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OR,

The Port or Harbour of Piety.

Express in fundry Triumphes, Pageants, and Showes, at the Initiation of the Right Honourable Sir MAVRICE ABBOT Knight, into the Majoralty of the famous and farre renowned City London.

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*London's Gate to Italy.*

*No Creature under Heaven, bee't small or great,  
But some way usefull, one affords us meate,  
Another Ornament: shee more than this,  
"Of Patience, and of Profit th' embleme is,  
In former Ages by the Heroes sought:  
After, from Greece into Hesperia brought:  
She's cloth'd in plenteous riches, and being shorne,  
"Her Fleece an Order, and by Emperours worne,  
All these are knowne, yet further understand,  
In twelve divide the profits of this Land,  
As Hydes, Tinne, Lead; or what else you can name,  
Tenne of those twelve the Fleece may justly claime:  
Then how can that amongst the rest be mist,  
By which all States, all Common Weales subsist?  
Great honour then belongs unto this trade,  
And you, great Lord, for whom this triumph's made.*

*The second Show by Land.*

**T**He second Show by land is an *Indian* Beast, called a *Rinoceros*, which being presented to the life, is for the rareness thereof, more fit to beautifie a Triumph: his Head, Necke, Backe, Buttockes, Sides, and Thighes, armed by Nature with impenetrable Skales; his Hide or Skinne of the colour of the Boxe-tree, in greatnesse equall with the Elephant, but his Legges are somewhat shorter: an enemy to all beasts of rapine and prey, as the Lyon, Leopard, Beare, Wolfe, Tiger, and the like: but to others, as the Horse, Ass, Oxe, Sheep, &c. which

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which feede not upon the life and blood of the weaker, but of the grasse and hearbage of the field, harmlesse and gentle, ready to succour them, when they be any way distressed. Hee hath a short horne growing from his nose, and being in continuall enmity with the Elephant, before hee encounter him, he sharpeneth it against a stone, and in the fight aimeth to wound him in the belly, being the softest place about him, and the soonest pierc'd: He is back't by an *Indian*, the speaker.

*The Indians Speech.*

**T**He dignity of Merchants who can tell:  
Or how much they all Traders ante-cell?  
When others here at home securely sleepe,  
He plowes the bosome of each unknowne deepe,  
And in themselves heavens wonders; for he can  
Take a full view of the Leviathan,  
Whose strength all Marine Monsters doth surpass,  
His Ribs as Iron, his Fins and scales as brasse.  
His Ship like to the feather'd Fowle he wings,  
And from all Coasts shee rich materialls brings,  
For ornament or profit; those by which  
Inferiour Arts subsist, and become rich;  
By Land he makes discovery, of all Nations,  
Their Manners, and their Countries situations,  
And with these savage natures so complies,  
That there's no rarity from thence can rise  
But he makes frequent with us, and yet these

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Not without dangers, both on shores and seas:  
The Land be pierceth, and the Ocean showes,  
To make them all by free transportage ours.

You (honour'd Sir) amongst the chiefe are nam'd,  
By whose commerce our Nation hath bene sav'd,  
The Romans in their triumphes had before  
Their Chariots borne or lead, (to grace the more  
The sumptuous Show) the prime and choicest things,  
Which they had taken from the Captive, Kings:  
What curious Statue, what strange bird, or beast  
That Clime did yeeld (if rare above the rest)  
Was there expos'd: Ent'ring your civill state,  
Whom better may we strive to imitate?

This huge Rinceros (not 'mongst us seene,  
Yet frequent where some Factors oft have beene)  
Is emblemic of the Pratorship you beare,  
Who to all Beasts of prey, who rend and tear  
The innocent heards and flocks, is foe profess't,  
But in all just defences armes his crest.  
You of this wildernesse are Lord, so sway,  
The weake may be upheld, the proud obey.

### The third Show by Land.

The third Show by land is a Ship, fully accommodated with all her Masts, Sayles, Cordage, Tacklings, Cables, Anchors, Ordnance, &c. in that small Modell, figuring the greatest Vessell: But concerning Ships and Navigation, with the honour and benefits thence accrewing, I have lately delivered my selfe

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selfe so amply in a Booke published the last Summer of his Majesties great Shippe, called the Sovereaigne of the Seas, that to any, who desire to be better certified concerning such things, I referre them to that Tractate, from whence they may receive full & plentifulious satisfaction: I come now to a yong Sailor the Speaker.

### The speech from the Shippe.

Shipping to our first Fathers was not knowne;  
(Though now amongst all Nations common growne)  
Nor trade by Sea: we read the first choise peece,  
Was th' Argo, built to fetch the golden Fleece,  
In which brave voyage, sixty Princes, all  
Heroës, such as we Semonos call:  
In that new Vessell to attaine the shore,  
Where such a prize was, each tugg'd at the Oare  
On one bench Hercules and Hylas sate,  
Beauty and Strength, and siding iust with that  
Daunus and Lynceus of so quicke a sight  
No interposer, or large distance might  
Dull his cleare Opticks: those that had the charge,  
And the chiefe steeradge of that Princely Barge,  
Zethes and Calais, whose judgement's meet,  
Being said I have feathers on their heads and sects:  
We spare the rest: Grave Sir, the Merchants trade  
Is that, for which all Shipping first was made;  
And through an Hellespont who would but pull,  
Steere, and hoise saile, to bring home golden Woolle?

For