


THE TRAVELS
OF
PETER MUNDY,
IN EUROPE AND ASIA,
1608-1667.

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to all others thatt had a hand in it or were suspected¹. Beefore the Court gate yett hung the saw, Iron Chaines and hookes, on a tree: some Instrumentts off the afforementioned Cruelties.

Little ease²: ordinary punishmentts.

In the Castle greene were allsoe 3 little low lodges off boards Full off long nailes or spikes, the points inwards, soe thatt a Man can Neither stand nor leane. Here some offenders are putt and kept till they are called Forth to receave liberty or punishment, which are usually performed with extremity, as Death by severall waies, cutting off of hands or Feette (or both), Noses, lippes or privities, or all; to some More, to some lesse, and then are lett goe. Of these maymed and Dismembred people wee saw some aboutt the towne, the stumpes off their legges putt into bigge Bamboes or canes, wherewith they goe as on Stilts³. This is their old Manner of Governmentt which they are accustomed unto and must bee contented withall, not knowing how to helpe itt.

The English in favour with the King.

Our English here esteemed off by the King, who bestowed on the Factory a good peece off ground⁴, wheron they have built them a Commodious dwelling house, with others of Service, according to this Country Manner. Hee hath allsoe honoured them by letting them have one off his Elephantts off the 2d or 3d rancke For their grace and Service. Mr Edward Knipe Cheiffe

¹ For a similar conspiracy in the preceeding reign of Iskandar Mūda, in which his mother was implicated, see Beaulieu, in *Voyages de Thevenot*, 1. 62—63; Marsden, *Sumatra*, p. 446.

² Mundy is using the name of the well-known torture cell in the Tower of London to describe a similar place of torment at Achin.

³ Compare Mandelslo, p. 110 and Beaulieu, *op. cit.*, pp. 101—102. See also Mundy's previous remarks (*Relation* XXIII. p. 135) on "Cruell Justice" at Achin.

⁴ See *ante*, *Relation* XXIII. p. 117 n. 6.

off the Factory¹ hath bin offten abroad with him on hunting off wild beasts, and once among the rest there was killed a shee Rinoceros with a yong one in her belly. She had no horne on her Nose as the Males².

Taking of Wild Elephantts : how tamed.

Here they allsoe Chace and take wilde Elephantts with tame ones, by Enclosing them round soe thatt they cannott escape. These are after made fast beetweene 2 tame Elephantts, who lead him upp and Downe (as I myselfe saw), and in short tyme hee becommeth allsoe tame. This King is said to have aboutt 1000³.

The punishment of the Keepers when an Elephant Dies.

Each off them have soe many keepers and servauntts allowed him, and itt is reported if any one of them Chaunce to Dye, his keeper is putt alive into his belly, which is againe sowed uppe and soe is Cast into the River, where wee Found one off their skulls which was broughtt aboard.

An Elephantts skull : a strange property.

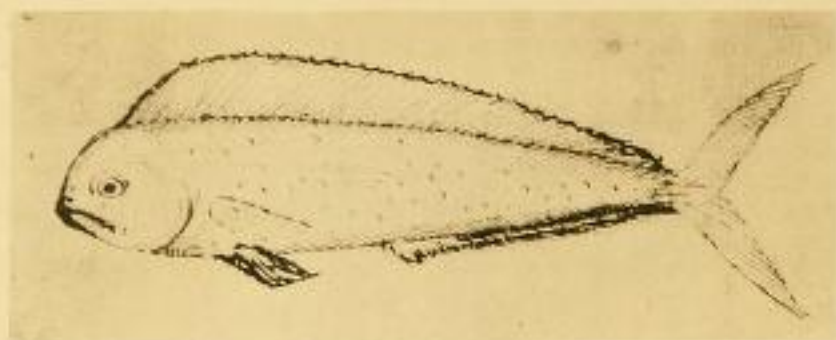
I thincke itt Differs From any other Creature (beesides whatt aforementioned)⁴ in this Allsoe, Thatt wheras others have many smalle teeth and grinders, this had butt 2 in all in the upper part off his Mouth on each side one, Neare 8 Inches in length and 3 in breadth (I Mean the outer head off itt), resembling 2 little

¹ See *Relation* XXIII. p. 137, for the establishment of Edward Knipe as Chief of the English Factory at Achin.

² Mundy is correct. In the Javan rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros sondaicus*), found in the Malay Peninsula, the horn of the female is so undeveloped as to be almost indistinguishable.

³ Beaulieu, who was at Achin in 1621, says that Iskandar Mūda possessed 900 elephants who were all named (*Voyages de Thevenot*, I. 105).

⁴ See Mundy's remarks in *Relation* XXIII. pp. 126—130.



No. 41. A Dolphin.



No. 40. Flying Fishes Chaced by Bonitos, etts.



No. 38. What use Elephants are put unto.