New Atlantis.
Begun by the
LORD VERULAM,
Viscount St. Alburns:
AND
Continued by R. H. Esquire.
wherein is set forth
A PLATFORM
OF
MONARCHICAL GOVERNMENT.
WITH
A Pleasant intermixture of divers rare Inventions,
and wholesome Customs, fit to be introduced
into all KINGDOMS, STATES, and
COMMON-WEALTHS.

— Nunquam Libertas gratior extat
Quam sub Rege pio.

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TO
My most Sacred Sovereign
Charles II,
King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Most Royal Sir,
Since the Sunset of that Glorious Martyr your Father of ever blessed memory, and Astræa's flight with him to heaven, here hath been a 3 such
Such an Inter-regnum of tyranny and oppression, that all laws, both divine and humane, have lain dead, at least fast asleep amidst these Alarms. Every Enthusiast in this Par-le-bra hath done both in Church and State (as when there was no King in Israel) what was right in his own eyes. But the brightness of your Majesty so happily now returned, we hope will scatter these mists; and not only restore our Laws to their pristine vigour, by restoring them to us and all of us to our own; but make Religion, as well as Justice, shine again in every corner of your Kingdoms.

To contribute something towards this so much desired happiness, I have adventured to present your Majesty with this my Mite or slender Essay of a strong though but yet supposed,
posed, Government. Where, if in the ensuing Character of a puissant and most accomplisht Monarch, all your Majesties Princely Vertues are not fully pourtraid (for I am sensible the picture may seem drawn with too much shadow) I shall humbly beg your gratious pardon; this being only the first draught of that immense beauty a more deliberate hand perhaps could not have delineated in more lively colours. Thus did Apelles by the sudden and casual fall of his pencil add those elegancies to his admired Venus, which (as himself averred) his best Art and Judgment could not mend or parallel.

Your Majesty, in whose hand the sword of Justice is, God be praised, again fixt, challengeth this Libation. And if I were an unworthy Son of my dear Countrey, should I not endeav-
Your with hers to promote the happiness of him that is Pater Patriæ, since both interests are inseparable. And though no Reprieve may well be expected for what your high Judgment condemns; yet to doubt of your Pardon were to derogate from your Royal Candour.

Indeed, besides the necessity of imploring your Patronage of this Noverelle; to whom more properly could this Atlantic Scheme of a well-composed Government make its Address, then to your self, the Fountain of all Law and chief Nomothetes in these your Kingdoms? Who, as you excell in the careful Administration of Justice mixt with Clemency upon all Offenders, according to your Renowned Fathers example; so you excel in his Policie also, in desiring to make the hearts of your People
people your chief Exchequer?

Yet, though your transcendent Clemencie emboldens me to this presumption, am not I so Opinionative of these my weak endeavours, as to think them either worthy of your Majesties view, or any way able to add to your Royal Judgment or Heroic Vertues. For Rivers add little or nothing to the Main, whether yet naturally they send their common Tribute. It is my Loyalty and Gratitude then that instruct me to lay these few gleanings of wholesome Laws and Customs prostrate with my self at your Sacred feet. And as I renounce all Opinion of Merit: so I beseech Your Majestie to believe that I offer these Rivulets to the Ocean of your Royall Goodness, only out of a desire to discharge the dutie of a faithfull Subject.

Now,
Now, that You may really become our Solomona, our second Justinian and Glorious Restauratour of our almost-lost Laws and Liberties: to the re-enthroning your self in full Glorie, the Re-establishment of our despised Church, and to the advance of the Publique Peace, welfare and prosperitie of all Your faithful subjefts, is the dayly prayer of

Your Majesties most Faithful and most humbly devoted Servant in the strictest ties of Duty and Allegiance

R.H.
In honorem illustriss. D. D. Verulamii Vice
comitis Sti. Albani, magni sigilli custo
dis, post editam ab eo Instaurat
ionem magnum.

Quis iste tandem? Non enim vultu ambulat
Quotidiano! Nescis ignare? Audies.
Dux Notionum, veritatis Pontifex,
Inductionis Dominus & Verulamii;
Rerum magister unicus, at non Artium.
Profunditatis pinus, atque Elegantia,
Nature aruspex intimus; Philosophia
Ærarium, sequester experientia,
Speculationisque; æquitatis signifer;
Scientiarum, sub pupillari statu
Degentium olim, Emancipator, Luminis
Promix, Fugator Idolum, atque nubium;
Collega Solis; Quadræ Certitudinis;
Sophismatum matrix; Brutus literarius,
Authoritatis exuens tyrannidem;
Rationis & sensus stupendus Arbiter;
Repumicator mentis; Atlas Physicus
Alcide succumbente Stagiritico;
Columba Noæ, quæ in vetustis artibus
Nullum locum requiemque cernens, praetitit
Ad se, suamque matris Arcam regredi:

Sub-
Subtilitatis Terebra; temporis Nepos
Ex veritate matre; Melis al'ueus;
Mundique & Animarum Sacerdos unicus;
Securis errorum, Acre alius, Crescens sibi.
Oh, me probe lassum, invate posteri!

G. Herbert Orat. Publ.
in Acad. Cantab.
He Legislative and the Coercive power are the two hinges upon which the great Machine of Government turns. The Scepter, which is the Shepheards leading staff, is the emblem of the first; the Sword, which serves as a goad to the sheep, when they will neither drive nor lead, is the Emblem of the latter. The one doth dictate, the other commands; the first declares what should be done, the latter sees it executed. Impossible it is that man should live without submitting to some government.

For had every one been left his own law-maker, to have been protected by his own single strength, as well as Will, no mans person or propriety had been safe, and millions of mischiefs in that Anarchy had succeeded.

Each man therefore at first seeing a necessity of parting with his single single power
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to unite with a stronger (for *vis unita fortior*) resolved to resign that up to the conduct of some one more wise and expert Champion, whose authority and interest he having once espoused, accounted whatsoever that Cunning man, Conning or Cyning, since called King, acted, as done by himself. The supreme authority or diffused strength of a multitude, thus by mutual consent, or necessity rather, being fixed and vested in one person, they all acknowledged that one their sheepheard or Soveraign. And observable it is, that in most places the sheepheard goes before his flock; only here in Britain by dissonant custom they follow it. However this Soveraign foreseeing that without a Coercive power he could not govern so great a multitude: (for the sheepheard must have his fling in one hand and sheephook in the other) began to establish laws: *i.e.* to set hedges and bounds to secure himself as well as them in their interests respectively.

*Jura inventa metu injusti fateare necesse est.*

Herat.

St. Austin writing of his City of God, concludes it impossible for that commonwealth to be happy, *ubi stantibus quidem mensibus, more ruinas patiuntur.* Religion, it is true
true, is the tie, a religando: that must lay the foundation, but wise men must foresee that ill manners undermine it not. Now as that Religion which is most conform to Gods holy Will revealed, is to be allowed only: to those humane Laws that come nearest to Just and honest, i.e. to the rule of right reason, consonant to that divine truth, are only to be established. It were to be wished indeed that men might live without any Law, that is, that men would be so just that St. Pauls words might be verified now of us; The Law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawlesse and disobedient, &c. But such hath ever been the frailty of humane nature (which is still more prone to evil then to good) that there was a necessity of bridling that enormous disposition, and by severe discipline to restrain and compel, where Religion, Conscience and Reason would not lead. Good laws, and Fences were therefore made and set: but the irregular inconstant people not willing to be confined, brake or pluckt them up. Hinc ille lacrymæ. They after a time grew lawlesse and disobedient; endeavouring to wrest that sword they had put into their Legislator's hand, and by sinister pretences to re-
fume that Liberty which they had parted with before. You take too much upon you, saies mutinous Korah: Nolumus hunc regnare, saies another incendiary. And thus though there be and ever were Laws to punish murder, rebellion, schism, theft, &c. in a few single persons that cannot resist Soveraign power, yet when by evil example the contagion spreads, they then grow masterlesse: then Will becomes a law, Treason, reason; then liberty justles Prærogative, and sometimes even thrusts it out of doors. By wholesome laws then so to regulate the enormous ambition of the Noblelesse, with the seditious gainlayings of the ever-querulous people, that the whole may be preserved without subdividing into factions or factions, i.e. to govern securely; hath ever been the skill and artifice of political prudence.

Look into all Common-wealths, and tell me where any were ever happy till good laws had first composed and united them: Multitudo coalescerent unius populi corpus nullare quam legibus potest. Livie. Moses gave the law to the Hebrews; Zoroastres to the Babrians; Menus, Sesostris and Amasis to the Egyptians. The Median and Persian laws for their irrevocability are famous. All places
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places and Nations have been conform to laws, either made by one elected Ruler, or imposed by one suprem Conquerour, or by consent of the best, or of the whole people. Athens and Sparta, after their several civil combustions, began then only to flourish and increase, when the first had taken laws from Solon, the latter from Lycurgus. Then did the Attic Laws flourish when Solon had restored to that Commonwealth that peace and liberty which lasted above 500 yeares after. Then did the Athenians in this Halcyon age (as Herodotus attests) bring some of their laws out of Egypt to compleat their own Institutes. The like did the Romans after them, when necessity forced them to regulate their City. For they sent their Decemviri into Greece, who out of the Attic Laws and others made by Zaleucus amongst the Locrians, by Lycurgus amongst the Lacedemonians, by Charondas amongst the Thurians, by Phoroneus amongst the Argives, and other chief Grecians whom they consulted, did extract certain platforms of law and government; from whence those laws of the Twelve Tables Cicero so commends, were at last extract- ed and built-up.

But to come nearer home: How many pious
pious Nomothetes hath this little Island afforded? As first King Ina, and Offa, Æthelwolf, Alured the great or Alfred, Edward the Elder, Ethelstan, Edwin, Edgar, Ethelred, Canutus, Edward the Confessor, most of which Bradon mentions to have been our law-makers? And doubtless whilst the Authority of their respective Edicts did flourish, much morality and civility did dwell in this Kingdom. To the Saxon and Danish (by whom England was first conquered) the last Conquerour added some of his Norman laws: out of all which, that, which we still call the common law, was compiled, as being the Common extract of them all. This Norman I say, governed this sullen Nation like himself a Conquerour, with a rod of Iron; retaining some of the old, but imposing more new laws. And though the People did struggle under the weight of his new and heavy impositions, and petitioned him that the Laws of Edward the Confessor might be restored, whereby they might be freed from extraordinary taxes: yet neither he or his Son Rufus that succeeded, granted them that immunity. Tis true Hen. 1. (who summoned the first Parliament) and King Stephen (who both injuriously grasped the
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The crown did to please the People, the first only promise, the latter release the Danegelt. Henry the Second was the first gave life to Magna Charta, but yielded not to fully to it as to bind his heirs to the concession. But the people having once tasted of the honey, were loath to part with the sweet; and shutting their eyes again, soon compelled King John to confirm it at Runnymead, the which old laws of Edward, Hen. the third, that unfortunate Prince, did more fully confirm and restore afterwards. But besides these grand Præsidial laws, thus extorted by the violence of the commons, from these ease and unhappy Princes, we have had (not to name the generall and particular customs, Maxims, and Statutes of the Realm) so many Acts, Ordinances, Orders, Resolves, &c. made of late in the compasse of but one or two lustrums, that the cunningst picklock of the law hath work enough to enucleate the sense and meaning of them. Amongst the Locrians whosoever proposed a new law, had a rope about his neck to strangle him, in case it was found unprofitable, and pleased not the People. But this overwise, just, and learned age hath produced so many Lawmakers, Regula-
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tours, Proposalmongers, Reformists, &c. that I may well ask here as once it was upon the spreading encrease of the English Je-
suite Seminaries:

*Quis funem quem meruere dabit?*

But I correct my self as well as them. For though our laws generally are good and just, yet according to Aristotle's rule, *leges habent se ut universalia ad particularia*. In particular cases and circumstances occurring after they were made (for all things are not seen, *primo intuitu*) they may be, and are sometimes very deficient. So that to correct the rigour of a positive law (which cannot always carry the same Bias in every green, and from every hand) here the equity or *equitas* of it, which considers of the time, place, person, and other comparatory circumstances more fully, may be usefull; so as the Lebanese rule of equity be not made to bow and encline to the rough stone; for then as that Prince of Philosophers compares it well, it proves but a very leaden rule. Thus then upon just grounds, as Plato tells us, in all Commonwealths there ought to be some changes, *i.e.* by repealing old and enacting new lawes. But then with this *proviso*; the Statesmen must behave themselves like skil-
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skilfull Musicians, *Qui artem Musices non mutant, sed Musices modum.* They may alter the tuning with as little noise as may be, and that by little and little too, but not leave the comfort, or by cracking the strings in stretching them too high, spoil the harmony. It is a received *Maxim in Politics,* that all Law and Government should be fitted to the humour and temper of the climate and People. Now in general we may observe, that all the Northern People, and particularly the British, have ever been more jealous of their Kings, and less of their wives than those of *France, Spain, Italy,* &c. seated in the more temperate clime Southward. But this innate jealousy (which is the fiercest, most secret, and therefore most dangerous passion) being upon the least occasion or none at all sometimes provoked, doth but minister fuel, as in all conjugal suspetts, to its own flame, and consequently ruine. The *Britans* therefore I say (who of all People pry into their Kings actions with the most jealous eyes of distrust) have by degrees so lured *Monarchy* from the search, so framed, modelled, and mixt their Government, that it may now *seem to pertake of all three,* i.e.

*And but rem. for really it is not so, consult Sr. R. F., discourse called the Anarchy of a mixed Monarchy.*
Of Monarchy in one King: of Aristocracy in his Council of Prælats and Peers, who were called to debate and advise; and a little of Democracy, in the convention of the Commons, though they were only at first summond to consent and yield obedience to such things as the great Council of the Land should ordain. So that in this matrimonial union (to which King James was pleased to compare it) the King was and still is the head, or husband, and therefore is and ought to be justly armed with the sole Power, Will and Authority.

The gubernative power being then allowed in all ages and places, except in a few sickly and distempered German republicks, to be safest vested in one single person, both for speed and secrecie: Besides it having been the first, and ever since accounted the best form; since the hatred of a State (which never pardons) is more mortal then the generous spleen of a Monarchy: It remains only to be provided, that the Laws and rules be also few and good, by which this as well as any other form of Government whatsoever must necessarily be upheld and maintained. But to preserve this particular
cular structure, to which as most Universal and safe, all prudent men most adhere, I shall use this method as most proper: First search out the wounds that Monarchy hath, and may receive from home, and then apply the balsam. The persons that strike at the root of Monarchy are principally these.

1. *Criminals*, who to avoid the punishment of some crimes by them already committed, commit greater in stirring up others to participate of their offences, that by a Community of error it might seem justified.

2ly. *Indigent Persons*, who having spent their own patrimonies riotously, live by rapine only, and take any occasion to disturb that Government they know must correct them. These love to trouble the waters that they may best fish in them.

3ly. *Ambitious Men*, whom a desire of grasping power in your own hands doth excite to debate and devest him that hath greater. For the bare desire of riches, I am persuaded, was never the only motive to sedition: the covetous person being most neutral, and ever found to be most averse from, and fearful of all turbulencies and insurrections.
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4ly. Luxurious and half witted persons, (I may well join them) Fruges consumere nat, who having lived long plentifully and sensually, foresee not the miseries of a civil war, nor discern the specious baits of the cunning subverters of Religion and Government. For such under the glorious pretences of reforming religion, restoring liberty, and the like; engage these easie Persons into their desperate designs.

5ly. Passionate Men: Such as by a private impulse of reveng, like that of Ravilliac that stab'd Henry the great, at one blow strike at the head and root of Government.

6ly. Schismatical Men or Hypocrites, who under the vizar of Religion, found the trumpet of Rebellion most. And this hath been done by the Ecclesiastic Boanerges, chiefly out of your Pulpits, the Schismatical Non-Conformists, who instead of preaching the Gospell of peace have somented divisions, both in Church and State. But to omit other causes of Sedition, It is the chiefest mark of prudence for a Monarch to steer by, to observe by what sober rules of art, and cunning he may, if not prevent, yet at least suspend such dire effects and fatal Catastrophies.
To cure the first sort: The laws must be good, few, easie, and those duly executed without partiality.

To heal the second; Trade and Manufactures must be encouraged according to the example of the Massillians, who admitted no Person into their City that had not some trade to live by, and deserving persons onely well rewarded. Thus plenty shall be introduced, and poverty (which doth only teach and make Men do unworthy actions) shall be shut out a doors.

To cure the third rank; honours, preferments, and riches must be well and equally bestowed, that a few great persons be not too potent, and consequently elated; nor the minor Nobles too scantily recompenced and countenanced, and consequently made apt to repine and murmur.

The Luxurious or Luxuriant branches, like suckers which spoil the growth of trees, may best be pared off by decrying or severe inhibiting all superfluons expences, either in diet, dicing, Brothelling, or apparel. But without Helebore how to cure the mad; debosh, half witted persons, they being so numerous,
I know not, unless a law were made that more of it should be planted in each Physic Garden. Yet it is to be hoped that time and experience (if the wiser Men cannot by precept and example) must only reduce such men to a right understanding.

I should now discover how a Prince should avoid the darts of revenge and malice. But against such rancour and that poison I know no such Antidote, no such guard, as his own Virtue and Innocence.

I should in the last place discover the way how to avoid the wounds of those that shoot your arrows publickly in your pulpits; and that is, either to turne the ear, or at the first glimps of them, before they draw the arrow too far, to suppress them, i. e. not only not preferre or encourage them, but severely punish them.

But I leave the subterranean Miners, supposing the ground-work Monarchiall Government (as thus laid) the most perfect and surest foundation to build on; and by these artifices and Counterminings to be kept most safely from being undermined and ruin'd. My present design is to point out such wholesome laws as may make that government most happy and flourishing.
(For here are no new ones introduced, such I mean as were never heard of or used anywhere: This being a collection or reviving of many wholesome edicts and customs formerly used or still in being, at least most of them in some places or other of the world, and thought most convenient joyntly to uphold this or any other Monarchical Island government.)

How far this endeavour is attempted the ensuing discourse made parallel to the Lord Bacon's fiction (who being a wise man of great law and learning also, proposed and framed his Atlantis under a Monarchical government) will make manifest. And though that Monarch of Wit and Judgment would not be the Legislator; yet he hath given such laws in learning and all natural Philosophy, and such Essays of policy, that succeeding ages will easily submit to his o-верruling Empire.

Thus much therefore is said to satisfie the Reader only, least prima facie he should suspect that the following frame of a Commonwealth should be squared according to the Lacedemonian Copy, or those Agrarian laws in Rome, or should smel of Platoes community, revived by King Utopus, or any later Republican.
The Imitatour of that eminent Person
would in the next place satisfie the moderate
Reader, that he could not desert his method
and design: Which was doubtless to have
framed & moulded such a scheme of Lawes
as was most consonant to such a happy Mo-
narchical government as he lived in, and died
under. But he may look on it as calculated
for the Meridian of Benfalem only; and as
but a meer Fition, aiery speculation, or Gold-
en dream: For such golden things in this
Iron age we may rather wish then hope to
see wholly effected.

A little he should now 'add to excuse this
his presumption: for he is not ignorant what
censure they incur who strive to imitate the
most eminent. Yet the more noble the
design is, the greater is the glory, he thinks,
in effecting it; at least in the failler the less
is the discredit. So Phaetons boldnesse was
not checkt without its just Elogie---Magnis
tamen excidit auis.

Tis confessed by him since his wandring
speculations led him to the New Atlantis,
upon the view of so glorious a platform he
was encouraged to inlarg it, and to add
one cubit more to that rare modell of per-
fection, with that Princly architect left un-
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finished, and would better have perfected.

As in this bold superstructure he cannot raise his worth one story higher; so he hopes he shall not detract from it, or lessen it in the Copie, they being ever allowed to come short of their Originals. All his aime is to imitate him whom he cannot identically parallel: it being honour enough to carry a Torch behind so great a light; that when blown out by the envious blast of malice, it may be re-inlightened at his sacred flames, which never can be extinct.

His last Aviso (gentle Reader) and which he begs of thee, is this: That thou wouldst be pleased to enter at the gate of this building, and not scale in at the windows. First view the groundwork itself which is substantial; and then ascending by the stairs thou maist better judge of the upper rooms. The lower (if he may so term them) of the Lord Chancellour Bacon's are, as in all Fabricks, more solid, firm and thickest walled, & so more defensive against the weather. The upper thou maist find more slight, but more lightsome, and consequently perhaps more delightful also. And there (if thy leisure will permit) look through this upper model also; that is, read him over; for as it is said
said of the sea, that it is sweeter at bottom, so perhaps thou maist find this, the deeper thou dost tast. This superstructure is only that which he designed and thought to have composed, that is, a frame of laws or of the best state or mould of a commonwealth (as Doctor Ramley intimates, who knew his mind best) but was never by him perfected. The reason he gives for it was this. His Lordship foreseeing it would be a long work, his desire of collecting the natural history diverted him, which (as he adds) he preferred many degrees before it. Now because he intends not to build a Solomons porch before this Solomons Houle: he will summarily discover his Lordships noble design of creating a Colledg of Light or Solomons House (as himself calls it) for the advance of learning. And in case thou canst not find leisure to read his Original (which you may best do, it being at the end of his natural History) he will then open the door, whilst you enter in farther into the Colledg it self.

Vale & fruere. R. H.

Plures Gubernatores licet artem no- verint, tamen invicem sibi sunt impedimento. Bodin.
THE ARGUMENT
OF THE
NEW ATLANTIS.
As it was begun by the
LORD BACON.

This Fable of the New Atlantis devised
by that Atlas in Learning the Lord
Bacon: First tells us of a Ship, which
sailing from Peru for China by the South-sea,
became wind-bound, and consequently (their
store of victuals being spent) ready to famish.
But the next days dawning did discover the
Light of Gods infinite mercy, shewing them
an Island into whose fair haven they asayed to
enter: Approaching near it, they were at first
warned off by an Officer for fear of Infection;
though afterwards received with all humanity.
For another person of place and quality, who
examined them first if they were Christians?
(to which they answered affirmatively) offered
them this oath, that if they would swear
That they were no Pyrats, nor had shed blood
lawfully or unlawfully within forty days past they
might have licence to land: to which they all
readily protesting, were conducted thereupon
to the Strangers House; where they found all
accmodations necessary for their sound as well as their sick, who by their Assistance were there soon recovered. Three dayes being past, the Governour of that House being a Christian Priest by function, offers his service to them and tells them, that whereas before they had but short leave of stay granted, now the State had given them licence to reside on land six weeks. This courteous offer they embrace with all imaginable joy and thanks.

It tells us, how the next day at a second visit the Governour informs them of the quality, nature, and custom of that Island of Benfalem. How it was first made Christian, and preserved (as the old World was from the deluge) by an Arke, through the Apostolical and Miraculous Evangelism of St. Bartholomew.

The next dayes conference relates how that though they lived remote and unknown to all other Nations, yet they had the knowledge of the Languages, Books and affairs of those that lie at farthest distance. How the great Atlantis (which we call America) abounded once in tall Ships. How the People of Peru through the South Sea and those of Mexico through the Atlantic to the Mediterrane Sea did both in ten years space make too great expeditions upon Benfalem, but by the valour of one Altabin King thereof, a wise and great Warrior (who cut off their Land forces from their Ships, and entoiled both their Navies and Camps with greater force by Sea and Land) were repulsed and dismissed by him when they were at his mercy.
How within one hundred years after divine revenge overtook the proud enterprises of the Inhabitants of the great Atlantis, who were by a particular deluge lost and utterly destroyed, some few wild Inhabitants of the wood only escaped, which is cause of the thin population of America, and of their rudeness and ignorance, they being a people younger then the rest of the World by a thousand years. How by this nearness their traffick was lost with the Americans, with whom formerly in regard of their means, they had most commerce, How that Navigation decaying every where in respect of Wars and revolution of times, entercourse from other Nations also by failing to them had long since ceased. How notwithstanding this, there reigned in this Island about 1900 Years ago, a King whose name was Solomon, whose large heart was wholly bent to make this Kingdom and People happy, and therefore is esteemed the Lawgiver of the Nation. How that he seeing the fertility of the soil, and how plentifully it might subsist of its self, amongst other his Fundamental Laws, ordained the Interdicts and Prohibitions touching entrance of Strangers, which at that time (though it was after the calamity of America) was frequent, doubting Novelties and commixture of manners. How he yet still preserved Humanity in all points, in providing for the relief of all distressed Strangers. How that King desirous to joyn humanity and policy together, and thinking it against Humanity...
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manity to detain strangers there against their wills, and against policy that they should return and discover their knowledge of that estate, took this course, Ordaining, that of the strangers that should be permitted to land as many (at all times) might depart as would. But as many as would stay, should have very good Conditions and Means to live from the State.

How the same King erected and instituted the order or society, called Solomons house; the noblest Foundation that ever was upon the Earth; and the Lanthorn of that Kingdom: It being dedicated to the study of the works and Creatures of God, and sometimes entituled The Colledge of the six dayes works.

How that though the King had interdicted Navigation to all his People into any part out of his own Dominions, yet he made this Ordinance: That every twelve years in two Ships appointed to several Voyages, in either of them their should be a mission of three of the Fellows or Brethren of Solomons House, whose errand was only to give them knowledge of the affairs and State of those Countries to which they were designed. And especially of the Sciences, Arts, Manufactures, and Inventions of the World; And withall to bring unto them Books, Instruments, and Patterns in every kind: That the ships after they had landed the Brethren should return; and that the Brethren should stay abroad till the new mission, with many circumstances of the practic, in
in their places of their Rendezvous and passing undiscovered in foreign parts.

It farther exhibits the most natural, pious, and reverend Custom there used, of the Feast of the Family. It being granted to the Tirfan or Father of the Family that shall see thirty persons descended from his body alive together, and all above three years old, to make this feast, which is done at the charge of the State with many decent Ceremonies. It farther relates how one of the strangers company fell acquainted with one Joabin a Jew and Merchant of that City. How they have some stirps of Jews, who contrary to all others, give unto our Saviour many high attributes, calling him the Milkie way, the Eliab of the Messiah, and love the Nation of Ben Salem extremly. For example how this man though circumcised would acknowledg how Christ was born of a Virgin, and was more then a Man, and would tell how God made him Ruler of the Seraphims which guard his throne, &c.

It farther tells us this Jews Remarks upon Marriage and their customs, all very rare and excellent. Also how one of the Fathers of Solomons house was entertained in that City in State. How the same Father taking notice of the strangers being there, and sending Joabin to inform them of his intentions, admits them to his presence. And how at a private Conference with one of the strangers he chose to unboosome himself, and spake to him as followeth in the Spanish tongue.
God bless thee my Son. I give thee the greatest Jewel I have. For I will impart unto thee, for the love of God and Men, a relation of the true State of Solomons House. I will keep this Order. First I will set forth unto you, the end of our Foundation. Secondly the preparations, and Instruments we have for our works. Thirdly the several Employments and Functions whereunto our Fellows are assigned. And Fourthly the Ordinances and Rites which we observe.

Having thus at large (and therefore not here to be repeated) exemplified to him each of these particulars, with the true manner of their preparations and instruments, declaring unto him their several Experiments, Artificial Inventions and designs for farther discoveries, and making thorough lights in Nature. He laying his right hand on his head blessed him, saying God bless thee my Son, and God bless this relation which I have made. I give thee leave to publish it, for the good of other Nations. For we here are in Gods bosom a Land unknown. And so he left him, having assigned a value of about two thousand ducats for a bounty to him and his fellows. For as it concludes, they give great largesses where they come upon all occasions.

Thus far the Lord Bacon.
Bliged thus by so many extraordinary favours, or rather opprest with the weight of them; We thought we could not discharge our duty of gratitude better, then by a civil return of thanks, accompanying them with a fair present of the choicest things our Ship afforded.

This resolved on, the next morning we appointed twelve persons to carry the same fraught, with some of the richest wares and rarities we had, (each of them being well laden) and ordered one principal Spokesman with two other attendants to conduct them, and with all our humble and hearty thanks, to present it to the Father of Solomons house. When they came with it to his Pallace, (which was about two Karans and a half off
in the next City, and built much after the fashion of that famous Escorial in Spain, though much more spatiot and beautiful) they found easie entrance. For there the Nobles need no Porters, none presuming to visit such places without urgent business there depending. Here being entred into the Anticamera or great Hall in the second Court, they eased themselves of their burthens, whilst the Prolocutor enquired of some Young Officers there sitting, for the Dispensenen of the house, whom immediately appearing, he acquainted with his message, which was the tenure of that small present, which with the general thanks of all the obliged Strangers they humbly beseech that same Father, who the day before had been so bountiful to them, to accept. To which the Dispensenen smilingly replied: Sirs, you are all welcome; but I can receive no gifts, nor any will he. Yet I shall acquaint him with the occasion of your coming, and so straightway informed the same Father (who was busy in his studie) that some of the Strangers were below attending his pleasure. All business set apart, immediately he came to them, where after the Prolocutor had made a grateful acknowledgment of all his singular favours conferred on them, he did humbly beseech him in the name of all the rest to accept of that small present, which as a testimony of their gratitude and pledge of their future services and ready affections they had made bold to send him. What! pour water into the Sea
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(faid he) You have not that rarity which we have not in great abundance. Carry all back again (said he to as many of his own Officers) willing them to return all again with the same hearty thanks, as if he had accepted thereof, safely to the Strangers. And after a little reasoning with the Prolocutor why they should put themselves to that unnecessary charge and trouble, saying, that what he had done was but the dispensing of publick charity for Christ's sake, who was only to reward it, he bid his Dispenser give each of the bearers twenty Duckats apiece in new gold, in green silken network purses, (for he would not let them return empty) himself giving the Prolocutor and his two Attendants golden chains of 200 crowns apiece in value: and at last with much civility and thanks to them all, as much as if he had received their present, he courteously dismissed them.

In this Ocean of plenty thus did we fail on firme Land, as if all the gold of Peru (whence we so lately failed) had been transplanted into this Palestine. Amidst this abundance of all accommodations fit for the use of man, though we were fully satisfied; yet we were as much unsatisfied in point of kindnesses, which we knew not in the least measure how to ratalliate or (if any from us might have been accepted) such as would equal those immense favours, so unexpectedly conferr'd on Pilgrims in that our languishing condition. Thus not being ashamed, but rather confounded at the infinite mercy
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The glory of God in casting us into this Canaan; we sat down 'twixt admiration and joy, and blessed him the giver of all good things, conceiving our selves no more sojourners now, but really the adopted Sons and Citizens of Ben-salem; and as it were in Heaven it self; where no other Sacrifices were to be offered or accepted now besides praise and thanksgiving. As we were thus in contemplation of the divine providence, in comes an Alguazillan or Serjeant attended with other Officers, who had newly apprehended a man that had taken up a purse with gold in it, who having been discovered in the act of taking and putting it up, and thereupon presently charged with it faintly denied it; but upon search it was found about him, and suspected to belong to some of the Strangers, some of them having passed that way but just before. Therefore he civilly told us, lest we might be affrighted or disturbed at their coming, that he came to inform us only how that wicked fellow, thus brought thither, had offended Justice in concealing and detaining a purse of gold, which they conceived did of right belong to some of our Company. Thereupon he requested us to examine our selves if any such thing were missing, promising if we could justly challenge it, to restore it faithfully. Upon private search we found indeed that one of the bearers having accidentally dropped it, missed his purse, but were very loath to charge the apprehended party with it in regard of the severity
rity of punishment, which we understood by Joabin the Merchant Jew, was doubly inflicted on all such as any ways offended the Strangers. We therefore resolved rather charitably to dissemble the loss, saying, we miss no such thing, nor could we charge that nor any other person with any such felonious detention. The Alcaldorem or Judge being in the interim sent for and come (for there justice is speedily executed, as soon as the guilty is found convict and sentenced) he proceeded likewise upon their informations to make a farther and more strict inquiry. A reverend old man he was and discreet, and as gravely attired. His gown was of fine purple cloth, of somewhat wide sleeves, turned up with white Satten, having a Tippet of scarlet Sarcinet round his neck and down to the ground before. On his head he wore a black and white linnen equally enterwoven, and much after the fashion on the top of a Miter, having on each side thereof a red Cross, his hoary hairs appearing in curls somewhat long underneath it. The Alcaldorem notwithstanding our partial and modest dissembling of the matter upon some jealousie of his that the man was really guilty, and that we were inclined to favour the accused party, desired to see some one of those purses (which he was it seems informed the Father of Solomons house had that morning distributed amongst some of us.) One of them we brought him, together with the 20 Duckars
Duckats in it just as it was given. Where-upon comparing them, though he found the purses both alike, of the same fashion, shape and colour, and the Duckats in them of the same number, stamp, and newness, yet be-cause the party should not suffer upon strong presumption onely (since one thing might be like another) he demanded of us how many of those purses were dispensed to us? Here we paused as not willing in truth to discover it to the poor mans prejudice, and withal not well knowing how to deny that truth which we knew he could otherwise have searched out. We were therefore inforced ingeniously to confess that twelve of them had been thus liberally bestowed on some of us that very morning at the Fathers Palace. Then let me desire (said he) each man of you to whom they were given to produce his own; for if you can shew twelve of the like fashion be-sides this one in my hand, then may we be partly satisfied that none of you are inju-red. For we are strictly bound by the Laws of Hospitality to protect all Strangers from injury. At which Words we bowed in submission, but herein we failed and could not produce any more then Eleven, the bearer whose it was then confessing, that in pulling forth his handchereif by the way homewards he possibly might drop his, but vvould not positively affirm that was it. Where-up- on the Alcaldorem vvwas not a little satisfied; and turning about to us, not a little blamed the
the uncharitable tenderness of our charity and Indulgence, in not readily witnessing against wicked Offenders. But because in the serenity of his milde looks and gentle reproof appeared no real anger, I took the boldness with all submissive respect to palliate the offence, and thus endeavoured to excuse it. That we did hope he would interpret that their backwardness to accuse, proceeded not from any the least intention to interrupt their course of Justice, but from a tender loathness to do the least prejudice to any of that land of Charity, where we had all received such signal testimonies of favour and civility, and such as we were ever bound to acknowledge. To this the Alcaldorem mildly replied, As you are Strangers, your oversight is to be overseen, you not knowing the customs and laws of this Island: where all concealers are looked on as Accessories, and all injured persons are bound to prosecute the suspected, and in no wayes to compound it. Take here every one his own purse again, and keep it in Gods name. And if hereafter you miss any thing, declare it and charge the party suspected, immediately, for connivance makes theves. At that saying the delinquent, seeing that purse also redelivered by him to the right owner, confessed his fact, and humbly craved mercy for offering to detain it. But all in vain: He being forthwith adjudged to stand in the Pillory two bowers right against the Strangers house, and after he had asked the offended party forgiveness, and the Alcaldorem in offending
fending Justice, and all Christian people whom by his ill example he had likewise offended, (according to their custom) to be from thence conveyed to the Corrigidorans house, there for three years to work for his living, and ever after to wear the Bell and Brazen collar. And though with much and earnest soliciting often reiterated we joyntly besought the Alcaldorem to remit these punishments, or at least to mitigate the severity of them, yet would not he by any entreaties be wrought upon to remit either, but gravely replyed, That without execution the law is but a dead letter, and that impunity makes offendours incorrigible, and encourages others to offend also.

This said with a grave austere countenance, the Alcaldorem sate him down, after taking me by the right hand he had led me into an inner room behind the Judgment Hall belonging to the Strangers House, and willed me to sit down by him, the Court and Company being all dismissed. At which I bowed lowe and kissed the verge of his Tippet (as Joabin had instructed me) and sate down by him. Now (my good Friend said he) since I understand that the Father of Solomons house hath given you his blessing, I shall open my self a little unto you also. And that you may not wonder at these proceedings, or conceive we use overmuch severity, I shall satisfie you with the reason of this our Law. It is only theft from Strangers which we punish with death and the unjust detention of their goods (which
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(which we conceive most inhumane) with this rigour as you see. Because The Laws of Hospitality we hold are to be preserved, and kept inviolably. And though our Laws are writ in blood, yet are they composed of mercy and Clemency. Theft among the Natives here is but slightly punished, the Thief being adjudged to be an Adamist to that Man he hath robbed and injured till by his service he hath made him double satisfaction; it being indeed here but seldom committed. Though we know in your European Countries, the breach of that Commandement is too frequent, and without any distinction of the injured persons severely punished. Here is no want amongst us, therefore when it is perpetrated, we esteem the damage less, as the act is less malicious. For Laws should be fitted to the temper and Genius of the climate; each Nation labouring with his peculiar nationall vices, very suitable therefore was that Law made to the inbred disposition of the English which there compels not criminals as in other Nations, to confess by tortures. And the reason is, because that resolute People of that Island, fear death so little, for should the torments of the civill Law be offered there to an innocent person he will by an obstinate silence yield himself guilty, or confess himself so in madness, and rather suffer present death, then the lingering pains which he counts as so many iterated deaths. Yet though this sin abound most amongst you, & particularly in Britain, we con-
ceive you are there too severe rather in the grievous and capital punishment of Petitlarce-
ancies, where death is so despised that the dread and frequent examples seldom terrify. For example; you suffer great Men in office, first to rob, spoil, and oppress the Common People, and when such depravedtours have made them poor, and in want, if they steal but a sheep or the like (which they are often necessitated to do to save themselves from starving) then you either hang them, if the theft be above such a value, or in some places send them to the mines or Gallies to enslave them more, and where through extreme want and converse with one another, they learn more roguery. Perhaps you banish them, and therein you punish not them but Strangers, every Nation to a Felon being his native Country, where he can with most advantage and least suspicion cease upon his prey. And thus instead of tying up his hands you give his feet liberty, sending him out with Letters of credence, as it were with a pass to steal afresh; or with Alexander's general Commission unneighborly to rob the world. VVe on the contrary where the offences are not capital, are much more mild to our selves and less injurious to others: causing only a collar of brass to be clapt close and well riveted that it cannot be filed easily, about the offendours neck therein insirting in Samian letters the quality and time of the offence committed, hanging also a little silver bell to it; that all honest
honest people may take notice where such miscreants come, and have warning of them. Now if any of these collared miscreants file off their Neck-laces with intention to escape (for the attempt here is as much as if the fact were done) not only he, but the Smith that files it off is condemned to perpetual servitude. These condemned persons are every Market-day brought forth into the Market-place, there to be hired for small wages by the Husbandmen to dig and delve till the next, and are ever after called Adamists. This manner of punishment we conceive better than the Athenian Ostracism, or your Exile (none being permitted to go forth of this Island but a few every twelve years for the traffic of learning and knowledge) and more profitable than Death, because in time such rotten members may become sound, and be good Subjects again; and more ignominious than branding of their foreheads, hands, or shoulders; which marks, being but skin-deep, in a very short time wear out with the disgrace.

Here he made a stop, supposing me ready to offer some reply, or start some new question; but my ears were so chained to his lips, that although I was very desirous to hear him discourse farther of the rare policie of their Laws and Government; yet transported with wonder, and abashed with modesty, I could only answer with silence and admiration. Perceiving my silence, or rather wonder-strucken backwardnesse to offer any renewing
discourse, (My Friend, said he) I have observed your great diligence in attention hitherto: therefore if you have any desire to know more of our Laws and customs (as all Travellers are thus delighted) it lies on your part to offer the question; and I shall endeavour to satisfy you so far as I may with safety to our State. For the Arcana Imperii we dare not divulge; not for fear of Invasion (we being a people unknown in this abyss of Waters) but because it is a thing expressly prohibited by the first Founder of our Laws. Encouraged with this friendly invitation, as well as the occasion thus to my desires hinted, I did thereupon assume the boldness to ask him, Whither their first Solomona was the only wise Founder of all their excellent Laws? To which Quærie, as well pleased that I should move it in his own sphere, he readily proceeded. (My good Friend, said he) Since you enquire into our Laws most properly of me, who have been all my life versed in the study and administration of them, I shall let you first understand, That our Laws (which are digested into ten small Codes, in relation to Moses’s ten Commandments, and from whence Justinian’s have been partly since compiled) are the most just and perfect in the world. They be not many, but those easy, plain, and all writ in our native Language, and were first framed by that same prudent Solomona, the first Law-giver of this Island; but have been since revised and refined by that renowned Solomona Politicus, his four-
fourteenth Successour, who mixt them with the enterweaving some few others since Christianity was here first planted, extracting the best of all other Nations with a peculiar allay of mercy and policie, and more adapted to the ingenuous humour of this Climate and people. For we still adde, expunge, alter, or repeal, as we see just and fitting reason. And to this purpose, we have a grand Seminary of Students in the Law, erected by the same Royal Founder, and since more largely endowed. Herein are one hundred Procuratorans, or Brethren of the Seminary, who, as soon as graduated, ten of them are elected by the Alcaldorems, and sent forth by those two ships which the Fathers of Solomons House embarque their Emissaries in. These, as the rest for the traffic of Learning, are sent into all Kingdoms and Commonwealths, to discover what, Laws Statutes, Ordinances, Customs, Edicts are there in force, and upon what reasons of State established, or laid aside. Upon their return (which is at the period of every twelve years) we have half as many Alcaldorems, twelve of the most judicious of them residing in the same Seminary constantly, and one out of every Province, whose business is chiefly, upon the Collection of all their several observations, to make choice amongst them, which Laws or Customs may be most proper to the temper of this our Island of Benusalem. If we finde any fit to be introduced (which we seldom do, our own being already so exact) we present them
to the King then being, who if he see cause enters it himself into the Codes with the blood of a Lamb or Kid newly killed, and so it is immediately promulgated and observed as a Fundamental Law. This we think a quicker way then by assembling the heads of the peoples Election, since these many times, when convened, are either factious or dilatory; especially when the sober people conceive they are bound to consent and submit to what the King and wise Alcaldorems think is fit and just to impose. Hereat I rising up humbly craved leave to beg but one question of him: which was, How Solomon could govern his people without a general Convention of his Prælates, Nobles, and heads of his people, since by their assistance and means in all other Christian Countries, not only Laws are proposed, but Subsidies raised, and the publick grievances presented and redressed. To this he readily answered. You may indeed a little wonder, since Custom with you is another Law. But when you understand the natural temper of this gentle people, with the grounds and reasons of their tacit submissions, you will believe they act wisely; and may perhaps wonder why all other Nations move not so readily in their sphere of implicit faith and and obedience. The people of Benusalem have it as a received Maxim among them, That their Solomon neither can or will do them any injury, they being the members of that body whereof he is the head. Thus confirmed they leave the manage
manage of all public affairs to him and his wife Council, wholly submitting their lives and fortunes, whilst they follow their private vocations quietly, to his protection. This their modest result is grounded on this reason. The Pilot that sits at the helm, they argue, can best steer the ship, especially when the rest of the Mariners in their stations are carefully attending their particular duties: It being against the interest of a Prince, as of a Pilot, not to preserve his own people. Therefore they conclude: That the public utility, peace and security (which is the end all Legislators aim at, and wherein their own is so necessarily included) are the chief impulsive to move him with the advise of his Council to establish wholesome Lawes: in the due execution whereof (he being tied up to the same Rules and forms he prescribes others) Justice is preserved, and consequently the welfare both of Prince and people. The truth is, in some Kingdoms, as France, England, &c. and where the people are more diffident, jealous and stubborn, the Kings have been necessitated to call their Subjects together, and that but of late years neither, to crave their assistance; else they could have raised no moneys. And yet in the first, by reason of the Frequent Rebelsions, partly animated and fomented by those popular meetings, Parliaments of late have been looked on as fatal, and almost sleighted: and in the latter it is doubted they will not long continue, at least in that authentic power.
and pretended priviledg which they have arrogantly assumed, if not too magisteriously usurped. But to come to particulars, and our particular form of Government (which I know you long more fully to be informed off, and is richly worth your serious obser-vation.) At which I bowed to him with a pleasing assenting countenance, intimating my earnest desires thereto, and readiness of at-tention. He proceeded, saying: I shall in brief (my Friend) delineate the platforme thereof, and then shew you the elegant super-structures, with those wholesome Constitutions and general rules of Policy by and upon which firm Basis all is raised and unanimously upheld, First then,

We have a puissant Monarch, whose glori-ous Empire by a continued uninterrupt-ed succession hath lineally descended to him from the first renowned Solomon; most of that Lineage, or, for want of Issue, the next of the blood having for these 1900 years wore this Imperial Diadem without dispute or intermission. For we conceive Monarchy the nearest to perfection, that is, to God, the wise Governour of the Universe, and therefore best. Wherefore we proclaim him not (as you Europeans out of ceremony do) he being the known heir to the Crown and immediate Successour upon the death of his Predecessour. Only he is soon after Sacred with the holy Oyle in the principal Cathedral, and crowned
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crowned by the chief Archiepiscopan with a silver Miter on his head, and a Crosses staff put by him into his hand, besides the being invested with the purple robe of Majesty, with many other decent ceremonies peculiar to this our Island of Benusalem only. For he is thus appareled, both like a King and Bishop, as being a mixt person, and in both functions alike supreme.

We have many degrees of Nobility, those of the blood Royal being eminently distinguished by their great privileges and immunities from the rest. The inferior Noblese are advanced by the Supreme Authority for their extraordinary deserts and not their demesnes, yet not exceeding a set number, least they should divide into factions or eclipse Regal Majesty. Nor are these their honours always hereditary, because we esteem that Grandee or meaner person infamous that degenerates in virtue, or sinks in his patrimony. Wherefore such debauched persons and riotous spend-thrifts only are degraded, as not worthy any more to be Patricians.

We have a solid kind of Heraldry, not made specious with ostentative pyde coats and titular Archeivements, which in Europe puzzel the tongue as well as memory to blazon, and any Fool may buy and wear for his money. Here in each province is a Register to record the memorable Acts, extraordinary
ordinary qualities and worthy endowments of mind of the more eminent Patricians. Where for the Escutcheon of Pretence each noble person bears the Hieroglyphic of that vertue he is famous for. E. G. If eminent for Courage, the Lion: If for Innocence, the white Lamb: If for Chastity, a Turtle: If for Charity, the Sun in his full glory: If for Temperance, a slender Virgin, girt, having a bridle in her mouth: If for Justice, she holds a Sword in the right, and a Scales in the left hand: If for Prudence, she holds a Lamp: If for meek Simplicity, a Dove in her right hand: If for a discerning Judgment, an Eagle: If for Humility, she is in Sable, the head inclining and the knees bowing: If for Innocence, she holds a Lillie: If for Glory or Victory, a Garland of Baies: If for Wisdom, she holds a Salt: If he excels in Physic, an Urinal: If in Music, a Lute: If in Poetry, a Srowle: If in Geometry, an Astrolabe: If in Arithmetic, a Table of Cyphers: If in Grammar, an Alphabetical Table: If in Mathematics, a Book: If in Dialectica, she holds a Serpent in either hand: and so of the rest: the Pretence being ever paralel to his particular Excellency. And this is sent him cut in brass, and in colours, as he best phansies for the Field; only the Hieroglyphic is always proper.

We have the like degrees of preheminence amongst the Clergy. None are admitted into Sacred Orders till thirty years of
of age; and then only such as are well learned, and for their good living also approved off first by the three Universities and his particular Archipiscopan; least the ignorance and frailties of the Priest should draw the Function into contempt. Wherefore our Noble Mens Sons are encouraged to learning and the Ministry by our several great Ecclesiastic preferments and dignities. To these they are never advanced by money, favour, or marriage, but by their eminent deserts. And that they may not alienate their thoughts or divert them on worldly affairs, only the chiefest of them are permitted to entermeddle in the civil power and publicly to advise when called thereto, or act in Secular or State affairs, least they should neglect their spiritual. And for the same reason, though they are not forbid marriage, yet a single and chast life (in them especially) is approved and recommended, they being by marriage rendered incapable of the best preferments. These being the great faults of your European Ecclesiastics: who either marry not at all but live unchast; or too soon; get a Wife, soon after a Living, increase in Children, which care of maintaining them diverts their Studies, spoiles Hospitality, and when they live leanly or leave them unprovided for, renders them and their profession contemptible.
We have a loyal and peaceful Populacie, and no less vertuous, rich, wise, and valiant. Who being æmulous of honour and virtue, vie with each other in the service of the State. Nor are these Plebeians excluded from bearing either Office or wearing Honours, when their industry or merits justly challenge them.

We have a faithful, learned, judicious, and uncorrupt Magistracie, Commissioned at the age of thirty and not before, for their deserts and not money, during the Monarchs pleasure; though he seldom dis- placeth any but for misdemeanours, and bribery particularly being so severely sentenced. For if any Alcaldorem Justiciier, or Officer Judicial be suspected guilty of receiving any bribe or reward either before or after the cause be tried, he is forthwith suspended ab Officio, and after (if he be found convict) both his eyes are put out, being thus made to resemble Justice indeed, which is or should be blind, and then à Beneficio; for all his goods are forfeited. Whilst he that gives the bribe hath his right hand bored through with a hot Iron, and half his estate confiscate to the Monarch, the other half to the Aërarium Charitatis. The like Justice we have for all simoniacal contracts, be it for money, matrimony, or otherwise: where the Patron, besides his other mulct, looses his Donation.
nation for ever, and the Corruptour is for ever disabled from officiating in the Ministry.

We have no poor, no Beggars, or idle Vagrants: every Tradesman and Artificer being obliged to teach his children his own trade, besides teaching them to read, to shoot flying, and to swim; the last of which, besides the benefit of saving themselves and causing good digestion, hardens them and inures them to strong labours: to this purpose.

We have in each City too large Natatories, one for the Males and the other for the Females, about eight furlongs square, and some three yards deep in the midst, to which it declines by degrees deeper. These are supplied with fresh rivers and delicate springs, and made more pleasant with Swans, Averies in little Islands, artificial fountains and variety of fish, then was that famous Natatory the Agrigentines made in honour of Gelon. In these we have twelve to preside as Guides in their turnes to teach all Children the Arts of swimming. These are called Moisaiicans from Moses, the child so miraculously perserved by swimming.

We have likewise an Arcubalistory in each City, to teach all Children the art of shooting flying, with either gun, cross-bow, or
or long-bow; which is the true cause (said he) of all the great plenty amongst us, every lad almost being able to kill in half a day as much as shall last him a whole week. If any Man's child be ingenious, he is not forbid to learn any other trade, but at the age of twenty he is to choose before the Providoran which he will stick to, and profess that only. Nay the Nobles's and better sort are not exempt from labour, but for the public good are brought up more or less to some manual trade, partly to encourage others, and partly to gain themselves a subsistence when they should fall to decay.

We have every tenth child, or the most ingenious and capable amongst them, chosen out for learning and dedicate to the Church. And because some through old age, sickness, infirmity, weakness in body or mind, become decrepit and unable to learn such manual trades whereby they might live, and others by God's immediate hand through fire, lightning, shipwreck, mayning, murrein of Cattell, death of Parents, or by divers the like casualties be undone and left helpless, We have in every City an Aevarium Charitatis or public Thresory for the Poor, maymed, and assisted, whence they are fed & sustained; and a Corrigidorans house adjoyning to teach the young poor Orphans, and force those others to work that are idle and able.
We have in each City an Episcopan or Overseer of the Clergy and Laytie in Spiritual affairs: And an Archiepiscopan or Superintendant Overseer of all the Churches and Spiritualties in each chief provincial City, all of them being subordinate in divine and civil affairs to our Grand Solomona. If any Priest offend the civil power, he is first divested by the Archiepiscopan of his function, and remitted to the civil Magistrate for punishment; otherwise, he being consecrate to God, no lay hand may presume to touch or offer him any violence, be he never so vicious. If he offend in Spirituals, he stands to the censure of the Church only.

We have in each of these Cities a Cathedral, taking its name from Christ, besides other twelve Churches (which number every City hath) taking their names from the twelve Apostles: 1200. Parishioners or Auditors, more or less, being apportioned to each pastoral Congregation, and those forbid to gad elsewhere, or have any subordinate Lecturers to officiate under their proper Pastours, but in case of sickness only; and only such Curatores animarum set over them as the Universities and peculiar Archiepiscopan shall approve off. These Churches are all built in fashion alike, according to that stately fabric of your St. John Baptist's in Florence, in which Church only (as there they also from us probably learnt
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learnt that discipline) the Sacrament of Baptism of all infants in each City is administered and no other: though they somewhat differ in bigness, Architecture, Imagery, and other rare curiosities. None of these have any Church-yards adjoyning to them, certain Cemeteries being consecrate and set apart for the burial of the dead without the Cities, or in the remotest places near the walls. We permit none to be interred in the Church itself especially, those holy structures being raised for the living to serve God in, and not for the dead to sleep in, by whose stench also the living might be annoyed.

We had an Apostolical mission of twelve Disciples also, to reform all abuses in Church Government; but being fearfull of innovation therein, and finding our own already perfect, and withall the many inconveniences, Rebellions, Schismes, Innovations, and seditions, in all places fomented and raised since that spreading Jesuitical order hath been erected, we desisted, and sent no more abroad. Only we have thereupon enacted many wholesome and strict laws for the keeping of these venomous and crafty perturbers out of this our Island, least any of these evil Seminary Priests or seditious Schismatics should sow their tares amongst our wheat, or seduce our peacefull and well united Kingdom from those sound principles of Religion and Apostolical Government in which it hath stood un-
unshaken, ever since Christianity was here first planted.

We have a Clergy (he added) very modest, but yet austere, serious, grave, and holy. These will not condemn or excommunicate any upon light causes or suggestions. Nor are they mercenary Gloziers to sing Placebo and sow pillows to their patrons ears, as too many within Europe do. To which I partly assenting rose up and desired (if he pleased to give me leave) to second that his animadversion with a passage I had lately observed in France betwixt a Priest and an Advocate. Go on in Gods name, said he, for I love to be confirmed. Then I told him how that in company at the chief City of that populous Kingdom, which swarms with Lawyers, a Priest, perhaps upon some good ground, inveighed against the Lawyers bitterly and concluded; That had the Devil a tryal at Barr, he might soon find an Advocate for money to plead his cause. Marry, repli'd the Advocate, and could the Devil dye and should but leave a Legacy of five pistols to any of the Priests here to preach his Funeral Sermon, he should as soon find one that should commend him to the skies and carry him up to heaven again. It is more then probable, said he, but leaving them I shall proceed.
We suffer none to marry till of ripe age: the Man at the age of one and twenty, the Woman at the age of eighteen compleat; and those then to marry into their own ranke, degree, and quality, but not into their own kindred till after three removes. We permit not the man to marry after his Climacteric, nor the Woman after the age of fifty three. To this purpose we have Registers in each Parish to record their certain ages. Before they are asked in the Church, their private consent of liking each other is thus notified. Each party to be married hath two friends of each side to view the other parties body naked. This is done in the next Natatorium, the man's female friends viewing her in the female Natatorium, and the woman's male friends viewing him in the male Natatorium. This is done to prevent dislikes and separations. For Deformity of body not discovered till it be too late, often breeds non-conformity of minds: Whilst the same beforehand known, prevents any after repentance, or pretension of dislike.

We judge it unseemly the Woman after she knows herself to be with Child should let her Husband carnally know her; or should so much as appear in public after her womb is visibly pregnant.
We force not two young sinners to marry, (though that obscenity seldom happens amongst us) as you too often do. For whereas you Europæans, when a servant is by chance taken in bed with his fellow maid-servant, where perhaps the Master had been before, unjustly force them, whether they like, or will or no, to honest that wicked act by an after speedy inter-marriage; so that the one being made desperate leaves her and turns rogue, while she stays at home and plies the whore to both their ruines: We in this case only persuade them to marry, and if they will not, then we send the she-sinner to the Corrigidorans House for three years, and the Fornicator is adjudg'd to fast for twelve dayes, and to wear the brazen Collar as long. Nor is their natural issue, though they should after entermarry, to inherit; being unlawfully begotten before Wedlock.

We enjouyn each Mother to nurse her own Childe, if she be able and healthy.

We suffer no divorce but in case of Adultery, which as well as Murther we punish with death, both in Male and Female offenders alike.

We have here no Law for a Regicide, as Solon appointed none for that man that kills his Father; because as he did, so do we
we conceive men cannot be so unnatural as to commit such nefandous crimes, the killing of the Father of the Country being the highest Parricide.

We give little or no Dowers, because Fathers shall not necessitate or undo themselves by giving large sums as it were to be rid of their own Children. The eldest Male hath a double portion, the Females divide equally: and if before the age of eighteen the Father doth not see they are married, they may claim their portions and marry themselves. The woman relift is not permitted to marry again without special leave obtained of the Archiepiscopan, and not then till after a whole years mourning. For amongst the very Romans (where the wives would follow their dead Husbands through the Funeral flames) though such a one were too severely pronounced an Adulteress, *Quæ nubit toties, non nubit, adultera leges est*, as if she did cuckold her former husband in his grave; yet here amongst Christians she will hardly ever be counted a Saint: and loses some part of her Dowry by a second marriage; whereas if she can contain and live a single life, so much for so long, by the year is added by her husbands friends. The Widower may marry again without disgrace; but not till six moneths expire after his wives decease.
WE expressly forbid all superfluous expenses (which would be better expended on the poor) by embalming, pompous Funerals, or costly Monuments to be raised after to preserve their memories, because we account a good name to be the most lasting Monument.

WE have fifteen Provinces, into which our united kingdom is equally divided: these being by certain Rivers, Hills, Walls or Road-ways exactly bounded. We have in each Province one Emporium (this next being one of the chiefest, wherein the Society of Solomons house is erected) and six other lesser Cities somewhat equally distant from it. In each City (which hath its territorie of equal circuit belonging to it) at certain days and hours twice a week all provisions necessary for the use of man are to be sold.

WE permit not any Markets, or pedling Fairs to be kept in any Countrie-Town or Village. For the first do but begger Cities, and the last only disgrace them; and abuse the Countrey in the vending of bad and unwarrantable Merchandize.

WE have these Cities situate upon the most navigable Rivers, Creeks, Lakes, or most convenient Havens; all or most of them frontier to the Sea, for the better trans-
port of our Commodities from one part of our Island to another, and those other adjacent Islands belonging to this Dominion; all built with a blewish marble stone (of which here is great plenty) and those cut into spacious streets and even, as you see this Citie is. The houses are all uniform, well served with water, especially in their Offices, which are always built half under ground.

We do not fortifie our inland Cities, (which are but few) those only which are more maritim are munited, and built according to the newest model of regular fortification. They have not any Suburbs adjoining, every such Citie having a Citadel to command it, and being strongly garrison'd: For our Solomona being so remote and unknown (though he fears not any foreign Invasions, and less any civil Insurrections) yet doth he for exercise sake, as well to prevent the worst, if either should chance to happen (we holding it unlawful to make any war but what is meerly defensive) for the better safeguard of his kingdom, keep always a standing Militia at his own expence, without any tax or charge to the Subject. And whereas you Europeans fallily suppose Gunpowder to be the late Invention of a Monk, we learnt the use of it from the Chineses many hundred years ago: amongst whom Guns were in use when Bacchus made his expedition into India, which was about the time of the Israelites departure out of Ægypt.
We have all our Cities built upon a little rise or ascent to them on all sides, both for the stately beauty and cleanliness. In the midst of each stands a large square Marketplace, which is environed on the one side with the prisons for Offendours, Corrigidorans house, and the Armories, wherein are kept the Engins to quench fire, as well as all weapons of war, offensive and defensive, great guns, trains of Artillery, &c all in a strong and safe guarded Arsenal. Right opposite to these are the Courts of Justice, publick Halls for all Societies and Companies, Free Schools, and publick Schools (if it be an Universitie) we having three in three of the chiefeft Cities. To make the others square, we have on one side the Theaters, common Granaries, Amosca-
doos or Lumbars, the Burse or Exchange (if it be a Provincial Citie) and the Artillerie Gardens. And opposite to these the Hospitals of all sorts, for old and sick folks, for the maymed, for Children, Orphans, and all that are Lunatick. In the midst of all which large square stands the Regimiento or Common-Council house in each Citie, where the richer and wiser Inhabitants assemble to consult of the politic Government of the Citie.

We have all offensive Trades more apart scituate, as Brewers, Bakers, Chandlers, Butchers, Tanners, Dyers, Curriers,Felmongers, in some back-parts in the out-skirts of the
Citie, by themselves, and near the river, to carry their filth away, least their fullsome Trades should with the badness of their smells offend the more pleasant dwellings, or cause infection. All Forgemen, as Smiths, Mettlemen, Tinkers, Pewterers, and all other noise-making Artificers that deal in fire, dwell in a convenient place wholly apart by themselves also, for the better safety of the houses, as to prevent the trouble of their impetuous noises. For this cause also ringing of Bells, more then for the calling of the people to Church, is everywhere inhibited. And for other Trades and Occupations, each hath a several street or place by itself, as at Algiers in Afric. Thus though they resemble each other in many respects, yet in as many do they differ, either in largeness or elegance of building, wherein they daily strive to excel each other.

We appoint in every Citie two Justiciers of the Market, (who are every year chosen) to make a strict enquiry into the just dealings of Tradesmen, that they make no ill wares or counterfeit. They are particularly to look to the Water-Mills, and other Mills in each fortified Citie, and to all weights and measures, which are to be allowed of by them. For if they agree not with the Standard of the Island, they are immediately broken, and half the Delinquents goods that sells by such false weights and measures are forthwith confiscate to the Erarium Charitatis, & the party
himself is sentenced to wear the brazen Collar for one year or more, according to the greatness of his Crime.

We have in every Provincial City a Surveyor General, to set and order what Reformation is best in all places adjacent, and within his Praecinct in that Province. As what Bridges, Banks, Fortifications, Aqueducts, Conduits, Channels, publick works, inundations by breaches near the Sea may be prevented, as the other repaired and preserved. All which publick works are maintained out of the Common Thresorie raised out of that peculiar Province, and Supervisors annually elected in every City and Village adjoyning for that purpose.

We have likewise a Providorak General in every Provincial Citie, whose business is to see that all the common Granaries be always replenished and preserved: our Corn being thus best kept from must and the rats, in boats, upon the water. To this purpose.

We have in each of the Universities a College for Agriculture, wherein the Florists, Herbarists, &c. study, examine and appoint what ground is fittest for Corn, &c. what for, which for Wood, Grass, Meadow, Cardens, Orchards, Hops, Vineyards, Fish-ponds; which for Woad, Flax, Rape, Hemp, &c. as also for all
all exotic herbs, roots, trees and plants, which will thrive alike here or in any Country, if ground fitting be found and prepared. These Providorans suffer not any Commons (by which the richer that can best stock them thrive only) nor any Wafts, Bogs, Forests, Fens, Marishes, Desarts, Heaths, or Parks, (but some few only for our Solomonas's pleasure) but by inclosures or draining improve all to the best advantage for the public good. So that by these means the rates of corn, wood, coal, with divers other commodities, what scarcity so ever happens, never exceed.

We have many other good laws for the improvement of Lands and Woods, as first of all. That none shall cut down any Timber Tree, but shall plant ten for it. That none of them shall be felled till of full growth, and that before they begin to decay. That the Landlord shall have a third part of the profit of all Improvements: or at the expiration of his lease, shall either give so many years purchase for such improvement, or such quantity of the Land so improved as the Providoran shall judge the Tenant truly deserves. That every Tenant shall plant all necessary fruit-trees as Apples, Pears, Damsons, Pruans, Mulberries, Walnuts, Cherries, chestnuts, &c. in all his hedges & places convenient, with which improvement only he may pay his rent and keep his family. That the moyety of his pasture grounds be sowed alwaies either with St. Foin, La Lucern, Clo-
Clove or other as beneficial Treefoils, and the other half ploughed and laid in for sheep pastures. That they plant Firs for Malts, Ashes, Sallowes, Willowes about their Mansions, and Oifers in all moist grounds, the first for firing, the last for use. That all decayed Farmhouses, Barns, and out-houses belonging to them be re-edifyed by the Landlord, or the possession granted with the profits for twenty years to him that will expend the charge of building. That no rich man ingrosse all the commodities or foresall the Markets. To which purpose each City hath twelve Sitonans, that is, for every Port one, whose care is to see that none ingrosse the Corn by pre-emption; but that the Countrey people bring into the market proportionably to what they sow, reserving only what is necessary for their own families. These Sitonans are all subservient to the grand Providorans of the Province. These Providorans have a power to summon all whom they please to suspect, before them once a year, to give an account by what trade or occupation they get their livelihood. If such cannot give a good ac- compt, they are sent immediately to the Corrigidorans, who either finds them work, or lets them forth the next Market day either to the Husbandmen or Vignerons.

We appoint a certain size for the length of all our Swords throughout the Island. Allowing none to be worn ordinarily by any, but some few priviledged persons, in any of our Cities.
WE allow no excess in attire of embroideries or wearing Gold or Silver laces upon wearing apparel. Every Noble man, Magistrate, Merchant or Tradesman, with their Wives respectively, being distinguished with decent attire, suitable to his Calling or Profession, and that fashion not to be altered.

WE have in the three Universities, Colleges (besides those for Divinity, Law, and Philosophy) for Mathematicians, Historians, Poets, Musicians, Stage-players, Alchemists, Florists, Herbarists, Chirurgians, Anatomists, and Physicians also. Unto the last are adjoyning large Physic Gardens, Theaters and Schools. In all of them all the Students are to apply themselves particularly unto that study and art they first undertake, and none other, that thus all experiments may be sooner reduced unto perfection, all Arts and Sciences soon learnt; all these several Colleges being very fairly endowed.

WE have one in the chief University called Historiographus Regius, who hath a great pension allowed him for supervising all History that shall be put out. For if they do not set forth the truth exactly, clearly, faithfully, concisely and yet elegantly, without the least deviation from it: i.e. neither by omitting any thing through ignorance, or
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forgetfulness, his province it is to correct the History; that posterity may judge right of all preceding actions, and not be wronged by any sinister practices, or false glosses.

We have besides these in the Imperial City one Eminent Academy of selected wits: whose endeavours are to reform all errors in books, and then to licence them; to purifie our Native Language from Barbarism or So- lœcism, to the height of Eloquence, by regul- rating the termes and phrases thereof into a constant use of the most significant words, pro- verbs, and phrases, and justly appropriating them either to the lofty, mean, or Comic stile. These likewise translate the best Authors, and render them in their genuine sense to us very perspicuous: and make Dictionaries in all Languages, wherein the proper termes of art for every notion and thing in every trade, manufacture and science is genuinely Rendred and with its derivation very perspicuous.

We have also in each of the provincial Cities (which have Universities) Free Schools for the attaining of the Languages, Singing, Dancing, Fencing, Riding, and writing, either by Brachigraphy, Hieroglyphic, or an Instrument we have made to write two Copies at once, at one and the same motion, for dispatch. For all which we have public Governours and Masters fit for each place respectivelly; chosen by the representative body of
We have likewise in every City publick Tresorers, Ediles, Quaestors, Overseers of the poor Pupils and Orphans Goods; who make a strict account every Year of all receipts, disbursements and expences to the Magistrate or Governour of each respective City. These Magistrates are not elected out of the Plebeians, Tradersmen or Mechanicks only; but out of the Noblesse and Gentry, who are to reside in these Cities, at such times and seasons especially, we thinking it not dishonourable for Noble persons to govern in the City as well as in the Country. These are all to give an account of their behaviour and government when their time expires.

We have a Law enjoining the chief Landlords equally and charitably to divide their Lands and tenements in every City and Village, that one Tenant may not domineer over the other. These Tenures are apportioned and set out that the Tenants may the better improve their lands by manure of all sorts, planting of trees and vineyards, draining, fencing, building, &c. And the Landlords to this end are appointed to let them long leases at a rent certain without fine, to free them for the future from the exigitions of griping Patrons.
WE permit no usury but what is very moderate; and that but to some few Virgins, Widowes, or Orphans, who least know how to employ their moneys. Sometimes to Merchants or young Tradesmen, if they be allowed of by the chief Magistrate as not idle, prodigal, debauched, riotous spendthrifts, or not knowing how to make good use of such moneys, and honestly to employ the same to their advantage.

WE punish extortion severely with the fine of ten times as much as the Principle, all which goes to the Aerarium Charitatis. But the party to the usurious contract shall not be a sufficient witness against the extortioner, because no Man can be testis in propria causa. For such as hide their treasure, though such lose it as it were by not using it, yet if any one find it, it shall not be confiscate to the King, as with you it is in some places, but shall all be forfeited and brought into public thesory for the wayes, and public repairs.

WE imprison no bankrupts, or debtors above two years, during which space (if he were reduced to poverty by his own wilful negligence, riot, excess, or folly) if he cannot satisfie his creditours in that time, he is for his eternal disgrace enlarged; but sentenced to wear the brazen collar and silver bel.
bell, that all good people may have warning how they deal with him, till such time as he hath fully satisfied all his creditors. As for decayed Citizens, the richer Landlords in City and Country are ordered to receive and place them in Farmes (for Coppyhoulds we approve not of) or other convenient places and offices, wherein they may thrive and restore.

**WE** punish all prophane, Atheisticall and customary swearers for half a year with the brazen collar also, and a pecuniary mullet to the *Ærarium Charitatis* for each offence. If the party reform not in that time, the bell is added also, that all good Christians may avoid his company. If in a years space he leave it not off, his tongue is bored through with a hot iron. The Sacrilege loses both his hands for that his impious offence against God. He that bears false witness, if convict, loses his tongue; a common lier his upper lip, and every malicious Slanderer his under lip. He that is convict of perjury hath his tongue cut out. He that is drunk once, is fined, if he practise it, he is interdicted all liquor, but water for a twelve moneth; and so often as he offendeth, so often doth he pay a set mullet to the *Ærarium Charitatis*, according to the quality of the Offendor.

**WE** have a Law inhibiting all forein rank Jews to live in this Island, or a-
ny to have converse or commerce with them when ever they land, till they be converted & baptized. And that they may so be, we have a little Island belonging to us, assigned particularly for them, whither they are immediately sent to be instructed in the faith, and after they are converted and received into the body of the Church, they are permitted to live and trade here as well as those Jews we already have (who are not so perverse as to deny Christ) or any other Natives. No kind of violence is used to them or any contentious Opinion, so as his erroneous opinions strike not at the root of Christian Religion, or they do not vehemently inveigh against the professed truth, to promote strife and division. But if they remain obstinate, or renege, denying our Saviour, they are crucified in the same manner as they did our Saviour. For we have a law, that if any foreign Malefactor offend here capitally, he shall be punished according to the custom of that place wherein he was born, and every Offendour accidently cast on this shore, or flying hither for refuge (which seldom here happens) we punish after the custom of the place the fact was committed in, as you do at Geneva, but if any native do commit murder on his fellow subject abroad, he shall not escape unpunished at his return, though the fact were done out of our Dominions (which is a particular defect in your law of England) for in such cases neither time nor place should impede Justice which reacheth all.

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WE that are Alcaldorems, before whom all suits and pleas are determined, as well civil as criminal, take a pledg of every one that is plaintiff, equall in value to the thing he contends for, or if he have not so much, as much as he can raise, which, in case he sue maliciously and wrongfully, he forfeits. In criminal cases the accuser (being under the Alguazillans restraint also) is punished with the same infliction that the accused, if he had been found convict, should have been chastised with, if it appears on proof he maliciously and wrongfully have accused him. And here they are not hanged like dogs, but beheaded or shot like men. These upright Alcaldorems not admitting any Rhetorical pleas, but short and simple narrations, chose the dark, that they might not be moved to compassion by the sight of the MalefaÆtours, and give their judgment without a word speaking; as the Areopagites in Athens did, men famed for their gravity and uprightness in judicature.

WE suffer no suit or plea to depend above half a Year, deciding it peremptorily without farther Appeals. If in that time they take it not up themselves, or agree by Arbitratours delegated for that purpose, we free the Defendant, and the Plaintiff forfeits his pledg immediately. All Officers and Clerks, &c. in all Courts have their certain fees, and those very moderate, and where they exact, all they have is forfeited.
We have to prevent all fraud in sales, mortages and conveyances of lands, certain Escribanans or Notaries in every City who record all such Sales, Mortgages, Bonds, Suretieships, Judgments, Statuets, &c. Which book of Record written in Salamandrian paper, for a small certain fee any Purchaser or Mortgage taker may at any time search for his satisfaction. And for smaller things (because we permit no private brokage or sale of moveables to Citizens or Tradesmen) we have in every City a great Amoscado or Lumber, where all goods are either bought out right or pawned, to be redeemed in one twelvemonth at certain ease rates.

We have no Inns or cut-throat harbours (as you Europeans have) where the poor Travellour payes a fine for his rest at the will of his unconscionable Host. But instead of them we have Strangers houses, built and maintained at the public charg, in each of which honest Governors are elected every three Years, who are to give to all strangers-Passengers such sitting entertainment as they like and desire at certain ease rates. These are for the native Strangers in their Inland voyages; for the foreign, yours where you lodge, is only provided, and that without any paymaking.
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V E ordein Post-horses or Mules, Carrioles, Wagons, and Coaches, who are to passe at certain dayes and hours their set stages, and convey them at certain easie rates: which is much for the better, safer and easier transport of all passengers. We observe the like order for all water passages also, which we cut frequently between Town and Town for the better carrying of commodities. And to prevent lameness of Horses we erect at each Karan a Smiths Forge in all public roads.

V E condemn none to deareh unless the matter of fact be evidently proved, and by the verdict of twelve sworn men be so adjudged, and the parties own confession. In which case after he is found convict by strong presumptions, he is to be kept close prisoner, and to be fed with nothing but bread and water till such time as he confesses the fact. After that, and that he hath given good testimony of his serious repentance, he is according to the Law executed, unless upon the Judge and Juries petition to our Solomona for his life, out of his abundant clemency he be by him pardoned: which rarely happens. All Civil affairs of Meum and Tuum are tried also by a Jury of the same number of able, honest, understanding persons, and such as are generally known and approved of for their integrity and understanding: These Juries being never packt
packt or made up ex proletariis, who many times with you serve for your money and not for conscience.

We that are Alcaldorems as well as all other public Officers, when once come to the age of seventy, are freed from all public service; and have our Quiescent sent from our Solomona, remitting us with thanks for our former services, and our former Salaries still continued to us during life; to our ease and quieter.

We have no reversions of Offices, Benefices or Martial preferments granted; First, because our Solomona's liberty of advancing persons of known merit shall not be impeached. Secondly, lest any attempt should be made against the present incumbents lives; and lastly, that all persons may equally have encouragement to study and merit better in hope of advancement.

We hold it Sacriiledg to conceal, hide or keep any goods from the true owners, that through Shipwrack are cast out of any vessel, or perish by loss thereof, and land themselves on our shore. Their peril, loss of Ship and spoil of goods being wreck enough, for which instead of robbing them of what the devouring sea hath left them, we not only commiserate them, but with the faithful restoration of their own repair all their otherwise in-
recoverable losses, if any survive to declare them. If none can claim them, then the next Ἀεραῖον must have them. This injurious custom of adding affliction to affliction is I confess to frequent with you Europeans that live upon the seacoasts, and gape for such booties, calling such wreck Gods-good, which you unjustly detain as your own in the Devils name. But on the contrary to prevent such calamities, we set up constantly lights several Pharos or lights on high hills and Towers to direct the Seafaring passengers how to avoid both rocks and pirates. And for their better security by way of prevention, we suffer no ship to go forth without six very skilful Pilots in it at least, and those well approved of by the Admiralty.

We have for the better advance of Navigation and increase of expert Pilots a constant Lecture of it in the three principle maritim Cities, the Readers of which Science are to instruct our Mariners in all maritim causes, in penning and reducing Sea-fight into an art, as many have done Land service, and as your Sir Walter Rawleigh attempted the same (whose directions therein it were to be wished were to be found out and augmented) in the principles of Astronomy, Geometry, and the Art of Swimming and diving, so necessary to recover goods lost and sunk in the bottom of the Sea; and these have a large allowance from our Admiral, to prevent those often
often Ship-wrecks which through the rawness and inexperience of the seamen might otherwise happen.

We have in our hot Pathes for the true rectifying and mundifying of diseased Bodies, able Physicians allowed of by the Colledg, at a certain stipend to examine the state of every body that shall go into, or take into them any purging or mundifying waters; none being permitted to use them without their approbation. This is to prevent the death of many by the errors of a few unskilful Empericks, who not rightly understanding the true economy and state of their patients bodies, or finding out the peccant humours and parts worst affected, commonly expell humours less offensive to their final prejudice. The like care is taken in all Cities and Towns that no Apothecaries, Chirurgians, Women or Empericks shall administer Phystick to any patient or prepare it, not so much as to their own husbands, wives, Children or Servants, without the Physicians special advice and direction appointed for that place.

We have great encouragements for all ingenious persons, and give great honour and reverence as well as large rewards to the Authors of all new and good Treatises, whether Divine or humane, of all artificial inventions, discoverers of new Countreys, Minerals, Earths, Waters, or whatsoever else
is useful to mankind, either at home by rewarding them with great Pensions, or from abroad by erecting their statues.

We study the publick good so much, that whereas we reward those that discover, so he is in some measure punished that conceals and hides a benefit which may please his country: For they that do no good when they can, as well as they that do mischief are here accounted debtors alike, and are looked on as unnatural children to their Common parent their Country.

This said, he offered me the view of their Codes and Presidents, if at any time I pleased to come to the Seminary of Law-Students to be farther instructed in their laws and form of Government. Here I rising up made a low obeisance, and kissed the hem of his tippet again: giving him many & large thanks for the favour he had already done me, in imparting to me so many wholesome laws and divine constitutions. And though he seemed willing to enlarge the conference at that time, wishing me to sit down again by him: yet to prevent me of that happiness in came immediately a messenger with a red tip-staff gilt at both ends, in his hand, & whispered him away about some urgent affairs, Whereupon troubled a little to leave me so abruptly, he turned to me, & said, My Friend, at this time I must ask your pardon, being commanded hence in haste, to mor-
row or any day next week, if you please to see our Seminary, I shall be at more leisure, and glad to enlarge myself farther to you. So he left me, and as he went out caused the delinquent to be taken forth the Pillory: whence descending he fell down upon his bare knees, and asked the Alcaldorem and all Christian People, whom he had by his ill example offended, forgiveness. This done, and the Judge forgiving him, and giving him a short monitory charge, he went about his affairs; whilst the poor Offender was led away to receive the other part of his punishment.

The next day my intended visit to the Alcaldorem was prevented, for Joahin came that morning early to see me, and told us (Sirs) you are like to be enriched three days hence at the next City about two Karans and a half of with the Regalio of as pleasing an entertainment, and specious shew, as I believe your eyes have ever beheld. For the ingenuous Verdejo (so was he called) that hath of late found out the way of making Linnen cloath, and consequently paper of Asbestinum or Linum vivum that fire shall not consume the writing (which paper is called Salaman-
always made proportionable to the worth of the invention and the merits of the person. I shall therefore (said he) provide a convenient place for you and your fellows, where you shall all see his graceful entry into the the City, and entertainment afterwards at the great Hall of Solomons House; where I will also provide for you a standing to behold the Triumphs, to hear the speech which is to be expressed in the Spanish tongue, as also a pastoral enterlude. We all thanked him for this his noble offer, being exceeding joyful at the news. The prefixed day being come, conducted by him we all got thither betimes on Mules he provided, and took our stands near the Gate St. Mark (the Gates there taking their names from the Churches they stand next to) where all the Nobles, Magistrates and chief Citizens splendidly equipped met Verdugo on Horseback, and welcomed him at his first entry.

He was a middle-sized man, of a sprightlie meen and ingenuous countenance, discovering in his bold aspect a subtile vivacity and promptness to undertake and perform great things. Here appeared forty proper men on Horseback, all clad in crimson satten loose coats. Immediately after them and before Verdugos chariot, a stately Pageant no less glorious than the other, was drawn with four black horses a breast, richly trapped and plumed, wherein on an imperial throne, a fair youth, personating Minerva the Goddess of
of Invention was seated, holding forth in her right hand a rowle of Paper, fired at both ends, as who would say, lighting Verdugo to his crown of Glory. This emblem (as he told me) is ever varied according to the present invention. Verdugo followed mounted on a high Triumphal Chariot of gilt Cedar, drawn by fourer milke white Jennets a breast, and those trapped with scarlet and silver-embroidered velvet. His vestment was like himself, youthful both for fashion, garb, and colour, being of a grassgreen fattin, made close to the body, and over it a mantle of the same richly embroidered, and lined with cloth of silver, carelessly hanging over one shoulder. On his head he wore a light gold Laurel enamelled with green: through which his auburn locks, both long and curling, did burnish and shine like so many sunbeams. By his side he wore a silver hilted sword, tied in a fair crimson taffeta embroidered scarf: which weapon (as Jobin told me) was only permitted to these triumphant inventours to wear ever after in the City, to maintain and vindicate themselves the sole Authors of that their invention against all counterfeit pretenders or gainfaying opposers. To this end he wore a bright gauntlet also on his right hand instead of his glove: the other being carried by one on horseback immediately before him. Close behind his Chariot attended the Nobles, Magistrates, Gentry and Citizens, two and two; the chief on horseback, the rest on foot: the streets
streets and windows (which were richly carpetted) being thronged with orderly and silent spectators. Whilst they all advanced thus towards the great Hall, the Jew hastily conducted us a back way to the Palace, that we might there be seated before the rest came, to prevent the press of People that flocked thither as it were to some Coronation. As soon as Verdugo came into the great Court before the Hall (which echoed with Trumpets and other loud instruments) they all lighted from their horses attending Verdugo on foot; who then alighted also from his Chariot; and at his entrance into the hall was embraced with both arms, (by that same Father that before had given me his blessing) and who there stood with the Fraternity of the House ready to receive him. Close by him one of the chief and most eloquent Brethren did there deliver a most elegant speech. The effect of it was the commendation of Learning in general, with a particular Encomium of that his late invention, extolling the admirable ingenuity thereof for the perpetual advance of Learning, with a full exemplification of the good and benefit that did indubitably accrue not to themselves only but to all posterity, and concluding with great thanks to the happy inventour of that noble Art, and praises to God the enlieghtner of our understandings, and sole Author and Giver of all good things. This gratulatory Eulogium be-
The Father of Solomon's house took off his green upper mantle, and invested him with Minerva's long robe, which was a stole down to the ground, richly embroidered of gold, silk and silver flowers in needle work. Minerva then took off his former laurel, and placed her own garland upon his head, which was most elegant for composure, adorned with all the variety of the choicest flowers expressed in their proper native colours, and to the life shadowed forth in silk, gold and silver. Over it was superadded a crown of divers rays, in each of which in fine engraving the names of all the most ingenious Authors and Inventours since our first Altabins time (who was the first King of this island) were curiously inserted. This done, the Father laying his right hand bare upon his head blessed him (as he was presented to him on his knees by Minerva) saying: God bless thee, my Son, and enlighten thy great understanding more and more, for the benefit of mankind and this our island of BenSalem. We admit you now as fellow, Brother and Companion into this our Society. Here Verdugo having bowed and kissed the verge of his tippet, the Father lifted him up with his right hand, and fixed him on his legs again: And immediately presented him with a great silver basin full charged with 5000. Duckats in gold, declaring farther that besides that gratuity from the Society, the State was pleased to reward his great deserts with the yearly pension of 5000 Duckats more.
more to him and his Posterity. Thereupon he requested him to declare his invention, with the true manner of effecting it, according to custom, for the public good of the state and benefit of mankind. The reason of this their custom (as Joabin told me) was not so much to prevent Monopolizing or ingrossing that beneficial commodity to himself, whereby he only might vend his bad wares (which would be but the enriching of one man to beggar many) but chiefly to instruct others also in it, that the Invention should not perish with the Author; and be rather meliorated and augmented by the amulous wits of Ingenious imitateours. Then after he had presented to him in writing the Schedule of the true manner of perfecting that work, the Father did take him by the left hand and Minerva by the right, leading him thus betwixt them into the next great room (which was richly hung and carpetted, and where he was sumptuously feasted; all the house in the interim echoing with variety of sweet musick, sometimes still, otherwise loud, sometimes resounding with joyfull acclamations, and sometimes again with soft melodious songs, the first proclaiming, the last whispering the praises, worth and merits of the ever famed Verdugo.

Whilst they were feasting within, Joabin told me, that so soon as dinner was ended, the Father was to record the invention in a book of that Salamandrian paper Verdugo had pre-
Cented them; with his the Authors name and Sirname, and place of birth, and the true manner of effecting it, the inventour himself being by, to attest it his invention under his own hand. This book of Register (said he) is carefully there to be preserved in So1onns House to all perpetuity. Then leading me into a long and large Gallery by the Hall, he shewed me the statues of all the prime inventours in many ages before, wherewith that spacious room was above almost furnished round. Amongst the rest he first pointed out the inventour of Paper, whose name (as he there shewed it me under written) was Papyrius, whence it took its first denomination; and not from the Aegyptian Papyri or sedgy weeds they first used (as you Europeans, said he, conjecturally suppose) being press into thin flakes or leaves, and dried to write on. For this same Papyrius (he added) first invented our paper made with rags in King Ptolomies time, a little before he raised his famous Library at Alexandria. Then he shewed me the Effigies in transparent Christall of the unfortunate inventour of Vitrum duceile or malleable glass, whose invention Tiberius rewarded with death, and just underneath it this Epitaph written,

Qui vitro & sibi vitam dedit, ele&ro velut
Apes inclusa & per&ucidior suo,
Monumentum glaciavit hoc &re perennius,
Faber.

Quem
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Quem dum vitreum enecavit Tiberius,
Inventum non potis erat egelidare.

Next to that was the Pourtait of him that first invented the Pixis nautica or Sea-card to fail by with; and this Encomium of the person under it,

Acum qui tetigit, & acus indicavit usum,
Terra di Lavoro oriundus, & natura te docens,
Ipse stat in calis
Septentrio,
Flavius.

Then he pointed to me the ingenious Inventour of preserving Gunpowder from taking fire, by which preservative art, learnt probably from hence, the Venetian Arsenals, Magazines, and Cities are preserved from ruine, under which to the eternal memory of the Author I read these lower lines,

Ignem è calo suffuratus est Prometheus;
Hic alter è pulvere nitrato, Sulphur;
Gasparus Botallus: Oh divina Furta!
Que salvos interim nos esse jussitant!

Close by him was the pourtrait of Magellanus his ship, called the Victory, failing, and of himself on the upper deck of it: and underneath it these verses inscribed,
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Prima ego velivolis ambivi cursibus orbem,
Magellane, novo te duce ducta freto;
Ambivi, meritoque vocor Victoria; nunc mi
Vela alae, pretium gloria, pugna mave.

And next by him he shewed me with a certain Afterism of high remarque, the bold Sr. Francis Drake, pictured also sailing on a little globe; who next after Magellanus, he told me, girdled the world, with these verses underwritten.

Drake, pererrati novit quem terminus orbis,
Quemque semel mundi vidit uterque polus:
Si taceant homines, facient te sidera notum;
Sol nescit comitis non memos esse sui.

Almost next to this he shewed me the ingenuous phantzie of the Painter Palaton, who had portrayed Homer that Prince of Poets vomiting, and all the rest of them licking it up, with this Distie writ underneath it,

Adspice Maoniden, a quo ceu fonte perenni,
Vatum Pieriis ora rigantur aquis.

Close to this stood that elaborate and most incentive piece of Venus, which Praxiteles drew so to the life that a young man fell in love with it; with this Distie under it,

Ixion nubem, Juvenisque banc deperit umbram:
Non tamen hae Divae est umbrasef ipsa Venus.

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By it was Myron's brazen Heifer, so lively expressed it deceived both the herd and pastor, as it almost did myself (said he) at my first beholding it; with this Epigram affixed,

Bucula sum, calo genitoris facia Myronis, 
Ærea: Nec faictam me puto sed genitam. 
Sic me Taurus init, sic proxima Bucula mugit, 
Sic vitulus sitiens ubera nostra petit. 
Mirar is quod fallo gregem? Gregis ipse magister 
Inter pascientes me numerare solet.

Nere these he pointed out the famous Statues and Pictures of those Italian Limners Michael Angelo and Raphael Urbin, whose Philonomies were there drawn to the life severally with their own hands; and by them that of Durerus of Noringberg, under whose these lines as his Epitaph were written,

Hic ille 
Germaniae Pictor manum de tabula 
Jam las fus trabit inimitabilem, 
Cui Apelles si nunc viveret 
Palma cederet glori am.

On the other side omitting many of lesser note, he shewed me the statue of Simon Stevin us, that excellent inventour of Geometrical engins and proportions, and of the failing coaches, sitting himself in a coach of black marble that seemed to travail without horses; and underneath it these verses written,
Next under him, as well worthy so to be placed, stood the head only of the ingenious Boniger erect upon a brazen winged column. This is the man (said he) who first gave the vigorous motion to the ship, that by the help of an artificial primum movens within it, and but one man to move the same engin (which is placed on the side of the Vessel) it sailes without help of oares, in the greatest calm, & sometimes against wind and tide. This is the man that contriv'd the Horizontal sailes, by which three ploughs may go together, & at one time both plough, sow and harrow. The same man likewise (said he) invented the flying chariots to be born up in the air, underneath whose effigies these words in great gilt letters were written,

\[ \text{Ventorum Dominus Oceanique,} \\
\text{Hic in vado naufragus equitat} \]

Thomas Boniger.

Next to him he shewed me the statue of J. Neper Baron of Merchiston who first invented the whole use of Logarithmes. And next to him were erected the statues of Johannes Regiomontanus, who made the wooden Eagle and iron fly;
And Erasmus Rheinbold, who transcended all in the rules of Tangents and Secants. And not far from these he signally pointed out the statue of that most learned Geometrian Thomas Harriot, who was the first, he told me, that found out the Quadrature of the Circle, &c. There is also (said he) the perfect effiges of your Learned Dr. Harvey, the happy Author of, the bloods Circulation, which I viewed with this Inscription underneath it,

Qui motum Circulationis dedit Sanguini,

Hic Stator est perpetuus

Dr. John Harveyus.

With the prospect of more of these your European inventours, as the inventours, of clocks and pendulous, of Wind-guns and wind-Jacks, of Brachygraphy, and Chorography, the ingenious contriver of preserving chimnies from smoking; of the Reviellirs, which at the same instant found the alaram, strike fire, light the candle, & of making the tenth part of fire serve for brewing, by placing the Cauldron and making the furnance exactly: Of the Expulsive powder: Of making a little vessel to swim under water undiscovered, to blow up ships, bridges and houses: with many other of our own Island Inventours, (all whose excellent pictures are either in tables, or engraven, or cast in brass, or other mettals) I could entertain you longer; but since you are now here I will otherwise (said he) entertain your
your phantast (lest to much of the same should breed a nausea) in shewing you those rarities of nature and Philosophical secrets, which being not vulgar, will by the vulgar scarce be understood or believed.

Thereupon he carried me to a little closet at the end of that gallery, whose door at his first knock one of the Fraternity opened; who with a complacent desire to satisfy my greedy curiosity, was willing to expose whatsoever rarity Joabin pleased to call for. Joabin told him, that for his part he durst not be so bold: but whatsoever he pleased freely to communicate, or let us see, he should take for a very great favour. Hereupon he immediately reached forth of a little Ark, wherein many rarities were placed, a Loadstone far bigger then that which holds up Mahomet’s tomb in Mecha. This is the truely pretious stone, of such divine use (said he) that by its charitable direction it not only ciments the divided World into one body politic, maintaining trade and society with the remotest parts and Nations, but is in many other things of rare use and service. I shall not open all its properties (said he) most of them being already known amongst you Europeans: I will only unfold this usefull and most admirable conclusion upon it, and which hath been but lately here experimentally discovered; which is this. Two needles of equal size being touch ed together at the same time with this Stone, and severally set on two tables with the Al-
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Phaebet written circularly about them; two friends, thus prepared and agreeing on the time, may correspond at never so great a distance. For by turning the needle in one Alphabet, the other in the distant table will by a secret Sympathy turne it self after the like manner. This secret was first experimented here by one Lamoran, who being suspected of Apostacy, because of his great intimacy with one Alchman, his friend and a Jew, and his little adhesion to some of his opinions, was sent into the Island of Conversion close prisoner: who there to hold constant intelligence with his intimate, first found out this admirable invention. And therewith he shewed me those two very tables by which, during that his confinement, thus they communicated their thoughts each to other. He next shewed me a Selenoscope to view the Moon, Stars and new planets, and a rare Microscope, wherein the eyes, legs, mouth, hair and eggs of a Cheesmite, as well as the blood running in the veins of a Louse, was easily to be discerned.

Then he brought forth the great Burning-Glass which Proclus made, wherein the Sun-beams contracted might like lightning fire ships at a very great distance. The same, he told me, Archimedes imitated when the Romans besieged Syracuse. Here is also, said he, that ducktile glass, which Faber the Inventour thereof first presented to Tiberius Caesar, which is so plyable that it is not easily to be broken, yeilding
yeilding to the strouk of the hammer like fil-
ver or Iron, and which, though we dayly
make of the same, we preserve as a sacred
Relique in memory of the Inventour whom
he put to death. Then he produced out of a
large vial some of that Powder is called Symp-
patheticall, and is now grown comon in
Europe also. This is (said he) the most
salubrious balsom in the World, and cures all
wounds that are not mortall, in a very short
time, at distance. It is made (said he) only
of the purest vitriol calcined white in the Sun,
to which we add the gum of Tragacanth;
this strewed on the bloody cloath or weapon,
the spirits of the Vitriol incorporating with
the blood, the wound by attraction of light
and of the Sun heals; the atomes and spirits
of the blood by diffusion participating either
heat or cold. So that if the wound be kept
clean onely and in moderate heat (as this in-
corporation of blood and powder on the
cloath must be) in three dayes the wound
shall be cicatrized and perfectly healed. And
without it I wonder (said he) why you Euro-
pæans will go where warrs and fightings are
so much in request and so frequent.

Then out of a little box he produced some
of that powder, which he called Expulsative,
ten grains of which mixt (said he) with half
the ordinary quantity of Gunpowder for a
charg, shall send the bullet as far again out of
a Canon, as a full charg of the other simply,
and do the same execution: and to proportion-
nably to the powder out of lesser guns.

These two lamps which you here behold (said he) shining in these two large and close stop'd vials, are of Incumbustible oyl, which (so as no air comes to it) will never be extinct: the oyl being composed of a bituminous liquor & that pitchy Naphtha, which flows out of a kind of brimstone-lime near Babylon.

Then he shewed me (for to me as a Stranger he most addressed himself) Archimedes his silver Spheare of heaven he made, where the Sun, Moon and Planets kept their orderly courses according to nature, as the fixed stars their set stations, by an artificial Engine within, moving each wheel and sphear to true and exact distance of time and proportion of figure. The like, said he, your Emperour Ferdinand sent to Solyman the great Turk, but that was nothing so exact, or near so larg as this.

Then he brought a small vial of rarifyed water, in which the dust of a Rose or any other plant incinerate and burnt to Ashes, the remaining salt surviving in those ashes & put into that revivesying liquor, the Rose or plant shall resume its pristine shape and colour.

Then he shewed me ordinary Ice, petrifyed and so hardened by art (he said) that it was as usefull as ordinary glasse or Christal, though not so transparent, and which no small fire should thaw. With several other the like rarities he entertained me till such time as the
The feast was ended, and Verdugo his invention was enrolled. And then, with thanks given to him for this great favour, Joabin led me back to the rest of our fellows (who kept their stations in the great Hall: whither we saw Verdugo led and attended back in the same Order he went thence, and seated in a chair of Crimson velvet at the foot of a little Throne covered with the same and richly embroidered with Gold, having a rich Canopy of state over it of the same in the midst of the stage, whereon sat the Father of Solomons house that had adopted him. On the other side at his foot on a Cushion of state somewhat lower sat Minerva: Hereon after most ravishing Music and several scenes silently represented to the eye, was acted to life with Roscian meen, a pleasant and most facetious Comedy; in which the Arts were all in witty contentions amulous of præcedency. The Pastoral being ended, and all the other scenes in curious Landskip represented to the admiration and joy of each spectator, the Father descended from his Throne, and gave Verdugo thanks in the name of Solomona, and behalf of the whole Island, for his great industry, care and pains in the happy discovery and effecting of that his noble invention: Wishing God might bless and prosper all his future endeavours. Verdugo returned his thanks also with a grateful acknowledgment after mutual embraces and solemn leave taking, and then all the company as silent as the night.
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(Which was then almost approached) dissolved each one betaking himself to his several home, and we to ours upon our Mules, which there at the gate stood ready for us. The next Morning I went betime to the Seminary of Law-students, which was a fair and spacious building consisting of three large Courts, in the middlemost whereof the Alcaldorems inhabit, the other two being filled with the Procuratorans, Advocatores and other Officers of smaller note belonging to that Society. In the midst of this middle Court on the right hand of it (as I was directed) I ascended about six steps, and then entred the lodgings of that good and learned Alcaldorem (who before had invited me thither) those being very spacious, neat and gravely furnished. He was not married (as few of the Alcaldorems there be) not that they are inhibited marriage; but in case they be not marryred before they are advanced to the seat of Judicature, they seldom marry after. Partly to avoid the jealousy of others through the temptation of a covetous wife, who may be wrought upon with gifts to move the Judge in private to favour such or such a party, or at least be suspected so to do: And partly to avoid the trouble of Oeconomics, their whole time being taken up in the study of the Lawes and the due administration of public Justice. For they are very intent and upright (as the Jew had informed me) never listening to any cause before it be brought before them in open court, to be decided
cided immediately upon hearing. After he had led me through a long Gallery furnished round with the most eminent Alcaldorems pictures of that Island; he brought me into a very fair library consisting altogether of Lawbooks, Civil, Canon, and Municipal of all Nations: at the upper end of which in golden Characters on Black Marble was Gods Law inscribed, which he delivered to Moses in the ten Commandments. Now my Friend (said he) not to let you wander in this Labyrinth of learning, I shall shew you according to my promise the Codes and Institutes of Law particularly belonging to this our Island of Ben- salem. At which I bowed and followed him close as he conducted me by the hand, to the upper end of that Library: where opening the door of a fair inner Repository just underneath the Law of Moses, he brought me into that lesser Vatican, whence out of a gilded Ark all covered with Mosaic work of the best sort, he took me out a fair Folio rarely bound and covered with crimson velvet and embossed with Gold. Herein, he told me, (this being one of the ten Codes) was the fundamentall Law not of that Island alone, but of all other Kingdomes and Nations, this being the Original whence all other Nationall Constitutes were first derived. Having unclasped it, and opened its leaves full of red Characters, he offered it me to kiss first, which I did, and then to peruse. But though the hands were all seemingly very legible, yet be-
ing written by their several Kings in their Native Language, which I so little understood, I humbly requested him, that as he had already been pleased to dilate upon them, so that he would also do me the favour farther to interpret. Herein he shewed a great willingness to inform me farther, but to prevent me of that happiness, an Alguazillan summoned him away to do speedy Justice. This must not at all be neglected; therefore My Friend (said he) have me excused at this time: when I am at leisure you shall command me farther. So he went immediately and put on his purple robe, whilst I took my humble leave of him and went home.

The next day Joabin came to us, and would needs shew us the City (which we had but superficially viewed before (with the several Churches, Palaces, Noblemens houses, Hospitals, Nosocomies, Gardens, Groves, Grottoes, and other rarities of greatest fame in it. This was (as he told me) the largest, most beautiful and populous City, next to the Imperial one wherein Solomona resides, of the whole Island. This Bellatore (so was the City we lived in called) was situate upon a little rise in an open level Countrey, & about some eight miles in circuit. Two sides of it were environ'd with a large water graft, and within upon the verge or bank set with six rows in equal distance with tall Pine and fir trees. It had twelve gates and twenty four towers, two Towers being placed between every Gate of equal height and bigness.
The whole Fabric of buildings, which was all of one height in the same street, was seated within the walls without any adjoyning Suburbs. The streets (which were all thirty foot in breadth) were paved through with great stones of Marble, such as the Houses were all built with on the sides, and in the midst with large round and very smooth stones, the drills and water Channels being on each side of the high way near the houses. Every house there had leaden Cisternes to preserve all the rain water that fell from the houses, this being for many uses conceived better than any other. But the most necessary use of it is, at any drought when the springs should chance to fail; or the Pipes be faulty. At each door of their houses also they had lesser receptacles for the Urine, which they used for some lands, as well as to make salt Peter with. On each side of the streets were marble pillard Cloisters to walk dry under in the Winter and cool in the Summer; Some of the pillars being inlaied with Jasper, Onyx and other precious stones. Almost through the midst of the City ran the stately river Guavalare, famous for his spring in curing many diseases. Upon this river within the walls stood six stately strong bridges, so broad and so high that ships of good burthen might fail under them. The Citadel was invironed as in an Island with this stately river, and fortified with two wet grafts besides; to which their was no passages but by drawbridges, and those
those counterfeit citiate. Having shewed me that also with its inexpugnable strength (which is rarely permitted to any Strangers especially) he led me to the Christ Church Cathedral, situate upon the highest part in the City, next that whereon the CITADEL stands, which overlookt and commanded all the town. From a pleasant towre of this Mother Church he shewed me at once the resplendent glory of the whole town, the curious pile whereof being compact of such uniform buildings all covered with Copper, beautified with gilt pinacles, and high well formed Towers, was to pleasant a prospect, that I stood amazed and dazled with the lustre, being unwilling to move thence, I was so ravished with admiration and delight. We descended at last into the body of the Church, in which were no pewes for any to sit and sleep in, only several rows of matts thick set for the people to kneel on; for ease, he told me, helps devotion, whereas hardship and suffering at it distractions the mind and makes it seem tedious. Here the Women kneel or stand about the upper part of it, surrounded with the females of their Families, that they may not be seen of the men, who stand lower amidst their male Servants. The first custom is to teach their families good discipline by example abroad, the latter of parting the sexes is to prevent distraction, and that adultery which may be committed with the eye. To this purpose the men there wore black Cypresse veils, though they were bare-headed,
headed, and the Women white veils over their heads and face, loosely hanging. It was odoriferous, lightsome, and glorious; the heavenly Music always resounding between both the sacrifices of Morning and Evening without any noise or discourse. The gates always in the day time stood open, the men entering and going out always at one, and the Women at another. Here he shewed me the most elegant picture of the Church Militant, mysteriously but lively drawn by Titian in a large table, and hung on the South-side wall. The arms under it were thus displayed: over a field argent watered with tears Guttée Gules, a Chief Nebulee Sable. Underneath them was this motto in their own language, which he rendred to me in Spanish: *Tears and prayers are the Churches Arms.* On the one side of it was the picture at large of Hierusalem and the Saviour weeping over it. On the other the portrait of him in his zeal scourging the the buyers and sellers out of the Temple, most expressively drawn to the life by the same hand; with this holy text underneath it in Greek, *My house shall be called a house of prayer.* Right opposite on the North-side wall stood that large & famous Original of Michael Angelo, which depainted our Saviours second coming at the day of Judgment. In short, it was every where adorned with the choicest and most divine pieces that were ever any where to be seen.

Having viewed the Church round with all its...
ed for Morning no sooner appeared, but Jabin accompanied with thirteen Carrioles, desired that the whole company would be spectators of that solemn festivity, to which purpose he had brought (he said) Carrioles enough and those convenient for us all. His importunity would not admit of any denial, so that we all ascended into them as he had ordered our places, & advanced somewhat before sunrife. Sometimes drawn by land, and otherwhiles at certain stages by water, that evening we arrived at a convenient Vento or Inn in the midway, where we had all conveniences and respect imaginable, besides our entertainment, which was Gratis to us Strangers only. The next morning we again prevented the sun by our early advance, in regard we were to reach the Court that day, which we did in good time with much ease and pleasure. But by the Way a little before noon we entered one of the three Universities, wherein was the most famous Colledg of Agriculture that the Island afforded. Here after we had refreshed our selves, to pass away two or three hours of the hottest part of the day, he brought me acquainted with the Providoran General and Principle then of that famous Colledge. A reverend old man he was, and no less learned in the history of nature, then full of courteous humanity both in his discourse and carriage. He first led us into a very fair physic Garden, wherein he told us were almost as many medecina-
its decent bravery, curious sculptures, and rare antiquities, with its library (which each Church, he told me, there had one) he returned home with me, and by the way informed me of a splendid appearance Solomon was to make in public the third day after, upon occasion of a great horse-race with other innocent pastimes wherewith the people entertained the King that whole day. Now if your self (said he) or as many as will of your company, please to go to the Imperial City, you shall ride thitherward to morrow morning, and there I shall use the means that you shall not only kiss our Solomonaeus stole, but behold the gaieties and solemnities of that grand appearance, with the modest port and quiet government of that glorious Court, and the magnificent Structures thereof.

Hereat having anticipated these future prospects by a right supposal of their transcendent excellencies beyond all we had yet seen, I accepted of his kind offer with great joy and alacrity, and told him, that since he was pleased to undertake the trouble, we would all attend him that voyage at the day. Joabin then taking his leave at the door of the Strangers house, whither his civility had returned me, willed me and the rest of our company that designed that voyage (which he hoped would be all) to be ready in our best Equipage very early next morning, when he would not fail to be with us. The wished
plants and herbs as he believed Solomon knew, at least as are any where now to be found serviceable for the use of man or beast. Having observed there the many rarities, he was pleased to shew me particularly there growing, as the sensible plant, Semper-vivum, Saffron, Liquoras, Rice, Carroway, Anice, Grumwell, Virga Aurea, Elicampane, with many more. He took me by the hand and led me a little out of the Town over the river on the backside of that Garden which environed that other great Nursery (as he called it) and contained about a thousand Acres. Herein, said he, we daily try several experiments of setting, sowing, planting, grafting, inoculating, meliorating the Earth with several Composts; as the dry with Marle, the lean and hungry with dung of Pigeons, Mans, or Horses, Soot, Sealand or Owle, Chalk, &c. the Sandy with Mud, the Cold with Ashes; the rich with Brakes, Straw, Seaweeds, Folding of Sheep, &c. all which, as we find the Ground, we use and apply to it. But if you delight in Husbandry, which is but the quickning of Nature by art, I shall briefly tell you of some of our customs of remarque, which discourse I greedily embracing, whilst we sat together in a cool shady Grotto by the River side, he farther hinted to me thus. That in that plat which belonged to his Colledg of Agrigulture, of which he was (he said) the Principle, they did dig all the Ground, because the spade goes deeper then
then the plough, and kills all weeds and grass best. All our study here is to improve a little ground well with little pains and charges. For we conceive the well improving of a small Island better than the conquering of a new large Kingdom. That we may do this in all places alike and to the purpose, we use the means; and they are these: We buy in all Commons, for they rather make poor then maintain them; therefore those which we have had were either long since bought in by the Providorans in every particular Province, or divided by them amongst the inhabitants adjoyning, who had right therein, according to their right and due proportions: One such acre thus enclosed and improved being now more beneficial to the meanest of them, then Fowler were before in Common. Next we search all grounds for Iron, Tinn, Lead, Gold, Silver, and all other beneficial things whatsoever; likewise we enjoy all husbandmen to search their Grounds for beneficial Earths, such as Marle, Chalke, Fullers Earth and the like, in the search of which they often find several precious stones, useful composts, and medicinal Earths.

Though we breed many stout Horses towards the Maritim parts, that by looking on the Sea they may acquire more fierceness, and become more emboldened for field-service; they being here seldom employed otherwise. Yet we conceive that Oxen being
being less Subject to diseases, and maintained with less cost and trouble, and will suffer more hardship, toyl & labour, are fitter then horses for the plough or wagon, and are here therefore most used. In many places also, especially where the streets are even, we use great Mastiff dogs, (of which here we breed many) to draw up and down the streets things upon fedges, made low on purpose, and running on four little wheels. By this means one stout dog that is fed with little or no charge, shall carry or draw as much as any three men. That we may not want workmen, the Providorans furnisheth us on the sudden with harvestmen, either of the condemned collar-men or other freemen out of the adjoyning next City. So that in one day, notice beforehand given him, any mans harvest may be cut and inned with little charge and trouble. That these Country Farmers may live plentifully, pay their rent and lay up, every farm of such a value is to maintain so many hives of Bees for Wax and honey, with which as with Cur- pans, Rasps, Damsons, Mulberries, Cherries, Pine Apples, Pears and Apples, (of which last we have above 200 species) many excellent drinks are made to keep their families and fell besides. And that they may not want good wines, besides what the Vineyards afford, each one on the Southside of all his Houses, Stables, Barnes, and outhouses is bound to set the best Grapes, that thus they may soonest ripen. For fireing and other necessary uses, they are
enjoyed to plant in all their woods (especially near home) swift growers, as the 
Able-tree, the Ash, Sallow Aspe, Willow, for hoopos and hoppoles. Likewise they are joined to plant near their houses Almonds, Olives, Chestnuts, Walnuts, and Quinces. Those whose farms are of the largest value are obliged to maintain so many boxes of Silk-worms, for the keeping of which they are to plant Mulberry Trees proportionable, on whose leaves they feed with little charge. The great product and gain by them (as he demonstrated, together with the ways of preserving them, which were very ingenious) is, said he, scarce credible. Our next chief care is to prevent mischiefs, and in particular mildews and smutiness of Corn; 1. By changing each year the species of grain. 2ly. By liming the ground and corn, which last preserves it from birds & worms also. For preserving your Orchard, we first prune the trees well from Mossel, Milleto & suckers: sometimes opening the roots, and relieving them with a new compost. In short those things which grow best of slips, as Currans, Quinces, Quadlings, Gooseberries, &c. we never set the kernels, though others are best to set, which we do accordingly, as experience teaches for the best.

We likewise enjoy those farmers of the best value of all to maintain fishponds and decoys; that thus when the weather is not seasonable to shoot flying, they may be sure of fowl at all times. To prevent his farther dis-
discourse in came two Gardiners with each of them a large Cornucopia in his hand, full of all the variety of fruit the season then afforded. Having tasted some of the choicest he recommended, with some of his choicer cool drinks and Wines of the place, he made us taste a refresh of his singular humanity by accompanying us back to our Vento, where he civilly left us, and where the rest of our Company (though the envious time would not) carried for & waited on us. Arrived at last at the full view of the palace, we stood enamored with the delicious prospect of that vast Emporium, it being the largest City of that Kingdom, though altogether unforested, except with faithful Cityzens, for thus open lay all the inland Cities. There were we carried to the Strangers house, another stately place built according to the model of the former, but somewhat larger: where our quiet repose and splendid entertainment made us forget our former travels.

Now the Morning star no sooner appeared to usher in the third dayes light, but Joabin came again to us to conduct us to the Grand Palace; where having led us through many fair streets & stately Piazzaes, we at last came to the Imperial Palace, whose magnificent and mighty structure at first view made us stand amazed. Before it was a spacious court, thick set with tall Cypress trees, Pines and Jeftimines in rows, in the midst of which a white marble fountain was erected and held up by eight brazen Lyons;
ThcNcn^ Lyons; each of them according to the antique Roman manner pouring out of their mouths the Chriftalline water. Over the portal of the Palace, whose Basis and Chapters were of polished marble and gilded ima- gerie, were Justice and Fortitude in their proper habits described; the gates themselves being all of Cedar gilt, very high and stately.

The Palace was quadrant, and at each Canton a high Tower (which seemed to be of shining Jasper; for here they but adorn their houses and walls with them, having no other opinion of precious stones then of painted glasse or shells, which for their diversity of colours please the eye only having in themselves no real intrinsic value) did erect his stately head. All the walls both within and without were splendidly deckt with the Statues of all the Roman Emperours, Virgins, and Matrons, and with divers other famous Antiquities: the Windows (whose bars were of silver) being all very high, double leased and of square malleable glass. In the first Court, which was 180 yards square, and called Martial, the Pillars and Arches were all of Mosaic work, and supported with Lyons, Tygers, Ounces, Leopards and Griffins, so lively cast in brasse and painted, that they looked as if they would affail the spectatorsthat approached them. In the midst of this court an Obelisk of wonderful art all of shining Copper, did set forth on the one side the
proud squadrons of the Romans, and on the other the Carthaginian Camp in warlick equipage: the valiant Hannibal leading the one Army, and that invincible African Scipio the other. One the other side stood those masculine spirits, Fabius Maximus the buckler of Rome, and Marcus Furius Camillus the sword, fighting in the high Capitol in his Countries defence: Mutilus Scævola, Caesar, Pompey, Alexander and Marcus Varro the happy Consul. Of the Spanish Heroes, Theodosius the great, the Valiant Cod Ruis, Dias, Bernard del Carpio, Hernand, Goncales, Fonseca, Don Lewis of Villanova, Sancho, Ferdinando and Charles the Emperor. Of the French Chiefteyns, none but Charles the great, the founder of the Western Empire, and the late puissant Henry the fourth. Right opposite stood all the Valiant opposers of the Mahometan Empire, particularly those of the Venetian State, and Matthias Corvinus. A little above all stood the invincible Johannes Hunneades his father, armed all over cap a py, brandishing a naked sword in his right hand, with many dead mens souls, heads, and armes at his feet. This is that renowned Hungarian (said Ioabin) who so valiantly resisted the Turks incursions, and flew off them 50000 at the battail at Naxon. After we had sufficiently beheld these heroic Champions, he led us up into a large rich Hall, whose seeling was of carved Ivory, and walls embellished with most lively Poutrafts. There was Lucretia killing her self in very earnest, and
and Artemisia wailing over her husband Mausolus monument, with some wonder why it should be reckoned one of the Worlds seven wonders. There was the chast Spanish Coronella committing her body to the devouring flames, rather then suffer her soul to flame with the least incentive or thought of lust. At the end of the hall in a large table Cydias represented the Argonauts, for which Hortensius the Oratour paid 144000 Sesterces. And next to that he shewed us an Original made by Pausius wherein his Glycera was represented, with a chaplet of flowers in her hand most elegantly plaited and twisted, the counterfait of which for two talents of silver Lucius Lucullus bought of Dionysius a painter of Athens. With these and divers others chast and vertuous Dames was the Hall furnished round, for other women living there were none: none being permitted to lodg in that holy Court or to be there in the day time, unless on certain Festivals, when permitted, and that but seldom. After we had well viewed these chast figures, we descended by some marble steps into another square Court larger then the former, whose rich beauty exceeded the other, as much as the substance doth the shadow. For the pavement was of pretious chequered marble, the walls & windows all gilt, and in the midst stood an Obelisk of one intire stone, half as high again as that which Sixtus Quintus caused to be translated from the Vatican, and now stands near St. Peter's Church in Rome. On this in
Jively figures were cut the perfect Effigies of all the Kings of that Island of Benfalem, and him you see standing on the top of all (said he) is the portrait of Altabin in Corinthian Mettall and guilded; and this Court (said he) is the Court Royal. Having viewed the glorious statues, in all their richly gilt caparisons, most of them being adorned with pearl and many precious stones, we passed through the glorious Temple of good Works (whose walls engraven tell all the history of the Saviours works and passion) into the third Quadrant. This is the Imperial abode (said he) larger then any of the other Courts. It was set with Orang, Lemmon, Pomgranate, and Mulberry trees, and called the Court of Residence.

Hence we ascended by many stately black marble steps into the chamber of Presence, where Solomon was standing and conversing with his ancient and prime Nobles, whom he familiarly called the Copartners of his care. With these he did always confer & maturely deliberate about all his civil affairs: it being his wonted saying (as I was after told) that it was much fitter that he should embrace the faithful advice of such and so many judicious friends (for so he called all his Counsellors) then that they all should follow and submit to his single will. He was very plainly attired, as all his Nobles were, only distinguished by his broach of Diamonds and Rubies of the figure of a Cross, on his Mitre like
like Coronet; the rest of that Order of the Holy Cross wearing theirs always at their breasts. He was of middle stature, somewhat fair and ruddy, and in whose mild and serene aspect might be discovered those inward virtues and Graces which did adorn his noble soul. For as Joabin then informed me, whilst he was busie in discourse, he was the lively exact exemplar of all princely virtues, in whom nothing was wanting that was requisite to make a Prince both loved, feared and admired. His piety to God by his frequent addresses to him in his public and private devotion was eminent. His indulgent Love to his Subjects, whom he called his Children; and his Charity to relieve the distressed was admirable. For those subjects that decayed, he relieved: And where he became heir to the goods and lands by treason, &c. he restored them to the Children of the deceased; if through misdeemours they became forfeit to him and the Aerarium Charitatis, he either remitted his moiety to the delinquents, or gave it to the publick Treasury; it being his usual saying, that Kings that grow rich by the spoil of their Subjects seldom enjoy their own with safety. His Chastity was singular, he being never seen to converse with any woman but his Princely spouse or some of his nearest relations; or did lye with her after she proved pregnant; it being his Remarque on unchast livers; That such as did not not reverence themselves, would not reverence God, whose Image
Image they did bear. In his Liberality he was so beneficent that no deserving person ever went from his presence unrewarded. To this purpose he erected a Temple so called and dedicated for the dispensing his good deeds peculiarly, where once a day he constantly did distribute some doles, or honour, or advance some person; accounting (as Titus Vespasian did) that day lost, wherein he had not conferred some benefit and good on some body. In the search of truth and humane learning he was indefatigable, allotting six hours every day to his studies. A severe reproof of vice he was; Frugal in his expences, and very sparing in his diet. So abstemious from any sort of Liquor, that between meals he was seldom or never seen to drink so much as water (which was his usual beverage a little sugared) and at meales but thrice, and then but once of wine and water mixed. His Clemency, Mansuetude, Evenness of mind, Constancy, Courage, knowledge of the Laws whilst he himself would often set in judicature, were all wonderful. But to enumerate all his Princeley endowments (said he) as his strength of reason, Memory and imagination, his profound skil in affairs of peace or war, his subtile insight into men, as well as his forts and havens, all which he knew so well he could tell what ships they were capable of, where situate, and with what winds to be entred, his skill in tactics and all civil as well as military exercises, as R.
Riding, Running, Wrestling, Vaulting, Fencing, Shooting, Limming, &c. with many other the delighted and excelled in; the day would not be long enough to name them, nor could I possibly set them all forth in their native colours. At which pause of his I replied, Oh how happy are the people that are governed by such a Prince, by whose efficacious example they must needs be taught virtue! Solomon at that instant casting his eyes round about espied us being some ten in number, the rest stayed below; and soon discovering us to be Strangers, advanced forward of his own accord to us, offering us his stole, which as we each of us kneeled down to kiss (as we had been instructed) he courteously with his hand lifted each of us up again, and lovingly embraced us, saying in the conclusion to us all, Friends, you are espoused to this court and kingdom, where you may live as freely as any natural freeborn Subjects I have. Hereat we all bowed low, expressing our duties and thankfulness in that submission and silent posture. These ceremonies performed we retreated out of the presence instantly (as Joabin had instructed us) making three low obeysances as we receded still backwards till we were out of it; none presuming there to turne the back parts to Majesty unless in the Church only.

He then carried us into the fourth Court, equal to the rest in splendour and magnificence, in the midst of which under a high

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umpha! Arch sustained by the Cardinal virtues, were Statues in brases, and those double gilt of the twelve Apostles, with descriptions in other pillars of their several Martyrdoms. This was called the Court of Virtue. Having viewed this well, we passed through a stately Hall into the Academy it self, to which it belonged. The Quadrangle was environed on three sides with fair Cloisters, the Pillars and Arches being of Mosaic, of Gold and azure and other curious colours, like that of Amarodoc at Fesse in Barbary. This is that Eminent Academy (said he) placed here in this glorious Center for the concourse of all the prime selected Wits throughout the Nation, where they translate, write, Licence books, correct others, and purifie the native Language to the highest pitch of elegance. Right against the Hall the Library ranged, which was large and magnificent. Underneath it we passed into the fifth court, called the Court of Orpheus. In the midst of this, between several ranks of Lawrell and Mistle trees was a Spacious Fountain wherein Orpheus was playing on his harp, and ravishing with his divine melody (which by Water was artificially made to resound) the approach-ing Nymphs.

Thence he led us through an outward green Court set with Box, Laurell, Holly, Ivy, Firr, Eugh, Cipresse, Juniper, Tamaris, Rosmary, and many other sorts of green trees, that with their Verdure caulled Spring to dwell there all the year long, into a long
Padock course, somewhat broader than ordinary, railed and set round with Firs and Sica-
mores, about it multitudes of People were
gathered, as well Nobles as Gentry, to behold
the expected race: The race soon after that
Solomon was come was thus performed: eight
Noblemen's Jennets were placed in a rank at
the farther end of the Padock, having no ri-
ders on them, only a few round ratling bells
were fastned to the saddle skirts, some
of them made prickly, that when they
were all set forth on running togeather, might
spur them forward in the course: this is our
way of racing (said he) performed without
any danger or possibility of cheat in Horse-
manship; which is too often practized by
your European Jockies and Riders. The
race finished the owner of the winning horse
received the prize Solomon gave, which was
a silver Basin filled with 500. Ducats in
Gold: the same horse being led away soon
after with a garland on his head triumphant-
ly and accompanied with divers sorts of loud
and still Music. In a large Field adjoyning
almost, in the midst thereof stood an Amphi-
theater more famous then that Vespasian begun
at Rome and Titus finished. Here indeed ma-
ny grave Matrons, Noble Ladies and beautiful
young Lasses did with their beauties adorn
the theater; but theirs were all Native and
purely Natural. For here a painted face is
looked on as a rotten or painted post, and a
patched one as beggarly. For thus they ar-
gue the natural beauty best: if the face be
homely, say they; it is still God's Image, therefore lovely; if extraordinary beautiful, the less reason by thinking to mend God's Workmanship to hide or disfigure any part of that divine Firmament.

Here the most excellent in their skill and seats of activity from all parts of the Nation did shew their cunning and dexterity. Some in Fencing, Running, Wrestling, others in Shooting, Slinging, Leaping, Pitching the Barr, Vaulting, Darting and other Pastoral sports, where for all that overcame were great rewards and prizes given proportionably to the Victors deserts. But above all the rest Solomon seemed most to be taken with one of the Davidans or slingers of stones, who not only out-threw all the rest, but directed his charge so surely that he could hit the white almost every time, and that with such a force, that the blow would prove as mortal as David's did to great Goliab.

I then asked Joabin whither Solomon delighted not also in hunting now and then? To which he answered Negatively. Not but that he thinks the sport lawful (said he) as it is healthful for the body: but he accounts it loss of precious time, and some kind of cruelty. Not in the Murder of any wild beasts, (all as well those fera nature as other being alike subject to man's dominion) but in the violent pursuit of one of them to kill many good and serviceable Horses. Wherefore he permits it to the lusty Peasants only to destroy
stray such as are most obnoxious, and can follow the chase on foot best; supposing persons of quality and enobled with rich endowments of the Mind, may better recreate themselves in less tedious and toilsome pastimes. And since most can shoot flying, the same dislike he hath for hawking; for there they kill those ravenous birds instead of maiming them. All games at Cards, Dice are here discarded: only Bowles and Chess (which they play at as they ride) because less provoking to passion, are generally approved off. No pleasures but the most lawful & innocent are liked of; it being a generally received Maxim here, That all sensual pleasures are brutish; accounting it the greatest pleasure upon earth, next the serving of God, the doing of kindesses, and the pleasing remembrance of a well acted Life accompanied with the hopes of a future fruition of a better. The Day well nigh spent in beholding these delightful sports (in many of which Solomon himself did contend with some of his Noblesse) he retired to his Palace, whither we attended him also to see his manner of sitting at supper, and his attendance thereat; which, so soon as he had visited the Temple, was thus: His Nobles according to their Offices and rankes brought in many silver dishes covered; and presented them on a large Oval Table before him, about the midst of which he sat down so soon as the meat was blessed. But (as Joabin informed me) only two of those covered platters
ters were lined with meat, and those but slighter ones, of which also he eat but sparingly. Here were no feasters or Natural fools about him to make his company pleasant with more savor answers, as with you they are too usual (said Joabin) in great men's houses. For the first here are looked on, but as licensed knaves, the latter are pityed rather; and therefore kept private. For here it is as great a crime esteemed to mock a man for his weakness of mind as for his deformity of Body, in neither of which he is to be blamed but pitied. In the space of one quarter of an hour or little more, the board and room was all cleared with great order and silence. His Nobles and great Officers did immediately after eat altogether in the great Hall. In this Interval Solomone withdrew himself after his accustomed manner through a long privy Gallery which led to his Queens Court on the other side of the river, to visit her and his relations. The Nobles all dispatching their meal in as short a time, came up again attending his return which was not long after. After some discourses with the most eminent in their several Sciences and Professions, as occasion offered, He then withdrew wholly, appearing no more that night. Only he gave order to one as he went forth, that the Strangers should appear before him in the Temple of Good Works the next morning.

We no sooner got back to the Strangers house, where after our wonted repast we late ad-
admiring the Vertues and Glories of the King of Benfalem; but a Messenger express'd brought the summons, who making his address to us all, told us. It was his Imperial Majesties will and pleasure that all the Strangers should appear before him in the Temple of good Works by eight of the clock the next Morning; that day being the holy feast of St. Bartholomew. To this gracious summons in the name of the rest, all like-wise bowing, told him, that we were all prostrate at the feet of his Sovereignes Princeely devotion, and should be ready to obey all his commands. Thanking him particularly for his care and pains in bearing that message. It is but my duty (replied he) I being the Superintendant of the Ceremonies in that holy place. Therefore that you may be præinstructed what is to be done there, and how you are to behave yourselves, I shall a little inform you. At which courteous offer we all bowed again, and shewed a cheerful readiness of attention. My friends, you must then in brief know (said he) that to morrow is a general day of healing the sick, of visiting others, and rewarding the poor, which our Solomona after himself washing some of their feet, and his Nobles the rest, doth liberally perform. After these ceremonies he doth install three of his Nobility, conferring on them the high and sacred honour or Order of the holy Crofs: there being never fewer then 50. of it, and never above the number of three-score. Whilst those first rites are in performing you are all
to keep your stations, and on your knees expect when Solomona will approach and reward you also. Then assuring us he would himself place us there conveniently, he left us to our repose, and reminding us precisely of the hour, as not then to fail, he went his way.

The next morning we came at the appointed hour to the Temple of good works: where the Superintendant courteously received us, and placed us all in three rows in a corner thereof by our selves. Here so soon as Divine service was ended, Solomona descended from his Imperial Chair, and walking about the temple did minister to every one's necessity as he was on his bare Knees in order placed, and as his particular wants did require. Some he touched and praying over them healed them, for (as Joabin had informed me) he had the gift of healing also, as some of your European Kings have, particularly those of England from Edw. the Confessours time, and those of France. He washed the wounds of others, & of others he anointed their sores: and to all he gave some money or largesse. Whilst this was in performing, Joabin (who kneeled by us) informed me; how that the Temple Ceremonies all being ended, not only these but many other poor and aged persons were to be feasted in the great Hall, where Solomona before they sat down did use to wash the feet of some, and give new raiment to others. And that so soon as they had dined, we were also there to be feasted.

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This Ceremony of the Doles being ended, the other of the Instalments of the three Nobles into the Order of the Holy Cross began. They were clad in long sad russet coats made of Camels hair, having loose and wide sleeves, and turned up with white flannel, tied only close about the middle with a white silken girdle also, in token of their innocence. Each of them had on his right shoulder a long Wooden Croffe, as long and heavy as that of the Cyrenians. Laden with these, and conducted by the Superintendant one after the other, in a slow Pace and humble posture, they first presented themselves with their Offerings of Gold at the high Altar; and then soon after, according to Solomonaes example, all the rest of the Order did the like. Here having made their Orations, Solomona first making three bowes and the rest doing the like, all but the three that were to be installed, returned to their several Cells; where they sat still for half an hour, during which time the Temple and Quire did echo with most ravishing and heavenly Music. The melody ended, the Superintendant went up to the holy Altar (before which the three Nobles were all this while on their bare knees) and conducted them with their Croffes on their shou-lders to the imperial Chair. Here each of them in order laying down his holy burthen, and kneeling between Solomonaes knees, he with his hand on the Crofsodans head blessed each of them severally, saying, God bleffe thee Soul-
die, and make thee a Faithful Son of the Church Militant, and constant follower of the Saviour.

So soon as he had thus severally blessed them all, he gave to each of the three new Croisodans (so these Knights were ever after called) a gilt sword, which himself girded about their Loins, and charged them to draw only in defence of the Christian faith. After that he gave to each of these three a Cross of Diamonds and Rubies, in exchange for his wooden ones, which as Trophies of their honour were to be left and laid up in the Temple. This fastened to a red ribbon he did hang about each of their necks; and as he so did it, charged him he should alwaies wear it at his breast, in token of his hearty and ready obedience to take up the other again, whensoever the Saviour, the ever blessed General of that Order, should require. Dismissed with this charge or oath of Fidelity (for other oath the Subject of Jerusalem take none, as knowing that all that be Christ's followers will be obedient and faithful to his Anointed Vicegerent) they were forthwith by the Superintendant proclaimed Croisodans and Christian defenders of the Holy Cross. Immediately after this proclamation they retired into a little Vestry, whence they came forth apparelled in most glorious Vestments, and were then conducted to their particular Cells on high amongst the rest of that Noble Order. Then after a Te Deum was sung, all solemnly standing up with their faces
faces to the East, with great variety of sweet voices and musical Instruments, they all with their swords drawn in their right hands made a public confession of their faith. After all these Hymns and Ceremonies thus decently performed, Solomona (unto whom all both himself and they had offered, was brought, their offerings being very large, those Installation dayes especially) descended and distributed them amongst us the Strangers, each of our shares amounting to no less then two hundred Duckats. For the whole Offering he had before appointed to be divided equally, and put into so many crimson silk purses as we were Strangers: which himself distributed amongst us giving to each of us one. After this the Musick ceased, and himself proclaimed his general pardon to all Offendours against Law and Justice; all whom once in 12 years (as Joabin told me) were at this Festival usually released, pardoned and enlarged; concluding all at his Exit with this holy and heavenly prayer,

*May God so forgive me and all the World.*

Which said, he went out first himself, the Croifadans following next, and then the other Lords, Gentry and People in quiet order whilst all the Choristers sung this Anthem,

*Deo optimo Maximo laus, honor &*

*Gloria soli debetur in secula seculorum.*

*Amen.*