' Curubaru are a rude tribe of Karnáta, who are exceedingly poor and wretched. In the fields near villages they build miserable low huts, have a few rags only for covering, and the hair of both sexes stands out matted like a mop, and swarms with vermin. Their persons and features are weak and unseemly, and their complexion is very dark. Some of them hire themselves as labouring servants to the farmers, and, like those of other casts, receive monthly wages. Others, in crop season, watch the fields at night, to keep off the elephants and wild hogs. These receive, monthly, one fanam and ten seers, or $1\frac{1}{2}$ peck of ragy. In the intervals between crops, they work as day-labourers, or go into the woods, and collect the roots of wild yams (dioscoreas); part of which they eat, and part exchange with the farmers for grain. Their manner of driving away the elephant is by running against him with a burning torch made of bamboos. The animal sometimes turns, and waits till the Curubaru comes close up; but these poor people, taught by experience, push boldly on, and dash their torches against the elephant's head, who never fails to take immediate flight. Should their courage fail, and should they attempt to run away, the elephant would immediately pursue, and put them to death. The Curubaru have no means of killing so large an animal, and, on meeting with one in the day-time, are as much alarmed as any other of the inhabitants. During the Sultan's reign they caught a few in pit-falls. The wild hogs are driven out of the fields by slings; but they are too fierce and strong for the Curubaru to kill. These poor people frequently suffer from tigers, against which their wretched huts are a poor defence; and, when this wild beast is urged by hunger, he is regardless of their burning torches. These Curubaru have dogs, with which they catch deer, antelopes, and hares; and they have the art of taking in snares peacocks, and other esculent birds. They have no hereditary chiefs, but assemble occasionally to settle the business of their cast. They confine their marriages to their own tribe. The Gauda, or chief man of the village, presides at this ceremony, which consists of a feast. During this the bridegroom espouses his mistress, by tying a string of beads round her neck. The men are allowed to take several wives; and both girls after the age of puberty, and widows, are permitted to marry. In case of adultery, the husband flogs his wife severely, and, if he be able, beats her paramour. If he be not able, he applies to the Gauda, who does it for him. The adulteress has then her choice of following either of the men as her husband. They can eat every thing, except beef; and have no objection to the animal having died a natural death. They will eat victuals dressed by any of the farmers, but would not touch any of my provisions. They do not drink spirituous liquors. None of them take the vow of Dáséri, nor attempt to read. Some of them burn, and others bury the dead. They believe that good men, after death, will become benevolent Dévas, and bad men destructive Dévas. A good man, according to them, is he who labours properly at his business, and who is kind to his family. The whole are of such known honesty, that on all occasions they are entrusted with provisions by the farmers; who are persuaded, that the Curubaru would rather starve than take one grain of what was given to them in charge. They have no Guru, nor does the pauchánga, or any

other kind of priest, attend any of their ceremonies. The spirits of the dead are believed to appear in dreams to their old people, and to direct them to make offerings of fruits to a female deity, named Bettada Chicama, that is, the little mother of the hill. Unless these offerings are made, this goddess occasions sickness; but the is never supposed to do her votaries any good. She is not, however, appeased by bloody sacrifices. There is a temple dedicated to her near Nunjinagodu; but there is no occasion for the offering being made at that place.

There is also in this neighbourhood another rude tribe of Curubaru, called Betta, or Malaya, both words signifying mountain; the one in the Karnáta, and the other in the Tamul language. Their dialect is a mixture of these two languages, with a few words that are considered as peculiar, probably from their having become obsolete among their more refined neighbours. They are not so wretched nor ill-looking as the Cad' Curubaru, but are of diminutive stature. They live in poor huts near the villages, and the chief employment of the men is the cutting of timber, and making of baskets. With a sharp stick they also dig up spots of ground in the skirts of the forest, and sow them with ragy. A family in this manner will sow nine seers of that grain. The men watch at night the fields of the farmers; but are not so dexterous at this as the Cad' Curubaru are. They neither take game, nor collect wild yams. The women hire themselves to labour for the farmers. The Betta Curubaru have an hereditary chief called Ijyamána, who lives at Priya-pattana. With the assistance of a council of three or four persons, he settles disputes, and punishes all transgressions against the rules of cast. He can levy small fines, and can expel from the cast any woman that cohabits with a strange man. In this tribe, the concubines, or Cutigas, are women that prefer another man to their husband, or widows who do not wish to relinquish carnal enjoyment. Their children are not considered as illegitimate. If a man takes away another person's wife, to keep her as a Cutiga, he must pay one or two fanams as a fine to the Ijyamána. Girls are not considered as marriageable until after the age of puberty; a custom that by the higher orders is considered as a beastly depravity. The men may take several wives, but never marry a woman of the same family with themselves in the male line. The Betta Curubaru never intoxicate themselves; but are permitted to eat every kind of animal food, except beef, and they have no objection to carrion. They never take the vow of Dáséri, and none of them can read. Some of them burn and others bury the dead. They understand nothing of a future state. The god of the cast is Ejuruppa, who seems to be the same with Hanumanta, the servant of Ráma; but they never pray to this last-mentioned deity, although they sometimes address Siva. To the god of their cast they offer fruit, and a little money: they never sacrifice to the Saktis. Their Guru, they say, is of the cast Worimeru, and from their description would appear to be of those people called Satánanas. He gives them holy water, and consecrated victuals, and receives their charity. At their marriages, he reads somewhat in a language which they do not understand.

19th September. — I went four cosses to Hegodu Dévana Cotay; that is, the fortrefs of the mighty Déva.

20th September. — I went three cosses to Humpa-pura. The country has formerly been almost entirely cultivated; but at present about three-fourths of it are waste.

Humpa-pura is a miserable open village. A little east from it is erected a stone, containing some small figures in bas-relief, which are much defaced. Concerning this the tradition is as follows: Canterua, Ráya of Mysore, having invaded Coorg with a

large army, was entirely defeated, and pursued this length by the Vir' Ráya. In the flight there perished three hundred and sixty of the Mysore nobles, each of whom had the privilege of using a palanquin. The conqueror having bestowed great dharma, that is to say, having thrown away much money on religious mendicants, erected this stone as a monument of his victory, and to mark the new boundary of his dominions. It was but for a short time, however, that he retained these acquisitions.

Yesterday afternoon I was very unwell; and another day's stay in the woods would probably have given me a serious indisposition.

21st September.—I remained at Humpa-pura, to obtain an account of the iron mines in that neighbourhood.

The strata at Humpa-pura are vertical, and run nearly north and south. Many of them consist of pot-stone of a bad quality. These are of various breadths.

South from Humpa-pura is a cluster of high hills, named Chica Deva Betta, or, the hill of the little spirit. It is sacred to Chicama, the deity of the Cad' Curubaru, lately mentioned. Over the elephant she has peculiar authority; before a hunt of that animal is undertaken, she is propitiated by a sacrifice.

On the north side of Chica Deva Betta are three low hills, which produce iron ore. Mota Betta is situated about three miles E. S. E. from Humpa-pura, immediately below the junction of the river Nuga with the Kapini, and to the right of both. Culia Betta is the most considerable mine, and is situated between the two rivers, being distant from Mota Betta one cofs and a half. West from thence about half a cof, is Hitena Betta, which is on the left of the Kapini. I could only examine Mota Betta without occasioning a delay of several days in my journey; which I did not think advisable, as I was told that the ore in all the three places is nearly the same; and this is confirmed by the hills lying nearly in the direction of the strata at Mota Betta.

Mota Betta is a hill of no considerable height, about a mile in length, and extending from north to south. It is wrought at the south end only; but no trial has been made to ascertain how far the mine extends. The strata that are in view run from about north-west to south-east, or rather more toward the east and west; but I judge merely from the sun. They point directly toward the high peak called Bettada pura; while those on the opposite side of the Kapini run nearly north and south. The strata dip toward the north at an angle of about 30 degrees. They consist of schistose plates; and, owing to their being penetrated by fissures at right angles to the strata, they break with a smooth surface into angular fragments. The internal structure of the plates is foliated, and these leaves, being of different appearances, and sometimes straight, sometimes undulated, would seem to show that they have been deposited from water at different times. The strata are from one to three feet in thickness, and consist of granular quartz, more or less impregnated with iron ore, which is of the same nature with the common iron-sand of the country. In most of the strata the quartz predominates; and by the natives these are considered as useless. In others, although having nearly the same external appearance, the iron is more abundant, and these are the ore. From these last, ochres of various colours exude, by which they are readily distinguished from the barren strata. In the rainy season, the workmen content themselves with collecting the fragments of ore which the water brings down from the hill. These are like the black sand, but larger and more angular. From the earth, with which they are mixed, they are separated by being washed in long wooden troughs, made of hollow trees. In the dry season the workmen are forced to have recourse to the strata; but never penetrate deeper than the surface. Before they begin to work upon any spot, they

cover it with a coat of earth for a year; which seems to accelerate the decay, and to render the ore brittle. After it has been dug up with pick-axes, the ore is broken into small pieces, and the iron is separated from the stony matter by washing.

In the fork, between the Nuga and Kapini rivers, is a stratum of a similar disposition to those of the mine. It consists of very shining black foliated hornblende, or perhaps basaltine, dotted with white felspar.

The pillars of a temple of Bhairawa Dévaru, at the same place, are of very fine gneiss, like some of the best at Mail-cotay. The priest could not inform me from whence they had been brought.

Bhairawa Dévaru is the god of the Curubas, and is a malevolent male spirit. His temple is built exactly like the smaller temples of the gods of the Bráhmans, and with out spires or high ornaments. Its roof, like those of the temples of Itwara (also a destructive spirit) is ornamented with images of the bull. The pujári, or priest, is a Hal Curubaru, who can neither read nor write.

The Kapini river, at Humpa-pura, is about sixty yards wide, and at all seasons contains running water. Its channel is sandy, and considerably below the level of the country; which circumstances have prevented the natives from making dams. It takes its rise from a hill named Banafura, in the Bynadu. At this season the river is no where fordable. I crossed it on bamboo floats, which with ease transport horses and palanquins, and which are a much better conveyance than the baskets, covered with leather, that are the usual ferry-boats in all parts of the peninsula.

The Nuga river is smaller and more rapid and rocky than the Kapini. It also rises in the Bynadu. Formerly there were two dams on it; but the fields which they watered have for twenty years been deserted. By the disturbances in the country the number of the people had then been so much diminished, that they were no longer able to resist the encroachments of the elephants. This year the amildar of Hegodu Dévana Cotay has sent a party of armed men to protect the place, and some farmers have returned to their former abodes. The country watered by these rivers coming from the western Ghats, is naturally by far the finest in Mysore, and would equal in beauty any in the world, were it decently cultivated; but ruin and misery every where stare the traveller in the face.

I have no where met with the people so ignorant, and such gross liars as in this vicinity. Except the accountant, a Bráhman, I did not converse with one man who did not prevaricate; and very few of them would give an answer to the most simple question; while most of them pretended ignorance on all occasions and subjects. The accountant's answers were rational, and never contradictory; and it was owing to him that I was able to procure any account of the iron manufacture. During my stay at Humpa-pura I could procure none that was in the least satisfactory; but, ashamed of his countrymen, he persuaded two of the workmen to follow me to the next stage, and to give me the account that I have inserted.

22d September. — In the morning I went three coffes to Maru-Hully.

By the way I turned out of the road; and in order to examine a quarry of the stone called *fila*, or *pratimá cullu*, I went in among the hills on my left to a small village, named Arfina Caray. The first name in the Sanskrit language means stone; the latter appellation means image-stone, as it is used for making idols. The quarry is in a hollow, which is surrounded by low hills that are sacred to Chicama. Many stones have formerly been dug, and have left a considerable cavity; but as the quarry has not lately been wrought, much rubbish has fallen in, and entirely hides the disposition of the strata. The whole of the strata that I observed between Maru-Hully and Humpa-pura on both

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sides of the quarry, run nearly north and south, and are much inclined to the plane of the horizon. These strata consist of a bad kind of the *pratiná cullu*, which crumbles into irregular masses, and is disposed alternately with those of schistose mica, intermixed with parallel layers of pot-stone. All these strata are in a state of decay. I have little doubt, but that the quarry itself is disposed in a stratum parallel to the others; but thicker, more compact, and less decayed. Lying round the quarry were many half-formed images. The largest that I saw was about eight feet long, three broad, and one and a half thick; but by digging deeper, larger masses might probably be procured. It is an indurated pot-stone, or rather a pot-stone intimately united with hornblende, and is capable of a fine polish. It approaches very near to the hornblende of Hyder's monument, but is softer.

Near Maru-Hully also, there is a quarry of *sila*, or image-stone. The mass of rock is larger than that of *Arfina-Caray*, and has lately been wrought for the buildings that are now erecting at Mysore. Although it has been laid bare to a considerable extent, nothing stratified can be observed. The stone seems to be of a middle nature, between that of Hyder's monument and the *sila* of *Arfina-Caray*, and to contain less hornblende than the former, but more than the latter. Large blocks may be procured, and perhaps of the whole it is the finest stone.

23d September. — In the morning I set out for Nunjinagodu, distant three cosses; and I intended, by the way, to visit a place from whence pot-stone is dug. After having gone half way, I discovered that the guide had deserted me; and, in order to procure another, I was forced to go back again to Maru-Hully. I found the quarry not a mile from that place; and was informed, that the stone-cutter who works it lives there, although I had in vain solicited the officer of government to procure me a workman of that kind to break some specimens of the image-stone. It must be observed, that I find more difficulty in acquiring a knowledge of the quarries and forests, than of any other subject of my inquiries. On the revenue of the country the natives are more communicative than I desire; and even in their accounts of the produce of the fields, the cultivators of the land adhere more to the truth than all ranks do, in answering queries relative to quarries and forests. It is evidently suspected, that my object in asking such questions is to find out materials for public works; and the natives are terrified at the thought of being again harassed with the *Corvées*, to which in the reign of the Sultan they were cruelly subjected.

The pot-stone of Maru-Hully is used for making pots, dishes, and pencils. It differs from the image-stone only in containing more earth of magnesia; for it has hornblende as one of its component parts. It is readily scratched by the nail; but retains an excessive toughness, so that before it will break into fragments under the hammer, it is reduced to powder. Like those of the kindred stones that have been already described, its masses are irregularly angular. The surrounding strata are vertical, and run north and south.

At some distance from this I crossed the Kapini by a bridge, which is here looked upon as a prodigy of grandeur; in Europe it would be considered as a disgrace to the architect of the meanest town. The arches are about five feet span; the piers are of nearly an equal thickness, and do not present an angle to the stream. The sides of the arches have scarcely any curvature, but are composed of two planes, meeting at an acute angle. The parapet is rude, and the whole is composed of an irregular mixture of brick and stone. The pavement consists of rough and irregular flags, which form a very bad road. The bridge is, however, both long and wide, and is a great convenience for foot passengers, or merchants conveying their goods on oxen.

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26th September. — Having yesterday had a severe paroxysm, and being desirous of getting near assistance should my disorder have increased, I altered my intention of proceeding to Sattagala by Coulanda, Arcotar, Hardena-hully, Homa, and Ellanduru, and returned to Mysore, which is four cosses distant from Nunjinagodu. At Mysore I met with some friends, who informed me that Seringapatam was then dreadfully unhealthy; and Mysore being in a fine dry situation, I determined to remain there till my fever could be stopped.

The country through which I passed has formerly been mostly cultivated; but at present a very large proportion of the fields is waste. Were it in a good condition, it would be very beautiful. Several of the tanks are out of repair: near Mysore are two remarkably fine.

Except at Mysore and Seringapatam, I have in every part of the country experienced a difficulty in procuring forage. I have reason to think that this proceeds from the universal and long continued usage, of every person who belongs to the government taking without payment whatever forage he wants. At Seringapatam, and even here, the women of our Madras servants have been of great use. The officers of government are afraid to meddle with them, and they are very diligent, and bring in large supplies of grass.

27th, 28th, and 29th September. — While confined here, I sent for the stone cutters, who with the utmost obstinacy, would give me no information whatever on the subject of the quarries. In the buildings here, the three most common stones are, a gray granite with large spots of black mica; a reddish granite; and a fine grained yellowish gneiss, like that of Mail-cotay. They are all probably from the hill that overlooks the river, and many of the blocks are of large dimensions. While I was at Seringapatam I had seen specimens of them all.

30th September. — Having escaped two periods without any return of the fever, I went two Sultany cosses to Waracadu. The country has formerly been nearly all cultivated, and more than a half is now occupied.

1st October. — I went two cosses to Taiuru. Part of the road passes among low hills covered with bushes, and abounding with antelopes. The soil of these hills is in general poor, and full of small stones; but they are not occupied by naked rocks, like those on the north side of the Cavery.

2d October. — I went five Sultany cosses to Malingy. From Taiuru to Narasinghapura is three cosses. Near both places the country is very beautiful, and well cultivated.

The mountainous tract which forms the western Ghats is visible from Malingy, and rises very high above the country to the westward.

There are two Malingys: this, called Tady; and another, which is called Hossia, and is situated in the Company's territory. Tady Malingy is a small open village; but before the Marattah invasion it had a fort, and was a considerable place. The last war has occasioned several ruins. Concerning its governors before it became subject to the Rájás of Mysore, no tradition is current. It forms a part of the Talacadu district, the chief town of which is situated on the north bank of the river, and contains about two hundred houses, and a celebrated temple dedicated to Iswara. Between it and the present channel of the river were formerly situated a large fort, and a great number of temples, which for many years have been overwhelmed by sand-hills. The bank at Malingy is steep, and the principal stream of the river comes near it; yet these sand-hills appear to be higher; and, to the traveller, coming all the way from Narasinghapura, they make a very conspicuous

cuous figure. They are said to be yearly increasing in height; and no part of the former city is now to be seen, except the tops of some of the temples, and cavaliers. This is a curious phenomenon: but circumstances would not permit me to investigate the particulars on the spot. The natives attribute it to the prayers of a woman, who was drowned while she was crossing the river to visit the place, and who, while dying, wished that it might be overwhelmed by flood. One temple only has escaped; the legend concerning which is extremely absurd. A mendicant came one day to Talacadu, intent on making an offering to Mahádéva, or Iswara. The temples dedicated to that idol were, however, so numerous, that he was much at a loss how to procure an offering for each, so as to avoid giving offence to any idol that might be omitted. With his whole means, which were very slender, the holy man purchased a bag of pease, and offered one at each temple; but all his pease were expended, and one idol still remained, to which no offering had been made. Of course it was highly offended at the preference given to the others by a person of his holiness; and, to avoid their insolent boasting, it transported itself across the river, where it now stands at Malingy, while its former companions are buried in sand. Near it is a *fila sáfana*, or inscription engraved on stone; but unfortunately it is not legible, as it might probably have thrown some light on the history of Talacadu.

The Cavery here is at present a fine large and deep river, flowing with a gentle stream about a quarter of a mile in width. In the hot season it is fordable; but after heavy rains it rises above its present level ten or twelve feet perpendicular, and then its channel is completely filled. Once in nine or ten years it rises higher, and occasionally sweeps away a hut; but its floods are never very destructive.

The only ferry-boats on this large river are what are called *donies*, or baskets of a circular form, eight or ten feet in diameter, and covered with leather. They transport with tolerable safety men and goods; but cattle must swim, which is both a fatiguing and a dangerous enterprize. Bamboo floats, provided with a hawser, so as to form flying bridges, would make an excellent and cheap conveyance. From the north side of the Cavery a fine canal is taken by means of a dam, and waters much land near Talacadu.

3d October. — I went to Sattacagala, distant from Malingy four Sultany cosses; but, owing to the deepness of the roads, I was obliged to take a circuitous route, a circumstance that never happened to me in any other place above the Ghats. A small village named Caleuru, is the last in the present dominions of Myfore. Mulur, the first place in the Company's territory, is one coss and a half from Malingy, and is a pretty large open village.

From Mulur I went one coss to Coleagala, an open town which contains above 600 houses. It is the residence of a *tahfildar*, or chief of a taluc, or district; for the officers in the Company's territory differ from those in Myfore. It has two large temples, and is a considerable mart for the traders between Seringapatam and the country below the Ghats, and near the Cavery. Coleagala signifies the plundered town; which appellation was bestowed on it after it had been pillaged while under the dominion of Ganga Rája, to whom it formerly belonged.

From Coleagala to Sattacagala the distance is two cosses and a half. The country through which I passed to-day is in general very fine, and much better cultivated than that between Narasingha-pura and Malingy.

4th October. — I went to visit the island of Sivana Samudra, or the sea of Siva, and its noble cataracts. From Sattacagala, the upper end of the island is one Sultany coss; and

and its whole length is said to be three cosses, or probably nine miles; but in width it is no where above a mile. The island at its upper end is not much raised above the level of the river; but, as its lower end does not sink, while the river falls very rapidly, toward its eastern end it appears to be very high. Owing to the rapidity of the river, and so deep cavities between the rocks and stones of its channels, even in the hot season, there is only one ford that leads to the island, and that is a very bad one in the southern branch. The island is therefore by nature very strong.

The northern branch of the river is the most considerable, and soon divides into two channels, which form a smaller island, named Nellaganatitu. The channel of this branch next the northern continent is the smallest, and is nearly level until it comes opposite to Gangana Chuki, a place on the large island about three miles from its upper end. There it precipitates its water over a perpendicular rock, I suppose nearly two hundred feet high. The stream is very considerable; but is divided by a small island into two great branches, and by large rocks into four or five portions, which before they reach the bottom are quite broken into foam. The water which runs between the two islands is the most considerable portion of the northern branch of the river. It runs with vast rapidity over and among immense rocks, until it comes to Gangana Chuki, where it rushes down into the abyss, which a little way below receives also the other portion. There it is hidden from human view in a cloud of vapour, which is formed by its violence, and which is at times visible even from Sateagala. From this circumstance I could not ascertain how far this fall is entirely perpendicular. If it be quite so, the whole height will be about a hundred feet; but at times I thought I could see obscurely through the cloud a projection of the rock, which divided the fall into two stages. I have never seen any cataract that for grandeur could be compared with this; but I shall not attempt to describe its broken woody banks, its cloud of vapour, its rainbow, its thundering noise, nor the immense slippery rocks from whence the dizzy traveller views the awful whirlings of its tumultuous abyss. All these, except in magnitude and sublimity, exactly resemble those of the other water-falls that I have seen. The pencil of an artist might be well employed in imitating its magnificent scenery, and would convey a better idea of its grandeur than my power of description can venture to attempt.

The island of Sivana Samudra is in general rocky, with vertical strata running north and south. The principal stone is a gneiss, of which the great buildings of Ganga Rája are constructed, and which may be cut into blocks of large dimensions. Near the upper end of the island, bridges have been constructed across both branches of the river. They were formed, like that at Seringapatam, of long stones placed upright as pillars to support others laid horizontally, so as to form the road. Both bridges have long ago been broken, but many of the pillars still remain erect. Two dams and canals from the southern branch of the river supply the island with water, and, if in good repair, ought to supply with water as much ground as would sow 3510 seers of rice. In order to magnify the wonders of the island, this quantity of seed in the accompts is called 90 candacas, a nominal candaca of 39 seers having been purposely introduced. Owing to the disrepair of the dams, two-thirds of this land is at present waste. On the island there is a good deal of land fit for the cultivation of dry grains; and it would be a fine situation for a village, were it not possessed by a Muni; on which account, and owing to the terrible disasters attributed to this demon's wrath, no Hindu will settle in the place. The people of Sateagala, at the time of cultivation, carry over their cattle, and sleep with them in one of the old temples, which is a defence against the tigers, that are said to be very numerous.

When they have committed the seed to the ground, they return home, and wait there until the time of harvest; when they again go to the island, and bring away their crops.

The Munis of Karnáta, who are demons of the first magnitude, must be carefully distinguished from a kind of Bráhmans of the same name, who have been saints of the greatest holiness, and whose memories persons of all ranks venerate. The Bráhmans never openly worship the Munis; although it is alleged, that in private many of them make offerings, in the same manner as they do to the Saktis, or destroying female spirits. Among the followers of the Bráhmans below the Ghats, the worship of the Munis, who are male destructive spirits, is very prevalent.

The only persons who defy this devil, and the tigers, are two Mussulman hermits, that dwell at Gangana Chuki. The hermitage is a hut open all round, placed opposite to the tomb of Pirca Wullay, an ancient saint, and surrounded by some neat smooth areas, and a number of flowering and aromatic trees, introduced from the neighbouring forests. One of these hermits was absent on business; the other had no defence from the tigers but his confidence in the holiness of the place, and in his own sanctity, of which he seemed to have a very favourable opinion. He told me with great complacency, that he had offended Major Macleod by not answering that gentleman's questions; having been at the time more inclined to read the Khorán than to converse with an infidel. He appears to be an ignorant bigot; but the man who is absent is said to possess more conciliating manners. In the reign of the Sultan, these hermits received very frequent visits and many presents from the Mussulman officers, and their families. They are now almost deserted, and subsist on a candaca sowing of free-gift-land that they possessed on the island, and of which they have not been deprived.

5th October. — Having remained all night near the abode of the hermit, in the morning I crossed over to view the cataract of the southern branch of the Cavery, which is also about three miles from the upper end of the island. The river there is very wide, and in its channel contains a number of rocks and small islands, the largest of which is called Birra Chuki. The precipice at the southern cataract may be about a hundred feet high, and forms part of the arch of a large circle, down which the river is thrown in ten or twelve streams. In the center is a deep recess, in form of a horse-shoe, down which the principal stream falls; and, having been collected into a narrow channel, rushes forward with prodigious violence, and again falls down about thirty feet into a capacious basin at the foot of the precipice. In the dry season two channels only contain water. The month immediately following the summer solstice is the most favourable for viewing these water-falls, as the river is then at its greatest height. The one on the southern branch contains many beauties; and as a stair has been made, so as to give easy access to the side of the basin, and to afford a fine view of the whole, I think it is by far the most agreeable object of contemplation. The access to Gangana Chuki is very bad; and a descent to the river there is both fatiguing and dangerous. Its cataract is, no doubt, more sublime than the other; but in viewing it the mind is impressed more with awe at its tremendous force, than with pleasure at its magnificence.

From the falls of Birra Chuki I went about a mile to the eastern gate of the old city of Ganga Rája. On the walls here some red stains are shown with great gravity, as the blood of the inhabitants who were killed when the place was taken. From this gate a straight wide street may be traced, for about a mile and a half, to another gate that leads to the ruinous bridge over the southern branch of the river. On one

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side of this bridge is a large temple, and on the other the ruins of the palace, where I was shown the baths in which the Rájá sported with his women.

On my return to Satteagala, an old Bráhmán, the historian of the place, was brought to me. He had no written documents; but related the following account, on the authority of tradition. About 600 years ago Ganga Rájá, of the Anagundi family, was sent hither by his kinsman, the King of Vijaya-nagara, to govern the neighbouring country. On examining all the places in the vicinity, he found none so fit for erecting a city in which he might reside, as the island of Sivana Samudra, where there then were two or three small villages. The inhabitants of these informed the Prince, that they lived there by the permission of the Muni; and unless that could be obtained, certain destruction would await the new built city. In order to obtain the favour of the Muni, the Rájá made daily large offerings of fruit and rice, and prayed incessantly; till at length the demon appeared to him in a dream, and informed him, that he might lay the foundation of the new city whenever a signal was made by the blowing of a conch. The Rájá, having prepared every thing, was waiting for the signal, when an unlucky Dáséri passed by, blowing on his conch, as is usual with that kind of mendicants. This having been mistaken for the signal, the foundation of the city was immediately laid. Half an hour afterwards the Muni gave the true signal; at which the Rájá, being alarmed, had again recourse to offerings and prayers. Moved by these, the Muni appeared to the Rájá, and informed him, that, as he had begun to build the city at an improper time, it could not be permitted to stand long. Out of his personal regard for the Prince, however, the Muni would cause the city to flourish for three generations. Ganga Rájá accordingly reigned there in great magnificence, and died in peace.

Nandi Rájá, the son of Ganga, met with many miraculous adventures, and at length was defiled by eating, unknowingly, with a certain servant of the Whallia cast, who had the power of rendering himself invisible, and who, while in this state, partook of his master's food. On this occasion, the Prince consulted the Bráhmans, who advised him to put himself to death. He accordingly delivered the kingdom to his son, and, having persuaded his wife to accompany him, they blindfolded a horse, and, having mounted him, precipitated themselves into the cataract at Gangana Chuki.

Ganga Rájá the second enlarged the city greatly, and lived with much splendour. He had two daughters, whom he gave in marriage to the two chief Polygars in the neighbourhood. The one was married to the Rájá of Kilimaly, a place now in ruins, and about four cosses from Satteagala. The other daughter was married to Buc' Ráia, Rájá of Nagara-Caray, one coss east from Madura. These marriages were very unhappy; for the pride of the ladies gave their husbands continual disgust. They were continually upbraided for not living in equal splendour with their father-in-law; and at length, having consulted together, they determined to humble their wives, by showing that their power was superior to that of Ganga Rájá. Having assembled all their forces, they besieged Sivana Samudra; but for a time had very little success. The siege had continued twelve years, without their having been able to penetrate into the island, when the two Rájás found means to corrupt the dalawai or minister of Ganga Rájá. This traitor removed the guards from the only ford, and thus permitted the enemy to surprize the place, while he endeavoured to engage his master's attention at the game of chess. The shouts of the soldiery at length reaching their ears, the Prince started up from the game. The Dalawai who wished him to fall alive into the hands of his sons-in-law, endeavoured to persuade him that the noise arose merely from children

children at play; but the Rája, having drawn his sword, first killed all his women and children, and then, rushing into the midst of his enemies, fought, until he procured an honourable death. The sons-in-law, on seeing this, were struck with horror, and immediately threw themselves into the cataract at Gangana Chuki; and their example was followed by their wives, whose arrogance had been the cause of such disasters. Jagadeva Rája of Chenapattana, and Sri Ranga Rája of Talacadu, the two most powerful of the neighbouring Polygars, then came, and removed all the people and wealth of the place; and ever since the Muni has remained in quiet possession of his island.

There can be no doubt, that the time of the foundation of the city in Sivana Samudra is later than its historian stated. Six hundred years from the present time would make Ganga Rája the first anterior to his ancestor Harihara, the first King of Vijaya-nagara. I afterwards learned, that Jagadéva's grandson was alive, and governed a large territory, in the year of Saliváhánam 1546. We may allow a hundred years for the reigns of the three Princes of Sivana Samudra and of the three Polygars of Chenapattana, which will make the foundation of the city to have happened in the year of Saliváhánam 1446, or 188 years after the foundation of Vijaya-nagara, and 277 years before the present time.

At the time of the fall of Ganja Rája the second, it is said that the Mysore Rájás were very petty Polygars, and possessed in all thirty-two villages. Other Polygars governed Taiuru, Womaluru, Moguru, Mangala, Ellanduru, Hardena-hully, &c. &c. all places in what our maps call Mysore Proper. The first rise of the family is said to have been their destroying the Rája of Sri-Ranga-Pattana, called by us Seringapatam. This Prince possessed the two districts called Ashta-gráms, and was of the blood of the Ráyalus, the sovereigns of the country; for after the death of Ráma Rája, who was killed on the banks of the Krishna before the middle of the fifteenth century, several Princes of the royal family retired to different strong holds, and for some time retained a certain power, until it was gradually overwhelmed by their rebellious subjects the Polygars, or by Mussulman and Marattah invaders.

It is said, that during the hot season some diaphanous shining stones are found in the channel of the Cavery above Gangana Chuki. I could procure no specimen; but from the description of the natives I suppose that they are rock crystal.

6th October.—I went three computed cosses, called Sultany, to Singanaluru. The distance could not be above nine or ten miles; so that the cosses called here Sultany are not longer than the usual computed cosses or Hardaries of the country above the Ghats.

The people in this part of the country consider the ox as a living god, who gives them their bread; and in every village there are one or two bulls, to whom weekly or monthly worship is performed; and when one of these bulls dies, he is buried with great ceremony. These objects of worship are by no means Sannyásis, but serve to propagate the species. When a woman of a sacred cast has not a child so soon as she could wish, she purchases a young bull, carries him to the temple, where some ceremonies are performed; and ever afterwards he is allowed to range about at pleasure, and becomes one of these village gods. The Brámanus, however, abstain from the absurd worship of these animals, although they are possessed of a Bráhma's soul. On the north side of the Cavery this superstition is not prevalent. The bull is there considered as merely respectable, on account of Iswara's having chosen one of them for his steed, and as the animal is occupied by the soul of a Bráhma in a state of purgation.

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Major Macleod, the collector, has just now sent up people with the seed of the Palmira tree, or *Borassus flabelliformis*, in order to instruct those here in the manner of cultivating that palm. They are forming a plantation on good land, a quarter of a coss in length and 200 yards wide. The people here were formerly supplied with palm-wine from the wild date; but by the order of the Sultan these were all cut; for the rigidity of this Prince's morals would not allow him to permit, in his territory, the growth of an intoxicating substance.

7th October. — Following the same valley in which Singanaluru is situated, I went two coffes to Hanuru. The soil is rather poor, and in some places stony; but, owing to a want of cultivators, a great deal of good land is waste. Hanuru is an open straggling village, which contains between seventy and eighty houses. For the accommodation of travellers, a choultry, or inn, has lately been erected.

Hanuru is estimated to be five coffes from Bud-hully, the nearest place on the Cavery. Below Sivana Samudra the immediate banks of the river are so steep and high, that there is no road near it, and very little cultivation: but villages are every where scattered in the vallies that lie among the hills, which are included in its great bend, as it descends the Ghats. A road passes from Hanuru to Canya-karna-hully, vulgo Cancan-hully, and crosses the Cavery at a ford called Bafwana Kydda, which is about half a coss below the place where the Râma-giri river enters. In other places the Cavery tumbles over rocks and precipices, which, although not of great height, render the channel so uneven, that it is impassable.

The principal hill between the Cavery and the southern extremity of the eastern Ghats is called Hedina Betta; and on this chiefly grow the timber trees that are to be procured. It produces chiefly Tayka, Biriday, Whonay, and Jala, which have all been before mentioned. The sandal wood grows on a hill called Mahadevéswara.

On the east side of Hanuru is a small river of clear water, which some years, even in the hot weather, does not become dry. It is called Tati-holay, and falls into the Cavery two coffes below Bafwana Kydda. On the banks of this, two coffes below Hanuru, is Rudra-pura, formerly a large place. It had rice and sugar grounds; watered by a dam and canal, from the Tati-holay; but now the whole is in ruins. On this rivulet there are still four dams in repair; but the grounds which they supplied with water are entirely unoccupied. The rivulet is too inconsiderable to be depended on for a regular supply of water from its dams; so that the crops were uncertain: but this might be remedied by forming reservoirs to collect the water of its canals, and by sowing no more seed than the quantity collected would be able to mature.

In this mountainous district there are two rainy seasons. The first is in the month following the vernal equinox, and is called Mungaru. During this the wull' ellu, or sesamum, is sown. The second lasts the two months before, and the two immediately following, the autumnal equinox. These rains bring to maturity the crops of ragy, shamay, jola, cambu, udu, hesiaru, huruli, and carlay. Since the country has been under the management of Major Macleod, the solar year of the Tamuls has been introduced.

8th October. — I went four computed coffes to Caud-hully. The road is hilly, and on the whole descends considerably.

9th October. — I went three computed Sultany coffes to Mat'-hully, or Marat-hully.

10th October. — I went three computed coffes to Nidy Cavil, which in the Tamul language signifies the guard of the middle; this place being in the middle of the Ghats,

Ghats, and situated at the boundary of Karnáta from the Chéra Défam, which includes what we call the province of Coimbetore, and the district of Saliem.

Soon after leaving Mat'-hully, I reached the Palar, which comes from the south-west, and passes through a valley that is cultivated from its source downwards to Nelluru, which is four cosses from where we joined the river. From Nelluru to the bottom of the Ghats this valley is very narrow, and could scarcely admit of any cultivation. There are, however, some level spots that might be cultivated, and this would add greatly to the comfort of passengers. I am persuaded, that Palmira trees would thrive near the banks of the Palar the whole way; and their produce would find a ready sale. The channel of the Palar, so far as I have seen it to-day, has a very moderate declivity, and at present contains a good deal of water; but in many places it is fordable. For several days together, after heavy rains, it is frequently impassable, to the great distress of travellers. In the dry season there is no stream in its channel; but, by digging in the sand, good water may always be procured. The dry weather, however, is here of uncommon short duration; for the rains from the eastward commence as soon as those from the west have abated. I have now been out the whole of the rainy season above the Ghats, and to-day I met the violence of the monsoon coming from the eastern side of the peninsula.

The road passes by the side of the Palar, and frequently crosses its channel. In the dry season, indeed, this is generally used by travellers. A good road, and one of easy declivity, might without much trouble be constructed. At present, nothing can be worse. The hills on both sides are steep, and covered with trees; but few of them are of a size fit for timber.

The strata of the Ghats run north and south, and are vertical. They are so much intersected by fissures, as to be of little use for building. In one place I found large concretions of lime-stone, resembling those found at Maléfwara Betta, which have the appearance of the petrified nests of white ants: but here the masses were infinitely too large to have derived their origin from such a source. The ore of iron, in form of black sand, is very plentiful; but in this neighbourhood none is smelted.

CHAP. IX.—From the Kaveri-pura Ghat to Coimbetore.

OCTOBER 11th, 1800. — Nidy Cavil, at which I have now arrived, is situated on the frontier between Karnáta and Chéra Défams, two of the ancient divisions in Hindu geography. It was formerly a small fort, and was occupied by a few Sepoys; but the fort is now in ruins, and the guard has been withdrawn.

To-day I went three computed cosses to Chica Cavil, at the bottom of the Ghats. The road is by no means steep; but the day's journey was laborious, as we were obliged to cross the Palar four times, and it was exceedingly swollen by the heavy rains. The road, I believe, might readily be conducted, the whole way, on one side of the river; but, as the stream for a great part of the year is inconsiderable, travellers have been in the habit of crossing it on the slightest difficulty; and thus the path has been formed in a manner very inconvenient for those who are compelled to pass it after heavy rain.

The hills on both sides of the river are steep, but afford abundance of pasture for cattle, and in a few places leave level spots, that might be made comfortable abodes for the managers of flocks, or for the cultivators of Palmira trees. From the hills on either side, several small clear streams run into the Palar. Chica Cavil, or the small guard,

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guard, is a house built for the accommodation of passengers, on a rising ground above the Palar, where it enters the valley watered by the Cavery, as that river comes south from Alumbady. From the rising ground, those who delight in rude scenes of nature may enjoy a most beautiful prospect. The valley watered by the Cavery is here very rough, and contains few people and little cultivation.

In the Ghats above this place the most common strata are gneiss, and a quartz strongly impregnated with iron. Both are vertical, and run north and south. They are much intersected by veins and fissures; so that no large blocks could be procured. The most remarkable mineral phenomenon here is the lime-stone, or tufa-calcaria. In its nature it entirely resembles the congar of Hindustan Proper. Some of it is whitish, and some of an earthy brown. It is found in very large masses, many feet in length, and often six or eight in thickness. It appears to me to have been once in a state of fluidity, resembling thin mortar, and to have flowed irregularly over many large spaces of these Ghats; after which it has hardened into its present form. Where it flowed through earthy or vegetable matters, it filled up the interstices between their parts; and afterwards having been freed from them by their gradual decay, and the action of the rains, masses of it are now exposed to the air perforated in all directions, like that which I found at Malaiswara Betta. In other places, this liquid has flowed among the decaying masses of rock and gravel. It has filled up all the veins and rents of the former, and united them again into a solid mass. With the gravel, it has formed a substance entirely resembling the mortar made of quick lime and that matter, but of a very great hardness. This rock is therefore evidently of a much later formation than the strata of the mountains; having been formed after they began to decay, and even after the formation of mould and vegetables.

12th October. — I went five computed Malabar hours' journey, which, I suppose Major Rennell would call five cosses of the Carnatic, and came to Käveri-pura.

The mountains, viewed from the banks of the Cavery here, do not appear to be higher above the level of the country than they did from Sattagala above the Ghats. This is probably owing to their eastern ridges being lower than those to the westward, but yet sufficiently high to conceal the others from the view. The Cavery here is at present a wide and strong, but smooth stream, which is no where fordable; but in the dry season it has fords every where.

13th October. — I went ten Malabar hours' journey to Navaputty; that is, the nine villages, having formerly been the principal of nine adjacent hamlets. It is a sorry place, containing about twenty houses. The huts of the country, called Chéra, are like bee-hives; and consist of a circular mud-wall, about three feet high, which is covered with a long conical roof of thatch. Contrary to what might have been expected in a hot climate, but agreeable to the custom of almost all Hindus, one small door is the only out-let for smoke, and the only inlet for air and light. Each family has a hut for sleeping, another for cooking, and a third for a storehouse. Wealthy men add more huts to their premises, but seldom attempt at any innovation in the architecture of the country.

14th October. — Having been deceived about the distance, concerning which it is very difficult to get accurate information, I went a very short way to Nerinja-petta, which was said to be five Malabar hours' journey. I passed through a narrow plain, bounded on my left by the Cavery, and on my right by high hills. The soil of this plain, in some places, is covered with rock, and sand, intermixed with calcareous tufa; but much of it is good, although, from a want of inhabitants, very little is cultivated. There is no rice land.

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Nerinja-petta is a poor open town, said to contain about two hundred families. The inhabitants of three hundred houses are said to have retired from it to the country, under Colonel Read's management, in consequence of the contributions levied by Jemál Khán, to enable the Sultan to pay the sum which was exacted from him by Lord Cornwallis. Previous to that emigration, the place contained many traders and cotton weavers. These were of three kinds; Muca Chambadavar, Shaliar, and Coicular. The first have entirely deserted the place; and of the two last only eight houses remain. The Shaliar are a tribe of Telinga origin, and are the same with those who above the Ghats are called Padma Shalay.

The Cavery here begins to rise about the 26th of May. It is at the highest from the 13th of July until the 13th of August, before the rainy season commences. As this advances, it decreases in size, but does not become fordable until after the 11th of January. At Nerinja-petta a dam was built across the Cavery by Cada Ráya, one of the family of Chica Déva Rája of Myfore. It formerly sent a canal to each side of the river; that on the left ran five Malabar hours' journey; and on the right ran three hours' journey, watering the fields all the way between it and the river; both have been entirely ruinous from the breaking down of the dam, which happened at a period beyond the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

On Palla hill, which extends from Shamli to Nerinja-petta, are sixteen villages of Malayála, or hill people, who on the summit of their mountain cultivate all the dry grains of Myfore, and have the only mango (*mangifera*) and jack (*artocarpus integrifolia*) trees that are to be found in this neighbourhood. These villages are said each to contain from five to sixteen houses; but are so difficult of access, that I could not visit them without a day's halt. Several similar hills are scattered through Major Macleod's district on both sides of the Cavery. The inhabitants of the plains cannot live on these mountains; nor can the highlanders live on the plains, without the greatest danger to their health. They are a distinct cast from the people of the plains; but quite different from the people of Malayálam, or what we call the province of Malabar, although both people are known by the same name, from their both inhabiting hilly countries.

In the hills here are many black bears. These are harmless animals, living chiefly on white ants, wild fruit, and that of the Palmira tree. The only injury that they do is to the crops of sholum (*holcus serglum*). If a man disturb or surprize a bear, he is liable to be killed by the animal, but not to be eaten. It is unsafe, therefore, to approach these animals, especially advancing straight before them; for, the bear's eyes being turned backwards, he does not see the person advancing towards him until he is alarmed by the man's near approach, and then attacks the sudden intruder. The bear is very strong, and is not afraid of the tiger. It lives in caves, and holes under large stones. Such is the account of the natives; for in the south of India I have not seen the animal, although there can be no doubt that it is the *Bradypus ursinus* of naturalists, which is a real bear.

15th October. — I went ten Malabar hours' journey to Bhwánikudal, called in our maps, Boviny Coral.

The strata run north and south, and are much intermixed with calcarious matter, that has diffused itself among them while it was in a fluid state. It is chiefly found near rivulets and torrents. On the banks of the Sitaru I observed it under an extensive stratum of white quartz; but I do not think it can be from thence inferred, that the quartz is of so recent a formation as the calcarious tufa. It may have been undermined by the rivulet, and the calcarious matter afterwards deposited under it, so as to fill up the empty space.

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The following is the account given by the most intelligent persons of the weather in the different seasons, or Ritus:

I. Chitri and Vyashi form Vafanta Ritu. The winds are moderate, and from the southward, except about twice in the season; when, for from ten to fifteen days, violent squalls come from the westward, accompanied with thunder and lightning, with pretty heavy showers, and sometimes with hail. Before the squalls the sky is red; at other times it is clear, with warm sunshine, and neither fogs nor dews. At this season the trees flower.

II. Grishma Ritu contains Ani and Adi. Once in eight or ten days heavy showers come from the westward, accompanied by much wind and thunder, but no hail. There are fogs on the hills, but not in the open country. In the intervals between the rains the heat is moderate, with cloudy weather, and strong westerly winds.

III. Varhá Ritu contains Avony and Peratahi. At this season heavy and incessant rains, for five or six days, come from the westward, with similar intervals of fair weather, and are attended with lightning, but no thunder, and very moderate winds.

IV. Sarat Ritu contains Alpishi and Carticay. In the former, heavy rains come, once in six or eight days, from the north east. Each fall in general continues a whole day. There is very little wind, and the heats are by the natives reckoned moderate; that is, to an European they are not absolutely frying. In Carticay, there are usually only two or three days rain, which also comes from the eastward. The winds are moderate, and easterly. The air is cool. Toward the end of the month there are heavy dews.

V. Hémana Ritu contains Margully and Tey. About the middle of Margully there are showers for three or four hours in the day, with moderate winds from the south, and some thunder. At other times there are heavy dews, with a very cold air, and south-easterly winds of very moderate strength. The sky is sometimes clear, and at others cloudy.

VI. Sayshu Ritu contains Mashu and Panguny. Towards the end of Panguny there are sometimes squalls from the westward, with thunder and rain; but the greater part of the season is clear and hot, with light breezes from the south, and moderate dews.

In the southern parts of the Coimbatore province, opposite to the breach in the mountains at Ani-malaya, the winds in the beginning of the south-west monsoon are excessively violent.

All the people here allege, that the rains are more regular and in greater quantity above the Ghats, than they are here. This however appears to me doubtful: although here, as well as above the Ghats, the westerly winds bring the strongest rains; yet here they enjoy a considerable portion of the rain from the other monsoon, which must prevent the country from ever being burnt up by a long drought.

Fevers and fluxes are epidemic from about the middle of October until the tenth of January; and generally at the same time the epidemic distemper prevails among the cattle.

18th October.—I went seven Indian hours' journey along the northern bank of the Bhawáni, to Apogodal. The country through which I passed is level, and well peopled; and the quantity of waste land is not considerable: it indeed seems too small to be able to afford pasture for the cattle. I saw eight or ten acres only of rice-ground, and one half of that was waste. The only fences were a few hedges made of dry bushes. The cultivation is extremely slovenly, more so even than in any place

above the Ghats. It is said, that at any distance from the river one half of the fields is waste. Near the hills is Andeuru, the chief place of a large district comprehending Káveri-pura and Bhawáni-kudal. In its vicinity are said to be seven reservoirs in repair, which supply with water a considerable quantity of rice-ground.

Apogodal contains a temple of Iswara, and about one hundred houses, but has not a single shop.

19th October. — I went a very long stage, called nine hours' journey, to Nalaráyana-pallyam, a small village on the bank of the river, which at all seasons contains running water, and has here many pools, which are always deep, and harbour crocodiles.

20th October. — I went six Malabar hours' journey to Anacodavery, the place where the canals are taken from the river Bhawáni to water the rice-grounds which I described yesterday.

21st October. — I went three Malabar hours' journey to Sati-mangalam, which in the Sanskrit language signifies truly good. The fort is large, and constructed of uncut stone, and has a garrison, but contains very few houses. It is said to have been built about two hundred years ago, by Trimula Náyaka, a relation of the Rája of Madura, who governed this part of the country for his kinsman. The merchants, who in general are the best-informed Hindus on historical subjects, say, that fifty years afterwards it became subject to Cantirava Nurfá, Rája of Mysore. From this long dependence on Princes of Karnáta, the language of that country is now the most prevalent, although that of the Tamuls is the original dialect of the place, which is a part of Chéra Désam. It is said to have formerly depended on Pandia, which formed the continental possessions of Rávana, King of Lanca, or Ceylon.

The petta, or town of Sati-mangalam, is scattered about the plain at some distance from the fort, and in Hyder's reign contained seven hundred and eighty-four houses. These are now reduced to five hundred and thirty-six. Here is a considerable temple dedicated to Vishnu. The rath or chariot belonging to it is very large, and richly carved. The figures on it, representing the amours of that god in the form of Krishna, are the most indecent that I have ever seen.

The country is at present very unhealthy; and ever since we came through the Káveri-pura pass, some of my people have been daily seized with fevers. The days are intensely hot, with occasionally very heavy rains. The nights are tolerably cool; to the natives they appear cold.

23d October. — I went seven Malabar hours' journey to Moducun-Dery, or the ferry of Moducun.

I went from Dodara-pallyam, and about a mile from the river saw a quarry of pot-stone. It is found in very large beds or masses among the usual vertical strata of the country, all of which near the Bhawáni run east and west. The Balapum, or pot-stone, is of a better quality than that above the Ghats; and the vessels made of it are much used by the natives for cooking, as it resists the fire, and, although very soft, is by no means easily broken. Four men find a constant employment in making these vessels, which are sent as far as Seringapatam. They are very clumsy, and not polished.

The country through which I passed to-day is more rocky than that east from Sati-mangalam, but is better peopled. About one half only is waste. The only cultivation is that of dry grains. The country would look pretty if it were better wooded; but all the banks of the Bhawáni are rather bare. The land here lets from five to forty fanams the estimated bulla. That which gives a higher rent is in very small quantity,

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quantity, and the common rent is from ten to fifteen fanams. By far the greater number of the people here are of Karnáta extraction. The sickness among my people continues to increase.

24th October. — I went five Malabar hours' journey to Dan' Nayakana Cotay, a fort situated on the north side of the Bhawáni, a little above the junction of the Máyar. It is said to contain only about fifty houses, but it is large. In the suburb there are said to be 107 houses. Both statements seem to me to under-rate the population.

25th October. — I remained at Dan' Nayakana Cotay, and took a very long and fatiguing walk to the top of the western hills, in order to see a cambay, or village, inhabited by Eriligaru. The love of the marvellous, so prevalent in India, has made it commonly reported, that these poor people go absolutely naked, sleep under trees without any covering, and possess the power of charming tigers, so as to prevent those ferocious animals from doing them any injury. My interpreter, a very shrewd man, gravely related that the Eriligaru women, when they go into the woods to collect roots, entrust their children to the care of a tiger.

On the hills the Eriligaru have small villages. That which I visited contained seven or eight huts, with some pens for their goats; the whole built round a square, in which they burn a fire all night to keep away the tigers. The huts were very small, but tolerably neat, and constructed of bamboos interwoven like basket-work, and plastered on the inside with clay. These people have abundance of poultry, a few goats, and in some villages a few cows, which are only used for giving milk, as the Eriligaru never use the plough. They possess the art of taking wild-fowl in nets, which adds to their stock of animal food; and sometimes they kill the tigers in spring traps, loaded with stones, and baited with a kid. Near their villages they have large gardens of plantain and lime trees, and they cultivate the neighbouring ground after the Cotucadu fashion, changing the fields every year. One of the articles raised by this means is a new species of amaranthus, the seed of which they grind to flour, and use as a farinaceous substance. I have sent it to Dr. Roxburgh, under the name of amaranthus fariniferus. Besides cultivating their gardens and fields, the Eriligaru gather wild yams (*dioscoræ*), and cut timber and bamboos for the people of the low country. Both men and women take an equal share of the labour in cultivating their fields. They have the advantage of a tolerably good soil, and a part of two rainy seasons; yet, although they have fixed abodes, and of course gardens, they are greatly inferior to the subjects of the Pomang-gri, and other rude tribes, who inhabit the hilly parts of Chittagong. Their huts are much poorer, and their persons are miserable. Both men and women are clothed with dirty cotton stuffs, but in much smaller pieces than those used by the other inhabitants. They speak a bad or old dial. of the Karnáta language, and must be therefore of a different race from the Eriligaru that I saw at Rámi-giri, who spoke a dialect of the Tamul.

Although the atmosphere was rather hazy, I had from the hills a noble view of the whole course of the Bhawáni, and of the country called Chéra as far as Sancti-durga, and other remote hills. Near the village I was refreshed by the cool water of a fine perennial spring, which in India is a great rarity.

26th October. — I went seven and a half Malabar hours' journey to Sirumugá, on the east side of the Bhawáni, which is here a fine clear stream coming from the south. Cultivation occupies a very small proportion of what has formerly been ploughed, and is confined chiefly to the banks of the river, where the soil is best. The higher grounds consist of a poor soil full of stones; and many of the fields, to judge from the

the size of the trees that have sprung up in them, seem to have been long deserted. Sirumugá is a poor village, with about twenty houses; but has some shops, which are not very common in this province. In the Sultan's reign it was the residence of an amildar dependent on the asoph of Coimbetore, and contains the ruins of many huts. The people complain much of the scarcity of rain; and the dryness of the fields, and want of pasture, show their complaints to be well founded. Fifteen of my people are now ill with fevers.

27th October. — I went a long stage called seven and a half Malabar hours' journey, and halted at Gulur, a village without a shop. By the way I passed Bellady, a mud fort, which has a suburb at some distance. Two small streams cross the road towards the east; but it is said, that having united they turn round, and at Sirumugá join the Bhawáni by a channel, which I did not observe. A small tank has been formed near these streams, and receives a supply of water from them, so as to enable the people to cultivate a little rice. The soil of the country through which I passed to-day is very poor, and there is scarcely any of it cultivated.

There has been rain twice only this season, and none for the last fifteen days, so that the country is quite parched; and it is said, that had there been more rain, the cultivation would have been more extensive. The rains seem here to be very partial. They have been plentiful all the way up the Bhawáni, except at Sirumugá; and at Nella-turu, near its source, they are said to have been abundant. Most of the people here speak the Tamul language, a few use the Telinga, but that of Karnáta does not extend so far from the Ghats.

28th October. — I went eight Malabar hours' journey to Coimbetore. The country is much freer of rocks and stones than that through which I have passed for some days, and the soil is in general good. The waste fields do not appear to amount to more than a half of all that is arable. There are few hedges, and the country is remarkably bare of trees. An avenue of a species of Ficus has been planted all the way from Dan' Nayakana to Coimbetore, but it is not thriving; and, except these trees, the country is as bare as that in the vicinity of Seringapatam.

The hereditary chief of Coimbetore, as we call it, is of the Vaylalar tribe. Formerly his ancestors dwelt in a village at the foot of the hills, the site of the town being then a forest, in which there were four or five huts of a rude tribe, called Malashir, and a temple of their goddess Conima, which still remains. The head man of these people was called Coia, and the name of the village Coiampuddi. The ancestor of the present chief, having obtained the consent of the Malashir, came to their village, and built a fort. Soon after all these people died, and the goddess appeared in a dream to the Vaylalar chief, and commanded him to enlarge her temple, and appoint a priest (pujári), promising him a great increase of power, and desiring him to assume the name of Cotegara Calippa, and to change that of the place to Coiamaturu. The present chief, who gives me this information, says, that he is the twentieth in descent from the first founder of the town. The family originally paid tribute to the Rájás of Madura. The country was conquered by the Myfore family about one hundred and fifty years ago, and the fort was then enlarged. For some time before and after the accession of Hyder, it was governed by a person named Madana, who enjoyed his office forty years, and was a Lingabunt (one who wears the linga). He built a house here, which by the natives is called a palace, and is considered as an immense work. It certainly is abundantly large; but it is a clumsy inconvenient pile of mud; and at present serves as a barrack for the officer commanding a regiment of cavalry, who is very indifferently lodged. In the government of Madana the place was very flourishing. It suf-

ferred much by the subsequent wars; and about eight years ago the fort was destroyed by the late Sultan. Since it fell into the hands of the English, and especially since it became the quarters of a regiment of cavalry, the town has recovered considerably; and it now contains two thousand houses, which is about five-eighths of what it contained under Hyder's government. It has a tolerable mosque, built by Tippoo, who sometimes resided in the palace; but it has no large temple. Here I was most kindly received by the officers of the regiment, as indeed I was almost every where during my journey; for English hospitality is in no part of the world more eminently distinguished, than among the officers serving under the government of Madras.

29th and 30th October. — I remained at Coimbatore, taking an account of the vicinity; and on the morning of the 30th I visited a celebrated temple at Peruru, which is two miles from Coimbatore. It is dedicated to Iswara, and called Mail (high) Chitumbra, in order to distinguish it from another Chitumbra, that is near Pondicherry. The idol is said to have placed itself here many ages ago; but it is only three thousand years since the temple was erected over it by a Rája of Madura. It has four raths, or chariots, and a very fine tank entirely lined with cut stone. The building is highly ornamented after the Hindu fashion; but the whole, as usual, is utterly destitute of elegance, and the figures are not only extremely rude, but some of them are indecent. The stone of which it is built is very fine. Some of the pillars intended for it are lying near, and are said never to have been erected; the work having been left incomplete, owing to the death of the Rája by whom it was undertaken. The freshness of the stones by no means corresponds with the era given by the Bráhmans for the work. The Bráhmans in the time of Hyder had very large endowments in lands; but these were entirely reassumed by Tippoo, who also plundered the temple of its gold and jewels. He was obliged, however, to respect it more than many others in his dominions; as, when he issued a general order for the destruction of all idolatrous buildings, he excepted only this, and the temples of Seringapatam and Mailcotay. This order was never enforced, and few of the temples were injured, except those which were demolished by the Sultan in person, who delighted in this work of zeal. This temple is in the district of Mr. Hurdis, who gives for its support an allowance sufficient for keeping up a decent worship, but very inadequate to quiet the clamours of the Bráhmans. Even in the reign of the Sultan an allowance was clandestinely given; so that the púja, or worship, never was entirely stopped, as happened in many less celebrated places.

The dancing women, and their musicians, thus now form a separate kind of cast; and a certain number of them are attached to every temple of any consequence. The allowances which the musicians receive for their public duty is very small; yet morning and evening they are bound to attend at the temple to perform before the image. They must also receive every person travelling on account of the government, meet him at some distance from the town, and conduct him to his quarters with music and dancing. All the handsome girls are instructed to dance and sing, and are all prostitutes, at least to the Bráhmans. In ordinary sets they are quite common; but, under the Company's government, those attached to temples of extraordinary sanctity are reserved entirely for the use of the native officers, who are all Bráhmans, and who would turn out from the set any girl that profaned herself by communication with persons of low cast, or of no cast at all, such as Christians or Mussulmans. Indeed, almost every one of these girls that is tolerably rightly taken by some officer of revenue for his own special use, and is seldom permitted to go to the temple, except in his presence. Most of these officers have more than one wife, and the women of the Bráhmans are very beautiful;

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but the insipidity of their conduct, from a total want of education or accomplishment, makes the dancing women be sought after by all natives with great avidity. The Mussulman officers in particular were exceedingly attached to this kind of company, and lavished away on these women a great part of their incomes. The women very much regret their loss, as the Mussulmans paid liberally, and the Bráhmans durst not presume to hinder any girl, who chose, from amusing an aloph, or any of his friends. The Bráhmans are not near so lavish of their money, especially where it is secured by the Company's government, but trust to their authority for obtaining the favours of the dancers. When a Mussulman called for a set, it procured from twenty to two hundred fanams (from 12s. 6d. to 6l. 4s. 9d.), according to the number and liberality of his friends who were present; for in this country it is customary for every spectator to give something. They are now seldom called upon to perform in private, except at marriages, where a set does not get more than ten fanams, or about 6s. 3d. The girls belonging to this cast, who are ugly, or who cannot learn to sing, are married by the musicians. The Nutua, or person who performs on two small cymbals, is the chief of the set, and not only brings up the boys to be musicians, and instructs all the good-looking girls, born in the set, to sing and dance, but will purchase handsome girls of any cast whatever that he can procure. When a dancing girl becomes old she is turned out from the temple without any provision, and is very destitute, unless she has a handsome daughter to succeed her; but if she has, the daughters are in general extremely attentive and kind to their aged parents. To my taste, nothing can be more silly and unanimated than the dancing of the women, nor more harsh and barbarous than their music. Some Europeans however, from long habit, I suppose, have taken a liking to it, and have even been captivated by the women. Most of them that I have had an opportunity of seeing have been very ordinary in their looks, very inelegant in their dress, and very dirty in their persons: a large proportion of them have the itch, and a still larger proportion are more severely diseased.

CHAP. X. — *From Coimbatore to the Frontier of Malabar.*

ON the 1st of November I went ten Malabar hours' journey to Kanya-uru, which is a small village without any shops, and is situated at some distance north from the Noyel river. The country near Coimbatore is fully cultivated, but very bare of trees. A few very fine hedges show how well they would thrive, if all the fields were inclosed. Towards Kanya-uru large proportions of the fields are unoccupied, but the country is better wooded. Much of the soil is poor, and all at any distance from the Noyel is dry-field.

2d November. — I went ten Malabar hours' journey to Avanasi, the residence of a Tahsildar.

3d November. — I went five Malabar hours' journey to Tripura, fording the Noyel at that town.

4th November. — I went ten Malabar hours' journey to Tallawai Pallyam, as being the most likely place to find the iron forges: but in this I was disappointed, no iron having been ever made there. Some parts of the country through which I passed were well cultivated, while others were quite waste.

At almost every village in the Perinduru district, iron is also smelted from black sand.

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west; and in many places, especially near rivers or torrents, have been over-flowed by the tufa calcaria, already frequently mentioned. The sporadic concretions usually found above the Ghats, and the great diffused masses found in Coimbatore, seem to consist exactly of the same materials. The whole calcareous matter, however, in Coimbatore is by no means in large beds; many sporadic concretions are every where to be found.

6th November. — I went five Malabar hours' journey to Perinduru. The soil of the country through which I passed is in general poor, and not much of it cultivated.

7th November. — I went eight Malabar hours' journey to Erodu, or, as it is called in our maps, Eroad. The country through which I passed is in a state similar to that between China Mali and Perinduru, and contains no rice lands.

9th November. — I went a very long stage, called ten Malabar hours' journey, to Pashar. The canal from the Bhawani continued near my route on the left, and goes on three Malabar hours' journey farther, to a place called Colanelly. The high ground on my right was in general very poor. Of what is tolerably good a large proportion is cultivated. Pashar is an open village, containing 130 houses, of which 40 are inhabited by Brahmins. There is, however, only one small temple that has a Brahman pujari, or priest. The others have betaken themselves to honest industry, and rent the lands which they formerly held in Enam; that is to say, almost the whole rice-ground belonging to the place. They are said actually to have put their hands to the plough. Great complaints are made here of a want of rain.

I observed near Pashar very large rocks of white quartz, in which it is evidently disposed in plates, like schistus, from one quarter of an inch to one inch in thickness, standing vertically, and running east and west in the direction of the common strata of the country.

10th November. — I went eight Malabar hours' journey to Codomudi, a town on the bank of the Cavery.

11th November. — I went seven and a half Malabar hours' journey to Pogolur, in the district under the management of Mr. Hurdis.

13th November. — I went ten Malabar hours' journey to Caruru, or Caroor. A considerable proportion of the country is not cultivated, and there are very few fences. The soil is in general poor, with many projecting rocks, especially of pure white quartz, among which are found irregular masses perfectly pellucid. There is a quarry near Caroor, of a stone called carum-gull, or the black stone. It differs from the hornblende of Mysore, being mixed with felspar; but is used for the same purposes, and is called by the same name.

Caruru is a considerable town, situated on the northern bank of the Amara-wati river, and having at a little distance from it a neat fort, containing a large temple, and a garrison of sepoy. The town contains 1000 houses. Its merchants seem, however, to be chiefly petty dealers, nor are the weavers in the place numerous.

14th November. — I went seven and a half Malabar hours' journey to Cutamboor, a small village without a shop. The river Amara-wati is at least 400 yards wide; but its stream is very gentle, and almost always fordable. To-day it was about two feet deep. The channel is entirely of sand, and the banks are very low; so that, for watering the rice-grounds, canals (corums) are easily taken from it.

Near the river the rice-grounds are extensive, and fully cultivated. Farther on, the soil becomes poor, and has many large projecting rocks; but they do not rise high above the surface. There are few inclosures, and much of the dry-field is waste. The country south from the river Noyelar is remarkably bare of trees.

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15th November.—I went seven and a half Malabar hours' journey to Arava-courchy.

16th November.—I went ten Malabar hours' journey to Mulinuru. The country is better enclosed, and less rocky, than that through which I came yesterday; but it is equally uncultivated.

17th November.—I went a long stage to Daraporam. Near this are two fine canals, that water much rice-land in a good state of cultivation. The soil of the dry-field is poor, and but little of it is cultivated.

21st November.—I went about eleven miles to Puna-puram. By the way I saw very little cultivation, but the whole country has formerly been ploughed. From a want of trees and hedges it is very bare, and the soil is rather poor. Immense fields of limestone are every where to be seen; and the strata of it at Puna-puram are much thicker than I have observed any where else. Many wells having been dug through these strata, to the depth of twelve and fifteen feet, give the traveller a good view of them. The calcareous matter seems to have been gradually deposited in horizontal strata, or layers. It involves small angular masses of quartz, and other stones, which, I suppose, must have arisen from its having flowed over the surface of the original strata while it was in a soft state, and collected fragments of these as it rolled along. On the surface of the layers, or in cavities, some of it assumes a botryoidal form, while other parts of these cavities have a smooth undulating or conchoidal surface. The original strata are all aggregate rocks. Puna-puram is a small fort, of which the hereditary chief is a young boy. He was brought to me by his grandmother, and male relations, who are the chief farmers in the place. This season they have had scarcely any rain, to which some of the wretched appearance of the country must be attributed; but they say, that they have suffered much from the neighbouring Polygars, especially during a commotion that took place about three years ago.

22d November.—I went seven and a half Malabar hours' journey to Mangalam, an open village belonging to a Polygar. The country is not so stony as that through which I passed yesterday; but it is equally uncultivated. Mangalam is now reduced to forty houses. It formerly contained one hundred. This diminution is attributed to the oppression of Tippoo, and to want of rain; for many of the cultivators have removed to places blessed with a more favourable climate. The Polygar is one of the most stupid looking men that I have ever seen, and goes about with very little attendance, or state.

Wherever wells have been dug into the lime-stone, water has been found at no great distance from the surface; yet here there is little or no garden cultivation. Much of the well water has a saline taste; and in almost every part of the neighbourhood culinary salt may be procured in the dry season by scraping the surface of the earth, and by lixiviation.

23d November.—I went seven Malabar hours' journey to Pujar-petta, an open village with a few shops. Like almost all those in this neighbourhood, it is surrounded and intersected by many hedges, which serve as a defence against the thieves and robbers who come to drive away the cattle; and these miscreants, owing to the vicinity of the Polygars, have always been numerous. The village belongs immediately to the government, but is surrounded by the lands of Polygars.

This day's road led through a country which is in nearly a similar state with all that I have ever seen west from Darapuram; but the soil in some places is much better, and really very good. The hills of Coimbatore, and those that bound the Arabian Sea pass on the south, are both visible from Pujar-petta.

24th Novem-

24th November. — I went six Malabar hours' journey to Palachy. As I approached it, the country became gradually more cultivated, and better inclosed; and its environs look well, being adorned with groves of cocoa-nut palms; but there are no other trees near it: the town contains 300 poor houses and a small temple, and derives its name from the second wife of a Vaylalar, who came to the place when the country was entirely covered with woods, and began to clear it by the Cotu-Cadu cultivation. The town is rising fast into importance, having been made the residence of a Tahsildar, and being placed in the line of the new road that has been opened to Pali-ghat. Near it is a small fort.

In this vicinity was lately dug up a pot, containing a great many Roman silver coins, of which Mr. Hurdis was so kind as to give me six. They were of two kinds, but all of the same value, each weighing 56 grains. One of the kinds is of Augustus. The legend round the head is CAESAR AVGVSTVS DIVI F PATER PATRIAE; that is, *Cæsar Augustus Divi Filii Pater Patriæ*. Above the reverse, representing two persons standing with two bucklers and spears placed between them, the legend is AVGVSTI F COS DESIC PRINC IVVENT; that is, *Augusti Filio Consule designato, principe juventutis*. Under the figures is written CAESARIA, or *Cæsaria*, at some city of which name it has been struck. The other coin is of the same weight, and belongs to Tiberius. The legend round the head is TI CAESAR DIVI AVGVSTI F AVGVSTVS; *Tiberius Cæsar Divi Augusti Filius Augustus*. On the reverse, representing a person seated and holding a spear in one hand and a branch in the other, is the following legend: PONTIF MAXIM, or *Pontifex Maximus*.

27th November. — I went seven Malabar hours' journey to Animalaya. Until I came to the river Alima, the road passed through a country well cultivated and inclosed. I forded the Alima at a town called Umbrayen-pallyam, which has formerly been a large place, but is now mostly in ruins, having been destroyed by the Nairs in their wars with Tippoo. I then proceeded up the side of the Alima, having a fine canal with rice-fields to my left, and woods on my right. These occupy the grounds of a village, in which there was formerly much cultivation of dry grains. This also was destroyed by the Nairs, who are considered by the people here as fierce and cruel barbarians.

Ani-malaya, or Elephant-hill, is so called from the great number of elephants and hills in its neighbourhood. It is a town which contains about 400 houses, and is situated on the west side of the Alima. It is the common thoroughfare between Malabar and the southern part of the Arcot dominions, being placed opposite to the wide passage that is between the southern end of the Ghats of Karnâta, and the hills that run north from Cape Comorin. The Madura Râjâs, the former lords of the country, built a fort close to the river; which having fallen to ruins, the materials were removed by the Mysore Râjâs, and a new fort was built at some distance to the westward. Twelve years ago Tippoo gave it some repairs, and, to procure materials for the purpose, pulled down five large temples. It is still a very poor work, and is in the district of Palachy.

The greater part of the dry-field in the neighbourhood is now overgrown with woods; for eight entire villages to the westward have been completely destroyed by the Nairs, and have never been re-peopled.

The elephants are increasing here in number, owing to no hunt having been made for some years past. They are very destructive and formidable, and kill many poor people who are travelling in a solitary manner.

The Cadar are a rude tribe inhabiting the hills in this neighbourhood, and speaking a dialect that differs in accent only from the Tamul. The men live by collecting drugs for the renter, as I have already mentioned. The women collect wild roots that are edible. They have no means of killing game, but eat any that they find dead. They rear no domestic animals, nor cultivate any thing whatever; but their clothing is as good as that of the neighbouring peasantry. They pay no taxes, and the renter settles all disputes among them. They live in villages called Malaya-pudy. They always marry in their own tribe, but cannot take a girl who is of the same family with themselves in the male line. They are allowed a plurality of wives. The lover presents the mother of his mistress with some cloth, and iron tools, and the ceremony consists in a feast given to the relations. The girls continue to be marriageable after the age of puberty, and a widow can without disgrace marry again. If a woman commit adultery, the tribe assembled deliver her over to her paramour, who pays a fine to the husband, and takes the woman to be his wife. They do not drink spirituous liquors; and they bury the dead. After death, the spirits of good men reside with a god named Mudivirum, while those of wicked men go to a bad place. Their temples are small huts, in which rude stones represent Mudivirum, and two female deities called Paycotu-Ummum, and Kali Ummum. These deities protect their votaries from tigers, elephants, and disease, but have no priests. Once a year the whole people assemble at the temple, and offer rice and flowers to the images, and sometimes sacrifice a goat. When in the low country, they say that they are of Vishnu's side; but they pray to every image that they see. They say, that the men of another tribe living in the hills, and called Visabun, or Corabun, are their Gurus, and are able to read and write. They make presents to their Guru, and he gives them consecrated ashes. They have nothing to do with the Bráhmans.

28th November. — I went seven Malabar hours' journey to Mingara, a place in the middle of the Ani-malaya forest, and on the frontier of the country which formerly belonged to the Tamuri Rája, where a guard of 15 armed men is placed by the Tahsildar of Palachy. The men are huddled on the banks of a mountain torrent; and, although relieved once a fortnight, suffer exceedingly from this unhealthy climate. They are stationed here to prevent the passage of thieves and armed vagabonds, to prevent smuggling, and to intercept unlawful correspondence. The three small huts which they occupy are the only habitations near the place.

On strong high trees the guard has constructed two stages, to which the men fly when they are attacked by solitary discontented male elephants, who are not to be driven away by firing at them, unless the ball takes place in some sensible part. Herds of elephants come very frequently to drink at the torrent; but are easily alarmed, and run away at the first shot. The guard meets with no annoyance from tigers. For the sake of water, merchants stop to breakfast at this place, and very often pass the night under protection of the guard. The road is a great thoroughfare, and between this and Ani-malaya is very good for loaded cattle. Carts might pass all the way, but in some places with difficulty. A very little expense would make the whole good.

CHAP. XI. — *Journey through the South of Malabar.*

BEFORE entering Malabar, it may be necessary to premise, that this province is subject to the authority of three commissioners; under whom are employed a number of gentlemen, that act in their respective circles as magistrates and collectors. These officers,

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officers, formerly appointed by the government of Bombay, have been lately placed under the presidency of Fort St. George. With an establishment, the expense of which has far exceeded the revenue, a complete protection from invaders, and a most tender regard to avoid the punishment of the innocent, it might have been expected that this province would have been found in a situation very different from what I am compelled to represent it. No doubt, this has arisen from a lenity in punishing crimes, an aversion to employ harsh measures to repress the turbulent, originating in a gentleness of disposition, which, however amiable in private life, in a government often produces the utmost distress to the peaceable and industrious subject.

November 29th, 1800. — Having crossed the rivulet immediately after leaving Mingara, I entered the province of Malabar, in that part of it which formerly belonged to the Tamura Rájá, as the Zamorin is called by the natives. I found that they considered it unlawful to mention the real name of this personage, and always spoke of him by his titles.

The stage that I went to Colangodu is of moderate length, and the road crosses the rivulet five times, which from that circumstance is called Wunan-Ar. The woods through which we passed to-day are very fine; but the declivities are rather steeper, the roads worse, and the country is more rocky, than between Animalaya and Mingara. About half way to Colangodu are the ruins of a small mud fort, which was built by the Tamuri Rájá, and destroyed by Tippoo. The circumjacent country has once been cultivated, as is evident from the remains of corn-fields. Teak and other forest trees are now fast springing up among the Banyan (*Ficus Bengalenfis*) and Palmira trees (*Borassus flabelliformis*), by which the houses of the natives have formerly been shaded; and this part of the country will soon be no longer distinguishable from the surrounding forests.

The environs of Colangodu are very beautiful. The high mountains on the south pour down cascades of a prodigious height; and the corn fields are intermixed with lofty forests, and plantations of fruit trees. The cultivation, however, is very poor. Most of the dry-field is neglected, and the quantity of rice-land is not great. Here the rain, without any assistance from art, is able to bring one crop of rice to maturity; and in a few places the natives have constructed small reservoirs, which enable them to have a second crop.

Colangodu has a resemblance to many of the villages in Bengal, although the structure of the houses is quite different; but each is surrounded by a small garden, and at a little distance nothing is to be seen, except a large grove of trees, mostly Mangoes (*Mangifera*) or Jacks (*Artocarpus*). The houses in Colangodu are about 1000 in number, and many of them are inhabited by Tamul weavers of the Coicular cast, who import all their cotton from Coimbatore. The Malayala language is, however, the prevalent one, and differs considerably from that of the Tamuls, or what among the Europeans at Madras is called the Malabar language. They are, nevertheless, both branches of the same dialect; and my Madras servants and the natives, to a certain degree, are able to understand each other. The accents are very different, and the Malayala language, containing a larger share of Sanskrit, and of the Paat, or poetical dialect, than the language prevailing to the eastward, is generally allowed to be the more perfect. The character used in Malayala is nearly the same with that used among the Tamuls for writing poetry; and the poetical language of both people is very nearly the same.

30th November. — I went a long stage to Pali-ghat. The country through which I passed is the most beautiful that I have ever seen. It resembles the finest parts of Bengal;

Bengal; but its trees are loftier, and its palms more numerous. In many places the rice grounds are interspersed with high swells, that are crowded with houses, while the view to the north is bounded by naked rocky mountains, and that to the south by the lofty forests of the Travancore hills. The cultivation of the high grounds is much neglected.

1st—4th December. — I remained with Mr. Warden, the collector of the district, taking an account of the neighbourhood; and from him I not only received every assistance during my stay, but have also been favoured with very satisfactory answers to queries which I proposed to him in writing. Of these I shall avail myself in the following account. Owing to Mr Warden's kind and hospitable attentions, I found myself perfectly at home while under his roof; which was indeed the case every where in Malabar, when I had the good fortune to meet with an English gentleman.

Pali-ghat is a beautiful fort, built by Hyder on his conquest of Malabar, and situated in the country called Pali-ghat-shery, which belongs to the Shekhury Rájá, one of the petty chiefs of Malaya; a word from which, by sundry corruptions, Malabar is derived.

An immense rock near the temple of Bhagawat consists of a good grey granite, very fit for building; and indeed the temple is constructed of this stone; the structure of this granite is evidently lamellar, the plates being vertical, and running east and west, as they do in Coimbatore: in some places the plates have a sort of circular disposition round a centre, somewhat like the layers round a knot in wood; in others they are undulating, and have a resemblance to the waving figures on marbled paper. Each of the plates containing different proportions of the felspar, quartz, and mica, they are more distinguishable by their colour, than by its being practicable to separate them. The rock here contains fewer veins of quartz than any granite that I have hitherto seen in the peninsula. Although the plates are vertical, the rock is divided by parallel horizontal fissures that have a smooth surface, and which is frequently the case with aggregate rocks in all the south of India. This greatly facilitates the cutting of stones for building; as wedges readily cut off large masses, by being driven in at right angles to the fissures.

7th December. — We went a short stage to Shelacary. The road leads through a most beautiful country. The rice grounds are narrow valleys, but are extremely well watered by small perennial streams, that enable them annually to produce two crops. Very little of the high ground is cultivated. I observed, however, some fields, that contained the *Cytisus Cajan*, more luxuriant than I ever before saw. The houses of the natives are buried in the groves of palms, mangoes, jacks, and plantains, that skirt the bottoms of the little hills. Above these are woods of forest trees, which, though not quite so stately as those of Chitagong, are still very fine, and are pleasant to walk in, being free from rattans and other climbers. The teak, and viti, or blackwood, abound in these woods; but all the large trees have been cut; and no care is used to encourage their growth, or to check that of useless timber.

We were escorted by many of the Rájá's Nairs, and were met by one of his officers of cavalry, well dressed in a blue uniform with white facings, and attended by two orderlies in a similar dress. They wore boots and helmets, and the officer had a gorget; the whole exactly after the European fashion. He informed us that the Rájá had been very desirous of meeting us; but that at present he was so unwell, that he could not stand without support. This information, I believe, was merely complimentary. The Rájá has made tolerable roads through the hilly parts of the country all the way we have come, and for our accommodation they had been

repaired; but we were always much obstructed when we came to a valley, as the roads have not been continued through the rice fields. In fact, the road has been made from ostentation alone, and not from any rational view of facilitating commerce or social intercourse. There are no shops at Shelacary, but people were sent by the Rájá to supply our wants. Indeed, nothing can be more polite or attentive than the whole of his conduct.

Near our tents was a Colgum, or house belonging to the Rájá. It is a large square building, composed partly of stone, and partly of mud. The greater part of it is only one story in height; but in some places there is an upper floor. It is roofed with tiles, and totally destitute of elegance or neatness, but is looked upon by the natives as a prodigy. Like the other houses of the country, it is surrounded by a grove of fruit trees. Some sepoy were here on duty, the mud-walls surrounding the house being considered as a fort.

8th December. — We went a long stage to Nellaway, through a country similar to that which we passed yesterday; but the hills are higher, and much of the road is very bad. From the people of the Rájá we continue to receive every possible attention. Nellaway has a small temple, but no shops.

9th December. — In the morning we went a short stage to Cacadu, through a country differing from that seen on the two preceding days, by its hills being much lower, and covered with grass in place of forest trees. Although the soil of these hills appears to be good, yet scarcely any part of them is cultivated; but the pasture seems to be tolerable, the cattle, though remarkably small, being in good condition. The country is very beautiful: its round hills covered with grass are separated by fine verdant fields of corn, skirted by the houses of the inhabitants, which are shaded by groves of fruit-trees.

Opposite to our encampment was a Nazaren, or Christian village, named Cunnung colung curry Angady, which looks very well, being seated on a rising ground amid fine groves of the betel-nut palm. The papa or priest waited on us. He was attended by a pupil, who behaved to his superior with the utmost deference. The papa was very well dressed in a blue robe; and, though his ancestors have been settled in the country for many generations, he was very fair, with high Jewish features. The greater part of the sect, however, entirely resemble the aborigines of the country, from whom indeed they are descended.

The papa informed me, that his sect are dependent on the Jacobite patriarch of Antioch; but that they have a metropolitan, who resides in the dominions of Travancore, and who is sent by the patriarch on the death of his predecessor. None of the papas, or inferior clergy, go to Antioch for their education, and all of them have been born in the country. My visitor understood no languages but the Syriac, and that of Malayala. He preaches in the latter; but all the ceremonies of the church are performed in the Syriac. In their churches they have neither images nor pictures, but the Nazarens worship the cross. Their clergy are allowed to marry; my visitor, however, seemed to be not a little proud of his observing celibacy, and a total abstinence from animal food. He said, that, so far as he remembers, the number of the sect seems neither to be increasing nor diminishing. Converts, however, are occasionally made of both Nairs and Shanars; but no instance occurs of a Moplay having been converted, nor of a Namburi, unless he had previously lost cast.

The papa says, that the Nazarens were introduced, 1740 years ago, by a certain saint named Thomas, who, landing at Melia-pura, took up his residence on a hill near Madras, and which is now called after his name. He afterwards made a voyage

to Cochin, and in that neighbourhood settled a church, which is now the metropolitan, as the Portuguese drove all the Nazarens from the eastern coast. St. Thomas afterwards returned to Meila-pura, where he died. At that time Malayala belonged to the Bráhmans, who were governed by a Rájá sent by Sholun Permal, the sovereign King of the south. The papa then related the history of Cheruman Permal, nearly as I have given it on the authority of the Namburis; only he says, that this traitor, after having divided his usurped dominions, died before he reached Mecca. It was in his reign that the Mussulmans first arrived in India. They landed at Chaliem, a place near Vaypura. The papa says, that the metropolitan has an account of all his predecessors, from the time of Saint Thomas, with a history of the various persecutions that they have been subjected to by the governing powers, the worst of which would appear to have been that inflicted by the Portuguese. He promised to send me a copy of this kind of chronicle, but has not been so good as his word.

A Bráhman of the place says, that when any slaves are converted by the Nazarens, these people bestow on them their liberty, and give them daily or monthly wages. He said also, that the Nazarens are a very orderly, industrious people, who live chiefly by trade and agriculture.

In the afternoon we went to the Nazareny village, which contains many houses regularly disposed, and full of people. For an Indian town it is well built, and comparatively clean. It has a new church of considerable size. An old church is situated at some distance on a beautiful rising ground. It is now unroofed; but the walls, although built of indurated clay only, continue very fresh and strong. The altar is arched over with the same materials, and possesses some degree of elegance. The burying ground is at the west end of the church, where the principal door is placed. From its being very small, the graves must be opened long before the bones are consumed. As the graves are opened for new bodies, the old bones are collected, and thrown into an open pit near the corner of the church, where they are exposed to the view of all passers.

From thence we went to Chowgaut, where we embarked in a canoe, and went to the house of Mr. Drummond, the collector, who resided then at the place called by us Chitwa, but by the natives Shetuwai.

10th and 11th December. — I remained with Mr. Drummond at Chitwa. This place is situated in an island, which is twenty-seven miles long, and in some places five miles wide, and which by Europeans is commonly called the island of Chitwa; but its proper name is Mana-puram.

I here had a conversation with one of the carigars, or ministers of the Tamuri Rájá, the person who manages the affairs of that chief. He says, that all the males of the family of the Tamuri are called Tamburans, and all the ladies are called Tamburettis; all the children of every Tamburetti are entitled to these appellations; and, according to seniority, rise to the highest dignities which belong to the family. These ladies are generally impregnated by Namburis; although, if they choose, they may employ the higher ranks of Nairs; but the sacred character of the Namburis almost always procures them a preference. The ladies live in the houses of their brothers; for any amorous intercourse between them and their husbands would be reckoned scandalous. The eldest man of the family is the Tamuri Rájá, called by Europeans the Zamorin. He is also called Mana Vicrama Samudri Rájá, and is crowned. The second male of the family is called Eralpata, the third Munalpata, the fourth Edatara Patana Rájá, the fifth Nirirupa Muta Eraleradi Tirumulpata Rájá, and the sixth Elleeradi Tirumulpata Rájá. The younger Tamburans are not distinguished

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During the government of the Tamuris, the business of the state was conducted, under his authority, by four Savadi Carigars, whose offices were hereditary, and by certain inferior Carigars, appointed and removed at the pleasure of the sovereign. The Savadi Carigars are, 1st. Mangutachan, a Nair of the tribe called Súdra; 2d. Tenancheri Elliadi, a Bráhma; 3d. Bermamuta Panycary, also a Súdra Nair; and 4th. Panambi, a Nair of the kind called Nambichan. The inferior Carigars managed the private estates, or chercial lands, of the Tamuri, and collected the revenues. These consisted of the customs, of a fifth part of all the moveable estates of every person that died, and of fines; of course, the Carigars were the administrators of justice, or rather of what was called law. They were always assisted by four assessors; but, the selection of these being left to themselves, this provision gave little security to the subject. Eight tenths of all fines went to the Tamuri, and two tenths to the judge. For capital punishments, the mandate of the Tamuri was required. The defence of the country rested entirely on such of the Nairs as received arms from the Tamuri. These were under the orders of Nadawais, who commanded from 200 to 3000 men, and who held their authority by hereditary descent. The Carigar says, that these Nadawais had lands given them, in proportion to the number of men that each commanded; but how that could be, when the whole lands belonged to Namburi landlords, I do not understand. The soldiers, when on actual service, received a certain small subsistence.

In cases of emergency, certain tributary or dependent chiefs were also summoned to bring their men into the field. These chiefs, such as Punetur, Talapuli, Manacolatil, Ayenecutil, Tirumanachery, and many others, acknowledged the Tamuri as their superior; but they assumed the title of Rájá, and in their respective territories possessed full jurisdiction. They were merely bound to assist the Tamuri with military service. He never bestowed on any of them the title of Rájá, either in writing or conversation, and treated with contempt their pretension to such a dignity. The principal Colgum of the Tamuri is near the fort at Chowgaut; but at present he is absent on business at Calicut.

The Nazareny priest (papa) of Chowgaut waited on us, to inform me, that he wishes for procuring the history of the sect in India had been communicated to the metropolitan, who desired him to say, that a copy of the chronicle would be sent to me through Mr. Drummond. Unfortunately, I have not received any account from that quarter. The papa denied that the Nazarens give liberty to such of their slaves as are converted; probably thinking that the conversion might be attributed to this circumstance, more than to the apostolical virtues of his brethren. He also maintained, that the sect was rapidly increasing in numbers, and daily gaining proselytes. In these points he differed in his account from the papa whom I had before seen.

Having assembled the most respectable of the Nairs in this neighbourhood, they gave me the following account of their customs.

The Nair, or in the plural the Naimar, are the pure Súdras of Malayala, and all pretend to be born soldiers; but they are of various ranks and professions. The highest in rank are the Kírím, or Kírít Nairs. On all public occasions these act as cooks, which among Hindus is a sure mark of transcendent rank; for every person can

can eat the food prepared by a person of higher birth than himself. In all disputes among the inferior orders, an assembly of four Kirüms, with some of the lower orders, endeavour to adjust the business. If they cannot accomplish this good end, the matter ought to be referred to the Namburis. The Kirit Naimar support themselves by agriculture, or by acting as officers of government, or accountants. They never marry a woman of any of the lower Nairs, except those of the Súdras or Charnadu, and these very rarely. The second rank of the Nairs are called Súdra, although the whole are allowed, and acknowledge themselves to be of a pure Súdra origin. These Súdra Nairs are farmers, officers of government, and accountants. They never marry any girls but those of their own rank; but their women may cohabit with any of the low people, without losing cast, or their children being disgraced. The third rank of Nairs are the Charnadu, who follow the same professions with their superiors. The fourth are the Villium, or Villüt Naimar, who carry the palanquins of the Namburis, of the Rájás, and of the persons on whom these chiefs have bestowed the privilege of using this kind of conveyance: they are also farmers. The fifth rank of Nairs are the Wattacata or oil-makers, who are likewise farmers. The sixth rank, called Atticourchis, are rather a low class of people. When a Nair dies, his relations, as usual among the Hindus, are for fifteen days considered unclean, and no one approaches them but the Attacourchis, who come on the fifth, tenth, and fifteenth days, and purify them by pouring over their heads a mixture of water, milk, and cow's urine: the Attacourchis are also cultivators. The seventh in rank are the Wullacutra, who are properly barbers; but some of these also cultivate the ground. The eighth rank are the Wallaterata, or washermen, of whom a few are farmers. The ninth rank is formed of Tunar Naimar, or tailors. The tenth are the Andora, or pot-makers. The eleventh and lowest rank are the Taragon, or weavers; and their title to be considered as Naimar is doubtful; even a pot-maker is obliged to wash his head, and purify himself by prayer, if he be touched by a weaver.

The men of the three higher classes are allowed to eat in company; but their women, and both sexes of all the lower ranks, must eat only with those of their own rank.

Among the two highest classes are certain persons of a superior dignity, called Nambirs. These were originally the head men of Dáfams, or villages, who received this title from an assembly of Namburis and Tamburans, or of priests and princes; but all the children of Nambirs sisters are called by that title, and are considered as of a rank higher than common.

The whole of these Nairs formed the militia of Malayala, directed by the Namburis, and governed by the Rájás. Their chief delight is in arms; but they are more inclined to use them for assassination, or surprise, than in the open field. Their submission to their superiors was great; but they exacted deference from those under them with a cruelty, and arrogance, rarely practised, but among Hindus in their state of independence. A Nair was expected instantly to cut down a tiar, or mucua, who presumed to defile him by touching his person; and a similar fate awaited a slave, who did not turn out of the road as a Nair passed.

The Nairs have no puróhitas; but at all their ceremonies the Elleadu, or lowest of the Namburis, attend for charity (dharma), although, on such occasions they do not read prayers (mantrams) nor portions of scripture (sástrams). The Namburi Bráhmans are the Putteris or Gurus of the Naimar, and bestow on them holy water, and ashes, and receive their dána, and other kinds of charity.

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The proper deity of the Naimar cast is Vishnu; but they wear on their foreheads the mark of Siva. They offer frequent bloody sacrifices to Marima, and the other Saktis, in whose temples the Namburis disdain not to act as priests (pūjaris); but they perform no part of the sacrifices, and decline being present at the shedding of blood. The Nairs can very generally read and write. They never presume to read portions of the writings held sacred (śāstrams); but have several legends in the vulgar language. They burn the dead, and suppose that good men after death go to heaven, while bad men will suffer transmigration. Those, who have been charitable, that is to say, have given money to religious mendicants, will be born men; while those, who have neglected this greatest of Hindu virtues, will be born as lower animals. The proper road to heaven they describe as follows:—The votary must go to Kāśi, and then perform the ceremony in commemoration of his ancestors at Cya. He is then to take up some water from the Bhāgīrathī, or Ganges, and pour it on the image of Siva at Ramēśwara. After this he must visit the principal Kshētras and Tirthas, or places of pilgrimage, such as Jagannat, and Tripathy, and there he must wash in the Puscarunny, or pool of water that sprung forth at the actual presence of the god. He must always speak truth, and give much charity to learned and poor Brahmans. He must have no carnal knowledge of any woman but his wife, which with a Nair confines him to a total abstinence from the sex. And lastly, in order to obtain a place in heaven, the votary must very frequently fast and pray.

The Nairs marry before they are ten years of age, in order that the girl may not be deflowered by the regular operations of nature; but the husband never afterwards cohabits with his wife. Such a circumstance, indeed, would be considered as very indecent. He allows her oil, clothing, ornaments, and food; but she lives in her mother's house, or, after her parents' death, with her brothers, and cohabits with any person that she chooses of an equal or higher rank than her own. If detected in bestowing her favours on any low man, she becomes an outcast. It is no kind of reflection on a woman's character to say, that she has formed the closest intimacy with many persons; on the contrary, the Nair women are proud of reckoning among their favoured lovers many Brāhmans, Rājās, or other persons of high birth: it would not appear, however, that this want of restraint has been injurious to population. When a lover receives admission into a house, he commonly gives his mistress some ornaments, and her mother a piece of cloth; but these presents are never of such value as to give room for supposing that the women bestow their favours from mercenary motives. To this extraordinary manner of conducting the intercourse between the sexes in Malayala, may perhaps be attributed the total want among its inhabitants of that penurious disposition so common among other Hindus. All the young people vie with each other, who shall look best, and who shall secure the greatest share of favour from the other sex; and an extraordinary thoughtlessness concerning the future means of subsistence is very prevalent. A Nair man, who is detected in fornication with a Shanar woman, is put to death, and the woman is sold to the Moplays. If he have connection with a slave girl, both are put to death; a most shocking injustice to the female, who, in case of refusal to her Lord, would be subject to all the violence of an enraged and despised master.

In consequence of this strange manner of propagating the species, no Nair knows his father; and every man looks upon his sisters' children as his heirs. He, indeed, looks upon them with the same fondness that fathers in other parts of the world have for their own children; and he would be considered as an unnatural monster were he to show such signs of grief at the death of a child, which, from long cohabitation and love with its mother, he might suppose to be his own, as he did at the death of

a child of his sister. A man's mother manages his family; and after her death his eldest sister assumes the direction. Brothers almost always live under the same roof; but, if one of the family separates from the rest, he is always accompanied by his favourite sister. Even cousins, to the most remote degree of kindred, in the female line, generally live together in great harmony; for in this part of the country, love, jealousy, or disgust, never can disturb the peace of a Nair family. A man's moveable property, after his death, is divided equally among the sons and daughters of all his sisters. His landed estate is managed by the eldest male of the family; but each individual has a right to a share of the income. In case of the eldest male being unable, from infirmity or incapacity, to manage the affairs of the family, the next in rank does it in the name of his senior.

The Naimar are excessively addicted to intoxicating liquors, and are permitted to eat venison, goats, fowls, and fish.

13th December.—Having taken leave of my kind friends, Messrs. Waddel and Drummond, I went about twelve miles to Valiencodu, which in our maps is called Billiancotta. The road passes over sandy downs near the sea, and on each side has a row of banyan trees (*Ficus Bengalenfis*); but in such situations they do not thrive. To the right were large plantations of cocca-nut trees and rice fields. Towards the sea were scattered a few groves of palms. The appearance of the country is very inferior to that of the inland parts of the province.

Valiencodu is a small open village, containing about 45 houses, and a few shops. Near it is a ruinous fort. It is situated in a district called Vaneri Nadu, which belonged to the Peneturu Rájá, one of those who were dependent on the Tamuri, and who now receives from the Company a fifth part of the revenue. Being a man of some abilities, he is entrusted, under the authority of the collector, with the management of the revenue. I was visited by a relation of his, called the Manacalatu Rájá, who came with a Namburi, and eight or ten Nairs, following his palanquin. He was a poor looking old man, stupified with drink. He said, that one-half of his own country, and that of his kinsman, had been situated in the Cochi Rájá's dominions, and that they had been entirely stripped of this share ever since they fled to Travancore, to avoid Tippoo's bigoted persecution. He afterwards began to talk as if the Company had taken from him the remainder; but he became sensible of his error, on being asked what he possessed when the Company conquered Malabar.

The province of Malabar has no very large temples; and even those which are dedicated to the great gods are of very miserable structure. Those dedicated to the Saktis are few in number, and are not ornamented with images of potter's work, like those of Coimbatore. There are no buildings for the accommodation of travellers. Near the sea-coast are many meshids, or mosques, built by the Moplays. These are poor edifices with pent roofs.

The Niadis are an outcast tribe common in Malabar, but not numerous. They are reckoned so very impure, that even a slave will not touch them. They speak a very bad dialect, and have acquired a prodigious strength of voice, by being constantly necessitated to bawl aloud to those with whom they wish to speak. They absolutely refuse to perform any kind of labour; and almost the only means that they employ to procure a subsistence is by watching the crops, to drive away wild hogs and birds. Hunters also employ them to rouse game; and the Achumars, who hunt by profession, give the Niadis one-fourth part of what they kill. They gather a few wild roots, but can neither catch fish, nor any kind of game. They sometimes procure a tortoise, and are able, by means of hooks, to kill a crocodile. Both of these amphibious animals they reckon delicious food. All these resources, however, are very inadequate to

their support, and they subsist chiefly by begging. They have scarcely any clothing, and every thing about them discloses want and misery. They have some wretched huts built under trees in remote places; but they generally wander about in companies of ten or twelve persons, keeping at a little distance from the roads; and when they see any passenger, they set up a howl, like so many hungry dogs. Those who are moved by compassion lay down what they are inclined to bestow, and go away. The Niadis then put what has been left for them in the baskets, which they always carry about. The Niadis worship a female deity called Maladeiva, and sacrifice fowls to her in March. When a person dies, all those in the neighbourhood assemble and bury the body. They have no marriage ceremony; but one man and one woman always cohabit together; and among them infidelity, they say, is utterly unknown.

A wretched tribe of this kind, buffeted and abused by every one, and subsisting on the labour of the industrious, is a disgrace to any country; and both compassion and justice seem to require, that they should be compelled to gain a livelihood by honest industry, and be elevated somewhat more nearly to the rank of men. Perhaps Moravian missionaries might be employed with great success, and at little expence, in civilizing and rendering industrious the rude and ignorant tribes that frequent the woods and hills of the peninsula of India? In the execution of such a plan, it would be necessary to transport the Niadis to some country east from Malabar, in order to remove them from the contempt in which they will always be held by the higher ranks of that country.

The Shanar, who in the dialect of Malayala are properly called Tiar, are in Malabar a very numerous tribe, and a stout, handsome, industrious race. They do not pretend to be of Súdra origin, and acknowledge themselves to be of the impure race called Panchamas; but still they retain all the pride of cast; and a Tiati, or female of this cast, although reduced to prostitution, has been known to refuse going into a gentleman's palanquin, because the bearers were Mucuar, or fishermen, a still lower class of people. All Tiars can eat together, and intermarry. The proper duty of the cast is to extract the juice from palm trees, to boil it down to jagory, and to distil it into spirituous liquors; but they are also very diligent as cultivators, porters, and cutters of firewood. They have no hereditary chiefs, and all disputes among them are referred to the Tamburan, or officers of government. In every Défam certain Tiars were formerly appointed to a low office, called Tondan, which gave them powers similar to those enjoyed by the Totis above the Ghats. At present, the duties of these officers are confined to an attendance at marriages and funerals, where they receive some trifling dues. The Tiars have certain families among them, who are called Panikin. These can read and write, and instruct the laity so far as to enable some of them to keep accounts. They are the only Gurus received by this cast; and are supposed to dedicate their time to prayer and religious duties, on which account they receive charity. The Panikin intermarry with the laity. The deities of the cast are a male named Mundien, and a female named Bagawutty. On holy days these are represented by two rude stones, taken up for the occasion, and, during the ceremony, placed under a shed; but afterwards thrown away, or neglected. At these ceremonies a fowl is offered up as a sacrifice, and a Nair is employed to kill it before the idols. The same Nair acts as pújári for the god Mundien, adorns the stone with flowers, anoints it with oil, and presents it with fruit. A Namburi is employed to be pújári to Bagawutty, and this is the only occasion on which the Tiars give that class of men any employment. The Panikins attend at marriages, but do not

read any thing on these occasions. The Tiars seem to be entirely ignorant of a state of existence after death. Some of them burn, and some of them bury the dead. They are permitted to eat swine, goats, fowls, and fish; and have no objection to eat animals that have died a natural death. They may also drink distilled liquors, but not palm wine. In fact, they are not so much addicted to intoxication as the Nairs. In wealthy families, each man takes a wife; but this being considered as expensive, in poor families the brothers marry one wife in common, and sleep with her by turns. If either of the brothers becomes discontented, he may marry another woman. The whole family lives in the same house, even should it contain two women; and it is reckoned a proof of a very bad temper, where two brothers live in separate houses. It must be observed, that in Malabar a family of children are not reckoned burdensome; so that the Tiars are induced to adopt this uncommon kind of wedlock, merely to save the rising expence of several marriages, the whole amount of one of which is as follows: four fanams (2s.) given to the girl's parents, a piece of cloth given to herself, and a feast given to the relations. Many of the women are thus unprovided with husbands: a thing very uncommon in India; and, their remarkable beauty exposing them to much temptation, a great many Tiars in the seaport towns are reduced to prostitution. Women continue to be marriageable after the age of puberty, and after the death of a former husband. Adulteresses are flogged, but not divorced, unless the crime has been committed with a man of another cast. A Nambuci, who condescended to commit fornication with a Tiari, would formerly have been deprived of his eyes, and the girl and all her relations would either have been put to death, or sold as slaves to the Moplays, who sent them beyond the sea; a banishment dreadful to every Hindu, and still more so to a native of Malabar, who is more attached to his native spot than any other person that I know.

CHAP. XII. — *Route from Valienodu to Cochinally, through Panyani and the central Parts of Malabar.*

DECEMBER 14th. — I went a short stage to Panyani. Soon after leaving Valienodu, I crossed the mouth of a small river, which, by the influx of salt water as it approaches the sea, is extended to a great width. I was ferried over it by means of two canoes lashed together, which forms a very safe conveyance for baggage, or foot passengers, but is not adapted for cattle, the latter being forced to swim. Orders have been issued by the commissioners to construct proper stages on canoes at every ferry; so that cattle, and even artillery, may be transported with safety. The canoes in this part of Malabar are among the best and handsomest that I have ever seen.

15th December. — I went a long stage to Adanad. The country between Panyani and Ternavay, although higher than the sea-shore, is level; and consists entirely of rice-grounds, which annually produce only one crop, and of which a great part seems to be waste. On leaving the sea-coast, the number of trees, especially of cocoa-nut palms, decreases fast. I crossed the Panyani river at Ternavay, where there is a small temple, but no town. The channel of the river is very wide; but at this season most of it is occupied by dry sands. The water is clear, and the stream gentle; the fords are, however, bad, owing to the depth of water, which in most parts is four feet, and in others less than three. Cattle in crossing it must therefore be unloaded, and the baggage carried to the other side by the drivers. This river in the rainy season is navigable for canoes almost up to Pali-ghat.

16th December. — I went to Tritalay, a small market (bazar) of 40 or 50 houses, situated on the south bank of the river.

18th December. — After crossing the river about a mile above Tritalay, I went a long stage to Cherupalchery, which was the residence of the superintendent of the southern division of Malabar, while that office existed.

It must be observed, that in Malabar no river has any peculiar appellation; but each portion is called by the name of the most remarkable place near which it flows.

19th December. — I went about nine miles to Angada-puram, having crossed a fine little river, a branch of that which falls into the sea at Panyani. The low rice-fields seem to occupy but a small proportion of the country. The roads are very bad; but Mr. Wye, the collector, has lately obtained leave to lay out on their repair a small revenue, the produce of some ferries. Although the sum is small, yet it will have a considerable effect in a country, where the soil is in general favourable, and where there are no carriages. In Malabar even cattle are little used for the transportation of goods, which are generally carried by porters. Angada-puram, by Europeans commonly written Angrypar, is at present a military station, the troops being in cantonments at some distance from the old fort. The situation is very pleasant, and many camp followers, and traders from Coimbatore, having settled shops (bazars), have been the means of introducing many conveniences that are not commonly to be found in the inner parts of Malabar.

What I have called indurated clay is not the mineral so called by Mr. Kirwan, who has not described this of which I am now writing. It seems to be the Argilla lapidea of Wallerius, l. 395, and is one of the most valuable materials for building. It is diffused in immense masses, without any appearance of stratification, and is placed over the granite that forms the basis of Malayala. It is full of cavities and pores, and contains a very large quantity of iron in the form of red and yellow ochres. In the mass, while excluded from the air, it is so soft, that any iron instrument readily cuts it, and is dug up in square masses with a pick-axe, and immediately cut into the shape wanted with a trowel, or large knife. It very soon after becomes as hard as brick, and resists the air and water much better than any bricks that I have seen in India. I have never observed any animal or vegetable exuvia contained in it, but I have heard that such have been found immersed in its substance. As it is usually cut into the form of bricks for building, in several of the native dialects it is called the brick-stone (Itica cullu). Where, however, by the washing away of the soil, part of it has been exposed to the air, and has hardened into a rock, its colour becomes black, and its pores and inequalities give it a kind of resemblance to the skin of a person affected with cutaneous disorders; hence in the Tamul language it is called Shuri cull, or itch-stone. The most proper English name would be Laterite, from Lateritis, the appellation that may be given to it in science.

In the Irnada district, gold dust is collected in the river which passes Nelambar in the Mangery Taluc. A Nair has an exclusive privilege of the collection, and on that account pays a small annual tribute. I was very desirous to have visited the place; but the district being in extreme confusion, I could not with prudence enter it, especially on such an errand. The Nelambar river is a branch of that which falls into the sea north from Parupa-nada.

22d December. — In the morning I went a long stage to Vencatacotay. The road, most of the way, passes along the ridge of a low hill, whence narrow vallies go off towards both sides, and are separated from each other by branches of the

the hill. These vallies are very beautiful; but the rest of the country, at this season, looks ill.

23d December. — I went a short journey to Tiruvana-Angady, and passed through a country similar to that which I saw yesterday. Tiruvana-Angady is a small Moplay town on the southern bank of a river which comes from Irnada, and in the rainy season is navigable with canoes for 32 miles upwards. It has no communication with the Baypour (Vaypura) river, as represented in Major Rennell's map. Tiruvana-Angady is the place which in our maps is called Tervanagary, and is remarkable for the decisive victory which in the year 1790 Colonel Hartley gained in its neighbourhood over the forces of Tippoo. Near the angady, or market, there is a small fort, which was erected by the Sultan round a colgum, or palace, belonging to the Tamuri Rájá. Both have now fallen into ruins; and the Tamuri, since his return from exile, has not visited the place.

24th December. — I set out with an intention of stopping at Parupa-nada, which in our maps is called Perperengarde; but, owing to the untowardness of my guides, I found, on my arrival there, that my tents had been carried on to Vay-pura. I was of course obliged to follow; but much of my baggage did not arrive until four in the afternoon, and the cattle were worn out with fatigue.

25th December. — I went a short journey to Calicut, and had a good road. By the way I crossed a river, much inferior to that at Vay-pura, but provided with excellent ferry-boats, composed of two canoes connected by a stage.

The proper name of the place is Colicodu. When Cheruman Permal had divided Malabar among his nobles, and had no principality remaining to bestow on the ancestor of the Tamuri, he gave that chief his sword, with all the territory in which a cock crowing at a small temple here could be heard. This formed the original dominions of the Tamuri, and was called Colicodu, or the cock-crowing. This place continued to be the chief residence of the Tamuri Rájás until the Mussulman invasion, and became a very flourishing city, owing to the success that its lords had in war, and the encouragement which they gave to commerce. Tippoo destroyed the town, and removed its inhabitants to Nelluru, the name of which he changed to Furruck-ábád; for, like all the Mussulmans of India, he was a mighty changer of old Pagan names. Fifteen months after this forced emigration, the English conquered the province, and the inhabitants returned with great joy to their old place of residence. The town now contains about five thousand houses, and is fast recovering. Before its destruction by Tippoo its houses amounted to between six and seven thousand. Most of its inhabitants are Moplays.

The people here say, that the whole country between Cape Comorin and Surat is, in their books, divided into Kéralam and Kankánam; both of which were created by Parafu-ráma, and therefore ought not to be included in the fifty-six desams of Bharata-khanda. Of their country the people here have a history, which is called Kérala Ulpati, and is written in a pure and old dialect of the Ellacanam, or poetical language. It is understood with great difficulty; many passages are interpreted in different ways; and some of the copies are said to differ essentially from others. The author is supposed to have been Sankara Acharya.

CHAP. XIII. — *Journey through the Northern part of Malabar.*

JANUARY 1st, 1801. — In the morning I went nine miles to Tamarachery. The country resembles that which I came through yesterday, but much of it is waste.

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I here procured a ring, in which is set a gold fanam, said to have been struck by Parafu Ráma when he created Kérala. Such fanams are procurable with some difficulty, for they are considered as relics. All other coins fall very short of this in pretensions to antiquity; as, according to the fables of the Bráhmans, Parafu-ráma created Kérala above 800,000 years ago.

Having procured some of the principal Nairs that attended on the Rájá in a visit which he made to Captain Osburne, and a sensible Namburi, who seemed to be much in favour with that chief, I consulted them on the differences that obtain in the customs of the Nairs who live north from the Vay-pura river, from those that are observed in the southern parts of Malayala. The female Nairs, while children, go through the ceremony of marriage, both with Namburis and Nairs; but here, as well as in the south, the man and wife never cohabit. When the girl has come to maturity, she is taken to live in the house of some Namburi or Nair; and after she has given her consent to do so, she cannot leave her keeper; but, in case of infidelity to his bed, may be punished with death. If her keeper have in his family no mother nor sister, his mistress manages the household affairs. The keeper, whenever he pleases, may send his mistress back to her mother's house; but then, if she can, she may procure another lover. A man's house is managed by his mother so long as she lives. When she dies, his sister comes for the fifteen days of mourning. She afterwards returns to her lover, and remains with him until he either dies or turns her away. In either case, she returns to her brother's house, of which she resumes the management, and brings with her all her children, who are her brother's heirs. A Nair here is not astonished when you ask him who his father was; and a man has as much certainty that the children born in his house are his own, as an European husband has; while these children are rendered dear to him by their own caresses, and those of their mother, who is always beloved, for otherwise she would be immediately dismissed; yet such is the perversity of custom, that a man would be considered as unnatural, were he to have as much affection for his own children, as for those of his sister, which he may perhaps never have seen. Of all known manners of conducting the intercourse between the sexes, this seems to be the most absurd and inconvenient. That prevailing in the southern parts of Malayala avoids all the domestic unhappiness arising from jealousy, or want of continued affection; but that here, while it has none of the benefits of marriage, is attended with all its evils. The division of Nairs here is also different from that in the south. There are here six tribes, who by birth are all properly soldiers. The first in rank are the Adiodi; the next are the Nambirs; and then follow four tribes of equal dignity, the Shelatun, the Cureuru, the Nalavan, and the Venapulun. After these, as in the south, follow the different tribes of traders or artists, who, although allowed to be Nairs, and true Súdras, are not entitled to the dignity of bearing arms.

6th January. — I accompanied Captain Osburne to his house at Vadacurry, which by Europeans is commonly called Barragurry. The road, although not quite so bad as that through which I came yesterday, was very inconvenient for a palanquin, or loaded cattle. The country resembles the other interior parts of Malabar, and the little hills and narrow vallies extend close to the sea-side.

For some days back, when I passed through among the gardens near houses, I have observed the women squatting down behind the mud walls, in order to satisfy their curiosity by viewing a stranger. When they thought that I observed them, they ran away in a fright. This does not arise from the rules of cast in Malabar requiring the Hindu women to be confined, for that is by no means the case; but in the interior parts.

parts of North-Malabar, the Nairs, being at enmity with Europeans, have persuaded the women, that we are a kind of hobgoblins who have long tails, in order to conceal which we wear breeches (*et qui insuper ut canes in caetu cum feminis coherant*). The women and children therefore are much afraid whenever a European appears, which indeed seldom happens. In the southern division, and on the sea coast, we are too well known to occasion any alarm.

7th January. — In the morning I went about seven miles to Mahé, which formerly belonged to the French. It is finely situated on a high ground, on the south side of a river where that enters the sea. The river is navigable with boats for a considerable way inland; and, in fair weather, small craft can with great safety pass over the bar. The place has been neat, and many of the houses are good. Although the situation is certainly better than that of Tellichery, yet I think it has not been judicious to remove the commercial resident from that place, while a possibility remains of Mahé being restored to the French. In the mean time Tellichery will suffer greatly; and I know, from having been there formerly, that during all the fair moonsoon, goods may be landed and shipped there with great facility.

Having been disappointed in not finding the commercial resident at home, in the afternoon I went about four miles to Tellichery, and was most hospitably received by my friend Mr. Waddel, who had lately come to reside in the fort, or factory.

After entering the lines, within which the natives have long enjoyed the protection of an English government, a wonderful change for the better appears in the face of the country; and the thriving state of the plantations, on the sandy grounds near the sea, show how capable of improvement all the land of that kind in the province really is. The low hills, however, all the way between Vadaecurry and Tellichery, approach very near the sea, and leave for plantations a much narrower level than is found in the southern parts of the province.

8th — 10th January. — I remained at Tellichery, taking an account of the neighbouring country. This having been long the chief settlement of the English on the coast of Malabar, and having been now deserted by the Company's commerce, has been rather on the decline; but still the richest natives on the coast reside here, and the inhabitants are by far more civilized than in any other part of the province. They enjoy some particular privileges, especially that of being more moderately taxed than their neighbours.

The Portuguese inhabitants who found here an asylum, when by the violence of the Sultan they were driven from the rest of the province, have for twelve or fourteen days been embodied as a militia. They seem to be very fond of military parade, and have already made some progress in their exercises. It appears to me, that they would look very well, and soon become good soldiers, had they decent clothing and accoutrements; but nothing can be more motley or ridiculous than their present undress, for clothing it cannot be called.

12th January. — I went about ten miles to Cananore, where I met Mr. Hodgson, the collector of the northern district of Malabar. The roads were execrable. The country through which I passed consists, as usual, of low hills and narrow vallies. The hills inland are covered with bushes, and beautifully skirted with plantations. The rice grounds are extensive, well drained, carefully supplied with water, and few of them are waste. Near the sea, the hills are bare; and, wherever the rock would admit the use of the plough, they have formerly been cultivated. At present there is a scarcity of inhabitants.

The proper name of Cananore is Canura. It was purchased from the Dutch by the

the ancestors of the Biby, who is a Moplay. Previous to this the family were of very little consequence, and entirely dependent on the Cheral Rájás; but having got a fortress, considered by the Nairs as impregnable, they became powerful, and were looked up to as the head of all the Mussulmans of Malayala. Various contradictory accounts are given, concerning the manner in which a Mussulman family came to be possessed of a sovereignty in Malabar. The most probable is, that they were originally petty Nair chiefs, who obtained a grant of this territory from Cheruman Permal; and that they afterwards were converted, owing to a young lady's having fallen in love with a Mussulman. The children which she had by him were of course outcasts from the Hindus; but being heirs to the family, it was judged prudent for the whole to embrace the faith of Mahomet, in order to prevent the estate from reverting to the Cheral Rájá on the failure of heirs. The only male at present in the family is a lad, son of the Biby or lady of Cananore, who manages the affairs of the family during his minority. The succession goes in the female line, as usual in Malabar: the children of the son will have no claim to it; and he will be succeeded by the son of his niece, who is the daughter of his sister. This young lady has lately been married, and in the evening I was conducted by Mr. Hodgson to a grand dinner which was given, on the occasion, to all the European ladies and gentlemen in the place. We were received by the Biby in her bed-room, and the ladies were admitted into the chamber of her grand-daughter. The dining-room was very large, and well lighted; and the dinner was entirely after the English fashion. The quantity of meat put on the table, as usual in India, was enormous, and the wines and liquors were very good. The young chief, with the father and husband of the young lady, who have no kind of authority, received the company in the dining-room; but did not sit at table. When dinner was served, they retired to a couch at one end of the hall, and smoked hookas, until the company rose to dance. Appropriate toasts were given, and these were honoured by salutes of guns from the Biby's ships. Many fireworks were displayed, and there was music both European and native. The house of the Biby is very large, and though not so showy as some of the Sultan's palaces, is by far more comfortable, and is in fact by much the best native house that I have seen.

Cananore is situated at the bottom of a small bay, which is one of the best on the coast. It contains several very good houses that belong to Mussulman merchants. Although the disturbances of Ciotié have diminished the exports, the trade of the place is still flourishing. The people here have no communication with the Maldives, although the Sultan and inhabitants of these islands are Moplays.

Cananore is defended by a fortress situated on the point which forms the bay. Since the province has been ceded to the Company, it has been strengthened with works after the European fashion, and is the head quarters of the province, for which it seems excellently adapted.

13th January. — I went ten miles to Matmul, situated at the mouth of a river, which derives its name from a town called Valya-pattanam, or the increasing city. The river at the mouth is very wide, and immediately within the bar divides into two branches, both navigable in boats to a considerable distance.

14th January. — I went about ten miles to Aritta Parumba, which by the English is commonly called Artelie.

15th January. — I went about ten miles to Cavai, on the north side of Mount Dilla. The road at first conducted me over uncultivated stony land. About three miles from Cavai I entered a plain extending to the sea; and, like most others on the coast of Malabar, much intersected by salt water creeks, that are a great interruption to travelling, even where they are fordable. I was under the necessity of being ferried over

one salt water river: "The whole of the plain consists of rice ground called vaylu, and the soil is very poor. Near the sea shore the ground is somewhat higher, is called Parumba, and is fit for the cultivation of the cocoa-nut. A very small part of this is planted, the remainder is quite waste.

Malabar *parumee*, which I am now about to quit, may be divided into two portions. By far the most extensive part consists of low hills, separated by narrow vallies; and from the Ghats this always extends a considerable distance to the westward, and sometimes even to the sea. These hills, when cleared, are called *parum*, or *parumba*; and when covered with trees, which are only cut down once in ten or twelve years, they are called *ponna* or *ponnum*. They are seldom of any considerable height, but in general have steep sides and level summits. The sides possess the best soil; and in Parum land, in order to prevent the soil from being washed away by the rain, are formed into terraces. The summits in many places are bare; and, especially towards the north, expose to the view large surfaces of naked rock. The vallies, called *candum* or *paddum* land, contain in general rivulets that convey away the superfluous water; but in some places, the level is not sufficient; and in the rainy season the grounds are much overflowed. The soil in these vallies is extremely fertile.

The other portion of Malabar consists of a poor sandy soil, and is confined to the plains on the sea coast, seldom above three miles wide, and in general not so much. Near the low hills, these plains are in general the most level, and best fitted for the cultivation of rice. Nearer the sea, they are more unequal in their surface, and rise into low downs, which form a kind of *parum* land admirably adapted for the cocoa-nut palm. This division of the country is wonderfully intersected by inlets from the sea, which often run for great lengths parallel to the coast, receiving the various mountain streams, and communicating with the ocean by different narrow and shallow openings. In other places, where there are none of these salt inlets, the low land within the downs on the coast is in the rainy season totally overflowed; for the fresh water has then no vent, and must therefore stagnate until it is gradually evaporated. As it dries up, it leaves the ground fit for some particular kinds of rice; and it is probably owing to this cultivation, that these stagnant waters do not impair the salubrity of the air. All Malabar may indeed be considered as a healthy country, and one upon which nature has bestowed uncommon advantages.

CHAP. XIV. — *Journey through the Southern Parts of Canara.*

JANUARY 16th, 1801. — I went about two miles, said to be two *coffes* and a half, to a place called *Urigara*, or the bank. Immediately beyond *Cavai* I was ferried over a very wide inlet of the sea, which separates the province of Malabar from that of Canara; but the country called *Malayali* by the natives extends a considerable way farther north. My road all the way led along a narrow bank of sand, between the sea and the inlet. The surf, although larger than any that I have seen on this coast, is by no means so violent as at *Madras*; and small fishing canoes go through it with ease. At *Urigara* the sand-bank increases in width, and admits of some rice-fields, and plantations of cocoa-nut trees. There is here no village; but there are a few huts inhabited by *Moplays*, who now possess the sea-coast of this part of *Malayala*, as the *Nairs* do the interior. On the side of the inlet, opposite from *Urigara*, is *Niléswara*, now a *Moplay* village, but formerly the residence of a *Rájá*, who derived his title from the place, which is called after one of the names of the god *Siva*. Although the *Nairs* are still more numerous than the *Moplays*, yet during *Tippoo's* authority, while not protected by government, the *Hindus* were forced to skulk in the woods, and all such as

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could be caught were circumcised. It must be observed, that however involuntary this conversion may be, it is perfectly effectual, and the convert immediately becomes a good Mussulman, as otherwise he would have no cast at all; and, although the doctrine of cast be no part of the faith of Muhammed, it has in India been fully adopted by the low ranks of Mussulmans. On entering Canara, an immediate change in the police takes place. No person is here permitted to swagger about with arms; these may be kept in the house for protection against thieves; but they must not be brought into public, for the encouragement of assassination.

17th January. — I went about ten miles to Hossó-durga, or Pungal-cotay; both of which signify the new fort, the former in the dialect of Karnáta, and the latter in the Malayala language. The country near the sea, most of the way that I came to-day, is low and sandy; but much of it is rice-land, intermixed with which is much sandy land, too poor, the natives say, to produce cocoa-nut. The whole appears to be much neglected, owing to a want of inhabitants.

Towards Hossó-durga, the dry-field rises to wells; yet it is too hard and dry for plantations. It is now waste; but, when there were plenty of people, it was cultivated for ragy (*Cynofurus coraconus*), *Dolichos biflorus*, sesamum, and different pulses. The hill-rice is here unknown. The soil, however, is exactly the same as that which is used to the southward for this grain.

The fort is large, and well built of the laterite, common all over Malayala. The bastions being round, it is more capable of defence than the native forts in general, in which the defences are usually square. It occupies a fine rising ground, looks well at a distance, and commands a noble prospect. The only inhabitants are a few Puttar Bráhmans, who serve a temple, and whose ancestors were placed there by the Ikeri Rájá, who built the fort.

18th January. — I went an easy stage to Beäcul.

19th January. — I went to a temple dedicated to Ifwara, at a place called Pulla.

20th January. — I went about ten miles to Kánya-pura, and about half way crossed a river of considerable width; yet at low water it is shallow.

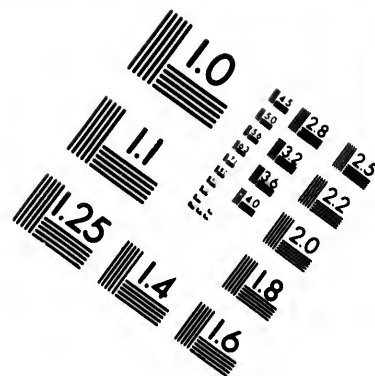
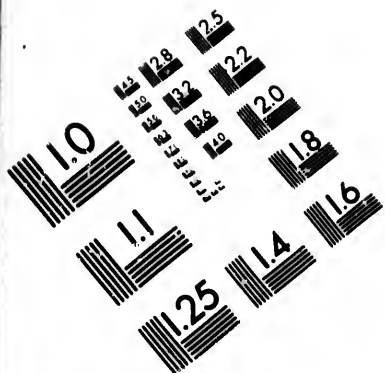
21st January. — I ferried over the lake to the peninsula on which Cumly stands, and which was formerly joined to Kánya-pura by a bridge. The situation of the fort is very fine, and the town has formerly been pretty considerable. The two rivers leave a narrow isthmus of rice-fields.

22d January. — I went a short stage to Ulala, a large town on the south side of the lake of Mangalore, and formerly the residence of a petty prince. I first passed through Harawurry Manjésvara, which is immediately north from the Manjésvara that belonged to the Vitly Rájá; but it is situated in the district surrounding Mangalore, which was not divided among the petty Rájás, but was immediately under the government of the lieutenant of the Ikeri Rájá who commanded at Mangalore.

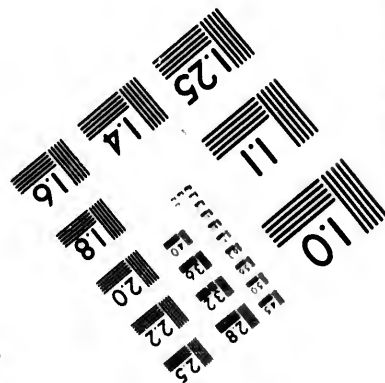
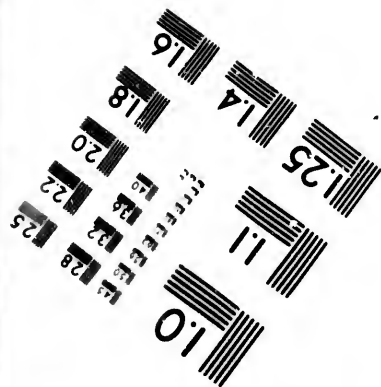
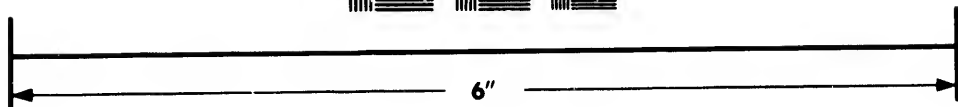
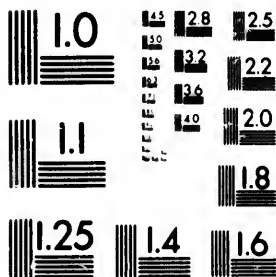
I afterwards crossed over the lake to the town, where I remained until the 29th. The lake is a fine body of salt water, separated from the sea by a beach of sand. In this, formerly, there was one opening; the depth of water in which was such, that ships of a considerable burthen, after their cargo had been removed, could enter the lake. Last year a new opening formed in the beach, which has proved very injurious to the harbour. The depth of the old opening has diminished, and that of the new one has never become great; so that now even at high water, and in easy weather, vessels drawing more than ten feet cannot enter.

For a native place of strength, the fort of Mangalore was well constructed; but was destroyed by Tippóo, after he had found how little his fortresses were calculated to





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resist European soldiers, and with what difficulty he could retake any of them, that were garrisoned by a few British troops. The town, called also Codeal Bundar, is large, and is built round the sides of the peninsula, in the elevated center of which the fort was placed. The lake, by which the peninsula is formed, is a most beautiful piece of salt water. The boats that ply on it are execrable; and the fishermen by whom they are managed are a very indolent drunken race.

The Princes of the house of Ikeri had given great encouragement to the Christians, and had induced 80,000 of them to settle in Tulava. They are all of Kankána descent, and retained the language, dress, and manners of the people of that country. The clergy, it is true, adopted the dress of the order to which they belonged; but they are all natives descended from Kankána families, and were purposely educated in a seminary at Goa, where they were instructed in the Portuguese and Latin languages, and in the doctrines of the church of Rome. In Tulava they had 27 churches, each provided with a vicar, and the whole under the controul of a vicar general, subject to the authority of the archbishop of Goa. Tippoo threw the priests into dungeons, forcibly converted to Islámism the laity, and destroyed all the churches. As the Christian religion does not prevent the re-admission into the church of such delinquents, these involuntary Mussulmans have in general reconciled themselves with the clergy, who now of course are at liberty, and 15,000 have already returned to Mangalore and its vicinity; 10,000 made their escape to Malabar, from whence they are returning home as quickly as their poverty will admit. The clergy are now busy with their flocks, whose poverty, however, has hitherto prevented them from rebuilding any of their churches. During the government of Hyder, these Christians were possessed of considerable estates in land, all of which were confiscated by Tippoo, and immediately bestowed on persons of other casts, from whom it would be difficult to resume them. These poor people have none of the vices usually attributed to the native Portuguese; and their superior industry is more readily acknowledged by the neighbouring Hindus, than avowed by themselves. The vicar-general was long confined in Jamál-ábád. He speaks Latin neither correctly, nor with fluency, and seems very desirous of obtaining what he calls a domineering power over the sect, that his authority may be equal to that of the native Gurus; so as to keep his flock in good order, not only by the spiritual means of excommunication, but also by the temporal expedients of fine and corporal punishment.

CHAP. XV. — *Journey from Mangalore to Beiduru.*

JANUARY 29th. — I went about ten miles to Arcola, which is also called Feringy-petta, having formerly been chiefly inhabited by the Christians of Kankána, invited to reside here by the Princes of the house of Ikeri. Its situation, on the northern bank of the southern Mangalore river, is very fine, and it was formerly a large town. After Tippoo had taken General Matthews, he destroyed the town, and carried away its inhabitants. One end only of the church remains, which however shows that it has been a neat building. Its situation is remarkably fine.

Even now the river contains a great deal of water, and in the rainy season it is very large. Its banks, like those of the Panyani river, are very beautiful and rich. Indeed the whole country entirely resembles Malabar, only the sides of the hills have been formed into terraces with less industry. As no hill-rice is cultivated in this vicinity, the terraces are formed at the roots of the hills only, where the gardens in Malabar are situated. According to the report of the natives, not one-fourth part of the ground fit for gardens is now planted. They say, that Tippoo, in order to remove

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every inducement for Europeans to frequent the country, destroyed all the pepper vines, and all the trees on which these were supported. Much of the rice-land is so well watered by springs and rivulets, that it produces a constant succession of crops of that grain; one crop being sown as soon as the preceding one has been cut. Although here the steep sides of the hills are not formed into terraces, as in Malabar, yet the gently sloping lands are formed into rice-fields that are cultivated once a year. In Malabar they would be either planted, or reserved for the cultivation of hill-rice, sesamum, or the like; and would yield a crop once only in three years.

30th January. — Yesterday a considerable part of my baggage lost its way; and although accompanied by two guides, and travelling on the most public road in Canara, I did not discover my tents until two o'clock this morning. The guides and attendants in excuse for their stupidity, alledged, that they were misled by the reports of the natives, who had informed them of my having passed places which I never had been near. The cattle were so much fatigued that I would not proceed; so I employed the day in collecting plants.

31st January. — In the morning I went three Sultany coffes to Nagara Agrarum.

1st February. — I went three coffes to Cavila-cutty. The hills are much higher than those to the westward, and some of them are covered with tall thick forests; in which are found teak (*Theka*) and wild mango (*Mangifera*) trees, and the palm which Linnæus called *caryota*. These hills abound with tigers, which have of late killed several passengers. The road all the way is tolerably well formed, but the engineer has paid no attention to avoid hills; some parts of it are excessively steep. I passed many oxen, loaded with salt, going to the Mysore dominions, and met many coming from thence loaded with iron.

In the temples of Tulava there prevails a very singular custom, which has given origin to a cast named Moylar. Any woman of the four pure casts, Brâhman, Kshatri, Vaisya, or Sûdra, who is tired of her husband, or who (being a widow, and consequently incapable of marriage,) is tired of a life of celibacy, goes to a temple, and eats some of the rice that is offered to the idol. She is then taken before the officers of government, who assemble some people of her cast to inquire into the cause of her resolution; and, if she be of the Brâhman cast, to give her an option, of living either in the temple or out of its precincts. If she choose the former, she gets a daily allowance of rice, and annually a piece of cloth. She must sweep the temple, fan the idol with a Tibet cow's tail (*Bos gruiens*), and confine her amours to the Brâhmins. In fact, she generally becomes a concubine to some officer of revenue, who gives her a trifle in addition to her public allowance, and who will flog her severely if she grant favours to any other person. The male children of these women are called Moylar, but are fond of assuming the title of Stânika, and wear the Brâhmanical thread. As many of them as can procure employment live about the temples, sweep the areas, sprinkle them with an infusion of cow-dung, carry flambeaus before the gods, and perform other similar low offices. The others are reduced to betake themselves to agriculture, or some honest employment. The daughters are partly brought up to live like their mothers, and the remainder are given in marriage to the Stânikas.

The Brâhmany women who do not choose to live in the temple, and the women of the three lower casts, cohabit with any man of pure descent that they please; but they must pay annually to the temple from one-sixteenth to half a pagoda. Their children also are called Moylar; those descended from Brâhmany women can marry the daughters of the Moylar who live in the temples; but neither of them ever intermarry with persons descended from a woman of inferior cast. It is remarkable in this cast,

cast, where, from the corrupt example of their mothers, the chastity of the women might be considered as doubtful, that a man's children are his heirs; while in most other casts the custom of Tulava requires a man's sister's children, by way of securing the succession in the family. The Moylar differ much in their customs, each endeavouring to follow those of the cast from which his mother derived her origin. Thus the descendants of a Bráhmny prostitute wear the thread, eat no animal food, drink no spirituous liquors, and make marks on their faces and bodies similar to those which are used by the sacred cast. They are not, however, permitted to read the Védas, nor the eighteen Puránas. Indeed but very few of them learn to keep accounts, or to read songs written in the vulgar language. Contrary to the custom of the Bráhmans, a widow is permitted to marry. They burn the dead, and believe in the transmigration of souls, but seem to have very crude notions on this subject. They are, indeed, very ignorant of the doctrine of the Bráhmans, who utterly despise them, and will not act as their Gurus to give them upadéśa. They will attend, however, at the ceremonies of the Moylar, and read the services proper on the occasion, and will accept from them both dhana and dharma.

The strata of Tulava, near the sea-coast, resemble entirely those of Malayala, and consist of laterite or brickstone, with a very few rocks of granite interspersed. This granite is covered with a dark black crust, and is totally free from veins of quartz, or of felspar. In many places large masses of the granite immerged in the laterite are in a state of decay; the black mica has entirely disappeared, and the white felspar has crumbled into powder, leaving the quartz in angular masses. These sometimes form so large a share of the whole rock, that, after the decay of the other component parts of the granite, they firmly adhere.

On arriving in the Cavila district, the granite shows itself more abundantly; and among that which, as usual, has no strata, I observed some disposed in strata running east and west, and which were truncated at the end, like much of that which is found above the Ghats. Even this was free from veins of quartz.

2d February.—I went three Sultany coffes to Bellata Angady, or the white market; a place very improperly named, as it contains only one shop, and in that nothing but betel is sold.

3d February.—I went a short journey to Jamál-ábád, which originally was called Narasingha Angady.

4th February.—I returned by the same road to the Jain temple at Bellata Angady, and then turned towards the north, and came to Padanguddy in a district named Majura, which formerly belonged to the Bungar Rájás.

5th February.—I went three coffes to Sopina Angady. From Padanguddy, to the banks of the northern branch of the Mangalore river at Einuru, the country is much like what I saw yesterday, but more woody. Between the river and Sopina Angady, the hills are steeper, and consequently the road is very bad.

Einuru is a small town, containing eight temples belonging to the Jain, and one to the Siva Bráhmans. The former have an annual allowance of 14 pagodas, and the latter one of 10 pagodas. As in this country the worshippers of Jain are more numerous than those of Siva, the temples of the former ought to have the best endowments; but while the native officers of government are mostly Bráhmans, pretences will never be wanting for depressing these heretical temples.

At Einuru is an immense colossal image of one of the gods worshipped by the Jain. It is formed of one solid piece of granite and stands in the open air.

6th February.—I went two coffes to Mudu, or East Biddery, and by the way

crossed a branch of the northern Mangalore river, which descends from the Ghata. On the way, two tigers were seen by some of my people. Although the country is well cleared, it contains very little rice ground; and, as the hills are considered as totally useless, this is in fact one of the poorest countries that I have ever seen.

7th February. — I went three coffes to Carculla.

Carculla is an open town, containing about 200 houses, which mostly belong to shopkeepers. Near it are the ruins of the palace of the Byrasu Wodears; the most powerful of the Jain Rájás of Tulava. The Jain, who are the chief inhabitants of the place, do not pretend that their Prince had any authority over the Rájás of the south; the whole tradition, therefore, at Hossobetta seems to be erroneous. That place, however, may have belonged to the Byrasu Wodears; as the territories of the Rájás of Tulava were probably as much intermixed as those of the chiefs of Malayála. The revenues of this family, it is said, amounted to 17,000 pagodas, or 6850l. 4s. 7½d.

The most judicious old men that I could find here gave me the following account of the weather. Between the 13th of March and the 13th of May they have slight showers, lasting three or four hours a day. These come three or four days successively, with equal intervals of dry weather, and accompany easterly winds. In the first month the winds night and day are easterly; in the latter part of this time the winds are from the southward, and in the west there is much thunder. Between the 14th of May and the 16th of August there come from the west strong winds, and heavy rains. The land winds are not at all perceptible. Between the 17th of August and the 15th of October there are gentle showers from the eastward. Except when it rains, the winds are westerly. From the 16th of October to the 13th of November there are slight showers from the eastward. The rain is sometimes, however, so heavy as to injure the crops. Except when it rains, the winds are variable. In the four following months there is no rain, and the air is reckoned cold by the natives. At present, the days are hot and the nights cool. The winds in the day come from the sea, and in the night from the land.

9th February. — I went three coffes to Beiluru, a place where there were a few houses of cultivators, but no shops nor market. There is a small temple of Siva there, with an annual allowance to the pújári of six pagodas. The country is rather woody, and little rice-ground can be seen from the road. The granite rocks make a conspicuous figure on the high lands.

10th February. — I went three coffes to Haryadika.

11th February. — In the morning I went three coffes to Udipu. The country, to the vicinity of this place, is similar to that which I passed through on the two preceding days. The strata of granite, however, are mostly covered by the laterite. The roads are execrable; but, like many of those in Canara, are shaded by fine rows of trees; especially of the *vateria indica*; which, being now in full blossom, makes the most beautiful avenues that I have ever seen.

On getting within sight of the sea near Udipu, the country becomes more level; and round the town it is finely cultivated, and the rice-fields are beautifully intermixed with palm gardens. Such a delightful situation has been chosen as the chief seat of the Tulava Bráhmans of the Madual sect.

I questioned the Bráhmans concerning the history of the country; and they produced a book called *Gráma Paditti*, which they say is historical. It is written in Sanskrit, and is presumed to have been composed by Vishnu, who assumed a human form, under the name of Védi Vyása, and promulgated the Védas, the eighteen Puránas, the *Gráma Paditti*, and other sacred writings. From this work the Bráhmans

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say, that Tulava was created, and given entirely to them, 1 arbuda, 95 crowds, 58 laes, and 80 thousand of years, before the extinction of the Pándu family. The last of these ended his reign in the year of the Kali-yugam 1036,

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2,955,883,865 years since the creation of Tulava, according to the Gráma Paditti. The candid reader will not expect, that in a work comprehending the accounts of such a long duration of time, a few thousand years, earlier or later, in the chronology of these degenerate times can be considered as of any consequence. This having been premised, and the accounts of the Hindu gods and heroes having been left in becoming obscurity, we find from the Gráma Paditti, that 1115 years after the family of the Pándus became extinct, Ananda Rája governed Tulava. He and his eight brothers (or rather kinsmen in the male line) reigned 200 years, or until the year of the Kali-yugam 2351. Vakia Rája and his ten sons (descendants) reigned 112 years, till Kali-yugam 2463. Maurfushy and his ten sons governed 137 years, till Kali-yugam 2600. Cadumba Rája 45 years, till Kali-yugam 2645. Myuru Varmá 10 years, till Kali-yugam 2655. Hubushica, chief of the savages, called Coragoru, or Corar, governed 12 years, till Kali-yugam 2657. Lócáditya Rája, son of Myuru Varmá, expelled the Coragoru, and governed Tulava, Malayála, and Haiga 21 years, till Kali-yugam 2678. After his death, eighty-one of his cousins, among whom the chief was Cadumba Rája of Wudia-nagara, governed 24 years, till Kali-yugam 2702. Balhica Rája, and twenty-nine other petty princes, governed 46 years, till the Kali-yugam 2748. Abhiri, and ten Rájás governed 99 years, till Kali-yugam 2847. The descendants of Moni Rája then reigned 200 years, till Kali-yugam 3047, or till 53 years before the birth of Christ. At this time Mahummud Surtala, a Mlécha, who was a spy, visited the whole country as far as Ráméswara. It must be observed, that, according to these Bráhmans, Mlécha properly means an Arab, Turc a Tartar, and Yavana an European; but all the three terms are frequently applied to the nations living toward the north and west of Hindustan, without distinction of country or religion. Nine Belally Ráyas governed six years, till Kali-yugam 3053, or 47 years before the birth of Christ. The Turc then returned, took Anagundi, and governed 540 years, till the Kali-yugam 3593, or A. D. 493. The followers of Vyáfa here, it must be observed, cut short the government of the Belalla family, who are more detestable than Mléchas, as having been followers of the Arhita or Jain Bráhmans. Campi Rája of Penu-conda drove out the Mléchas, and governed 13 years over the whole country south of the Krishna, till the year Kali-yugam 3606, or A. D. 506. This Prince sent an officer named Sankara Déva Rája to visit Tulava. In his train was a messenger (Peon) named Huca-buca, a Curuba by cast. This fellow, having received assistance from the Yavanas, took Anagundi, and having built a city near it, which he called Vijaya-nagara, or the city of victory, he assumed the title of Hari-hara Rája. This account of the origin of the family of Vijaya-nagara may be attributed to the following circumstance. The Bráhmans of Tulava had hitherto been exempted from taxes; but Hari-hara, on the conquest of the country, imposed an annual tax upon them, to the amount of 12,000 morays of rice. Déva Swámi, a tributary Prince, was ordered to collect this tax; but,

but, his conscience having revolted at the thoughts of exacting tribute from the Bráhmans, he was dismissed, and their tax was increased to 2578 pagodas in money. The history of the Gráma Paditti ends with this grievous event; but the Bráhmans say, that thirteen Princes of the family of Hari-hara governed for about 150 years, or from A. D. 493 to 643. Unfortunately for the exactness of this chronology, many inscriptions on stone, made in the reigns of these Princes, are scattered throughout their dominions. Copies of five of these have been delivered to the Bengal government. The date of the first is in the era of Salivahanam 1297, or A. D. 1375, and of the latest E. S. 1400, or A. D. 1478. With this correction of about eight centuries and a half, Muhammad Surutala may have been a Mussulman, and probably some of the followers of Muhammad Ghizni. The Yavana dynasty of Anagundi is, however, a matter of great curiosity and not yet well understood.

These Bráhmans say, that the celebrated Krishna Ráyalu, of Vijaya-nagara, was not of the family of Hari-hara, but governed the same dominions after the overthrow of the former dynasty. He was descended from the nurse of one of the five Princes called Pándus, who lived at the commencement of the present Kail-yugam. Dharma Ráya, the last of these five brothers, died in the year 36 of that era, or 4865 years ago.

12th February. — I went three coffes to Brahmá-wara.

13th February. — I went three coffes to Hirtitty, one of the fourteen small villages that are called by the common name of Cotta. The whole of this almost is occupied by Bráhmans, who pretend to be of Parasu Ráma's colony, although almost the only language spoken by them is that of Karnáta. Very few of them understand the peculiar dialect of Tulava. It must be observed, however, that, this country having been long subject to Princes residing above the Ghats, all persons of rank speak the language of Karnáta; and from having been subject to these Princes, and from its having been the place where all intercourse between them and Europeans was conducted, the province has got the name of the coast of Canara, a corruption of Karnáta. In the towns on the sea-coast the Mussulman language is more commonly understood, than in any other part of the peninsula that I have visited.

14th February. — I went three coffes to Kunda-pura, where I entered the northern division of Canara.

16th February. — I was obliged to set out without seeing Ramuppa Varmika; and, after having crossed the lake, I went three coffes to Kira-manéswara, a temple dedicated to Siva. I passed first between the sea and a branch of the Kunda-pura lake, and afterwards my road led along a rising ground near the sea. I saw many plantations of cocoa-nut trees; but, owing to the want of inhabitants, they are very poor.

17th February. — Early in the morning I was joined by the learned Bráhman Ramuppa Varmika, who accompanied me to Beiduru, three coffes distant. By the way we crossed three rivers; the first, called the Edamavany, is the most considerable; the second also is not fordable, and is called Angaru; the third is small, and joins the second at some distance to the westward. Its channel is in many places shut up, and converted into places for making salt; for the tide in all the three rivers reaches a considerable way into the country. On this day's route there is much rice-ground, and the crops look well.

Beiduru is an open village, containing about 120 houses. It had once a fort, and was then a large place, which belonged to a Jain Prince, named Byra Dévi. This family was destroyed by the Siva-bhaktars, and the place has ever since been on the decline. The cultivators now are Bráhmans, and Nadavar, who are a kind of Bunts, but they do not speak the language of Tulava. The Jainar are quite extinct.

One temple of the kind called *Buffy* continued until the time of Hyder; when the *pujari*, being no longer able to procure a subsistence, left the place.

The temple at present here is one dedicated to *Siva*. There are about it several inscriptions on stone, that contain the grants of lands with which the temple was endowed. One, which was a good deal defaced, so as not to be wholly legible, is dated in the year of *Salivahanam* 1445 (A. D. 1527), in the time of *Devarafu Wodear*, *Rájá* of *Sanghita-pura*; and son of *Sanga-raya Wodear*, who held his *Ráyada* of *Krishna Raya*, the chief of *Rájas* in wealth, a *Rájá* equal to *Paramésvara*, a hero greater than the *Trivira*, &c. &c. *Sanghitapura*, in the vulgar language called *Hadwully*, is four *coffes* east from *Batuculla*, and was formerly the residence of a governor appointed by the Kings of *Vijaya-nagara*. *Devarafu Wodear* must either have been one of these, or an ancestor of *Byra Dévi*. *Krishna Ráya* is, no doubt, the celebrated *Ráyalu* of that name.

In another inscription, of which a copy has been presented to the Bengal government, it is stated, that in the year of *Salivahanam* 1429 (A. D. 1507), and in the reign of *Jebila Narasingha Ráya*, the great King of *Vijaya-nagara*, *Kedaly Bafwappa Arfa Wodear* having been appointed to the *Ráyada* of *Barcuru*, with orders to restore the lands of the god, and of the *Bráhmans*, certain merchants of *Bideruru (Nagara)* founded an inn for the accommodation of six travelling *Bráhmans*, and for this purpose purchased certain lands, which are specified in the inscription.

Ramuppa Varmika says, that his family have been hereditary *Shanabogas*, or accountants of *Barcuru* district, ever since the time of the *Belalla Ráyas*; which dynasty, according to him, commenced their reign here in the year 637 of *Salivahanam* or A. D. 714. *Ramuppa*, however, possesses no revenue accounts previous to the conquest of the country by *Hari-hara Ráyalu*, in the year of *Sal.* 1258 (A. D. 1337).

CHAP. XVI. — *Journey through the Northern Parts of Canara.*

FEBRUARY 18th. — I went four *coffes* to *Batuculla*, which means the round town.

Batuculla is a large open town, containing 500 houses. It has two *mosques*; one of which receives from the Company an allowance of 100 *pagodas*, and the other half as much. These places of worship are situated in a quarter of the town inhabited by *Mussulmans* alone. Many of these are wealthy, and go on commercial speculations to different parts of the coast; but this is their home, and here they leave their families. In this part of the country there are no *Buntár*, nor does the language of *Tulava* extend so far to the north. In fact, *Batuculla* is properly in a country called *Haiga*; and the most common farmers are a kind of *Bráhmans*, named *Haiga* after the country, and a low cast of *Hindus* called *Halepecas*. There are here 76 *gudies*, or temples belonging to the followers of the *Vyása*.

19th February. — *Honawera* being too far distant for two days journey with my cattle, I went a short stage of one *cofs* and a half to *Shiraly*.

20th February. — I went three *coffes* to *Beiluru*, which signifies the cleared place, and is a common name in countries where the dialect of *Karnáta* prevails. My tents were, however, pitched in a very stately grove of the *Calophyllum inophyllum*, which in this part of the country is much planted near the villages. It grows to a large size, especially in sandy places near the sea. The common lamp oil of the country is expressed from its seed, by means of a mill turned by oxen. It is here called *hoingay*, the name by which above the *Ghats* the *robinia mitis* is known. In *Tulava*

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and Malayala it is called puna, by us commonly written poon. I suspect that the poon of the eastern islands is different.

From Shiraly to Beiluru the plain, between the sea and the low hills, varies in breadth from half a mile to a mile and a half. Its soil is in general good, and almost the whole of it is cultivated for rice; but few parts yield two crops annually. The sea-shore is skirted with groves of cocoa-nut palms, and the view is very beautiful. This plain is only watered by two small streams, the one of which is a branch of the Shiraly. Among the low hills are said to be, as usual, many narrow rice vallies. About three-quarters of a cofs from Beiluru is Murodésvara, a temple standing on a lofty promontory that has been fortified, and at high water is intulated by a narrow channel. To the south of the promontory is a small bay, sheltered by some rocks, which appear above the water, and afford protection to boats. Near this is a small village containing shops (bazars). South-west from the promontory is a peaked island, which I suppose is what our seamen call Hog Island: the natives call it Jaliconda. In the offing from Murodésvara is a very large rock; and still farther west an island, which I suppose is what the seamen call Pigeon Island. It seems to be five or six leagues from the continent, and is pretty high, with a flat top. By the natives it is called Naytrany Guda, which last word signifies a hill. They say, that it has trees, with a small stream of fresh water, and good landing on its western side. Its caves are frequented by many wild pigeons, whence the European name is probably derived. It is frequented also by boats for coral, with which its shores abound; and they likewise supply all the neighbouring continent with quick lime.

To this island many people also go to pray, offer cocoa-nuts, and sacrifice to a stone pillar called Jetiga, which represents a buta, or male devil. As this spirit is supposed to destroy the boats of those who neglect him, he is chiefly worshipped by traders and fishermen. On the continent there is another pillar called Jetiga; but as this devil is less troublesome than the one on the island, he receives fewer marks of attention.

21st February. — I went four coffes to the south side of the Honawera lake, and encamped in a cocoa-nut grove close by the ferry, which is above a mile wide, and without previous notice it is impossible to procure a conveyance capable of transporting cattle. The country from Beiluru to Cassergody, about two miles from the ferry, is one of the most barren that I ever saw. It consists of low hills of laterite, which extend down to the sea, and are almost destitute of soil. In some places a few stunted trees may be seen; but in general the rock is thinly scattered with tufts of grass, or of thorny plants. On the whole route there are only two narrow vallies. In these there are a few inhabitants, and a little good rice-land. On descending to Cassergoda the traveller enters a plain, which after having been in the desert, looks well; but its soil is very poor, and it wants cultivators, especially to plant cocoa-nut palms, for which it is best fitted.

The lake is of great extent, and, like that at Kunda-pura, contains many islands, some of which are cultivated. It reaches almost to the Ghats, and in the dry season is quite salt; but it receives many small streams, which during the rainy moonson become torrents, and render the whole fresh. By the natives it is commonly called a river, but lake is a more proper term. The lake abounds with fish; but many more are taken in the sea, and, when salted, form a considerable article of commerce with the inland country. Each fishing-boat pays annually to government from four to six rupees.

22d February. — I crossed the inlet or lake, and went two cosses to Hulledy-pura, where the tahsildar of Honawera resides.

24th February. — I went a long journey, called four cosses, and encamped on the south side of a river opposite to Mirzee. About two cosses from Hulledy-pura, I came to a town named Cumty. It seems to have been formerly a place of some note. Its lanes are straight, and fenced with stone walls, and it has many cocoa-nut gardens.

On my return from the pepper hills to Mirzee, I passed a very fine plantation of betel-nut palms, belonging to four Bráhmans, and containing many thousand trees. It was placed on the two steep sides of a very narrow valley, well supplied with water from springs. Here I observed the first regular strata since leaving Pali-ghat: they consisted of very soft pot-stone, probably impregnated with hornblende slate, as they seem to be a continuation of the quarries of slaty sienite, from which the temples at Batuculla have been supplied with stone. I have already noticed the affinity that prevails between the hornblende and pot-stone rocks in the dominions of Mysore. The strata at this garden are vertical, and run nearly north and south.

26th February. — I went three cosses to Gaukarna. There was a thick fog, which prevented me from seeing the country; but near the road it was a plain, consisting mostly of rice-fields; many of which, by the breaking down of the bank, had been inundated with salt water. At the western extremity of this plain is a ridge of low barren hills, which bend round to the sea, and separate the plain on the banks of the river from that on which Gaukarna stands, about a coss north from the mouth of the river. The plain of Gaukarna is well cultivated, and consists of rice-fields intermixed with cocoa-nut gardens.

Gaukarna, or the cow's horn, is a place of great note among the Bráhmans, owing to a celebrated image of Siva, called Mahaboléswara. The image is said to have been brought from the mountain Coila by Ravana, King of Lanca. He wished to carry it to his capital; but having put it down here, the idol became fixed in the place, where it stands to this day. The building, by which the idol is at present covered, is very mean. Gaukarna is a scattered place, buried among cocoa-nut plams; but enjoys some commerce, and contains 500 houses, of which Bráhmans occupy one-half.

On my return, I met with an itinerant image of Hanumanta. He was in a palanquin, attended by a pújári, and many vairagis, and had tents, flags, thibet-tails, and all other insignia of honour. He was on an expedition to collect the money that individuals in distress had vowed to his master Vencata Ramanya, the idol at Tripathi; and from his style of travelling seemed to have been successful. Many such collectors are constantly travelling about the peninsula. Out of the contributions the pújári (priest) defrays all the expences of the party, and pays the balance into the treasury at Tripathi, which is one of the richest that the Hindus now possess.

At the temples here dancing girls are kept, which is not done any where on the coast toward the south; for in Tulava and Malayala many of the finest women are at all times devoted to the service of the Bráhmans.

28th February. — I went three cosses to Ancola. Midway is the Gangawali, an inlet of salt water that separates Haiga, or Haiva, from Kankana. Its mouth toward the sea is narrow; but inwards it forms a lake, which is from one mile to half that extent in width, except at the ferry, where it contracts to four or five hundred yards. Boats of a considerable size (patemars) can come over the bar, and ascend the river for three cosses. Canoes can go three cosses farther, to the foot of the Ghats. The boats of Haiga are the rudest of any that I have ever seen, and no where worse than on this river,

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river, which possesses no trade; and the country on its banks, although very beautiful, seems rather barren.

1st March. — I went five coffes to Chandya.

In this part of Kankana, a little cut, catechu, or terra japonica, is made by some poor people, who gave me the following account of the process. The tree, or mimosa catechu, is called here keiri, and grows spontaneously on all the hills of Kankana, but no where else in the peninsula that I observed. It is felled at any season; and, the white wood being removed, the heart is cut into small bits, and put with one-half the quantity of water by measure, into a round-bellied earthen pot. It is then boiled for about three hours; and when the decoction has become ropy, it is decanted. The same quantity of water is again added, and boiled, until it becomes ropy; when it is decanted, and a third water also is given. This extracts all the substance from the wood. The three decoctions are then mixed, and next morning boiled in small pots, until the extract becomes thick, like tar. It is afterwards allowed to remain in the pots for two days, and then has become so hard, that it will not run. Some hulks of rice are then spread on the ground, and the inspissated juice is formed into balls, about the size of oranges, which are placed on the hulks, or on leaves, and dried seven days in the sun. For two months afterwards they are spread out in the shade to dry, or in the rainy season for twice that length of time, and are then fit for sale. Merchants who live about the Ghats advance the whole price four months before the time of delivery, and give 2 rupees for a maund of 40 cutcha seers of 24 rupees weight; that is, for a hundred-weight $9\frac{2}{3}$ rupees, or nearly 11 sterling. The merchants who purchase reside chiefly at Darwara Shanore, and other parts of that neighbourhood, and are those who supply the greater part of the peninsula with this article, which among the natives is in universal use. Their greatest supply comes from that part of Kankana which is subject to the Marattahs. The encouragement of this manufacture in British Kankana seems to merit attention. The tree is exactly the same with what I found used for the like purpose in the dominions of Ava, and does not agree very well with the descriptions in the Supplementum Plantarum of the younger Linnæus, nor in Dr. Roxburgh's manuscripts.

2d March. — I went three coffes to Sedasiva-ghur.

4th March. — I went three coffes to Gopi-chity.

5th March. — I went four coffes to Caderi, and did not see a house the whole way; but the heads of some cultivated vallies approach near the road, and extend from thence towards the river.

6th March. — I went four coffes to Avila-gotna, without having seen the smallest trace of cultivation, or of inhabitants. The country is not, however, entirely a desert. Small villages are scattered through the forests, and hidden in its recesses.

7th March. — Although before leaving Sedasiva-ghur, I had collected the persons who were said to be best informed concerning the road, and had procured from them a list of stages said to be distant from each other three or four coffes, that is, about ten or thirteen miles; yet to-day I came to my stage at Déva-kara, after less than an hour's journey.

CHAP. XVII. — *Journey from the Entrance into Karnata to Hyder-nagara, through the Principalities of Soonda and Ikcri.*

MARCH 8th, 1801. — On leaving Déva-kára, the valley watered by the Bidhâti becomes very narrow, and you enter Karnata Défam, which extends below the Ghats, and occupies all the defiles leading up to the mountains. Karnata has been corrupted into Canara; and the coasts of Tulava and Haiga, with the adjacent parts of Malayála and Kankana, as belonging to Princes residing in Karnata, have been called the coast
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of Canara. The language and people of this Défam being called Karnataca, the Muf-fulmans, on conquering the peninsula, applied this name, changed into Carnatic, to the whole country subject to its Princes, and talked of a Carnatic above the Ghats, and one below these mountains; although no part of this last division belonged to the Karnata of the Hindus. Europeans for a long time considered the country below the eastern Ghats as the proper Carnatic; and, when going to leave Dravada and enter the real Karnata, they talked of going up from the Carnatic to Mysore.

9th March. — I went what was called two Sultany coffes, to Cutaki; but this estimate is formed more from the difficulty of the road than the actual distance, which cannot be above five or six miles. At first I ascended close to the river, with a high hill immediately on my right. Soon after I came to the foot of the Ghat, where a fine stream enters from the south through some ground fit for cultivation; but of this no traces can be observed. I then ascended a very long and steep hill, sloping up by the sides of deep glens; and having gone a little way on a level ridge, I descended a considerable way into a valley, where there is a fine perennial stream. On the banks of this are some rice-ground, and a wood which spontaneously produces pepper, and which is totally neglected. I then ascended a mountain, still longer and steeper than the first; and after a very short descent came to a small lake, and a building for the accommodation of travellers. Another short ascent brought me to a plain country above the Ghats, and immediately afterwards I came to Cutaki.

Here the western Ghats assume an appearance very different from that at Pedda Náyakana Durga, or Kaveri-pura. The hills, although steep and stony, are by no means rugged, or broken with rocks; on the contrary, the stones are buried in a rich mould, and in many places are not to be seen without digging. Instead, therefore, of the naked, sun-burnt, rocky peaks, so common in the eastern Ghats, we here have fine mountains clothed with the most stately forests. I have no where seen finer trees, nor any bamboos that could be compared with those which I this day observed. The bamboos compose a large part of the forest, grow in detached clumps, with open spaces between, and equal in height the caryota urens, one of the most stately palms, of which also there is great plenty. There is no under-wood nor creepers to interrupt the traveller who might choose to wander in any direction through these woods; but the numerous tigers, and the unhealthiness of the climate, would render any long stay very uncomfortable. About midway up the Ghats the teak becomes common; but it is very inferior in size to the following trees, which unfortunately are of less value.

Tari, *Myrobalanus Taria*, *Buch. MSS.*

Jamba, *Mimosa xylocarpon*, *Roxb.*

Nandy, *foliis oppositis, non stipulaceis, integerrimis, subtus tomentosis*. — This is reckoned to make good planks and beams.

Unda Muraga, *foliis oppositis, integerrimis stipulis inter folia ut in Rubiaceis oppositis*. — Also reckoned good for planks and beams.

Mutti, *Chuncoa Muttia*, *Buch. MSS.* — Good timber.

Sampigy, *Michelia Champaca*. — The wood used for drums.

Shaguddy, *Shaguda*, *Buch. MSS.* A strong timber.

Wontay, *Artocarpus Bengalensis*, *Roxb. MSS.* — The fruit is about the size of an orange, and is preserved with salt. Here it is used by the natives in place of tamarinds, which are much employed by the Hindu cooks.

Honnay, *Pterocarpus fantalinus*, *Willd.* — The teak in some parts of this district of Yella-pura is abundant, and in the rainy season may be floated down the river.

Below the Ghats the country consists of the laterite, or brickstone, so often men-
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tioned; but it is much intermixed with granites, and talcofe argillite, which seems to be nothing more than the pot-stone impregnated with more argill than usual, and assuming a slaty form.

The strata on the Ghats are much covered with the soil; so that it is in a few places only that they are to be seen. Having no compass, I could not ascertain their course; but, so far as I could judge from the sun in a country so hilly, they appeared to run north and south, with a dip to the east of about 30 degrees. Wherever it appears on the surface, the rock, although extremely hard or tough, is in a state of decay; and owing to this decay, its stratified nature is very evident. The plates, indeed, of which the strata consist, are in general under a foot in thickness, and are subdivided into rhomboidal fragments by fissures which have a smooth surface. It is properly an aggregate stone, composed of quartz impregnated with hornblende. From this last it acquires its great toughness. In decay, the hornblende in some plates seems to waste faster than in others, and thus leaves the stone divided into zones, which are alternately porous and white. I am inclined to think, that all mountains of a hornblende nature are less rugged than those of granite, owing to their being more easily decomposed by the action of the air. This rock contains many small crystallized particles, apparently of iron.

From the summit of the Ghats to Cutaki the whole country is level enough for the plough, and the soil is apparently good; yet, except in some low narrow spaces used for rice-ground and betel-nut gardens, there is no cultivation. Cutaki is a poor little village, with seven houses.

I perceive no difference in the temperature of air, on coming from the country below the Ghats; and, in fact, do not think that I have to-day ascended more than a thousand feet perpendicular height. This is perhaps the very lowest part of the mountains; but the country is said to rise rapidly all the way to the Marattah frontier.

10th March. — I went four coffes to Yella-pura.

11th March. — I went four coffes to Caray Hosso-hully; that is, the new village at the tank.

12th March. — I went three coffes to Sancada-gonda.

13th March. — I went three coffes to the place which Europeans and Mussulmans call Soonda. In the vulgar language of Karnata it is called Sudna, which is a corruption from Sudha-pura, its Sanskrit appellation. The road was very circuitous; as I went first about south-west, and afterwards almost east.

14th March. — I went four Sultany coffes to Serfi. The outermost wall of Sudha was at least six miles from where I had encamped, and is said by the natives to be sixteen coffes, or at least forty-eight miles, in circumference. There are three lines of fortification round the town. The extent of the first, as I have already observed, was estimated by the natives at three miles square, and the whole space that it contained was closely occupied by houses. In the two spaces surrounded by the outer lines, the houses were formerly scattered in small clumps, with gardens between them.

From the outer gate of Sudha, till I reached Serfi, I saw neither houses nor cultivation; but it was said, that there were villages in the vicinity of the road. The country is more level than that through which I came yesterday. In two places the trees of the forest were covered with pepper-vines; but these were entirely neglected. Serfi is a small village, but it is the residence of the Tahsildar under whom Sudha is placed. It is not central for the district, but is chosen on account of its being a

great thoroughfare, and as having a very considerable custom-house. It has a small mud fort, in which nobody resides, although robbers are still troublesome; but to live in forts is not the custom of Sudha. Near it are the ruins of a fortress, which was built by Rám Chandra Nayaka, the second Prince of the last dynasty. It is called Chinna-pattana, the same name with that of the city which we call Madras.

From a garden on the west side of Serú, the Salamala, or Gangawali river takes its rise; and on its east side, from a tank called Aganafini, issues a river of the same name, which in the lower part of its course is called the 'Tari-holay.

16th March. — Having been employed all the 15th in taking the foregoing account, I to-day went five cosses to Banawáti. A great deal of the country through which I passed has been formerly cleared; and the greater part, although now waste, has not yet been overgrown with trees.

18th March. — I entered the territory of the Mysore Rájá, and went to Chandra-gupti. The country through which I passed is level, and would appear to have been at one time almost entirely cultivated. A great part of it is now overgrown with trees, which have not yet had time to arrive at a great height. Chandra-gupti or Chandra-guti, is also called simply Guti; care must therefore be taken to distinguish it from Gutti, a place of some note situated at a distance towards the north. It formed one of the first acquisitions of the house of Ikeri, and has a fort, which stands on a high peaked hill. The fable of the natives says, that this hill was formerly of an immense height, and prevented the moon from going round in her due course; whence the name of the place is derived. When the Raelha Jellafunda had defeated Krishna, that incarnation of the deity hid himself among the rocks of this hill. The enraged demon, not being able to discover the god, consumed the hill to its present size, very much to the satisfaction of the moon. It may perhaps be thought, that this fable may have arisen from a tradition of the hill having been formerly a volcano. For my own part, I think that these stories are so monstrous, that nothing can be drawn from them, but a commiseration for the credulity of mankind.

About a coss north from Chandra-gupti is a hill producing iron ore, which is wrought to some extent. It is found in veins intermixed with laterite, like the ore of Angada-puram in Malabar. The ore is of the same nature with what is usually finelted in the peninsula: that is to say, it is a black sand ore, which here is conglutinated by clay into a mass, and contains less extraneous matter than common. It is broken into small pieces, and the little masses of iron are picked out of the clay. Every man employed in the work pays to government two rupees or about 4s.; and they all have an equal share of the produce. There being no tax on the forges, is perhaps the reason why none are mentioned in the public accounts of this Ráyada, in which much iron is finelted. The workmen say, that in Billighy and Sudha, there is abundance of ore; but in these districts there are no people who understand the process.

The rock on which the fort is built is a white granite without observable strata, exactly like that of Jamal-ábád, and which is common throughout Haiga. The nature of the minerals there and here is indeed quite similar.

19th March. — I went three cosses to Sunicopa, or dry-ginger-village.

20th March. — I went three cosses to Kilidi.

21st March. — I went three cosses to Ikeri, through a country entirely like that which I saw yesterday. Near Ikeri is a well-built town, named Sagar, which at present is the residence of the chief of the district (amildar). It stands on the southern bank of the Varadá, which is here a very small stream, as being near its source.

Ságar has some merchants of property, who export to a considerable distance the produce of the country.

During the time Ikeri was the residence of the Princes descended from Sedásiva, it was a very large place, and by the natives is said, in round numbers, and with the usual exaggeration, to have contained 100,000 houses. Like Sudha, its walls are of very great extent, and form three concentric enclosures, rather than fortifications. It had also a citadel, but of no great strength, which, until eight or ten years ago, continued to be garrisoned. Within it was the palace of the Rájá, constructed of mud and timber, like those of Tippoo, and by no means a large building. The wooden work has been neatly carved, and covered with false gilding. The temple of Siva, where the town stood, is a large edifice, and is formed of stone brought from a great distance; but, as usual, it is destitute of either elegance or grandeur. It is now repairing, and workmen have been brought from Goa for the purpose; even the Portuguese of India being more skilful artists than any that can be procured in this country. At Ikeri there remains no town, but the devastation has not been occasioned by any calamity. When the court removed to Bidderuru, the inhabitants willingly followed. Ikeri continued, however, to be the nominal capital; the Rájás were called by its name, and the coins were supposed to be struck there, although in fact the mint was removed.

22d March. — I went three coffes to Ghenafu-guli.

23d March. — I went three coffes to Duma, or Dumam.

24th March. — Although I had desired the guides to divide the road into tolerably equal stages, I found this day's journey to Fatahpetta very short. It was called two Sulany coffes. The country is rather opener than what we passed through on the two preceding days; but a large proportion of the small quantity of rice-ground is waste.

25th March. — I went two coffes to the centre of Hyder Nagara, through a fog so thick that I could see little of the country. It is extremely hilly, and overgrown with woods, in which there are many fortified defiles and passes, that are guarded by armed men in the service of the Myfore Rájá.

CHAP. XVIII. — *Journey from Hyder-nagara to Heriuru, through the Principalities of Ikeri and Chatrakal.*

MARCH 29th. — I went to Cowldurga, which is said to be four coffes from Nagara; but the stage proved very long, as the gate was at least four miles from where my tents had been pitched. The road the whole way is exceedingly rough and hilly. The hills are all covered with woods, most of which produce the wild pepper vine: but these are quite neglected; and as they are not cultivated, although the village people collect a little pepper, they pay no revenue. The want of the stimulus of rent seems to produce the neglect. I passed through a good many narrow vallies fit for the cultivation of rice, several of which were entirely waste. All the streams of these vallies fall into the river of Honawera.

30th March. — I went four coffes to Hodalla.

31st March. — I went to Tuduru. The stage seemed to be short, but it is called four coffes. The road passes near a village called Maluru, but on the whole way I did not see a house. By far the greater part of the country is covered with stunted woods; and as the roads generally follow the low hills, these hide from the view of the traveller the greater part of what is cultivated.

1st April. — I went four coffes to Baikshaváni Mata. The road is near the left bank of the Tunga.

2d April. — I went a long stage, called five coffes, to Shiva-mogay. The first two coffes of this road are in a forest of very fine trees, many of which are teak. On leaving this

this, I entered an open country extending very far to the eastward. The greater part of it seems to be fit for cultivation; but at present a want of inhabitants renders the greatest part of it a waste. One coss from the forest is Gajunuru, a fort and village on the left bank of the Tungga.

At the entrance into the open country, the laterite seems to stop. The last that I have seen was at Baikshavani Mata. Between that place and Shiva-mogay the strata are not very observable. In some places they appear to run east and west, in others the rock seems not to be stratified. In one place only, since I came up to Karnata, have I observed the large veins of quartz so common to the eastward, and I saw none in any place below the western Ghats.

4th April. — I went four cosses to Kudali. The country all the way is plain; but it contains many detached hills, some of which, towards the north, are pretty high. The whole country is bare, and almost entirely waste.

Midway I came to a village, where the inhospitable disposition of the natives fully manifested itself. Near this village, I overtook a sepoy lying in the uttermost agony from a rupture. Having with some difficulty reduced it, the pain in his groin was succeeded by a violent colic, which contracted his limbs; and, had any exercise been at all proper for a man in his condition, rendered him totally unable to walk. I therefore went into the village, in order to procure a cot or bedstead, of which a litter could be readily made. As I had left all my attendants with the sick man, except an interpreter, the villagers held me in contempt. I found the Gauda, his brother, and some head men of the village, all Sivabhaçtars, standing in conversation, and wrapped up in their blankets. Having made known to them my case, the Gauda replied, that they had no cots, and his brother talked very loud, and in an insolent manner. This was checked by the coming up of a superior officer of revenue, who informed me that there were cots in every house; but neither offers of payment, nor threats of complaint, were of more avail than humanity. In excuse for these people, it may however be said, that the sepoy belonged to the Bombay army, a detachment of which had enabled Purferam Bhow to commit all his cruelties. Not that the Bombay army had any share in these excesses; but without its assistance he either would not have ventured into the country at all, or would have been assuredly defeated at Shiva-mogay.

The hills here, however, are not so rugged as toward Myfore; but the strata run north and south, and contain many lumps of quartz. In all the open country, where there is no laterite, the limestone nodules abound. Although the natives in general think that calcareous stone in the ground diminishes its fertility, I have an idea that the want of this substance in the countries to the westward, more than any absolute sterility in their soil, may be the cause why the dry grains do not thrive.

6th April. — I went three cosses to Baswa-pattana, in order to avoid a steep mountainous road, called a ghat, that lies in the direct route between Sahasiva-hully, and Hari-hara. On the open country through which I passed, there are scattered several small hills.

7th April. — I went three cosses to Malaya Banuru. This last word is a common termination in the names of villages in this part of the country, and signifies a place behind any other; thus Malaya Banuru signifies the place behind the hill.

8th April. — I went a very long stage, called four cosses, to Harihara, and by the way crossed a large empty water course, and afterwards a wide channel containing a considerable stream, which comes from the Solicaray, and is therefore called the Solicaray holay. It falls into the Tungabhadra immediately above Hari-hara, and never dries, except in very extraordinary seasons.

11th April. — I went three cosses to Davana-giri.

12th April. — To day I was prevented from advancing by no less than seven of my people

people having been seized with the fever in the course of the night, and from its being impossible, without some delay, to provide means for their being carried. Fevers have of late been very prevalent among my servants, although the country is perfectly dry and clear. The weather is now very hot in the day-time, with strong irregular blasts of hot wind, which often comes in whirls. The nights are tolerably cool. Early this morning we had a very heavy rain, with much thunder, but little wind.

13th April.—I went what was called four coffes, but the stage was exceedingly long, and I halted at Coduganar.

In the forenoon a leopard was killed by the people of the village in a garden near the town, and brought to my tent in great triumph, with every thing resembling a flag, and every instrument capable of making a noise, that could be collected. First he had been shot in the belly, and then he was driven to the banks of a reservoir, where he stood at bay; and, before he was killed, wounded three of the men who attacked him with spears; one of whom was severely torn. He agreed very well with the description in Ker's translation of Linnæus, and was about four feet from the snout to the root of the tail. He had killed several oxen; and in this country, it is not unusual for leopards to attack even men. Although I have called this animal the leopard, there is reason to think that it does not differ from the panther of India; for I am persuaded that we have no larger spotted animal of the feline genus. The Indian panther and leopard I consider, therefore, as two names for the same animal. The African panther may, however, be different, as certainly is the hunting leopard of India.

14th April.—I went a very long stage, called four coffes, to Aligutta.

15th April.—I went a very long stage, called also four coffes, and encamped in the plain near Chitteldroog, as we call it. Most of the country through which I passed is tolerably good, but very thinly peopled, and poorly cultivated. After having passed over a low ridge of hills, I came to a small rivulet, named Jenigay holay, which has its source from Bhima Samudra, and from various mountain torrents. It runs towards Gudi-cotay, the chief town of a district in this principality, and contains water at all seasons. It forms some fine reservoirs, and in several places is also conveyed by canals to irrigate the fields for cultivation.

The plain of Chitteldroog is two coffes and a half from north to south, and one cof from east to west; the cof here being at least four miles. It is every where surrounded by low, rocky, bare hills, on one of which stands the durga, or fort, formerly the residence of the Polygars of this country. By the natives it is called either Sitala-durga, that is to say, the spotted castle, or Chatrakal, which signifies the umbrella rock; for the umbrella is one of the insignia of royalty. During the government of the Ráyarus, the tributary Polygars of Chatrakal, who by descent were hunters (Baydaru) governed a country valued at 10,000 pagodas a year, or 3120l. 8s. 4d. On the decline of the royal family of Vijaya-nagara, these enterprising hunters, by gradually encroaching on their neighbours, increased their territories, until they became worth annually 350,000 pagodas, or 109,213l. 10s. 10d. The Moguls had no sooner settled at Sira, than they began to covet the Chatrakal principality, which being entirely an open country, ought to have fallen an easy prey to their cavalry. Sida Hilal, Nabob of Sira, made the attempt, and besieged the town for two years, but without success. He then retired to Sira, having received a promise of an annual tribute, the payment of which he probably did not expect. Hyder, soon after taking Bidderuru, attacked Chatrakal. The first siege lasted five months, and was unsuccessful. After the second siege had continued six months, there was little prospect of success, and Hyder had recourse to corruption. Partly by money, and partly by the influence of a common faith, he obtained

the treacherous assistance of a Mussulman officer, to whom the Rájá had given a high military command. At this time the town was very large, and filled a great portion of the plain; but owing to the removal of its court it has since gradually decayed. Still, however, it is a considerable place, and seems to receive particular encouragement from Purnea. It is now confined entirely within the walls, which are near the foot of the rock. They were strengthened by Hyder; and the town, after the peace granted by Lord Cornwallis, having become a place near the Marattah frontier, Tippoo had employed Dhowlut Khan, one of his slaves, to add much to its strength. The new works are now completing, and will render it totally impregnable against such invaders.

April 17th. — I went two cosses to Siddamana-hully, a mud fort, containing sixty houses.

April 18th. — I went three cosses to Imangula, and had on my right all the way a prolongation from the hills on which Chatrakal stands.

April 19th. — I went three cosses to Heriuru, near which a great change takes place in the appearance of the country. The soil is mostly stony, and at this season exceedingly parched; so that there is scarcely any grass, and the only green things to be seen are a few scattered mimosias.

The strata at Heriuru run nearly north and south, and are almost quite vertical. The basis of the country is somewhat between an argillite and schistose hornblende. It contains no veins that I observed; but in some places I saw large amorphous masses of reddish fat quartz imbedded in its substance. When exposed to the air it readily decays, and is then covered with a cinereous crust. For building it is a very poor stone; at least what is near the surface; but in a temple of Iswara, without the walls, I observed some pieces of it that have been squared, and resemble much the fine hornblende slate from Batuculla. It is probable, therefore, that by digging quarries, excellent materials for building might be procured. Of these, however, there is no want any where in Karnata.

The only other common rock here is called the black stone, and it may be considered as forming large beds between the strata of the argillaceous hornblende slate. This is an earthy quartz or horn-stone, impregnated with hornblende. When exposed to the air, its masses do not readily acquire a crust, but separate into irregular quadrangular pieces, truncated at both ends. In the fissures may sometimes be observed yellow shining nodules, which I take to be the *mica aurata*. It contains no other venigenous matter, and does not cut with the tools of the natives; but from the angular shape of its fragments, the smooth surface with which they break, and its great durability, it is excellently fitted for rough walls.

Although the air and water of Heriuru are reckoned salutary, and my people were well accommodated, they did not recover their health, and all my stock of medicines had been long expended. My cook died rather unexpectedly. His fever never had been severe; the paroxysms had come on as usual in the morning, and, after it was over, had left him tolerably well; but in the evening he suddenly became insensible, was convulsed, and died in about an hour. He was a very thoughtless man, and much addicted to intoxication; those, therefore, who fancy that all spirituous liquors are pernicious, especially in warm climates, will have no difficulty in accounting for his death:

Dicunt ab! nimio pocula dira mero.

But, let me add,

*Vobis si culpa est bilis, sua quemque sequuntur
Fata; quod immeriti crimen habent cyathi.*

For my own part, I am persuaded, that intoxication is much seldomer a cause of disease than is commonly alledged; and that it chiefly proves injurious to the health of our seamen and soldiers in warm climates, by making them imprudently expose themselves to other causes of sickness. The two persons in my service that are most subject to fevers, are my interpreter and painter, although from their situation in life they are exempted from all hardships; but from their cast they ought never to taste spirituous liquor, and are really sober men, avoiding not only liquor but every intoxicating drug. At the same time, a man who takes care of my tents, although he is exposed to all weathers, and at times to much fatigue, enjoys perfect health, and probably keeps off the fever by copiously drinking spirituous liquors, to the use of which he is exceedingly addicted.

The arrival of a set of fresh men, and the consequent preparations for our departure, caused great joy among my people, notwithstanding their weak state. When the cook was taken ill, I had given orders to secure his effects for the benefit of his wife and children; but on inspection after his death, no money could be found. Whether he had been plundered as soon as he became insensible, and that a guilty conscience occasioned fears among his companions, or whether the sudden manner of his death occasioned suspicions, I cannot say; but it was immediately believed that he would become a Pyfachi, and all my people were filled with terror. The butler imagined that the Pyfachi appeared to him at night, with a black silk handkerchief tied round its head, and gave him instructions to take all the effects of the deceased to his family; upon this, the butler, being a man of courage, put his shoes at the right side of the door, which he considered to be a sure preventive against such intruders. Next night, a cattle-driver, lying in all the agonies of nocturnal terror, saw the appearance of a dog enter, and smell round the place where the man had died; when to his utter dismay, the spectre gradually grew larger and larger, and at length, having assumed the form of the cook, vanished with a shriek. The poor man had not the courage to use the slippers, but lay till morning in a kind of stupor. After this, even the minds of the sepoys were appalled; and when I happened to be awake, I heard the sentries, by way of keeping up their courage, singing with a tremulous voice.

CHAP. XIX. — *Journey from Heriuru to Scringapatam, through the Western and Middle Parts of the Mysore Dominions.*

MAY 2d, 1801. — In the morning I went four cosses to Ellady-caray, which is situated among the low hills, running south-east from Chatrakal. I saw no houses by the way; but some must have been near my route, as in different places I observed a few fields that were cultivated. I passed through several ruined villages. The appearance of the country is desolate, and it is said never to have been much better in the memory of man. The soil is entirely poor stony land; and the naked rocks, in a state of decay, come frequently to the surface. The grass in many places is long, but at this season it is quite withered; and the only things green that are visible, are a few wild date palms (*Elate sylvestris*), most of which are young. In moist places they grow spontaneously, and produce juice, which is often boiled into jagory. The hills are of no considerable height, and among them there is much plain ground. By the natives this is considered as of very little use; but to me much of it appears to be very capable of being rendered productive, whenever labourers and stock can be found.

Between Heriuru and Ellady-caray the strata are all nearly vertical, and of a flat structure; but near the surface they are in such a state of decay, that it would be difficult

cult to determine the species. Some appeared to be the same with the quartz, impregnated with hornblende, that is found in the western Ghats. The layers or plates are in general very thin. There are no veins of quartz; but many of the strata, or rather thin plates, of which united the strata are composed, are fat quartz. These strata, or beds of quartz, are from a quarter of an inch to two feet in thickness, and are often stained of a livid colour, which I have nowhere else observed.

The talcose argillite of Heriuru is here very common, and passes at times entirely into pure argillite, like the slate used for the roofs of houses. The transitions from the one stone to the other are so gradual, that it would be difficult to say where the one ends, and the other begins. The slate here is grey, blue, and purple. All that I saw, being near the surface, was in a state of decay, and therefore useless; but that is the case on the surface of the best slate quarries in Scotland.

3d May. — I went three short coffes to Chica-bayli-caray; that is, the little hedge-tank.

4th May. — I went one cof south, to see the mine at Cudera Canavay; and having examined it, I returned to Chica-bayli-caray. The road passes through a valley surrounded by low hills, and about half way there is a fortified village. At the bottom of the hill on which the mine is, there is a plain of a very good soil, which would be the most proper place of residence for the smelters.

On the road I met with an image of Hanumanta, going on an annual visit that he makes to his master at a temple called Raméswara. From the neighbouring villages he was attended by all the better sort of inhabitants, male and female, young and old; the Sivabhaçtas excepted, who abominate both this idol, and that of his master, Vishnu. The people composing the train of the god were very irregular and disorderly; but they had collected together a number of flags, and insignia of honour, with every thing that could be found in the country capable of making a noise. The men who carried the idol said, that the god would rest himself at a mandapam near Raméswara, and allow his followers to assemble, and form themselves into some order; after which he would visit the image of Râma; and having returned to the mandapam, he would sit in state, while for his amusement the people played before this building. The Brâhmans would then sell them some victuals, which were consecrated by having been dressed in the temple, and offered to the god with the proper incantations (mantrams). Having feasted on these, the image would return to his own temple, attended as on his outset. This is what is called a jatram; and had the image been that of one of the great gods, it would have been carried in a rath, or chariot; but for Hanumanta a litter is sufficient.

Cudera Canavay, or the horse-hill, is a hummock about a hundred and fifty feet in perpendicular height. The north end is steepest, the slope toward the south being gentle. The east and west sides also are pretty steep. The natives say, that Doray-guda is about ten coffes to the south-east, and that there is a continued ridge of low hills extending the whole way between the two mines; but none of them contain ore.

The surface of Cudera Canavay is smooth, and is not interrupted by rocks. The soil is a poor red earth. I saw only one lump of hæmatites; and that, when compared with the fine masses lying on the surface of Doray-guda, is very poor and ill-formed. The whole extent of the hill is not great, and the miners have contented themselves with digging the ore from the surface of the hill near its summit. No shaft nor pit having been made, I cannot form any estimate of the quantity of ore remaining. The mine appears to be much richer than that of Doray; for the quantity of barren stone intermixed with the ore is very small. This barren

stone resembles the ore very much; and, no doubt, could the natives extract it, contains much iron. The specimen which I have brought away, has concentric layers somewhat like a log of wood. The superficial earth in most places is not above a foot thick. On digging into it, the miner comes to a mixture of ochres, earth, and ore, in a tabular form. This mixture sometimes extends in depth so far as has been wrought, which no where, that I saw, exceeded five or six feet. In other places the miner meets with large masses of ore, consisting of a number of plates united together like schistus. This by the miners is called black iron-stone. These masses have a tendency to divide into rhomboidal fragments. In other places the ore is found in a number of flat pieces, divided by fissures into parallelograms, perhaps three inches long, two broad, and one thick. These fragments are placed in layers contiguous to one another; but they are separated by the slightest force, the fissures being filled up with reddish ochre. By the workmen this is called red-ore; and because it is taken out of the mine with the least trouble it is most esteemed. All kinds, when broken to small pieces, and rendered proper for the furnace, are quite the same. The manner of working is very simple. The miner forms a cut with a perpendicular surface, and throws all the rubbish down the declivity. He then continues cutting down from the hill, with his perpendicular surface, two or three feet in height. He works with a pick-axe, and cuts promiscuously through earth, stones, and ore. Having brought down a sufficient quantity, he rubs the fragments; and having picked out the smaller pieces of ore, he throws down the hill all the earth, ochres, barren stone, and larger masses of ore; for the trouble of breaking any of these into lumps the size of the fist, is greater than that of cutting down more from the hill. I observed nothing like strata in the mine, and look upon the present shape assumed by the ore, as of very recent date. From the rubbish thrown down by former miners, which consists in a great measure of ferruginous particles, these have, I imagine, united into their present form; and the layers may be often observed intermixed with the roots of vegetables. Indeed, the process is probably now regularly going on; and until the hill be entirely consumed, the mine may be continued to be wrought in the same manner as it is at present.

On the north-east side of the hill, from which I ascended, the strata are in general vertical, and run from south easterly to north westerly. They are of quartz blended with hornblende, forming a hard, very tough, and sonorous stone, intersected with fissures, but free from venigenous matters, and having a slaty structure, with plates from an inch to a foot in thickness. In other places, this stone is not vertical, but has only a dip toward the east. In this I frequently observed the quartz and hornblende disposed in alternate layers; that is to say, certain alternate thin portions of the quartz were less impregnated with the hornblende than those that intervened. From the disposition of these, the stone looked as if at one time it had been fluid, and had then undergone an undulating motion; for the different coloured portions were disposed somewhat like the colours on marbled paper, or like the fibres in a knot of timber. To give a proper idea of this would require a specimen ten feet in diameter; but even in the specimen which I brought away, it is observable, although that has suffered a considerable decay. I had no means of breaking a specimen from the centre of the rock.

Here I also observed a rock of a similar nature, but divided into rhomboidal fragments by wide fissures, some of which were empty, and others filled with veins of fat quartz, which must therefore be of later origin. This resembled the rock described in the seventh chapter of my journal, Vol. II. p. 43, at Malaitwara Pagoda, near Madana.

Madana Mada, which is about eight coffes from hence toward the south-east. There, however, the veins of quartz formed a complete net-work, involving the fragments of the original stone, which contained little or no hornblende.

5th May. — I went to Muteodu, distant three coffes.

6th May. — In the evening of the 5th there was much thunder, with heavy squalls of wind from every quarter of the compass, and some severe showers of rain. The thunder continued all night, and the morning looked so threatening that I did not set out till after breakfast. The weather, however, has now become so cool, that I did not feel the least inconvenience from being all day in the open air.

I had intended going to Hossô-durga, and had sent my spare tents to that place; but, finding it necessary to look after the mines, which produce the ores called kemodu and cari-cullu, I was obliged to alter my plan. Neither could I get any accurate information concerning the situation of these mines; some of those even, who were employed in bringing the ore, called them two coffes distant, while others stated their distance at three times as much.

I went first in search of the cari-cullu, and proceeded on the way by which I came yesterday, till I reached the small valley nearest Muteodu, distant from thence about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a cof, or two miles. Here I passed a small village, named Sida Gondana hully, and came to a low hill, which is called Malaya Maluppa, after a temple dedicated to Siva. This hill forms the eastern boundary of the valley, and is of no considerable height. The mine of cari-cullu is on its ascent, and is readily discernible from a number of bluish-black stones, that lie on the surface of the ground. No excavation has been made. The cari-cullu is found, in detached masses on the surface, mixed with the stones. These stones are often so much tinged by the metal, as hardly to be distinguishable from it; but are known by being broken, when their stony nature appears evident. Some of them, when broken, appear internally to have undergone little change, and are evidently fat white quartz; the appearance of the internal parts of others has been so much altered, that had I not observed them in all intermediate gradations, I should never have supposed them to have been of a quartz nature. The masses of stone are much more numerous than those of the cari-cullu, owing probably to the quantity of the last that has been removed from the surface. Deeper in the earth it is probably found in a great proportion, but there has been no occasion to make any experiment by digging. The extent of ground which the mine occupies may be about 200 yards square. The cari-cullu literally signifies the black-stone. It is found in masses about the size of the fist, and has a very strong resemblance to the black ore of Manganese. By the usual process, however, for discovering the calx of that metal, I have not been able to obtain any; nor indeed any thing else, except a brown calx of iron. The ore however, when heated, readily gives out a considerable quantity of oxygen.

Immediately north-west from the mine, and on the declivity of the same hill, is a singular stratum of rock. It has every appearance of a rock that has formed the channel of a river, being water-worn, and excavated into round pits or pots, exactly like the rocks on which a rapid stream has long acted. This is an appearance, concerning which any one who has been accustomed to a mountainous, well-watered country can hardly be mistaken; yet, as the rock is situated on the declivity of a hill, and has a valley immediately below it, and parallel to its course, it is impossible, without a total change having taken place in the face of the country, that it could have formed the bottom of a river. At present there is no stream in the valley. This rock runs nearly north and south, and is quite vertical. It is a Sienite; some-

times

times of a homogeneous grey colour, and at other times composed of alternate grey and white layers, which last consist of the quartz and felspar entirely. These layers are of very various thicknesses, and are sometimes straight, and sometimes disposed in swirls, like a knot of timber. Although it has the appearance of having suffered much decay, this stone possesses a very high degree of toughness.

Having examined this mine, I returned almost to Muteodu, and then proceeded south to a small village, named Cadu-caray, three cosses distant. The country is not hilly, and in most places is fit for the plough; but almost the whole is waste. I saw only one village, named Chica Taycu-lawari; but I passed several small collections of huts belonging to Golaru, or keepers of cattle. Towards the east was a range of hills, running from Charakal to Chica Nayakana hully. Towards the west is a level country, interspersed with a few low detached hills. On the most remarkable of these is placed Hosso-durga, or the new castle.

The soil is in general poor, and the rocky strata frequently come to view. Among these are very extensive strata of quartz, and of quartz intermixed with felspar of a white colour. Intermixed with these are strata of white quartz, and black mica, disposed in alternate layers, firmly united, and forming a very hard stone.

7th May. — I went in the morning to examine the mine of Kemodu, and another of iron, concerning which I had received intelligence on the preceding evening. The ore is smelted here in the same manner as at Chica-bayli-caray. When the process fails, a brittle porous mass is obtained, which has a greater resemblance to our cast iron than any thing that I have seen produced in India. This mass is fused in a furnace of lower power, and gives an iron softer than the common kind; and from this soft iron are usually formed the hoes, and other digging instruments of the natives.

Doda Rasby Guda, or great heap hill, which contains the mines, is a peak about three hundred feet in height, and a mile in length, that forms part of a ridge running nearly north and south, and lying east from Cadu-caray. Between the mine and this village is another ridge, on the northern extremity of which is a temple dedicated to Ranga, and named Mavana Canavay, from which the rivulet so called has its source.

As I ascended this nearest ridge, the first rock which I met was an earthy quartz, or hornstone, divided by fissures in all directions, and having some of these fissures filled with veins of white quartz. This rock is not vertical, but dips much towards the east. Further on, the common rock consists of alternate parallel layers, firmly united, of white and quartz, and of brown iron-shot quartz, or hornstone. These layers are sometimes plain, and at others disposed in swirls; and as the stone in decay, by the attrition of its longitudinal angles, has a great tendency to assume a cylindrical form, and always breaks in masses, truncated at right angles to the layers, it is often found in pieces which have a strong resemblance to petrified wood. The stone does not break regularly in the direction of the layers, which are disposed in the same line with the strata. These are vertical, and run nearly north and south. I am by no means sure of the nature of the brown part of this stone. It may very possibly be hornblende overcharged with iron; and the sienite found yesterday nearly in the direction of its strata, strongly confirms this opinion.

Between the two ridges I came to the channel of a rivulet, named Aladi-holay, which at present is quite dry. Here I found the place whence the glass-makers procure the ore called kemodu. For about three quarters of a mile the bed of the rivulet is filled with stones of a steel-grey colour. Many of these are the iron ore called kemodu. It is in water-worn masses, from the size of a man's head downwards,

wards, and possesses the external characters of the grey ore of manganese. When powdered, it is attracted by the magnet. Intermixed with the kemodu are other masses of a similar appearance, but which are useless. On breaking these, they are found to be in all intermediate stages of maturation, from the common rock before described, to almost perfect ore.

On ascending the eastern bank of the rivulet, beyond the mine of kemodu, I came to a conical peak on the eastern ridge; and observed, that all the stones on its side were stained with the steel grey of that ore. I saw none perfect on it; but on breaking the stones I found them in all stages, from the rude rock to a state approaching to maturity. Indeed, many grains of pure kemodu were very discernible, imbedded thickly in the substance of these stones.

Immediately south from this, is the peak called Doda Rasby Guda, whence the iron ore which supplies the forges is procured. This ore is quite the same with the black kind at Cudera Canivay, but it is disposed in a different manner. It is imbedded in large irregular cavities of the barren stone, or matrix. This consists of plates that are separable without much difficulty, and which, I have no doubt, are the brown layers of the common stone of the hill separated by the white ones, having been corroded by iron. It is, no doubt, a primeval rock; and its strata may be traced running in the direction of the meridian, and in general vertically. The ore is similarly composed of plates; and fibres of the roots of plants are found to have penetrated into the interstices; but this, I am inclined to think, has happened after the surface has been exposed by the miners. I also suppose, that the ore has once been the common stone of the hill, and has afterwards been more and more impregnated with iron by some process unknown to us; in the same manner as, I suppose, has taken place in the ore called kemodu. The various gradations from the perfect stone to the perfect ore is the circumstance that induces me to form this opinion. A portion of the rock having been cut down with a vertical smooth face about three feet deep, presented an appearance similar to that in plate XXXIII. fig. 82. The central parts are of the ore, and contain the roots of plants between their plates. The upper layers are of the barren matrix. I brought away, as a specimen, the upper extremity of the ore, with part of the matrix adhering. Owing to the nature of the mine, the manner of working it is somewhat different from that used at Cudera Canivay, and the workmen are forced to dig the ore from under the caverns of the matrix. I nowhere saw that they had ventured in farther than ten or twelve feet; so that I cannot say, whether or not the internal parts of the hill contain any veins, or rather beds, of ore. Openings have been made in various places for about a quarter of a mile in length, which seems to be the extent of the mine.

8th May. — I went three coffes to Belluguru, and by the way passed two tanks and villages.

9th May. — In the evening and night there was much loud thunder, with heavy rain from the southward, but little wind. I went four coffes to Garuda-giri, or the hill of Garuda, the eagle on which Vishnu rides. It is often pronounced in the oblique case Garudana-giri, which by the Mussulmans, is usually corrupted to Gurruna-giri; and in a map which I received, I find it called Gurgan-droog.

10th May. — I went two long coffes to Banawara.

11th May. — I went three long coffes to Jamagullu. The country is rather more broken than that through which I have come for the last two days, and is equally deserted. The wild date has even overgrown much of the rice-land. Jamagullu at present contains about eighty houses, and has a fort. Before the invasion of Triumbaca Manu, it was a large place, but has never since recovered.

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Here is a temple dedicated to Narasingha, and built entirely of Balapum, or pot-stone. It is highly ornamented after the Hindu fashion, and on the outside every part of its walls is covered with small images in full relievo. Both the general structure of the fabric, and the execution of the component figures, are utterly destitute of either grandeur or elegance; indeed, I have not yet had the good fortune to meet with a Hindu image that was tolerable. This temple is said to have been built by Sholun Ráya, and the artichect that he employed was named Jacanachery. This Prince lived about a thousand years ago; and having killed a Bráhma, in order to wash away his sin, he employed twenty years in travelling between Káfi and Ráméswara, and in rebuilding temples. The one here entirely resembles in its style the others that I have seen which are attributed to the repentance of this personage. It has an inscription on stone, but that has been defaced. The annual revenues formerly belonging to the temple amounted to 250 ikeri pagodas (100l. 6s. 4½d). These were entirely removed by the Sultan. Purnea allows it 50 canter' ráya pagodas a year in money, or 15l. 12s. 0½d.

Many of the strata around this are of pot-stone. They are quite vertical, and run north and south in the usual direction of the other strata of the country. In general, the pot-stone breaks into small fragments, and is full of fissures; but in the neighbouring country there are many quarries, where masses of great size may be procured. It forms an excellent material for building, being very easily cut, and at the same time being excessively tough. The good kinds resemble entirely the stone at Maru-Hully, described in the eighth chapter of my Journal, vol. ii. p. 146; and, in fact, are somewhat between a hornblende and a pot-stone.

12th May. — I went to Hullybedu, a stage of about 10 miles, but it is called only two coffes.

The most remarkable building at Hullybedu is a temple of Siva erected by Vishnu Verdana Ráya. From an inscription on the wall, this must have been before the year of Sal. 1203, or A. D. 128½. A copy of this inscription has been delivered to the Bengal government. This temple is built of similar materials, and in a similar style of architecture, with that at Jamagullu; but is larger, and more crowded with ornaments. Its walls contain a very ample delineation of Hindu mythology; which, in the representation of human or animal forms, is as destitute of elegance as usual; but some of the foliage possess great neatness, as may be seen by a drawing made of part of one, and given in plate XXVII. figure 33. The temple has long been without a pújári, or public worship, and has gone so far to decay, that it would be repaired with great difficulty. This is a pity, as it much exceeds any Hindu building that I have elsewhere seen.

Before the temple are placed two images of the Bafwa, or bull of Siva. The one is of balapum, or the pot-stone impregnated with hornblende, of which the temple is built, and which does not admit of a marble polish. This stone, which as usual represents the bull in a lying posture, is sixteen feet long, ten feet high, and seven feet broad. The other image is not quite so large; but its materials are finer, and admit of a marble polish. It seems also to be a pot-stone or perhaps a talc impregnated with hornblende, and contains small irregular veins of a green shining matter. Its general colour is black, with a tinge of green. Some of the pillars in the inner part of the temple are of the same fine black hornblende that is used in Hyder's monument, and are highly polished. Some of them reflect objects double, which by the natives is looked upon as miraculous. These temples having been built when this was the seat of empire, and the inhabitants for many centuries having had no occasion for such costly materials in their buildings, the knowledge of the quar-

ries from which they were supplied has been lost; and the natives believe that the stones were brought from Káfi, on the banks of the Ganges.

A very common rock here is called by the natives the blackstone (*caricullu*). It seems to be a hornblende porphyry; but the basis, having a slight degree of transparency, probably consists of an intimate union of horn-stone, or quartz, with hornblende. It is black, with a greenish tinge, and greasy appearance, and contains white felspar in pieces of various sizes. It sometimes also contains veins of quartz, and on that account might perhaps be called a sienite. It does not cut well for fine buildings, but breaks into quadrangular masses, which from their being excessively tough and durable, make excellent rough work. For the same reason it is frequently hollowed out into the mortars of oil mills.

13th May. — I went three coffes to Bailuru. The country is very bare; some of it is hilly, and full of stones; much of it is a good ragy soil; but very little is cultivated. I crossed a small river called the Bhadri, which comes from Baba Bodeens hills, and runs into the Cavery. It never dries entirely, and receives the water from all the country south from Banawara. To the west of the Bhadri river the country is called Malayar, or the hills; while that on the eastern side is called Meidán, or the open country. I remained at Bailuru, taking an account of the cultivation there, as an example of that which prevails in the hilly region whence the Cavery has its sources.

The nature of the Malayar country resembles that of the sea-coast below the western Ghats, in so far as rice is the principal object of cultivation, and as little attention is paid to the rearing of dry grains upon which the people to the north and west of the Bhadri chiefly subsist. In the Malayar country, however, there are no pepper gardens, nor plantations of betel-nut palms, for which it seems as well fitted as the Nagara principality. It is said entirely to resemble the Codagu Ráyáda, or Coorg country. At Bailuru there is no brick-stone, and the country abounds with the calcareous tufa. The hills are overgrown with wood, and are considered as quite useless. The vallies only are cultivated.

15th May. — I went three coffes to Holtaray.

16th May. — I went three Sultany coffes to Háfina, which derives its name from one of the Saktis, that is the village deity (*Gráma Devata*). The country through which I passed is fine ragy land, but very little of it is cultivated.

17th May. — I went two Sultany coffes to Gráma, which signifies merely a village.

18th May. — I went, what appeared a long stage, to Chin'-raya-pattana. It was called four Sultany coffes.

19th May. — I went two Sultany coffes to Sravana Belgula.

Seringapatam I found recovering apace. Some more openings for parades, and other public uses, have been made in the town; but it still continues to be a sink of nastiness. The suburb called *Shahar Ganjam* is increasing rapidly, and care has been taken to form the streets wide and straight. A new magistracy has just now been established, under the superintendance of Captain Symmonds, an establishment that was much wanted; for the officers of the garrison have neither time nor inclination to investigate civil affairs. Provisions are good, and, bread excepted, are cheap. Artificers have been assembled, and are now busy in preparing military stores; such as gun-carriages, leather accoutrements, tents, and cordage of the aloe leaves (*agava vivipara*). This employs many people, and will turn out a great saving to the Company. Trade is beginning to be restored, and considerable quantities of the produce of Malabar again pass this way. The lands are increasing in value; and people, who had formerly deserted to adjacent districts, are now returning, and with the utmost eagerness are reclaiming

reclaiming their former possessions. This climate, however, continues to be very unhealthy; and a damp is thrown on every thing by the sickness of the resident, Colonel Clofe. Owing to this, I have been much disappointed by not receiving any answers to the queries which I propofed.

CHAP. XX. — *Journey from Seringapatam to Madras.*

JUNE. 4th. — Early in the morning I left Seringapatam; on coming to where my tents had been pitched, I found, that in the storm of the preceding night, they had been blown down, and that my people had been difperfed into the neighbouring villages. I was, therefore, neceffitated to halt a day, in order to put my tents into fome kind of repair, and to reafemble my people. In this I had great difficulty, moft of them being intoxicated.

Kari-ghat, near which I halted, is a high peaked hill, which confifts chiefly of fchiftose mica, that is compofed of white quartz, and filvery mica, difpofed in an undulating manner. When the ftone is fplit in the direktion of the strata, the mica is moft conspicuous, and makes a very beautiful appearance.

5th June. — I went three coffes to Banuru.

6th June. — I went two Sultany coffes to Sofila. The country is plain, with a few fmall hills interfperfed.

7th June. — I went three coffes and a half to Kirigavil. The country through which I paffed is moftly dry arable land; but much of it is wafte. I croffed one fmall ridge of hills, confifting of naked rocks of white granite. Kirigavil has once been a large village; but after the affair at Malawilly, the Sultan, in order to prevent it from being of ufe to the army under General Harris, destroyed it and few of the houfes have been rebuilt. The greater part of its inhabitants are Muffulmans; for, during the former government of the Myfore Rájás, it was given in jaghire to a Mahomedan family in their fervice. The heir of this family now lives at the place, and has a confiderable penfion from the Company, for which he appears to be grateful.

8th June. — I went three coffes to Malawilly. All the country through which I paffed feems capable of cultivation; and there are veftiges remaining to fhew that the whole has once been ploughed, and enclosed with thickfet hedges. Much of it is now wafte, and the fences are very ruinous. There is little irrigation.

Hyder gave Malawilly in jaghire to his fon Tippoo, and of courfe it enjoyed confiderable favour, and contained a thoufand houfes. Adjoining to the town is a very fine refervoir, that gives a conflant fupply of water to a fruit-garden which the Sultan planted. This is of great extent; but the foil is poor; and fome of it is indeed fo bad, that the trees have died, and the ground has been again converted into rice-fields. The eftablifhment kept in this garden confifts of one daroga, or fuperintendent; one writer, and ten labourers, who, as they cultivate the rice-fields, are not able to keep the fruit-trees in decent order, much lefs to prevent the walks from being in a moft flovenly condition. The trees are 2400 in number; and of thefe one-half are mangoes. They are loaded with fruit, and fome of the oranges are very fine. The mangoes that I faw were but ordinary. One kind, if the account of the fuperintendent is to be credited, is very curious. It annually produces two crops,—one in the hot feafon, and the other during the rains. In the centre of the garden is a fmall, but neat cottage (bungalo), from which grafs walks diverge in all direktion.

9th June. — I went four long coffes to Hulluguru.

10th June. — I went two Sultany coffes to Satnuru, through a pretty wide valley, with hills on both fides of the road.

11th June.

11th June. — I went three coffes to Canicarna-hully, commonly called Cancanhully.

13th June. — I went three coffes to Malalawady, a village of the Chena-pattana district.

14th June. — I went four coffes to Tully.

15th June. — I went three coffes to Panch-akshara-pura.

16th June. — I went three coffes to Kellamangalam, and by the way crossed two barren ridges covered with wood. Much of the intermediate arable land is waste.

The strata, the whole way between Seringapatam and Kellamangala, lie north and south, and are all vertical. Many of them are grey granite. In the eastern part of Karnata I have observed no pot-stone. The nodules of lime-stone are very common, as is also iron-ore in the form of black sand.

18th June. — I went two coffes to Waragan-hully. The country consists of low rocky hills overgrown with brushwood. Interperfed are considerable portions of arable land.

19th June. — I went three coffes to Ráya-cotay, where my survey ended; but I shall continue to note down what I observed on my return to Madras.

20th June. — I went seventeen miles to Krishna-giri. The road is good, and most of the way leads through narrow defiles among hills covered with brushwood. The descent is very gentle. Towards Krishna-giri I crossed the Dakshana Pinakani, or Pennar. The former is the Sanskrit, the latter the vulgar name of this river. Near Krishna-giri the country consists of a plain, in which are scattered high rocky hills.

That on which the fort of Krishna-giri is situated is about 700 feet in perpendicular height, and remarkably bare and steep. Much of the plain is rice-ground; but the soil, although well watered, is in general poor. A new village has been founded, excellent roads have been made, and convenient houses for the European gentlemen have been built. The weather at this season is cool, with strong westerly winds, which bring many clouds to mitigate the power of the sun.

21st June. — I remained at Krishna-giri with Captain Graham, the collector, a gentleman educated in the school of Colonel Read. My intention was to have returned from Krishna-giri to Madras by the way of Gingee; but Captain Graham prevented me from adopting this plan, by informing me, that the country through which I must have passed had become so desolate, that I should find great difficulty in procuring a subsistence.

22d June. — I went twelve miles, by an excellent road, to Malapaddy. The country, like that near Krishna-giri consists of a plain, in which are scattered high detached rocky hills. The soil of the plain is poor, and much of it is waste, and overgrown with brushwood. Malapaddy, although placed in the heart of the Bára-mahál, never belonged to that province, and has long been annexed to Arcot. The Nabob has given it in jaghire to the husband of one of his sisters. It is a very sorry place. Here the language of the Tamuls is almost the only one that is spoken.

23d June. — I went about fifteen miles to Tripaturu. The plains on this day's route are wider than those I saw yesterday, and are also better cultivated. The hills are lengthened out into ridges. Tripaturu is a large open village, containing some good houses neatly roofed with tiles. This is to be seen no where in Karnata, and these roofs have been probably constructed by workmen from Madras, where a long intercourse with Europeans has greatly improved the natives in all the arts. At this place an attempt was made by Colonel Read to introduce the manufacture of sugar, and the rearing of silk-worms. A Mr. Light, from the West Indies, and a native of Bengal, were procured to superintend; but both have failed.

24th June. — I went fourteen miles to Vanambady, a village fortified with a mud-wall.

25th June. — I went thirteen miles to Amboor.

26th June. — I went thirteen miles to a small village named Anavan Nelluru.

27th June.

27th June. — I went eleven miles down the Palar to Viranchi-pura, an open town, situated on the south side of the river. It formerly was a large place, and possessed many public buildings, both Hindu and Mussulman; but all these have suffered much from the towns having been repeatedly destroyed in Hyder's wars. A large temple of Iswara has escaped, having been surrounded by a very large and strong wall of cut granite, that excluded irregulars; and Hyder took no delight in the destruction of temples. On the walls of this temple, there are many inscriptions, which are written in the Grantham character, and some of them are said to be of great antiquity. The Bráhmans promised to send me copies, but this they neglected to do. They were very clamorous in complaining against the Nabob, although he annually allows the temple 2000 pagodas, or 800l. The town seems to be recovering fast.

28th June. — I went eight miles, and halted at a little distance east from Vellore. There I visited the buildings preparing for the families of Hyder and Tippoo. They are built with accommodations similar to those used by Mussulmans; and the architecture is more elegant, and the apartments are more commodious, than those in the palace of Seringapatam. The building would have been still more elegant, had not the custom of those who were to occupy it required long dead walls and narrow stair-cases, with other things that by us are considered as deformities.

29th June. — I went about fourteen miles to Wallaja-petta, or Wallaj'-abad, on the north side of the river, about two miles from-Arcot. The valley leading from Vanambady to Vellore, or Velluru, opens here into a level country containing both dry-field and rice-ground. The weather in the day, although there are strong winds from the west, is very hot. There are occasional showers of rain, that have brought forward the crop of bajera (*holcus spicatus*), which is that commonly raised on the dry-field.

30th June. — I remained at Wallaja-petta, in order to give my people rest. This town was built by the orders of the late Nabob, Mahummed Aly Wallaja, and called after his own name. The people were removed from Laal-petta and other places, which with the Mussulman Princes of India is a common practice. Soon after, it had the misfortune to fall into the hands of Hyder; but on the restoration of peace, the Nabob heaped benefits on his favourite, and it has risen to a great size, and is regularly built, rich, and populous. Its fortifications are mouldering to decay; but, as the place is now far from an enemy, it is not soon likely to regret the loss. Almost the whole of the trade, between the country above the Ghats and the sea-coast, centers here; and a larger assortment of goods can, it is said, be procured at Wallaja-petta than in any town of the peninsula, Madras itself not excepted. Provisions are plenty and cheap.

1st July. — I went a short stage to Wochuru Choultry, having passed through a fine country very well irrigated from numerous reservoirs. Owing to the excellent supply of water, some of the rice-ground is even now in crop.

Wochuru is an inn (choultry), with a pent roof of tiles, and was built for the accommodation of travellers. This kind of building, in the native language, is called chauvadi, from which perhaps the English term choultry is derived. The same kind of building, which consists of one long hall open in front, is also used by the native officers, for the place in which they transact business. When behind the hall there is a square court, surrounded by buildings for the accommodation of travellers; the inn is by the natives called chitteram; by the English this also is called choultry. Every where within forty or fifty miles of Madras such useful buildings are very common, and have been erected and endowed by the rich native merchants of that flourishing city.

At Wochuru there is also a very handsome tank, formed by digging a square cavity into the soil. Its sides are lined entirely with cut granite in the form of stairs. Such a tank, when intended for the accommodation of travellers, or of the people of the neighbourhood, in the Tamul language is called colam; in the Karnataca dialect it is called cúntay; and by the Telingas, and southern Mussulmans, it would be called gunta. Similar tanks, that are within the walls of a covil, or temple, are called by the Sanskrit names calliany, sarovara, tirta, or púscarany.

2d July. — I entered the Company's jaghire, and went to Conjeveram, which by the natives is universally called Kunji. The country has more verdure than it had last year when I visited it. The rains usual about this season had not then commenced; but they have this year been unusually favourable.

All over the coast of Coromandel, it is common in May, June, and July, to have occasional showers, and at some period of that time to have even three or four days heavy rain, which somewhat cools the air, and enables the cultivation for dry grains to take place. The weather now, although hot, is cloudy, with strong winds from the west. Such weather usually prevails about this time for eight or ten days; and at Tanjore is well known to precede the rising of the Cavery, which is at the highest when the periodical rains prevail in Mysore. These clouds seem to be an extension of those which before and during the violence of the monsoon collect over the western ghats. When these have poured down, and have occasioned the swelling of the river, the rains even in Karnata abate, and the weather clears in the countries below the eastern ghats, until October, when the easterly monsoon brings on the proper rainy season of the sea-coast. In the interval, the weather at Madras is often excessively hot, and the sea-breeze frequently fails; or, what occasions more uneasiness, blows from the south, and is then called the long shore wind.

3d July. — I went to Vira Permal Pillay's Chitteram, or inn built by Vira Permal, a Madras Dubashy.

4th July. — I went to Sri Permaturu. or Varam-phuthur, a celebrated temple and agrarum, or abode of Bráhmans, which is situated about a mile out of the road; but I was desirous of visiting a place, rendered remarkable by its having given birth to Rama Anuja Achárya.

5th July — I returned to Condatura, and on the day following arrived at Madras; having observed, ever since passing the Ghats, more and more signs of improvement, the nearer I approached this European city.

I was here greatly disappointed at not finding any answers returned to the queries which I had proposed to the gentlemen who managed Bára-mahál and Coimbatore; as I had depended on this assistance, and as their great knowledge and abilities would have enabled me to correct many errors into which I must have fallen, and to obtain much information which a traveller cannot procure.

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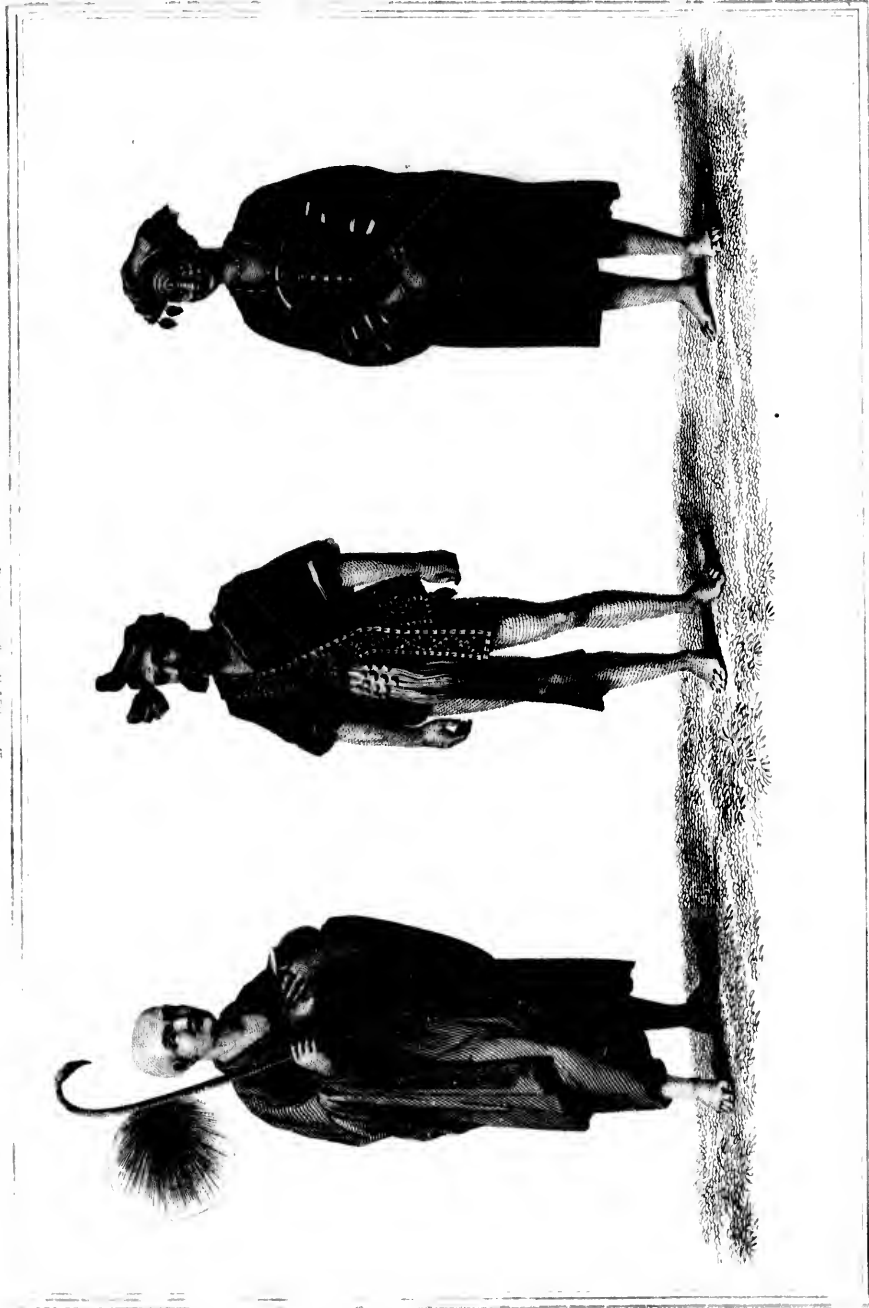
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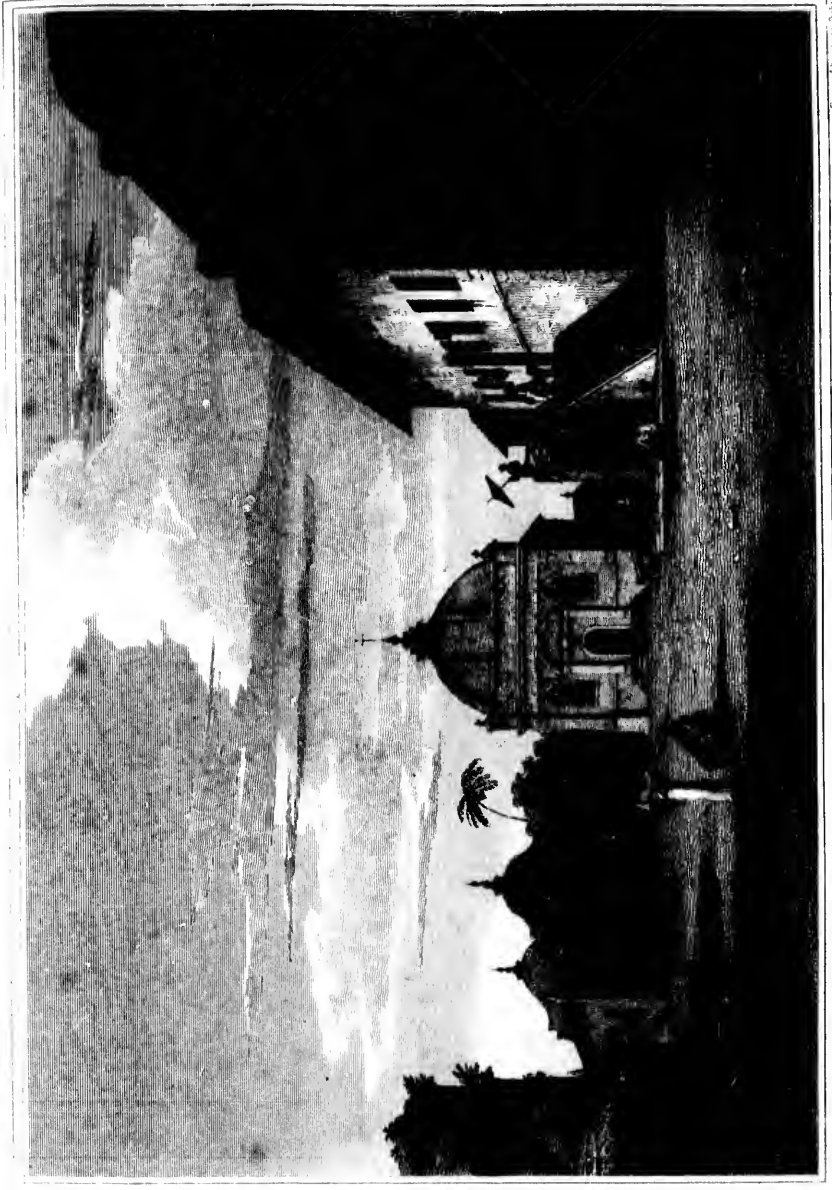
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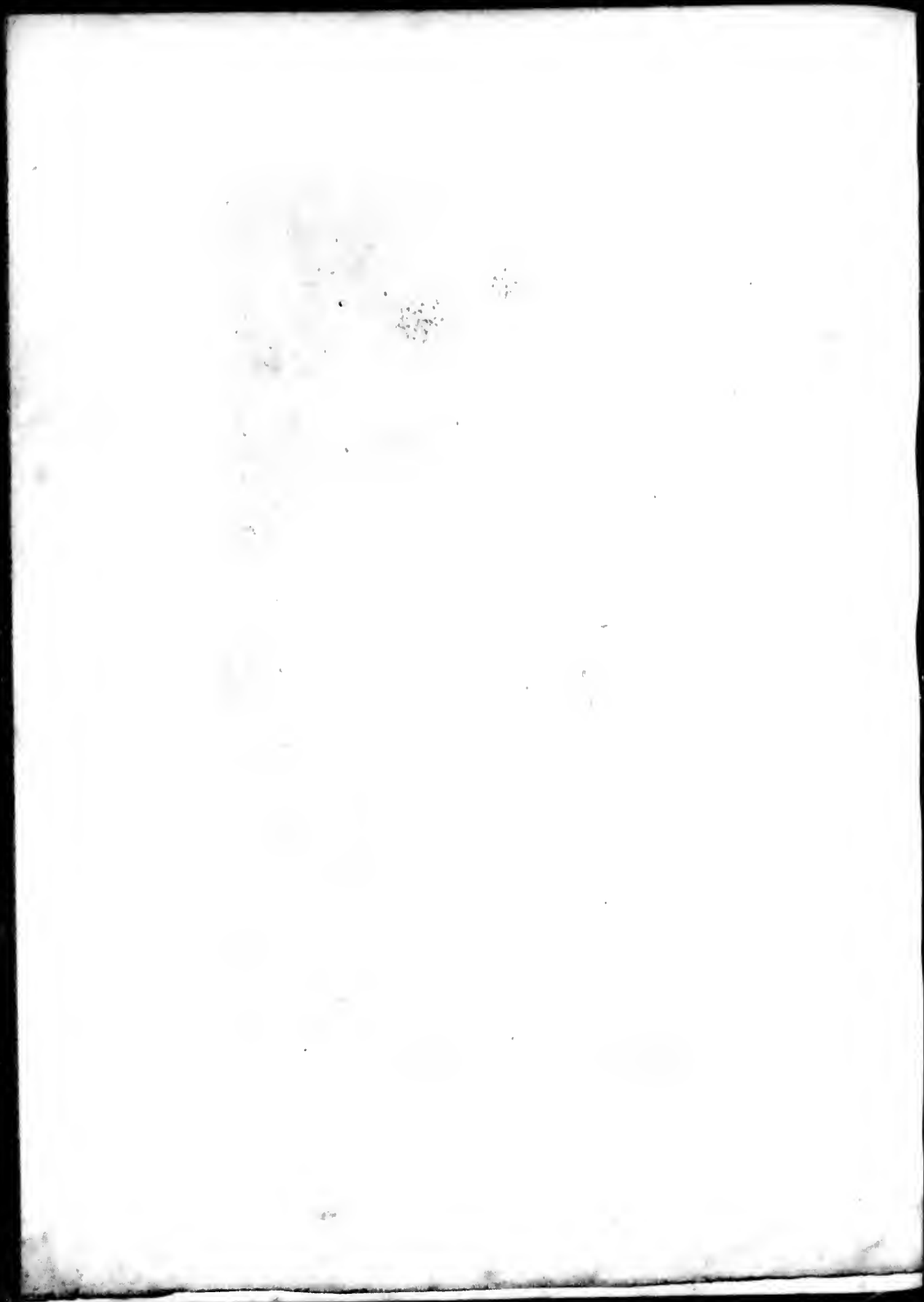


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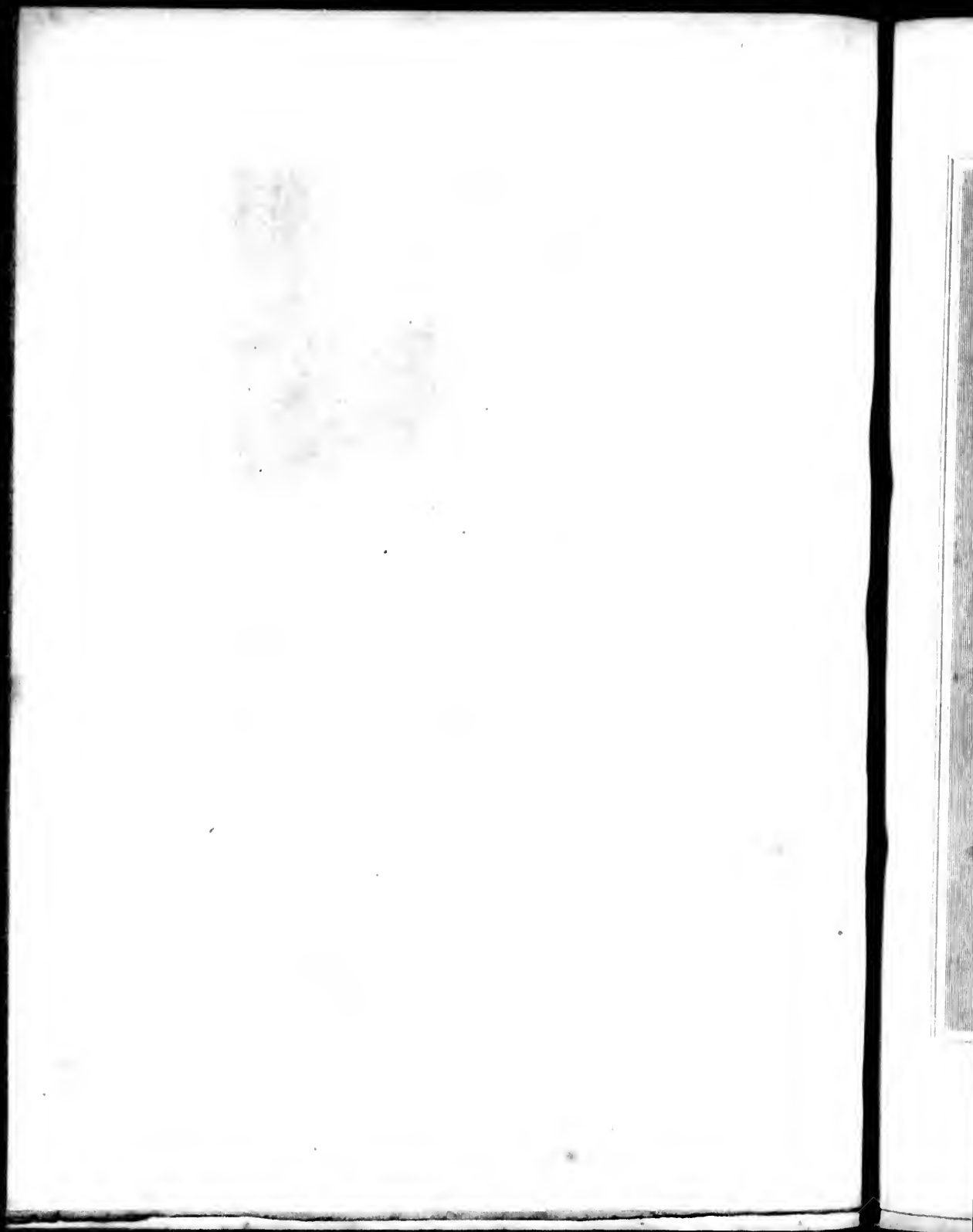


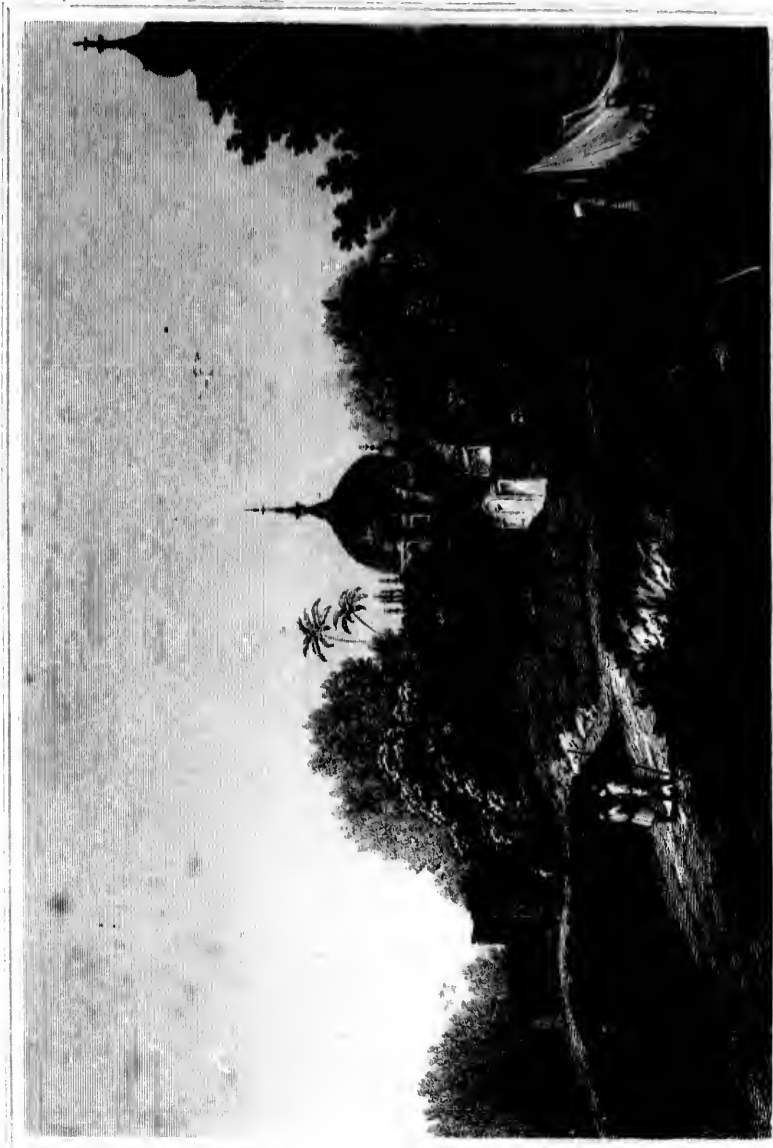
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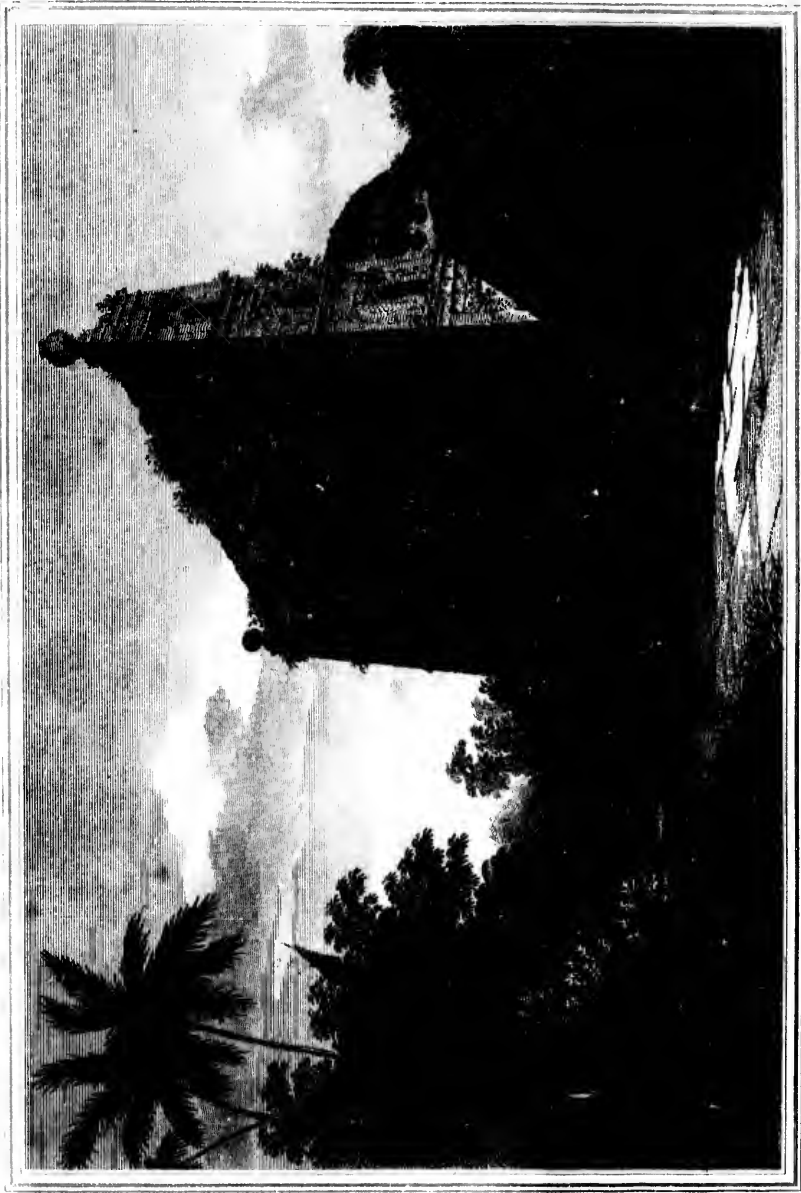
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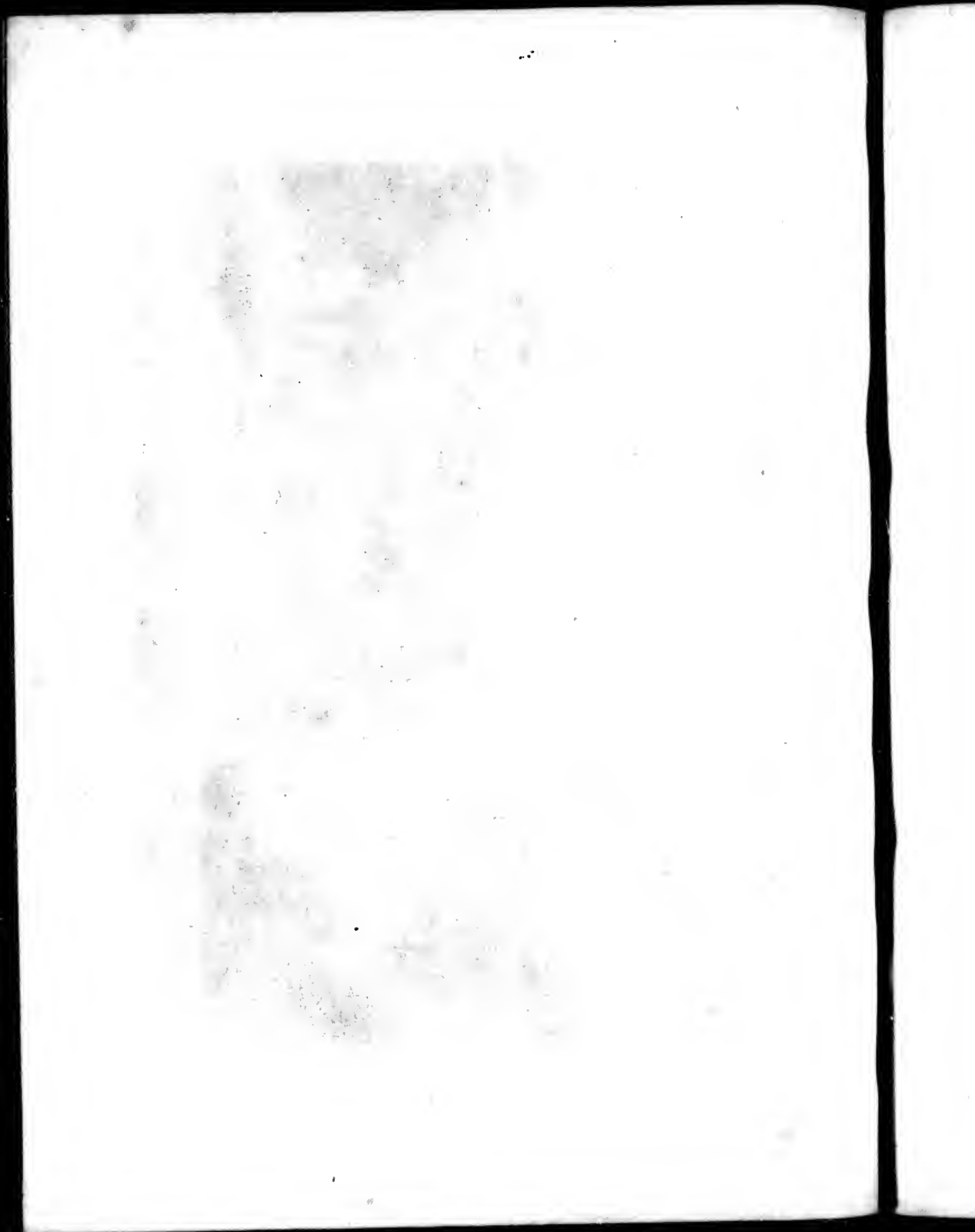


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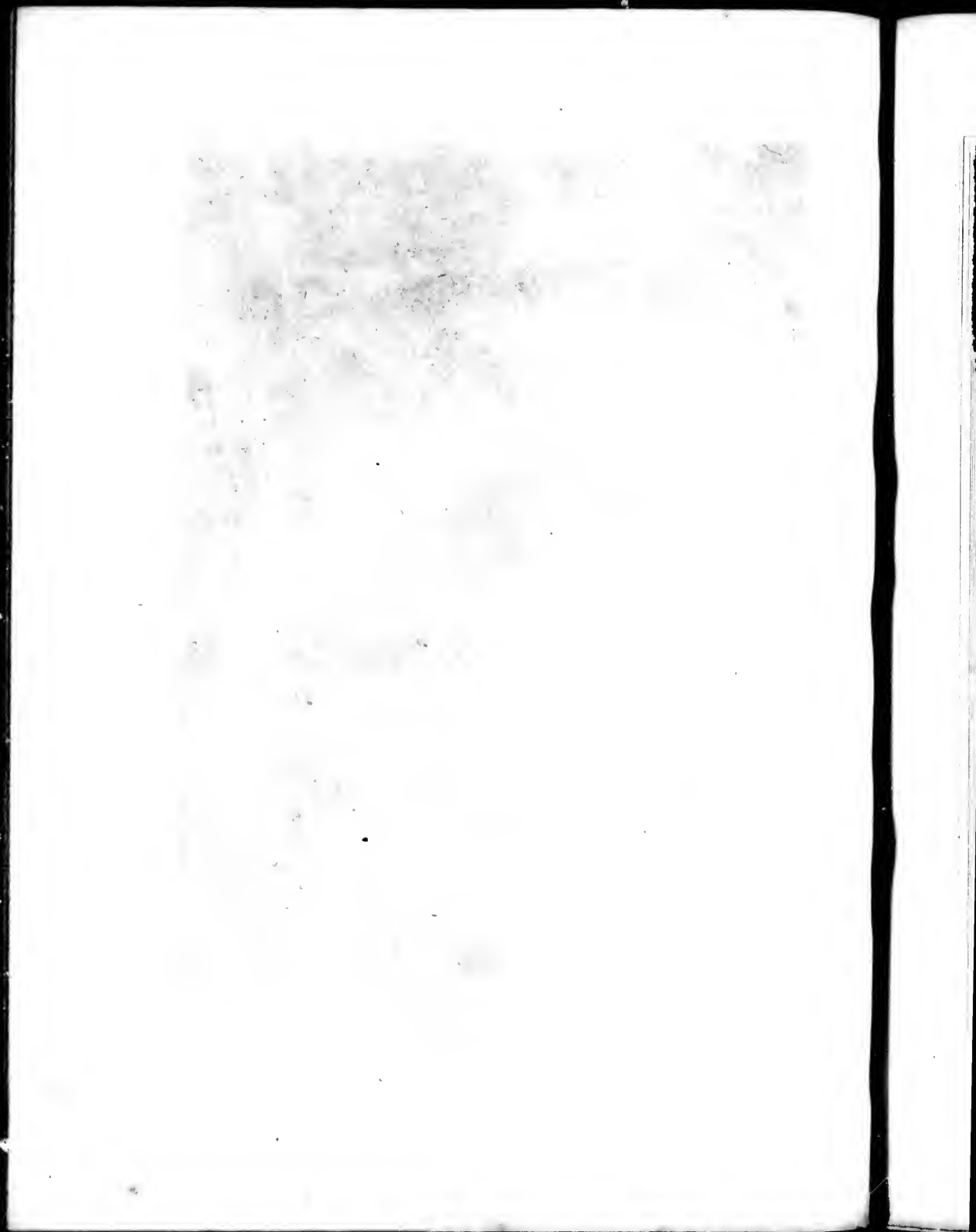




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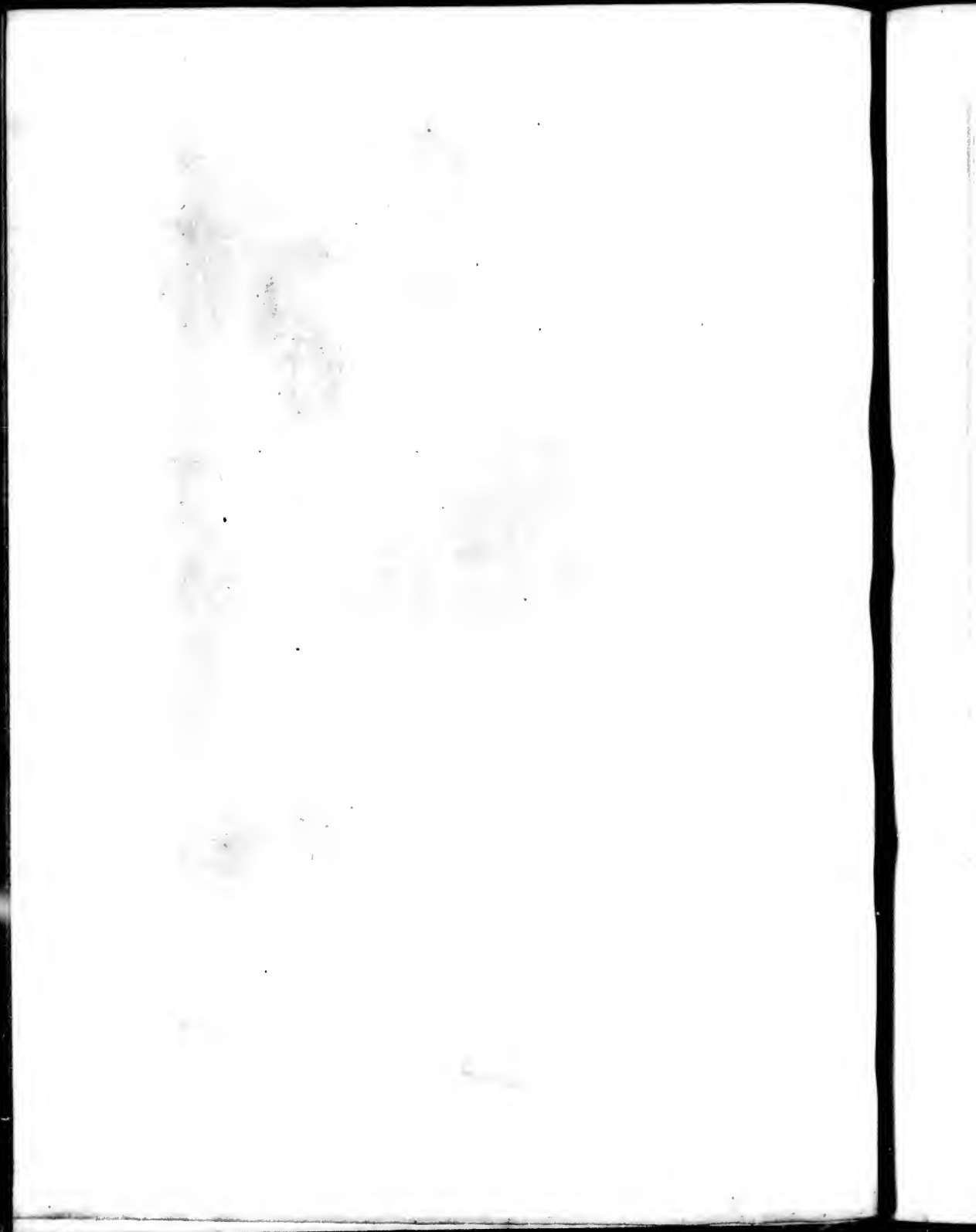
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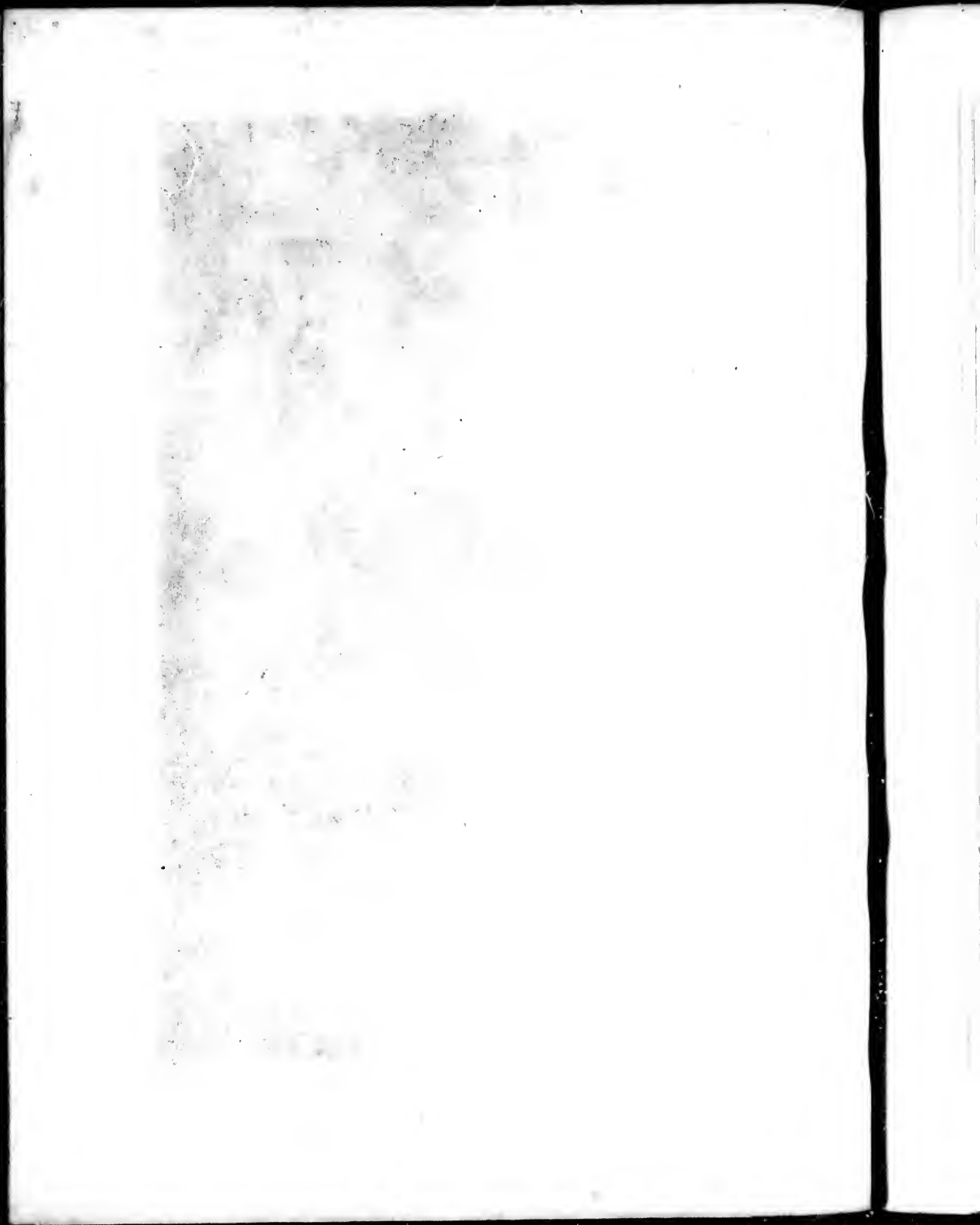
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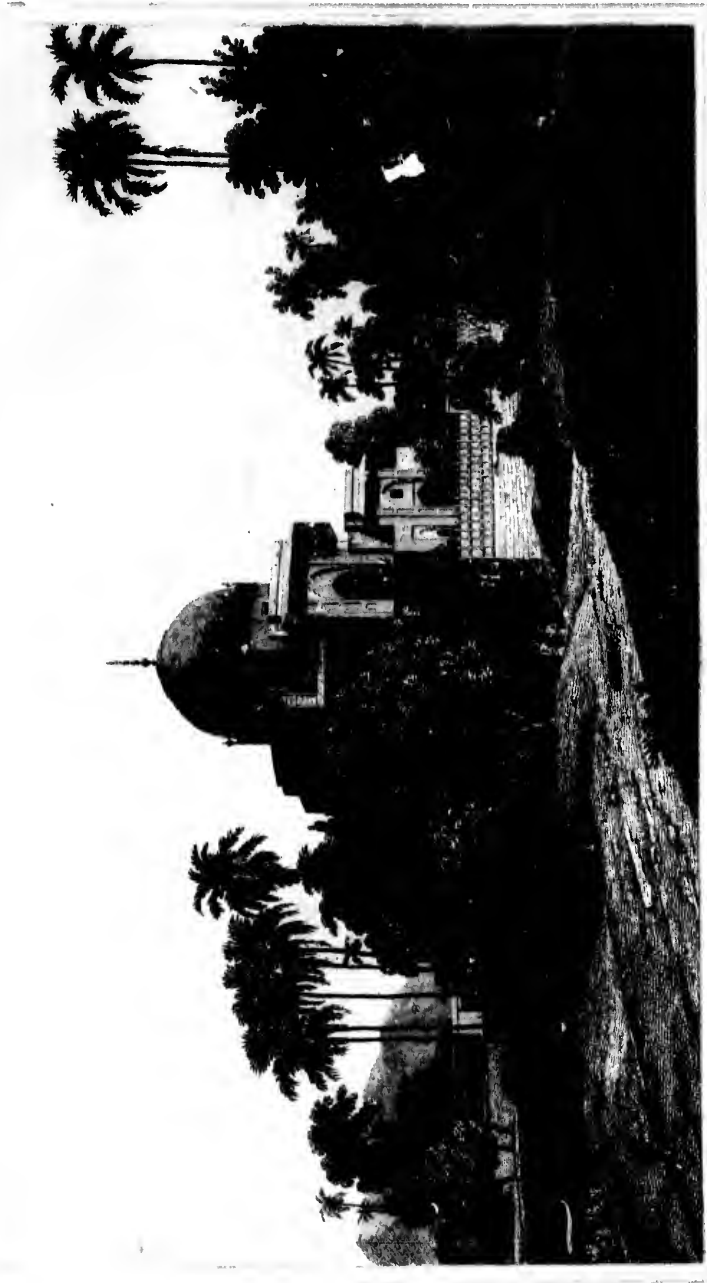




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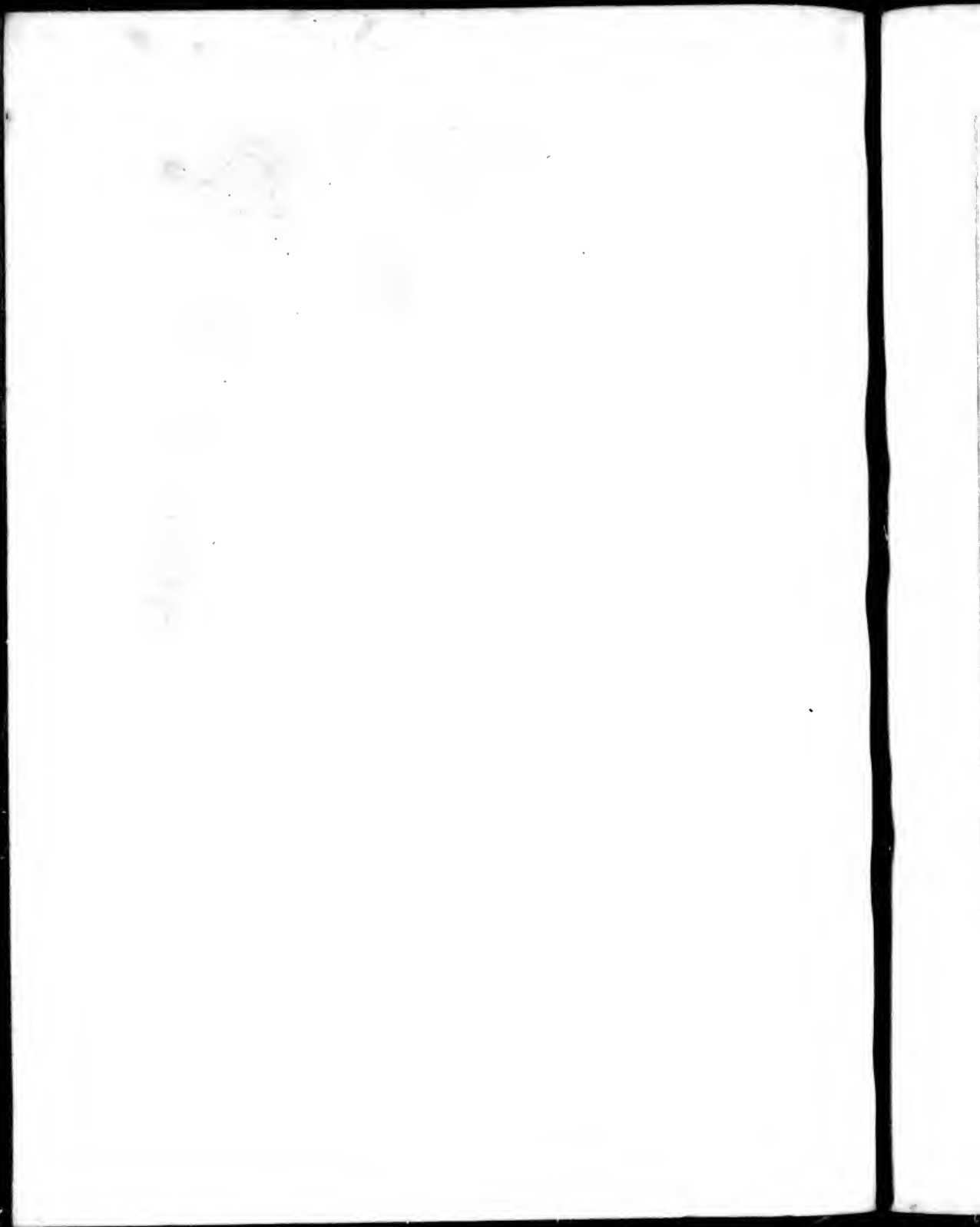
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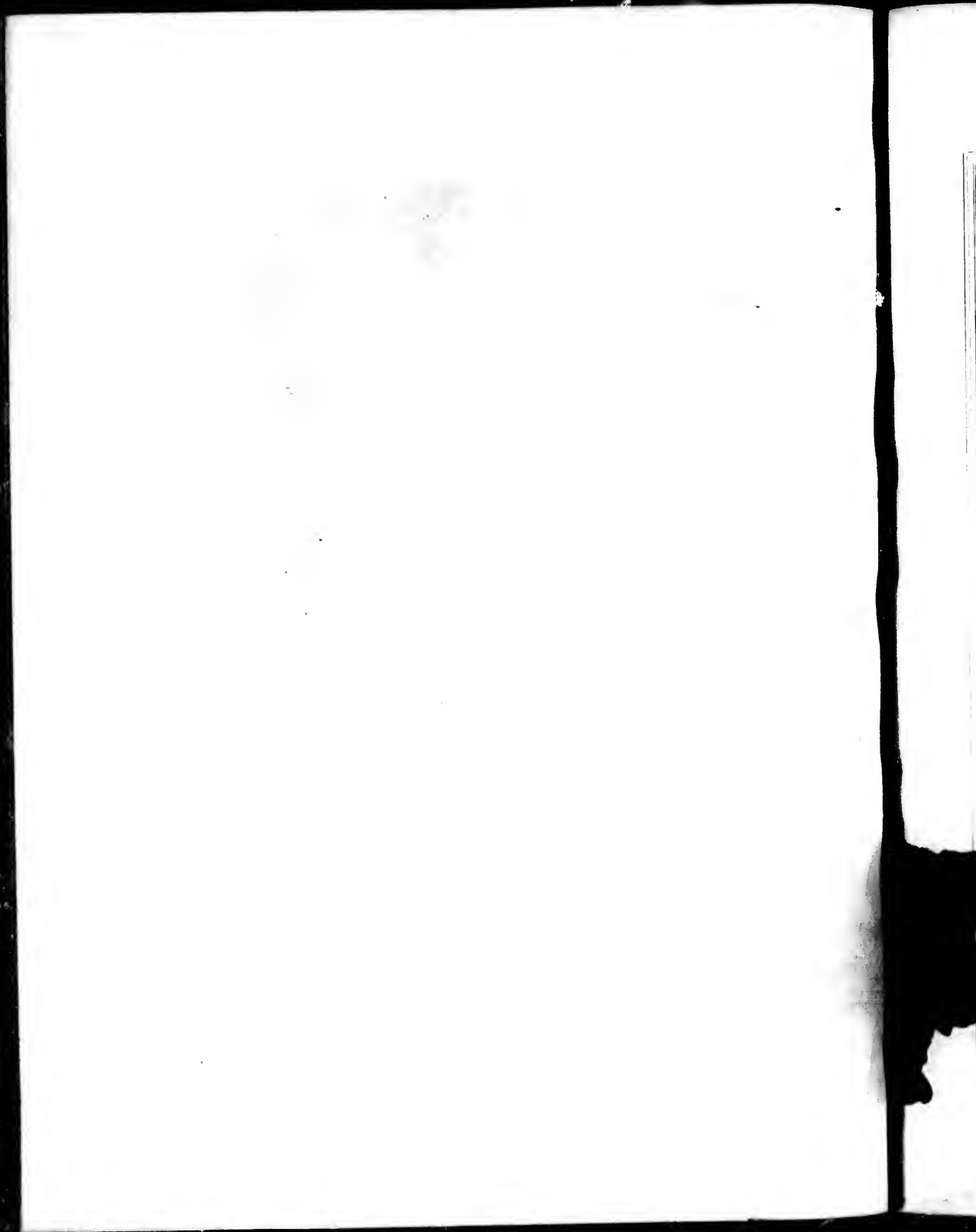




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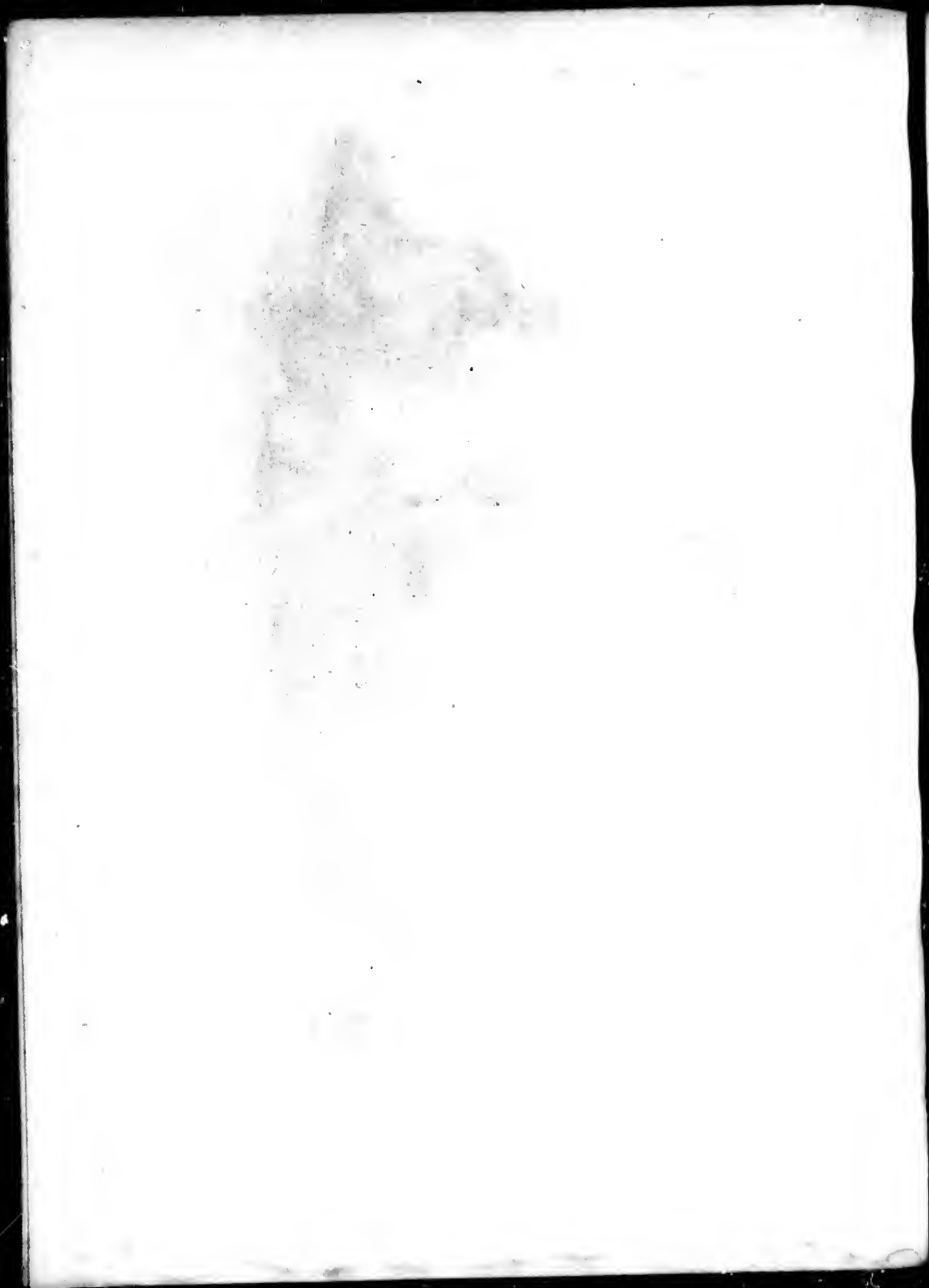
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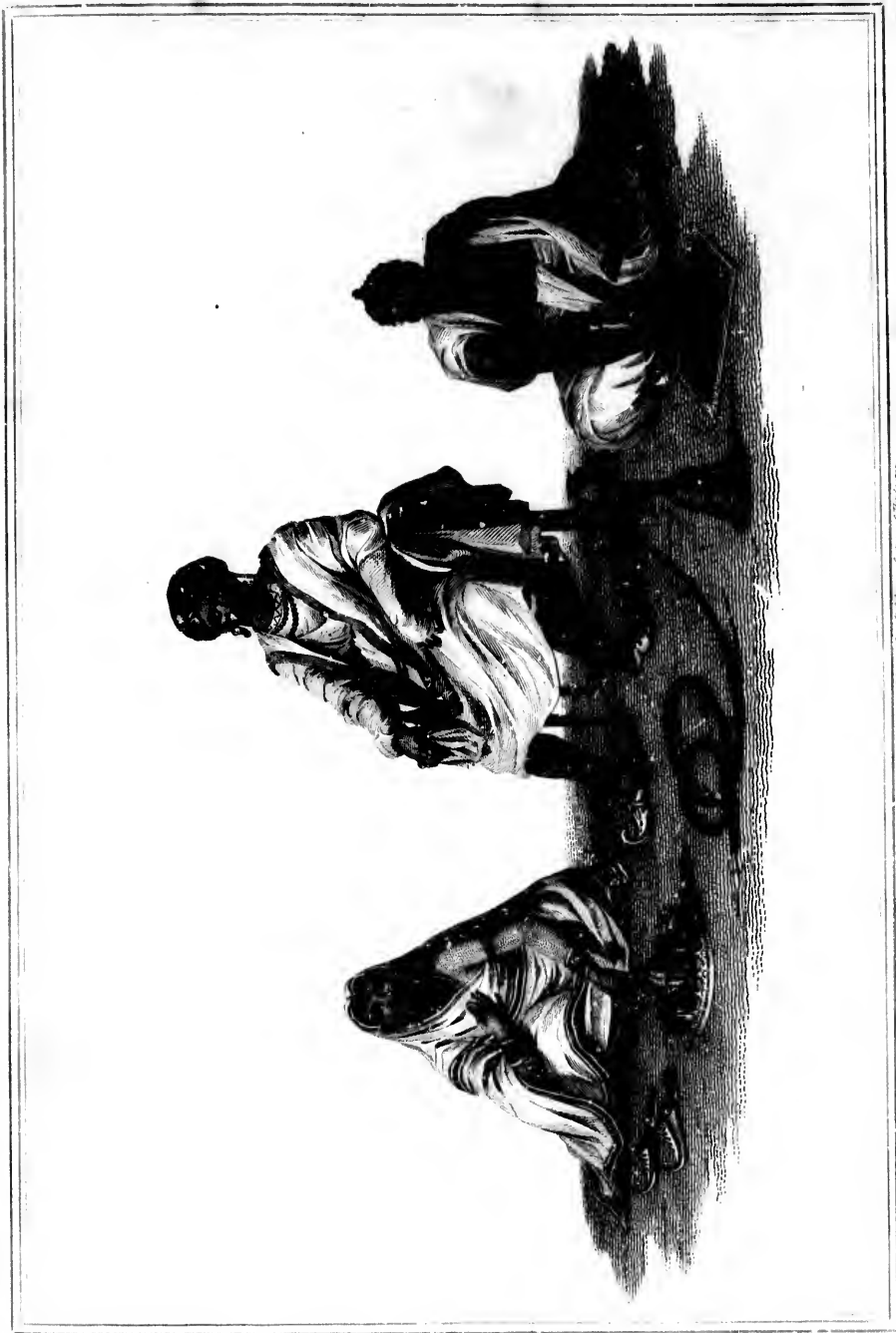




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A Dyak.

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