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OR,

The Port or Harbour of Piety.

Express in sundry Triumphes, Page-
ants, and Showes, at the Initiation of the
Right Honourable Sir MAURICE ABBOT
Knight, into the Majoralty of the famous
and Eire renowned City *London.*

All the charge and expence of the laborious Projectis
both by water and Land, being the sole undertaking
of the Right Worshippfull Company of
the Drapers.
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Londons Gate to a city.

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 cloath'd in plenteous riches, and bring 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.

The second Show by land is an *Indian* Beast, called a *Rhinoceros*, which being preserved to the life, is for the rareness thereof, more fit to beautifie a Triumph: his Head, Necke, Backe, Buttocks, Sides, and Thighes, armed by Nature with impenetrable Skales; his Hide or Skinne of the colour of the Boxe-tree, in greatness 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 sight 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.

The dignity of Merchants who can tell
Or how much they all Traders ante-cull?
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 brass.
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 those 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 showers,
To make them all by free transportage ours.

You (honour'd Sir) amongst the chiefe are nam'd,
By whose commere our Nation hath becne fam'd,
The Romans in their triumphes had before
Their Chariots borne or lead, (to grace the more
The sumptuous Show) the prime and choisest 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: Entring your civill state,
VVhom better may we strive to imitate ?

This huge Rinceros (not 'mongst us seene,
Yet frequent where some Fallors oft have beene)
Is embleme of the Pretorship you beare,
Who to all Beasts of prey, who rend and teare
The innocent heards and stocks, is soe profess'd,
But in all just defences armes his crest.
You of this wildernesse are Lord, so sway,
The weakes may be upheld, the proud obey.

The third Show by Land.

The third Show by land is a Ship, fully accommo-
dated with all her Mafts, Sayles, Cordage, Tack-
lings, Cables, Anchors, Ordnance, &c. in that small
Modell, figuring the greatest Vessell: But concern-
ing Ships and Navigation, with the honour and
benefits thence accruing, 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 Sovereigne
of the Seas, that to any, who desire to be better certi-
fied concerning such things, I referre them to that
Tractate, from whence they may receive full & plen-
teous 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
Heroes, such as we Semones 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 Atlas sate,
Beauty and Strength; and siding just with that
Daemons and Lynceus off so quicke a sight
No interposer, or large distance might
Dull his cleare Opticks: those that had the charge,
And the chiefeft caradge of that Princely Barge,
Zethes and Calais, whose judgement's meet,
Being said, have feathers on their heads and feet:
We spare the rest: Give Sir, the Merchants trade
Is that, for which all Shipping first was made;
And through an Hellespont who would but pull,
Steeer, and hoise saile, to bring home golden Wooll?

For

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