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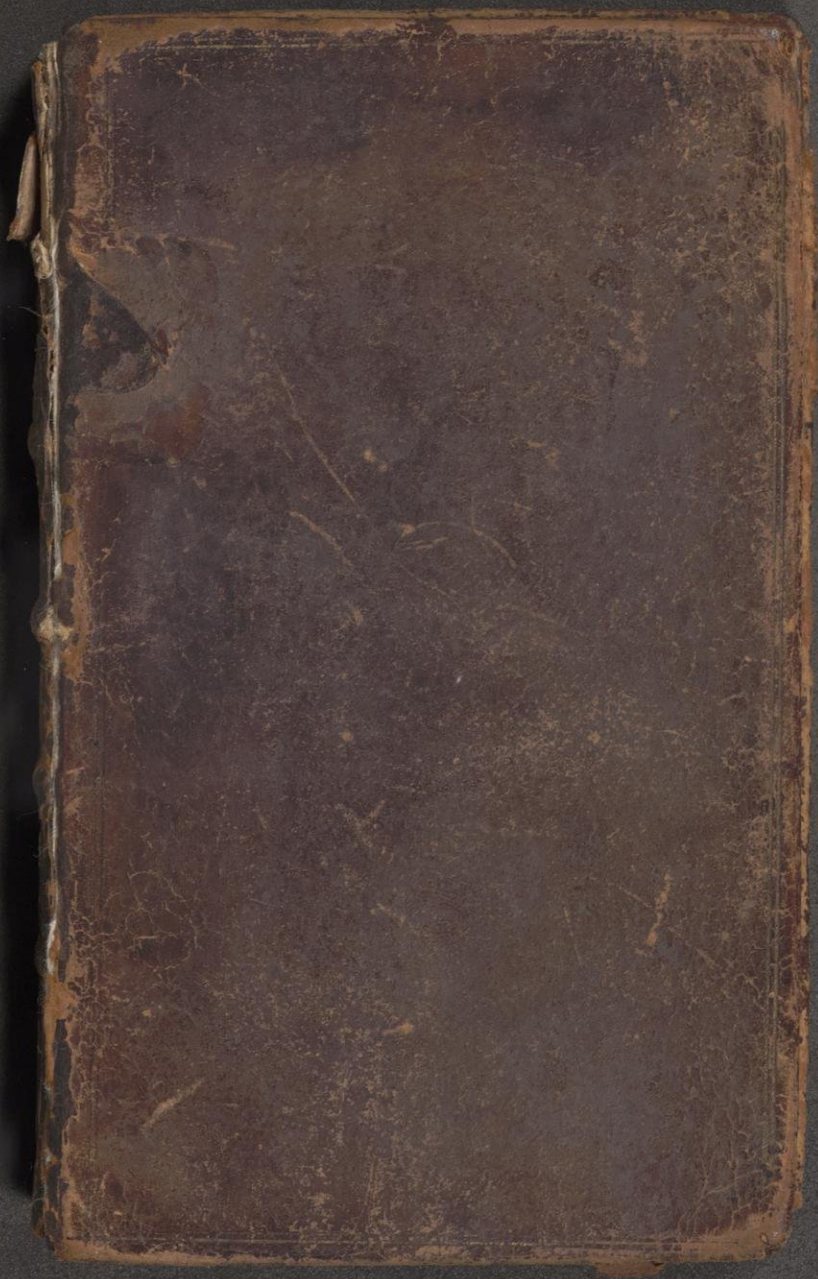
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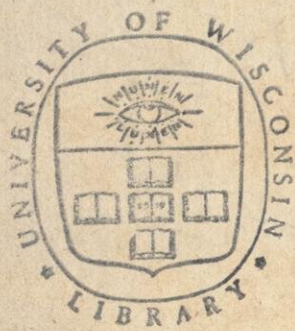
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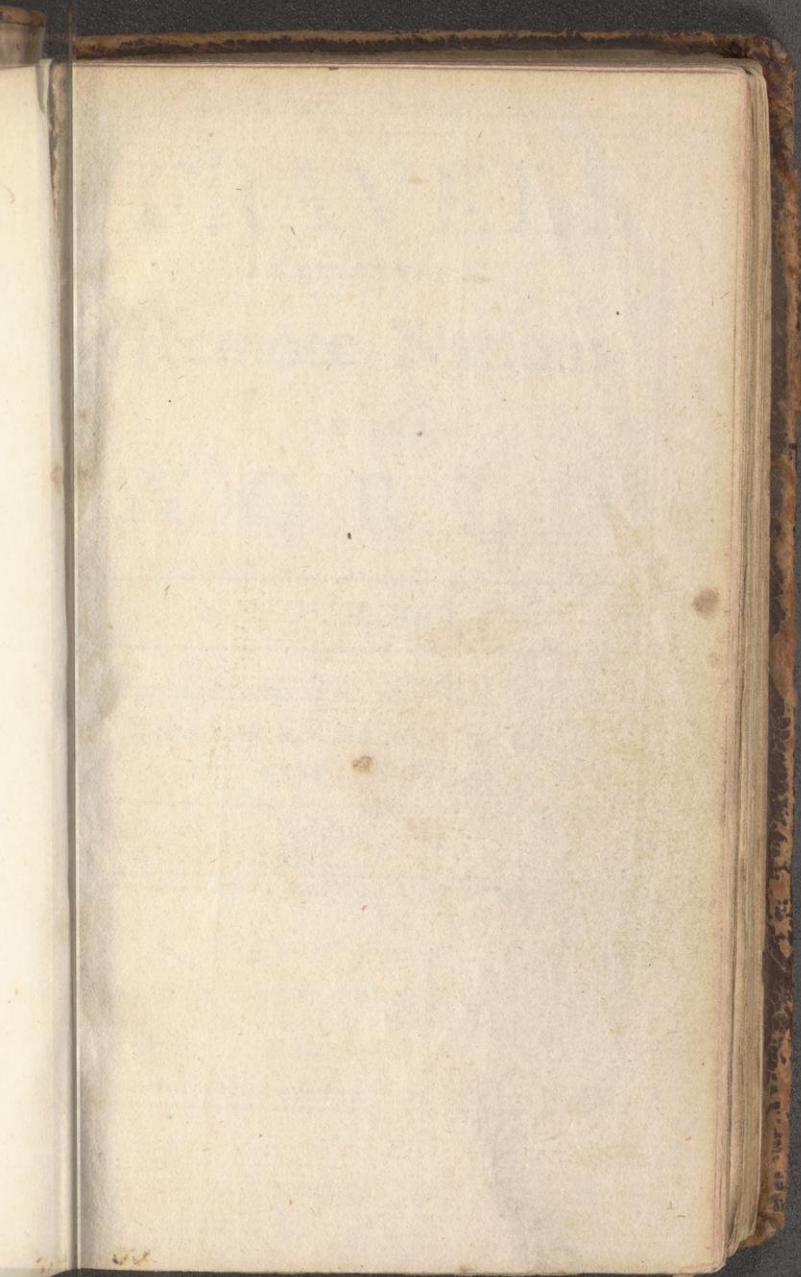


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THE Author of these Travels, Mr. *Lemuel Gulliver*, is my ancient Friend; there is likewise some Relation between us by the Mother's Side. About three Years ago, Mr. *Gulliver* growing weary of the Course of curious People coming to him at his House, near *Redriff*, made a small Purchase of Land, with a convenient House, near *Newark* in *Nottinghamshire*, his native Country; where he now lives retired

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tired, yet in good Esteem among his Neighbours.

ALTHOUGH Mr. *Gulliver* was born in *Nottinghamshire*, where his Father dwelt, yet I have heard him say his Family came from *Oxfordshire*; to confirm which, I have observed in the Church-yard at *Banbury*, in that County, several Tombs and Monuments of the *Gullivers*.

BEFORE he quitted *Redriff*, he left the Custody of the following Papers in my Hands, with the liberty to dispose of them as I should think fit. I have carefully perused them three times: The Style is very plain and simple; and the only Fault I find is, that the Author, after the manner of Travellers, is a little circumstantial. There is an Air of Truth apparent through the Whole; and indeed, the Author, was so distinguished for

for his Veracity, that it became a sort of Proverb among his Neighbours at *Redriff*, when any one affirmed a thing, to say, It was as true as if *Mr. Gulliver* had spoke it.

By the Advice of several worthy Persons, to whom, with the Author's Permission, I communicated these Papers, I now venture to send them into the World, hoping they may be, at least for some time, a better Entertainment to our young Noblemen, than the common Scriblers of Politicks and Party.

THIS Volume would have been at least twice as large, if I had not made bold to strike out innumerable Passages relating to the Winds and Tides, as well as to the Variations and Bearings in the several Voyages; together with the minute Descriptions of the Management

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nagement of the Ship in Storms, in the Style of Sailors: Likewise the account of the Longitudes and Latitudes; wherein I have Reason to apprehend that Mr. *Gulliver* may be a little dissatisfied: But I was resolved to fit the Work as much as possible to the general Capacity of Readers. However, if my own Ignorance in Sea-Affairs shall have led me to commit some Mistakes, I alone am answerable for them: And if any Traveller hath a Curiosity to see the whole Work at large, as it came from the Hand of the Author, I shall be ready to gratify him.

As for any farther Particulars relating to the Author, the Reader will receive Satisfaction from the first Pages of the Book.

RICHARD SYMPSON.

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MY Father had a small Estate in Nottinghamshire; I was the third of five Sons. He sent me to Emanuel College in Cambridge, at fourteen

Years old, where I resided three years, and applied myself close to my Studies; but the Charge of maintaining me (although I had a very scanty Al-

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lowance) being too great for a narrow Fortune, I was bound Apprentice to Mr. *James Bates*, an eminent Surgeon in *London*, with whom I continued four Years; and my Father now and then sending me small Sums of Money, I laid them out in learning Navigation, and other Parts of the Mathematicks, useful to those who intend to travel, as I always believed it would be some time or other my fortune to do. When I left Mr. *Bates*, I went down to my Father; where, by the Assistance of him and my Uncle *John*, and some other Relations, I got forty Pounds, and a Promise of thirty Pounds a Year to maintain me at *Leyden*: There I studied Physick two Years and seven Months, knowing it would be useful in long Voyages.

SOON after my Return from *Leyden*, I was recommended by my good Master Mr. *Bates*, to be Surgeon to the *Swallow*, Captain *Abraham Pannell* Commander; with whom I continued three Years and a half, making a Voyage or two into the *Levant*, and some other Parts. When I came back, I resolved to settle in *London*, to which Mr. *Bates*, my Master, encouraged me, and by him I was recommended

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commended to several Patients. I took Part of a small House in the *Old-Jury*; and being advised to alter my Condition, I married Mrs. *Mary Burton*, second Daughter to Mr. *Edmond Burton*, Hosier, in *Newgate-street*, with whom I received four hundred Pounds for a Portion.

BUT, my good Master *Bates* dying in two Years after, and I having few Friends, my Business began to fail; for my Conscience would not suffer me to imitate the bad Practice of too many among my Brethren. Having therefore consulted with my Wife, and some of my Acquaintance, I determined to go again to Sea. I was Surgeon successively in two Ships, and made several Voyages for six Years, to the *East* and *West-Indies*, by which I got some Addition to my Fortune. My Hours of Leisure I spent in reading the best Authors, ancient and modern, being always provided with a good Number of Books; and when I was ashore, in observing the Manners and Dispositions of the People, as well as learning their Language, wherein I had a great facility by the Strength of my Memory.

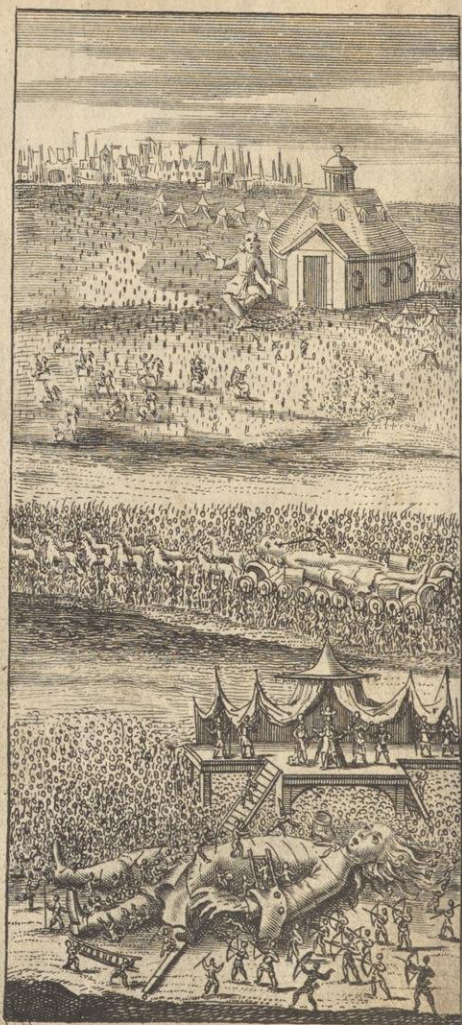
THE last of these Voyages not proving very fortunate, I grew weary of the Sea, and intended to stay at home with my Wife and Family. I removed from the *Old-Jury* to *Fetter-Lane*, and from thence to *Wapping*, hoping to get Business among the Sailors; but it would not turn to account. After three Years Expectation that things would mend, I accepted an advantageous Offer from Captain *William Prichard*, Master of the *Antelope*, who was making a Voyage to the *South-Sea*. We set sail from *Bristol*, *May* 4th, 1699, and our Voyage at first was very prosperous.

IT would not be proper, for some Reasons, to trouble the Reader with the Particulars of our Adventures in those Seas: Let it suffice to inform him, that in our Passage from thence to the *East-Indies*, we were driven by a violent Storm to the Northwest of *Van Diemen's Land*. By an Observation, we found ourselves in the Latitude of 30 degrees 2 minutes South. Twelve of our Crew were dead by immoderate Labour, and ill Food, the rest were in a very weak condition. On the fifth of *November*, which was the beginning of Summer in those Parts, the Weather being very hazy, the

the Seamen spied a Rock, within half a Cable's length of the Ship; but the Wind was so strong, that we were driven directly upon it, and immediately split. Six of the Crew, of whom I was one, having let down the Boat into the Sea, made a shift to get clear of the Ship, and the Rock. We rowed, by my computation, about three Leagues, till we were able to work no longer, being already spent with Labour while we were in the Ship. We therefore trusted ourselves to the Mercy of the Waves, and in about half an hour the Boat was overfet by a sudden Flurry from the North. What became of my Companions in the Boat, as well as of those who escaped on the Rock, or were left in the Vessel, I cannot tell; but conclude they were all lost. For my own part, I swam as Fortune directed me, and was pushed forward by Wind and Tide. I often let my Legs drop, and could feel no bottom: But when I was almost gone, and able to struggle no longer, I found myself within my Depth; and by this time the Storm was much abated. The Declivity was so small, that I walked near a mile before I got to the Shore, which I conjectur'd was about eight a clock

in the Evening. I then advanced forward near half a mile, but could not discover any sign of Houses or Inhabitants; at least, I was in so weak a Condition that I did not observe them. I was extremely tired, and that, and the heat of the Weather, and about half a Pint of Brandy that I drank as I left the Ship, I found myself much inclined to sleep. I lay down on the grass, which was very short and soft, where I slept sounder than ever I remember to have done in my Life, and, as I reckoned, about nine hours; for when I awaked, it was just day-light. I attempted to rise, but was not able to stir: For as I happen'd to lie on my Back, I found my Arms and Legs were strongly fastened on each side to the Ground; and my Hair, which was long and thick, tied down in the same manner. I likewise felt several slender Ligatures across my Body, from my Arm-pits to my Thighs. I could only look upwards, the Sun began to grow hot, and the Light offended my Eyes. I heard a confused Noise about me, but in the Posture I lay, could see nothing except the Sky. In a little time I felt something alive moving on my left Leg, which advancing gently forward

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ward over my Breast, came almost up to my Chin; when bending my Eyes downwards as much as I could, I perceived it to be a human Creature not six inches high, with a Bow and Arrow in his Hands, and a Quiver at his Back. In the mean time, I felt at least forty more of the same kind (as I conjectured) following the first. I was in the utmost Astonishment, and roared so loud, that they all ran back in a fright; and some of them, as I was afterwards told, were hurt with the Falls they got by leaping from my sides upon the Ground. However, they soon returned, and one of them, who ventured so far as to get a full sight of my Face, lifting up his Hands and Eyes by way of Admiration, cryed out in a shrill, but distinct Voice, *Hekinab Degul*: The others repeated the same Words several times, but I then knew not what they meant. I lay all this while, as the Reader may believe, in great Uneasiness: at length, struggling to get loose, I had the fortune to break the Strings, and wrench out the Pegs that fastened my left Arm to the Ground; for, by lifting it up to my Face, I discover'd the Methods they had taken to bind me, and, at the same time, with a

violent pull, which gave me excessive Pain, I a little loosened the strings that tied down my Hair on the left side, so that I was just able to turn my Head about two inches. But the Creatures ran off a second time, before I could seize them; whereupon there was a great Shout in a very shrill Accent, and after it ceased, I heard one of them cry aloud, *Tolgo Phonac*; when in an instant I felt above an hundred Arrows discharged on my left Hand, which pricked me like so many needles; and besides, they shot another Flight into the Air, as we do Bombs in *Europe*, whereof many, I suppose, fell on my Body, (though I felt them not) and some on my Face, which I immediately covered with my left Hand. When this shower of Arrows was over, I fell a groaning with Grief and Pain, and then striving again to get loose, they discharged another Volly larger than the first, and some of them attempted with Spears to stick me in the Sides; but, by good luck, I had on me a Buff Jerkin, which they could not pierce. I thought it the most prudent Method to lie still, and my design was to continue so till Night, when my left Hand being already loose,

loose, I could easily free my self: And as for the Inhabitants, I had reason to believe I might be a match for the greatest Armies they could bring against me, if they were all of the same Size with him that I saw. But Fortune disposed otherwise of me. When the People observed I was quiet, they discharged no more Arrows: But by the Noise I heard, I knew their Numbers encreased; and about four Yards from me, over-against my right Ear, I heard a knocking for above an hour, like that of People at work; when turning my Head that way as well as the Pegs and Strings would permit me, I saw a Stage erected, about a foot and a half from the Ground, capable of holding four of the Inhabitan's, with two or three Ladders to mount it: From whence one of them, who seemed to be a Person of Quality, made me a long Speech, whereof I understood not one Syllable. But I should have mentioned, that before the principal Person began his Oration, he cried out three times, *Langro Dehul san*; (these words and the former were afterwards repeated and explained to me.) Whereupon immediately about fifty of the Inhabitants came and cut the strings that fastened

ed the left Side of my Head, which gave me the Liberty of turning it to the right, and of observing the Person and Gesture of him that was to speak. He appeared to be of a middle Age, and taller than any of the other three who attended him, whereof one was a Page that held up his Train, and seemed to be somewhat longer than my middle Finger; the other two stood one on each side to support him. He acted every Part of an Orator, and I could observe many Periods of Threatnings, and others of Promises, Pity and Kindness. I answered in a few words, but in the most submissive manner, lifting up my left Hand and both my Eyes to the Sun, as calling him for a Witness; and being almost famished with Hunger, having not eaten a Morsel for some hours before I left the Ship, I found the demands of Nature so strong upon me, that I could not forbear shewing my Impatience (perhaps against the strict rules of Decency) by putting my Finger frequently on my Mouth, to signify that I wanted Food. The *Hurgo* (for so they call a great Lord, as I afterwards learnt) understood me very well. He descended from the Stage, and

and commanded that several Ladders should be applied to my Sides, on which above an hundred of the Inhabitants mounted, and walked towards my Mouth, laden with baskets full of Meat, which had been provided and sent thither by the King's Orders, upon the first intelligence he received of me. I observed there was the Flesh of several Animals, but could not distinguish them by the taste. There were Shoulders, Legs and Loins, shapenlike those of Mutton, and very well dressed, but smaller than the Wings of a Lark. I eat them by two or three at a mouthful, and took three Loaves at a time, about the Bigness of Musket Bullets. They supplied me as they could, shewing a thousand marks of wonder and astonishment at my Bulk and Appetite. I then made another sign that I wanted Drink. They found by my eating, that a small Quantity would not suffice me, and being a most ingenious People, they slung up with great dexterity one of their largest Hogheads, then rolled it towards my Hand, and beat out the top; I drank it off at a Draught, which I might well do, for it did not hold half a pint, and tasted like a small Wine of *Burgundy*, but much more delicious. They

They brought me a second Hogshhead, which I drank in the same manner, and made signs for more; but they had none to give me. When I had performed these Wonders, they shouted for Joy, and danced upon my Breast, repeating several times as they did at first, *Hekinab Degul*. They made me a sign that I should throw down the two Hogshheads, but first warning the People below to stand out of the way, crying aloud, *Borach Mewolâ*, and when they saw the Vessels in the Air, there was an universal shout of *Hekinab Degul*. I confess I was often tempted, while they were passing backwards and forwards on my Body, to seize forty or fifty of the first that came in my reach, and dash them against the Ground. But the Remembrance of what I had felt, which probably might not be the worst they could do, and the Promise of Honour I made them, for so I interpreted my submissive Behaviour, soon drove out these Imaginations. Besides, I now consider'd my self as bound by the Laws of Hospitality to a People who had treated me with so much Expende and Magnificence. However, in my Thoughts, I could not sufficiently wonder at the Intrepidity of these diminutive Mortals,

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tals, who durst venture to mount and walk upon my Body, while one of my Hands was at liberty, without trembling at the very sight of so prodigious a Creature as I must appear to them. After some time, when they observed that I made no more demands for Meat, there appear'd before me a Person of high Rank from his Imperial Majesty. His Excellency having mounted on the small of my right Leg, advanced forwards up to my Face, with about a dozen of his Retinue. And producing his Credentials under the Signet Royal, which he applied close to my Eyes, spoke about ten Minutes, without any signs of Anger, but with a kind of determinate Resolution; often pointing forwards, which, as I afterwards found, was towards the Capital City, about half a mile distant, whither it was agreed by his Majesty in Council that I must be conveyed. I answered in few words, but to no purpose, and made a Sign with my Hand that was loose, putting it to the other (but over his Excellency's Head for fear of hurting him or his Train) and then to my own Head and Body, to signify that I desired my Liberty. It appeared that he understood me well enough, for he shook his

his Head by way of Disapprobation, and held his Hand in a Posture to shew that I must be carried as a Prisoner. However, he made other signs to let me understand that I should have Meat and Drink enough, and very good Treatment. Whereupon I once more thought of attempting to break my Bonds, but again, when I felt the Smart of their Arrows, upon my Face and Hands, which were all in Blisters, and many of the Darts still sticking in them, and observing likewise that the Number of my Enemies encreased, I gave Tokens to let them know that they might do with me what they pleased. Upon this the *Hurgo* and his Train withdrew with much Civility and chearful Countenances. Soon after I heard a general Shout, with frequent Repetitions of the Words, *Peplom Selan*, and I felt great Numbers of People on my left Side relaxing the Cords to such a Degree, that I was able to turn upon my Right, and to ease myself with making Water; which I very plentifully did, to the great Astonishment of the People, who conjecturing by my Motions what I was going to do, immediately opened to the right and left on that side to avoid the Torrent which

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IT seems that upon the first Moment I was discovered sleeping on the Ground after my landing, the Emperor had early Notice of it by an Express; and determined in Council that I should be tied in the Manner I have related, (which was done in the Night while I slept) that Plenty of Meat and Drink should be sent to me, and a Machine prepared to carry me to the capital City.

THIS Resolution perhaps may appear very bold and dangerous, and I am confident would not be imitated by any Prince in *Europe* on the like Occasion; however, in my Opinion,

Opinion, it was extremely prudent, as well as generous: For supposing these People had endeavoured to kill me with their Spears and Arrows while I was asleep, I should certainly have awaked with the first Sense of Smart, which might so far have roused my Rage and Strength, as to have enabled me to break the Strings wherewith I was tied; after which, as they were not able to make Resistance, so they could expect no Mercy.

THESE People are most excellent Mathematicians, and arriv'd to a great Perfection in Mechanicks, by the Countenance and Encouragement of the Emperor, who is a renowned Patron of Learning. This Prince hath several Machines fixed on wheels, for the Carriage of Trees and other great Weights. He often builds his largest Men of War, whereof some are nine Foot long, in the Woods where the Timber grows, and has them carried on these Engines three or four hundred Yards to the Sea. Five hundred Carpenters and Engineers were immediately set at work to prepare the greatest Engine they had. It was a Frame of Wood raised three Inches from the Ground, about seven Foot long and
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ABOUT four Hours after we began our Journey, I awaked by a very ridiculous Accident; for the Carriage being

being stopt a while to adjust something that was out of Order, two or three of the young Natives had the Curiosity to see how I look'd when I was asleep; they climbed up into the Engine, and advancing very softly to my Face, one of them, an Officer in the Guards, put the sharp end of his half pike a good way up into my left Nostril, which tickled my Nose like a Straw, and made me sneeze violently: Whereupon they stole off unperceived, and it was three Weeks before I knew the cause of my awaking so suddenly. We made a long March the remaining part of that Day, and rested at Night with five hundred Guards on each side of me, half with Torches, and half with Bows and Arrows, ready to shoot me if I should offer to stir. The next Morning at Sun-rise we continued our March, and arriv'd within two hundred yards of the City-Gates about Noon. The Emperor, and all his Court came out to meet us, but his great Officers would by no means suffer his Majesty to endanger his Person by mounting on my Body.

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Kingdom, which having been polluted some Years before by an unnatural Murder, was, according to the Zeal of those People, look'd on as profane, and therefore had been applied to common use, and all the Ornaments and Furniture carried away. In this Edifice it was determin'd I should lodge. The great Gate fronting to the North was about four foot high, and almost two foot wide, through which I could easily creep. On each side of the Gate was a small Window not above six Inches from the Ground: into that on the left Side, the King's Smith convey'd fourscore and eleven Chains, like those that hang to a Lady's Watch in *Europe*, and almost as large, which were lock'd to my left Leg with six and thirty Padlocks. Over-against this Temple, on t'other side of the great Highway, at twenty foot distance, there was a Turret at least five foot high. Here the Emperor ascended with many principal Lords of his Court, to have an opportunity of viewing me, as I was told, for I could not see them. It was reckoned that above an hundred thousand Inhabitants came out of the Town upon the same Errand; and in spite of my Guards, I believe there could not be fewer than

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ten thousand, at several times, who mounted my Body by the help of Ladders. But a proclamation was soon issued to forbid it upon pain of Death. When the Workmen found it was impossible for me to break loose, they cut all the Strings that bound me; whereupon I rose up with as melancholy a Disposition as ever I had in my Life. But the noise and astonishment of the People at seeing me rise and walk, are not to be expressed. The Chains that held my left Leg were about two yards long, and gave me not only the liberty of walking backwards and forwards in a Semicircle; but being fixed within four inches of the Gate, allowed me to creep in, and lie at my full length in the Temple.





C H A P. II.

The Emperor of Lilliput, attended by several of the Nobility, come to see the Author in his Confinement. The Emperor's Person and Habit describ'd. Learned Men appointed to teach the Author their Language. He gains Favour by his mild Disposition. His Pockets are search'd, and his Sword and Pistols taken from him.



VHEN I found myself on my Feet, I looked about me, and must confess I never beheld a more entertaining Prospect. The Country round appeared like a continued Garden, and in the inclosed Fields, which were generally forty Foot square, resembled so many Beds of Flowers. These Fields were intermingled with Woods of half a Stang, and the tallest Trees, as I could judge, appeared to be seven foot high. I viewed the Town on my left Hand which looked like the painted Scene of a City in a Theatre.

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I had been for some Hours extremely pressed by the Necessities of Nature; which was no wonder, it being almost two Days since I had last disburthened myself. I was under great Difficulties between Urgency and Shame. The best Expedient I could think on, was to creep into my House, which I accordingly did; and shutting the Gate after me, I went as far as the Length of my Chain would suffer, and discharged my Body of that uneasy Load. But this was the only time I was ever guilty of so uncleanly an Action; for which I cannot but hope the candid Reader will give some Allowance, after he hath maturely and impartially considered my Case, and the Distress I was in. From this time my constant Practice was, as soon as I rose to perform that Business in open Air, at the full extent of my Chain, and due Care was taken every Morning before Company came, that the offensive Matter should be carried off in Wheel-barrows by two Servants appointed for that Purpose. I would not have dwelt so long upon a Circumstance, that perhaps at first sight may appear not very momentous, if I had not thought it necessary to justify

justify my Character in point of Cleanliness to the World; which I am told some of my Maligners have been pleas'd, upon this and other Occasions, to call in question.

WHEN this Adventure was at an end, I came back out of my House, having occasion for fresh Air. The Emperor was already descended from the Tower, and advancing on horseback towards me, which had like to have cost him dear; for the Beast, though very well trained, yet wholly unused to such a fight, which appeared as if a Mountain moved before him, reared up on his hinder Feet: But that Prince, who is an excellent Horseman, kept his Seat, till his Attendants ran in, and held the Bridle, while his Majesty had time to dismount. When he alighted, he surveyed me round with great Admiration, but kept without the Length of my Chain. He ordered his Cooks and Butlers, who were already prepared to give me Victuals and Drink, which they pushed forward in a sort of Vehicles upon Wheels till I could reach them. I took these Vehicles, and soon emptied them all; twenty of them were filled with meat, and ten with Liquor, each of the former
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afforded me two or three good Mouthfuls, and I emptied the Liquor of ten Vessels, which was contained in earthen Vials, into one Vehicle, drinking it off at a Draught, and so I did with the rest. The Empress, and young Princes of the Blood, of both Sexes, attended by many Ladies, sat at some Distance in their Chairs, but upon the Accident that happened to the Emperor's Horse, they alighted, came near his Person, which I am now going to describe. He is taller by almost the Breadth of my Nail, than any of his Court, which alone is enough to strike an Awe into the Beholders. His Features are strong and masculine, with an *Austrian* Lip and arched Nose, his Complexion olive, his Countenance erect, his Body and Limbs well proportioned, all his Motions graceful, and his Deportment majestick. He was then past his Prime, being twenty eight Years and three quarters old, of which he had reigned about seven, in great felicity, and generally victorious. For the better Convenience of beholding him, I lay on my Side, so that my Face was parrallel to his, and he stood but three Yards off: However, I had him since many times in
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my Hand, and therefore cannot be deceived in the Description. His Dress was very plain and simple, and the Fashion of it between the *Asiatick* and the *European*: but he had on his Head a light Helmet of Gold, adorned with Jewels, and a Plume on the Crest. He held his Sword drawn in his Hand, to defend himself, if I should happen to break loose; it was almost three Inches long, the Hilt and Scabbard were Gold enriched with Diamonds. His Voice was shrill, but very clear and articulate, and I could distinctly hear it when I stood up. The Ladies and Courtiers were all most magnificently clad, so that the Spot they stood upon seemed to resemble a Petticoat spread on the Ground, embroidered with Figures of Gold and Silver. His Imperial Majesty spoke often to me, and I returned Answers, but neither of us could understand a Syllable. There were several of his Priests and Lawyers present, (as I conjectured by their Habits) who were commanded to address themselves to me, and I spoke to them in as many Languages as I had the least smattering of, which were *High and Low Dutch, Latin, French, Spanish, Italian, and Lingua Franca*; but all to no purpose. After about

two Hours the Court retired, and I was left with a strong Guard, to prevent the Impertinence, and probably the Malice of the Rabble, who were very impatient to croud about me as near as they durst, and some of them had the Impudence to shoot their Arrows at me as I sat on the Ground by the Door of my House, whereof one very narrowly mis'd my left Eye. But the Colonel ordered six of the Ring-leaders to be seized, and thought no Punishment so proper as to deliver them bound into my Hands, which some of his Soldiers accordingly did, pushing them forwards with the But-ends of their Pikes into my Reach; I took them all in my right Hand, put five of them into my Coat-pocket, and as to the sixth, I made a Countenance as if I would eat him alive. The poor Man squalled terribly, and the Colonel and his Officers were in much Pain, especially when they saw me take out my Penknife: But I soon put them out of fear; for, looking mildly and immediately cutting the strings he was bound with, I set him gently on the Ground, and away he ran; I treated the rest in the same Manner, taking them, one by one, out of my Pocket, and I observed both the

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TOWARDS Night I got with some
Difficulty into my House, where I
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do so about a Fortnight; during which
Time the Emperor gave Orders to
have a Bed prepared for me. Six
hundred Beds of the common Mea-
sure were brought in Carriages and
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they provided me with Sheets, Blan-
kets, and Coverlets, tolerable enough
for one who had been so long inured
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As the News of my Arrival spread
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digious Numbers of rich, idle, and
curious People to see me; so that the
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several Proclamations and Orders of State, against this Inconveniency. He directed, that those who had already beheld me should return Home, and not presume to come within fifty Yards of my House, without Licence from Court; whereby the Secretaries of State got considerable Fees.

IN the mean time, the Emperor held frequent Councils to debate what Course should be taken with me; and I was afterwards assured by a particular Friend, a Person of great Quality, who was looked upon to be as much in the Secret as any, that the Court was under many Difficulties concerning me. They apprehended my breaking loose, that my Diet would be very expensive, and might cause a Famine. Sometimes they determined to starve me, or at least to shoot me in the Face and Hands with poisoned Arrows, which would soon dispatch me; but again they consider'd, that the Stench of so large a Carcase might produce a Plague in the Metropolis, and probably spread through the whole Kingdom. In the midst of these Consultations, several Officers of the Army went to the Door of the great Council-Chamber; and two of them being admitted, gave an Account

of my Behaviour to the six Criminals above-mention'd, which made so favourable an Impression in the Breast of his Majesty and the whole Board in my behalf, that an Imperial Commission was issued out, obliging all the Villages nine hundred Yards round the City, to deliver in every Morning six Beeves, forty Sheep, and other Victuals for my Sustenance; together with a proportionable Quantity of Bread, and Wine and other Liquors: for the due Payment of which, his Majesty gave Assignments upon his Treasury. For this Prince lives chiefly upon his own Demesnes, seldom, except upon great Occasions, raising any Subsidies upon his Subjects, who are bound to attend him in his Wars at their own Expence. An Establishment was also made of six hundred Persons to be my Domesticks, who had Board-wages allowed for their Maintenance, and Tents built for them very conveniently on each Side of my Door. It was likewise ordered, that three hundred Taylors should make me a Suit of Cloaths after the Fashion of the Country: That six of his Majesty's greatest Scholars should be employ'd to instruct me in their Language: And, lastly, that the Em-

peror's Horses, and those of the Nobility, and Troops of Guards, should be frequently exercised in my fight, to accustom themselves to me. All these Orders were duly put in execution, and in about three Weeks I made a great Progress in learning their Language; during which Time, the Emperor frequently honoured me with his Visits, and was pleased to assist my Masters in teaching me. We began already to converse together in some sort; and the first Words I learnt were to express my Desire that he would please to give me my Liberty, which I every day repeated on my Knees. His Answer, as I could apprehend it, was, that this must be a Work of Time, not to be thought on without the Advice of Council, and that first I must *Lumos Kelmin peggio desmar lon Emposo*; that is, swear a Peace with him and his Kingdom. However, that I should be used with all Kindness; and he advised me to acquire, by my Patience and discreet Behaviour, the good Opinion of himself and his Subjects. He desired I would not take it ill if he gave Orders to certain proper Officers to search me; for probably I might carry about me several Weapons, which must needs be dangerous

dangerous things, if they answered the Bulk of so prodigious a Person. I said, his Majesty should be satisfied, for I was ready to strip myself, and turn up my Pockets before him. This I delivered part in Words, and part in Signs. He replied, that by the Laws of the Kingdom I must be searched by two of his Officers; that he knew this could not be done without my Consent and Assistance; that he had so good an Opinion of my Generosity and Justice, as to trust their Persons in my Hands: That whatever they took from me should be returned when I left the Country, or paid for at the Rate which I would set upon them. I took up the two Officers in my Hands, put them first into my Coat-Pockets, and then into every other Pocket about me, except my two Fobs, and another secret Pocket I had no mind should be searched, wherein I had some little Necessaries that were of no consequence to any but myself. In one of my Fobs there was a silver Watch, and in the other a small Quantity of Gold in a Purse. These Gentlemen, having Pen, Ink and Paper about them, made an exact Inventory of every thing they saw; and when they had done, de-

fired I would set them down, that they might deliver it to the Emperor. This Inventory I afterwards translated into *English*, and is word for word as follows.

IMPRIMIS, In the right Coat-Pocket of the *Great Man-Mountain* (for so I interpret the Words *Quinbus Elestrin*, after the strictest Search, we found only one great Piece of coarse Cloth) large enough to be a Foot-Cloth for your Majesty's chief Room of State. In the left Pocket, we saw a huge silver Chest, with a Cover of the same Metal, which we the Searchers were not able to lift. We desired it should be opened, and one of us stepping into it, found himself up to the mid Leg in a sort of Dust, some Part whereof flying up to our Faces, set us both a sneezing for several times together. In his right Wastecoat-Pocket, we found a prodigious Bundle of white thin Substances, folded one over another, about the Bigness of three Men, tied with a strong Cable, and marked with black Figures; which we humbly conceive to be Writings, every Letter almost half as large as the Palm of our Hands. In the left there was a sort of Engine, from the Back of which were extended twenty
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long Poles, resembling the Palifado's before your Majesty's Court; where-with we conjecture the *Man-Mountain* combs his Head, for we did not always trouble him with Questions, because we found it a great Difficulty to make him understand us. In the large Pocket on the right Side of his middle Cover, (so I translate the Word *Ransu-Lo*, by which they meant my Breeches) we saw a hollow Pillar of Iron, about the Length of a Man, fastened to a strong Piece of Timber, larger than the Pillar; and upon one Side of the Pillar were huge Pieces of Iron sticking out, cut into strange Figures, which we know not what to make of. In the left Pocket, another Engine of the same Kind. In the smaller Pocket, on the right Side, were several round flat Pieces of white and red Metal, of different Bulk; some of the white, which seemed to be Silver, were so large and heavy, that my Comrade and I could hardly lift them. In the left Pocket were two black Pillars irregularly shaped: we could not, without Difficulty, reach the Top of them as we stood at the Bottom of his Pocket. One of them was covered, and seemed all of a piece; but at the upper End of the

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other, there appeared a white round Substance, about twice the Bigness of our Heads. Within each of these was inclosed a prodigious Plate of Steel; which, by our Orders, we obliged him to shew us, because we apprehended they might be dangerous Engines. He took them out of their Cases, and told us, that in his own Country his Practice was to shave his Beard with one of these, and to cut his Meat with the other. There were two Pockets which we could not enter: These he called his Fobs; they were two large Slits cut into the Top of his middle Cover, but squeez'd close by the Pressure of his Belly. Out of the right Fob hung a great silver Chain, with a wonderful kind of Engine at the Bottom. We directed him to draw out whatever was fastened to that Chain; which appeared to be a Globe, half Silver, and half of some transparent Metal: For on the transparent side we saw certain strange Figures circularly drawn, and thought we could touch them, till we found our Fingers stopped by that lucid Substance. He put this Engine to our Ears, which made an incessant Noise like that of a Water-Mill. And we conjecture it is either some un-
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known Animal, or the God that he worships: But we are more inclined to the latter Opinion, because he assured us, (if we understood him right, for he expressed himself very imperfectly) that he seldom did any Thing without consulting it. He called it his Oracle, and said it pointed out the Time for every Action of his Life. From the left Fob he took out a Net almost large enough for a Fisherman, but contrived to open and shut like a Purse, and served him for the same Use: We found therein several massy Pieces of yellow Metal, which, if they be real Gold, must be of immense Value.

HAVING thus, in obedience to your Majesty's Commands, diligently searched all his Pockets, we observed a Girdle about his Waste made of the Hide of some prodigious Animal, from which, on the left Side, hung a Sword of the Length of five Men; and on the right, a Bag or Pouch divided into two Cells, each Cell capable of holding three of your Majesty's Subjects. In one of these Cells were several Globes or Balls of a most ponderous Metal, about the Bigness of our Heads, and required a strong Hand to lift them: The other Cell contained

a Heap of certain black Grains, but of no great Bulk or Weight, for we could hold above fifty of them in the Palms of our Hands.

THIS is an exact Inventory of what we found about the Body of the *Man-Mountain*, who used us with great Civility, and due Respect to your Majesty's Commission. Signed and sealed on the fourth Day of the eighty ninth Moon of your Majesty's auspicious Reign.

Clefrin Frelock, Marfi Frelock.

WHEN this Inventory was read over to the Emperor, he directed me, although in very gentle Terms, to deliver up the several Particulars. He first called for my Scymiter, which I took out, Scabbard and all. In the mean time he ordered three thousand of his choicest Troops (who then attended him) to surround me at a distance, with their Bows and Arrows just ready to discharge: but I did not observe it, for mine Eyes were wholly fixed upon his Majesty. He then desired me to draw my Scymiter, which, although it had got some Rust by the Sea-Water, was in most Parts exceeding bright. I did so, and immediately

mediately all the Troops gave a Shout between Terror and Surprize; for the Sun shone clear, and the Reflection dazzled their Eyes as I waved the Scymiter to and fro in my Hand. His Majesty, who is a most magnanimous Prince, was less daunted than I could expect; he ordered me to return it into the Scabbard, and cast it on the Ground as gently as I could, about six Foot from the End of my Chain. The next thing he demanded, was one of the hollow Iron Pillars, by which he meant my Pocket-Pistols. I drew it out, and at his Desire, as well as I could, expressed to him the Use of it; and charging it only with Powder, which by the Closeness of my Pouch happened to escape wetting in the Sea, (an Inconvenience against which all prudent Mariners take special care to provide) I first cautioned the Emperor not to be afraid, and then I let it off in the Air. The Astonishment here was much greater than at the sight of my Scymeter. Hundreds fell down as if they had been struck dead; and even the Emperor, although he stood his Ground, could not recover himself in some Time. I delivered up both my Pistols in the same Manner, as I had done

done my Scymiter, and then my Pouch of Powder and Bullets; begging him that the former might be kept from the Fire, for it would kindle with the smallest Spark, and blow up his Imperial Palace into the Air. I likewise delivered up my Watch, which the Emperor was very curious to see, and commanded two of his tallest Yeomen of the Guards to bear it on a Pole upon their Shoulders, as Draymen in *England* do a Barrel of Ale. He was amazed at the continual Noise it made, and the Motion of the Minute-Hand, which he could easily discern; for their Sight is much more acute than ours: and asked the Opinions of his learned Men about him, which were various and remote, as the Reader may well imagine without my repeating; although indeed I could not very perfectly understand them. I then gave up my Silver and Copper Money, my Purse with nine large Pieces of Gold, and some smaller ones; my Knife and Razor, my Comb and Silver Snuff-Box, my Handkerchief and Journal Book. My Scymiter, Pistols, and Pouch, were conveyed in Carriages to his Majesty's Stores; but the rest of my Goods were returned me.

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I had, as I before observed, one private Pocket which escaped their Search, wherein there was a pair of Spectacles, (which I sometimes use for the Weakness of mine Eyes) a Pocket-Perspective, and several other little Conveniencies; which being of no consequence to the Emperor, I did not think my self bound in Honour to discover, and I apprehended they might be lost or spoiled if I ventured them out of my Possession.

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### C H A P. III.

*The Author diverts the Emperor and his Nobility of both Sexes in a very uncommon Manner. The Diversions of the Court of Lilliput described. The Author has his Liberty granted him upon certain Conditions.*

**M**Y Gentleness and good Behaviour had gained so far on the Emperor and his Court, and indeed upon the Army and People in general, that I began to conceive Hopes of getting my Liberty in a short time. I took all possible Methods to cultivate this favourable Dis-

Disposition. The Natives came by degrees to be less apprehensive of any Danger from me. I would sometimes lie down, and let five or six of them dance on my Hand. And at last the Boys and Girls would venture to come and play at Hide and Seek in my Hair. I had now made a good Progress in understanding and speaking their Language. The Emperor had a mind one day to entertain me with several of the Country Shows, wherein they exceed all Nations I have known, both for Dexterity and Magnificence. I was diverted with none so much as that of the Rope-Dancers performed upon a slender white Thread, extended about two Foot, and twelve Inches from the Ground. Upon which I shall desire Liberty, with the Reader's Patience, to enlarge a little.

THIS Diversion is only practised by those Persons who are Candidates for great Employments, and high Favour, at Court. They are trained in this Art from their Youth, and are not always of noble Birth, or liberal Education. When a great Office is vacant either by Death or Disgrace (which often happens) five or six of those Candidates petition the Emperor to

to entertain his Majesty and the Court with a Dance on the Rope, and whoever jumps the highest, without falling, succeeds in the Office. Very often the chief Ministers themselves are commanded to shew their Skill, and to convince the Emperor that they have not lost their Faculty. *Flimnap*, the Treasurer, is allowed to cut a Caper on the strait Rope, at least an Inch higher than any other Lord in the whole Empire. I have seen him do the Summerfet several times together upon a Trencher fixed on the Rope, which is no thicker than a common Packthread in *England*. My Friend *Reldresal*, principal Secretary for private Affairs, is in my Opinion, if I am not partial, the second after the Treasurer; the rest of the great Officers are much upon a Par.

THESE Diversions are often attended with fatal Accidents whereof great Numbers are on Record. I myself have seen two or three Candidates break a Limb. But the Danger is much greater when the Ministers themselves are commanded to shew their Dexterity; for by contending to excel themselves and their Fellows they strain so far, that there is hardly one of them who hath not receiv-



ed a Fall, and some of them two or three. I was assured that a Year or two before my Arrival, *Flimnap* would have infallibly broke his Neck, if one of the King's Cushions, that accidentally lay on the Ground, had not weakened the Force of his Fall.

THERE is likewise another Diversion which is only shewn before the Emperor and Empress, and first Minister, upon particular Occasions. The Emperor lays on a Table three fine silken Threads of six Inches long. One is Purple, the other Yellow, and the third White. These Threads are proposed as Prizes for those Persons whom the Emperor hath a mind to distinguish by a peculiar Mark of his Favour. The Ceremony is performed in his Majesty's great Chamber of State, where the Candidates are to undergo a Trial of Dexterity very different from the former, and such as I have not observed the least Resemblance of in any other Country of the old or new World. The Emperor holds a Stick in his Hands, both Ends parallel to the Horizon, while the Candidates advancing, one by one, sometimes leap over the Stick, sometimes creep under it backwards and forwards several times, according as the Stick

is advanced or depressed. Sometimes the Emperor holds one End of the Stick, and his first Minister the other; sometimes the Minister has it entirely to himself. Whoever performs his Part with most Agility, and holds out the longest in leaping and creeping, is rewarded with the Purple coloured Silk; the Yellow is given to the next, and the White to the third, which they all wear girt twice round about the middle; and you see few great Persons about this Court, who are not adorned with one of these Girdles.

THE Horses of the Army, and those of the royal Stables, having been daily led before me, were no longer shy, but would come up to my very Feet without starting. The Riders would leap them over my Hand as I held it on the Ground, and one of the Emperor's Huntsmen, upon a large Courser, took my Foot, Shoe and all; which was indeed a prodigious Leap. I had the good Fortune to divert the Emperor one Day after a very extraordinary Manner. I desired he would order several Sticks of two Foot high, and the Thickness of an ordinary Cane, to be brought me; whereupon his Majesty

Majesty commanded the Master of his Woods to give Directions accordingly, and the next Morning six Woodmen arrived with as many Carriages, drawn by eight Horses to each. I took nine of these Sticks, and fixing them firmly in the Ground in a quadrangular Figure, two Foot and a half Square, I took four other Sticks, and tied them parallel at each Corner, about two Foot from the Ground; then I fastened my Handkerchief to the nine Sticks that stood erect, and extended it on all Sides till it was as tight as the Top of a Drum; and the four parallel Sticks, rising about five Inches higher than the Hankerchief, served as Ledges on each Side. When I had finished my Work, I desired the Emperor to let a Troop of his best Horse, twenty four in Number, come and exercise upon this Plane. His Majesty approved of the Proposal, and I took them up one by one in my Hands, ready mounted and armed, with the proper Officers to exercise them. As soon as they got into order they divided into two Parties, performed mock Skirmishes, discharged blunt Arrows, drew their Swords, fled and pursued, attacked and retired, and in short discovered the

the best military Discipline I ever beheld. The parallel Sticks secured them and their Horses from falling over the Stage; and the Emperor was so much delighted, that he ordered this Entertainment to be repeated several Days, and once was pleased to be lifted up, and give the Word of Command; and, with great Difficulty, persuaded even the Empress herself to let me hold her in her close Chair within two Yards of the Stage, from whence she was able to take a full View of the whole Performance. It was my good Fortune that no ill Accident happened in these Entertainments, only once a fiery Horse that belonged to one of the Captains pawing with his Hoof struck a Hole in my Handkerchief, and his Foot slipping, he overthrew his Rider and himself; but I immediately relieved them both; and covering the Hole with one Hand, I set down the Troop with the other, in the same Manner as I took them up. The Horse that fell was strained in the left Shoulder, but the Rider got no Hurt, and I repaired my Handkerchief as well as I could; however, I would not trust to the Strength of it any more in such dangerous Enterprizes.

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ABOUT two or three Days before I was fet at liberty, as I was entertaining the Court with these kind of Feats, there arriv'd an Express to inform his Majesty, that some of his Subjects, riding near the Place where I was first taken up, had seen a great black Substance lying on the Ground very odly shaped, extended its Edges round as wide as his Majesty's Bed-chamber, and rising up in the middle as high as a Man; that it was no living Creature, as they at first apprehended, for it lay on the Grass without Motion; and some of them had walked round it several times: That by mounting upon each other's Shoulders, they had got to the Top, which was flat and even, and stamping upon it they found it was hollow within; that they humbly conceived it might be something belonging to the *Man-Mountain*; and if his Majesty pleas'd, they would undertake to bring it with only five Horses. I presently knew what they meant, and was glad at heart to receive this Intelligence. It seems upon my first reaching the Shore after our Shipwreck, I was in such Confusion, that before I came to the Place where I went to sleep, my Hat which I had fastened with a String

String to my Head while I was rowing, and had stuck on all the time I was swimming, fell off after I came to Land; the String, as I conjecture, breaking by some Accident which I never observed, but thought my Hat had been lost at Sea. I intreated his Imperial Majesty to give Orders it might be brought to me as soon as possible, describing to him the Use and the Nature of it: And the next Day the Waggoners arrived with it, but not in a very good Condition; they had bored two Holes in the Brim, within an Inch and half of the Edge, and fastened two Hocks in the Holes; these Hooks were tied by a long Cord to the Harness, and thus my Hat was dragged along for above half an *English* Mile: but the Ground in that Country being extremely smooth and level, it receiv'd less Damage than I expected.

Two Days after this Adventure, the Emperor having ordered that Part of his Army which quarters in and about his Metropolis to be in a readiness, took a Fancy of diverting himself in a very singular Manner. He desired I would stand like a *Colossus*, with my Legs as far asunder as I conveniently could. He then commanded his General, (who was an  
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old experienced Leader, and a great Patron of mine) to draw up the Troops in close Order, and march them under me; the Foot by twenty-four in a Breast, and the Horse by sixteen, with Drums beating, Colours flying, and Pikes advanced. This Body consisted of three thousand Foot, and a thousand Horse. His Majesty gave Orders, upon pain of Death, that every Soldier in his March should observe the strictest Decency, with regard to my Person; which, however, could not prevent some of the younger Officers from turning up their Eyes as they passed under me. And, to confess the Truth, my Breeches were at that time in so ill a Condition, that they afforded some Opportunities for Laughter and Admiration.

I had sent so many Memorials and Petitions for my Liberty, that his Majesty at length mentioned the Matter first in the Cabinet, and then in a full Council; where it was opposed by none, except *Skyresh Bolgolam*, who was pleased, without any Provocation, to be my mortal Enemy. But it was carried against him by the whole Board, and confirmed by the Emperor. That Minister was *Galbet*, or Admiral of the Realm, very much  
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in his Master's Confidence, and a Person well versed in Affairs, but of a morose and sour Complementation. However, he was at length persuaded to comply; but prevailed that the Articles and Conditions upon which I should be set free, and to which I must swear, should be drawn up by himself. These Articles were brought to me by *Skyresh Bolgolam* in Person, attended by two Under-Secretaries, and several Persons of Distinction. After they were read, I was demanded to swear to the Performance of them; first in the Manner of my own Country, and afterwards in the Method prescribed by their Laws: which was to hold my right Foot in my left Hand, to place the middle Finger of my right Hand on the Crown of my Head, and my Thumb on the Tip of my right Ear. But because the Reader may perhaps be curious to have some Idea of the Style and Manner of Expression peculiar to that People, as well as to know the Articles upon which I recovered my Liberty, I have made a Translation of the whole Instrument word for word, as near as I was able, which I here offer to the Publick.

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GUE, most Mighty Emperor of *Liliput*, Delight and Terror of the Universe, whose Dominions extend five thousand *Blustrugs*, (about twelve Miles in Circumference) to the Extremities of the Globe; Monarch of all Monarchs, taller than the Sons of Men; whose Feet press down to the Center, and whose Head strikes against the Sun: At whose Nod the Princes of the Earth shake their Knees; pleasant as the Spring, comfortable as the Summer, fruitful as Autumn, dreadful as Winter. His most sublime Majesty proposeth to the *Man-Mountain*, lately arrived to our Celestial Dominions, the following Articles, which by a solemn Oath he shall be obliged to perform.

FIRST, The *Man-Mountain* shall not depart from our Dominions, without our Licence under our Great Seal.

2<sup>d</sup>, He shall not presume to come into our Metropolis, without our express Order; at which time the Inhabitants shall have two Hours Warning to keep within their Doors.

3<sup>d</sup>, THE said *Man-Mountain* shall confine his Walks to our principal high Roads, and not offer to walk or lie down in a Meadow or Field of Corn.

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4<sup>th</sup>, AS he walks the said Roads, he shall take the utmost Care not to trample upon the Bodies of any of our loving Subjects, their Horses, or Carriages, nor take any of our said Subjects into his Hands, without their own Consent.

5<sup>th</sup>, IF an Express requires extraordinary Dispatch, the *Man-Mountain* shall be obliged to carry in his Pocket the Messenger and Horse a Six Days Journey once in every Moon, and return the said Messenger back (if so required) safe to our Imperial Presence.

6<sup>th</sup>, HE shall be our Ally against our Enemies in the Island of *Blefuscu*, and do his utmost to destroy their Fleet, which is now preparing to invade us.

7<sup>th</sup>, THAT the said *Man-Mountain* shall, at his Times of Leisure, be aiding and assisting to our Workmen, in helping to raise certain great Stones, towards covering the Wall of the principal Park, and other our Royal Buildings.

8<sup>th</sup>, THAT the said *Man-Mountain* shall, in two Moons Time, deliver in an exact Survey of the Circumference of our Dominions by a Computation

putation of his own Paces round the Coast.

LASTLY, That upon his solemn Oath to observe all the above Articles, the said *Man-Mountain* shall have a daily Allowance of Meat and Drink sufficient for the Support of 1728 of our Subjects, with free Access to our Royal Person, and other Marks of our Favour. Given at our Palace at *Belfaborac* the twelfth Day of the ninety-first Moon of our Reign.

I swore and subscribed to these Articles with great Chearfulness and Content, although some of them were not so honourable as I could have wished; which proceeded wholly from the Malice of *Skyresh Bolgolam* the High-Admiral: whereupon my Chains were immediately unlocked, and I was at full liberty; the Emperor himself in Person did me the Honour to be by at the whole Ceremony. I made my Acknowledgments by prostrating myself at his Majesty's Feet: But he commanded me to rise; and after many gracious Expressions, which, to avoid the Censure of Vanity, I shall not repeat, he added, that he hoped I should prove a useful Servant, and well deserve all the Favours he had already conferred upon me, or might do for the future.

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THE Reader may please to observe, that in the last Article for the Recovery of my Liberty, the Emperor stipulates to allow me a Quantity of Meat and Drink sufficient for the Support of 1728 *Lilliputians*. Some time after, asking a Friend at Court how they came to fix on that determinate Number; he told me, that his Majesty's Mathematicians, having taken the Height of my Body by the Help of a *Quadrant*, and finding it to exceed theirs in the Proportion of twelve to one, they concluded from the Similarity of their Bodies, that mine must contain at least 1728 of theirs, and consequently would require as much Food as was necessary to support that Number of *Lilliputians*. By which, the Reader may conceive an Idea of the Ingenuity of that People, as well as the prudent and exact Oeconomy of so great a Prince.





## C H A P. IV.

*Mildendo, the Metropolis of Lilliput, described, together with the Emperor's Palace. A Conversation between the Author and a Principal Secretary concerning the Affairs of that Empire: The Author's Offers to serve the Emperor in his Wars.*



THE first Request I made, after I had obtained my Liberty, was that I might have Licence to see *Mildendo*, the Metropolis; which the Emperor easily granted me, but with a special Charge to do no Hurt, either to the Inhabitants or their Houses. The People had Notice by Proclamation of my Design to visit the Town. The Wall, which encompassed it, is two Foot and an half high, and at least eleven Inches broad, so that a Coach and Horses may be driven very safely round it; and it is flanked with strong Towers at ten Foot distance. I stept over the great Western Gate, and passed very gently, and sideling through the two principal

cipal Streets, only in my short Waitt-coat, for fear of damaging the Roofs and Eyes of the Houses with the Skirts of my Coat. I walked with the utmost Circumspection, to avoid treading on any Stragglers, that might remain in the Streets, although the Orders wery strict, that all People should keep in their Houses, at their own Peril. The Garret-windows and Tops of Houses were so crowded with Spectators, that I thought in all my Travels I had not seen a more populous Place. The City is an exact Square, each Side of the Wall being five hundred Foot long. The two great Streets, which run cross and divide it into four Quarters, are five Foot wide. The Lanes and Alleys which I could not enter, but only viewed them as I passed, are from twelve to eighteen Inches. The Town is capable of holding five hundred thousand Souls. The Houses are from three to five Stories. The Shops and Markets well provided.

THE Emperor's Palace is in the Center of the City, where the two great Streets met. It is inclosed by a Wall of two Foot high, and twenty Foot distance from the Buildings. I had his Majesty's Permission to step

over this Wall; and the Space being so wide between that and the Palace, I could easily view it on every Side. The outward Court is a Square of forty Foot, and includes two other Courts: In the inmost are the Royal Apartments, which I was very desirous to see, but found it extremely difficult; for the great Gates, from one Square into another, were but eighteen Inches high, and seven Inches wide. Now the Buildings of the outer Court were at least five Foot high, and it was impossible for me to stride over them, without infinite Damage to the Pile, though the Walls were strongly built of hewn Stone, and four Inches thick. At the same time the Emperor had a great Desire that I should see the Magnificence of his Palace; but this I was not able to do till three Days after, which I spent in cutting down with my Knife some of the largest Trees in the Royal Park, about an hundred Yards distant from the City. Of these Trees I made two Stools, each about three Foot high, and strong enough to bear my Weight. The People having received Notice a second time, I went again through the City to the Palace, with my two Stools in my Hands.

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When I came to the Side of the outer Court, I stood upon one Stool, and took the other in my Hand: This I lifted over the Roof, and gently set it down on the Space between the first and second Court, which was eight Foot wide. I then stept over the Buildings very conveniently from one Stool to the other, and drew up the first after me with a hooked Stick. By this Contrivance I got into the inmost Court; and lying down upon my Side, I applied my Face to the Windows of the middle Stories, which were left open on purpose, and discovered the most splendid Apartments that can be imagined. There I saw the Empress, and the young Princes in their several Lodgings, with their chief Attendants about them. Her Imperial Majesty was pleased to smile very graciously upon me, and gave me out of the Window her Hand to kiss.

BUT I shall not anticipate the Reader with farther Descriptions of this kind, because I reserve them for a greater Work, which is now almost ready for the Press, containing a general Description of this Empire, from its first Erection, through a long Series of Princes, with a particular Account



of their Wars and Politicks, Laws, Learning, and Religion: Their Plants and Animals, their peculiar Manners and Customs, with other Matters very curious and useful; my chief Design at present being only to relate such Events and Transactions as happened to the Publick or to myself, during a Residence of about nine Months in that Empire.

ONE Morning, about a Fortnight after I had obtained my Liberty, *Keldresal*, principal Secretary (as they style him) of private Affairs, came to my House, attended only by one Servant. He ordered his Coach to wait at a distance, and desired; I would give him an Hour's Audience; which I readily consented to, on account of his Quality and personal Merits, as well as the many good Offices he had done me during my Solicitations at Court. I offered to lie down, that he might the more conveniently reach my Ear; but he chose rather to let me hold him in my Hand during our Conversation. He began with Compliments on my Liberty, said, he might pretend to some Merit in it: But, however, added, that if it had not been for the present Situation of Things at Court, perhaps

I might not have obtained it so soon. For, said he, as flourishing a Condition as we may appear to be in to Foreigners, we labour under two mighty Evils; a violent Faction at Home, and the Danger of an Invasion by a most potent Enemy from abroad. As to the first, you are to understand, that for above seventy Moons past, there have been two struggling Parties in this Empire, under the Names of *Tramecksan*, and *Slamecksan*, from the high and low Heels on their Shoes, by which they distinguish themselves. It is alledged indeed, that the high Heels are most agreeable to our ancient Constitution: But however this be, his Majesty hath determined to make use of only low Heels in the Administration of the Government, and all Offices in the Gift of the Crown, as you cannot but observe; and particularly, that his Majesty's Imperial Heels are are lower at least by a *Drurr* than any of his Court; (*Drurr* is a Measure about the fourteenth Part of an Inch.) The Animosities between these two Parties run so high, that they will neither eat nor drink, nor talk with each other. We compute the *Tramecksan*, or High-Heels, to exceed us in  
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Number ; but the Power is wholly on our Side. We apprehend his Imperial Highness, the Heir to the Crown, to have some Tendency towards the High-Heels ; at least, we can plainly discover that one of his Heels is higher than the other, which gives him a Hobble in his Gate. Now in the midst of these intestine Disquiets, we are threatened with an Invasion from the Island of *Blefuscu*, which is the other great Empire of the Universe, almost as large and powerful as this of his Majesty. For as to what we heard you affirm, that there are other Kingdoms and States in the World, inhabited by human Creatures as large as yourself, our Philosophers are in much Doubt, and would rather conjecture that you dropp'd from the Moon, or one of the Stars ; because it is certain, that an hundred Mortals of your Bulk wou'd, in a short time, destroy all the Fruits and Cattle of his Majesty's Dominions. Besides, our Histories of six thousand Moons make no mention of any other Regions, than the two great Empires of *Lilliput* and *Blefuscu*. Which two mighty Powers have, as I was going to tell you, been engaged in a most obstinate War for six and thirty

thirty Moons past. It began upon the following Occasion: It is allowed on all Hands, that the primitive Way of breaking Eggs, before we eat them, was upon the larger End: But his present Majesty's Grandfather, while he was a Boy, going to eat an Egg, and breaking it according to the ancient Practice, happened to cut one of his Fingers. Whereupon the Emperor, his Father, published an Edict, commanding all his Subjects, upon great Penalties, to break the smaller End of their Eggs. The People so highly resented this Law, that our Histories tell us, there have been six Rebellions raised on that Account; wherein one Emperor lost his Life, and another his Crown. These civil Commotions were constantly fomented by the Monarchs of *Blefuscu*; and when they were quelled, the Exiles always fled for Refuge to that Empire. It is computed, that eleven thousand Persons have, at several times, suffered Death, rather than submit to break their Eggs at the smaller End. Many hundred large Volumes have been published upon this Controversy; But the Books of the *Big-Endians* have been long forbidden, and the whole Party rendered incapable  
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by Law of holding Employments. During the Course of these Troubles, the Emperors of *Blefuscu* did frequently expostulate by their Embassadors, accusing us of making a Schism in Religion, by offending against a fundamental Doctrine of our great Prophet *Lustrog*, in the fifty-fourth Chapter of the *Blundecral*, (which is their *Alcoran*.) This, however, is thought to be a mere Strain upon the Text: For the Words are these: *That all true Believers shall break their Eggs at the convenient End:* And which is the convenient End, seems, in my humble Opinion, to be left to every Man's Conscience, or at least in the Power of the chief Magistrate to determine. Now, the *Big-Indian* Exiles have found so much Credit in the Emperor of *Blefuscu's* Court, and so much private Assistance and Encouragement from their Party here at home, that a bloody War hath been carried on between the two Empires for six and thirty Moons with various Success; during which time, we have lost forty capital Ships, and a much greater Number of smaller Vessels, together with thirty thousand of our best Seamen and Soldiers; and the Damage received by the Enemy is reckoned to be somewhat greater than ours. However,

ever, they have now equipped a numerous Fleet, and are just preparing to make a Descent upon us; and his Imperial Majesty, placing great Confidence in your Valour and Strength, hath commanded me to lay this Account of his Affairs before you.

I DESIRED the Secretary to present my humble Duty to the Emperor, and to let him know, that I thought it would not become me, who was a Foreigner, to interfere with Parties; but I was ready, with the Hazard of my Life, to defend his Person and State against all Invaders.

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CHAP. V.

The Author, by an extraordinary Stratagem, prevents an Invasion. A high Title of Honour is conferred upon him. Ambassadors arrive from the Emperor of Blefuscu, and sue for Peace. The Empress's Apartment on fire by an Accident; the Author instrumental in saving the rest of the Palace.

THE Empire of *Blefuscus* is an Island, situated to the North North-East Side of *Lilliput*, from whence it is parted only by a Channel

nel of eight hundred Yards wide. I had not yet seen it, and upon this Notice of an intended Invasion, I avoided appearing on that Side of the Coast, for fear of being discovered by some of the Enemy's Ships, who had received no Intelligence of me, all Intercourse between the two Empires having been strictly forbidden during the War, upon Pain of Death, and an Embargo laid by our Emperor upon all Vessels whatsoever. I communicated to his Majesty a Project I had formed of seizing the Enemy's whole Fleet: Which, as our Scouts assured us, lay at Anchor in the Harbour ready to sail with the first fair Wind. I consulted the most experienced Seamen, upon the Depth of the Channel, which they had often plummed, who told me, that in the middle, at High-water, it was seventy *Glumgluffs* deep, which is about six Foot of *European* Measure; and the rest of it fifty *Glumgluffs* at most. I walked towards the North-East Coast over against *Blefuscu*; and lying down behind a Hillock, took out my small Pocket-Prospective-Glass, and viewed the Enemy's Fleet at Anchor, consisting of about fifty Men of War, and a great Number of Transports: I then came
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back to my House, and gave Order (for which I had a Warrant) for a great Quantity of the strongest Cable and Bars of Iron. The Cable was about as thick as Packthread, and the Bars of the Length and Size of a Knitting-needle. I trebled the Cable to make it stronger, and for the same Reason, I twisted three of the Iron-Bars together, binding the Extremities into a Hook. Having thus fixed fifty Hooks to as many Cables, I went back to the North-East Coast, and putting off my Coat, Shoes, and Stockins, walked into the Sea in my leathern Jerkin, about an Hour before High-water. I waded with what Haste I could, and swam in the middle about thirty Yards till I felt Ground; I arrived to the Fleet in less than half an Hour. The Enemy was so frightened when they saw me, that they leaped out of their Ships, and swam to shore, where there could not be fewer than thirty thousand Souls. I then took my Tackling, and fastening a Hook to the Hole at the Prow of each, I tied all the Cords together at the End. While I was thus employed, the Enemy discharged several thousand Arrows, many of which stuck in my Hands and Face; and, besides the excessive Smart, gave me
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much Disturbance in my Work. My greatest Apprehension was for mine Eyes, which I should have infallibly lost, if I had not suddenly thought of an Expedient. I kept among other little Necessaries a pair of Spectacles in a private Pocket, which, as I observed before, had escaped the Emperor's Searchers. These I took out and fastened as strongly as I could upon my Nose, and thus armed went on boldly with my Work in spite of the Enemy's Arrows, many of which struck against the Glasses of my Spectacles, but without any other Effect, further than a little to discompose them. I had now fastened all the Hooks, and taking the Knot in my Hand, began to pull; but not a Ship would stir, for they were all too fast held by their Anchors, so that the bold Part of my Enterprize remained. I therefore let go the Cord, and leaving the Hooks fixed to the Ships, I resolutely cut with my Knife the Cables that fastened the Anchors, receiving above two hundred Shots in my Face and Hands; then I took up the knotted End of the Cables to which my Hooks were tied, and with
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great Ease drew fifty of the Enemy's largest Men of War after me.

THE *Blefuscutians*, who had not the least Imagination of what I intended, were at first confounded with Astonishment. They had seen me cut the Cables, and thought my Design was only to let the Ships run a-drift, or fall foul on each other: but when they perceived the whole Fleet moving in Order, and saw me pulling at the End, they set up such a Scream of Grief and Despair, that it is almost impossible to describe or conceive. When I had got out of Danger, I stopt a while to pick out the Arrows that stuck in my Hands and Face; and rubbed on some of the same Ointment that was given me at my first Arrival, as I have formerly mentioned. I then took off my Spectacles, and waiting about an Hour till the Tide was a little fallen, I waded through the middle with my Cargo, and arrived safe at the Royal Port of *Lilliput*.

THE Emperor and his whole Court stood on the Shore expecting the Issue of this great Adventure. They saw the Ships move forward in a large Half-Moon, but could not discern me, who was up to my Breast in Water.

Water. When I advanced to the middle of the Channel, they were yet in more Pain, because I was under Water to my Neck. The Emperor concluded me to be drowned, and that the Enemy's Fleet was approaching in a hostile Manner: But he was soon eased of his Fears, for the Channel growing shallower every step I made, I came in a short time within hearing, and holding up the End of the Cable by which the Fleet was fastened, I cried in a loud Voice, *Long live the most puissant Emperor of Lilliput!* This great Prince received me at my Landing with all possible Encomiums, and created me a *Nardac* upon the Spot, which is the highest Title of Honour among them.

HIS Majesty desired I would take some other Opportunity of bringing all the rest of his Enemy's Ships into his Ports. And so unmeasurable is the Ambition of Princes, that he seemed to think of nothing less than reducing the whole Empire of *Blefuscu* into a Province, and governing it by a Vice-Roy; of destroying the *Big-Indian* Exiles, and compelling that People to break the smaller End of their Eggs, by which he would remain the sole Monarch of the whole World.

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But I endeavour'd to divert him from his Design, by many Arguments drawn from the Topicks of Policy as well as Justice: And I plainly protested, that I would never be an Instrument of bringing a free and brave People into Slavery. And when the Matter was debated in Council, the wisest Part of the Ministry were of my Opinion.

THIS open bold Declaration of mine was so opposite to the Schemes and Politicks of his Imperial Majesty, that he could never forgive it; he mentioned it in a very artful Manner at Council, where I was told that some of the wisest appeared, at least, by their Silence, to be of my Opinion; but others, who were my secret Enemies, could not forbear some Expressions, which by a side-wind reflected on me. And from this time began an Intrigue between his Majesty, and a Junto of Ministers maliciously bent against me, which broke out in less than two Months, and had like to have ended in my utter Destruction. Of so little Weight are the greatest Services to Princes, when put into the Ballance with a Refusal to gratify their Passions.

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ABOUT three Weeks after this Exploit, there arrived a solemn Embassy from *Blefuscu*, with humble Offers of a Peace; which was soon concluded upon Conditions very advantageous to our Emperor, wherewith I shall not trouble the Reader. There were six Ambassadors, with a Train of about five hundred Persons, and their Entry was very magnificent, suitable to the Grandeur of their Master, and the Importance of their Business. When their Treaty was finished, wherein I did them several good Offices by the Credit I now had, or at least appeared to have at Court, their Excellencies, who were privately told how much I had been their Friend, made me a Visit in Form. They began with many Compliments upon my Valour and Generosity, invited me to that Kingdom in the Emperor their Master's Name, and desired me to shew them some Proofs of my prodigious Strength, of which they had heard so many Wonders; wherein I readily obliged them, but shall not trouble the Reader with the Particulars.

WHEN I had for some time entertained their Excellencies to their infinite Satisfaction and Surprize, I desired they would do me the Honour

nour to present my most humble Respects to the Emperor their Master, the Renown of whose Virtues had so justly filled the whole World with Admiration, and whose Royal Person I resolv'd to attend before I return'd to my own Country: accordingly, the next time I had the Honour to see our Emperor, I desired his general Licence to wait on the *Blesuscudian* Monarch, which he was pleas'd to grant me, as I could plainly perceive, in a very cold Manner; but could not guess the Reason, till I had a Whisper from a certain Person, that *Flimnap* and *Bolgolam* had represented my Intercourse with those Ambassadors as a Mark of Disaffection, from which I am sure my Heart was wholly free. And this was the first time I began to conceive some imperfect Idea of Courts and Ministers.

IT is to be observed, that these Ambassadors spoke to me by an Interpreter, the Languages of both Empires differing as much from each other as any two in *Europe*, and each Nation priding itself upon the Antiquity, Beauty, and Energy of their own Tongues, with an avowed Contempt for that of their Neighbour;

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yet our Emperor standing upon the Advantage he had got by the Seifure of their Fleet, obliged them to deliver their Credentials, and make their Speech in the *Lilliputian* Tongue. And it must be confessed, that from the great Intercourse of Trade and Commerce between both Realms, from the continual Reception of Exiles, which is mutual among them, and from the Custom in each Empire to send their young Nobility and richer Gentry to the other, in order to polish themselves by seeing the World, and understanding Men and Manners; there are few Persons of Distinction, or Merchants, or Seamen, who dwell in the maritime Parts, but what can hold Conversation in both Tongues; as I found some Weeks after, when I went to pay my Respects to the Emperor of *Blefuscu*, which in the midst of Great Misfortunes, through the Malice of my Enemies, proved a very happy Adventure to me, as I shall relate in its proper Place.

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ther could any thing but an extreme necessity have forced me to submit. But being now a *Nardac* of the highest Rank in that Empire, such Offices were looked upon as below my Dignity, and the Emperor (to do him Justice) never once mentioned them to me. However, it was not long before I had an Opportunity of doing his Majesty, at least, as I then thought, a most signal Service. I was alarmed at Midnight with the Cries of many hundred People at my Door; by which being suddenly awaked, I was in some kind of Terror. I heard the word *Burghum* repeated incessantly: Several of the Emperor's Court, making their way through the Croud, intreated me to come immediately to the Palace, where her Imperial Majesty's Apartment was on fire, by the Carelesness of a Maid of Honour who fell asleep while she was reading a Romance. I got up in an Instant; and Orders being given to clear the way before me, and it being likewise a Moon-shine Night, I made a shift to get to the Palace, without trampling on any of the People. I found they had already applied Ladders to the Walls of the apartment, and were well provided

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with Buckets, but the Water was at some distance. These Buckets were about the size of a large Thimble, and the poor People supplied me with them as fast as they could; but the Flame was so violent that they did little good. I might easily have stifled it with my Coat, which I unfortunately left behind me for haste, and came away only in my leathern Jerkin. The Case seemed wholly desperate and deplorable, and this magnificent Palace would have infallibly been burnt down to the Ground, if, by a Presence of Mind, unusual to me, I had not suddenly thought of an Expedient. I had the Evening before drank plentifully of a most delicious Wine, called *Glimigrim*, (the *Blesuscudians* call it *Flunee*, but ours is esteemed the better sort) which is very diuretick. By the luckiest Chance in the World I had not discharged myself of any part of it. The Heat I had contracted by coming very near the Flames, and by my labouring to quench them, made the Wine begin to operate by Urine; which I voided in such a Quantity, and applied so well to the proper Places, that in three Minutes the Fire was wholly extinguished, and the rest of that noble
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Pile, which had cost so many Ages in creating, preserved from Destruction.

IT was now Day-light, and I returned to my House, without waiting to congratulate with the Emperor; because, although I had done a very eminent piece of Service, yet I could not tell how his Majesty might resent the Manner by which I had performed it: For, by the fundamental Laws of the Realm, it is Capital in any Person, of what Quality soever, to make Water within the Precincts of the Palace. But I was a little comforted by a Message from his Majesty, that he would give Orders to the grand Justiciary for passing my Pardon in Form; which, however, I could not obtain. And I was privately assured, the Empress, conceiving the greatest Abhorrence of what I had done, removed to the most distant Side of the Court, firmly resolved that those Buildings should never be repaired for her Use; and, in the Presence of her chief Confidants, could not forbear vowing Revenge.



C H A P. VI.

Of the Inhabitants of Lilliput; their Learning, Laws, and Customs, the Manner of Educating their Children. The Author's Way of Living in that Country. His Vindication of a great Lady.



ALTHO' I intend to leave the Description of this Empire to a particular Treatise, yet, in the mean time, I am content to gratify the curious Reader with some general Ideas. As the common Size of the Natives is somewhat under six Inches high, so there is an exact Proportion in all other Animals, as well as Plants and Trees: For Instance, the tallest Horses and Oxen are between four and five Inches in height, the Sheep an Inch and a half, more or less; their Geese about the bigness of a Sparrow, and so the several gradations downwards, till you come to the smallest, which to my Sight were almost invisible; but Nature hath adapted the Eyes of the *Lilliputians* to all Objects proper for their

their View: They see with great exactness but at no great distance. And to shew the sharpness of their Sight towards Objects that are near, I have been much pleased observing a Cook pulling a Lark, which was not so large as a common Fly; and a young Girl threading an invisible Needle with invisible Silk. Their tallest Trees are about seven Foot high: I mean some of those in the great Royal Park, the tops whereof I could but just reach with my Fist clinched. The other Vegetables are in the same proportion; but this I leave to the Reader's Imagination.

I SHALL say but little at present of their Learning: which for many Ages hath flourished in all its Branches among them: But their Manner of writing is very peculiar, being neither from the left to the right, like the *Europeans*; nor from the right to the left, like the *Arabians*; nor from down to up, like the *Cascagians*; but asslant from one Corner of the Paper to the other, like Ladies in *England*.

THEY bury their Dead with their Heads directly downwards, because they hold an Opinion, That in eleven thousand Moons they are all to rise again, in which Period the Earth

(which they conceive to be flat) will turn upside-down, and by this means they shall, at their Resurrection, be found ready standing on their Feet. The Learned among them confess the Absurdity of this Doctrine, but the Practice still continues, in compliance to the Vulgar.

THERE are some Laws and Customs in this Empire very peculiar; and if they were not so directly contrary to those of my own dear Country, I should be tempted to say a little in their Justification. It is only to be wished, they were as well executed. The first I shall mention, relates to Informers. All Crimes against the State are punished here with the utmost Severity; but if the Person accused maketh his Innocence plainly to appear upon his Trial, the Accuser is immediately put to an ignominious Death; and out of his Goods or Lands, the innocent Person is quadruply recompensed for the Loss of his Time, for the Danger he underwent, for the Hardship of his Imprisonment, and for all the Charges he hath been at in making his Defence. Or, if that Fund be deficient, it is largely supplied by the Crown. The Emperor does also confer on him some publick

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Mark of his Favour, and Proclamation is made of his Innocence through the whole City.

THEY look upon Fraud as a greater Crime than Theft, and therefore seldom fail to punish it with Death; for they alledge, that care and vigilance, with a very common Understanding, may preserve a Man's Goods from Thieves, but Honesty has no Fence against superior Cunning: and since it is necessary that there should be a perpetual Intercourse of buying and selling, and dealing upon Credit, where Fraud is permitted or connived at, or hath no Law to punish it, the honest Dealer is always undone, and the Knave gets the Advantage. I remember when I was once interceding with the King for a Criminal, who had wronged his Master of a great Sum of Money, which he had received by Order, and ran away with; and happening to tell his Majesty, by way of Extenuation, that it was only a Breach of Trust; the Emperor thought it monstrous in me to offer, as a Defence, the greatest Aggravation of the Crime: And truly I had little to say in return, farther than the common Answer, that diffe-

rent Nations had different Customs; for, I confess, I was heartily ashamed.

ALTHOUGH we usually call Reward and Punishment the two Hinges upon which all Government turns, yet I could never observe this Maxim to be put in practice by any Nation except that of *Lilliput*. Whoever can there bring sufficient Proof that he hath strictly observed the Laws of his Country, for seventy-three Moons, had a Claim to certain Privileges, according to his Quality and Condition of Life, with a proportionable Sum of Money out of a Fund appropriated for that Use: He likewise acquires the Title of *Snailpall*, or *Legal*, which is added to his Name, but does not descend to his Posterity. And these People thought it a prodigious Defect of Policy among us, when I told them that our Laws were enforced only by Penalties, without any mention of Reward. It is upon this Account that the Image of Justice, in their Courts of Judicature, is formed with six Eyes, two before, as many behind, and on each side one, to signify Circumspection; with a Bag of Gold open in her Right Hand, and a Sword sheathed in her Left, to shew she is more disposed to reward than to punish.

IN chusing Persons for all Employments, they have more Regard to good Morals than to great Abilities; for, since Government is necessary to Mankind, they believe that the common Size of human Understandings is fitted to some Station or other, and that Providence never intended to make the Management of publick Affairs a Mystery, to be comprehended only by a few Persons of sublime Genius, of which there seldom are three born in an Age: But they suppose Truth, Justice, Temperance, and the like, to be in every Man's Power, the Practice of which Virtues, assisted by Experience and a good Intention, would qualify any Man for the Service of his Country, except where a course of Study is required. But they thought the want of moral Virtues was so far from being supplied by superior Endowments of the Mind, that Employments could never be put into such dangerous Hands as those of Persons so qualified; and at least, that the Mistakes, committed by Ignorance in a virtuous Disposition, would never be of such fatal Consequence to the Publick Weal, as the Practices of a Man whose Inclinations led him to be corrupt, and had great Abilities to

manage and multiply, and defend his Corruptions.

IN like manner, the Disbelief of a Divine Providence renders a Man incapable of holding any publick Station; For since Kings avow themselves to be the Deputies of Providence, the *Lilliputians* think nothing can be more absurd than for a Prince to employ such Men as disown the Authority under which he acts.

IN relating these and the following Laws, I would only be understood to mean the original Institutions, and not the most scandalous Corruptions into which these People are fallen by the degenerate Nature of Man. For as to that infamous Practice of acquiring great Employments by dancing on the Ropes, or Badges of Favour and Distinction by leaping over Sticks, and creeping under them, the Reader is to observe, that they were first introduced by the Grandfather of the Emperor now reigning, and grew to the present height, by the gradual increase of Party and Faction.

INGRATITUDE is among them a capital Crime, as we read it to have been in some other Countries; for they reason thus, that whoever makes

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ill returns to his Benefactor, must needs be a common Enemy to the rest of Mankind, from whom he hath received no Obligation, and therefore such a Man is not fit to live.

THEIR Notions relating to the Duties of Parents and Children differ extremely from ours. For, since the Conjunction of Male and Female is founded upon the great Law of Nature, in order to propagate and continue the Species, the *Lilliputians* will needs have it, that Men and Women are joined together like other Animals, by the Motives of Concupiscence; and that their Tenderneſs towards their Young proceeds from the like natural Principle: For which Reason they will never allow, that a Child is under any Obligation to his Father for begetting him, or his Mother for bringing him into the World, which, considering the miseries of human Life, was neither a Benefit in itself, or intended so by his Parents, whose thoughts in their Love-Encounters were otherwise employed. Upon these, and the like Reasonings, their Opinion is, that Parents are the last of all others to be trusted with the Education of their own Children: And therefore they have in every

very Town publick Nurseries, where all Parents, except Cottagers and Labourers, are obliged to send their Infants of both Sexes to be reared and educated when they come to the Age of twenty Moons, at which time they are supposed to have some Rudiments of Docility. These Schools are of several kinds, suited to different Qualities, and to both Sexes. They have certain Professors well skilled in preparing Children for such a Condition of Life as befits the rank of their Parents, and their own Capacities as well as Inclinations. I shall first say something of the male Nurseries, and then of the Female.

THE Nurseries for Males of noble or eminent Birth, are provided with grave and learned Professors, and their several Deputies. The Clothes and Food of the Children are plain and simple. They are bred up in the Principles of Honour, Justice, Courage, Modesty, Clemency, Religion and Love of their Country; they are always employed in some Business, except in the times of eating and sleeping, which are very short, and two Hours for Diversions, consisting of bodily Exercises. They are dressed by Men till four Years of Age, and then

then are obliged to dress themselves, although their quality be ever so great; and the Women attendants, who are aged proportionably to ours at fifty perform only the most menial Offices. They are never suffered to converse with Servants but go together in small or greater numbers to take their Diversions, and always in the Presence of a Professor, or one of his Deputies; whereby they avoid those early bad Impressions of Folly and Vice to which our Children are subject. Their Parents are suffered to see them only twice a Year; the Visit is to last but an hour. They are allowed to kiss the Child at meeting and parting; but a Professor, who always stands by on those Occasions, will not suffer them to whisper, or use any fondling Expressions, or bring any Presents of Toys, Sweet-meats, and the like.

THE Pension from each Family for the Education and Entertainment of a Child, upon Failure of due Payment, is levied by the Emperor's Officers.

THE Nurseries for Children of ordinary Gentlemen, Merchants, Traders, and Handicrafts, are managed proportionably after the same Manner; only those designed for Trades, are put out Apprentices at eleven Years old,

old, whereas those of Persons of Quality continue in their Nurseries till fifteen, which answers to one and twenty with us: But the Confinement is gradually lessened for the last three Years.

- IN the female Nurseries, the young Girls of Quality are educated much like the Males, only they are dressed by orderly Servants of their own Sex; but always in the Presence of a Professor or Deputy, till they come to dress themselves, which is at five Years old. And if it be found that these Nurses ever presume to entertain the Girls with frightful or foolish Stories, or the common Follies practised by Chamber-Maids among us, they are publickly whipped thrice about the City, imprisoned for a Year, and banished for Life to the most desolate Part of the Country. Thus the young Ladies there are as much ashamed of being Cowards and Fools, as the Men, and despise all personal Ornaments beyond Decency and Cleanliness: Neither did I perceive any Difference in their Education, made by their Difference of Sex, only that the Exercises of the Females were not altogether so robust; and that some Rules were given them relating

lating to domestick Life, and a smaller Compass of Learning was enjoined them: For the Maxim is, that among People of Quality, a Wife should be always a reasonable and agreeable Companion, because she cannot always be young. When the Girls are twelve Years old, which among them is the marriageable Age, their Parents or Guardians take them home, with great Expressions of Gratitude to the Professors, and seldom without Tears of the young Lady and her Companions.

IN the Nurseries of Females of the meaner Sort, the Children are instructed in all Kinds of Works proper for their Sex, and their several Degrees: Those intended for Apprentices, are dismiss'd at nine Years old, the rest are kept to thirteen.

THE meaner Families, who have Children at these Nurseries, are obliged, besides their annual Pension, which is as low as possible, to return to the Steward of the Nursery a small monthly share of their Gettings, to be a Portion for the Child; and therefore all Parents are limited in their Expences by the Law. For the *Lilliputians* think nothing can be more unjust, than for People in subservience to their own Appetites,

Appetites, to bring Children into the World, and leave the Burthen of supporting them on the Publick. As to Persons of Quality, they give Security to appropriate a certain Sum for each Child, suitable to their Condition; and these Funds are always managed with good Husbandry and the most exact Justice.

THE Cottagers and Labourers keep their Children at Home, their Business being only to till and cultivate the Earth, and therefore their Education is of little Consequence to the Publick: but the Old and Diseased among them are supported by Hospitals: for Begging is a Trade unknown in this Kingdom.

AND here it may perhaps divert the curious Reader, to give some Account of my Domestick, and my Manner of Living in this Country, during a Residence of nine Months and thirteen Days. Having a Head mechanically turned, and being likewise forced by Necessity, I had made for myself a Table and Chair convenient enough, out of the largest Trees in the Royal Park. Two hundred Sempstresses were employed to make me Shirts, and Linen for Bed and Table, all of the strongest and coarsest Kind they

they could get; which, however, they were forced to quilt together in several Folds, for the thickest was some degrees finer than Lawn. Their Linnen is usually three Inches wide, and three Foot make a Piece. The Sempstresses took my Measure as I lay on the Ground, one standing at my Neck, and another at my Mid-leg, with a strong Cord extended, that each held by the End, while the third measured the Length of the Cord with a Rule of an Inch long. Then they measured my right Thumb, and desired no more; for by a mathematical Computation, that twice round the Thumb is once round the Wrist, and so on to the Neck and the Waste, and by the Help of my old Shirt, which I displayed on the Ground before them for a Pattern, they fitted me exactly. Three hundred Taylors were employed in the same Manner to make me Clothes; but they had another Contrivance for taking my Measure. I kneeled down, and they raised a Ladder from the Ground to my Neck; upon this Ladder one of them mounted, and let fall a Plum-Line from my Collar to the Floor, which just answered the Length of my Coat; but my Waste and Arms I measured

fured myself. When my Clothes were finished, which was done in my House, (for the largest of theirs would not be able to hold them) they looked like the Patch-Work made by the Ladies in *England*, only that mine were all of a Colour.

I had three hundred Cooks to dress my Victuals, in little convenient Huts built about my House, where they and their Families lived, and prepared me two Dishes a-piece. I took up twenty Waiters in my Hand, and placed them on the Table, an hundred more attended below on the Ground, some with Dishes of Meat, and some with Barrels of Wine, and other Liquors, slung on their Shoulders; all which the Waiters above drew up as I wanted, in a very ingenious Manner, by certain Cords, as we draw the Bucket up a Well in *Europe*. A Dish of their Meat was a good Mouthful, and a Barrel of their Liquor a reasonable Draught. Their Mutton yields to ours, but their Beef is excellent. I have had a Sirloin so large, that I have been forced to make three Bits of it; but this is rare. My Servants were astonished to see me eat it Bones and all, as in our Country we do the Leg of a Lark. Their Geese and
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Turkeys I usually eat at a Mouthful, and I must confess they far exceed ours. Of their smaller Fowl I could take up twenty or thirty at the End of my Knife.

ONE Day his Imperial Majesty, being informed of my Way of living, desired that himself and his Royal Consort, with the young Princes of the Blood of both Sexes, might have the Happiness (as he was pleased to call it) of dining with me. They came accordingly, and I placed 'em upon Chairs of State on my Table, just over-against me, with their Guards about them. *Flimnap* the Lord High Treasurer attended there likewise, with his white Staff; and I observed he often looked on me with a sour Countenance, which I would not seem to regard, but eat more than usual, in honour to my dear Country, as well as to fill the Court with Admiration. I have some private Reasons to believe, that this Visit from his Majesty gave *Flimnap* an Opportunity of doing me ill Offices to his Master. That Minister had always been my secret Enemy, though he outwardly caressed me more than was usual to the Moroseness of his Nature. He represented to the Emperor the low Condition

Condition of his Treasury; that he was forced to take up Money at great Discount; that Exchequer Bills would not circulate under nine *per Cent.* below Par; that in short I had cost his Majesty above a Million and a half of *Sprugs*, (their greatest Gold Coin, about the Bigness of a Spangle;) and upon the Whole, that it would be adviseable in the Emperor to take the first fair Occasion of dismissing me.

I am here obliged to vindicate the Reputation of an excellent Lady, who was an innocent Sufferer upon my Account. The Treasurer took a Fancy to be jealous of his Wife, from the Malice of some evil Tongues, who informed him that her Grace had taken a violent Affection for my Person; and the Court-scandal ran for some Time, that she once came privately to my Lodging. This I solemnly declare to be a most infamous Falshood, without any Grounds, farther than that her Grace was pleased to treat me with all innocent Marks of Freedom and Friendship. I own she came often to my House, but always publickly, nor ever without three more in the Coach, who were usually her Sister and young Daughter, and some particular Acquaintance;

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but this was common to many other Ladies of the Court. And I still appeal to my Servants round, whether they at any time saw a Coach at my Door, without knowing what Persons were in it. On those Occasions, when a Servant had given me Notice, my Custom was to go immediately to the Door: and, after paying my Respects, to take up the Coach and two Horses very carefully in my Hands, (for if there were six Horses, the Postillion always unharnessed four) and place them on a Table, where I had fixed a moveable Rim quite round, of five Inches high, to prevent Accidents. And I have often had four Coaches and Horses at once on my Table full of Company, while I sat in my Chair, leaning my Face towards them; and when I was engaged with one Sett, the Coachmen would gently drive the others round my Table. I have passed many an Afternoon very agreeably in these Conversations. But I defy the Treasurer, or his two Informers, (I will name them, and let 'em make their best of it) *Clustril* and *Drunlo*, to prove that any Person ever came to me *incognito*, except the Secretary *Reldresal*, who was sent by
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express Command of his Imperial Majesty, as I have before related. I should not have dwelt so long upon this Particular, if it had not been a Point wherein the Reputation of a great Lady is so nearly concerned, to say nothing of my own; though I then had the Honour to be a *Nardac*, which the Treasurer himself is not; for all the World knows that he is only a *Glumglum*, a Title inferior by one Degree, as that of a Marquis is to a Duke in *England*, although I allow he preceded me in right of his Post. These false Informations, which I afterwards came to the knowledge of, by an Accident not proper to mention, made *Flimnap*, the Treasurer, shew his Lady, for some time, an ill Countenance, and me a worse; and although he were at last undeceived and reconciled to her, yet I lost all Credit with him, and found my Interest decline very fast with the Emperor himself, who was indeed too much governed by that Favourite.



C H A P. VII.

The Author, being informed of a Design to accuse him of High Treason, makes his Escape to Blefuscu. His Reception there.

BEFORE I proceed to give an Account of my leaving this Kingdom, it may be proper to inform the Reader of a private Intrigue which had been for two Months forming against me.

I HAD been hitherto all my Life a Stranger to Courts, for which I was unqualified by the meanness of my Condition. I had indeed heard and read enough of the Dispositions of great Princes and Ministers; but never expected to have found such terrible effects of them in so remote a Country, governed, as I thought, by very different Maxims from those in Europe.

WHEN I was just preparing to pay my Attendance on the Emperor of *Blefuscu*, a considerable Person at Court (to whom I had been very serviceable

viceable at a time when he lay under the highest Displeasure of his Imperial Majesty) came to my House very privately at Night in a close Chair, and, without sending his Name, desired Admittance: The Chairmen were dismissed; I put the Chair, with his Lordship in it, into my Coat-Pocket; and giving Orders to a trusty Servant to say I was indisposed and gone to sleep, I fastened the Door of my House, placed the Chair on the Table, according to my usual Custom, and sat down by it. After the common Salutations were over, observing his Lordship's Countenance full of Concern; and enquiring into the Reason, he desired I would hear him with Patience in a Matter that highly concerned my Honour and my Life. His Speech was to the following Effect, for I took Notes of it as soon as he left me.

YOU are to know, said he, that several Committees of Council have been lately called in the most private manner on your account: And it is but two Days since his Majesty came to a full Resolution.

YOU are very sensible that *Skyris Bolgolam* (Galbet, or High-Admiral) hath been your mortal Enemy almost
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ever since your arrival: His original Reasons I know not; but his Hatred is much encreased since your great Success against *Blefuscu*, by which his Glory, as Admiral, is much obscured. This Lord, in Conjunction with *Flimnap*, the high Treasurer, whose Enmity against you is notorious on account of his Lady, *Limtoc* the General, *Lalcon* the Chamberlain, and *Balmuff* the grand Judiciary, have prepared Articles of Impeachment against you, for Treason, and other capital Crimes.

THIS Preface made me so impatient, being conscious of my own Merits and Innocence, that I was going to interrupt: When he entreated me to be silent, and thus proceeded:

OUT of Gratitude for the Favours you have done me, I procured Information of the whole Proceedings, and a Copy of the Articles, wherein I venture my Head for your Service.

Articles of Impeachment against Quinbus Flestrin, (the Man-Mountain.)

ARTICLE I.

WHEREAS, by a Statute made in the Reign of his Imperial Majesty *Calin Deffar Plune*, it is enacted,

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acted, that whoever shall make Water within the Precincts of the Royal Palace, shall be liable to the Pains and Penalties of high Treason: Notwithstanding the said *Quibus Elestrin*, in open breach of the said Law, under colour of extinguishing the Fire kindled in the Apartment of his Majesty's dear Imperial Consort, did maliciously, traiterously, and devilishly, by discharge of his Urine, put out the said Fire kindled in the said Apartment, lying and being within the Precincts of the said Royal Palace, against the Statute in that case provided, &c. against the Duty, &c.

ARTICLE II.

THAT the said *Quibus Elestrin* having brought the Imperial Fleet of *Blefuscu* into the Royal Port, and being afterwards commanded by his Imperial Majesty to seize all the other Ships of the said Empire of *Blefuscu*, and reduce that Empire to a Province, to be governed by a Vice-Roy from hence, and to destroy and put to death not only all the *Big-Endian Exiles*, but likewise all the People of that Empire, who would not immediately forsake the *Big-Endian Heresy*: He the said *Elestrin*, like a false

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Traitor against his most Auspicious, Serene, Imperial Majesty, did petition to be excused from the said Service upon pretence of Unwillingness to force the Consciences, or destroy the Liberties and Lives of an innocent People.

ARTICLE III.

THAT, whereas certain Embassadors arrived from the Court of *Blefuscu*, to sue for Peace in his Majesty's Court: He the said *Flestrin* did, like a false Traitor, aid, abet, comfort, and divert the said Embassadors, although he knew them to be Servants to a Prince who was lately an open Enemy to his Imperial Majesty, and in open War against his said Majesty.

ARTICLE IV.

THAT the said *Quinbus Flestrin*, contrary to the Duty of a faithful Subject, is now preparing to make a Voyage to the Court and Empire of *Blefuscu*, for which he hath received only verbal Licence from his Imperial Majesty; and under colour of the said Licence doth falsely and traitterously intend to take the said Voyage, and thereby to aid, comfort, and abet

abet the Emperor of *Blefuscu*, so late an Enemy, and in open war with his Imperial Majesty aforesaid.

THERE are some other Articles, but these are the most important, of which I have read you an Abstract.

IN the the several Debates upon this Impeachment, it must be confessed that his Majesty gave many Marks of his great Lenity, often urging the Services you had done him, and endeavouring to extenuate your Crimes. The Treasurer and Admiral insisted that you should be put to the most painful and ignominious Death, by setting fire on your House at Night, and the General was to attend with twenty thousand Men armed with poisoned Arrows to shoot you on the Face and Hands. Some of your Servants were to have private orders to strew a poisonous Juice on your Shirts which would soon make you tear your own Flesh, and die in the utmost Torture. The General came into the same Opinion; so that for a long time there was a Majority against you: But his Majesty resolving, if possible, to spare your Life, at last brought off the Chamberlain.

UPON this Incident, *Reldresal*, Principal Secretary for private Affairs, who always approved himself your true Friend, was commanded by the Emperor to deliver his Opinion, which he accordingly did: And therein justify'd the good Thoughts you have of him. He allowed your Crimes to be great, but that still there was room for Mercy, the most commendable Virtue in a Prince, and for which his Majesty was so justly celebrated. He said, the Friendship between you and him was so well known to the World, that perhaps the most honourable Board might think him partial: However, in obedience to the Command he had received, he would freely offer his Sentiments. That if his Majesty, in consideration of your Services, and pursuant to his own merciful Disposition, would please to spare your Life, and only give order to put out both your Eyes, he humbly conceived, that by this Expedient, Justice might in some Measure be satisfied, and all the World would applaud the Lenity of the Emperor, as well as the fair and generous Proceedings of those who have the Honour to be his Counsellors. That the loss of your Eyes would be no Im-

pediment to your bodily Strength, by which you might still be useful to his Majesty. That Blindness is an Addition to Courage, by concealing Dangers from us; that the Fear you had for your Eyes, was the greatest Difficulty in bringing over the Enemy's Fleet, and it would be sufficient for you to see by the Eyes of the Ministers, since the greatest Princes do no more.

THIS Proposal was received with the utmost Disapprobation by the whole Board. *Bolgolam*, the Admiral, could not preserve his Temper; but rising up in Fury, said, he wondered how the Secretary durst presume to give his Opinion for preserving the Life of a Traitor: That the Services you had performed, were, by all true Reasons of State, the great Aggravation of your Crimes; that you, who were able to extinguish the Fire, by discharge of Urine in her Majesty's Apartment (which he mentioned with horror) might, at another time, raise an Inundation by the same means, to drown the whole Palace; and the same Strength, which enabled you to bring over the Enemy's Fleet, might serve, upon the first Discontent, to carry it back: That

That he had good Reasons to think you were a *Big-Indian* in your Heart; and as Treason begins in the Heart, before it appears in Overt-acts, so he accused you as a Traytor on that account, and therefore insisted you should be put to death.

THE Treasurer was of the same Opinion; he shewed to what Streights his Majesty's Revenue was reduced by the Charge of maintaining you, which would soon grow insupportable: That the Secretary's Expedient of putting out your Eyes, was so far from being a Remedy against this Evil, it would probably encrease it, as it is manifest from the blinding some Kind of Fowl, after which, they fed the faster, and grew sooner fat: That his sacred Majesty, and the Council, who are your Judges, were in their own Consciences fully convinced of your Guilt, which was a sufficient Argument to to condemn you to Death, without the formal Proofs required by the strict Letter of the Law.

BUT his Imperial Majesty fully determined against capital Punishment, was graciously pleased to say, That since the Council thought the Loss of your Eyes too easy a Censure, some other may be inflicted hereafter. And

your Friend, the Secretary, humbly desiring to be heard again, in answer to what the Treasurer had objected concerning the great Charge his Majesty was at in maintaining you, said, that his Excellency, who had the sole Disposal of the Emperor's Revenue, might easily provide against that Evil, by gradually lessening your Establishment; by which, for Want of sufficient Food, you would grow weak and faint, and lose your Appetite, and consequently decay and consume in a few Months; neither would the Stench of your Carcass be then so dangerous, when it should become more than half diminished; and immediately, upon your Death, five or six thousand of his Majesty's Subjects might, in two or three Days, cut your Flesh from your Bones, take it away by Cart-loads, and bury it in distant Parts to prevent Infection, leaving the Skeleton as a Monument of Admiration to Posterity.

THUS, by the great Friendship of the Secretary, the whole Affair was compromised. It was strictly enjoined, that the Project of starving you by degrees, should be kept a Secret, but the Sentence of putting out your Eyes was entered on the Books; none
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dissenting except *Bolgolam*, the Admiral, who, being a Creature of the Empress, was perpetually instigated by her Majesty to insist upon your Death, she having born perpetual Malice against you, on account of that infamous and illegal Method you took to extinguish the Fire in her Apartment.

IN three Days, your Friend, the Secretary, will be directed to come to your House, and read before you the Articles of Impeachment; and then to signify the great Lenity and Favour of his Majesty and Council, whereby you are only condemned to the Loss of your Eyes, which his Majesty doth not question you will gratefully and humbly submit to; and twenty of his Majesty's Surgeons will attend, in order to see the Operation well performed, by discharging very sharp-pointed Arrows into the Balls of your Eyes, as you lie on the Ground.

I LEAVE to your Prudence what Measures you will take; and to avoid Suspicion, I must immediately return in as private Manner as I came.

HIS Lordship did so, and I remain-

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ed alone, under many Doubts and Perplexities of Mind.

It was a Custom introduced by this Prince and his Ministry, (very different, as I have been been assured, from the Practices of former Times) that after the Court had decreed any cruel Execution, either to gratify the Monarch's Resentment, or the Malice of a Favourite, the Emperor made a Speech to his whole Council, expressing his great Lenity and Tenderness, as Qualities known and confessed by all the World. This Speech was immediately published through the Kingdom; nor did any thing terrify the People so much as those Encomiums on his Majesty's Mercy; because it was observed, that the more these Praises were enlarged and insisted on, the more inhuman was the Punishment, and the Sufferer more innocent. And as to myself, I must confess, having never been designed for a Courtier either by my Birth or Education, I was so ill a Judge of Things, that I could not discover the Lenity and Favour of this Sentence, but conceived it (perhaps erroneously) rather to be rigorous than gentle. I sometimes thought of standing my Trial; for, although I could
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not deny the Facts alledged in the several Articles, yet I hoped they would admit of some Extenuation. But having in my Life perused many State-Trials, which I ever observed to terminate as the Judges thought fit to direct, I durst not rely on so dangerous a Decision, in so critical a Juncture, and against such powerful Enemies. Once I was strongly bent upon Resistance, for while I had Liberty, the whole strength of that Empire could hardly subdue me, and I might easily with Stones pelt the Metropolis to pieces; but I soon rejected that Project with Horror, by remembering the Oath I had made to the Emperor, the Favours I received from him, and the high Title of *Nardac* he conferred upon me. Neither had I so soon learned the Gratitude of Courtiers, to persuade myself that his Majesty's present severities acquitted me of all past Obligations.

At last I fixed upon a Resolution, for which it is probable I may incur some Censure, and not unjustly; for I confess I owe the preserving mine Eyes, and consequently my Liberty, to my own great Rashness and want of Experience: because if I had then known the Nature of Princes
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and Ministers, which I have since observed in many other Courts, and their Methods of treating Criminals less obnoxious than myself, I should with great alacrity and readiness have submitted to so easy a punishment. But hurry'd on by the Precipitancy of Youth, and having his Imperial Majesty's Licence to pay my Attendance upon the Emperor of *Blefuscu*, I took this opportunity, before the three Days were elapsed, to send a Letter to my Friend the Secretary, signifying my Resolution of setting out that Morning for *Blefuscu*, pursuant to the leave I had got; and without waiting for an Answer, I went to that side of the Island where our Fleet lay. I seized a large Man of War, tied a cable to the Prow, and lifting up the Anchors, I stript myself, put my Cloaths (together with my Coverlet, which I brought under my Arm) into the Vessel, and drawing it after me, between wading and swimming, arrived at the Royal Port of *Blefuscu*, where the People had long expected me; they lent me two Guides to direct me to the Capital City, which is of the same Name. I held them in my Hands till I came within two hundred Yards of the Gate,

Gate, and desired them to signify my Arrival to one of the Secretaries, and let him know, I there waited his Majesty's Command. I had an Answer in about an Hour, that his Majesty, attended by the Royal Family, and great Officers of the Court, was coming out to receive me. I advanced a hundred Yards. The Emperor, and his Train, alighted from their Horses, the Empress and Ladies from their Coaches and I did not perceive they were in any Fright or Concern. I lay on the Ground to kiss his Majesty's and the Empress's Hand. I told his Majesty that I was come according to my promise, and with the Licence of the Emperor my Master, to have the Honour of seeing so mighty a Monarch, and to offer him any Service in my Power, consistent with my Duty to my own Prince; not mentioning a word of my Disgrace, because I had hitherto no regular Information of it, and might suppose myself wholly ignorant of any such Design; neither could I reasonably conceive that the Emperor would discover the Secret while I was out of his Power: wherein, however, it soon appeared I was deceived.

I shall not trouble the Reader with the particular Account of my Reception

tion at this Court, which was suitable to the generosity of so great a Prince; nor of the Difficulties I was in for want of a House and Bed, being forced to lie on the Ground, wrapt up in my Coverlet.



CHAP. VIII.

The Author, by a lucky Accident, finds means to leave Blefuscu; and, after some Difficulties, returns safe to his native Country.

THREE Days after my Arrival, walking out of Curiosity to the North-East Coast of the Island, I observed, about half a League off, in the Sea, somewhat that looked like a Boat overturned. I pulled off my Shoes and Stockings, and wading two or three hundred Yards. I found the object to approach nearer by force of the Tide; and then plainly saw it to be a real Boat, which I supposed might, by some Tempest, have been driven from a Ship: whereupon I returned immediately towards the City, and desired his Imperial Majesty to lend me twenty of the tallest

tallest Vessels he had left after the
 loss of his Fleet, and three thousand
 Seamen under the Command of the
 Vice-Admiral. This Fleet sailed
 round, while I went back the short-
 est Way to the Coast where I first
 discovered the Boat; I found the Tide
 had driven it still nearer. The Sea-
 men were all provided with Cordage,
 which I had before hand twisted to
 a sufficient strength. When the Ships
 came up, I stript myself, and waded
 till I came within an hundred Years
 of the Boat, after which I was forced
 to swim till I got up to it. The
 Seamen threw me the End of the
 Cord, which I fastened to a Hole
 in the fore-part of the Boat, and
 the other End to a Man of War: But
 I found all my Labour to little pur-
 pose; for being out of my depth, I
 was not able to work. In this Ne-
 cessity, I was forced to swim behind,
 and push the Boat forwards as often
 as I could, with one of my Hands:
 and the Tide favouring me, I ad-
 vanced so far, that I could just hold
 up my Chin and feel the Ground.
 I rested two or three Minutes, and
 then gave the Boat another Shove,
 and so on till the Sea was no higher
 than my Arm-pits; and now the
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most laborious Part being over, I took out out my other Cables, which were stowed in one of the Ships, and fastening them first to the Boat, and then to nine of the Vessels which attended me; the Wind being favourable the Sea-Men towed, and I shoved till we arrived within forty Yards of the Shore, and waiting till the Tide was out, I got dry to the Boat, and by the Assistance of two thousand Men, with Ropes and Engines, I made a shift to turn it on its Bottom, and found it was but little damaged.

I shall not trouble the Reader with the Difficulties I was under by the help of certain Paddles, which cost me ten Days making, to get my Boat to the Royal Port of *Blefuscu*, where a mighty concourse of People appeared upon my Arrival, full of Wonder at the sight of so prodigious a Vessel. I told the Emperor that my good Fortune had thrown this Boat in my Way, to carry me to some Place from whence I might return into my native Country, and begged his Majesty's Orders for getting Materials to fit it up, together with his Licence to depart, which, after some kind Expostulations, he was pleased to grant.

I did very much wonder, in all this time, not to have heard of any Express relating to me, from our Emperor to the Court of *Blefuscu*. But I was afterwards given privately to understand, that his Imperial Majesty, never imagining I had the least notice of his Designs, believ'd I was only gone to *Blefuscu* in performance of my Promise, according to the Licence he had given me, which was well known at our Court, and would return in a few Days when the Ceremony was ended. But he was at last in pain at my long Absence; and, after consulting with the Treasurer, and the rest of that Cabal, a Person of Quality was dispatched with the Copy of the Articles against me. This Envoy had Instructions to represent to the Monarch of *Blefuscu* the great Lenity of his Master, who was content to punish me no farther than with the Loss of mine Eyes; that I had fled from Justice, and if I did not return in two Hours, I should be deprived of my Title of *Nardac*, and declar'd a Traitor. The Envoy further added, that in order to maintain the Peace and Amity between both Empires, his Master expected, that his Brother of *Blefuscu* would give Orders to have

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me sent back to *Lilliput*, bound Hand and Foot, to be punished as a Traitor.

THE Emperor of *Blefuscu* having taken three Days to consult, return'd an Answer, consisting of many Civilities and Excuses. He said, that as for sending me bound, his Brother knew it was impossible; that although I had deprived him of his Fleet, yet he owed great Obligations to me for many good Offices I had done him in making the Peace. That however both their Majesties would soon be made easy; for I had found a prodigious Vessel on the Shore, able to carry me on the Sea, which he had given Order to fit up with my own Assistance and Direction; and he hoped in a few Weeks both Empires would be freed from so insupportable an Incumbrance.

WITH this Answer the Envoy return'd to *Lilliput*, and the Monarch of *Blefuscu* related to me all that had past; offering me at the same time (but under the strictest Confidence) his gracious Protection, if I would continue in his Service; wherein although I believed him sincere, yet I resolv'd never more to put any Confidence in Princes or Ministers, where I could possibly

possibly avoid it; and therefore, with all due Acknowledgments for his favourable Intentions, I humbly begged to be excused. I told him, that since Fortune, whether good or evil, had thrown a Vessel in my way, I was resolved to venture myself in the Ocean, rather than be an occasion of difference between two such mighty Monarchs. Neither did I find the Emperor at all displeas'd; and I discover'd, by a certain Accident, that he was very glad of my Resolution, and so were most of his Ministers.

THESE Considerations moved me to hasten my Departure somewhat sooner than I intended; to which the Court, impatient to have me gone, very readily contributed. Five hundred Workmen were employ'd to make two Sails to my Boat, according to my Directions, by quilting thirteen fold of their strongest Linen together. I was at the pains of making Ropes and Cables, by twisting ten, twenty, or thirty of the thickest and strongest of theirs. A great Stone that I happen'd to find, after a long Search by the Sea shore, served me for an Anchor. I had the Tallow of three hundred Cows for greasing my Boat, and other Uses. I was at incredible pains in cut-
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ting down some of the largest Timber-Trees for Oars and Masts, wherein I was, however, much assisted by his Majesty's Ship-Carpenters, who helped me in smoothing them after I had done the rough Work.

In about a Month, when all was prepared, I sent to receive his Majesty's Commands, and to take my Leave. The Emperor and royal Family came out of the Palace; I lay down on my Face to kiss his Hand, which he very graciously gave me; so did the Empress, and young Princes of the Blood. His Majesty presented me with fifty Purfes of two hundred *Sprugs* a piece, together with his Picture at full length, which I put immediately into one of my Gloves, to keep it from being hurt. The Ceremonies at my Departure were too many to trouble the Reader with at this time.

I stored the Boat with the Carcasses of an hundred Oxen, and three hundred Sheep, with Bread and Drink proportionable, and as much Meat ready dressed as four hundred Cooks could provide. I took with me six Cows and two Bulls alive, with as many Ewes and Rams, intending to carry them into my own Country,
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and propagate the Breed. And to feed them on board, I had a good Bundle of Hay, and a Bag of Corn, I would gladly have taken a Dozen of the Natives, but this was a thing the Emperor would by no means permit; and besides a diligent Search into my Pockets, his Majesty engaged my Honour not to carry away any of his Subjects, although with their own Consent and Desire.

HAVING thus prepared all things as well as I was able, I set sail on the twenty-fourth Day of September 1701, at six in the Morning; and when I had gone about four Leagues to the Northward, the Wind being at South-East, at six in the Evening, I descried a small Island about half a League to the North-West. I advanced forward, and cast Anchor on the Lee-side of the Island, which seemed to be uninhabited. I then took some Refreshment, and went to my rest. I slept well, and I conjecture at least six Hours, for I found the Day broke in two Hours after I awoke. It was a clear Night. I eat my Breakfast before the Sun was up; and heaving Anchor, the Wind being favourable, I steered the same Course, that I had done the Day before, whereina

wherein I was directed by my Pocket-compass. My Intention was to reach, if possible, one of those Islands, which I had reason to believe lay on the North-East of *Van Diemen's Land*. I discovered nothing all that Day; but upon the next, about three in the Afternoon, when I had by my Computation made twenty-four Leagues from *Blesfusu*, I descried a Sail steering to the South-East; my Course was due East. I hailed her, but could get no Answer; yet I found I gained upon her, for the Wind slackened. I made all the sail I could, and in half an Hour she spied me, then hung out her Antient, and discharged a Gun. It is not easy to express the Joy I was in upon the unexpected hope of once more seeing my beloved Country, and the dear Pledges I left in it. The Ship slackened her Sails, and I came up with her between five and six in the Evening, *September 26*; but my Heart leapt within me to see her *English Colours*. I put my Cows and Sheep into my Coat-Pockets, and got on board with all my little Cargo of Provisions. The Vessel was an *English Merchant-man*, returning from *Japan* by the *North and South-Seas*; the Captain, *Mr. John Biddel of Deptford*, a
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very civil Man, and an excellent Sailor. We we were now in the Latitude of 30 Degrees South, there were about fifty Men in the Ship; and here I met an old Comrade of mine, one *Peter Williams*, who gave me a good Character to the Captain. This Gentleman treated me with Kindness, and desired I would let him know what place I came from last and whither I was bound; which I did in a few Words, but he thought I was raving, and that the Dangers I underwent had disturbed my Head; whereupon I took my Black Cattle and Sheep out of my Pocket, which, after great Astonishment, clearly convinced him of my Veracity. I then shewed him the Gold given me by the Emperor of *Lilliput*, together with his Majesty's Picture at full Length, and some other Rarities of that Country. I gave him two Purfes of two hundred *Sprugs* each, and promised, when we arrived in *England*, to make him a present of a Cow and a Sheep big with young.

I SHALL not trouble the Reader with a particular Account of this Voyage, which was very prosperous for the most part. We arrived in the *Downs* on the 13th of *April* 1702. I had only one Misfortune, that the

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Rats on board carried away one of my Sheep; I found her Bones in a Hole, picked clean from the Flesh. The rest of my Cattle I got safe a-shore, and set them a grazing in a Bowling-Green at *Greenwich*, where the fineness of the Grass, made them feed very heartily, though I had always feared the contrary: Neither could I possibly have preserved them in so long a Voyage, if the Captain had not allowed me some of his best Bisket, which rubbed to Powder, and mingled with Water, was their constant Food. The short time I continued in *England*, I made a considerable Profit by shewing my Cattle to many Persons of Quality, and others: And before I began my second Voyage, I sold them for six hundred Pounds. Since my last Return, I find the Breed is considerably increased, especially the Sheep which I hope will prove much to the Advantage of the Woollen Manufacture, by the Fineness of the Fleeces.

I staid but two Months with my Wife and Family; for my insatiable Desire of seeing foreign Countries would suffer me to continue no longer. I left fifteen hundred Pounds with my Wife, and fixed her in a
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good House at *Redriff*. My remaining Stock I carried with me, part in Money, and part in Goods, in hopes to improve my Fortunes. My eldest Uncle *John* had left me an Estate in Land, near *Epping*, of about thirty Pounds a Year; and I had a long Lease of the *Black-Bull* in *Fetter-Lane*, which yielded me as much more: So that I was not in any danger of leaving my Family upon the Parish. My Son *Johnny*, named so after his Uncle, was at the Grammar School, and a towardly Child. My Daughter *Betty* (who is now well married, and has Children) was then at her Needle-Work. I took leave of my Wife, and Boy and Girl, with tears on both sides, and went on board the *Adventure*, a Merchant-Ship, of three hundred Tons, bound for *Surat*, Captain *John Nicholas* of *Leverpool* Commander. But my Account of this Voyage must be referred to the Second Part of my Travels.

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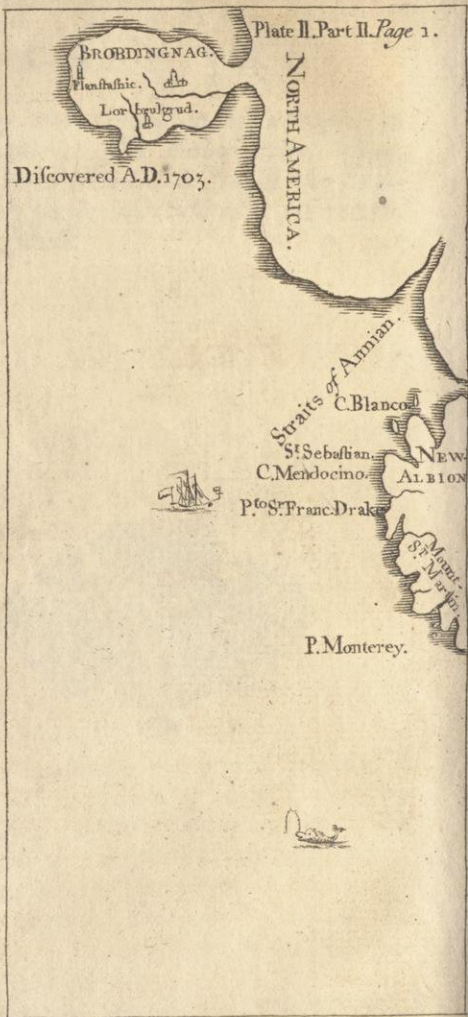
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HAVING been condemned by Nature and Fortune to an active and restless Life, in two months after my Return, I again left my native Country, and took shipping in the Downs on the 20th Day of June 1702, in the *Adventure*, Capt.

John Nicholas a *Cornish* Man, Commander, bound for *Surat*. We had a very prosperous Gale till we arrived at the *Cape of Good Hope*, where we landed for fresh Water, but discovering a Leak we unshipped our Goods, and winter'd there; for the Captain falling sick of an Ague, we could not leave the *Cape* till the end of *March*. We then set sail, and had a good Voyage till we passed the *Streights* of *Madagascar*; but having got Northward of that Island, and to about five Degrees South Latitude, the Winds, which in those Seas are observed to blow a constant equal Gale between the North and West from the beginning of *December* to the beginning of *May*, on the 9th of *April* began to blow with much greater Violence, and more Westerly than usual, continuing so for twenty Days together, during which time we were driven a little to the East of the *Molucca* Islands, and about three Degrees Northward of the Line, as our Captain found by an Observation he took the 2d of *May*, at which time the Wind ceased, and it was a perfect Calm, whereat I was not a little rejoiced. But he being a Man well experienc'd
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in the Navigation of those Seas, bid us all prepare against a Storm, which accordingly happened the day following: For a Southern Wind, called the Southern *Monsoon*, began to set in.

FINDING it was like to overblow, we took in our Sprit-sail, and stood by to hand the Fore-sail; but making foul Weather, we looked the Guns were all fast, and handed the Miffen. The Ship lay very broad off, so we thought it better spooning before the Sea, then trying or hul-ling. We reefed the Fore-sail and set him, we hawl'd aft the Fore-sheer; the Helm was hard a Weather. The Ship wore bravely. We belay'd the Fore-down-hall; but the Sail was split, and we hawl'd down the Yard, and got the Sail into the Ship, and unbound all the things clear of it. It was a very fierce Storm; the Sea broke strange and dangerous. We hawl'd off upon the Laniard of the Whipstaff, and helped the Man at Helm. Would not get down our Top-mast, but let all stand, because she scudded before the Sea very well, and we knew that the Top-mast being aloft, the Ship was wholsomer, and made better way thro' the Sea, seeing

seeing we had Sea-room. When the Storm was over, we set Fore-sail and Main-sail, and brought the Ship to. Then we set the Miffen, Main-top-sail and the Fore-top-sail. Our Course was *East North-east*, the Wind was at *South-west*. We got the Star-board Tacks a-board, we cast off our Weather Braces and Lifts; we set in the Lee-braces, and hawl'd forward by the Weather-bowlings, and hawl'd them right, and belayed them, and hawl'd over the Miffen Tack to Windward, and kept her full and by as near as she could lie.

DURING this Storm, which was followed by a strong Wind *West South-west*, we were carried by my Computation, about five hundred Leagues to the *East*, so that the oldest Sailor a-board could not tell in what Part of the World we were, Our Provisions held out well, our Ship was staunch, and our Crew all in good Health; but we lay in the utmost Distress for Water. We thought it best to hold on the same Course, rather than turn more Northerly, which might have brought to us the *North-west* Parts of great *Tartary*, and into the frozen Sea.

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ON the 16th Day of *June* 1703, a Boy on the Top-mast discovered Land. On the 17th we came in full View of a great Island or Continent (for we knew not whether) on the *South*-side whereof was a small Neck of Land jutting out into the Sea, and a Creek too shallow to hold a Ship of above one hundred Tons. We cast anchor within a League of this Creek, and our Captain sent a dozen of his Men well armed in the Long-boat, with Vessels for Water, if any could be found. I desired his Leave to go with them, that I might see the Country, and make what Discoveries I could. When we came to Land we saw no River or Spring, nor any sign of Inhabitants. Our Men therefore wander'd on the Shore to find out some fresh Water near the Sea, and I walked alone about a mile on the other side, where I observed the Country all barren and rocky, I now began to be weary, and seeing nothing to entertain my Curiosity, I returned gently down towards the Creek; and the Sea being full in my View, I saw our Men already got into the Boat, and rowing for Life to the Ship. I was going to hollow after them,

them, altho' it had been to little purpose, when I observed a huge Creature walking after them in the Sea, as fast as he could: He waded not much deeper than his Knees, and took prodigious strides: But our Men had the start of him half a League, and the Sea thereabouts being full of sharp pointed Rocks, the Monster was not able to overtake the Boat. This I was afterwards told, for I durst not stay to see the issue of the Adventure; but ran as fast as I could the Way I first went, and then climbed up a steep Hill, which gave me some Prospect of the Country. I found it fully cultivated; but that which first surprized me was the length of the Grass, which in those Grounds that seemed to be kept for Hay, was above twenty Foot high.

I FELL into a high Road, for so I took it to be, though it served to the Inhabitants only as a Foot-path thro' a Field of Barley. Here I walked on for some time, but could see little on either side, it being now near Harvest, and the Corn rising near forty Foot. I was an Hour walking to the End of this Field, which was fenced in with a Hedge of at least one hundred

dred and twenty Foot high, and the Trees so lofty that I could make no Computation of their Altitude. There was a Stile to pass from this Field into the next. It had four Steps, and a Stone to cross over when you came to the uppermost. It was impossible for me to climb this Stile, because every Step was six Foot high, and the upper Stone above twenty. I was endeavouring to find some Gap in the Hedge, when I discovered one of the Inhabitants in the next Field, advancing towards the Stile, of the same Size with him I saw in the Sea, pursuing our Boat. He appeared as tall as an ordinary Spire-steeple, and took about ten Yards at every Stride, as near as I could guess. I was struck with the utmost Fear and Astonishment, and ran to hide myself in the Corn from whence I saw him at the Top of the Stile, looking back into the next Field on the Right Hand, and heard him call in a Voice many degrees louder than a Speaking-Trumpet; but the Noise was so high in the Air, that at first I certainly thought it was Thunder. Whereupon, seven Monsters, like himself, came towards him with Reaping-Hooks in their

their Hands, each Hook about the Largeness of six Scythes. These People were not so well clad as the first, whose Servants or Labourers they seemed to be: For upon those Words he spoke, they went to reap the Corn in the Field where I lay. I kept from them at as great a distance as I could, but was forced to move with extreme Difficulty, for the Stalks of the Corn were sometimes not above a Foot distant, so that I could hardly squeeze my Body betwixt them. I made shift to go forward till I came to a part of the Field where the Corn had been lain by the Rain and Wind. Here it was impossible for me to advance a step; for the Stalks were so interwoven that I could not creep thorough, and the Beards of the fallen Ears so strong and pointed that they pierced through my Cloaths into my Flesh. At the same time I heard the Reapers not above an hundred Yards behind me. Being quite dispirited with Toil, and wholly overcome by Grief and Despair, I lay down between two Ridges, and heartily wished I might there end my Days. I bemoaned my desolate Widow, and fatherless Children. I lamented my own Folly and Wilfulness in attempting a
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second Voyage against the Advice of all my Friends and Relations. In this terrible Agitation of Mind I could not forbear thinking of *Lilliput*, whose Inhabitans looked upon me as the greatest Prodigy that ever appeared in the World: Where I was able to draw an Imperial Fleet in my Hand, and perform those other Actions which will be recorded for ever in the Chronicles of that Empire, while Posterity shall hardly believe them, although attested by Millions. I reflected what a Mortification it must prove to me to appear as inconsiderable in this Nation as one single *Lilliputian* would be among us. But this I conceived was to be the least of my Misfortunes: For as human Creatures are observed to be more Savage and cruel in proportion to their Bulk, what could I expect but to be a Morsel in the Mouth of the first among these enormous Barbarians that should happen to seize me? Undoubtedly Philosophers are in the right when they tell us, that nothing is great or little otherwise than by Comparison. It might have pleased Fortune to let the *Lilliputians* find some Nation, where the People were as diminutive with respect to them, as they were

were to me. And who knows but that even this prodigious Race of Mortals might be equally overmatched in some distant part of the World, whereof we have yet no Discovery?

SCARED and confounded as I was, I could not forbear going on with these Reflections, when one of the Reapers approaching within ten Yards of the Ridge where I lay, made me apprehend that with the next Step I should be squashed to Death under his Foot or cut in two with his Reaping-hook. And therefore when he was again about to move, I screamed as loud as Fear could make me. Whereupon the huge Creature trod short, and looking round about under him for some time, at last espied me as I lay on the Ground. He considered a while with the Caution of one who endeavours to lay hold on a small dangerous Animal in such a Manner that it may not be able either to scratch or to bite him, as I myself have sometimes done with a Weasel in *England*. At length he ventured to take me up behind by the middle between his fore Finger and Thumb, and brought me within three Yards of his Eyes, that he might behold my Shape more perfectly



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perfectly. I guessed his meaning, and my good Fortune gave me so much Presence of Mind, that I resolved not to struggle in the least as he held me in the Air, about sixty foot from the Ground, although he grievously pinched my Sides, for fear I should slip through his Fingers. All I ventured was to raise mine Eyes towards the Sun, and place my Hands together in a supplicating Posture, and to speak some words in an humble melancholy Tone, suitable to the Condition I then was in. For I apprehended every moment that he would dash me against the Ground, as we usually do any little hateful Animal which we have a mind to destroy. But my good Star would have it, that he appeared pleased with my Voice and Gestures, and began to look upon me as a Curiosity, much wondering to hear me pronounce articulate words, although he could not understand them. In the mean time I was not able to forbear groaning and shedding Tears, and turning my Head towards my Sides; letting him know, as well as I could, how cruelly I was hurt by the Pressure of his Thumb and Finger. He seemed to apprehend

hend my meaning; for, lifting up the Lappet of his Coat, he put me gently into it, and immediately ran along with me to his Master, who was a substantial Farmer, and the same Person I had first seen in the Field.

THE Farmer having (as I suppose by their Talk) received such an Account of me as his Servant could give him, took a piece of a small Straw, about the size of a walking Staff, and therewith lifted up the Lappets of my Coat; which it seems he thought to be some kind of Covering that Nature had given me. He blew my Hairs aside to take a better View of my Face. He called his Hinds about him, and asked them (as I afterwards learned) whether they had ever seen in the Fields any little Creature that resembled me: He then placed me softly on the Ground upon all four, but I got immediately up, and walked slowly backwards and forwards, to let those People see I had no Intent to run away. They all sat down in a Circle about me, the better to observe my Motions. I pulled off my Hat, and made a low Bow towards the Farmer. I fell on my Knees, and
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lifted up my Hands and Eyes, and spoke several words as loud as I could: I took a Purse of Gold out of my Pocket, and humbly presented it to him. He received it on the Palm of his Hand, then applied it close to his Eye, to see what it was, and afterwards turned it several times with the point of a Pin, (which he took out of his Sleeve,) but could make nothing of it. Whereupon I made a Sign that he should place his Hand on the Ground. I took the Purse, and opening it, poured all the Gold into his Palm. There were six *Spanish* Pieces of four Pistoles each, besides twenty or thirty smaller Coins. I saw him wet the Tip of his little Finger upon his Tongue, and take up one of my largest Pieces, and then another, but he seemed to be wholly ignorant what they were. He made me a Sign to put them again into my Purse, and the Purse again into my Pocket, which after offering to him several times, I thought it best to do.

THE Farmer by this time was convinced I must be a rational Creature. He spoke often to me, but the Sound of his Voice pierced my Ears like that of a Water-mill, yet his Words were articulate enough. I answered

as loud as I could, in several Languages, and he often laid his Ear within two Yards of me; but all in vain, for we were wholly unintelligible to each other. He then sent his Servants to their Work, and taking his Handkerchief out of his Pocket he doubled and spread it on his left Hand, which he plac'd flat on the Ground, with the Palm upwards, making me a Sign to step into it, as I could easily do, for it was not above a foot in thickness. I thought it my part to obey, and for fear of falling, laid myself at length upon the Handkerchief, with the remainder of which he lapped me up to the Head for farther Security, and in this Manner carried me home to his House. There he called his Wife, and shewed me to her; but she screamed and ran back, as Women in *England* do at the sight of a Toad or a Spider. However, when she had a while seen my Behaviour, and how well I observed the Signs her Husband made, she was soon reconciled, and by degrees grew extremely tender of me.

IT was about twelve at Noon, and a Servant brought in Dinner. It was only one substantial Dish of Meat (fit for the plain Condition of an Husbandman)

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in a Dish of about four and twenty foot Diameter. The Company were the Farmer and his Wife, three Children and an old Grandmother: When they were sat down, the Farmer placed me at some Distance from him on the Table, which was thirty foot high from the Floor. I was in a terrible Fright, and kept as far as I could from the Edge for fear of falling. The Wife minced a bit of Meat, then crumbled some Bread on a Trencher, and placed it before me. I made her a low Bow, took out my Knife and Fork, and fell to eat, which gave them exceeding Delight. The Mistress sent her Maid for a small Dram cup, which held about three Gallons, and filled it with Drink, I took up the Vessel with much difficulty in both Hands, and in a most respectful manner drank to her Ladyship's Health, expressing the Words as loud as I could in *English*, which made the Company laugh so heartily, that I was almost deafned with the Noise. This Liquor tasted like a small Cyder, and was not unpleasant. Then the Master made me a Sign to come to his Trencher-side; but as I walked on the Table, being

ing in great Surprize all the Time, as the indulgent Reader will easily conceive and excuse, I happened to stumble against a Crust, and fell flat on my Face, but received no Hurt. I got up immediately, and observing the good People to be in much Concern, I took my Hat (which I held under my Arm out of good Manners) and waving it over my Head, made three Huzza's, to shew I had got no Mischief by my Fall. But advancing forwards toward my Master (as I shall henceforth call him) his youngest Son who sat next him, an arch Boy of about ten Years old, took me up by the Legs, and held me so high in the Air, that I trembled every Limb; but his Father snatched me from him, and at the same Time gave him such a Box on the left Ear, as would have felled an *European* Troop of Horse to the Earth, ordering him to be taken from the Table. But being afraid the Boy might owe me a Spight, and well remembering how mischievous all Children among us naturally are to Sparrows, Rabbits, young Kittens, and Puppy Dogs, I fell on my Knees, and pointing to the Boy, made my Master to understand,

understand, as well as I could, that I desired his Son might be pardoned. The Father complied, and the Lad took his Seat again; whereupon I went to him and kissed his Hand, which my my Master took, and made him stroak me gently with it.

IN the midst of Dinner, my Mistress's favourite Cat leapt into her Lap. I heard a Noise behind me like that of a dozen Stocking-Weavers at work; and turning my Head, I found it proceeded from the purring of that Animal, who seemed to be three times larger than an Ox, as I computed by the View of her Head, and one of her Paws, while her Mistress was feeding and stroaking her. The Fierceness of this Creature's Countenance altogether discomposed me; though I stood at the further End of the Table, above fifty Foot off; and altho' my Mistress held her fast, for fear she might give a Spring, and seize me in her Talons. But it happened there was no Danger; for the Cat took not the least Notice of me when my Master placed me within three Yards of her. And as I have been always told, and found true by Experience in my Travels, that flying

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or discovering Fear before a fierce Animal, is a certain way to make it pursue or attack you, so I resolv'd in this dangerous Juncture to shew no manner of concern. I walk'd with Intrepidity five or six times before the very Head of the Cat, and came within half a Yard of her; whereupon she drew herself back, as if she were more afraid of me: I had less apprehension concerning the Dogs, whereof three or four came into the Room, as it is usual in Farmers Houses; one of which was a Mastiff, equal in bulk to four Elephants, and a Greyhound somewhat taller than the Mastiff, but not so large.

WHEN Dinner was almost done, the Nurse came in with a Child of a Year old in her Arms, who immediately spied me, and began a Squall that you might have heard from *London-Bridge* to *Chelsea*, after the usual Oratory of Infants to get me for a Play-thing. The Mother out of pure Indulgence took me up, and put me towards the Child, who presently seized me by the middle, and got my Head into his Mouth, where I roar'd so loud that the Urchin was frighted, and let me drop, and I should infallibly have broke my Neck if the
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Mother had not held her Apron under me. The Nurse to quiet her Babe made use of a Rattle, which was a kind of hollow Vessel filled with great Stones, and fastened by a Cable to the Child's Waste: But all in vain, so that she was forced to apply the last Remedy by giving it suck. I must confess no Object ever disgusted me so much as the sight of her monstrous Breast, which I cannot tell what to compare with, so as to give the curious Reader an Idea of its Bulk, Shape and Colour. It stood prominent six Foot, and could not be less than sixteen in Circumference. The Nipple was about half the bigness of my Head, and the Hue both of that and the Dug so varified with Spots, Pimples and Freckles, thas nothing could appear more nauseous: For I had a near sight of her, she sitting down the more conveniently to suck, and I standing on the Table. this made me to reflect upon the fair Skins of our *English* Ladies, who appear so beautiful to us, only because they are of our own Size, and their Defects not to be seen but through a Magnifying-glass, where we find by Experiment, that the smoothest

and whitest Skins look rough and coarse, and ill-coloured.

I REMEMBER when I was at *Lilliput*, the Complexions of those diminutive People appeared to me the fairest in the World, and talking upon this Subject with a Person of Learning there, who was an intimate Friend of mine, he said that my Face appeared much fairer and smoother when he looked on me from the Ground, than it did upon a nearer View when I took him up in my Hand and brought him close, which he confessed was at first a very shocking sight. He said he could discover great Holes in my Skin; that the Stumps of my Beard were ten times stronger than the Bristles of a Boar, and my Complexion made up of several Colours altogether disagreeable: Although I must beg leave to say for myself, that I am as fair as most of my Sex and Country, and very little sunburnt by Travels. On the other side, discoursing of the Ladies in that Emperor's Court, he used to tell me, one had Freckles, another too wide a Mouth, a third too large a Nose, nothing of which I was able able to distinguish. I confess this Reflection

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was obvious enough; which however I could not forbear, lest the Reader might think those vast Creatures were actually deformed: For I must do them Justice to say they are a comely Race of People; and particularly the Features of my Master's Countenance, although he were but a Farmer, when I beheld him from the Height of sixty Foot, appeared very well proportioned.

WHEN Dinner was done, my Master went out to his Labourers, and as I could discover by his Voice and Gesture, gave his Wife a strict Charge to take care of me. I was very much tired and disposed to sleep, which my Mistress perceiving, she put me on her own Bed, and cover'd me with a clean white Handkerchief, but larger and coarser than the Main-sail of a Man of War.

I slept about two Hours, and dream'd I was at Home with my Wife and Children, which aggravated my Sorrows when I awaked and found myself alone in a vast Room, between two and three hundred Foot wide, and above two hundred high, lying in a Bed twenty Yards wide. My Mistress was gone about her Household Affairs, and had lock'd me in. The

Bed was eight Yards from the Floor. Some natural Necessities requir'd me to get down; I durst not presume to call, and if I had, it would have been in vain, with such a Voice as mine, at so great a Distance as from the Room where I lay to the Kitchen where the Family kept. While I was under these Circumstances, two Rats crept up the Curtains, and ran smelling backwards and forwards on the Bed. One of them came up almost to my Face, whereupon I rose in a Fright, and drew out my Hanger to defend my self. These horrible Animals had the Boldness to attack me on both sides, and one of them held his Fore-feet at my Collar; but I had the good Fortune to rip up his Belly before he could do me any Mischief. He fell down at my Feet, and the other, seeing the Fate of his Comrade, made his Escape, but not without one good Wound on the Back, which I gave him as he fled, and made the Blood run trickling from him. After this exploit, I walked gently to and fro on the Bed, to recover my Breath and Loss of Spirits. These Creatures were of the Size of a large Mastiff, but infinitely more nimble and fierce, so that if I had taken off my Belt

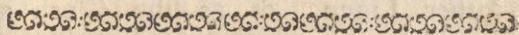
Belt before I went to sleep, I must have infallibly been torn to pieces and devoured. I measured the Tail of the dead Rat, and found it to be two Yards long, wanting an Inch; but it went against my Stomach to drag the Carcass off the Bed, where it lay still bleeding; I observed it had yet some Life, but with a strong Slash cross the Neck I thoroughly dispatched it.

SOON after my Mistress came into the Room, who, seeing me all bloody, ran and took me up in her Hand. I pointed to the dead Rat, smiling and making other signs to shew I was not hurt, whereat she was extremely rejoiced, calling the Maid to take up the dead Rat with a pair of Tongs, and throw it out of the Window. Then she set me on a Table, where I shewed her my Hanger all bloody, and wiping it on the Lappet of my Coat, returned it to the Scabbard. I was pressed to do more than one thing, which another could not do for me, and therefore endeavoured to make my Mistress understand that I desired to be set down on the Floor; which after she had done, my Bashfulness would not suffer me to express my self farther than by pointing to

the Door, and bowing several times. The good Woman with much Difficulty at last perceived what I would be at, and taking me up again in her Hand, walked into the Garden where she set me down. I went on one side about two hundred Yards, and beckoning to her not to look or to follow me, I hid my self between two Leaves of Sorrel, and there discharged the Necessities of Nature.

I HOPE the gentle Reader will excuse me for dwelling on these and the like Particulars, which however insignificant they might appear to grovelling vulgar Minds, yet will certainly help a Philosopher to enlarge his Thoughts and Imagination, and to apply them to a Benefit of publick as well as private Life, which was my sole Design in presenting this and other accounts of my Travels to the World; wherein I have been chiefly studious of Truth, without affecting any Ornaments of Learning or of Style. But the whole scene of this Voyage made so strong an Impression on my Mind, and is so deeply fixed in my Memory, that in committing it to Paper I did not omit one material Circumstance: However, upon a strict Review, I blotted out several

veral Passages of less Moment which were in my first Copy, for fear of being censured as tedious and trifling, whereof Travellers are often, perhaps not without Justice, accused.



C H A P. II.

A Description of the Farmer's Daughter. The Author carried to a Market-Town and then to the Metropolis. The Particulars of his Journey.

MY Mistress had a Daughter of of nine Years old; a Child of toward Parts for her Age, very dextrous at her Needle, and skilful in dressing her Baby. Her Mother and she contrived to fit up the Baby's Cradle for me against Night: The Cradle was put into a small Drawer of a Cabinet, and the Drawer placed upon a Hanging-shelf, for fear of the Rats, This was my Bed all the time I stay'd with those People, though made more convenient by degrees, as I began to learn their Language, and make my Wants known. This young Girl was so handy, that

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after I had once or twice pulled off my Cloaths before her, she was able to dress and undress me, though I never gave her that Trouble when she would let me do either myself. She made me seven Shirts, and some other Linen, of as fine Cloth as could be got, which indeed was coarser than Sackcloth; and these she constantly washed for me with her own Hands. She was likewise my School-Mistress to teach me the Language: When I pointed to any thing, she told me the Name of it in her own Tongue, so that in a few Days I was able to call for whatever I had a mind to. She was very good-natured, and not above forty Foot high, being little for her Age. She gave me the Name of *Gildrig*, which the Family took up, and afterwards the whole Kingdom. The Word imports what the *Latins* call *Nanunculas*, the *Italians* *Homuncelino*, and the *English* *Mannikin*. To her I chiefly owe my Preservation in that Country: We never parted while I was there, I called her my *Glumdalclitch*, or little Nurse: And should be guilty of great Ingratitude, if I omitted this honourable mention of her Care and Affection

Affection towards me, which I heartily wish it lay in my Power to requite as she deserves, instead of being the innocent but unhappy Instrument of her Disgrace, as I have too much Reason to fear.

It now began to be known and talked of in the Neighbourhood, that my Master had found a strange Animal in the Field, about the bigness of a *Splacknuck*, but exactly shaped in every Part like a human Creature; which it likewise imitated in all its Actions; seemed to speak in a little Language of its own, had already learned several Words of theirs, went erect upon two Legs, was tame and gentle, would come when it was called, do whatever it was bid, had the finest Limbs in the World, and a Complexion fairer than a Nobleman's Daughter of three Years old. Another Farmer, who lived hard by, and was a particular Friend of my Master, came on a Visit on purpose to enquire into the Truth of this Story. I was immediately produced, and placed upon a Table, where I walked as I was commanded, drew my Hanger, put it up again, made my Reverence to my Master's Guest, asked him in his own

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Language how he did, and told him he was welcome, just as my little Nurse had instructed me. This Man, who was old and dim-sighted, put on his Spectacles to behold me better, at which I could not forbear laughing very heartily, for his Eyes appeared like the Full-Moon shining into a Chamber at two Windows. Our People, who discovered the Cause of my Mirth, bore me company in laughing, at which the old Fellow was Fool enough to be angry and out of Countenance. He had the Character of a great Miser, and, to my Misfortune, he well deserved it, by the cursed Advice he gave my Master to shew me as a Sight upon a Market-Day in the next Town, which was half an Hour's Riding, about two-and-twenty Miles from our House. I guessed there was some Mischief contriving, when I observed my Master and his Friend whispering long together, sometimes pointing at me; and my Fears made me fancy that I overheard and understood some of their Words. But, the next Morning *Glum-dalclitch*, my little Nurse, told me the whole Matter, which she had cunningly picked out from her Mother.

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The poor Girl laid me on her Bosom, and fell a weeping with Shame and Grief. She apprehended some Mischief would happen to me from rude vulgar Folks, who might squeeze me to Death, or break one of my Limbs by taking me in their Hands. She had also observed how modest I was in my Nature, how nicely I regarded my Honour, and what an Indignity I should conceive it to be exposed for Money as a publick Spectacle to the meanest of the People. She said, her *Papa* and *Mamma* had promised that *Gildrig* should be hers, but now she found they meant to serve her as they did last Year, when they pretended to give her a Lamb, and yet, as soon as it was fat, sold it to a Butcher. For my own part, I may truly affirm, that I was less concerned than my Nurse. I had a strong Hope, which never left me, that I should one Day recover my Liberty; and as to the Ignominy of being carried about for a Monster, I considered my self to be a perfect Stranger in the Country, and that such a Misfortune could never be charged upon me as a Reproach if ever I should return to *England*; since
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the King of *Great Britain* himself, in my Condition, must have undergone the same Distress.

My Master, pursuant to the Advice of his Friend, carried me in a Box the next Market-Day to the neighbouring Town, and took along with him his little Daughter, my Nurse, upon a Pillion behind him. The Box was close on every Side, with a little Door for me to go in and out, and a few Gimlet-holes to let in Air. The Girl had been so careful to put the Quilt of her Baby's Bed into it, for me to lie down on. However, I was terribly shaken and discomposed in this Journey, tho' it were but of half an Hour. For the Horse went about forty Foot at every Step, and trotted so high, that the Agitation was equal to the rising and falling of a Ship in a great Storm, but much more frequent: Our Journey was somewhat farther than from *London* to *St. Alban's*. My Master alighted at an Inn which he used to frequent; and after consulting a while with the Inn-keeper, and making some necessary Preparations, he hired the *Grultrud* or Crier to give Notice through the Town of a strange Creature

ture to be seen at the Sign of the *Green Eagle*, not so big as a *Splacnuck* (an Animal in that Country very finely shaped, about six Foot long) and in every Part of the Body resembling an human Creature, could speak several Words, and perform an hundred diverting Tricks.

I WAS placed upon a Table in the largest Room of the Inn, which might be near three hundred Foot square. My little Nurse stood on a low Stool close to the Table, to take care of me, and direct what I should do. My Master, to avoid a Croud, would suffer only thirty People at a time to see me. I walked about on the Table as the Girl commanded: She asked me Questions, as far as she knew my Understanding of the Language reached, and I answered them as loud as I could. I turned about several times to the Company, paid my humble Respects, said they were welcome, and used some other Speeches I had been taught. I took up a Thimble filled with Liquor, which *Glumdalclitch* had given me for a Cup, and drank their Health. I drew out my Hanger, and flourished with it after the Manner of Fencers in *England*.

and. My Nurse gave me Part of a Straw, which I exercised as a Pike, having learned the Art in my Youth. I was that Day shewn to twelve Setts of Company, and as often forced to go over again the same Popperies, till I was half dead with Weariness and Vexation. For, those who had seen me made such wonderful Reports, that the People were ready to break down the Doors to come in. My Master, for his own Interest, would not suffer any one to touch me except my Nurse; and, to prevent Danger, Benches were set round the Table at such a Distance as to put me out of every body's Reach. However, an unlucky School-Boy aimed a Hazel-Nut directly at my Head, which very narrowly missed me; otherwise, it came with so much Violence that it would have infallibly knocked out my Brains, for it was almost as large as a small Pumpkin: But I had the Satisfaction to see the young Rogue well beaten, and turned out of the Room.

My Master gave publick Notice, that he would shew me again the next Market-Day, and in the mean time he prepared a more convenient
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Vehicle for me, which he had Reason enough to do; for I was so tired with my first Journey, and with entertaining Company for eight hours together, that I could hardly stand upon my Legs, or speak a word. It was at least three Days before I recovered my Strength; and that I might have no rest at home, all the neighbouring Gentlemen from a hundred Miles round, hearing of my Fame, came to see me at my Master's own House. There could not be fewer than thirty Persons with their Wives and Children (for the Country was very populous;) and my Master demanded the rate of a full Room whenever he shewed me at home, although it were only to a single Family: So that for some time I had but little ease every Day of the week (except *Wednesday*, which is their Sabbath) although I were not carried to the Town.

My Master, finding how profitable I was like to be, resolved to carry me to the most considerable Cities of the Kingdom. Having therefore provided himself with all things necessary for a long Journey, and settled his affairs at home, he took leave of his
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Wife, and upon the 17th of August 1703. about two Months after my Arrival, we set out for the Metropolis, situated near the middle of that Empire, and about three thousand Miles distance from our House: My Master made his Daughter *Glumdalclitch* ride behind him. She carried me on her Lap in a Box tied about her Waste. The Girl had lined it on all sides with the softest Cloth she could get, well quilted underneath, furnished it with her Baby's Bed, provided me with Linen and other Necessaries, and made every thing as convenient as she could. We had no other Company but a Boy of the House, who rode after us with the Luggage.

My Master's Design was to shew me in all the Towns by the way, and to step out of the Road for fifty or an hundred Miles, to any Village or Person of Quality's House where he might expect Custom. We made easy Journies of not above seven or eightscore Miles a Day: For *Glumdalclitch*, on purpose to spare me, complained she was tired with the trotting of the Horse. She often took me out of my Box at my own Desire, to give me Air, and shew me the

the Country, but always held me fast by a Leading-string. We passed over five or six Rivers many degrees broader and deeper than the *Nile* or the *Ganges*; and there was hardly a Rivulet so small as the *Thames* at *London-Bridge*. We were ten Weeks in our Journey, and I was shewn in eighteen large Towns, besides many Villages and private Families.

On the 26th Day of *October* we arrived at the Metropolis, called in their Language *Lorbrulgrud*, or *Pride of the Universe*. My Master took a Lodging in the principal Street of the City, not far from the Royal-Palace, and put out Bills in the usual Form, containing an exact Description of my Person and Parts. He hired a large Room between three and four hundred foot wide. He provided a Table sixty foot in diameter, upon which I was to act my part, and palisadoed it round three foot from the edge, and as many high, to prevent my falling over. I was shewn ten times a Day to the Wonder and Satisfaction of all People. I could now speak the Language tolerably well, and perfectly understood every word that was spoken to me. Besides, I had learn-

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ed their Alphabet, and could make a shift to explain a Sentence here and there; for *Glumdalclitch* had been my Instructor while we were at home, and at leisure hours during our Journey. She carried a little Book in her Pocket, not much larger than a *Sanson's Atlas*; it was a common Treatise for the use of young Girls, giving a short account of their Religion; out of this she taught me my Letters, and interpreted the Words.





C H A P. III.

The Author sent for to Court. The Queen buys him of his Master the Farmer, and presents him to the King. He disputes with his Majesty's great Scholars. An Apartment at Court provided for the Author. He is in high Favour with the Queen. He stands up for the Honour of his own Country. His Quarrels with the Queen's Dwarf.



HE frequent Labours I underwent every Day made in a few weeks a very considerable change in my Health: The more my Master got by me, the more insatiable he grew. I had quite lost my Stomach, and was almost reduced to a Skeleton. The Farmer observed it, and concluding I soon must die, resolved to make as good a Hand of me as he could. While he was thus reasoning and resolving with himself, a *Slardral*, or Gentleman Usher came from Court, commanding my Master to carry me immediately thither for the

the Diversion of the Queen and her Ladies. Some of the latter had already been to see me, and reported strange things of my Beauty, Behaviour, and good Sense. Her Majesty and those who attended her were beyond measure delighted with my Demeanor, I fell on my Knees, and begged the Honour of kissing her Imperial Foot; but this gracious Princess held out her little Finger towards me (after I was set on a Table) which I embraced in both my Arms, and put the tip of it, with the utmost Respect, to my Lip. She made me some general Questions about my Country and my Travels, which I answer'd as distinctly, and in as few words as I could. She asked whether I would be content to live at Court. I bowed down to the board of the Table, and humbly answered that I was my Master's Slave, but if I were at my own Disposal, I should be proud to devote my Life to her Majesty's Service. She then asked my Master whether he were willing to sell me at a good Price. He who apprehended I could not live a Month was ready enough to part with me, and demanded a thousand pieces of
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Gold, which were ordered him on the spot, each piece being about the bigness of eight hundred Moydores; but, allowing for the proportion of all things between that Country and *Europe*, and the high price of Gold among them, was hardly so great a Sum as a thousand Guineas would be in *England*. I then said to the Queen, since I was now her Majesty's most humble Creature and Vassal, I must beg the favour, that *Glumdalclitch*, who had always tended me with so much care and kindness, and understood to do it so well, might be admitted into her Service, and continue to be my Nurse and Instructor. Her Majesty agreed to my Petition, and easily got the Farmer's consent, who was glad enough to have his Daughter preferred at Court: And the poor Girl herself was not able to hide her Joy: My late Master withdrew, bidding me farewell, and saying he had left me in a good Service; to which I replied not a word, only making him a slight bow.

THE Queen observed my coldness, and when the Farmer was gone out of the Apartment, asked me the Reason. I made bold to tell her Majesty

jesty that I owed no other Obligation to my late Master, than his not dashing out the Brains of a poor harmless Creature found by chance in his Field: which Obligation was amply recompensed by the gain he had made in shewing me through half the Kingdom, and the price he had now sold me for. That the Life I had since led, was laborious enough to kill an Animal of ten times my Strength. That my Health was much impaired by the continual drudgery of entertaining the Rabble every hour of the Day, and that if my Master had not thought my Life in Danger, her Majesty would not have got so cheap a Bargain. But I was out of all fear of being ill treated under the Protection of so great and good an Empress, the Ornament of Nature, the Darling of the World, the Delight of her Subjects, the Phoenix of the Creation; so, I hoped my late Master's Apprehensions would appear to be groundless, for I already found my Spirits to revive by the Influence of her most august Presence.

THIS was the sum of my Speech, delivered with great Improproprieties and Hesitation; the latter part was altogether framed in the Style peculiar
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to that People, whereof I learned some Phrases from *Glumdalclitch*, while she was carrying me to Court.

THE Queen giving great Allowance for my Defectiveness in speaking, was however surpris'd at so much Wit and good Sense in so diminutive an Animal. She took me in her own Hands, and carried me to the King, who was then retired to his Cabinet. His Majesty, a Prince of much Gravity, and austere Countenance, not well observing my Shape at first View, asked the Queen after a cold Manner, how long it was since she grew fond of a *Splacnuck*; for such it seems he took me to be, as I lay upon my Breast in her Majesty's right Hand. But this Princess, who hath an infinite deal of Wit and Humour, set me gently on my Feet upon the Scrutore, and commanded me to give his Majesty an Account of myself, which I did in a very few Words; and *Glumdalclitch*, who attended at the Cabinet door, and could not endure I should be out of her sight, being admitted, confirm'd all that had pass'd from my Arrival at her Father's House.

THE King, although he be as learned a Person as any in his Dominions, had been educated in the Study of Philosophy, and Mathematicks; yet when he observed my Shape exactly, and saw me walk erect, before I began to speak, conceived I might be a piece of Clock-work, (which is in that Country arrived to a very great perfection) contrived by some ingenious Artift. But when he heard my Voice, and found what I delivered to be regular and rational, he could not conceal his Astonishment. He was by no means satisfied with the Relation I give him of the manner I came into his Kingdom, but thought it a Story concerted between *Glumdalclitch* and her Father, who had taught me a set of Words to make me sell at a better Price. Upon this Imagination he put several other Questions to me, and still received rational Answers, no otherwise defective than by a foreign Accent, and an imperfect Knowledge in the Language, with some rustick Phrases which I had learned at the Farmer's House, and did not suit the polite Stile of a Court.

HIS Majesty sent for three great Scholars who were then in their weekly waiting, according to the Custom in that Country. These Gentlemen, after they had a while examined my Shape with much Nicety, were of different opinions concerning me. They all agreed that I could not be produced according to the regular Laws of Nature, because I was not framed with a capacity of preserving my Life, either by Swiftness, or climbing of Trees, or digging holes in the Earth. They observed by my Teeth, which they viewed with great exactness, that I was a carnivorous Animal; yet most Quadrupeds being an over-match for me, and Field-mice, with some others, too nimble, they could not imagine how I should be able to support myself, unless I fed upon Snails and other Insects, which they offered, by many learned Arguments, to evince that I could not possibly do. One of these Virtuosi seemed to think that I might be an Embrio, or abortive Birth. But this opinion was rejected by the other two, who observed my Limbs to be perfect and finished, and that I had lived several Years, as it was manifest

fest from my Beard, the Stumps whereof they plainly discovered through a Magnifying-glass. They would not allow me to be a Dwarf, because my Littleness was beyond all degrees of Comparison; for the Queen's favourite Dwarf, the smallest ever known in that Kingdom, was near thirty Foot high. After much Debate, they concluded unanimously that I was only *Relplum Scalcatæ*, which is interpreted literally, *Lusus Naturæ*; a Determination exactly agreeable to the modern Philosophy of *Europe*, whose Professors, disdaining the old Evasion of *occult Causes*, whereby the Followers of *Aristotle* endeavoured in vain to disguise their Ignorance, have invented this wonderfull Solution of all Difficulties, to the unspeakable Advancement of human Knowledge.

AFTER this decisive Conclusion, I entreated to be heard a Word or two. I applied my self to the King, and assured His Majesty that I came from a Country which abounded with several Millions of both Sexes, and of my own Stature; where the Animals, Trees and Houses were all in Proportion, and where by Consequence I might be as able to defend my self,
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and to find Sustenance, as any of his Majesty's Subjects could do here; which I took for a full Answer to those Gentlemens Arguments. To this they only replied with a Smile of Contempt, saying, That the Farmer had instructed me very well in my Lesson. The King, who had a much better Understanding, dismissing his learned Men, sent for the Farmer, who by good Fortune was not yet gone out of Town: Having therefore first examined him privately, and then confronted him with me and the young Girl, his Majesty began to think that what we told him might possibly be true. He desired the Queen to order that a particular Care should be taken of me, and was of Opinion, that *Glumdalclirch* should still continue in her Office of tending me, because he observed we had a great Affection for each other. A convenient Apartment was provided for her at Court; she had a sort of Governess appointed to take care of her Education, a Maid to dress her, and two other Servants for menial Offices; but the Care of me was wholly appropriated to herself. The Queen commanded her own Cabinet-maker

maker to contrive a Box that might serve me for a Bed-chamber, after the Model that *Glumdalclitch* and I should agree upon. This Man was a most ingenious Artist, and according to my Directions, in three Weeks finished for me a Wooden Chamber of sixteen Foot square, and twelve high, with Sash-windows, a Door, and two Closets, like a *London* Bed-chamber. The Board that made the Cieling was to be lifted up and down by two Hinges, to put in a Bed ready furnished by her Majesty's Upholsterer, which *Glumdalclitch* took out every Day to Air, made it with her own Hands, and letting it down at Night locked up the Roof over me. A nice Workman, who was famous for little Curiosities, undertook to make me two Chairs, with Backs and Frames, of a Substance not unlike Ivory, and two Tables, with a Cabinet to put my things in. The Room was quilted on all Sides, as well as the Floor and the Cieling, to prevent any Accident from the carelessness of those who carried me, and to break the Force of a Jolt when I went in a Coach. I desired a Lock for my Door, to prevent Rats and Mice from coming

coming in: The Smith, after several Attempts, made the smallest that ever was seen among them, for I have known a larger at the Gate of a Gentleman's House in *England*. I made a shift to keep the Key in a Pocket of my own, fearing *Glumdalclitch* might lose it. The Queen likewise ordered the thinnest Silks that could be gotten, to make me Cloaths, not much thicker than an *English* Blanket, very cumbersome till I was accustomed to them. They were after the Fashion of the Kingdom, partly resembling the *Persian*, and partly the *Chinese*, and are a very grave and decent Habit.

THE Queen became so fond of my Company, that she could not dine without me. I had a Table placed upon the same at which her Majesty eat, just at her left Elbow, and a Chair to sit on. *Glumdalclitch* stood on a Stool on the Floor, near my Table, to assist and take care of me. I had an entire Set of silver Dishes and Plates, and other Necessaries, which, in proportion to those of the Queen, were not much bigger than what I have seen of the same kind in a *London* Toy-shop, for the furniture of a Baby-house: These my little Nurse kept in

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her Pocket, in a silver Box, and gave me at Meals as I wanted them, always cleaning them herself. No Person dined with the Queen but the two Princesses Royal, the elder sixteen Years old, and the younger at that time thirteen and a Month. Her Majesty used to put a Bit of Meat upon one of my Dishes, out of which I carved for myself; and her Diversion was to see me eat in Miniature. For the Queen (who had indeed but a weak Stomach) took up at one Mouthful, as much as a dozen *English* Farmers could eat at a Meal, which to me was for some time a very nauseous Sight. She would craunch the Wing of a Lark, Bones and all, between her Teeth, altho' it were nine times as large as that of a full grown Turkey; and put a Bit of Bread in her Mouth, as big as two twelve-penny Loaves. She drank out of a golden Cup, above a Hoghead at a Draught. Her Knives were twice as long as a Scythe, set strait upon the Handle. The Spoons, Forks, and other Instruments, were all in the same Proportion. I remember when *Glumdalclith* carried me out of Curiosity to see
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some of the Tables at Court, where ten or a dozen of these enormous Knives and Forks were lifted up together, I thought I had never, till then, beheld so terrible a Sight.

IT is the Custom that every *Wednesday* (which, as I have before observed, was their *Sabbath*) the King and Queen, with the Royal Issue of both Sexes, dine together in the Apartment of his Majesty, to whom I was now become a great Favourite; and at these times my little Chair and Table were placed at his left Hand before one of the Saltfellers. This Prince took a pleasure in conversing with me, enquiring into the Manners, Religion, Laws, Government, and Learning of *Europe*; wherein I gave him the best Account I was able. His Apprehension was so clear, and his Judgment so exact, that he made very wise Reflections and Observations upon all I said. But I confess, that after I had been a little too copious in talking of my own beloved Country, of our Trade, and Wars by Sea and Land, of our Schisms in Religion, and Parties in the State; the Prejudices of his Education prevailed so far, that he could not

forbear taking me up in his Right Hand, and stroaking me gently with the other, after an hearty Fit of Laughing, asked me, Whether I was a *Whig* or a *Tory*? Then turning to his first Minister, who waited behind him with a White Staff, near as tall as the Main-mast of the *Royal-Sovereign*, he observed how contemptible a Thing was human Grandeur, which could be mimicked by such diminutive Insects as I: And yet, said he, I dare engage, these Creatures have their Titles and Distinctions of Honour, they contrive little Nests and Burrows, that they call Houses and Cities; they make a Figure in Dress and Equipage; they love, they fight, they dispute, they cheat, they betray. And thus he continued on, while my Colour came and went several times, with Indignation to hear our noble Country, the Mistress of Arts and Arms, the Scourge of *France*, the Arbitress of *Europe*, the Seat of Virtue, Piety, Honour and Truth, the Pride and Envy of the World, so contemptuously treated.

BUT as I was not in a Condition to resent Injuries, so upon mature Thoughts, I began to doubt whether

whether I was injured or no. For, after having been accustomed several Months to the Sight and Converse of this People, and observed every Object upon which I cast mine Eyes, to be of proportionable Magnitude, the Horror I had at first conceived from their Bulk and Aspect, was so far worn off, that if I had then beheld a Company of *English* Lords and Ladies in their Finery and Birth-Day Cloaths, acting their several Parts in the most courtly Manner, of strutting, and bowing, and prating; to say the Truth, I should have been strongly tempted to laugh as much at them as the King and his Grandees did at me. Neither indeed could I forbear smiling at myself, when the Queen used to place me upon her Hand towards a Looking-glass, by which both our Persons appeared before me in full View together; and there could nothing be more ridiculous than the Comparison: So that I really began to imagine myself dwindled many Degrees below my usual Size.

NOTHING angered and mortified me so much as the Queen's Dwarf, who being of the lowest Stature that

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was ever in that Country (for I verily think he was not full thirty Foot high) became insolent at seeing a Creature so much beneath him, that he would always affect to swagger and look big as he passed by me in the Queen's Anti-chamber, while I was standing on some Table talking with the Lords or Ladies of the Court, and he seldom failed of a small Word or two upon my Little-ness; against which I could only revenge myself by calling him Brother, challenging him to wrestle, and such like Repartees as are usual in the Mouths of *Court Pages*. One Day at Dinner this malicious little Cubb was so nettled with something I had said to him, that raising himself upon the Frame of her Majesty's Chair, he took me up by the Middle, as I was sitting down, not thinking any harm, and let me drop into a large silver Bowl of Cream, and then ran away as fast as he could. I fell over Head and Ears, and if I had not been a good Swimmer, it might have gone very hard with me; for *Glumdalclitch* in that instant happened to be at the other End of the Room, and the Queen was in such a Fright that she
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wanted Presence of Mind to assist me. But my little Nurse ran to my Relief, and took me out, after I had swallowed above a Quart of Cream. I was put to Bed; however, I received no other Damage than the Loss of a Suit of Cloaths, which was utterly spoiled. The Dwarf was soundly whipped, and as a farther Punishment, forced to drink up the Bowl of Cream, into which he had thrown me; neither was he ever restored to Favour: For, soon after the Queen bestowed him on a Lady of high Quality, so that I saw him no more, to my very great Satisfaction; for I could not tell to what Extremity such a malicious Urchin might have carried his Resentment.

HE had before served me a scurvy Trick, which set the Queen a laughing, although at the same time she was heartily vexed, and would have immediately cashiered him, if I had not been so generous as to intercede. Her Majesty had taken a Marrow-bone upon her Plate, and after knocking out the Marrow, placed the Bone again in the Dish erect as it stood before; the Dwarf watching his Opportunity, while *Glumdalclireh* was

was gone to the Side-board, mounted upon the Stool she stood on to take care of me at Meals, took me up in both Hands, and squeezing my Legs together, wedged them into the Marrow-bone above my Waste, where I stuck for some time, and made a very ridiculous Figure. I believe it was near a Minute before any one knew what was become of me; for I thought it below me to cry out. But as Princes seldom get their Meat hot, my Legs were not scalded, only my Stockings and Breeches in a sad Condition. The Dwarf, at my Entreaty, had no other Punishment than a sound Whipping.

I WAS frequently rallied by the Queen upon account of my Fearfulness, and she used to ask me, Whether the People of my Country were as great Cowards as myself? The Occasion was this: The Kingdom is much pestered with Flies in Summer; and these odious Insects, each of them as big as a *Dunstable* Lark, hardly gave me any Rest while I sat at Dinner, with their continual humming and buzzing about mine Ears. They would sometimes alight upon my Victuals, and leave their loathsome

some Excrement or Spawn behind, which to me was very visible, though not to the Natives of that Country, whose large Opticks were not so acute as mine in viewing smaller Objects. Sometimes they would fix upon my Nose or Forehead, where they stung me to the Quick, smelling very offensively, and I could easily trace that viscous Matter, which our Naturalists tell us enables those Creatures to walk with their Feet upwards upon a Cieling. I had much ado to defend myself against these detestable Animals, and could not forbear starting when they came on my Face. It was the common Practice of the Dwarf to catch a number of these Insects in his Hand, as School-boys do among us, and let them out suddenly under my Nose on purpose to frighten me, and divert the Queen. My Remedy was to cut them in pieces with my Knife as they flew in the Air, wherein my Dexterity was much admired.

I REMEMBER one Morning when *Clumdalclitch* had set me in my Box upon a Window, as she usually did in fair Days to give me Air, (for I durst not venture to let the Box be hung on a Nail out of the Window,

as we do with Cages in *England*) after I had lifted up one of my Saffes, and sat down at my Table to eat a piece of Sweet Cake for my Breakfast, above twenty Wasps, allured by the sinell, came flying into the Room, humming louder than the Drones of as many Bagpipes. Some of them seized my Cake, and carried it piece-meal away, others flew about my Head and Face, confounding me with the Noise, and putting me in the utmost terror of their Stings. However I had the Courage to rise and draw my Hanger, and attack them in the Air. I dispatched four of them, but the rest got away, and I presently shut my Window. These Creatures were as large as Partridges, I took out their Stings, found them an Inch and a half long, and as sharp as needles. I carefully preserved them all, and having since shewn them with some other Curiosities in several parts of *Europe*; upon my return to *England* I gave three of them to *Cresham Gollege*, and kept the fourth for my self.



CHAP. IV.

The Country described. A Proposal for correcting modern Maps. The King's Palace, and some Account of the Metropolis. The Author's way of travelling. The chief Temple described.



NOW intend to give the Reader a short Description of this Country, as far as I travelled in it, which was not above two thousand Miles round *Lorbrulgrud* the Metropolis. For, the Queen, whom I always attended, never went further when she accompanied the King in his Progresses, and there staid till his Majesty returned from viewing his Frontiers. The whole Extent of this Prince's Dominions reacheth about six thousand Miles in length, and from three to five in breadth. From whence I cannot but conclude that our Geographers of *Europe* are in a great Error, by supposing nothing but Sea between *Japan* and *California*; for it was ever my Opinion, that

that there must be a Balance of Earth to counterpoise the great Continent of *Tartary*; and therefore they ought to correct their Maps and Charts, by joining this vast tract of Land to the North-west Parts of *America*, wherein I shall be ready to lend them my Assistance.

THE Kingdom is a Peninsula, terminated to the North-east by a ridge of Mountains thirty Miles high, which are altogether impassable by Reason of the Volcanoes upon the tops. Neither do the most Learned know what sort of Mortals inhabit beyond those Mountains, or whether they be inhabited at all. On the three other sides it is bounded by the Ocean. There is not one Sea-port in the whole Kingdom, and those Parts of the Coasts into which the Rivers issue are so full of pointed Rocks, and the Sea generally so rough, that there is no venturing with the smallest of their Boats, so that these People are wholly excluded from any Commerce with the rest of the World. But the large Rivers are full of Vessels, and abound with excellent Fish, for they seldom get any from the Sea, because the Sea-Fish are of the same

same size with those in *Europe*, and consequently not worth catching: whereby it is manifest, that Nature in the Production of Plants and Animals of so extraordinary a Bulk is wholly confined to this Continent, of which I leave the Reasons to be determined by Philosophers. However, now and then they take a Whale that happens to be dashed against the Rocks, which the common People feed on heartily. These Whales I have known so large that a Man could hardly carry one upon his Shoulders; and sometimes for Curiosity they are brought in Hampers to *Lorbrulgrud*: I saw one of them in a Dish at the King's Table, which passed for a Rarity, but I did not observe he was fond of it; for I think indeed the Bigness disgusted him, although I have seen one somewhat larger in *Greenland*.

THE Country is well inhabited, for it contains fifty one Cities, near an hundred valled Towns, and a great number of Villages. To satisfy my curious Reader, it may be sufficient to describe *Lorbrulgrud*. This City stands upon almost two equal Parts on each side the River that passes

passes through. It contains above eighty thousand Houses, and about six hundred thousand Inhabitants. It is in length three *Glomglungs* (which make about fifty four English Miles) and two and a half in breadth, as I measured it myself in the Royal Map made by the King's Order, which was laid on the Ground on purpose for me, and extended an hundred feet; I paced the Diameter and Circumference several times barefoot, and computing by the Scale, measured it pretty exactly.

THE King's Palace is no regular Edifice, but an heap of Buildings about seven Miles round: The chief Rooms are generally two hundred and forty foot high, and broad and long in proportion. A Coach was allowed to *Glumdalclitch* and me, wherein her Governess frequently took her out to see the Town, or go among the Shops; and was always of the Party, carried in my Box; although the Girl at my own Desire would often take me out, and hold me in her Hand, that I might more conveniently view the Houses and the People, as we passed along the Streets. I reckoned our Coach to be about

a Square of *Westminster-Hall*, but not altogether so high; however, I cannot be very exact. One Day the Governess ordered our Coachman to stop at several Shops, where the Beggars, watching their Opportunity, crowded to the sides of the Coach, and gave me the most horrible Spectacles that ever an *English* Eye beheld. There was a Woman with a Cancer in her Breast, swelled to a monstrous size, full of Holes, in two or three of which I could have easily crept, and covered my whole Body. There was a Fellow with a Wen in his Neck, larger than five Woolpacks, and another with a couple of wooden Legs, each about twenty foot high. But, the most hateful Sight of all was the Lice crawling on their Cloaths. I could see distinctly the Limbs of these Vermin with my naked Eye, much better than those of an *European* Louse through a Microscope, and their Snouts with which they rooted like Swine. They were the first I had ever beheld, and I should have been curious enough to dissect one of them, if I had proper Instruments (which I unluckily left behind me in the Ship) although indeed the Sight was

was so nauseous, that it perfectly turned my Stomach.

BESIDE the large Box in which I was usually carried, the Queen ordered a smaller one to be made for me, of about twelve foot square and ten high, for the Convenience of Travelling, because the other was somewhat too large for *Glumdalclitch's* Lap, and cumbersome in the Coach; it was made by the same Artist, whom I directed in the whole Contrivance. This travelling Closet was an exact Square with a Window in the middle of three of the Squares, and each Window was latticed with Iron Wire on the outside, to prevent Accidents in long Journies. On the fourth side, which had no Window, two strong Staples were fixed, through which the Person that carried me, when I had a mind to be on Horseback, put in a Leathern Belt, and buckled it about his Waste. This was always the Office of some grave trusty Servant in whom I could confide, whether I attended the King and Queen in their Progresses, or were disposed to see the Gardens, or pay a visit to some great Lady or Minister of State in the Court, when

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Glumdalclitch happened to be out of Order: For I soon began to be known and esteemed among the greatest Officers, I suppose more upon Account of their Majesty's Favour than any merit of my own. In Journies, when I was weary of the Coach, a Servant on horseback would buckle my Box, and place it on a Cushion before him; and there I had a full Prospect of the Country on three sides from the three Windows. I had in this Closet a Field-Bed and a Hammock hung from the Cieling, two Chairs and a Table, neatly screwed to the Floor, to prevent being tossed about by the Agitation of the Horse or the Coach. And having been long used to Sea-Voyages, those motions, although sometimes very violent, did not much discompose me.

WHENEVER I had a mind to see the Town, it was always in my Travelling-Closet, which *Glumdalclitch* held in her Lap in a kind of open Sedan, after the Fashion of the Country, born by four Men, and attended by two others in the Queen's Livery. The People who had often heard of me, were very curious to croud about the Sedan, and the Girl was com-
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plaisant enough to make the Bearers stop, and to take me in her Hand that I might be more conveniently seen.

I WAS very desirous to see the chief Temple, and particularly the Tower belonging to it, which is reckoned the highest in the Kingdom. Accordingly one day my Nurse carried me thither, but I may truly say I came back disappointed; for, the height is not above three thousand foot, and reckoning from the ground to the highest Pinnacle top; which allowing for the difference between the size of those People, and us in *Europe*, is no great matter for admiration, nor at all equal in proportion, (if I rightly remember) to *Salisbury* Steeple. But, not to detract from a Nation to which during my Life I shall acknowledge myself extremely obliged, it must be allowed that whatever this famous Tower wants in Height is amply made up in Beauty and Strength. For the Walls are near an hundred foot thick, built of hewn Stone, whereof each is about forty foot square, and adorned on all sides with Statues of Gods and Emperors cut in marble larger than the Life, placed

placed in their several Niches. I measured a little Finger which had fallen down from one of the Statues, and lay unperceived among some Rubbish, and found it exactly four foot and an inch in length. *Glum-dalclitch* wrapped it up in a Handkerchief; and carried it home in her Pocket to keep among other Trinkets, of which the Girl was very fond, as Children at her Age usually are.

THE King's Kitchen is indeed a noble Building, vaulted at top, and about six hundred foot high. The great Oven is not so wide by ten Paces as the Cupola at *St. Paul's*: For I measured the latter on purpose after my Return. But if I should describe the Kitchin-grate, the prodigious Pots and Kettles, the joints of Meat turning on the Spits, with many other Particulars, perhaps I should be hardly believed; at least a severe Critick would be apt to think I enlarged a little, as Travellers are often suspected to do. To avoid which censure, I fear I have run too much into the other Extream; and that if this Treatise should happen to be translated into the Language of *Brobdingnag*, (which is the general

name of that Kingdom) and transmitted thither, the King and his People would have reason to complain that I had done them an Injury by a false and diminutive Representation.

HIS Majesty seldom keeps above six hundred Horses in his Stables: They are generally from fifty-four to sixty foot high. But when he goes abroad on solemn days, he is attended for State by a Militia Guard of five hundred Horse, which indeed I thought was the most splendid sight that could be ever beheld, till I saw part of his Army in Battalia, whereof I shall find another occasion to speak.





C H A P. V.

Several Adventures that happened to the Author. The Execution of a Criminal. The Author shews his Skill in Navigation.

SHOULD have lived happy enough in that Country, if my Littleness had not exposed me to several ridiculous and troublesome Accidents: some of which I shall venture to relate. *Glumdalclitch* often carried me into the Gardens of the Court in my smaller Box, and would sometimes take me out of it, and hold me in her Hand, or set me down to walk. I remember, before the Dwarf left the Queen, he followed us one Day into those Gardens, and my Nurse having set me down, he and I being close together, near some Dwarf Apple Trees, I must need shew my Wit by a silly Allusion between him and the Trees, which happens to hold in their Language as it doth in ours. Whereupon, the malicious Rogue

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watching his opportunity, when I was walking under one of them, shook it directly over my Head, by which a dozen Apples, each of them near as large as a *Bristol* Barrel, came tumbling about my Ears; one of them hit me on the Back as I chanced to stoop, and knocked me down flat on my Face, but I received no other hurt, and the Dwarf was pardoned at my Desire, because I had given the Provocation.

ANOTHER Day *Glumdalclitch* left me on a smooth Grass-plot to divert my self, while she walked at some distance with her Governess. In the mean time there suddenly fell such a violent shower of Hail, that I was immediately by the force of it struck to the Ground: And when I was down the Hail-stones gave me such cruel Bangs all over the Body, as if I had been pelted with Tennis Balls; however I made a shift to creep on all four, and shelter my self by lying flat on my Face on the Lee-side of a Border of Lemon Thyme, but so bruised from Head to Foot that I could not go abroad in ten Days. Neither is this at all to be wondered at, because Nature in that Country observing

ving the same Proportion thro' all her Operations, a Hail-stone is near eighteen hundred times as large as one in Europe, which I can assert upon Experience, having been so curious to weigh and measure them.

BUT, a more dangerous Accident happened to me in the same Garden, when my little Nurse believing she had put me in a secure Place, which I often entreated her to do, that I might enjoy my own Thoughts, and having left my Box at Home to avoid the Trouble of carrying it, went to another part of the Gardens with her Governess and some Ladies of her Acquaintance. While she was absent, and out of hearing, a small white Spaniel belonging to one of the chief Gardeners, having got by Accident into the Garden, happened to range near the Place where I lay: The Dog, following the Scent, came directly up, and taking me in his Mouth, ran strait to his Master, wagging his Tail, and set me gently on the Ground. By good Fortune he had been so well taught, that I was carried between his Teeth without the least Hurt, or even tearing my Cloaths. But the poor Gardener, who knew me well,

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and had a great Kindness for me, was in a terrible Fright: He gently took me up in both his Hands, and asked me how I did; but I was so amazed and out of Breath, that I could not speak a Word. In a few Minutes I came to my self, and he carried me safe to my little Nurse, who by this Time had returned to the Place where she left me, and was in cruel Agonies when I did not appear, nor answer when she called: She severely reprimanded the Gardener on Account of his Dog. But the Thing was hushed up, and never known at Court; for the Girl was afraid of the Queen's Anger, and truly as to my self, I thought it would not be for my Reputation that such a Story should go about.

THIS Accident absolutely determined *Glumdalclitch* never to trust me abroad for the future out of her Sight. I had been long afraid of this Resolution, and therefore conceal'd from her some little unlucky Adventures that happened in those Times when I was left by my self. Once a Kite, hovering over the Garden, made a Stoop at me, and if I had not resolutely drawn my Hanger, and run under

der a thick Espalier, he would have certainly carried me away in his Talons. Another Time walking to the top of a fresh Mole-hill, I fell to my Neck in the Hole, through which that Animal had cast up the Earth, and coined some Lie, not worth remembering, to excuse myself for spoiling my Cloaths. I likewise broke my right Shin against the Shell of a Snail, which I happened to stumble over, as I was walking alone, and thinking on poor *England*.

I CANNOT tell whether I were more pleased or mortified, to observe in those solitary Walks, that the smaller Birds did not appear to be at all afraid of me, but would hop about within a Yard's distance, looking for Worms, and other Food, with as much Indifference and Security, as if no Creature at all were near them. I remember, a Thrush had the Confidence to snatch out of my Hand, with his Bill, a piece of Cake that *Glumdalclitch* had just given me for my Breakfast. When I attempted to catch any of these Birds, they would boldly turn against me, endeavouring to pick my Fingers, which I durst not venture within their Reach; and then they would turn back

unconcerned, to hunt for Worms or Snails, as they did before. But one Day I took a thick Cudgel, and threw it with all my Strength so luckily at a Linnet, that I knocked him down, and seizing him by the Neck with both my Hands, ran with him in Triumph to my Nurse. However, the Bird, who had only been stunned, recovering himself, gave me so many Boxes with his Wings on both sides of my Head and Body, though I held him at Arms length, and was out of the reach of his Claws, that I was twenty times thinking to let him go. But I was soon relieved by one of our Servants, who wrung off the Bird's Neck, and I had him next Day for Dinner, by the Queen's Command. This Linnet, as near as I can remember, seemed to be somewhat larger than an *England* Swan.

THE Maids of Honour often invited *Glumdalclitch* to their Apartments, and desired she would bring me along with her, on purpose to have the Pleasure of seeing and touching me. They would often strip me naked from Top to Toe, and lay me at full length in their Bosoms; wherewith I was much disgusted; because, to say the Truth,
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a very offensive Smell came from their Skins; which I do not mention or intend to the Disadvantage of those excellent Ladies, for whom I have all manner of respect; but, I conceive that my Sense was more acute in proportion to my Littleness, and that those illustrious Persons were no more disagreeable to their Lovers, or to each other, than People of the same Quality are with us in *England*. And, after all, I found their natural Smell was much more supportable than when they used Perfumes, under which I immediately swooned away. I cannot forget that an intimate Friend of mine in *Lilliput*, took the Freedom in a warm Day, when I had used a good deal of Exercise, to complain of a strong Smell about me, although I am as little faulty that way as most of my Sex: But I suppose his Faculty of Smelling was as nice with regard to me, as mine was to that of this People. Upon this Point, I cannot forbear doing Justice to the Queen my Mistress, and *Glumdalclitch* my Nurse, whose Persons were as sweet as those of any Lady in *England*.

THAT which gave me most Uneasiness among these Maids of Honour, (when my Nurse carried me to visit them) was to see them use me without any manner of Ceremony, like a Creature who had no sort of Consequence. For, they would strip themselves to the Skin, and put on their Smocks in my Presence, while I was placed on their Toylet directly before their naked Bodies, which, I am sure, to me was very far from being a tempting Sight, or from giving me any other Emotions than those of Horror and Disgust. Their Skins appeared so coarse and uneven, so variously coloured, when I saw them near, with a Mole here and there as broad as a Trencher, and Hairs hanging from it thicker than Pack-threads, to say nothing farther concerning the rest of their Persons. Neither did they at all scruple while I was by to discharge what they had drank, to the Quantity of at least two Hogsheds, in a Vessel that held above three Tuns. The handsomest among these Maids of Honour, a pleasant, frolicksome Girl of sixteen, would sometimes set me astride upon one of her Nipples, with

with many other Tricks, wherein the Reader will excuse me for not being over particular. But I was so much displeas'd, that I entreated *Glumdalclitch* to contrive some Excuse for not seeing that young Lady any more.

ONE Day a young Gentleman, who was Nephew to my Nurse's Governess, came and press'd them both to see an Execution. It was of a Man who had murdered one of that Gentleman's intimate Acquaintance. *Glumdalclitch* was prevail'd on to be one of the Company, very much against her Inclination, for she was naturally tender-hearted: And, as for myself, although I abhorred such kind of Spectacles, yet my Curiosity tempted me to see something that I thought must be extraordinary. The Malefactor was fix'd in the Chair upon a Scaffold erected for that Purpose, and his Head cut off at a Blow with a Sword of about forty Foot long. The Veins and Arteries spouted out such a prodigious Quantity of Blood, and so high in the Air, that the great *Fett d'eau* at *Versailles*, was not equal for the time it lasted; and the Head,

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when it fell on the Scaffold Floor, gave such a Bounce, as made me start, although I were at least half an *English* Mile distant.

The Queen, who often used to hear me talk of my Sea-Voyages, and took all Occasions to divert me when I was melancholy, asked me whether I understood how to handle a Sail, or an Oar, and whether a little Exercise of Rowing might not be convenient for my Health? I answered, that I understood both very well: For although my proper Employment had been to be Surgeon or Doctor to the Ship, yet often, upon a Pinch, I was forced to work like a common Mariner. But I could not see how this could be done in their Country, where the smallest Wherry was equal to a First-rate Man of War among us, and such a Boat as I could manage would never live in any of their Rivers. Her Majesty said if I would contrive a Boat, her own Joiner should make it, and she would provide a Place for me to sail in. The Fellow was an ingenious Workman, and, by my Instructions, in ten Days, finished a Pleasure-Boat, with all its Tackling, able conveniently to

to hold eight *Europeans*. When it was finished, the Queen was so delighted, that she ran with it in her Lap to the King, who ordered it to be put in a Cistern full of Water, with me in it, by way of Trial; where I could not manage my two Sculls, or little Oars for want of Room. But the Queen had before contrived another Project. She ordered the Joiner to make a wooden Trough of three hundred Foot long, fifty broad, and eight deep; which being well pitched, to prevent leaking, was placed on the Floor along the Wall, in an outer Room of the Palace. It had a Cock near the Bottom to let out the Water when it began to grow stale, and two Servants could easily fill it in half an Hour. Here I often used to row for my own Diversion, as well as that of the Queen and her Ladies, who thought themselves well entertained with my Skill and Agility. Sometimes I would put up my Sail, and then my Business was only to steer, while the Ladies gave me a Gale with their Fans; and when they were weary, some of the Pages would blow my Sail forward with their Breath, while I shewed my Art by steering

steering Starboard or Larboard, as I pleas'd. When I had done, *Glumdalclitch* always carried back my Boat into her Clofet, and hung it on a Nail to dry.

IN this Exercife I once met an Accident, which had like to have cost me my Life: For, one of the Pages having put my Boat into the Trough, the Governess, who attend-*ed Glumdalclitch*, very officiously list-*ed* me up to place me in the Boat, but I happened to slip through her Fin-*gers*, and should infallibly have fallen down forty Foot upon the Floor, if, by the luckiest Chance in the World, I had not been stopped by a Corking-pin that stuck in the good Gentlewoman's Stomacher; the Head of the Pin passed between my Shirt and the Waste-band of my Breeches, and thus I was held by the Middle in the Air till *Glumdalclitch* ran to my Relief.

ANOTHER time, one of the Ser-*vants*, whose Office it was to fill my Trough every third Day with fresh Water, was so careles to let a huge Frog (not perceiving it) slip out of his Pail. The Frog lay concealed till I was put into my Boat, but then, seeing a resting-

resting-place, climbed up, and made it lean so much on one Side, that I was forced to balance it with all my Weight on the other, to prevent overturning. When the Frog was got in, it hopped at once half the length of the Boat, and then over my Head, backwards and forwards, daubing my Face and Clothes with its odious Slime. The largeness of its Features made it appear the most deformed Animal that can be conceived. However, I desired *Glumdalclitch* to let me deal with it alone. I banged it a good while with one of my Sculls, and at last forced it to leap out of the Boat.

BUT, the greatest Danger I ever underwent in that Kingdom, was from a Monkey, who belonged to one of the Clerks of the Kitchen. *Glumdalclitch* had locked me up in her Closet, while she went somewhere upon Business, or a Visit. The Weather being very warm, the Closet-Window was left open, as well as the Windows and the Door of my bigger Box, in which I usually lived, because of its Largeness and Conveniency. As I sat quietly meditating at my Table, I heard something bounce in at the Closet-

Closet-Window, and skip about from one side to the other; whereat although I were much alarmed, yet I ventur'd to look out, but not stirring from my Seat; and then I saw this frolicksome Animal, frisking and leaping up and down, till at last he came to my Box, which he seem'd to view with great Pleasure and Curiosity, peeping in at the Door and every Window. I retreated to the farther Corner of my Room, or Box, but the Monkey looking in, at every side, put me into such a Fright, that I wanted Presence of Mind to conceal myself under the Bed, as I might have easily have done. After some time spent in peeping, grinning, and chattering, he at last espied me, and reaching one of his Paws in at the Door, as a Cat does when she plays with a Mouse, although I often shifted Place to avoid him, he at length caught hold of the Lappet of my Coat, which (being made of that Country Cloth, was very thick and strong) and dragged me out. He took me up in his right Fore-foot, and held me as a Nurse does a Child she is going to suckle, just as I have seen the same sort of Creature do with a
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Kitten in *Europe* : And when I offer-
 ed to struggle, he squeezed me so
 hard, that I thought it more prudent
 to submit. I have good Reason to
 believe that he took me for a young
 one of his own Species, by his often
 stroaking my Face very gently with
 his other Paw. In these Diversions
 he was interrupted by a Noise at the
 Closet-Door, as if some Body were
 opening it; whereupon he suddenly
 leaped up to the Window, at which
 he had come in, and thence upon
 the Leads and Gutters, walking upon
 three Legs, and holding me in the
 fourth, till he clamber'd up to a
 Roof that was next to ours. I heard
Glumdalclitch give a Shreek at the
 Moment he was carrying me out.
 The poor Girl was almost distracted :
 That Quarter of the Palace was all
 in an uproar, the Servants ran for
 Ladders; the Monkey was seen by
 hundreds in the Court, sitting upon
 the Ridge of a Building, holding me
 like a Baby in one of his Fore-paws,
 and feeding me with the other, by
 cramming into my Mouth some Vi-
 ctuals he had squeezed out of the
 Bag on one side of his Chaps, and
 patting me when I would not eat ;
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whereat many of the Rabble below could not forbear laughing; neither do I think they justly ought to be blamed, for without Question the Sight was ridiculous enough to every Body but myself. Some of the People threw up Stones, hoping to drive the Monkey down; but this was strictly forbidden, or else very probably my Brains had been dashed out.

THE Ladders were now applied, and mounted by several Men, which the Monkey observing, and finding himself almost encompassed; not being able to make speed enough with his three Legs, let me drop on a Ridge-Tyle, and made his Escape. Here I sat for some time three hundred Yards from the Ground, expecting every moment to be blown down by the Wind, or to fall by my own Giddiness, and come tumbling over and over from the Ridge to the Eves: But an honest Lad, one of my Nurse's Footmen, climbing up, and, putting me into his Breeches-Pocket, brought me down safe.

I WAS almost choaked with the filthy Stuff the Monkey had crammed down my Throat; but my dear little Nurse picked it out of my Mouth
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with a small Needle, and then I fell a vomiting, which gave me great Relief. Yet I was so weak, and bruised in the Sides, with the Squeezes given me by this odious Animal, that I was forced to keep my Bed a Fort-night. The King, Queen, and all the Court, sent every Day to enquire after my Health, and her Majesty made me several Visits during my Sickness. The Monkey was killed, and an Order made that no such Animal should be kept about the Palace.

WHEN I attended the King after my Recovery, to return him thanks for his Favours, he was pleased to rally me a good deal upon this Adventure. He asked me what my Thoughts and Speculations were while I lay in the Monkey's Paw; how I liked the Victuals he gave me; his Manner of feeding; and whether the fresh Air on the Roof had sharpen'd my Stomach. He desired to know what I would have done upon such an Occasion in my own Country. I told his Majesty, that in Europe we had no Monkies, except such as were brought for Curiosities from other places, and so small, that I could
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deal with a dozen of them together, if they presumed to attack me. And as for that monstrous Animal with whom I was so lately engaged, (it was indeed as large as an Elephant,) if my Fears had suffered me to think so far as to make use of my Hanger, (looking fiercely and clapping my Hand upon the Hilt as I spoke,) when he poked his Paw into my Chamber, perhaps I should have given him such a Wound, as would have made him glad to withdraw it with more haste than he put it in. This I delivered in a firm Tone, like a Person who was jealous lest his Honour should be called in question. However, my Speech produced nothing else besides a loud Laughter, which all the Respect due to his Majesty from those about him could not make them contain. This made me reflect how vain an Attempt it is for a Man to endeavour doing himself Honour among those who are out of all degree of Equality or Comparison with him. And yet I have seen the Moral of my own Behaviour very frequent in *England* since my Return, where a little contemptible Varlet, without the least Title to Birth,

Birth, Person, Wit, or common Sense, shall presume to look with Importance, and put himself upon a foot with the greatest Persons of the Kingdom.

I WAS every Day furnishing the Court with some ridiculous Story; and *Glumdalclitch*, although she loved me to Excess, yet was arch enough to inform the Queen, whenever I committed any Folly that she thought would be diverting to her Majesty. The Girl, who had been out of Order, was carried by her Governess to take the Air about an hour's distance, or thirty miles from Town. They alighted out of the Coach near a small Foot-path in the Field, and *Glumdalclitch* setting down my travelling Box, I went out of it to walk. There was a Cow-dung in the Path, and I must needs try my Activity by attempting to leap over it. I took a run, but unfortunately jump'd short, and found myself just in the middle up to my Knees. I waded thro' with some Difficulty, and one of the Footmen wiped me as clean as he could with his Handkerchief; for I was filthily bemired, and my Nurse confined me to my Box till we returned

turned Home; where the Queen was soon informed of what had passed, and the Footmen spread it about the Court; so that all the Mirth, for some Days, was at my expence.



CHAP. VI.

Several Contrivances of the Author to please the King and Queen. He shews his Skill in Musick. The King enquires into the State of Europe, which the Author relates to him. The King's Observations thereon.

I USED to attend the King's Levee once or twice a Week, and had often seen him under the Barber's hand, which indeed was at first very terrible to behold: For the Razor was almost twice as long as an ordinary Scythe. His Majesty, according to the Custom of the Country, was only shaved twice a Week. I once prevailed on the Barber to give me some of the Suds or Lather, out of which I picked forty or fifty of the strongest stumps of Hair. I then

then took a piece of fine Wood, and cut it like the Back of a Comb, making several Holes in it at equal distance with as small a Needle as I could get from *Glumdalclitch*. I fixed in the Stumps so artificially, scraping and sloping them with my Knife towards the Points, that I made a very tolerable Comb; which was a seasonable Supply, my own being so much broken in the Teeth, that it was almost useless: Neither did I know any Artist in that Country so nice and exact, as would undertake to make me another.

AND this puts me in mind of an amusement wherein I spent many of my leisure Hours. I desired the Queen's Woman to save for me the Combing of her Majesty's Hair, whereof in time I got a good quantity, and consulting with my Friend the Cabinet-maker, who had received general Orders to do little Jobs for me, I directed him to make two Chair-frames, no larger than those I had in my Box, and then to bore little Holes with a fine Awl round those Parts where I designed the Backs and Seats; through these Holes I wove the strongest Hairs I could pick out,
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Just after the Manner of Cane-Chairs in *England*. When they were finished, I made a Present of them to her Majesty, who kept them in her Cabinet, and used to shew them for Curiosities, as indeed they were the Wonder of every one that beheld them. The Queen would have had me sit upon one of these Chairs, but I absolutely refused to obey her, protesting I would rather die a thousand Deaths than place a dishonourable Part of my Body on those precious Hairs that once adorned her Majesty's Head. Of these Hairs (as I had always a mechanical Genius) I likewise made a neat little Purse about five foot long, with her Majesty's Name decyphered in Gold Letters, which I gave to *Glum-dalclitch*, by the Queen's Consent. To say the truth, it was more for Show than Use, being not of strength to bear the Weight of the larger Coins, and therefore she kept nothing in it but some little Toys that Girls are fond of.

THE King, who delighted in Musick, had frequent Concerts at Court, to which I was sometimes carried, and set in my Box on a Table to hear them: But the Noise was so great, that

that I could hardly distinguish the Tunes. I am confident that all the Drums and Trumpets of a Royal Army, beating and sounding together just at your Ears, could not equal it. My practice was to have my Box removed from the places where the Performers sat, as far as I could, then to shut the Doors and Windows of it, and draw the Window-curtains; after which I found their Musick not disagreeable.

I HAD learned in my Youth to play a little upon the Spinnet. *Glum-dalclitch* kept one in her Chamber, and a Master attended twice a Week to teach her: I call it a Spinnet, because it somewhat resembled that Instrument, and was play'd upon in the same manner, A Fancy came into my Head that I would entertain the King and Queen with an *English Tune* upon this Instrument. But this appeared extremely difficult: For, the Spinnet was near sixty Foot long, each Key being almost a Foot wide, so that with my Arms extended, I could not reach to above five Keys, and to press them down required a good smart stroak with my Fist, which would be too great a Labour, and to no purpose. The Method I contrived was this.

I prepared two round Sticks about the Bigness of common Cudgels; they were thicker at one end then the other, and I covered the thicker ends with a piece of a Mouſe's Skin, that by rapping on them, I might neither damage the tops of the Keys, nor interrupt the Sound. Before the Spinnet a Bench was placed about four Foot below the Keys, and I was put upon the Bench. I ran ſideling upon it that way and this, as faſt as I could, banging the proper Keys with my two Sticks, and made a ſhift to play a Jigg, to the great Satisfaction of both their Majesties: But it was the most violent Exercise I ever underwent, and yet I could not ſtrike above ſixteen Keys, nor, conſequently, play the Baſs and Treble together, as other Artiſts do; which was a great Diſadvantage to my Performance.

THE King, who, as I before obſerved, was a Prince of excellent Underſtanding, would frequently order that I ſhould be brought in my Box, and ſet upon the Table in his Cloſet: He would then command me to bring one of my Chairs out of the Box, and ſit down within three Yards diſtance upon the top of the Cabinet, which brought me almoſt to a level with his

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Face. In this manner I had several Conversations with him. I one Day took the Freedom to tell his Majesty, that the Contempt he discovered towards *Europe*, and the rest of the World, did not seem answerable to those excellent Qualities of the Mind he was Master of. That Reason did not extend it self with the bulk of the Body: On the contrary, we observed in our Country, that the tallest Persons were usually least provided with it. That among other Animals, Bees and Ants had the Reputation of more Industry, Art and Sagacity, than many of the larger kinds; and that, as inconsiderable as he took me to be, I hoped I might live to do his Majesty some signal Service. The King heard me with Attention, and began to conceive a much better Opinion of me than he had ever before. He desired I would give him as exact an account of the Government of *England*, as I possibly could; because, as fond as Princes commonly are of their own Customs, (for so he conjectured of other Monarchs by my former Discourses,) he should be glad to hear of any thing that might deserve imitation.

IMAGINE with thy self, courteous Reader, how often I then wished for

the Tongue of *Demosthenes* or *Cicero*, that might have enabled me to celebrate the Praise of my own dear native Country in a Stile equal to its Merits and Felicity.

I BEGAN my Discourse by informing his Majesty that our Dominions consisted of two Islands, which composed three mighty Kingdoms under one Sovereign, besides our Plantations in *America*. I dwelt long upon the Fertility of our Soil, and the Temperature of our Climate. I then spoke at large upon the Constitution of an *English* Parliament, partly made up of an illustrious Body called the House of Peers, Persons of the noblest Blood, and of the most ancient and ample Patrimonies. I described that extraordinary Care always taken of their Education in Arts and Arms, to qualify them for being Counsellors both to the King and Kingdom; to have a share in the Legislature; to be Members of the highest Court of Judicature, from whence there could be no Appeal; and to be Champions always ready for the Defence of their Prince and Country, by their Valour, Conduct and Fidelity. That these were the Ornament and Bulwark of the Kingdom, worthy Followers of their
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most renowned Ancestors, whose Honour had been the Reward of their Virtue, from which their Posterity were never once known to degenerate. To these were joined several holy Persons, as part of that Assembly, under the Title of Bishops, whose peculiar Business it is to take care of Religion, and of those who instruct the People therein. These were searched and sought out through the whole Nation, by the Prince and his wisest Counsellors, among such of the Priesthood as were most deservedly distinguished by the Sanctity of their Lives, and the Depth of their Erudition, who were indeed the spiritual Fathers of the Clergy and the People.

THAT the other Part of the Parliament consisted of an Assembly called the House of Commons, who were all principal Gentlemen, *freely* picked and culled out by the People themselves, for their great Abilities and Love of their Country, to represent the Wisdom of the whole Nation. And these two Bodies make up the most august Assembly in Europe, to whom, in conjunction with the Prince, the whole Legislature is committed.

I THEN descended to the Courts of Justice, over which the Judges, those venerable Sages and Interpreters of the Law presided, for determining the disputed Rights and Properties of Men, as well as for the Punishment of Vice, and Protection of Innocence. I mentioned the prudent Management of our Treasury, the Valour and Achievements of our Forces by Sea and Land. I computed the Number of our People, by reckoning how many Millions there might be of each religious Sect, or political Party among us. I did not omit even our Sports and Pastimes, or any other Particular, which I thought might redound to the Honour of my Country. And I finished all with a brief historical Account of Affairs and Events in *England* for about an hundred Years past.

THIS Conversation was not ended under five Audiences, each of several Hours; and the King heard the whole with great Attention, frequently taking Notes of what I spoke, as well as Memorandums of all Questions he intended to ask me.

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WHEN I had put an end to these long Discourses, his Majesty in a sixth Audience consulting his Notes, propos'd many Doubts, Queries, and Objections, upon every Article. He asked what Methods were us'd to cultivate the Minds and Bodies of our young Nobility, and in what kind of Business they commonly spent the first and teachable Part of their Lives. What Course was taken to supply that Assembly when any noble Family became extinct. What Qualifications were necessary in those who are to be created new Lords: Whether the Humour of the Prince, a Sum of Money to a Court Lady, or a prime Minister, or a Design of strengthening a Party opposite to the publick Interest, ever happened to be Motives in those Advancements. What Share of Knowledge these Lords had in the Laws of their Country, and how they came by it, so as to enable them to decide the Properties of their Fellow-Subjects in the last Resort. Whether they were always so free from Avarice, Partialities, or Want, that a Bribe, or some other sinister View, could have no place among them. Whether those holy Lords I spoke of

were always promoted to that Rank upon account of their Knowledge in religious Matters, and the Sanctity of their Lives, had never been Compliers with the Times while they were common Priests, or slavish prostitute Chaplains to some Nobleman, whose Opinions they continued servilely to follow after they were admitted into that Assembly.

HE then desired to know what Arts were practised in electing those whom I called Commoners: Whether a Stranger with a strong Purse might not influence the vulgar Votes to chuse him before their own Landlord, or the most considerable Gentleman in the Neighbourhood. How it came to pass, that People were so violently bent upon getting into this Assembly, which I allowed to be a great Trouble and Expence, often to the Ruin of their Families, without any Salary or Pension: Because that appeared such an exalted Strain of Virtue and publick Spirit, that his Majesty seemed to doubt it might possibly not be always sincere: And he desired to know whether such zealous Gentlemen could have any Views of refunding themselves for the Charges and Trouble they were at, by sacrific-

ficings the publick Good to the Designs of a weak and vicious Prince in Conjunction with a corrupted Ministry. He multiplied his Questions, and sifted me thoroughly upon every Part of this Head, proposing numberless Enquiries and Objections, which I think it not prudent or convenient to repeat.

UPON what I said in relation to our Courts of Justice, his Majesty desired to be satisfied, in several Points: And, this I was the better able to do, having been formerly almost ruined by a long Suit of Chancery, which was decreed for me with Colts. He asked, what Time was usually spent in determining between right and wrong, and what degree of Expence. Whether Advocates and Orators had liberty to plead in Causes manifestly known to be unjust, vexatious, or oppressive. Whether Party in Religion or Politicks were observed to be of any Weight in the Scale of Justice. Whether those pleading Orators were Persons educated in the general Knowledge of Equity or only in provincial, national, and other local Customs. Whether they or their Judges had any Part in penning those Laws which they assum-

ed the Liberty of interpreting and glossing upon at their Pleasure. Whether they had ever at different times pleaded for and against the same Cause, and cited Precedents to prove contrary Opinions. Whether they were a rich or a poor Corporation. Whether they received any pecuniary Reward for pleading or delivering their Opinions. And particularly, whether they were ever admitted as Members in the lower Senate.

HE fell next upon the Management of our Treasury, and said, he thought my Memory had failed me, because I computed our Taxes at about five or six Millions a Year, and when I came to mention the Issues, he found they sometimes amounted to more than double; for the Notes he had taken were very particular in this Point, because he hoped, as he told me, that the Knowledge of our Conduct might be useful to him, and he could not be deceived in his Calculations. But, if what I told him were true, he was still at a loss how a Kingdom could run out of its Estate like a private Person. He asked me, who were our Creditors; and where we should find Money to pay them

them. He wonder'd to hear me talk of such chargeable and expensive Wars; that certainly we must be a quarrelsome People, or live among very bad Neighbours, and that our Generals must needs be richer than our Kings. He asked what Business we had out of our own Islands, unless upon the Score of Trade or Treaty, or to defend the Coasts with our Fleet. Above all, he was amazed to hear me talk of a mercenary standing Army in the midst of Peace, and among a free People. He said, if we were govern'd by our own Consent in the Persons of our Representatives, he could not imagine of whom we were afraid, or against whom we were to fight; and would hear my Opinion, whether a private Man's House might not better be defended by himself, his Children, and Family, than by half a dozen Rascals picked up at a venture in the Streets, for small Wages, who might get an hundred times more by cutting their Throats.

HE laugh'd at my odd kind of Arithmetick (as he was pleas'd to call it) in reckoning the Numbers of our People by a Computation drawn from the several Sects among us in Religion and Politicks. He said, He knew

no Reason, why those who entertain Opinions prejudicial to the Publick should be obliged to change, or should be obliged to conceal them. And as it was Tyranny in any Government to require the first, so it was Weakness not to enforce the second: For a Man may be allowed to keep Poysons in his Closet, but not to vend them about for Cordials.

HE observed, that among the Diversions of our Nobility and Gentry, I had mentioned Gaming. He desired to know at what Age this Entertainment was usually taken up, and when it was laid down; how much of their Time it employed; whether it ever went so high as to affect their Fortunes: Whether mean vicious People, by their Dexterity in that Art, might not arrive at great Riches, and sometimes keep our very Nobles in Dependance, as well as habituate them to vile Companions, wholly take them from the Improvement of their Minds, and force them, by the Losses they have received, to learn and practise that infamous Dexterity upon others.

HE was perfectly astonished with the historical Account I gave him of our Affairs during the last Century protesting

testing it was only a Heap of Conspiracies, Rebellions, Murders, Massacres, Revolutions, Banishments, the very worst Effects that Avarice, Faction, Hypocrisy, Perfidiousness, Cruelty, Rage, Madness, Hatred, Envy, Lust, Malice, or Ambition, could produce.

HIS Majesty in another Audience was at the Pains to recapitulate the Sum of all I had spoken, compared the Questions he made with the Answers I had given; then taking me into his Hands, and stroaking me gently, delivered himself in these Words, which I shall never forget, nor the Manner he spoke them in: My little Friend *Grildrig*, you have made a most admirable Panegyrick upon your Country: You have clearly proved that Ignorance, Idleness and Vice may sometimes be the only Ingredients for qualifying a Legislator: That Laws are best explained, interpreted, and applied by those whose Interest and Abilities lie in perverting, confounding, and eluding them. I observe among you some Lines of an Institution, which in its Original might have been tolerable, but these half cras'd, and the rest wholly blurred and blotted by Corruptions. It doth not appear
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from all you have said, how any one Virtue is required toward the procurement of any one Station among you; much less that Men were ennobled on account of their Virtue, that Priests were advanced for their Piety or Learning, Soldiers for their Conduct or Valour, Judges for their Integrity, Senators for the Love of their Country, or Counsellors for their Wisdom. As for yourself, (continued the King,) who have spent the greatest Part of your Life in travelling, I am well disposed to hope you may hitherto have escaped many Vices of your Country. But by what I have gathered from your own Relation, and the Answers I have with much Pains wringed and extorted from you, I cannot but conclude the Bulk of your Natives to be the most pernicious Race of little odious Vermin that Nature ever suffered to crawl upon the Surface of the Earth.

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#### C H A P. VII.

*The Author's Love of his Country. He makes a Proposal of much Advantage to the King, which is rejected. The King's great Ignorance in Politicks. The Learning of that Country very imperfect. Their*  
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**N**OTHING but an extreme Love of Truth could have hindered me from concealing this part of my Story. It was in vain to discover my Resentments, which were always turned into Ridicule; and I was forced to rest with Patience while my noble and most beloved Country was so injuriously treated. I am heartily sorry as any of my Readers can possibly be, that such an Occasion was given: But this Prince happened to be so curious and inquisitive upon every Particular, that it could not consist either with Gratitude or good Manners to refuse giving him what Satisfaction I was able. Yet thus much I may be allowed to say in my own Vindication, That I artfully eluded many of his Questions, and gave to every Point a more favourable Turn by many Degrees than the strictness of Truth would allow. For I have always born that laudable Partiality to my own Country, which *Dionysius Halicarnassensis* with so much Justice recommends to an Historian: I would hide the Frailties and Deformities of my political Mother,

ther, and place her Virtues and Beauties in the most advantageous Light. This was my sincere Endeavour in those many Discourses I had with that Monarch, although it unfortunately failed of Success.

BUT great allowances should be given to a King who lives wholly secluded from the rest of the World, and must therefore be altogether unacquainted with the Manners and Customs that most prevail in other Nations: The want of which Knowledge will ever produce many *Prejudices*, and a certain *narrowness of Thinking*; from which we and the politer Countries of *Europe* are wholly exempted. And it would be hard, indeed, if so remote a Prince's notions of Virtue and Vice were to be offered as a Standard for all Mankind.

To confirm what I have now said, and further, to shew the miserable effects of a *confined Education*, I shall here insert a passage which will hardly obtain Belief. In hopes to ingratiate myself farther into his Majesty's Favour, I told him of an Invention discovered between three and four hundred Years ago, to make a certain Powder, into an heap of which the smallest Spark of Fire falling,

King, would kindle the whole in a moment, although it were as big as a Mountain, and make it all fly up in the Air together, with a Noise and Agitation greater than Thunder. That a proper quantity of this Powder rammed into an hollow Tube of Brass or Iron, according to its Bigness, would drive a Ball of Iron or Lead with such Violence and Speed, as nothing was able to sustain its Force. That the largest Balls thus discharged, would not only destroy whole Ranks of an Army at once, but batter the strongest Walls to the Ground, sink down Ships, with a thousand Men in each, to the bottom of the Sea; and, when linked together by a Chain, would cut through Masts and Rigging, divide hundreds of Bodies in the middle, and lay all waste before them. That we often put this Powder into large hollow Balls of Iron, and discharged them by an Engine into some City we were besieging, which would rip up the Pavements, tear the Houses to pieces, burst and throw Splinters on very side, dashing out the Brains of all who came near. That I knew the Ingredients very well, which were cheap, and common; I understood  
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the Manner of compounding them, and could direct his Workmen how to make those Tubes of a size proportionable to all other things in his Majesty's Kingdom, and the largest need not be above an hundred foot long; twenty or thirty of which Tubes, charged with the proper quantity of Powder and Balls, would batter down the Walls of the strongest Town in his Dominions in a few Hours, or destroy the whole Metropolis, if ever it should pretend to dispute his absolute Commands. This I humbly offered to his Majesty as a small Tribute of Acknowledgment in Return of so many Marks that I had received of his Royal Favour and Protection.

THE King was struck with Horror at the Description I had given of those terrible Engines, and the Proposal I had made. He was amazed how so impotent and groveling an Insect as I (these were his Expressions) could entertain such inhuman Ideas, and in so familiar a Manner as to appear wholly unmoved at all the Scenes of Blood and Desolation, which I had painted as the common effects of those destructive Machines, whereof he said, some evil Genius, Enemy

to Mankind, must have been the first Contriver. As for himself, he protested, that although few things delighted him so much as new Discoveries in Art or in Nature, yet he would rather lose half his Kingdom than be privy to such a Secret, which he commanded me, as I valued my Life, never to mention any more.

A STRANGE effect of *narrow Principles* and *short Views*! that a Prince possessed of every Quality which procures Veneration, Love, and Esteem; of strong Parts, great Wisdom, and profound Learning, endued with admirable Talents for Government, and almost adored by his Subjects, should from a *nice unnecessary Scruple*, whereof in *Europe* we can have no Conception, let slip an Opportunity put into his Hands, that would have made him absolute Master of the Lives, the Liberties, and the Fortunes of his People. Neither do I say this with the least intention to detract from the many Virtues of that excellent King, whose Character I am sensible, will, on this account, be very much lessened in the Opinion of an English Reader: But I take this Defect among them to have risen from their Ignorance, they not having hitherto reduced

reduced Politicks into a Science, as the more acute Wits of *Europe* have done. For I remember very well; in a Discourse one Day with the King, when I happened to say there were several thousand Books among us written upon the *Art of Government*, it gave him (directly contrary to my Intention) a very mean Opinion of our Understandings. He professed both to abominate and despise all *Mystery, Refinement, and Intrigue*, either in a Prince or a Minister. He could not tell what I meant by *Secrets of State*, where an Enemy or some Rival Nation were not in the Case. He confined the Knowledge of Governing within very *narrow Bounds*, to common Sense and Reason, to Justice and Lenity, to the speedy Determination of civil and criminal Causes; with some other obvious Topics which are not worth considering. And, he gave it for his Opinion, that whoever could make two Ears of Corn, or two Blades of Grass, to grow upon a Spot of Ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of Mankind, and do more essential Service to his Country than the whole race of Politicians put together.

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THE Learning of this People is very defective, consisting only in Morality, History, Poetry, and Mathematicks, wherein they must be allowed to excel. But, the last of these is wholly applied to what may be useful in Life, to the Improvement of Agriculture and all mechanical Arts; so that among us it would be little esteemed. And as to Ideas, Entities, Abstractions and Transcendentals, I could never drive the least Conception into their Heads.

No Law of that Country must exceed in Words the Number of Letters in their Alphabet, which consists only in two and twenty. But, indeed, few of them extend even to that Length. They are expressed in the most plain and simple Terms, wherein those People are not mercurial enough to discover above one Interpretation: And to write a Comment upon any Law is a capital Crime. As to the Decision of civil Causes, or Proceedings against Criminals, their Precedents are so few, that they have little Reason to boast of any extraordinary Skill in their.

THEY have had the Art of Printing, as well as the *Chinese*, time out of mind; But their Libraries are not  
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very large; for that of the King's, which is reckoned the biggest, doth not amount to above a thousand Volumes, placed in a Gallery of twelve hundred Foot long from whence I had Liberty to borrow what Books I pleased. The Queen's Joiner had contrived in one of *Glumdalclitch's* Rooms a kind of wooden Machine five and twenty foot high, formed like a standing Ladder, the Steps were each fifty foot long: It was indeed a moveable pair of Stairs, the lowest End placed at ten foot distance from the Wall of the Chamber. The Book I had a mind to read was put up leaning against the Wall: I first mounted to the upper Step of the Ladder, and turning my Face towards the Book, began at the top of the Page, and so walking to the right and left about eight or ten Paces, according to the length of the Lines, till I had gotten a little below the Level of mine Eyes, and then descending gradually till I came to the bottom: After which I mounted again, and began the other Page in the same Manner, and so turned over the Leaf, which I could easily do with both my Hands, for it was as thick and stiff as a Pastebord, and in the largest Folio's not  
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above eighteen or twenty foot long.

THEIR Stile is clear, masculine, and smooth, but not florid; for they avoid nothing more than multiplying unnecessary Words, or using various Expressions. I have perused many of their Books, especially those in History and Morality. Among the rest I was much diverted with a little old Treatise, which always lay in *Glumdalclitch's* Bed-Chamber, and belonged to her Governess, a grave elderly Gentlewoman, who dealt in Writings of Morality and Devotion. The Book treats of the Weakness of Human Kind, and is in little Esteem, except among the Women and the Vulgar. However, I was curious to see what an Author of that Country could say upon such a Subject. This Writer went through all the usual Topicks of *European* Moralists, shewing how diminutive, contemptible, and helpless an Animal was Man in his own Nature; how unable to defend himself from Inclemencies of the Air, or the Fury of wild Beasts: How much he was excelled by one Creature in Strength, by another in Speed, by a third in Foresight, by a fourth in Industry. He added, that Nature was degenerated in these latter declining  
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Ages of the World, and could now produce only small abortive Births in comparison of those in ancient Times. He said, it was very reasonable to think, not only that the Species of Man were originally much larger, but also, that there must have been Giants in former Ages, which, as it is asserted by History and Tradition, so it hath been confirmed by huge Bones and Sculls casually dug up in several Parts of the Kingdom, far exceeding the common dwindled Race of Man in our Days. He argued, that the very Laws of Nature absolutely required we should have been made in the beginning, of a Size more large and robust, not so liable to Destruction from every little Accident of a Tile falling from an House, or a Stone cast from the Hand of a Boy, or being drowned in a little Brook. From this Way of Reasoning, the Author drew several moral Applications useful in the Conduct of Life, but needless here to repeat. For my Part, I could not avoid reflecting how universally this Talent was spread, of drawing Lectures in Morality, or, indeed, rather Matter of Discontent and Repining, from the Quarrels we raise  
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with Nature. And, I believe, upon a strict Enquiry, those Quarrels might be shewn as ill-grounded among us, as they are among that People.

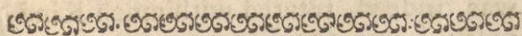
As to their Military Affairs, they boast that the King's Army consists of an hundred and seventy six thousand Foot, and thirty-two thousand Horse: If that may be called an Army which is made up of Tradesmen in the several Cities, and Farmers in the Country, whose Commanders are only the Nobility and Gentry, without Pay or Reward. They are, indeed, perfect enough in their Exercises, and under very good Discipline, wherein I saw no great Merit; for how should it be otherwise, where every Farmer is under the Command of his own Landlord, and every Citizen under that of the principal Men in his own City, chosen after the Manner of *Venice* by *Ballot*?

I HAVE often seen the Militia of *Lorbulgrud* drawn out to Exercise in a great Field near the City, of twenty Miles square. They were, in all, not above twenty-five thousand Foot, and six thousand Horse; but it was impossible for me to compute their Number, considering the Space of Ground they took up. A Cavalier

mounted on a large Steed might be about an hundred Foot high. I have seen this whole Body of Horse, upon a Word of Command, draw their Swords at once, and brandish them in the Air. Imagination can figure nothing so grand, so surprizing, and so astonishing! It looked as if ten thousand Flashes of Lightning were darting at the same time from every Quarter of the Sky.

I WAS curious to know how this Prince, to whose Dominions there is no Access from any other Country, came to think of Armies; or to teach his People the Practice of military Discipline. But I was soon informed, both by Conversation, and reading their Histories: For, in the Course of many Ages they have been troubled with the same Disease to which so many other Governments are subject; the Nobility often contending for Power, the People for Liberty, and the King for absolute Dominion. All which, however happily tempered by the Laws of the Kingdom, have been sometimes violated by each of the three Parties, and have once or more occasioned Civil Wars, the last whereof was happily put an End to by this Prince's Grandfather by a general

ral Composition: and the Militia then settled with common Consent hath been ever since kept in the strictest Duty.



C H A P. VIII.

*The King and Queen make a Progress to the Frontiers. The Author attends them. The Manner in which he leaves the Country very particularly related. He returns to England.*



HAD always a strong Impulse that I should some time recover my Liberty, though it was impossible to conjecture by what Means, or to form any Project with the least Hope of succeeding. The Ship in which I sailed was the first ever known to be driven within sight of that Coast, and the King had given strict Orders, that if at any time another appeared, it should be taken ashore, and, with all its Crew and Passengers, brought in a Tumbril to *Lorbrulgrud*. He was strongly bent to get me a Woman of my own Size, by whom I might propagate the Breed: But, I think, I should rather have

died than undergone the Disgrace of leaving a Posterity to be kept in Cages like tame Canary Birds, and perhaps, in time, sold about the Kingdom to Persons of Quality for Curiolities. I was, indeed, treated with much Kindness: I was the Favourite of a great King and Queen, and the Delight of the whole Court, but it was upon such a Foot as ill became the Dignity of human Kind. I could never forget those domestick Pledges I had left behind me. I wanted to be among People with whom I could converse upon even Terms, and walk about the Streets and Fields without being afraid of being trod to Death like a Frog or a young Puppy. But my Deliverance came sooner than I expected, and, in a manner, not very common: The whole Story and Circumstances of which I shall faithfully relate.

I HAD now been two Years in this Country; and, about the beginning of the third, *Glumdalclitch* and I attended the King and Queen in a Progress to the *South Coast* of the Kingdom. I was carried, as usual, in my travelling-Box, which, as I have already described, was a very convenient Closet of twelve Foot wide. And

I had ordered a Hammock to be fixed, by filken Ropes, from the four Corners at the Top, to break the Jolts, when a Servant carried me before him on Horseback, as I sometimes desired, and would often sleep in my Hammock while we were upon the Road. On the Roof of my Closet, not directly over the Middle of the Hammock, I ordered the Joiner to cut out a Hole of a Foot square, to give me Air in hot Weather, as I slept; which Hole I shut, at Pleasure, with a Board that drew backwards and forwards through a Groove.

WHEN we came to our Journey's end, the King thought proper to pass a few Days at a Palace he hath near *Flanflanic*, a City within eighteen English Miles of the Sea-side. *Glumdalclitch* and I was much fatigued: I had gotten a small Cold; but the poor Girl was so ill as to be confined to her Chamber. I longed to see the Ocean, which must be the only Scene of my Escape, if ever it should happen. I pretended to be worse than I really was, and desired Leave to take the fresh Air of the Sea, with a Page I was very fond of, and who had sometimes been trusted with me. I shall never forget with what unwillingness *Glum-*



*dalclitch* consented, nor the strict Charge she gave the Page to be careful of me, bursting at the same time into a flood of Tears, as if she had some Foreboding of what was to happen. The Boy took me out in my Box about half an Hour's Walk from the Palace towards the Rocks on the Seashore. I ordered him to set me down, and lifting up one of my Sashes, cast many a wistful melancholy Look towards the Sea. I found myself not very well, and told the Page that I had a mind to take a Nap in my Hammock, which I hoped would do me good. I got in, and the Boy shut the Window close down to keep out the Cold. I soon fell asleep, and all I can conjecture is, that while I slept, the Page, thinking no Danger could happen, went among the Rocks to look for Birds Eggs, having before observed him from my Window searching about, and picking up one or two in the Clefs. Be that as it will, I found myself suddenly awaked with a violent Pull upon the Ring which was fastned at the Top of my Box for the Conveniency of Carriage. I felt my Box raised very high in the Air, and then born forward with prodigious

gious Speed. The first Jolt had like to have shaken me out of my Hammock, but afterwards the Motion was easy enough. I called out several times, as loud as I could raise my Voice, but all to no Purpose. I looked towards my Windows, and could see nothing but the Clouds and Sky I heard a noise over my Head like the clapping of Wings, and then began to perceive the woful Condition I was in, that some Eagle had got the Ring of my Box in his Beak, with an intent to let it fall on a Rock like a Tortoise in a Shell, and then pick out my Body, and devour it. For the Sagacity and Smell of this Bird enabled him to discover his Quarry at a great Distance, though better concealed than I could be within a two-inch Board.

IN a little time I observed the noise and flutter of Wings to increase very fast, and my Box was tossed up and down like a Sign-post in a windy Day. I heard several Bangs or Buffets, as I thought, given to the Eagle, (for such I am certain it must have been that held the Ring of my Box in his Beak) and then all on a sudden felt myself falling perpendicularly down for above a minute, but with such incre-

dible swiftness that I almost lost my Breath. My fall was stopped by a terrible Squash, that sounded louder to my Ears than the Cataract of *Niagara*; after which I was quite in the dark for another Minute, and then my Box began to rise so high that I could see Light from the tops of the Windows. I now perceived that I was fallen into the Sea. My Box, by the Weight of my Body, the Goods that were in, and the broad Plates of Iron fixed for Strength at the four Corners of the top and bottom, floated above five foot deep in Water. I did then, and do now suppose that the Eagle which flew away with my Box was pursued by two or three others, and forced to let me drop while he was defending himself against the rest, who hoped to share in the Prey. The Plates of Iron fasten'd at the bottom of the Box, (for those were the strongest,) preserved the Balance while it fell, and hinder'd it from being broken on the Surface of the Water. Every Joint of it was well grooved; and the Door did not move on Hinges, but up and down like a Sash, which kept my Closet so tight that very little Water came in. I got with much Difficulty out of my Hammock, having  
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first ventured to draw back the Slip-board on the Roof already mentioned, contrived on purpose to let in Air, for want of which I found myself almost stifled.

How often did I then with myself with my dear *Glumdalclitch*, from whom one single hour had so far divided me! And I may say, with Truth, that in the midst of my own Misfortunes I could not forbear lamenting my poor Nurse, the Grief she would suffer for my Loss, the Displeasure of the Queen, and the Ruin of her Fortune. Perhaps many Travellers have not been under greater Difficulties and Distress than I was at this Juncture, expecting every moment to see my Box dashed in pieces, or at least overset by the first violent Blast, or a rising Wave. A Breach in one single Pane of Glass would have been immediate Death: Nor could any thing have preserved the Windows but the strong Lattice-wires placed on the out-side against Accidents in Travelling. I saw the Water ooze in at several Crannies, although the Leaks were not considerable, and I endeavoured to stop them as well as I could. I was not able to lift up the Roof of my Closet, which otherwise I certainly should have done,

and sat on the Top of it, where I might, at least, preserve myself some hours longer than by being shut up, as I may call it, in the Hold. Or if I escaped these Dangers for a day or two, what could I expect but a miserable Death of Cold and Hunger! I was four hours under these Circumstances, expecting, and indeed wishing every moment to be my last.

I HAVE already told the Reader, that there were two strong Staples fixed upon that side of my Box which had no Window, and into which the Servant who used to carry me on horseback would put a leathern Belt, and buckle it about his Waste. Being in this disconsolate state, I heard, or at least thought I heard some kind of grating Noise on that side of my Box where the Staples were fixed, and soon after I began to fancy that the Box was pulled or towed along in the Sea; for I now and then felt a sort of tugging, which made the Waves rise near the Tops of my Windows, leaving me almost in the dark. This gave me some faint hopes of Relief; although I was not able to imagine how it could be brought about. I ventured to unscrew one of my Chairs, which were always fastned to  
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the Floor; and having made a hard shift to screw it down again directly under the slipping Board that I had lately opened, I mounted on the Chair, and putting my Mouth as near as I could to the Hole, I called for help in a loud Voice, and in all the Languages I understood. I then fastned my Handkerchief to a Stick I usually carried, and thrusting it up the Hole, waved it several times in the Air, that if any Boat or Ship were near the Seamen might conjecture some unhappy Mortal to be shut up in this Box.

I FOUND no Effect from all I could do, but plainly perceived my Closet to be moved along; and in the space of an hour, or better, that side of the Box where the Staples were, and had no Window, struck against something that was hard. I apprehended it to be a Rock, and found myself tossed more than ever. I plainly heard a noise upon the cover of my Closet, like that of a Cable, and the grating of it as it passed through the Ring. I then found myself hoisted up by degrees, at least three Foot higher than I was before. Whereupon I again thrust up my Stick and Handkerchief, calling for help till I was almost hoarse. In return to which, I  
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heard a great shout repeated three times, giving me such transports of Joy, as are not to be conceived but by those who feel them. I now heard a trampling over my Head, and somebody calling through the hole with a loud Voice in the *English* Tongue, If there be any Body below, let them speak. I answered, I was an *Englishman*, drawn by ill Fortune into the greatest Calamity that ever any Creature underwent, and begged, by all that was moving, to be delivered out of the Dungeon I was in. The Voice replied, I was safe, for my Box was fastened to their Ship; and the Carpenter should immediately come and saw an Hole in the Cover large enough to pull me out. I answered, that was needless, and would take up too much time, for there was no more to be done, but let one of the Crew put his Finger into the Ring, and take the Box out of the Sea into the Ship, and so into the Captain's Cabbin. Some of them upon hearing me talk so wildly, thought I was mad; others laughed; for indeed it never came into my Head that I was now got among People of my own Stature and Strength. The Carpenter came, and in a few minutes sawed a Passage about four  
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Foot square, then let down a small Ladder, upon which I mounted, and from thence was taken into the Ship in a very weak Condition.

THE Sailors were all in Amazement, and asked me a thousand Questions, which I had no Inclination to answer. I was equally confounded at the sight of so many Pigmies, for such I took them to be, after having so long accustomed mine Eyes to the monstrous Objects I had left. But the Captain, Mr. *Thomas Wilcocks*, an honest worthy *Shropshire* Man, observing I was ready to faint, took me into his Cabin, gave me a Cordial to Comfort me, and made me *turn in* upon his own Bed, advising me to take a little Rest, of which I had great need. Before I went to sleep I gave him to understand that I had some valuable Furniture in my Box, too good to be lost; a fine Hammock, an handsome Field-Bed, two Chairs, a Table, and a Cabinet. That my Closet was hung on all sides, or rather quilted, with Silk and Cotton: That if he would let one of the Crew bring my Closet into his Cabin, I would open it there before him, and shew him my Goods. The Captain hearing me utter these Absurdities, concluded I was raving:  
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However, (I suppose to pacify me,) he promised to give Order as I desired, and going upon Deck sent some of his Men down into my Closet, from whence (as I afterwards found) they drew up all my Goods, and stripped off the Quilting; but the Chairs, Cabinet and Bedstead being screwed to the Floor, were much damaged by the Ignorance of the Seamen, who tore them up by force. Then they knocked off some of the Boards for the use of the Ship, and when they had got all they had a mind for, let the Hulk drop into the Sea, which by Reason of many Breaches made in the Bottom and Sides, sunk to rights. And indeed I was glad not to have been a Spectator of the Havock they made; because I am confident it would have sensibly touched me, by bringing former Passages into my Mind, which I had rather forget.

I SLEPT some hours, but perpetually disturbed with Dreams of the Place I had left, and the Dangers I had escaped. However, upon waking I found myself much recovered. It was now about eight o'clock at Night, and the Captain ordered Supper immediately, thinking I had already fasted too long. He entertained me  
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with great kindness, observing me not to look wildly, or talk inconsistently; and when we were left alone, desired I would give him a Relation of my Travels, and by what Accident I came to be set adrift in that monstrous wooden Chest. He said, that about twelve o' clock at Noon, as he was looking through his Glafs, he spied it at a distance, and thought it was a Sail; which he had a mind to make, being not much out of his Course, in hopes of buying some Bisket, his own beginning to fall short. That upon coming nearer, and finding his error, he sent out his Long-boat to discover what I was; that his Men came back in a fright, swearing they had seen a swimming House. That he laughed at their Folly, and went himself in the Boat, ordering his Men to take a strong Cable along with them. That the Weather being calm, he rowed round me several times, observed my Windows, and the Wire-lattices that defended them. That he discovered two Staples upon one side, which was all of Boards, without any passage for Light. He then commanded his Men to row up to that side, and fastening a Cable to one of the Staples,

ples, ordered them to tow my Chest (as they called it) towards the Ship. When it was there, he gave Directions to fasten another Cable to the Ring fixed in the Cover, and to raise up my Chest with Pullies, which all the Sailors were not able to do above two or three foot. He said, they saw my Stick and Handkerchief thrust out of the Hole, and concluded that some unhappy Man must be shut up in the Cavity. I asked, Whether he or the Crew had seen any prodigious Birds in the Air about the time he first discovered me? To which he answered, That discoursing this Matter with the Sailors while I was asleep, one of them said, he had *observed* three Eagles flying towards the *North*, but remarked nothing of their being larger than the usual Size, which I suppose must be imputed to the great height they were at; and he could not guess the reason of my Question, I then asked the Captain, How far he reckoned we might be from Land? He said, by the best Computation he could make, we were at least an hundred Leagues. I assured him, that he must be mistaken by almost half, for I had not left the Country from whence I came above

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two Hours before I dropt into the Sea. Whereupon, he began again to think that my Brain was disturbed, of which he gave me a Hint, and advised me to go to Bed in a Cabbin he had provided. I assured him I was well refreshed with his good Entertainment and Company, and as much in my Senses as ever I was in my Life. He then grew serious, and desired to ask me freely whether I were not troubled in Mind by the Consciousness of some enormous Crime, for which I was punished at the Command of some Prince, by exposing me in that Chest, as great Criminals in other Countries, have been forced to Sea in a leaky Vessel without Provisions: For although he should be sorry to have taken so ill a Man into his Ship, yet he would engage his Word to set me safe a-shore in the first Port where we arrived. He added, that his Suspicions were much increased by some very absurd Speeches I had delivered at first to the Sailors, and afterwards to himself, in relation to my Closet or Chest, as well as by my odd Looks and Behaviour while I was at Supper.

I BEGGED his Patience to hear me tell my Story, which I faithfully did from

from the last time I left *England* to the Moment he first discovered me. And as Truth always forceth its Way into rational Minds, so this honest worthy Gentleman, who had some tincture of Learning, and very good Sense, was immediately convinced of my Candour and Veracity. But farther to confirm all I had said, I entreated him to give Order that my Cabinet should be brought, of which I had the Key in my Pocket, (for he had already informed me how the Seamen disposed of my Closet.) I opened it in his own Presence, and shewed him the small Collection of Rarities I made in the Country from whence I had been so strangely delivered. There was the Comb I had contrived out of the Stumps of the King's Beard, and another of the same Materials, but fixed into a Paring of her Majesty's Thumb-nail, which served for the Back. There was a collection of Needles and Pins from a Foot to half a Yard long; four Wasp-stings, like Joiners Tacks; some Combings of the Queen's Hair; a gold Ring which one day she made me a Present of in a most obliging Manner, taking it from her little Finger, and throwing it over my  
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Head like a Collar. I desired the Captain would please to accept this Ring, in return of his Civilities; which he absolutely refused. I shewed him a Corn that I had cut off with my own Hand, from a Maid of Honour's Toe; it was about the bigness of a *Kentish* Pippin, and grown so hard, that when I returned to *England*, I got it hollowed into a Cup, and set in Silver. Lastly, I desired him to see the Breeches I had then on, which were made of a Mouse's Skin.

I COULD force nothing on him but a Footman's Tooth, which I observed him to examine with great Curiosity, and found he had a fancy for it. He received it with abundance of Thanks, more than such a Trifle could deserve. It was drawn by an unskilful Surgeon, in a Mistake, from one of *Glumdalclitch's* Men, who was afflicted with the Tooth-ach, but it was as sound as any in his Head. I got it cleaned, and put it into my Cabinet. It was about a foot long, and four inches in Diameter.

THE Captain was very well satisfied with this plain Relation I had given him, and said, he hoped when we returned to *England*, I would oblige the World by putting it in Paper,

per, and making it publick. My Answer was, That I thought we were already over-stocked with Books of Travels: That nothing could now pass which was not extraordinary; wherein I doubted some Authors less consulted Truth than their own Vanity, or Interest, or the Diversion of Ignorant Readers. That my Story could contain little besides common Events, without those ornamental Descriptions of strange Plants, Trees, Birds and other Animals, or of the barbarous Customs and Idolatry of Savage People, with which most Writers abound. However, I thanked him for his good Opinion, and promised to take the Matter into my Thoughts.

HE said, he wondered at one thing very much, which was, to hear me speak so loud, asking me whether the King or Queen of that Country were thick of hearing. I told him, it was what I had been used to for above two Years past; and that I admired as much at the Voices of him and his Men, who seemed to me only to whisper, and yet I could hear them well enough. But when I spoke in that Country, it was like a Man talking in the Street to another looking out from the top of a Steeple, unless when

I was placed on a Table, or held in any Person's Hand. I told him, I had likewise observed another thing, that when I first got into the Ship, and the Sailors stood all about me, I thought they were the most little contemptible Creatures I had ever beheld. For, indeed, while I was in that Prince's Country, I could never endure to look in a Glass after mine Eyes had been accustomed to such prodigious Objects, because the Comparison gave me so despicable a Conceit of myself. The Captain said, that while we were at Supper, he observed me to look at every Thing with a sort of Wonder, and that I often seem'd hardly able to contain my Laughter, which he knew not well how to take, but imputed it to some disorder in my Brain. I answered, it was very true; and I wondered how I could forbear, when I saw his Dishes of the size of a Silver Three-pence, a Leg of Pork hardly a Mouthful, a Cup not so big as a Nutshell; and so I went on, describing the rest of his Household-stuff and Provisions after the same Manner. For although the Queen had ordered a little Equipage of all things necessary while I was in her Service, yet my Ideas were wholly



wholly taken up with what I saw on every side of me, and winked at my own Littleness as People do at their own Faults. The Captain understood my Raillery very well, and merrily reply'd with the old *English* Proverb, that he doubted mine Eyes were bigger than my Belly, for he did not observe my Stomach so good, although I had fasted all Day; and continuing in his Mirth, protested he would have gladly given an hundred Pounds to have seen my Closet in the Eagle's Bill, and afterwards in its fall from so great an height into the Sea; which would certainly have been a most astonishing Object, worthy to have the Description of it transmitted to future Ages: And the Comparison of *Phaeton* was so obvious, that he could not forbear applying it, altho' I did not much admire Conceit.

THE Captain having been at *Tonquin* was in his return to *England* driven North eastward to the Latitude of 44 Degrees, and of Longitude 143. But meeting a Trade Wind two Days after I came on board him, we sailed Southward a long time, and coasting *New-Holland* kept our course West-south-west, and then South-south-west till we doubled the *Cape of Good-hope*. Our Voyage was  
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very prosperous, but I shall not trouble the Reader with a Journal of it. The Captain called in at one or two Ports and sent in his Long-boat for Provisions and fresh Water, but I never went out of the Ship till we came into the *Downs*, which was on the 3d. Day of *June 1706*, about nine Months after my Escape. I offered to leave my Goods in Security for Payment of my Freight; but the Captain protested he would not receive one Farthing. We took kind leave of each other, and I made him promise he would come to see me at my House in *Redriff*. I hired a Horse and Guide for five Shillings, which I borrowed of the Captain.

As I was on the Road, observing the Littleness of the Houses, the Trees, the Cattle and the People, I began to think myself in *Lilliput*. I was afraid of trampling on every Traveller I met, and often called aloud to have them stand out of the way, so that I had like to have gotten one or two broken Heads for my Impertinence.

WHEN I came to my own House, for which I was forced to enquire, one of the Servants opening the Door, I bent down to go in (like a Goose under a Gate) for fear of striking my Head. My Wife ran out to embrace me, but I stooped

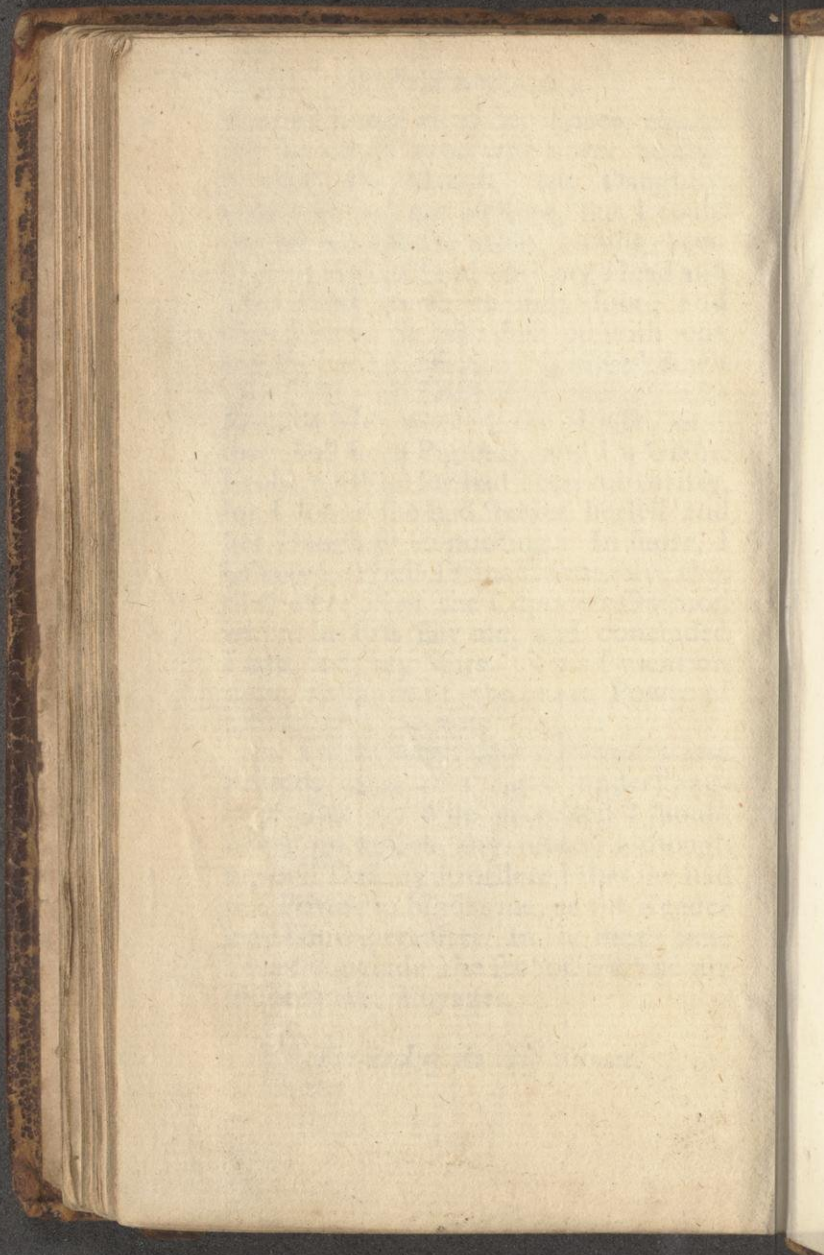
stooped lower than her knees, thinking she could otherwise never be able to reach my Mouth. My Daughter kneeled to ask me blessing, but I could not see her till she arose, having been so long used to stand with my Head and Eyes erect to above sixty foot; and then I went to take her up with one Hand, by the Waste. I looked down upon the Servants and one or two Friends who were in the House, as if they had been Pigmies, and I a Giant. I told my Wife she had been too thrifty, for I found she had starved herself and her Daughter to nothing. In short, I behaved myself so unaccountably, that they were all of the Captain's Opinion when he first saw me, and concluded I had lost my Wits. This I mention as an Instance of the great Power of Habit and Prejudice.

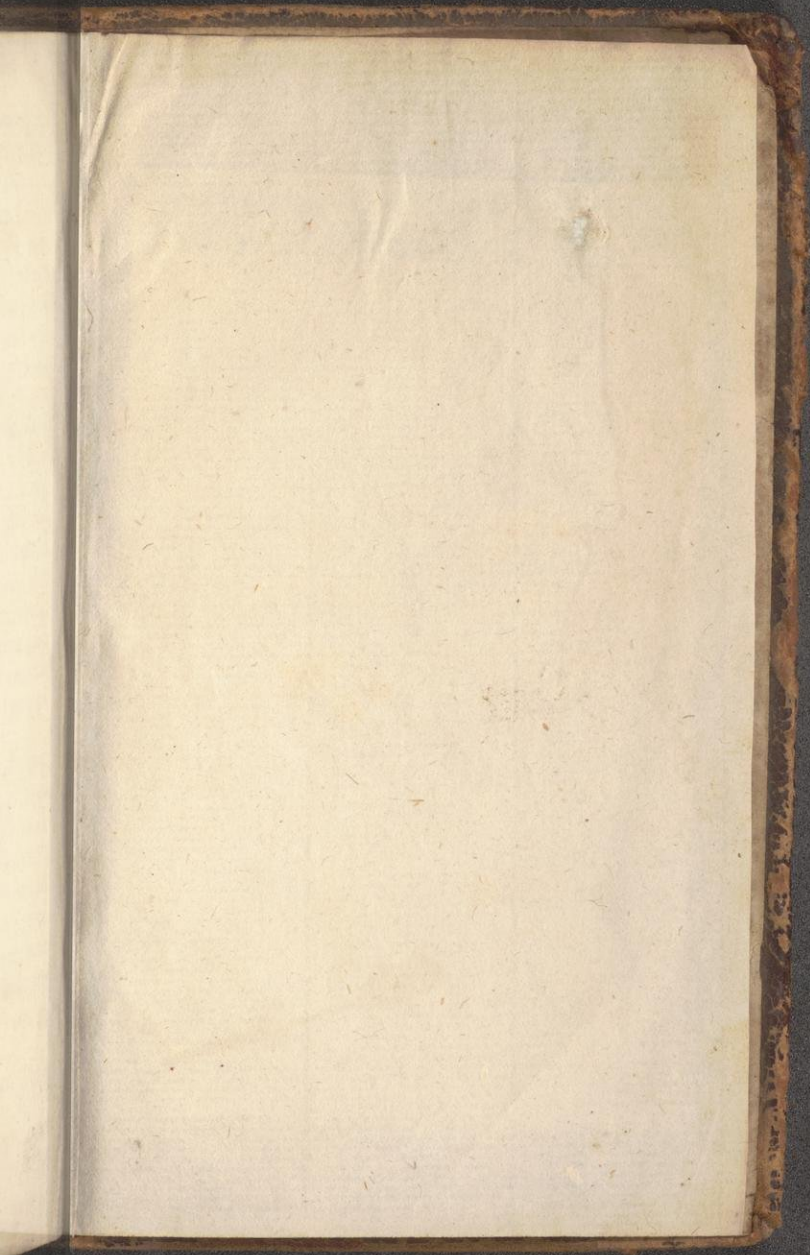
IN a little time I and my Family and Friends came to a right understanding: But my Wife protested I should never go to Sea any more; although my evil Destiny so ordered that she had not Power to hinder me, as the Reader may know hereafter. In the mean time I here conclude the second Part of my unfortunate Voyages.

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