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**The Portugues Asia :**

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OR, THE  
**HISTORY**  
OF THE  
Discovery and Conquest  
OF  
**INDIA**  
BY THE  
**PORTUGUES;**  
CONTAINING

All their Discoveries from the Coast of  
*Africk*, to the farthest Parts of *China* and  
*Japan*; all their Battels by Sea and Land,  
Sieges and other Memorable Actions; a  
Description of those Countries, and many  
Particulars of the Religion, Government  
and Customs of the Natives, &c.

In Three Tomes.

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protesting his Innocence and the Zeal where-with he had served the Portugueses, and saying he would fly up to Heaven in that Flame and Smoke, he cast himself into that Fire, to the great admiration of all the Beholders.

7. The King of *Campar* was gone home, designing to return and take upon him the charge of *Bendara*, but was hindred by the King of *Bintam* and *Mabomet*. They fitted out a Fleet of 70 Sail, and 2500 Men, under the Command of the King of *Linga*; they besieged *Campar*, and 8 Portugues Vessels set out to shut them up, with some Boats equipped by the Town. The King of *Linga* observing them somewhat careless, on a sudden fell upon *George Botello* the Commander, with his Gally, all the Fleet following him, but he was well received, his Gally taken, the Fleet put to flight, and the King forced to leap overboard. They took in the King of *Campar*, and brought him to *Malaca*, where he exercised the Charge of *Bendara* so excellently, that in four Months time the City was visibly improved, many People resorting to it who had fled to *Mabomet*, offended at *Ninachetu*. *Mabomet* perceiving the growth of the City caused by his Son-in-law *Abdela*, to put a stop to it made use of a Fraud peculiar to a Moor. He gave out in private, but so that it might be spread abroad, that his Son-in-law was gone over to *Malaca* by common consent, and the same was done by such as seemed to fly from *Bintam*, with a design to seize upon the Fort the first opportunity, and deliver it to him

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as lawful Prince. This secret (as *Mabomet* had designed it) was divulged at *Malaca*, and had the effect he pretended; for *George de Albuquerque* gave more credit to the Report, than to the Honest proceeding of the *Bendara*, who was tried and condemned as a Traytor, and his Head cut off upon a public Scaffold. The City escaped not the punishment of this Crime, being left almost desolate by the flight of the Inhabitants, and then oppressed by Famine.

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## C H A P. X.

*From the Year 1514, till the Year 1515,  
concluding with the Government and  
Life of the Great Alfonso de Albuquerque.*

1. **W**Hilst what is before related hapned at *Malaca*, *Albuquerque* visited the 1514  
Important Places of his Province, and gave the necessary Orders for their security. He dispatched *Don Garcia de Noronha* to *Cochin*, thence to encourage the work of the Fort that was building at *Calicut*, He appointed four Sail to craize in the Mouth of the *Red Sea*, under the Command of his Nephew *Peter de Albuquerque*, with Orders to touch at *Ormuz*, and receive the Tribute when it became due, and then discover the Island of *Babarem*. He dispatched Embassadors well attended, to several Princes. *James Fernandez*

*nandez de Beja* went to the King of *Cambaya* to treat about the Fort of *Diu*, which he had consented to before, and now refused, induced thereto by *Melique Az.* The Embassadour returned with Presents to *Albuquerque*, among other things a Rhinoceros or *Abada*, which was afterwards lost in the *Mediterranean*, being sent by King *Emanuel* to the Pope, with other Rarities of *India*. *John Gonzalez de Castellobranco* was sent to *Hidalcan* about the pretensions of *Goa*, to less effect than the other in the affairs of *Diu*.

2. In September arrived at *Goa* five Ships from *Portugal*, under the Command of *Christopher de Brito*, one was after lost, bound for *Cambaya*; care was taken to dispatch the lading of the others. *Albuquerque* eased of these more Profitable than Honourable Cares, prepared to set forwards, yet unresolved, whether he should steer to *Ormuz* or the *Red Sea*, the King having Ordered both. In order to fix a Resolution, he consulted with his Captains. It was agreed the Enterprize should be upon *Ormuz*, a suitable determination to *Albuquerque's* desires. On the 20th of February he directed his Course thither. His Fleet consisted of 27 Sail, 1500 Portugueses and 600 Malabares and Canaras. They anchored in the Port of *Ormuz* on the 26th of March. Immediately came aboard a Visit and Presents from the King. But what best pleased *Albuquerque* was, that he found there *Michael Ferreyra* whom he had sent to *Xeque Ismail* of *Persia*, to procure Amity with him, where of he brought great hopes.

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3. *Racz Hamet* was now possessed of the Favour of the King of *Ormuz*, as *Coje Atar* had been with his Predecessor, both these being dead. Among other things *Albuquerque* sent to demand of him the delivery of the Fort he had begun there, and that he should send some Principal Men with the Instrument of the Submission of that Kingdom made by King *Ceyfadim*. All was consented to, because there was no power to resist. The Governour *Racz Nordim* came with his Nephew to ratifie all, to whom *Albuquerque* gave rich Presents, and by them sent the King a rich Coller of Gold, no less valuable for the Workmanship than the Metal, and a Standard with the Portugues Arms, to declare the Union between both Nations. Publick demonstrations of Joy were made on both sides for this agreement, with sound of Warlike Instruments and noise of Cannon. On Palm Sunday *Albuquerque* took possession of the Fort before begun, which in few days did rise to a great height, and *Albuquerque* with some of his Captains went into the Houses neighbouring to it.

4. *Albuquerque* prepared to receive an Embassador that came from the King of *Persia* with *Michael Ferreyra* with Presents, on a Scaffold near those Houses; this Audience was so long deferred to shew to those of *Ormuz*, that so powerful a Prince sought his Friendship. The King of *Ormuz* was at a Window to see this Reception. The Present consisted of Ounces, Brocards, Precious Stones, and Jewels of Gold, and many Silks. The