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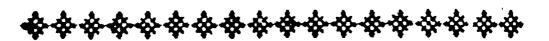
V O Y A G E

OF

Commodore ROGGEWEIN

FOR THE

DISCOVERY OF SOUTHERN LANDS.



CHAP. I.

The Commodore Sails from the Texel with three Ships. The ill Behaviour of a Swabber on board, and his Punishment. The Crew greatly distressed for want of Water. They are surprized with a strange Phenomenon, and arrive off Porto, whence they proceeded to St. Schaltians. A Description of the Town of St. Schastian, with some Account of the adjacent Country, and the Behaviour of the Governor till their Departure.

A BOUT the year 1696, Mr. Roggewein, a gentleman, of the province of Zealand formed a project for discovering the vast continent, and the many islands, supposed to lie is

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much unlike, though something smaller than the nutmeg. It is without taste, and yields, when chewed, a beautiful red kind of juice, which the *Indians* make use of in painting their chints. The tree that bears this nut is very strait, and its leaves resemble those of the cocoa-tree.

The prevailing diversion among these people is a kind of farces, in which the women are very richly dressed; but the entertainment chiefly confifts in finging and dancing, accompanied by their music, which is not very agree. able, at least to European ears. This mufic only confifts of little drums, which they beat dexterously enough. Their dancing is generally of the grotesque kind; they throw their bodies with inexpressible agility into a vast variety of postures, expressing the passions of the mind so comically, that it is almost impossible to avoid laughing. These Indian also practise the war dance, in which the King and his grandees often bear a part. They likewife amuse themselves with cock-fighting, and lay such confiderable sums, that they often reduce themselves to beggary.

This country abounds with all the necessaries of life: here are horned cattle, hogs, and an amazing quantity of fowls. The only thing that is scarce here is mutton. As to wild creatures, they have buffaloes, stags, tygers, and the rhinoceros. Their land being every where extremely sertile, produces vast quantities of pepper, cinnamon, ginger, cardamums, rice, &c. and of late years they have planted coffee with great success. As to frui

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fruit trees, such as cocoas, figs, &c. they. grow every where; and as they are green throughout the year, and constantly planted in rows along the sides of the rivers, there are here the most beautiful walks in the world. Sugar-canes abound here, and it is said their vines bear grapes seven times a year, but they are fit only for raisins, and not for wine, because the climate ripens them too hastily. The sea and all the rivers produce an infinite variety of the finest kinds of fish, so that it may be safely affirmed, that Java is one of the most plentiful and pleasant islands in the world.

The Commodore, on his leaving Japara, failed to the west for about 70 leagues, and then, with as fair a wind as he could wish, entered the road of Batavia, where having saluted the fort, he caused both the ships to anchor close to those that were lading for the voyage home. The crew now believed that all their pains were over, and that their ships should speedily sail with those that were homeward bound; but the most flattering hopes are not always the best founded. The Commodore no fooner faw his ships fafely anchored, than he went with his Captain into the shallop, intending to go to Batavia; but they had fcarcely rowed from the ship's side, when they faw the Commandant of Batavia's shallop rowing towards them, with the Fiscal on board, and some other members of the council. These gentlemen bid the Commodore go back, which he did without the least hesitation; and by the time that both shallops were within hearing of