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A
HISTORY
OF THE
VOYAGES
AND
TRAVELS
OF

Capt. Nathaniel Uring,

WITH

A New DRAUGHT of the Bay
of *HONDURAS.*

Very useful for Masters of Ships that use the
Leeward Island Trade, or Jamaica.

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attended the King's Departure. The Wind proving fair for *England*, we had Notice of the King's coming down in the Yachts; we failed and joined them, and after one Night arrived on the Coast of *England*, and landed his Majesty at *Margate* on the 18th of *October* 1700: We anchored in the *Downs*, and soon after were order'd for the *Nore*, where we lay till about *February*, at which Time I obtained my Discharge.

A Voyage to Loango in the Kingdom of Angola; with an Account of the Trade, Customs, and Manners of the Natives, and what the Country produces.

IN the Beginning of the Year 1701, I engaged to go second Mate of the *Martha*, Capt. *Clarke*, who was bound to the Coast of *Guinea* and the *West-Indies*. We set sail from the *Downs* some Time in *April*, and in about ten Days after we left the *Lands-end* of *England*, we saw the Island of *Madera*; we pass'd by it to the Westward at a good Distance, and in a few Days after standing to the Southward, we passed between the *Canary* Islands. About this Time Capt. *Clarke* sickned, and grew worse and worse till he dy'd; our chief Mate, Mr. *Marsh*, succeeded as Commander, and my self as chief Mate, and proceeding on our Voyage,
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Lango, though they are very plenty towards *Cape Lopas*, about 50 or 60 Leagues distant. In all their Plains grows long Grass, which was dry when we were there, and likewise some Bushes and some shrub'd Trees were scatter'd over them.

Adjoining to the Country of *Loango* is the Kingdom of *Cango*, which lies to the Southward of it, near the Sea-Side, in which Kingdom the *Portugueze* have large Settlements, and have almost the entire Command of that Country. The Missionaries have converted great Numbers of the Natives to Christianity, tho' they make but sorry Christians. The Missionaries that have been in that Country tell us very extravagant Stories of their Travels in that and the adjoining Kingdoms; the modestest of them are two Capuchins, which travell'd Seventy Leagues back into the Country of *Bamba*, which they say is governed by a Great Duke, who is an Absolute Prince: They tell us, in their Travels in these Parts, they often saw Lyons, Tygers, Rhinoceros's, Wolves, and other ravenous Beasts, and that one of them saw a Serpent of Twenty-five Foot long, and as big about as a Colt, which the Natives eat as often as they kill them. Father *Francis de Pavia* tells us, " that in the Kingdom of
" *Matamba*, subject to the Queen of *Singa*,
" which lies on the Back of the Country of
" *Congo*, there is a great Lake, from whence
" flows two very large Rivers. one of which
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