

THE

75

HISTORY

AND

1076. 2. 10
10

TRAVELS

OF

HECTOR MACLEAN,

Late SAILOR.

Born 1728



Printed for HECTOR MACLEAN,

And sold by him for his own Benefit.

M,DCC,LXVIII.

[Price Two-pence.]



F
of
P
th
de
an
as
an
tic
ch
an
M
wh
ft
na
ly

P R E F A C E.

THE following History presents the Reader with nothing but Facts that are well known to many other Sailors who have been in those Parts of the World where our Author has been. Nor must the Reader expect as accurate Observations and Descriptions of Animals, &c. as if it had been wrote by a Scholar and a Naturalist. The sole Intention of the Book is to entertain the charitable Reader with unpolish'd and delightful Truths, from the Mouth of a poor blind Seaman, who has no other Means of subsisting himself and small Family than this his History; and he humbly hopes the Smallness of the Price will

will recommend his Book, and the more especially when it is publish'd entirely for his Support, and not with the View of excelling other Historians.—However, the Reader shall not be wearied (as is commonly the Case in Voyages) with a tedious Diary of Trifles, such as the Changing of the Wind from one Point of the Compass to another, &c. but Occurrences shall be told candidly; and the Reader may depend on meeting nothing here of the extravagant Liberties (but Truth) usually taken by Travellers.

T H E

History and Travels

O F

Hector Maclean, Sailor.

S E C T I O N I.

I Was born in the Isle of Tirrie, and Shire of Argyle, in 1728; and when eight Years of Age, my Brother, with three other Merchants, who had a coasting Boat among them, loaded with Beef, Blankets, Linen, Skins, &c. took me along, at my Desire, to lead a Horse to the Port; where being arrived, I went unperceived aboard of the Boat, and hid myself in a Barrel, to give my Father the Slip; and the Boat sailing off, I was carried to a Port to the Isle of Mull, twelve Leagues from Tirrie, before it was known to the Merchants that I was aboard, I having got myself a very sound Sleep in my Concealment during the Passage. My Father, in the mean Time, was almost distracted for me, as he could not find me any where, till my Brother sent Word Home that I was aboard: And it being inconvenient to return me Home, they proceeded on their Voyage, and carried me to the Port of Greenock, where they delivered their Cargo, and
ha

had their Vessel again loaded with such Good^s from Glasgow as were most wanted in the Highlands of Scotland. My Brother ordered me to abide in the Boat, but my Curiosity to see the Town of Greenock, prevailed upon me to disobey his Command; so I stole out unperceived, and wandered through the Town till Night, staring at every Thing, as I had never seen any Buildings or Curiosities before; nor could I find the Way back to the Key where I left the Boat, till they were obliged, after a long Search, to sail off without me. Not one Word of English did I then understand, or could speak; so Night coming on, I went into a House for Shelter, the Good Wife of which was so cruel and inhospitable, that clapping one of her Hands below my Houghs, and the other under the Nape of my Neck, she whip'd me up and carried me to the Middle of the Street, where she left me crying. In this poor Condition, a Man of more Humanity took Pity upon me, and carried me to his House, and made my Quarters good, after a very warm Dispute with his Wife, who strongly opposed it. I could perceive them both in a great Passion, and as I did not understand any Thing of their Quarrel, I was under dreadful Apprehensions of being murdered by them. However, I was, in Spite of my Hostess, sheltered under her Roof all Night; nor did my Landlord stop his Kindness here, but next Day got me provided for in a Country House near Greenock, where I was to herd three Cows and a Horse: Here I was used very well, and now I began to understand some Words of English. And being sent by my Landlady one Day to sell some Cream,

which

which I carried to Greenock in a Timber Stoup, with a Spoon; and being ignorant of what I was to do, or that I was to have Money for it, I invited every Body to taste till it was all spent, then returning Home, told my Mistress every Body liked it; she perceived my Ignorance, and was so far from chiding me on Account of my bad Market, that she laughed very heartily at the Joke, but never sent me to sell her Cream any more.

Here I staid till after Harvest, when coming up to Glasgow in a Lighter, where I was entertained for what little Services I could then do; and wandering through that pretty Town, admiring every Thing I saw, I was asked by a Gentleman's Servant, if I would go along with him? I agreed, and taking me to an Inn where his Master was, I got some Punch to drink, which by the Fatigue of the Day and Heat of the Fire lull me asleep; and I was carried before the Servant on Horseback in that Condition to Auchinrooch, in the Parish of Campsie and Shire of Stirling, where I staid three Years, and was happy beyond Expression. This being a fine Family, I cannot here mention it without the warmest Wishes for their Successors Happiness; for I am informed, that both my kind Master and his Lady Mother are dead, who, when in Life, were a Blessing to all around them.

When I parted with this good Family it was after Harvest, and with a Promise to rerurn in the Spring; so I went to Glasgow again, genteelly cloathed, and my Master, with his own Hands, tied

tied up my Wages in my Shirt. Now I had a confused Speech, for I spoke a Mixture of Languages, Earse and English; and here I providentially went into a Public House, where my own Brother, with his three Partners, who first brought me from the Island of Tirrie, were sitting. My Brother did not know me, but what was strange, one of his Partners did; and after stedfastly looking upon my Brother, I felt some very uncommon Emotions, which at last made me fly to him: We were both in Transports for some Time; and my Brother, who was in the Belief that I had fallen out of the Boat at Greenock, and had perished, insisted upon my going Home to my Father, whom he had made believe that he had left me with a Gentleman, tho' he was of Opinion himself I had perished at Greenock; as is just now said; I returned Home in my Brother's Vessel, and was put to School, where I was taught to read and write. But my wandering Inclination grew upon me still; nor could I be prevailed upon to stay at Home from the Sea: So I left my Father's House, and went aboard of Capt. M'Cun, belonging to Greenock, who was Commander of the Little Marion, who came to an Anchor at Icolmkill, near Tirrie, by Stress of Weather: He carried me up to Greenock, and was glad of me, as he intended I should have continued aboard of his Ship: However, not liking his Terms, I agreed with Captain Grey of the Mattie, belonging also to Glasgow, and the same Company, then bound for Virginia. I staid aboard this Ship four Years, and was in all fifteen Years in the Company's Service. And the Occurrences which happened to fall under my Knowledge during this

this Period, with Description of what I have seen in different Countries, together with the Customs and Manners of their Inhabitants, strange Land and Water Animals, &c. shall be the Subject of the next and following Sections.



S E C-

SECTION II.

I Was hitherto, as they say, only a fresh Water Sailor, having never been so far from the Coast as to lose Sight of Land: Now I was bound to Virginia as a Tryal Voyage, and had fifteen Shillings per Month for the first two Years.

We had a rough Passage, being eleven Weeks at Sea, betwixt Tory in Ireland and Cape Henry in Virginia. In our Passage we sprung out three lower Masts, and our Bow-sprit, and was obliged at last to reef our Top-masts, and lessen our Sails by putting up our Mizzen Top-sail for the Main Top sail, lest the Storm should carry all our Masts away. In Passage, the Sally Snow, also bound for Virginia, commanded by Pateron, Mr Arthur of Greenock the Owner, was parted from us in the Storm; and had not again seen her for six Weeks after, when we saw her, she was much in my Condition: We attempted to come up to her, but we suppose she took us to be a French Ship, for she bore right before the Wind to the Southward, and was never heard of since, as no Doubt she perished at Sea and all her Crew. We arrived at last at Virginia, and anchored at Cherry Point, in Rapahnock Riv r; but by Reason of the severe Frost we durst not venture up the River amongst the Ice, so continued at Anchor six Weeks, when we ventured up Epfol Town, where we moored our Ship with a Swivel. When we were homeward bound, we had an Eagle on Board which devoured a Quarter of a small Hog at a Meal.

We

We had also a very odd Animal called an Opossum on Board. This Creature in Shape and Size somewhat resembles our Badger, but of a light dun Colour, with a long Tail like a Rat's, but thicker. The Skin of his Belly is very large, and folded so as to meet like a Purse, where it secures its Young while little. It was kept in a Cage, and two young ones which went into this false Belly of the Mother all the Night, and came out again in the Morning. It feeds upon Fish, and breeds in Virginia. Our Captain was offered six Pounds Sterling for the Animal at Greenock, by a Show-man, but refused to part with it; tho' it was carried off from the Ship afterwards, none could tell how, which the Captain was very angry for.

During the Storm in our Outward bound Passage, we observed three Crows, which had been driven off the Land by it, which flew around our Ship, and rested upon our Tops; we took Pity on them, and put up Berly for them to feed upon, which they did, and being quite wearied out, we caught them in the Night, and brought them down, clipped their Wings, and fed them among the Pidgeons, and they became very tame; but one Day, poor Creatures! when the Ship was rolling, they all plumped over Board, and perished, after all our Hospitality and Attempts to preserve them, and it would have been impossible for us at that Time to have saved the best Man in Europe, if he had fallen over Board.

Once beating the Windward Passage Home from amaica, one of our Hands, a brisk young
Fellow,

Fellow, a Native of England, and a dexterous Swimmer, was foolish enough to attempt taking up the Ensign Staff and Colours along with it, was broke and blown over Board by the Sea Breeze (which was very salutary in that Island) and were driven to the Leeward: we put our Ship about to recover them. He took the Lead Line in his Mouth, bidding the Mate haul in the Line when he would call him; he seized the Staff and Colours by jumping over the Waist under the Lee of the Ship, and then called out, *Hawl, haul*; by which calling he let the Line slip out of his Mouth, and the Mate hauled it in, and left him a Stern, and the Ship went A-head. The Captain, who till then knew nothing of this desperate Affair, ordered the Ship to be put about, which, before it could be done, we could hardly perceive him from the Tops, but only like a Gul on the Top of the Water; we were only afraid he would be eaten up the Sharkes, for we knew he could keep above till we could come to his Relief; which we indeed affected; but before we got the Boat out, we heaved the same Rope to him, and by wonderful Providence he was got up just in the Instant of Time, a Shark was turning on her Back to lay hold of him, and made a Jump at him, and went down with a plunge again; after missing her Prey. The Captain reprimanded him for his Rashness, and advised him never to be guilty of the like any more.

The Shark is very large, and reckoned the boldest of all Fish; I have heard of one that weighed near ten hundred Weight, and have also heard of a Fish of this Sort that weighed no less than four thousand

thousand neat Pounds, which being cut up, had a whole Man found in his Belly; and I have heard of one caught at Marseilles, in the Belly of which was found a Man armed with a Coat of Mail. The Head and Mouth of the Fish is large in Proportion to the rest of the Body: The Number of its Teeth is altogether uncertain, and varies according to the Age of the Fish; and it has been observed that they breed new Teeth every Year as long as they live. I have seen one with nine Rows of Teeth, very hard, strong, and sharp.

This Fish is common in the West Indies, and is very destructive to those Men who divert themselves with Swimming, it sometimes biting a Man asunder, at other Times at least taking away a Limb. &c. yet it is often caught and eaten by Sailors. When it seizes its Prey it always turns upon its Back; though it is vastly strong, yet when it takes the Bait it is soon taken if you play him with the Line. The Fish when eaten tastes strong, and has a very hard Skin

The Pilot Fish is of a deep Blue, the Belly is of a lighter Colour than the Back or Sides, the Scales are smooth like a Tench, its Back is speckled like a Seal's Skin; swimming it appears much like a Mackrel, and looks as if it were painted blue and white, like a Barber's Pole. The Shark is always attended by one or two of these Fish, which he will not devour, though never so hungry, because they find out the Prey for him. It is reckoned very good Fish to eat.

When lying at Anchor off Crawford's Wharf Kingston in Jamaica (being the first Time I was there) I put out as much Salt Beef, tied to a Rope to freshen it in the Sea, as was sufficient to serve
the

the whole Crew, (being twenty five Men) for Dinner and Supper, and when I went to draw it up, in order to boil it, to my great Surprize it was taken away: I went down again to the Barrel unknown to the Mate, lest he should be angry, as perhaps thinking I had not properly fastened it in the Rope what I got last; so I brought up such another large Piece, and hung it over, fastened as formerly, but it was no sooner out than it was likewise taken off, upon which I told the Carpenter the whole Affair, begging his Advice and Assistance, as the Loss of so much Beef was owing to my own Laziness in not drawing up Water for freshning it, as it was ordered, he immediately understood the Robber of my Beef to be a Shark, and ordered me down for a Shark Hook that was below under his Bed, which was fastened to a Chain and Swivel, the Fore-top-sail being down on the Cap drying, and the Halliards lying loose on the Deck. He fastened the Halliards to the Chain, and baited the Hook with a Lump of Beef, and hove it overboard, and instantly the Top-sail went aloft faster than tho' twenty Men had been hoisting, till it was quite chock to the Block. The Men turning round with Surprize, seeing the Top-sail going up without knowing by what Means; but seeing the Halliards stretching out from the Ship, then they cry'd A Shark, a Shark is fast. Upon which the Carpenter and the Rest got hold of the Rope, but were not able to bring her in; so we went down in the Boat, and made a bowling Knot with another Rope about her middle, then hooked the bitten Tackle to it, and so hoisted the Shark upon Deck; where the Strokes she gave with her Tail, was

(one

one would have thought) enough to drive one of the Planks through the Deck. The Mate run for a Handspike and put it into her Mouth, which she chewed to Pieces; but the Carpenter with his broad Axè struck off her Tail, from which the Blood sprung to an amazing Height: We then cut off her Head, and ripped her up, her Milt filled a Barrel in which we used to steep our Beef. And looking at her Gut Bag, it was so big that our Curiosity led us to open it likewise; here my Beef was the first Thing that presented me, and it would have been now no longer in my Power to have denied my Error in thus feeding the Shark with the Crews Provisions. Here was likewise a large Hook and Line in it, and a Man's Leg bit off above the Knee: Upon seeing this the Men cryed to heave her over Board, which was instantly done and notwithstanding her being thus angled she swam round the Ship before she went to the Bottom; at the same Time her Heart was moving on the Deck, and continued to move so after the Body was sunk. The Negroes came crowding to the Ship on Purpose to buy her from us, and would have given us a Pistole for her, but by this Time she was gone, so by this Means we lost a good Dose of Rum, and they a Featt, for they devour a Shark when catched as greedily as a Shark devours a Man. This Fish was about sixteen Feet long.



SECTION III.

IT would be to no Purpose in this short History to give a long and trifling Account of my Voyages in Order of Time, which would serve only to weary the Reader, without presenting him with Matters delightful and curious; therefore, Pursuing of the Plan at first proposed, I shall continue only to remark those Incidents that happened to me and Companions, which I judge may be most entertaining, passing by a Number of Things of small Consequence, as unworthy of Notice. So-begging the Indulgence of my charitable Readers, I shall continue to narrate Facts without Order.

On the 26th of November, 1758, I sailed from Greenock Road, a Board the Deniston Snow, Captain Collin Campbell, Commander, under Convoy of the Transports bound for the West Indies, our Ship being bound for Charles Town in South Carolina. The very Night we set Sail we had a hard Gale of Wind, and our Ship being weakly manned, our Sails that Night beat to Pieces, before we cleared the Coast of Scotland. When Day-light came, we could see none of the Transports, but perceived the Man of War (Ludlow Castle, a 40 Gun Ship) lying too under a Balance Mizen, waiting on the Rest of the Fleet, which we suppose were scattered and put in, some into Ireland, and others into the Harbours in Scotland. We were going under a Fore-sail, and thought for to have laid too for the Man of War, but the Storm being so great, and the Wind fair for us, being at S. E. we eased our Fore Sheet, and put our Helm hard a Weather, and bore away right before it.

We

it. We went to work, bent new Top sails to our Yards and left our Convoy behind. In a little Time we made all saug, and in a short space ran out of the Sight of Land, pursuing our Voyage, and had stormy Weather and contrary Winds frequently, through the whole of our Passage, being under great Apprehensions too of every Sail we saw, thinking they might be French Privateers; however in nine Weeks Time we got sight of Land, to our great Joy; being so beaten by the Weather, that we had not a ratting upon one of our Shrouds, and our Fore-sails beat too. The first Land we saw was Cape Faro, our Captain looked into the Map to see what Land it was; and when he knew, we altered our Course, the Wind being E. N. E. we sailed right before it, and next Morning a Pilot came aboard of us a few Leagues without Charles Town, who carried us in, and we came to an Anchor off Charles Town Wharf.

We delivered our Cargo, but could not get a Freight, so we sailed for Cape Faro and came into Wilmington Town. Here I saw an Alligator. Which was killed by a Ship Carpenter belonging to Leith, who was settled there with his Family. This monstrous Creature was thirty-six foot long And when opened there was found in its Belly a whole and entire Deer, with large branching Horns upon his Head.

The Crocodile and Alligator seem to be one and the same Animal, at different Ages. They are amphibious, and live both at Land and in the water. It has two fierce glaring Eyes, and carries its Head high above the water when swimming, and will look the Sailors fiercely in the face. It lies amongst the Marshes on the Banks of Ri-

vers, and will overtake a Man in an Instant if he run straight forward; but if he sling to a Side he may easily escape this Monster, as the scales that cover its Body (which are impenetrable to Bullets) hinder it from turning itself speedily: It resembles a great Log of Wood, and People are thereby deceived, and very often come within the reach of its Leap, before they are aware, and Numbers have thus been devoured by it. Its Teeth are large, sharp, and terrible; and it as well as the Shark, lifts its upper Jaw to such an extent as devour a Man at a mouthful. They abound in the West Indies, and are with great difficulty killed, and are only to be slain with a Musket shot through the Head, as this one before related was, by a Leith Carpenter. They are very dangerous too to those who divert themselves by swimming in those parts of the World, which I think it my duty the more to caution Travellers against.

When lying at Anchor in Nancy Bay, Potomack River in Virginia, we went up a Creek with our Flat (called in Scotland a Lighter) and returning down the Creek loaded with Tobacco to our Ship, the Tide being against us, we came too in the Mouth of the Creek; and observed a Negro coming off in his Canoe, which is hollowed out of a Log of Wood, and formed like a Boat; he made fast his Rope to a stave of wood in the middle of the River, which stands like a Perch to direct the Chancel; Here he began to Fish, but the Day being hot, he stretched himself down on his Belly in the bottom of the Canoe, and fell asleep, which we could observe from our Flat. The Fresh coming down, and the Tide being out, the Sturgeons were jumping above the Surface of the

the water, one of which jumped so very high, that she lighted directly above the Negro in to Bottom of the Canoe; which was with such force that she broke the Negro's back, and smothered him where he lay,

Virginia is a pleasant and delightful Country, and abounds with fine Fruits, and many strange Animals. Here is the Pointer who hollows in the Woods with the Voice like a Man; and if he can trapan a Person within his reach, he will instantly devour him. He is of the Dog kind, and very swift and fierce. Here too the Bull Frogs make such a hideous croaking noise in the Marshes, that it is impossible for a stranger to sleep near them: And the Fire Flies in the Night make a wonderfull Appearance. The Torbin too is a strange amphibious Animal, with a Head like a Frog, and Eyes like a Bird, with a Shell like a Turtle, under which he withdraws his Head from Danger at Pleasure, and from which he extends it again when his fright is over. This Creature is bigger then a large Pattan. I brought one alive to Glasgow, under the Hen Coop, which fed upon the Excrements of the Fowls during the Passage.

There is a strange Insect in Virginia, called the Ball Tumbler, which forms a Bowl of Earth; and one of those Insects at every End of this Bowl of Earth continue to roll it along the whole Day, and when Night comes on they go to rest under the lee of the Bowl, and return to their drudgery when the Day begins: It is about the size of an Acorn and their Bowl with which they employ themselves to the end of their Days is about the size of a Musket Bullet.

When I was in North Carolina, there came twelve of the English Indians, with a Scald to the Governos

Governor, and demanded their Reward for i^e They were in comical Dress, and looked more like Savages then British Allies; their Ears were cut so as to hang down like a Frencher, their Hair pulled off from the Forehead to the Crown, from whence it hung down their Backs as black as a Raven: They had their Bows and Arrows hung under their Arms, and a single Pidgeon flying past their Colonel, he being walking in the Street of Willmington, drew an Arrow from his Bag, and most dexterously shot her dead at a great Distance. The Colonel wore as a Badge of Pre-eminence a Plare of Silver round his Arm, and another Officer wore such a Badge as our Captains on their Breast, Their Women were along with them, and seemed insensible of Shame, cloathed only with a Shirt to their Heels as black as the Chimney. They devour what Victuals was given them by the People of the Town with great Greediness, resembling Wolves. The Men were naked, except a Bit of Blanket on their Shoulders, and they, as well as the Women, are all bare-footed: They were stronger and taller then our People. Some gave them Money, others Meat, and the Town's People were not a little afraid of them, though they were their Allies.

On our Outward bound Passage from Glasgow to New England, being near the Banks of Newfoundland, our Ship going at the Rate of six Knots an Hour, a Whale rose under our Bow, and the Ship with great Force struck the Fish on the Side; she went down with a Plunge, and made the Water rise to a great Height, above the Deck. After she went out of our Sight, we sounded our Pumps, and found a deal of Water in our Hold; upon which the Captain ordered us two and two in our

turn to the Pumps, but the Water still encreased till the next Morning, when providentially we found the Leak at the Stern, near as low as the Keil, where no Carpenter could go out to repair it. Upon which the Carpenter with Chissels cut a Peice of the Ceiling and found it out, and applied the following Remedy to it, viz. He took a Piece of Beef and stopped the Leak, by nailing a Board above to keep it fast. The Beef being always washed away in twenty-four Hours, he continued to repeat the Dose, till eleven Tierces of our Beef was spent before we came to Land; nor durst we eat any Beef ourselves, as it was exhausted for the Safety of our Lives in this Manner, and we were obliged to live on Bread and water for the rest of our Passage, which was about four weeks.

How little do those who never was at Sea know the Hardships that Mariners are often reduce to! They are even apt to beleive Sailors gain their Money without Danger or Toil, when they see them spend it so lavishly on those in quest of their Pleasures. What Pity it is that Sailors, those valuable members of Commerce, should judge so ill, in spending what they gain thus at the peril of their Lives, perhaps all in one Nighr's Debauch with a Woman, abandoned to every Vice and lost to all Sense of Honour and Virtue.

Being freighted by Messrs. Jameson and Ogilby, Merchants in Charles-town, and loaded with Rice, for Lisbon, we arrived at that Port, and for a Caution to others who may go there, to avoid the like Danger, I imprudently fell into, even after I was warned against it; know that it is against the Laws of Portugal (as it is a Roman Catholic Country) for a British Subject to carry a sharp-pointed Knife ashore.
The.

The visiting Boat spoke at a Distance with us first, and our Men were obliged to run fore and aft on the Decks before them, to shew they were wholesome; this necessary Precaution is, lest any Ship may bring the Plague or any other Disease to their hot Country. Next the Kings Boat boarded us, and searched our Ship for Tobacco and Soap, or other prohibited Goods, but found none: If they had found any, the Person in whose Custody they were, was liable to large Penalties of Law, and would be directly carried to the Trunk (their Prison) and if not able to pay the high Fine inflicted upon them, would be transported as a Slave to the Brazils. The reason for this is, you are obliged to buy those prohibited Articles from them, while you are in their Ports.

One Day when employed working with my Knife upon Deck, the Captain ordered me with others to man the Boat; I in a hurry put my Knife in my Pocket and jumped into the Boat with my Comrades; and when the Captain was ashore, I went with another of my Fellows into a Portuguese Celler for a Bottle of Wine, which is only Three-pence of our Money; but having several Things lying above my Money, I brought out a Handful of them, amongst which was my Knife, which the Portuguese, like a Fury, wrung from my Hand, and drew a long sharp Knife of his own, called a Spadron, and would have stabbed me with it, had not an English Merchant, who was just coming past the Shop in that very Instant, jumped in and Seized the Villain and aided my Escape.

When our Ship was loaded there with Salt, Fruit, and Wine, we came down the River to Bull Bay, opposite the King's Palace, where we anchored. A Brig belonging to Yarmouth lay moored along-side of us, and some Brazil Ships

was.

was also moored there: The Brig had their Beef stole from them repeatedly by the Porteguese, when hung over the Stern a sleeping; they were surprized who took it away; and at last one of the Sailors watched it very narrowly with a Fish Gigg in his Hand, and perceiving the Thief coming to cut away, as he had often done before, he very dexterously struck him through the Back, when going off with his Prize; and when he found that it was a Porteguese Sailor of one of the Brazil Ships, he shook him off the Gigg, crying aloud to us and the other Ships, That he had struck a Shark stealing his Beef, but that he had thrown him down with the Tide, as not being eatable. The Porteguese, who are in general great Thieves, though vexed at this Affair, yet they made no Words about it; and our Beef, after the Death of this Human Shark, was never troubled any more, and the Adventure afforded great Diversion to the British Ships lying there.

The Porteguese themselves esteem a Man's Life no more than a Dog's; and it is highly requisite to act with the greatest Circumspection towards them, for they are proud and unhumanely barbarous as their Neighbours the Spaniards, and are as easily affronted; and their bloody and revengeful Disposition, disposes them often to accomplish the most shocking Murders, for even the slightest Offences given them.



My charitable Readers are entreated to preserve this the First Number of my History and Travels, as I intend, if the Almighty spare me to compleat the Whole in Two or three Numbers more, which will be filled with Occurrences both entertaining and instructive.

10 JU 52



