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A Figure of the Heavens

COSMOGRAPHY
OR,
A DESCRIPTION
OF THE
Whole WORLD,
Represented (by a more exact and
certain Discovery) in the Excellencies
of its Scituation, Commodities,
Inhabitants, and **HISTORY:**
OF
Their Particular and Distinct
Governments, Religions, Arms,
and Degrees of Honour used
amongst Them.

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Pfal. 24. 1. *The Earth is the Lords and the Fulness thereof.*

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even beyond extremity to others) he acquainted him with what had passed, and that the great Duke had yielded him that place by agreement, and had further submitted, &c. Whereupon the Governour desiring to see the Deed, and promising thereupon to surrender, the *Tartar* overcredulously parted with his Act of Homage, but could never gain either the Town or that back again. Encouraged by this, the *Russe* took heart and followed the *Tartar*, but was sorely beaten, till the Successour of that Emperor, the Tyrant *Evan Vasilovich* pursuing the quarrel, marched with Fire and Sword into those Countries, and at last fate down before *Astracan*, where in sundry attempts he was resisted, but being resolutely bent to lose his Army, Life, and Honour, or take the City, he commanded a general, though most hazzardous Assault to be given, which lasted almost a whole day, when with a most bloody Slaughter both of his own and his enemies he victoriously entred, and ever since, maugre all the Force and Attempts of the *Tartars*, the great Dukes have kept possession thereof, suffering no *Tartars* to lodge in the City, or to wear any Arms. Both these Kingdomes are parted with the River *Volga*, where the *Cossacks* do exercise frequent Piracies and Thefts, both upon the Inhabitants and Passenger-Merchants which Trade that way, and so by the *Caspian* Sea into *Persia* so: Drugs and Silks, which are brought by *Caravans* to that Sea-side in great quantity.

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The chief Islands of *Asia* are *Zellant*, whose ground is alwayes green, and the trees laden with blossomes and fruits, as Oranges, and Lemmons, the Cinamon grows here in whole Woods, for it is the second rind of a Tree, but being cut and laid in the Sun, becomes red: the Tree in three years space receives his rind again. Besides many other beasts, here are a multitude of Elephants.

Sumatra yieldeth besides other sorts of Spices, abundance of Pepper: here are also moneys of divers Mettals, of which the Inhabitants have learned to cast good Ordnance; very great Elephants are found here, which being leashed are serviceable in War. The *Rhinoceros*, a deadly enemy to the Elephant, is found here: for though he be less, yet he warreth with him; having whet his horn on the Rock, he therewith seeks to rip up the Elephants belly. He is by many held to be the true Unicorn: every part of him, especially his Horn, being sovereign against all poyson.

Iava is very fruitful in several spices and *Indi-an* fruits, especially Pepper.

Benda a second Island, but very famous, for herein are several Islands whereabout grow all the Nutmegs and Mace which are in great abundance sent into all the World: the Trees on which Nutmegs grow, yield three times in the year fruit, viz. in *August*, and *December*, but the most and best in *April*.

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