

## Chap. VI.

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A Relation of a Voyage to the Easterne India.  
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*Those that goe  
downe to the  
Sea in Ships:  
that doe busi-  
nesse in great  
waters:*

To the Reader.



**M**aster Terry had found a fitter roome, if he had not comne late, and as in India, so here also had attended that Honorable Embassadour, Sir T. Roe. But his tardy comming hath made us entertayne him, not with lesse welcome in substance, but with lesse convenience in Seat-ceremonie; being forced to place him as he comes, in a lower messe, but with equall cheere. Yea himselfe makes good cheere by his presence, and presents his whole messe, and all the Table and Attendants with rich Cates of Sea and Land varieties farre fetched and deere bought by him, and here imparted gratis; whether wee understand it of the Author, or (as I undertake) of the Readers. How many Eare-rings and Breast-brooches give (that which they take, the) place to Saint Georges Garter worne neere the utmost and lowest confines of our Microcosme. Take this as a good fare-well draught of English-Indian liquor. And as contraries set neere their contraries make the best lustre, so this our Scholer-Christian-Preacher-Traveller, having (as Travellers wont) lighted into companie of a Jew before; a halfe-turkised Christian, with divers Turkes following immediatly after; shineth as a Gemme in the darke, and as a Precious-stone amongst a heape of stones.

*These see the  
workes of the  
Lord, and his  
wonders in the  
deepe. Ps. 107.  
Qui nescit  
orare, discat  
navigare.*

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## PURCHAS HIS PILGRIMES

*Silke.*

store of Silke, which they weave curiously, sometimes mingled with Silver or Gold. They make Velvets, Sattins, and Taffataes, but not so rich as those of Italy. Many Drugs and Gummes are found amongst them, especially Gum-lac, with which they make their hard Wax. The earth yeelds good Minerals of Lead, Iron, Copper, and Brasse, and they say of Silver, which, if true, they neede not open, being so enriched by other Nations. The Spices they have come from other places, from the Ilands of Sumatra, Java, and the Moluccoes. For places of pleasure they have curious Gardens, planted with fruitfull Trees and delightfull Flowers, to which Nature daily lends such a supply as that they seeme never to fade. In these places they have pleasant Fountaynes to bathe in, and other delights by sundrie conveyances of water, whose silent murmure helps to lay their senses with the bonds of sleepe in the hot seasons of the day.

*Gum-lac.*

*Gardens.*

*Discommodities of that Country.*

But lest this remote Country should seeme like an earthly Paradise without any discommodities: I must needes take notice there of many Lions, Tygres, Wolves, Jackals (which seeme to be wild Dogs) and many other harmefull beasts. In their Rivers are many Crocodiles, and on the Land over-growne Snakes, with other venomous and pernicious Creatures. In our houses there we often meete with Scorpions, whose stinging is most sensible and deadly, if the patient have not presently some Oyle that is made of them, to anoint the part affected, which is a present cure. The aboundance of Flyes in those parts doe likewise much annoy us, for in the heate of the day their numberlesse number is such as that we can be quiet in no place for them, they are ready to cover our meate assoone as it is placed on the Table, and therefore wee have men that stand on purpose with Napkins to fright them away when as wee are eating: in the night likewise we are much disquieted with Musquatoes, like our Gnats, but somewhat lesse: and in their great Cities, there are such aboundance of bigge hungrie Rats, that they often bite a man as he lyeth on his bed.

*Scorpions dangerous.*

*Flyes troublesome.*

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*Monsons or Windes.*

The Windes in those parts, which they call the Monson, blow constantly; altering but few Points, sixe moneths Southerly, the other sixe Northerly. The moneths of Aprill and May, and the beginning of June till the Rayne fall, are so extreme hot, as that the Winde blowing but gently receives such heate from the parched ground, that it much offends those that receive the breath of it. But God doth so provide for those parts that most commonly he sends such a strong gale as well tempers the hot ayre. Sometimes the winde blowes very high in those hot and drie seasons, raying up thick clouds of dust and sand, which appeare like darke clouds full of Rayne, they greatly annoy the people when they fall amongst them. But there is no Countrey without some discommodities, for therefore the wise Disposer of all things hath tempered bitter things with sweet, to teach man that there is no true and perfect content to be found in any Kingdom, but that of God.

But I will returne againe (whence I digressed) and looke farther into the qualitie of the Country, that affords very good Horses, which the Inhabitants know well to manage. Besides their owne, they have many of the Persian, Tartarian, and Arabian breede, which have the name to be the choise ones of the world: they are about the bignesse of ours, and valued among them as deare, if not at a higher rate then we usually esteeme ours. They are kept daintily, every good Horse being allowed a man to dresse and feede him. Their Provender a kind of graine, called Donna, somewhat like our Pease, which they boyle, and when it is cold give them mingled with course Sugar; and twice or thrise in the weeke Butter to scoure their bodies. Here are likewise a great number of Camels, Dromedaries, Mules, Asses, and some Rhynocerots, which are large beasts as bigge as the fayrest Oxen England affords, their skins lye platted, or as it were in wrinkles upon their backs. They have many Elephants, the King for his owne particular being Master of fourteene thousand, and his Nobles and all men of Qualitie in the Country, have more or lesse of them, some to the number of one hundred.

*Horses and Provender.*

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