

A
V O Y A G E
R O U N D T H E
W O R L D
By the Way of the
Great S O U T H S E A,

Perform'd in the Years 1719, 20, 21, 22, in the
SPEEDWELL of *London*, of 24 Guns and 100 Men;
(under His Majesty's Commission to cruise on the
Spaniards in the late War with the *Spanish Crown*)
till she was cast away on the Island of *Juan Fernandes*,
in *May 1720*; and afterwards continu'd in the RECOVERY,
the JESUS MARIA and SACRA FAMILIA, &c.

By Capt. GEORGE SHELVOCKE, Commander of
the SPEEDWELL, RECOVERY, &c. in this EXPEDITION.



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for the liberty of wearing their hair, which if they paid but a dollar a year would amount to a considerable revenue, which, I should think, would be an unreasonable and an unjustifiable taxation upon the *Chinese*, especially when it is reported that the *Chinese* are so far from being a burthen to this great Colony, that they are the chief supporters of it.

Whilst we were at *Batavia*, Captain *Hill* was inform'd that there were several pirates in these seas; he therefore, when he departed from *Batavia* joined the *Dutch* homeward bound fleet in *Bantam-bay*. The *Dutch* Commodore promised Capt. *Hill* to assist him in wooding and watering at *Mew-Island*, the water at *Batavia* being very bad.

We met the *Frances* in the streights of *Sunda*, who we imagin'd had been a great way a head of us, upon our joining Capt. *Newsham*, the *Dutch* made it a pretence to leave us before we had got the length of *Mew-Island*, and Capt. *Newsham* also deserted us the same evening, so that we were left by ourselves.

Departure
from Bat-
avia.

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Arrival at
Mew-Island

We continued at *Mew-Island* six or severi days, during which time several boats came from *Princes-Island*, and brought us *Turtle*, *Coco-nut*, *Pine-apples*, and other frait; some of these inform'd us, that there had been two or three ships at this Island a few days before us, which gave us some uneasiness, not knowing what they could be.

Some of the People having seen some wild cattle grazing near the strand, went on shore with design to kill them; but before they had advanced near enough, they discover'd a small *Tyger*, and saw the tract of an old one, upon which they retir'd to the boat; at this place some of the Gentlemen belonging to this ship, in their outward bound passage saw a *Rhinoceros*.

Departure
from Mew-
Island.

From *Mew-Island* we had a very pleasant passage to and about the cape of *Good Hope*, which, in my opinion, was greatly owing to Capt. *Hill's* good conduct in coming in with the land betimes, I mean upon the *Eastermost* part of the bank and keeping a moderate distance from the land; I cannot be positive, but I think we never exceeded a degree, generally less, and sometimes

sometimes even made the land; the three Voyages I have been this way I had the good fortune of being with Gentlemen who proceeded in the same manner as Capt. *Hill* did with the like success.

The small experience of my own before, ^{Remarks} and an instance or two in this last passage ^{on the} (which I shall relate) makes me of opinion ^{round the} that there is too much caution used in ^{Cape of} coming in with the land in soundings; for it ^{Good Hope.} is known that the severest gales in this part, (*viz.* near the Cape of *Good-Hope*) reign from the *North-west* to the *South-west*; the first quarter blows off from the land, and the other is a bold wind on the coast, and it is likewise known, that the wind out of the sea has scarce ever been observ'd to blow strong for a time, and never home to the shore, this I have been inform'd of, both by *English* and *Dutch* men of greater experience than myself in these parts of the world.

I don't remember that in all the time we were approaching the Cape of *Good-Hope*, that we took in our top-sails above once for a squall, which was over in an hours time, and another time, being threaten'd by the

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