Oroonoko, or, The Royal Slave: A True History

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,_ TO THE 2 2 “Right Honourable nae ie - e' Lord mart. TLAND. _ My Lord , Ince the World is grown fo Nice and Critical xp"on Dedications ,-and will Needs be Fudging the Book, by the Wit of the Patron; we — ought; with a great deal of C ircuim|pection, to chufe-a Perfon againft{ whont there ¢ can Be th 3 m0

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The Epiftle Dedicatory. no Exception ; and whofe Wit, and Worth, truly Merits all

that one is capable of faying upon that Occaficn. — The moft part of Dedications are charg'd with Flattery ; and if the World knows a Man has fome Vices, they will not allow one to fpeak of bis Virtues. This, my Lord, is for went of thinking Rightly ; if Men woud coufider with Reafon, they woud have another fort of Opinion , qud Efteene of Dedications ; and Ou d bekieue almoft every Gas Man has enough te make hin — Werthy of all that can be faid of him there. My Lord,. Pifure-drawer, when he ak to make a goad Piflare, ofays the Face many Ways, and in : many.

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The Epiftle Dedicarory. . many Lights, before. he: begins, that he: may chufei;, from. the , feverad ruras of it 5 which is . the bef, Grace, and if noere be ¢ Scar, an ungrgteful Mole, or aay litth. Defe eck, . they dedve ~ at out ; and yet make the Pi. fture extreamly like: But he who bus the good Fortune t Charming in all its Parts and | Features, what Coloursor Agrepe ments -can-be added to make it Finer ?. All that be. can give 26 but Its. dite 3. and Glorigs 4% a Piece whofe Original glone | glues. it its Perfection. An ilf, Hand may diminifb, but a good Hand cannot augment its Beayty.’ A Poet is a Painter in his Aq ways a oe \ Ve

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™~ The: Epitte Dedicatory. way 5 ‘he draws 10 the Life ; but in another hind ;\we draw the Nobler part, the Sosl and Mind ; the Pidures 0 the Pen Shalt. orit-Jap thofe’ fs the Penail; and: even: Worlds’. themfelves.. “Tis' a fbort. Chronicle of thofe Lives ‘that poffitly wou'd be forgotten by other Hi- _ florians, or lye negleBted there, however | deferving an‘ immortal Fame § for Mex of eminent ‘Parts are as Exemplary as even Monarchs themfelwes s -and Virtue is a noble Leffon to be. dearn'd, and ‘tis by oe re can Judge and Chufe. * by fuch illuftrious Prefi site your Lordjbip, the’ World can be Better d and Refin'd , when a great part of the lazy Nobi. tit ty \

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The Epiftle Dedicavory. any fill with Shame , behold the admirable Accomplifhments ‘of a Man fo Great, and fo Young. a 7 7a - Tour Lord{bip has Read in-— numerable Volumes of Men, and Books ; not Vainly for the _ guft of Novelty, but Knowledge, excellent Knowledge: Like the — induftrious’ Bee, from every Flower you return Laden with the precious Dew, which yox are fure to turn to the Publick Good. You hoard no one | Perfection, but lay it all out. ‘in the Glorious Service of your ’ Religion and Country ; to- both which you are a ufeful and > necefary Honour : They both — want fuch Supporters 3 and ’tis — guly Men-of fo elevated Parts, ‘Ge? and

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‘The Epiftle Dodicatory. and fine Knuwledge ;fueb #phe Principles of Loyalty and — Religion. this. Nation: Sighs for. Where fball we find a Ma fo Tong » dike St. Auguftine, iz the wid? of alf bis Youth, and Gaiety, Teach ing the World divine Precepts, true Notions af Faith, and Ex cellent Morality, and, at the fame time, be alfo a perfett Pattern of 2% that accomplifb a Great Man? Tou haue, gy Lord, all that refined Wit thet | Charms y and the Affability 7 . ¢hat Obliges 5 2 Generofity that "gives a Lufire ta your Nobijity ; that Hofpitality, and Greatne{s of Mind, that ine gages the World , and that admirable Conduct ; that fo well

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ES ee The Epitle Dedicatorv. - “well Inflrufts it. Our Nation — gught ro regret and bemoan their Mesfortunes , fyr xot being able to claim the Honour — of the Birth of a Man. who ie fo fit to ferve his Majefty, end his Kingdoms, in all Great and. Publick Affairs : And to the. Glory of your Nation be it fpoken, it produces more confiderable Men, for all fine Sence, Wit, Wifdom, Breeding, gnd Generofity (for the gene.’ rality of the Nobility.) than all other Nations ¢an Boaft ; and the Fruitfulnefs of your — Kirtues fufficiently make amends for rhe Barrennefs. of youx Soil: Which. however cannot be in- — commode to your Lordbip ; fince your

Quality, and the _ - 4 Venet /

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. The Epiftle Dedicatory, Veneration that the C ommonatty naturally - pay their Lords ; creates a flowing Plenty there. that makes you' Happy. Ani 40 compleat your Happime[s , my Lord, ‘Heaven has. bieft jou with a Lady, to whom jz has given all the Graces,’ Beau- | » tes, and Virtues of her Sex ; al the South, .§ weetnefs of Nature ; of a mof thuftrious family 5 and who is a mf . Tare Example to all Wives of Ruality, for her eminent Piety; Lafinefs , and. ‘Condefcention ; and as abfolutely merits Re. Spe from all the World, a the does that Paffion and Refignation fhe receives from your — Lord/bip 5 and which is, on her part 2 With fo much T Cty dere

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cto ‘OR r [hh tthe a. vit My vi an j fos The Epiftle Dedicatory. vderne|s return'd. Methinks your tranquil Lives are an: ‘Image of the new. Made and- Beautiful Pair in Paradife: And ° tis the Prayers and Wifbes: of lt, .who have the Honour | to < know pou that it ‘may Etter wally: fo.

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/ pe Epittle Dedicatory. true Story, Of a. Man Gallant — enough. io merit jour. Prove ion ;.-and, bad. be always been fo Fortunare, he shad wor. made fo Inglorious an end: Fhe. Royal Slave...I: bad . the Honour to krtow sin. my Fra. gels ta. the other. \Morkd ; \weaaed | though I bad noné> above. power to preferve this Great: ‘Mam. . If theré be. any “thing | Nhat. fects ‘Romaatich, Esher feech your Lordf{bip to canifttthings; Jo: far differ’ frome ones; that they produce’. ancotcerva — bhe.Wonders:; at leaft,. Mey ape pear fo 10 ws, becanfe: New ‘ant tion'd F have taken care foou\d. be

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ary. The Epiftle Dedicatory. be Truth, let the Critical Rea-— der judge as he pleafes.

"Twill “’, be no Commendation to the — Book, to affure your Lordfbip I writ it in a few Hours, though it may ferve to Excufe fome of its Faults of Connexion ; for I never refed my Pen a ‘Moment for Thought : "Tis purely the Merit of .my Slave . that muft render it worthy of — the Honour it begs; and the Author of ‘that of Subjeribing _ berfelf, My Lord, "Your Lordhhip’s moft obliged 7 and obedient Servant, — A BEHN, THE

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T HE a HISTO RY OF THE Roval g Slave. a : Do fot. a in givingy at ‘ _ the Hiftory of this‘Royal Slave, to entertain my Reader with the Advencures of ‘a feign'd Hero, whofe Life and Fortunes Fancy | ‘May manage at the Poets Pleas. fure;> not in. relating the Truth, << defign to adorn: iv with ay Aci a dents’ ‘but fuch as arriv d. | in ears ato to him: And. it fhall come : eee BB. - fimply ; sy = t x 0 ee. Rpm gED— Carr ena ain she iL + - % -™“ . ‘dna " _ : ; ia we i andiatlle 27 pp —_ gdh ia fs N . ae A F 4 ’ . : Pd ¥ : { ‘as ~ p Tad Retreat cid? nd Sue tare 7 cert are te eoet . Of o-“~~, o ep EF -__—e aw tt -~yi . oe . 7* wo oer ¥ ae 2 - oye a lee we ook awe Se oy et o_ w? . ~~ ~ wees 5 - te nal. ams Co

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fimply into the World , recommended by -its own proper Merits; and natural Intrigues ; there ~ being enough of Reality to fup_ pore it, and to render it diverting, ‘without the Addition of Invention. ’ Twas my (elf ani Eye-Witnef, ‘toa great part, of what you will - find here fet down; and what I ‘cou'd nor be Witnels of, Lreceiv'd from the Mouth of the chief Aétor in this Hiftory, the Hero himfelf, who gave us the

whole, Tranfactions of his Youth ; and though PE fhall omic, for Brevity’s fake, ‘a thoufand little Accidents of his Life, which; however: eafant to us, where Hiftory was {carce, and _ Adventures very. rare; yet might - prove tedious. and, heavy. to my, Reader, in a World. where he. oar Diverfions for ia Minute, new a ; : : ~ of ~ . - Pe ;

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“6 and range: “Bute i ae “were pere@ly ehatm'd with che ‘Character iof this: @teae:;Man,: werd — to gather. every aaa | nce of his Lifes mth ced te, ‘The Scene of the: laft’ part “of his ‘Adventures lies in a Colany’ in. eth i called. Surinam,. in the a . Weftelnd re Bat before I give you the Story. of this Gallant ‘Slavg, tis Gr Lotelh / you the manner of bringing them to thefe new Colonies; for thofe _ they. make ule of there, are not Natives of the place ; ¢or thofe we . live within perfeg: Amisy,: withut daring t@ command ems bus on the contrary, carefs ‘em | “with % ‘all che Drotherly : and friendly Agfection in.che World ; wading with — . “@rmh: fpr cheir.Fith,- Nesifon, Buby “do's, Skins, and Teele Raticiesy as Rcpenanel @ fore of Monkey.-as Sea. a. &B 2 big. ee wi om fF es oe

EE ee a eS as praca Rat ‘or: ‘Weelel, less or 2 rvellousaid debicate fhape, and * has. Face and Hands fike an Hu-" mane: Creature sand (oufheriesy - a litle Beaft in the fotm: and fs fhiore of 2 i Lion,‘ as big.as a Kite | ten out: (6 exadly made’ in alk | parts like chat noble Beaft, thar i¢ is icin Mimature. Then for licrle — Pwrakeatoes: great Parrots;

a z Sad, re) Set of thele-; prefered te — os ‘ Osy? ~ cannot imitate: Thek. we: etait - for Feathers, which they orderine to allt.Shapes, make. themlobyes ditele, hore Habitsiof Afi pand. gle, - Tieus Wreaths. for’. . (higir. Heads, _ Necks, Arms. and. Legs; mepigfe ‘Tina ues. ‘are unceneeivableo wl -Me, - wand: i gave * em ta the. ee Theatre, and.it-yasshe, Deelott the Indian Rue, infinitely ads: a. by Perfans of Quality.; 3 and. verte “inimitable. . Befideyth fe, athour ‘Sand little Knacks, ,

‘Nature, andfomepf Arts snasrtheig | Rariei¢s dp - Baskets, Weapons, Aprons,- My : We deale with em wirk Beads ofall - Coloyrs,. Knives, Axes, - Pi insyand _ Needles ; 3; Which, they us’d only as » Sywith-in-t eit Fools to drill Hale Ears, Nofes « ‘gods Lept ‘where they. hang a a great many, x aie é # long Reh ares Brafy, 4 : a eee ——— ~

ym wee? oO Vig ee me ee a C6) Seah orSilver, bese thin; and - atipthining Trjncker.” The Beads tidy! wedvednté Aptors’ about’ @lgrerofith Blttong, ‘andlof the - fahse breadth; ‘working ‘Hern Ve __ aiprpyveccily in “Flowers “of feveral _ ACobgars: of Beads s which! Apidn eheb-wear’ Ju before ‘etn, !as : > - g@ak Gif 2° aw whee ee Be we . * ee Perse , — 2 o& 6a \ : . 8

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ERI: ‘behold’ Some of the Beimnies _ Which indeed are finely fhapd, as - Almoft alf are, and who have prer_, ty Features, are very ‘charming - ‘and’ novel; for they have oo _ is ‘called Beauty, except t _ Tour, ‘whi¢h is.a redd iaheyel Yelle? or after 4 ‘néw Oiling, which they ‘Ofteri ule to themfelves, they are‘of che colour ‘of a new Brick, ‘buts ‘finooth, foftand fleek.” “They z ate édtteam niodeft, aiid baffifal, ee thy, and‘tlice of béing touch’ And though’ they are afl chys nz ked, ‘if pric’ lives fot éver ‘amotip | ‘em, théte'lS dor to be feen an in= — decent Adtion ; or Glance; gd Beidg’ ‘cBhti¢nially usd'to feeone -attother fo upadorn’d, ‘fo like si +, ‘pakénes’ before ‘the Fall, ems as ifthey had no Wi ei; ee br nothing | to heightes careless ue all. you cart fee, youl’ -. Ba. ‘fee » is ~ cantar eo . ey Ss

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V L " at §2 "State of Anngcence, ‘b ore «Many knew ‘how. to-fin + And. ‘us matt a ais iS, mal Feral ba Anokter 7 aed never appr ach’ . ne ed down, Wy be Hh en ee ee ee fs 2 of + Yo ss 7 «sy feo ,at- onct,: and every. Moemene: fee ; ‘and. where. there is no. Nos, veley, tberg.can: be no, _Gurioficy, | Not ‘but..I have | feen 2 a handfom, _ young, Indian, dy ying for Love of a ver beautiful young Indian Maid ;. bur, all his

Gaourtlhip. WAS, C0 fold his Arms, purlue F her w th his Eyes, and Sighs wee. all bis. anghage s ‘ 4 While: fhe; 5 iff nq, ite Lowe wes refent 31 Of rather, as if fhe none fuch, sail Bua, pe her Eyes. fron behald ing ion 5, TE eahe dona wirh all che ng, odeft y. [have feen int ng and cautious 0 Sof ies eee | aura 1, Ehefe ie te ips | aig evident and plain,. that fimple Naz. ae five |

a than all fhe Inventions. of. Mans as i ft 5100, et ‘d_ here but d thoy, = be Tranquil ity, phey ‘poles by, be ignorance and Laws. rahe i e teach ‘em: to, know: Offence, ‘ak ~ oe which OW, they. hav no. Nori fe ie They « once, made cers ‘and. i Fatting s forthe’ Death of the Eng ; lh ae Sores. 5 Who, ad given, he : i, Elan , ¥: fom 0, fuch a Dry, a hk’ - tp,‘ neither. -CAME,, HOY, Mt | feast 3: ‘paligving ; ’ xe ong ah 7 0 lan's Word was paft, nothing buc Hd anh cou’ OF thew prevent ly, a. ‘Weenngiy,-And. wh ip they. fay; ii. . be was not dead, | bay ak big 1B, Wt What Name. they: had. ‘for a: :: ub promis:d at ing. hie did 8 ee 49.2: Fhe “Governay. ‘told. thetis mo Sebi UPAR ‘was: 4 5 Hoe ms 99 five sal yereuous Miftrels.. °T. fhe alone, | if fhe were veaine that. berrer.. inftrnéts the World, y° fe ia) ae serenys ‘ s ky we eee a ¥ £ ~ ¢ \ _ i] ' . e ip 2 otal a ODOC 60 805 2. 20th NOE Se OR OR 1S , r w 5 e | ~ ee pees aes: 4 ae tet Mt. Pte es * “ Pes ae gn gene ‘me . aoe |

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- to) . “was 2, Word of Infamy t to a Gentle: ‘man. Then one of ’em repfy'd: | Governor, yon are a Lyar, and phy of that Infamy. They have a Na- 7 tive: TJatice - , which knows: no ‘Pray 5 and they. underffand to -. Vice; or Cunning, buc when they — are “taught by’ the White Man, | hey have Plurality: of Wives , -wilich, ‘wheri they grow old, city Rive’ thofe that’ fircceed’” em, - who | ate young’; ‘bur with a SetVitadp’ _eafle and. reh pected": 0 bad nrilefy chey take Slaves in Wii ‘they Have | ri ther Attendants. 72800" i 169!) oe ‘hofe on, cha Conti tehere it | 7 ws hdd dd King: but the of Ware a Patt le qbe With gttlt 3:99 Ml enw u ; me ae 4g. (2 2 Un wit e2 has’ tead them On td ‘Battel “wick : Conduct, dod’ Succefs of whom _ ce r*

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© 11 > i Kieaien ‘and bf fone other | of cheit ‘Cuttoins and. Manners, as | bey bn any way. | Wi And! pp nd ” Fido BY et do: ; they: Riiowi BYE thE | laces. ‘whete to feck the _ bef? Fodd' 4 ‘the’ Country, and apc ‘Nealié' Becting it; and for ety finall ‘ani nayalaable “Prifles, » ty us with what Te eee er 1S to get tf or they do, not on Ay’ ‘jad the Wood, ‘and oyer the Str | | vhita's; Bray fdpplyt > Parts ‘of Haas y (wiftly tcc Be ‘places ; rileey Att me efé People, .as I tid: r we bt i perfect. Ttanguillicy; uiftanding, as it beHg througt Br tebe Se impa % “ E of apey te yun Gown'the. | rele Dees,’ “and othet earable _ | - Ash Bic Wd thé watér one -wou'd think’ they’ were Gods of thd be Be or Fellavy-Cieizens of the. | : PER 5

“Kary Deep; fo. rare an. Ait oa | ‘in 1 Swimming, Diving, sates Living in Water ;, by 'w ch’ ghey command the els fwift Inha_. ‘Ditants , of. the Floods. “And then” . For Shooting ; what the | = take, on "fexch with ¢ ae Hands sper d Q apt Amma & and ne ‘ fo adipieab) ean A’ | 7 will fpl it almoft an. if Aa i _-any,.qiftance :that ‘an ~ Arrow. fan — geach, they “ewill Those, dows ‘Or Fanges, an ; eet Fruig, and r aly . £ouch the Stalk with. the Das es Rint at they. may, not: si | : Fruit.’ So shat they being, op’ , all Occafigns; ver ufeful Mig _ Bell nd, it, able ata riécefI: lary to" 7 gael S. FR as Prien s, and: ndg to treat ern. ree aves ; 5, NOx | sare, K do; ot er, neIr Num pe fs ure “Baling, ours in that, Continent, ' ft ene valaaty — o | “Thos os Beasts | | | 4

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6s 1 3). | > Thole: thet whotit’ We” ‘ike “ake of to work in our Pfant tions of ~ Sugar, ate Nebr 708, Black Slaves al= | _ -together,3 - which | are, tranfported | thithét in ‘this channer. * - Thofe' who wane Slaves, make “4 | a Bargain | with’ a Matter, or Cas Bd - ptain, of ‘a Ship, 3nd: contract to” pay him {o"much a-piece, “a mat? eet of twenty. Pound a Head for as many as ‘he agrees for, and to pay for.em when they fhail be de- . _liver'd on fach a Plantation : > So thar when there artivés 4

Ship las den with - laves, they Who have. rs fo contracted? go aboard, and.” a seceive’ ‘their’ ‘Number ‘by Lory and perhaps’ i one Le thac may. 7, _ be for ten; there may: hgppen | 10 be three or four Men’; the reff : - Women and Children ::"Or BE | there’ more ‘or: lefs_of gither. Sex, — you are oblig” d to “be* “oneal S 2 weit “eo Ate, (ie. Or a= , ‘y '

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C14) Coranesicn a Country of Blacks f called, was one of thofe.pl: in which they found the molt ad_ vantageous Trading, for thefe Slaves ; and thicher ‘moft of ¢ our great Traders in thac. Meschan- | dice craffick'd 5 for that Nation is yery wat-like and brave; atid ha- | ving a continual Campaign, being always in “Hoftilicy. with ‘ oné neighbouring Prince or other, they had the forcune to rake a great mar ny Captives ; for all they cook in Barrel, . were fold as: Slaves ;.. at dealt; ‘thofe. common: Men who. | cond not ranfom themfelves. OF | bbws ‘only has al- the. pales cand, of # ~ thefe. ‘Generals, our. Capraing and Matftets “of - Ships, buy, all. their | Freights. | eo | The. ‘King of Croumen, Ww Hime sans of a: Hundred Scat | i

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ve I 5 : ae odd ‘ais a. and had no Son, though he had many. beautiful BlackeWives ; for ‘moft certainly, . there: are Beauties; that cancharm of that Golour. . In his younger. «Years he had had many gallance — Mento his Sons, thirteen of which died in Barrel, conquering when — they. fell, ‘and he had ‘only left. . him for his Succeffor, oneGrand-_ . Child, Son, to one of thefe dead. Vidtors ; who, as foon as hecou'd | bear a Bow. in his Hand, anda -. Quiver at his Back, was fent i into the Field, co be trained 1 up by. one of the oldeft Generals, to War; where, from his. natural Inclina-’ Be _- tien to Arms, and the Occafions given him, with : the good Cons 7 duct of the old General, he bee) came » at the “Age of Seventeen, one of the moft experc Captains, ; and braveft Soldiers, that ever faw |

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- CIB y — the Field of Mars: So that he Was adord as the Wonder of afl _that World, and the Darling of the Soldiers. Befides, he was a~ dorn'd with a.native Beauty {6 tranfcending all cliofe of his gloo-’ my Race, that he ftrook an Awe. ~ and Reverence, even in thofe that '-knew not his Quality 5 ; ashe did. iii me, who beheld him with Sure. _ prize and Wonder, “when .afterwards he arrivd in our World. - He had’ {carce arriv’d at his Seventeenth Year, when fighting by his” Side, ‘the General was killd ~ with an ‘Atrow in his Eye, which the-Prince Oroonoke (for {o was this gallane’ Moor calld) very narrowly avoided ; nor had he, if the Gene- . yal, who faw the Acpow fhot, and "perceiving ic aim’d at the Prince? / had, not bow'd his Head between: ae (on pn purpole to receive it in his own Bod Ys \ “,

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oe 7 iy | Sody. rather than it fhan'd totich.. hat of the: Prince, and fo faved litt. Twas ihen, ffidted a as Oroonoka vas, that he was proclaimd Ge-. iefal in the old Mars place; ‘and: hen ic was, at thé’ finifhing of hat War, which had continu’d Or two Yeats, that the Priticd ame to: Court ; where. he~ fad: ardly been a Month’ togethet, rom the time of his fifth Year,’ to _ hat of Seventeen ; arid ‘twas arria~ ing to itnagirie vihiete i ic was ‘he earn d.-fo much'Humatiity ; or; to ‘ive his: Acébmplifhments a jitter Jame, where ‘twas he gor that eal. Greatnef§ of Soul, thofe: res in'd Notions of trite Honour}. that bfolute Generofity, and that Soft= e(s that-was capable of the highft Paffions of Levé and Gallanry whole —— were almoft C ONS ne Gh.

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C18) continually fighting Men, or thofe mang! d, or dead ; who heard no. Sounds, but thofe of War and Groans.; Some part of it we may -aterjbute to the.Care of a French ~ Manof Witand Learning;who fin| ding i it. turn-to very good Account to be a fortiof fRoyel 3 ee to ie ren fic here ‘came a War, to ay aN aa Englifb Gentlemen that traded thithers and did noc only learn cheir Language, but. that of: the Spas

uiards. allo, with whom he traded. afterwards for Slaves. : , Thave'often feen and convers’ 4 a wih this prcat — and been-a Witnefs

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Cw) tC Witnels to many of his mighty | a A@iions ; and do affureemy Reas der, she, moft Iluftrious Cours cou'd age have produc’d ‘a braver Man, ‘both for Greatnefs of Cou-rage and Mind, a Judgment more folid; 2. Wit more quick, . and a Coniverfation more (weer and diverting.. He knew almoft asmuch .’ as if he had read much: He had | heard. of, and admir'd the Romans; he had. heard of the late Civil Wars in England,.and. the. deplo- rable Death of qurgreat Monarch ; and woud difcoprejof ic with ; all | the Senfe, and: Abhorrence.of the Injultise imaginable.. He. had. am extream good, aad. gracefo Mien, and allthe Civiljty_of a well-bred great Man. He ‘had nothing , Barbasicy in his Nature, bue.in al Points addrefsd himéelf, as: if. his | Education had. been in fore Euror peanCout, = Cx = Thi, ~

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(20) : This great and juft Charatter of Oroenoko gave me an extream Curiofity to feethim, efpecially when F-knew he (poke French and " Englifh, and that 1 cou’d talk with him: ‘But: though I had-heard fo much of him, I was as greatly fure ‘priz d’when I {aw him, asif I had heéatd nothing of him-; fo beyond all Report { found him: He came - Gnto the Room, arfd addrefsd imfelf to me,- and fome other a Women; with’ the- beft Grace .in the: World. | He'was pretty: call, but of 4 wah the moft exact that can be: fanfy'd : : “Fhe moft famous Statnaty cou ce not form the Figute ‘of a Matt morse admirably turi’d from Head: to Foot. His Face was riot of that brown, rufty Black: which moft of that Nation _ are! buea perfect Ebony, or po| Sidy d a Jeet His _ were e the moft | + awful ~

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ee 2 ee awful that cou’d be feen, andvery — piercing ; the White of ‘em being like Snow, as were his Teeth. His Nofe was rifing and Roman,inftead of Afritan and flat.

His Mouth, the fineft fhapd that covd be ~— feen ; far from thofe great turnd Lips, which are fonatural to the _ reft of the Negroes. The whole ~ Proportion and Air of his Face . was fonoble, andexactly form’d, chat, bating his Colour, there coud be nothing ih Nature more. beautiful , agreeable and. handfome. “There was.no one Grace . wanting, that bears the Standard of true Beauty: His Hair came * down to his Sheulders, by the Aids of Art; which was, by pulling ic out witha Quill, and keeping it comb'd.; of which he took par- ticular Care. Nor did the Perfe-. tions of his Mind come fhort of G3 thee

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€ 42) thofe of his Perfon ; for his’ Dif~ éotrfe was admitable upén almoft Atty Subje€& ; and who-ever had _keard him fpeak, wou'd have been convined of their Errors, thae all fitie Wit’ is copfin'd to the White Men, efpecially to cthofe of -Chriftendom ; and wou'dhave confefs'd that Oroonoko was as-capable ever of reigriing well, and of gover: ning as wilely, had as great a Soul, as poliuick Maxims, and was as fenfible of Power as any Prince civiliz d in the moft refin’'d Schools pf Humanity and Learning, ,of. the soit Maftrious Courts. This Prince, fuch as I-have de{erib’d him, whofe Soul and Bady were fo admirably adorn‘d,was . (while yer he was in the Court of _ his Grandfather) as I faid, as capa+ ble of Love, as ‘twas pofftble for a brave and gallant Man to be} oe —

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a aac ? * : ‘ 2 x ae. tee and in fa aying that, Fhave namd | the highel Degree’ ‘of Love; fot - ss: fure, great Souls are moft capable ee of tha@e Paffion. - © bar J -T have: already’ hid, ‘the old Generat was kill’d’ by the fhot of ~ | an Arrow’,' by | ‘the’ Side of this Prince, in: Battel’; aad that Oreo noko was rade Genetal. Thissld dead Ficrs'Kad one only Daughter © > left ofthis Race; a Beauty tha, to defcribe her truly; ‘one need hy | 7. 4 only, fhe was Female to che neble 4 Male ; the beautiful Black Veins, to our young Mars ;’ as -charming | in her Perfon as he, and of deli- |

cate Vercues. Ihave feen an hun‘dred White Men fighing ‘aftex her, and. making a thoufand Vows at her Feet, all vain, and unfuccée ful: And fhe was,’ indeed, too‘ great for'any, but a’ Prince of her ; own Macion. to adore, ee - Ce. * - Oromake |

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Cae) Oroonako coming from the Wars, (which, wer¢ now ended) after he 7 had made his Court to his Grandfather, he thought j in Honogr he pught to make a Vifit, ro Imoinda, the Daughter: of his’ Fofter-father, _ ghe.dead General ; and to maake fone. Excufes to her, hecaufe his § Prefervation was the Occafjon of her’ Father's Death ;_ and ‘to: pree | fent. her wich thofe Slaves that had been taken in this laft Batrel, as the, Trophies of her Father’s Vi‘Garies.: When he came, attended by all the young Soldiers. of any. ~~ “Merie, he was infinitely {urpriz’d _ ap. the Beauty of chis fair Queen of Night , whofe Face and Perfon -. was-fo exceeding all he had ever - beheld, thar lovely Modefty with which fhe: receivd him, that Softnefs. in her Look, ind. Sighs, | ppon, the melancholy Qecafion of wind ae this

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a aera el an C25). this Honour. that was: done by fo | great a Man 4s Oroonoko, and a ‘Prince of: whom fhé had heard fuch ‘admirable things; the Aws ~ falnefs “wherewith fhe receiv'd © him, and the Sweernefs of her. Words and Behaviour while he flay’d, gain'd a perfect Conqueft over his fierce’ Heart, and made. | him feel, the Victor cou'd be fubdud. So that having made his © | firft Complements; and prefented | _ her an hundsed and fifty Slaves in : Fetters, he told her with his Eyes, ; thac he was not infenfible of her — . x Charms;. while Imomda,; who ; wifhd for nothing more than fo f:; glorious. a Conqueft, was pleasd xc tobelieve, fhe underftood that fis it . lent Language ofnew-born Love; | 4g ° and from that Moment, put on sh all her Additions to Beauty. =." Hee | The

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Fhe Prince seturn'd to Court | with quite another Humour thar before ; and though

he. did nog fpegk much of the fair Iutvinds,’ he had the pleafure to hear all his Fol‘lowers. fpeak ef nothing but the Charms of chat Maid ;: infemuch that; even in the Prefence of rhe old King, shey were extolling her, and heightening; if poffible, the Beauties they had found in her: So that nothing elfe was talk’d of, no other Sound was heard in:eve: ry Corner where there were Whi - fperers, but moinda! Imomda!- . |) . ?Fwill be. imagin’d: Oroonoko - ftay’d not long before he. made his fecond Vil ; nor, configering his Quality, not much longer before | hetold her, he ador’d her. [have | ~ often heard. him fay, that he ads mit’d by what ftrange Infpirarion he came to talk things fo fof, and . os ap Wes ys 7 *e fo

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G7) fo pafionate, who never knew Love, nor ‘was usd to the Converfation of Women ;. but (to ule his own Words) he id, Mot happily, fome new, and till then anknown Power : inftru@ed his Heart and. Tongue in the Lanpuage of Love, and at the fame , time, in favour of ‘him, infpird Imoirda witha Senfe of his Pafion. She was touchd with what he. faid, and returnd it all in fuch Anfwers as went-to his very Heart, with a Pleafure unknown before: | -* Nor did he ufe thofe Obligations ill, chat Love had done him ; but. turn’d all his. happy Moments to the belt advantage’; and as he knew no Vict, his Flame aim’d at nothing buc Honour, if fuch a die ftinétion may bemade in Love;and efpectally in that Country, where — — take to themlel ves as many “ae

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(28) as they can maintain ; and where the only Crime and Sin with Wo‘man is, to turn her off, to abans don her to Want, Shame and Mi-_ fery : Such ill Morals are only practisd in Chriftian-Countries , where they prefer the bare Name _. @f Religion ; and, wichout Vertue or Morality, think that's fufhcient. But Oroonoko was none of thofe Profeffors; but as he had "right Notions of Honour, fo he . made her fuch Propofitions as were not only and barely fuch ; but, -. contrary to the Cuftom of

his and he Country, he made her Vows, fhe - fhou’d be the only woman. he woud poflefs while he liv’d ; chat no Age or Wrinkles fhoud incline him to change, for her Soul wou’d . . be always fine, and always young 3: Pou ‘d have an éternal Idea in in his Mind of the Charms fhe now . bore,

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(29) bore, and fhou’ d look. into. his _ Heart for that Ides, whenhecou'd fiad it no longer in her. Face.” - After a thoufand Affurances of his lafting Flame, and her eternal Empire over. him, fhe condefcended: to. receive. him for her Hufband ; or rather, receiv’'d him, as the greatelt Honour the: God s oe her. i = | - There is a. certain Ceremony in thefe Cafes.to be. obfervd, | which I forgot to ask him how performd'; bat ‘twas: concluded on both fides, that, in Obedience to him, the Grand-ather was to be firft ‘made acquainted with thé . Defign : for they pay a moft abfo<. lute="" refignation="" to="" the="" monarchi="" efpecially="" he="" is.a="" parent="" alfo.="" other="" fide="" old="" king="" .="" who="" had="" care="" ba="" ia="" and="" many="" a="" ee="" _="" cons=""/>

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C30) Concubines, wanted not Court: _ Flaccerere-to infianate in his Heart a thoufand render Thoughts. for ‘this young Beaucy; and who re prefemed. her to his Fancy, as the tmoft. charming the had ever polled in all thelong Race of dic numerous Years. Ac shis Cha- - xater his old Heart, like an ex ' tinguifh’d Brand, moft ape to cake | ‘Bire, fele pew Sparks af Love, and began co kindle; and tow grows to his fecond Chidhaad, Jong wich Impatience «re behold. this ~ gay thing) swith whom, alas! he. coud but ishocently: play. But how the fhou'd be. confrnid: fhe as this Wonder, before he ns ais ~ Power to.call her toiCoure(whare. \ Maidens never. came, “unless for the King’s private Ule) he .was — gaext ito. confider ; aid while he — “he'had Incelligerice

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38D ‘brought - Him , hac Znoinda: was moft cettainly Miltref tothe Prince Oroonoko, “This gave! him fome’ © | Shagrien ; however, i gave him: alfo an Opportunity, cone ‘Day; when the Prince. was: a-hunting; to wait on a Man of::Quality, ad his Slave and Attendant, who fhou'd -go and make a Prefent co Imoinda, as: from the*Prince ; he: fhou'd - ‘then, unknown, fee this fair Maid, and -have an ‘Opportu< nity. tO hear what. Meflage thd woud. return che ‘Prince for bib Prefent ; and from ‘thence gather che ftate of her: Heart, and. depres of her Inclination. This ws poeia Execution, «and the old “Monarch faw, and burnt: He found her all he had heard, and:wou'd net-des lay his Happine&, bue. found -he fhou’d have fome . Obftacle. to overcome her Heart; 3 for fhe exe "peli 2" ay ee

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yy C32) prefsd her Senfe of che Prefene the Prince had fent her, in terms {0 fweet, fo foft and prercy, with an: Air of Love and Joy that cod hot be diflembl'd ; infomuch that ‘twas palt doubr whether fhe lovd Oroonoka entirely. This gave the old King. fone Affliction:; but he falv'd ic with this, char hie Obes diénce the‘People pay their King, ‘was noc at.all inferior to what 4 they: pay d:their Gods: And whae Love wowd' not oblige Imoinda to ae Dury woti’d compel her to. He was-thtrefore. io. fooner got to his Apartment, ibuc he fence the | Royal Veik:to Jmonda;-that is, the Ceremony’ of Invitation ; ‘he fends the Lady,he has a:Mind'to. honour _ with his Bed,:a Veil, wich which fhe is coverd: and eudd for the — King’s Ufe; aa tis Death to difs obey 5. befides, held. a moft impious Difobedience. — “Tis)

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033) | '” *Tis not to be imagin’d the Sur= ‘prize and Grief that feiz’d this “lovely. Maid at this News and “Sight. However, as Delays’ in ‘thefe: Cafes are dangerous , “and "Pleading worfe: than Treafon ; ‘trembling, and almoft fainting, — "fhe was oblig’d to fuffer het felf ta “be coverd, and led away. ‘ They brouglic her thus: to “Court ; and che King, who had “causd a very rich Bath tobe pre+ par’d, was led

into-it; where he face under a Canopy, in State, to “réceive: this long d'‘ for Virgin; _ “whom ‘he having - commanded "{hou’d be brought to him, they ! (after dif-robing her) led her to the “Bath, and making faft the Doors, tleft- her to defcend. ‘The King, : without more Courtfhip, bad her . ‘throw off her Mantle, and come ‘to hisArms. Buc Imoimda, all in © ete ow Dp | ‘Tears, yp. [*e ‘ ° Po * °

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C34). ‘Tears, threw her felf on the Marble, onthe Brink of the Bath, and befought him ‘to hear her. She told him, ‘as fhe was a Maid, bow proud of the Divine Glory fhe fhoyld have been of having it in her power to oblige her King: but as by the Laws, he coud not; and from his Royal Goodne§s, -woird nottake:from any Man his wedded Wife : So fhe believ’d fhe fhou'd be the Occafion of making hini commit a-great Sin, if fhe did not. reveal..her State and Condi ~ tion ; and tell him, fhe was anothers, and coud not be fo happy (—wobe hin C3 : _. TheKing,enrag’d at this Delay, ' haftily demanded the Nameof the bold Man, thathad marryd a Wo man of her Degree, wighout hi Confent.: Jmoinda, feeing his Eyes fierce, and his Hands: tremble ;

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2 038) whether with | Age, of Anger, I know not ;’ but fhe fanfy'd the laft,. ‘almoft repented. fhe had faid fo’ much, for now fhe. fear'd the Storm wou'd fall on the Prince ; fhe therefore faid a thopfand things to appeale the raging pf -his Flame, .and to prepare him to heat. who it was. with Caimnels 5- but | before fle (poke, he imagind who {lhe meant, but wou’d not feem to dojfo, but comimaided her ,tolay afide ‘her. Mantle, and- {uffer her felf.to receive his C arefles : OF, by his-Gods, he fwore, that happy Man:-whom fhe.was goltig to name fhou’d die, though it were even: (Qroprioke himfelf. Therefore(faid he) -deny this Marriage, and [wear thy felf 4. Maid. That. (reply ‘die moinda;):by all.our Powers I dos for. Io amnot yet known to my Husband. Te! i 7 the King FD: ‘tis enough oe 0 es to

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C36) to fatesfie both my Confcience, and my Fieart. And rifing from his Sear, he went, and led her into the Bath ; ic being in vain for her to refit. In this time che Prince, who was return d from Hunting, went to vific his Imomda, but found her |, gone; and not only fo, but heard fhe had receivd the Royal Veil This ‘raisd him toa Storm; and fa his Madnels, they had much J ado'to fave him from laying vio_-Jenr Hands on himfelf. Force firkt | _ prevail’d, and then Reafon :. ‘They | ‘urged all co him, .chat might op- |, pofé his Rage ; but nhorhing | . weighd fo greatly with him as |, _ the King’s Old’ Age uncapable of J, ‘sojuring: him with Imoinda, He |. - woud give way to that Hope, be- | _eaufe it pleasd him -moft, and . flacter'd beft his Heart. Yer shis . fervd iS

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ee, a ™ fervd not altogether to make him " ceafe his different Paffions, which . fometimes rag’d within him, and fometimes foftned into Showers. “Twas not enough to ry him, tt 1 to tell him, his Grand-tather was 1" old, and cou’d not that way innt jure him, while he retain’d chat _ © awful’Duty which the young Men | arewsd there to pay to their Brave — i Relations.. He coud not be con®% vined he had no Caule to figh and $§ mourn for the Lofs of a Miftrefs, he coud not. wich all his Strength !and Courage retrieve, And he (woud often cry, O my Friends! were " fhe in walld (aties,-or confin'd from me in Fortifications of the greateft ‘Strength ; did Inchantments or Mone h fers detain ber from me,.1 woud ven* ture through any Hazard.to free her: — ' Buthere,in the Arms of a feeble old Man, my Youth, my violent Love, my Trade ree oor

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en Get: in Arms, and all my vaft Defire of Glory, avail me nothing : Imoinda # as irrecoycrably loft to me, as if fhe were Jnatchd by the cold Arms of Death: Ob! fhe is never to be re_ ‘trievd. If I woud wait tedious Years, till Fate fhowd bow the old

King tobe Grave ; even that wowd not leave me Imoinda free ; but ftill that Cuftom that makes it fo vile a Crime for a So to marry his Father's Wives or Miftre> fes, woud bmder my Happinefs ; wm lefs T-wou'd either ignobly fet an ill Pree fident to my Succeffors, or abandon my Country, and fly with ber to fome un | known World, who never beard ow Story. | as | | ~ But it was objefted to him, that his Cafe was not the fame ; for Lmoinda being his lawful Wife,. by * folemn Contrada, ‘twas he was the injur’d Man, and might, if he fo #- pleasd ,; take Imoinda back, the

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C39) Breach of the Law. being on-his Grand-father’s fides and that if he coud circumvent him, and redeem her from the Otan, which is the . Palace of the King’s Women, 2 _ fort of Seraglio, it was both jaft and lawful forhimfotodo. This Reafoning had fome force upon him, and he fhou'd have been entirely comforted, but for _ the Thought that fhe was poffefs''d_ by his Grand-father. However, he lovd fo well, that he was re-. folv'd to- believé .what moft fas vour'd his Hope; ‘and to endeas | vour to learn from Imoinda’s own Mouth, what only the coud {atisfie him in ; whether fhe was robb’d of that Bleffing, which was only due to his Faich and Love. . But e as it was-very hard to get a Sight of the Women, forno Men ever enter’d into the Qtan, but when D4 | ‘the &

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Cho). the King went to entertain himfelf with fome one of his Wives, or. Miftrefles ; and ’twas Death at any other time, for any other to-go in ; fohe knew not how to contrive to get a Sight of her. ~ While Oroonoko felt ali the Agonies of Love, and fuffer’d under a ‘Torment ha moft painful in che World, the old King was not exemprted from his fhare of Affliction. He was troubl'd for having been forcd by an irrefiftable Paffion, to ‘rob his Son of a Treafure,he knew, coud not but be extreamly dear ro _ him, fince fhe was the moft beautiful that ever had been feen; and had befides, all che Sweernelsand Innocence of Youth and Modefty, _ with a Charm of

Wit furpaffing all. He found thar, however fhe was fotc’d to expole. her lovely - Perfonta his wicherd Arms,. fhe ¢gou'd ©

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re > see coud only figh and: weep there; and think of Oroonoko; and oftentimes coud not forbear {peaking of him, though her Life were, by Cuftom, : forfeited by owning her Paffion. But fhe {poke not of aLover only, but of a Prince dear to him, to whom fhe fpoke; and of the. Praifes of 4 Man, who, till now, fill’d the old Man’s Soul with’ Joy at every Recital of his Bravery, or even his Name. And ‘twas this Dorage on our young Hero, that gave Imoindaathoufand Privileges to {peak of him, .without offending ; and this Condefcention in the old King, that made her take the Satisfaétion of {peaking of him fo very often. _ Befides, he many times énquit'd how the Prince bore himfelf; and thofe of whom he ask'd, being enfitely Slaves to the Merits and Verio Ce, ss BUES 4 :

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C42) rues of the- Prince, ftill anfwer'd what they thought condyc’d bet ro his Service ;' which was, to make the old King fanly that the Prince ~ had no mare Intereft in Imommda, and had. refign'd her willingly to the Pleafure of the King ; that he diverted himfelf with his Machematicians, his Fortifications, his Officers, and his Hunting. . This pleas’d the old Lover, who fail'd not to report thefe things again to Imoinda, chat fhe might, _ by the Example of her young Lo- © ver, withdraw her Heart, and reft becter contented in his Arms. But however fhe was forced to receive this unwelcome News, in all Ar"pearance, with Unconcern, and Content, her Heart was burfting within, and fhe was only happy when fhe coud get alone, to vent her Griefs. and Moans with Sighs and. Tears, ss ie

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C43) ' What Reports: of the Prince's Condud& were made to the King; he thotight good to juftifie as far as poflibly he' cou’d by his Actions ; and when he appear’d

inthe Pre» fence of the King, he fhew'd:a Face not atall betraying his Heart > So ‘that in ‘a ‘litle time. the old Man, being entirely convinc'd that he was no longer a. Lover of Is moinda, he carryd him wich him, in his Tain: to the Otan, often to | banquet with his Miftrefs: But.as foon as he enterd; one Day, inte the Apartment of Imoinda, with the King, at the firft Glance from her Eyes,notwithftanding alt his deters” mind Refolution, he'was ready ta fink in the place where he ftood ; and had certainly done {o, but for the Support of Aboan, a young | Man, who. was next to him; _ whic, withis Change of Coun tenance, | wee yee — ewes a ees

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C4400 tenarice, had betray’d him, had the King chancd to look that way. And I have obfervd, ‘tis a very _ great: Error in thofe, who laugh when onefays, 4 Negro can change Colour ; for 1 have feen ‘em as frequently blufh, and look pale, and that as vifibly as ever I faw in the — moft beautiful White. And ‘tis cers tain that both thefe Changes were evident, this Day, in both thefe ~ Lovers, . And Imomda, who faw with fome Joy the Change in che Prince's Face, and found it in her own, ftrove to divert the King _ from beholding either, by a forc’d _ Care{s, with which fhe met him ; which was anew Wound in the — Heart.of the poor dying Prince, — But as foon as the King was bufy'd in looking on fome fine thing of Imindas making, fhe had time | - cotell the Prince with her angry, a ie an - ‘bug.

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(4s) but Love-darting Eyes, that fhe refented his Coldnefs.,, and. befpoan'd her own miferable Captiviry. - Nor were his ‘Eyes filéng, but anfwerd hers again, as ‘much. as Eyescouddo, inftrudcted by the moft tender, and moft paffionate Heart that ever lovd: And they {poke fo well, and fo effegtually, as Imoinda no longer doubred, buc fhe was the only Delight, ‘and the Darling of that Soul fhe found pleading in ‘em its Right of Loye, | which none.. was. .moré williag to refign than fhe. -And.-’cwas. this powerful Language ‘alone that in an Inftant canvey-d all the Thoughts, of their

Souls-:to ‘each other ; that they both found, theie wanted but Opportunity-to make them both’ entirely happy. Buc _ when he faw.another Door open’d ‘by Onabal, a former old Wife of . oe ee thee,

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(C46) the King’s, who now had Charge of Imoinda ; and {aw the Profped Of a Bed of: Stace; made ready, _ with: Sweets. and Flowers for the iDalliance, of the King ; who imamediately lead: the trembling Visftim:from-his Sight, into thar pre- Ypard: Repofe. What Rage! whit wild Erenaies feizd -his Heart! 2which. forcing to: keep. .wihin Bounds ,: and :to::faffer wirhour |. Dloife, it became the ‘more. infup

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the Prince in that deplorable Con+ dition, which fhe thought needed her Aid + She'gave him (Cordials, | but all invain ; rill finding cthena? ture of his Difeafe,. by: his’ Sighs; and naming Imoinda.: She told him, — he had not fo much-Caufe as he imagin’d, to afffia& himfelfs for if he knew the King‘ fo-well::as fhe did, he wou’d. not fofe a Moment in Jealoufie, and thatthe was corns fident that ‘Imoinda bore ‘3 at. this Ny ib —fute, patein his Afflition. . Abuat. was. of the: fame Opinion 3. and both together, perfwvaded hime re-aflume ‘his Cotirape; and)-all | ficting down of the! Carper; the Prince {aid fo many obliging things toOnabal,that he half perfwadedhét to be of his Parry. And the pro mnisd him, fhe woud thus farcome ply with his juft Defires, ‘thatthe © woud —

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a C48) - qwou’d let Imoinda know how taith= ful he.was, what he fufferd, and _ what he faid. . 3 This Difcourfe lafted till che King call'd, which gave Oroonoko a certain: Satisfaétion ; and with the Hope Onabal.had made him conceive, he aflum’d a Look as gay as twas poffible a Man in his Circumftances‘coud do; and prefencly after, he was calld in wich ~ che reft who waited without. The | Kiog commanded Mufick to be brought, and feveral of his young Wives and Miftrefles came all

together by his Command, to dance before him; where Jmoida perform'd her Part with an Air and Grace fo paffing all the reft, as her Beauty was above em ; 'and re— eeiv''d-the Prefent, ordain'd as a Prize. The Prince was every Moment more charmd with the ae : new

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C49). mnew Beauties and Graces he beheld tun this fair Qne: And while he — gazd, and fhe danced, Onabal was ; | tlzerird to a Window 'ich Aboan. (my ~=This Onabal, as I {aid, was one {yor the Caft-Miftrefles of the old de ting ; and 'twas thefe (now paft . Logtheir Beauty) that were made. wrGuardians, or Governants to the new, and the young Ones ; and ianWhofe. Bufinefs it was, to teach ,Tthem all chofe wanton Arts -of

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— C50) Beauty lafted, and which they now _ faw pafs were regardlefs by, and |! _ paydonly ro the Bloomings. , And certainly, nothing is more afflid'Ing to adecayd Beauty, than two behold. in it felf declining Charms, |" that were once adord ; and to find thofe Careffes paid ro new Beav: |: — which once fhe laid a Claim; |" to hear em whifper as fhe paf |' fes by, That once was a delicate We- |' man. Thefe abandond Ladis | therefore endeavour to revenge all the Defpights,-and Deeays of. 'Time, on thefe flourifhing happy ~ Ones. And 'twas this Severity, |" that gave Oroonoko a thoufand Fears |" he fhoud 'never prevail wich One |" bal, tofee Imoinda. Bur, as F faid, | _ fhe was now retir'd to a Window {" with boan. | '. This young Man was not only |" one of the beft Quality, bue a Man |' -extreamly |":

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O59). txtream!y well ntade, and bear tiful; and coming often to attend «| the King to the Oras, he had fubdud the Heart of the antiquated Onabal, which had noc forgot how pleafane it was to be im Love: And though fhe had fome Decays in her Face, fhe had none in her sence and. Wit; fhe was there igreeable ftill, even to Aboan's

Youth ; fo that he took pleafure n entertaining her wich Difcourles of Love. He knew alfo, chat to. nake ‘his Court to thefe She-Fafoutices, was the way to be great; he(é being the Perfons that do all \ffaits and Bufinefs at Court. . He ad alfo. obferv’d. that fhe had gi- : ren him Glances more tender and aviang, than fhe had done co 0hers of his, Quality : And now, when he fawrhat her Favour coud 9 abfolureky oblige the Prince, he

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C52) fail'd not to figh in her Ear, and to look with Eyes all foft upon her, and give her.Hope that fhe had made. fome Impreflions on his Heart. He found her pleasd at this, and making a thouland Advances to him ; but the Ceremony ending, and the King departing, broke. up the Company for chat Day, and his Converfation. -_Aboan fail d not thag Night to tell the Prince of his Succefs, ‘and how | advantageous the Service of Onahal | might be'to his Amour with Imom- |. da. The Prince was overjoy'd]. with this good News, and befought him, if it were poflible, ae | ~ carefs her fo, as to engage her en- | tirely 3 eohich he coud not fait ro ~ do, if he comply with-her De‘ “Gites : For then (faid the Prince) ber Life lying at your Mercy, fhe. -1u8t} grant ws the Rese yous make § m my | ——

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5 2) 7” Behalf. Aboan underftood him; — and affurd him, he would make ~ Love fo effe@tually, that he woutd | defie the moft expert Miftrefs of . the Art, to find out, whether he diffembl’d ic, or had it really. And ‘cwas with Impatience they waited the next Opportunity of going to ~ ‘ The Wars came on, the Time . _ of taking the-Field. approach’d , and ’twas impoflible for the Prince to delay his going at the Head of his Army, to encounter the Ene- __ my ; So chat every Day {eem’d a tedious Year, till he faw he’ Lnomda; for he believd he coud not | live, if he were forced away without being fo happy. “T'was with Impatience therefore, that be ex+ — pected the next Vifit the King woud make; and, according to his. With,

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C54), The Parley of che Eyes of thele two Lovers had nor pafsd fo feeretly, bur an old jealous Lover cou’d {py it; -or rather, he wanted not Flarcterers, who told him, they obfervd ic: So that the Prince was haften'd to the Camp, and this was the laft Vific he found he fhou’d make to the Otan; he cherefore urg’d Aboan to ‘make the beft of chis Jatt E ffore, and to explain himfelf fo to. Onabal,: that fhe, deferring her Enjoyment of her young Lover no longer, might make way for the Prince to {peak to Fmoinda. The whole Affair. being agreed on between’ elie Prince and Aboan, a they atcended the King, | as the Cu| ftom” was, to the Otan ; where, while the whole Company \ was takenup in beholding the Dancing, at antick Roftures the Women ; Royal ON

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O55) Royal made, to divert the King, ; Grabal fing! out Aboan, whem fhe found moft pliable co her With. When fhe had him where fhe bee liev'd fhe coud not be heard, fhe ~ figh’d to him, and foftly cry, Ab, Aboan! When will you be fenfible of Mouth, becanfe I wowd not give my Eyes the Lye; and you bave but too much already perceiy d th ey have pike es fefs’d my Flame: Nor wowd I have | you believe, that becaufe I am the abandos Mire of « Kong Tem felf altogether divefted of Charms. Na, Aboan ; I have ftilla Reft of Beanty i engaging, and have learng to pleafe too well, not to be defirable. 7 a can have Lovers frill, but will have none but Aboan,: Madam (reply'd the half-feigning Youth) you have alreae dy, by my Eyes, found, you can flifsonquer ; and [believe tis in pityof me, = > 2, ee ih : ae ; Sas Soreneee emer eg = ! A ~ ee oe = ~ pag aattan a

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(56) you condefcend to this kind .Confeffion. But, Madam, Words are usd to be fo

fall a part of our Country-C ourt (hip, that ‘tis rare one can get fo happy an Opportunity as to tell one's Heart ; and thofe few Minutes we bave are forcd — fo be fnatch’d for more certain Proofs of Love, than {peaking and fighing ; and fuch I languifh for. _#& #4 — ¢ He fpoke this with fuch a ‘Tone, that.fhe hop’d it true, and cou’d _ pot forbear believing it; and being wholly tranfported with Joy, for having fubdu’d the fineft of all che King s Subjects to her Defires, ihe “took from her Ears two large Pearls, and commanded him to wear emin his, . He woud have > gefusd em, .crying, Madam, thefe are not the Proofs of your Love that | ~expecl ; “tis Opportunity, “tis a L ones hour’ only, that can make me happy, Bar -forcing the Pearls into his :

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to Hand, fhe whifperd folly to him; . Ob! Do not Jea a Woman's Invention; == - | when Love fets ber a-thinking. And ee prefling his Hand, fhe cry'd; This ~ | Night you. fhall be happy. _ Come'to the Aes Gate of the Orange- Groves 3 bebind tha = Oran ; and I ‘will “be: ready; about Mid-night, to’ receive’ you.’ Twas} thus agreed, and fheleft him, thas. ; no notice might be taken of theie {peaking together. 7 } The’ Ladies were ftill linia a wae and the King, -laid on a Carpet; Ls with a great-deal of plesfure, was beholding .them, efpeciatly Imoine da; whothat,Day appeard more. loyely than ever, being enliven'd — with the good Tidings Onabalhad brought her of the conftant Pafion = + the Prince had for her. The §. || Prince was laid on another Carpet, © e ‘at the other end of the Room; . - his Eyes wan on the Obed OE

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| C58) of his Soul; and as fhe aurn’d, or _ moved, fo did they ; and fhe alene ‘gave his Eyes and Sonl their Mo tions; Nor did Imomda employ her Eyes to any other Ufe, than in beholding, with infinite Pleafure the Joy fhe producd in thofe of the Prince. But while fhe was more regarding him ,; than the ‘Steps fhe took, fhe chanc’d to fall ; and fo near him, as that leaping with extream force from the Carpec,

he caught her in his Arms as fhe fell; and ‘twas vifible to che whole Prefence, the Joy wherewith he receivd her: He clafpd her clofe to his Bofom, and quite forgot that Reverence chat was due ro the Miftrefs af aKing, andthae _ Punifhment thae is che Reward of . 9 Boldnets of this nature ; and had pat the:Prefence of Mind of Inomda (fonder of his Safety, than het a ee gn)

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wage her {pring from his Arms, and fa into her. Dance. agajo, he had, ac that Inftane, met his Death; for the old King, jealons to the laf degree, rofeupin Rage, brokeall the Diverfion, and led Fmainda to hec Apartment, and {ent pur Word tothe Prince, te go immediately tothe Camp; ..and chat if he were found another Nighein Court, he {hou’d fuffer the’ Death ordaind | for difobedient Offenders. You may imagine how. wal. come this News was to Oraonako; whole unfeafonable Tranfport and _ Cazels of Inwinds was blam’ ois Men that lav''d him ; and now he perceiv'd his Fault, yet cry'd, Tha for fuch anothey Moment, be wend be content to die. | ~All the Ota was in diforder eos this Accident; and Onabal was ! f sales beftiended him, in on . = -_ «ae Es | See : anne «| ae te @ # aay gS tower rm as ee nS fg : - .

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(60) _avas particularly. cqncern:d,becaufe on. the Prince's Stay depended her Happinefs ; for fhe coud no longer expect that of Abogn, So thar, eet they departed, they .concriv'd it fo, that che Prince and he fhou’d come both that Night ca the Grove ‘of the Otan,which was all of Oran‘ges and Citrons; and thar there » they fhou'd wait her Orders. .-. They parted thus, with Grief enough, till Night; leaving the King in poffeffion of the lovely. | Maid. But nothing coud appeafe the Jealoufie of the old Lover: He wou'd:not be imposd on, burt -. wou'd have.it, that Jmomda made _.. afalfe Step on-purpofe to fall inte Oroonako’s Bofom,, and chat, all things look'd like a Defign on both fides, and ‘twas in vain fhe prote.. fted Ker Innocence: He was old and obftinate, and left her more - oe _ than a. J

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’ eee = : . . a tk ’ than half ard that his Feary was | true. ae | -_ The King going to bis Apart- ke ment, fent to know where the — Prince was, and if ‘he intended to” ie obey hisCommand. The Mef- | fenger return'd, andtoldhim, he =, | found the. Prince penfive, and. al- } together unpreparing for the Cam= | ai hat he lay negligently on ts paign; ¢ y Negugcavly , [i the Ground, and anfwerd very ==, little. This conned ache Jealoufile = =| | of the King, andhe commanded ©: that they fhowd: very narrowly ; and privately watch his Motions; = and that he fhoud not ftir from his | Aparcment, but one Spy or other «... fhou'd beemploy'dto watch him: ~ | So chat the Hour approaching ,— me wherein he wasto go to the Ci- | | tron-Grove ; and taking only Aboan ca mare os along with. him, he leaves his Me = partment, and was watchd torhe oe very oy

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C 62) very Gare of the Oran; where hé was feen to enter, and where they lefe him, tocarry back the Tidings totheKinp. = _ ‘ Oroonoke and Aboan were no {oonet enterd, but QOnabal led che Prince tothe Apartment of Imoin da; who, not knowing any thing of her Happinefs, was laid in Bed. But Onabal only left him in her | ~ Chamber, to make the befBof his | Opportunity, and took her dear 4 _boanto her own ; wherehefhew'd | _ the heighth of Complaifance for his — Prince, when, to give him.an Op‘portunity, he fuffer'd himfelf to be earefsd:'in Bed by Onahal, . : The Prince foftly wakend Imoda, who was nor 4 little furs prizd wieh Joy to find him there ; — fand Feats. I believe, he omigg and yét fhe trembl'd with a thou: d | faying nothing to this youtig Mi

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ie Pa Pog 8 gS ee Pe. 63) chat nfighe perfwade her to fuller, — him to feize his own, andcake che Rights of Love ;- and I believe fhe was not long refifting thofe Arms, where fhe fo long’d to. be ; and ha-. ’ ving Opportunity, pis and. Silence, Youth,

Love an manyMonth. ~ __ Tis not to be itmagin'd the Sae tisfaction of thele two young Lo-« vers; nor the Vowsfhemadehim, — that fhe remain'd a {porlefs Maid, till chat Night ; and that what fhe: _ did with his Grand-father, had robb'd him of no part of her Virgin-Honour, the Gods, in Merey:." « and Juftice, having referv'd thas. . for her plighted Lord, to whonr — pofible to exprefs the pinot a Defire, he foon prevail'd; and ravifh'd ina Moment, what his old Grand-father had been endeavouring for fo |

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C64) he fuffer'd, while he liftend ca 2 Difcourfe fo. charming, from her — lov d Lips; and clafpd that Body _ in his Arms, for whom he had fo Jong languifh'd; and nothing now - affliéted him, but his fuddain De_ parcure from her; for he told het the Neceflicy, and his Commands; but fhou'd depare fatisfy'd in, this, That fince the old King had hitherto not been able to deprive him of thofe Enjoyments. which only belong'd to him, he believ'd for the fucure he woud be lefs able to injure him ; fo that, abating the Scandal of the Veil, which was no otherwife fo,.tharithat fhe was Wife to another: He believ'd her -fafe, evenin the Arms of the King, and innocent ; yet wou'd he have - -vyenturd. at the Conqueft of the. World, and have given ir all, co: have had her avoided that. Honour * Bos oe - . ° of . 7

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ao; 5 ee © of receiving the Royal Veil, "Tw4g bt thus, between a thoufand Carefles, that beth bemoan'd the hard Fare a of Youth and Beauty, fo liableto i that. cruel Promation: 'Twas.a i Glory that cou'd well have been | fpard here, though defird, and oy aim'd at by all che young Females ssf pfrharKingdom. | But while they. were thus fonds ly employ'd, forgetting how Time — ran on, and that che Dawn mutt | conduct him far away from his = —S only Happinels, they heard a grear | Noife in the Otan, and unufual — | Voices of Men; at which the | | Prince, farting from the Aims of © | he frighted Imoinda, ranto alittle — Battel-Ax he usd to wear by his — |

side 3 and having.-not fo much - i eifure, asto put on his Habir, he oppos'd himfelf againft fome whe a were already opening the. Door ;. Fo which |

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(66.) which they did with fo much Vio_ lence, that Oroonoko was not able to ~ defend ic ; but was forcd to ery out with a commanding Voice, Whe - ever xe are that have the Boldnefs to attempt to approacb-this Apartment thus rudely, know, that I, the Prince Oroonoke, will revenge it With the cer tain Death of bim that firft enters: Therefore fland back, and know, this place ts facred ‘to Love, and me thi} Night ; to Morrow ’tis the King’s. Yhis he {poke with a Voice fo - yefolv’d'and affur’d, that they foon |, yetird from the Door, but cry’d,} "Tis by the King’s Command we art} come ‘ and being fatisfyd by thy Voice, 0 ‘Prince, as much as tf we bad enter'd,) “spe can report to the‘King the Truth of all his Fears, and leave thee to provide for thy own Safety, as thou art qadvisd by thy Friends. ° 2 3 As

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C67) ‘Atthefe Words they departed, — ca left che Prince to take a fhore and fad Leave-of his Imainda ; who trufting in the ftrength of her Charms, believ'd the fhou’d ap+ peafe the-Fury of a jealous King, by faying, She was furpriz'd, and that it was by force of Armshe gop | __ intoher Apartment. All her Concern now was for his Life, and therefore .fhe-haften’d him co the Camp; ‘and with much a-do, prevail’d on him to-go: Nor was it fhe alone that prevail’d , , Aboan and Onabal both pleaded, ssid both affur'd him of a Lye that fhou’d be well enough contriv'd to fecure: Imoinda. So that, at laft, with a Heart fad as Deach, dying Eyes, and fighing Soul, Oroonoko departed, and took his way to ig Camp. 2 at - a eee ad Sa eee - ws. Py canes = pai Z

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ER A ne gee ee ge eee eee =e - i ‘ (68) Tewas not long after the King in Perfon came to the Otan; where |) beholding Imosmda with Rage in his Eyes, he upbraided her

Wicked _.shefs and Perfidy, and threacning her Royal Lover, fhe fell on her Face at his Feet, bedewing the: Floor with her Tears, and implo {¢ ring his Pardon for a Faule which {he had nor with her Will committed ; as Onahal, who was alle - proftrate wich her, cou'd teftife: 'That, unknown to her, he had [% broke into her Apartment, and 12-. vifhed her. She fpoke this much - againft her Confcience ; but to fave her own Life, 'twas abfolute ly neceflary fhe fhowd feign this 3 Falfity. She knew it coud not > injure the' Prince, he being fled to an Army chat wou'd ftand by _. him, againft any Injuries chat ' fhou'd affaule him. However, - . » eB this

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(69) shi lat Thought of Imoinda's being ravifh'd, chang d the Meafures of his Revenge ; and whereas before he.defign'd to be himlelf her Executioner, he now refolv'd fhe fhou'd not die. . But as it is the sreateft-Crime in nature amongi{t 'em to touch a Woman, after har ving been poffefs'd by a :Son, 9 Father, or a Brother ; fo now he look'd on. Imoinda..as a 'polluged thing, wholly unfit for his, Embrace ; "nor woud he refign her to his Grand-{on, - becaufe fhe had receiv'd the Royal Veil. Wethere- , fore removes her :from the, Otan, with Onabal ; whom he put .into fafe Hands ,: with Order they fhou'd be both fold off,. as Slaves, -o another Country, either-.Chrilian, ox Fleathen ; 'twas.no matter where. . | ee "By This ~ _ ——r —-s e of ' - . x 2 = memeggeggpge le .- me Oe ers i" t Se ae! . - Tr 5 et Re te 7 ie Oe SED Ste - - . peters ey , a. 2g = EAT AA ee ~ as os - ~o Lal

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e C70) - This cruel Séritence, wor fe chart Death, they 'implord, might be severs'd bur their Prayers were "vain; "atid i ic was-put in Execution , accordingly. ; ; and char with fo "much Secrecy, that none; either avithour, Or within the Oran, knew wny: thing of 'their Ablence, ' a their 'Dettiny. The old: King , mekil excited rhis with a great deal of Relugtaney'; but' he believ'd he had made 2 wery great' Canquelt. Over himfelf 'when he hath once. 'telolv'd,: and had perform what he'

\olvds: “He believ‘d: ‘now, ‘chac his Love “had bedn- ‘ynjult 5 ‘arid that he cou'd not€xpect che Gods, or Captain of the: ‘Clouds, ‘(as'they call the unknown Power) ‘thou'd tiffer aibetcer Gon fequence from fo ill a Caufe. He now:be| | p* MS 9 hold — excusd 5 and mE —— «

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: , > oom @ 2 ae to fay, he had Reafon for what he did: And now ‘every Body coud aflure the King, how:paffionately: Imoinda was belovd by the Princes — even thofe confefs'd it now, who faid the contrary. before his Flame was abated. So that the King being: old, apd not able to, defend Sons of -all his- Race remaining alive, but only this,.co maintaia him on his Throne ; and looking on this as a Man -difoblig'd, ,finlt by the Rape of his Miftrefs, or ra-_ ther, Wife 3 and now by depriving | of higa:wholly of het, he, feard, might. make him defperate, and — dofome cruel thing, either to him, elf, or his old Grand-father, the Offender; he began.to repent him ‘extreamly of the Contempt he had, in his Rage, put on Imoimdg. Befides, he confider'd he ought ia 4 Honour. \ : y at ‘ es banal + eng Ril el. we wi + Pa ‘ -*- z = °

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eg eS eee eg) Wa C72) Honour to ‘Have ‘kill’d hér! for this Offence, if it had been one: He ought to have ‘had. fo much Value ' pd Confideration for a Maid of . her Quality; as to have nobly pue her ro death ; and not to-have fold et ikeacémmon Slave, the greatéft: Revenge, ‘znd the. molt dif graceful ‘of anf; and to which che a'thouland times prefer Death, and imploreit’s asJmoinda-did, but coud _ndt-obrdin that Honour.: - Seeing _Fehérefore it was éertain that Oroortoko —Wor'd highly refent chis Affront he “tlotight good to make -fome Exs ettfe for his Rathnels to him ; and ~ lo‘chat End:he fent a Meflenger to the Camp, with-Orders ‘to treat. “with him about the Matter, ta ‘gain his Pardon, and to endeavour be mitigate his Grief; bue thac by ho means he fhou'd tell him, fhe — ‘was fold, but fecretly put to death-; for

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¢ 73 °o te. for he knew he fhou'd never obi | cain his Pardon for the other. | When the Meflenger came, he _ found the Prince upon the point of | Engaging with the Enemy; but ~ as {oon as he heard of the Arrival of the Meffenger, he commanded = him-to his Tent,- where he‘ em: — brac’d himi,: and receiv'd him with Joy.; which was foon abated, by the: down+catt Looks of the Mele fenger, who was inftantly dematt ded the Caule by ‘Orosnoko, who, impatient of : Delay, ask’d a thou: fahd Queftions in a Breath ; and — all concerning Imoinda’:. But thete — needed little Return, for he coti rd almoft anfwer himfelf of all he demanded, from his Sighs'and Eyes. At laft, the Meflenger cafting him-— {elf at the Princes Feet, and kiffing | them, with all the Submiffion of a | Mani thac had pemeieng to implore | which

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C74) which he dreaded to utter, he befought him to hear with Calmnefs what he had to deliver tohim, and to call up all his noble and Heroick Courage, to encounter with his Words, and defend himf{eff againkt the ungrateful things he mutt relate, Orooinoko repby'd, with a deep Sigh, and alanguifhing Voice,--I am armd against their worst Efforts------ ; for I know they will tell me, Imoinda t x0 _gmore---- ; and.after that, you may {pare therest... Then, commanding him tarife, he laid himfelf on a Carper, under a rich Pavillion, and remaind a good while filent, and was hardly heard to figh. When _ he was come 2 little co himfelf, the -Meffenger ask’d him leave to deli ver that part of his Embafly, which the'Prince had not yet devin'd : And the Princecry d, I permit thee--. ‘Then he told him the Affliction ok oe the j

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tui de old King wasin, for the Rafhs nefs he had committed in hisCruele cy cO Imomda;and how he. daign’ dto ask Pardon a his Offence, andto implore the Prince woud not fuffer that Lofs to touch his Heart too fenfibly, which now all the. Gods coud: not reftore hint; bue.miglt recompence him ‘in Glory, which. he begg'd ‘he

woud: purfue; and — that Dearh, : chac compion Revens ger of all Injuries, woud foon even the Account Recwgent a yal a feébleold Man. — Orqenoké bad bim retin his Duty to his Lord and Mafter.; .and.to affure. him, ‘there was no Accox of Revenge to be adjufted betvicen. them; if there were, ‘twas he was the Aoreffor, and that Death woird © “be juft, and, maugre his Age, wou'd {ee him. righted; and he . — contented to leave his Share-of — Gl “] ~ at eR OT ee Phe ee. Areas

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of the bef Rank cou'd do, they C76) Glory to Youths more fortunate, and worthy of thac Favour from the Gods. That henceforth he ‘wou'd. never life a Weapon, ot draw a Bow; but abandon the {mall Remains of his Life co Sighs and, Tears, . and the: continu ~ ‘Thoughts of what his Lord and _ Grand-father thad thought good fend out of the World, with all — ghat Youth, that Innocence, and Beauty. . aks & | - | ae : rd having {poken this, what f evef his greateft Officers,’ and Met coud not-r4ife him from che Car ‘per, or perfwade him :ro Action, and Refolutions of Life; but cony | _ ‘manding all co retire, he fhut himelf into his Pavillion all.chae Day, while the Enemy was ready to en ’ gage; and wondring at the Defay. the whole Body ‘of. the sc |

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C97) 7 ef -of the Army then addrefs’d them, avon: felves to him, and to whom they acid hademuch a-do to get Admittance. ‘apt “They fell on their Faces at the Foot anda of hisCarpet; where they lay, and few! -befought him with earneft Prayers om and Tears, to lead ’em forth to Lot. Battel, and not let che Enemy také va Advantages ofthem;andimplord wi him to have regard to his Glory, | ae and to the World, that depended on his Courage and Conduct. Buc ,¢ he made no other Reply to all. dk their Supplications but this, That ,~ he had now no mote Bufinefs for k amongft you; and reap with Foy what p you fo vamly prize, and leave me to my é ot more welcome Destiny. » . hey then demanded whar + » they fhoud do, aad whom

he (Glory ; and forthe World, ic was _ | 4 @ Trifle not worth his Care. Qo, — 's Ccontinu’d he, fighing) and divide i . een tteatntte oats ge an nent mg eee ee sted P 2 eg

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C78) wou d conftitute in his Room, that the Confufion of ambitious Youth and Power might not ruin their ‘Order, and make them a Prey xo the Enemy. He replyd, He “woud not give himfelf the Trou~ ble----; buc wifhd “em ro chufe ‘the braveft Man amongft ‘em, let ‘his Quality or Birth be what it wou'di: For; O.my Friends(faid he!) it -is.- not Titles make Men.brave, or ‘good ; or Birth that beftows Courage sand Genero ifity, or makes the Owner _ “happy. Believe this, when you bebold ‘Oroonoko, the snot wretched, and ‘abandon’ d by Fortune, of ull the Crea® tion of. the Gods. So turning hime felf about, he woud make.no more ‘Reply to all they coud | urge or ‘itnplore. coo | ‘The Army beholding their OF ‘ficers recuriy unfuccefsful, ‘wich fad Faces, and ominous Looks, thar ' | pega

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C79) prefag’d no good Luck, fiffer'd’ a thoufand Fears to take Poffeffion of their Hearts, and the Enemy to. come even upon ‘em, before they woud provide for their Safety, by any Defence; and though they _ were aflurd by fome, who had a mind to animate em, that chey_ fhou’d be immediately héaded by the Prince, and that in the mean time Aboan had Orders to command as General; yet they were fo difmmay'd for want'of that great Example of Bravery, that they cou’d make bur a very feeble Ree fiftance ; and at laft, downeright; fled before the: Enemy, ‘who pure fu'd ’em to the very Tents, killing ‘em: Norcou'd all Aboan’ s Gourage, which that Day gaind | him immortal Glory, fhame ‘em into ‘a Manly Defence of themfelves. —_ Guards that wete left behind, = : about

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= TATTOO 4 ' T : | + (80) about the Prince's Tent, feeing the | Saldiers flee before

the Enemy, and fcatcer themfelves all over the Plain, in great Diforder, made } -fach Out-cries as rouz'd the Princ { from his amorous Slumber,. in which he had remain'd bury'd for { two Days, without permitting any Suftenante to approach him : But, '} in {pighe of all his Refolutions, he had not the Conftancy of Grief ta that Degree, as to make him infenfible of the Danger of his Ar my ; and in chat Inftant he leapd from his Couch, and cry'd, --Com, if we muft die, let us meet Death the nobleft Way ; and "twill be more like ~ Oroonoko to encounter bim at an Ar: | my's Flead, oppofny the Torrent of 4 |° — ponguering Foe, than lazily, on a Couch, to Wait his lingering Pleafure, and dit | every Moment by a thoufand wrecking } Thought ; or be tamely taken by an ee Enemy, . .

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| a ¢ $1 Jy t ntinenny, nd led a' "whining, aLove- fick te Slave, to adorn the. Triumphs of Jas ginoan, that young Vittor, 'who-alreae yy is enter' beyond . the 2 Limits I bad jareforib'd him: a While he was Gidaliog: 'i fae apt his. People. t6 drels him 'for: ni whe Fields -and. falying" out of his: Lin s avillion, with more-Life and Viour in his Counrenance than'ever: jqethew'd he appear dike fomeDie e haine Power defcentdd:to fave his thi Sountry. From Deftructionjand: his. Le People had purpofely put him on "il things that might make him a hine with moft Splendor, to ftrike yt TeVE erend Awe intothe Beholders. pat were purluing his Men ; and i " eing animated wich Defpair,. he 4 oughe: as if he came on purpofe ,0 diz, and did fuch things as will "aot be believ'd that 'Humane 7 No G . Strength | m fle flew i into the thickeft of thofe ome od ia

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| the Tide of the. Victory, changing to fingle oucbfvewen, "he took him _maon Sale,or Market ; bur kept him € 82) Strength coud perform ; and fuch{. as foon infpird all the reft with} new -Gouragé,,and new Order:. And sow. it'was, 'that they began to fight indeed ; and fo, as if they wou'd not be out-done, even by their -adord

Here;. ‘who, curning)” ablélucely the. Fate. of the Day, saind.an entire Conqueft ; and] Oy oangke having the. good “Fertune Prifgner with: his. own Hand, br ving, wounded. him. almoft death. (oer : -SFhis Jamoan afterwards became} very; dear to him, being a Manf'* véry'-gallant, and of excellent jit Graces, and fine Parts; fo thathe l never put him amongft the, Rank#® of Captives, as they usd to o,f without diftinétion, for the- com es ad ss

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‘ ¢ 83 > "in his own Court, where he re ,taind nothing of the Prifoner, but the’ Name,' and returnd no- ae. ' more into his ‘own.Courtry, fo’. _ 1 teat! amt Affection: he took for. " Ordonoko ; and by athoufand Tales | | | atid: “Advencures of Love and'Gal - | : danitry vl flacter’d’ his Difeafe: of | 4 ‘Melaticholy and -Languifhment ; —— i whieh Fhave ofteri'heard him fay; si ‘had tertainly -kilfd him, but for Zz the ConVetfation. ‘of: this Prince and aboms thé Frinch:-Governowhe Shad frots'his Childhood, of whont .s have: fpoken: before, and who Maras" a’ Man of. adniirable Wit , ‘gréat': En ngenuity- and” Learning ; ; “all whith’ he’ had infusd into his ‘Young: “Piipil, This FrenchsMan "Was banifh’ d out'of his own Couns — 't try, for fome Herétical Notions. fie held: and though he was 4 . ae of ‘very little’ Religioa, he - G2 had | “XN i"

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CL SS ee oe Tey ee ye me Dib et ee Le Lan ee ame ow me RSG aS RU eae ee Ea ‘ . : aan 1 any an: > moans Army, which all. fled, o they fpenc fome time in the " Camp ; Oroonoko chufing | rather wo | -thanenter into a Place, of live i -a Court where he had fo we ficers therefore, who faw an vented all fores of Diverfions and Care of his Grice and Servants} ~ that he more peculiarly priz’d, be C84) had admirable Morals, and a brave Soul. After the a Defeat of te were left dead upon the Place semain a while there in his Tents, suffer d fo preat.a Lols. age knew his Caunfe-of Difconrent, in}. Sports, to entertain their Prince:} So that what with thofe Amuzt menrs abroad,

and others at home, |: chat is, within their Tents, wit, tue Perfwafi ions, Arguments andfj, Wore off in time a great part Of, ‘that Shagrien, and Torture. of De}. : : Apa

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RGD ti fpair, which the firft Efforts of Imoindas Death had given him: Ine :&t'fomuch as having receiv'd a thouil Mand kind Embaffies from the _ dling, and Invitations to return to ¢ (Court, he obeyd , though with 9 HO litcle Relu@ancy ;.and when ‘the did fo , there was a vifible — aiGhange, in ‘him, and for a long |jtime he was much more melan> feholy than’ before. . Buc Time fsleifens all Extreams, and reduces © weem to Mediums and Unconcern; | (out no Matives or Beauties, | Iehough ald endeayour’d it, cou’dengage him im any fore of Amour, pthough he had all the nvitastions to ic, both from his. own Youth, and others Ambitions and. ‘Deligns. | ! Orooneko was no feorer reearn'd | from this laft Conqueft, and receivd at Court with all the Joy : G 3 ; ane

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C86) and: Magnificende that: con'd. be exprefs'd‘ co a'poung Vidtor, «who — was-mot only return d. triumphant, but belowd like a. Deity, :when there:arriy d in whe Port:an Engl Ships.) _this Perfor. had sen before been in thefe Countries,.and vas very well known to Oreoneke, with whom-he had oraffick’d for Slaves, and had us'd todo the fame with his Predeteflors. , _ ,: Ehis Commander was a Man of -avfiner fort of Addrefs, and Converfation, better bred, and more engaging, than moft of chat fort of Men are; fo that hefeemid rather never to have been bred ~ pueof aCourt, than almoft all his Life at Sea. This Captain there fore was always better receivd. at Court, than moft of the Traders to) thofe Countries were ; and : efpecialy

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Se eg tp ee : v1 te fee f a: ‘ } Pe ; . 4 C87), -efpecially by Orovnoko; who “was more: civiliz-d, : according to’ the: | European: Mode, » than-any other had been, and took’more Delight — in the White Nations; and, ‘above _ all, Men of Parts and

Wit. To this Captain he fold abundance of his Slaves; and for the Favour i and Efteem he' had for him, 7 made him many Pretents, atid obs "8, lig'd him to -ftay at Court! as long ES as poffibly he coud. Which the | Captain feemd to take as avery — great Honour done him, entertaining the Prince'every Day with Globes and Maps, and Matheinae tical Difcourfes and Inftruments ; eating, drinking, hunting and li- bj | ving with him withfomuchFamiliarjty, tharit wasnotto bedoubt- =. |) ed, but he had gain'd very greatly upon the Heart of this gallant young Man. And the Captain, os Ss | uaF G4 in

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in Return of jall chefe mighty F

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) C89) ie on Court: And after they bad fctt | ei carryd the Prince on Board, the bis Boats fetch'd the reft 'off ; where t, ol they found a very {plendid Trear, Sd with allforts of fine Wines; and . ae, were as well encertain-d; as 'twas Th polible i in fuch a place tobe." fills The Prince having drunk hard ada of Punch, and feveral Sorts of Ot Wine, as did all the reft (for great ht Care was taken, they fhou'd want i,t nothing of that pare of the Entervi tainment) was very merry, and in 4,¢ great Admiration of the Ship, for ef he had never been in one before ; 1 fo that he was eurious of beholty ding every place, where he de- . px cencly might delcend. . The reft; ; no lefs curious, who were not « quite overcome with Drinking, , rambl'd at their pleafure Fore and | Aft; as their Fancies guided 'em : | oa that the' Captain , who had well

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C90) — well laid his Defign before, gave the Word, and feiz'd on 'all. his Guefts ; they clapping grea Irons fuddenly onthe Prince, when hewas leap d dawn in the Hold, to view _ that part of the Veffel ; and lecking him faft down, fecurd him. The fame Treachery was us'd to all the reft ; and all in one Inftant, in feveral places of

thé Ship, were Jafh'd faft in Irons, :and becray'd to Slavery. That great Defign over, they fet all Hands' to work to hoife Sail ; and with as treache rous and fair a Wind, they made from the Shoar with this innocent and glorious Prize, who thought of nothing lefs chan fuch an Enter: tainment. | re eee _. Some have commended this Aé, -as brave, in the Captain ; but] will {pare my Sence of it, and leave itta { tn, my Reader, ro judge ashe plealee pues _ 7 = ln ern a. Wale

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rn . 2) ee 5 dc may be-eafily gueft'd , i », what manner the Prince refenced — a this Indigniry, who may be beft et , Foil ;.fo he-rag'd, fohe fruggld a, refembld to a Lion taken in 3_ i, for Liberty, but-all in-vain; and : they had fo. wilely manag d_his , Hand in his Defence, £0 quit him~ Ly fr he was tyd, to any folid part of K att nifh'd his Difgrace that way : Sq that being deprived of "all other _ ha ea ae _— 2 means , he refolved to perifh fax. want of Food: And pleafed at laft withthat Thought, and cold and tired by Rage and Indignas tion, he laid himfelf down, and fullenly refalved upon dying , . oo 7 and | { Fetcers, thar he coud: not ufe a | felf of a Life shat woud by: ng _ " he move from the Place, where the Ship, againft which he mighe have beat his Head, and have fix

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st. ble: He therefore orderd one , to affure him he was afflicted for were far from fhore ; bie fince he ' gefenred it in fo high a nature, - his Refolution, and fet both. him and his Friends a-fhore on che C92) afd -refuled all things that were broughe him.» This did not a little vex =" Captain, and the mere fo, becaufe, he found almoft all of 'em of the fame Humour ; fo that the lofs of fo many brave Slaves, fo tall and goodly to behold, wou'd have been very confi detato go from him (for he woud not be feen himfelf) to Oroonoko, and having safhly done fo unhofpitable a Deed, and which coud not be now remedied, 'fince they Se oon S&S = , amd he affur'd him he wou'd revoke — he pd mext Land they fhoud touch at; | and of this the Meflenger .

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0930 a him his Gath, provided he wou'd, refolve to live :. And Oroonoko , q. Whole Honour was fuch as he ne1, Ver had violated a Word in his Life _ td him(elf, much lefsa folemin Affes ";. veration;. believ'd in an inftant +t what this. Man faid , but. res 1 Plyd, He expected. for.a Confirlh mation of this, .to have his fhame4 ful Fetters difmifs d.'.. This De(mand was carried. co the (aptain, ‘ who return’d. him anfwer, That "i the Offence had been: fo , great, i which he had put upon‘the Prince, thac he durft noc truft him’ wich |. Liberty while he remained: in the " Ship, for fear left by: a Valour, natural to him, and.a Revenge that would animate chat Valour,. he might commit’ fome. Outr faral to himfelf and the King Te ‘Mafter,.to whom his Veffel did. ne To this Orearioko replic_ 3 ac co ~ ~

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O94) ed) he would engage his Horout go behave himlelf in -all friendly Order and’ Manner, and obey the Command of the ‘Captam, 2 he was Lord of the King’s Velfel, and Genefal of thefe Meh undet "This qs deliver’ to: the: fll doubting’ Captain, who’ coitd nit fefolve wo rok 4 Heaton he i spon bis'Pardle’; -4'Mart that hdd no ‘fence'dr Hotion of ‘the God that he Wotlhippd: | Orvonbke then te plied, -He {was very ‘forry to heat chat“ che‘ Captain “prevendeed ‘to ‘the Kriowledbe 4hd “Worfhip of any Gods, who had caught him no bet: ter Principtes; thant tot 6 Credit ashe would ‘be Credited! tne they told him the: Difference of Gheir Faith occafion'd that Diftrutt: For the Captain Had protefted to : finn upon the Word ofa Ghriftian; § qe = - ; | and

4) C95). reap ki aid fworn: in: the Namie of: ai: Fin jx teat GOD; which.if he thousd: I tg a) . a é q's. . Violate, he would expect etetnal _ ‘7 : P Torment in the World .co. come: e Kimi | 3 Ma Let bina-know [Swear by my Honbur g Which to. violate , word not only rene ! t9 th de ml “me contemptible. and dt{pifed: byl lak al brave

and honeft Men, and fe vie Se MY felf perpetual pain ,: but: if: , eifing ab2-Meskind,birming,: betray. | "sc i cumventing and outragihg ::alb | Men; Brait Puntfhments hereafter: are, | baffer'd by cones felf 5 and. ihe Workls _ FaRes no cognizances whether: thitGodk | Pave y €“prenged em, or not, 'tisdord St fecree-dy, * and’ deferrd =:fo longs. While t¥>e Man of m _domanh, . fun ers. even—y. moment the: fcomi and: ‘cone tempt of the honefter World and dies eve. 7) day & >zominionfly in bis Fame, which nie = ae is Is that all the. Obligation he haste ba Juft to: bis‘ Oath ., ; replied Oroondke2 | ~~ woud be eternally offending. and difa;

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, C96} is more valuable than Life: Ifpeak | ot:this to move Belief, but té fhew | ye bow you miStake, when you imaThat be who will violate bis ll will keep bis’ Word ..with his } Gods. _ So turning from him with qa: difdainful. {mile,. he refufed . to anfwer him, when he-urgd him to know. what Anfwer he. | —— fhou'd carry. back co his Captaimn';. | - fothat he departed: wien fay. ing. any. more. | ~The (aptain pondering and. 9 ‘confulting what to'.do;. ic. was concluded. that. nothing but Oroo-. —doko’s. Liberty : woud ‘encourage . any of the. reft toeat; ‘excep. che. ~ -Brencheman ,. whom ‘the Captam coud not 'pretend.ro keep Prifoner, but only told hin he was ~ fenred becaufe. he might .act ., famething ih'favour of the Prince, | but that he fhou'd be freed as foon | as

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) ne 2. tse ; ve . ts they came to Land.- Sothat ; Whey concluded it wholly neceflaDh py to free the Prince from his I . if Wns, chat he might fhow himfelf ~ fil che reft-; that they might have mia Eye upon him,: and that they he thu’d noe fear a fingle Man.- _ het This being. refolv'd, to make’ site’ Obligation the- greater, the ~ s aptain himfelf wenc to -Oroonge | ho; where, after many Comple- — iencs, and Affurances of what he gad already promis‘d, he receitthe from che Prince his Parole, thd his’ Hand, for his good’ uieha viour ,’ difmif’d. his Irons, rad brought him to his own

Cafin 5- where, after having treated? ’ id. reposd him a while, for he: ad neither eat nor flept in fourlays before, he befought ‘him to’ fic chole obftinate People ‘in’ hains, who refusd all manner: 2 H--. of N

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~. Oroonoko, who was too genene A "em of their Libercy che firft Op| Words, fhew'd himfelf to his Peo Feet, and kiffiag and embracing Oracle, all he affur'd ‘em. But he befought ‘em. to bear chet _ - Chaists with that Bravery that be-} | came thofe whom he had ieen att | ‘of their Love and. Friendfhip, fince ‘twas all the Security the} Caprain (his Friend) coud have, againft the Revenge, he faid, they] might pomibly juftly rake, for tha Inj ures Ven + ne oe — eae a a EL ye ae eee ———- . C98 D of Suftenance ; and intreared him to. oblige ‘em to.eat, and affure portunity., = rous, not to give Credit to his ple, who were. tranfported with Excefs of Joy at the fight of theit Darling . Prince; falling at his em ; believing, as fome Divine {fo nobly in Arms ; and that rhey coud not give him greater Prooh 4 a

} 99) i tsloies fattain’d -by:oltiet, “And a they.all,- wich one-: Acsordi,’ ale te ford: him,’ they: cond ‘nor: Suffer enough, when it-was? for hig Ree i pole and Safety. 20:63 “al: anol ret. After “this sthey: pF BS fn fasd tO @at,. bur. took: whgt-avab pt brought’ “ena>,; “and ‘were. plea’d ist'@vith. cheir: Captivity; ince. -by ig Jig: they hop’d to redeem the Prince, | lt@who, all che ireft-of the-Voyage, me Wag. ‘treated. with all the Relpect ‘@due.to his Birch, thongli' hothiog bel cou ‘d divert his. Melancholy’; : and {he wou d often figh for: Iinomda, and . dlthiak this a Punifhment due to, his EMisfor “cue, “10 having leferharno> |: ter ible: Maid behind. ‘him, ‘chat. facal aoatt he, te the: mat, ‘when: he: fled Mto se Camp. ba) - -Pofletsd - oaieke: 2a ahosbed J ‘Thoughts of paft Joys: wich :chis fae young Perfon, and arhoufabd , Hz. als a — ~ . \ Fe aa . | - % a a ‘ . va eee . oe Be fo. \

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f © € 100,), ~ '. Griefs forher-erernal Lofs, heen: ‘; adurd-a-vedious. Voyage, and at.

‘daft arviv’d ac.che Mouth of the River. of :Sarinam, a Colony. be- longing to the King of England, . add’ where they were to deliver fome part of their.Slaves; . There. : ‘the’ Merchants .and:Gentlemen of © the Country going ‘on'Board, to | demand. thofe: Lots of Slaves they had already agreed.on; and, a- ; » .tnongft chofe,. the. Over-feers: of. —. thele. Plantations where. | chen; — phanc’d. tobe, the Captain, whe, bad given the Word, orderd: his -; Men to: bring. up. chofe .noble .., Staves: in Fetters, whom. I have | Jooken of ; and, having’ put em, , ~ fome.in one, and fome in other. ; - Lots, with Women.and Children | (which they call Pickaninies,) chey | fold ’em off, as Slaves, to feveral _ -Merchants.and Gentlemens not eles aa) putting © pate

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a C101) i pitting = two in on® ‘Lot, ba _ eaule they: wou'd feparate’em far from each’ other ; rot. daring to, ~ truft ‘em together, “left. Rage and | Courage fhou’d put ‘em upon cont | triving fome great Action, to the Ruin oftheColony. sp Orognoko was firft feiz’ di on, and : fold: to our Over-feer, who. had the firft Lor, with feventeen more of all forts and fizes,. but. not one of Qualicy with him. ‘When. he 'faw. this , the found what they “-meant ;_ for, ‘as I faid, he ‘under, flood Englith pretty well ; and kes + ing wholly unarm‘d and. defence. lefs, fo as it was.in vain to make any ’Refiftance, he only beheld the — -Caprain with a Look all fierce and | difdainful,. upbtaiding him’ wich | Eyes, chat forc’d Blufhes_ on. _guiley Cheeks, he only cry’d, | : palling ovet r the Side of rhe ting H3 Faves

Cian) Baewe, $. » ATs warthimy, y Sopey pig yt ait rue. ‘a Kuowledye ‘both [ss nd bah ‘your: ‘Gods bywhom yon nd--defaiag: thole:. chae | We ‘isd Fe forbea¢ their: pains; tnd télling:’er he wou'd tnake no. Refiftance, he cty'd; Come, my Fel-fato-Slaves's “et: as defend, and fe if 430 eah' bidet with. niore Flonow ond Hot hafly'ih the next World we fhall touch pf. °So“he nimbly Jeap'd intothe | 7 7 Boke) and {Héewing. tid more Con7 evry, Ritterd himlelf: to. bé tow'd ppérhe River, With’

his Aevenceen Cornij Sntons. SERS Brdetterhan that eae hiert : wAdla’ ‘yduhs Cornifp. Gentleman; | Wot Namie was Trefry-; a Man of | phat Wit, and flue Ledrning,'and bis carry’ d¥aro thofe Parts by the © EG o: 'Govériori to matiabe Cie his Affairs, © ‘He refleQiiing | ‘On : : waeldan Words of Orsonoko. ‘to rehe “e "ind Te ee: Captain, .

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ae : Man. C103)" Captain, atid beholding heed nef§of ‘his Veft, no foorer came into the Boat, buthe fix'd his Eyés — onhim'; and finding fontething fo extraordinary in his Face, his Shape and Mien, a Gteatnefs of Look, and Haughtiriefs in his Air and fous 2 ding he {poke Englifh, had a great mind to be enquiring into his Quaity and Fortine ; which, though Bs St . Oroonoko- endeavour'd to hide, by | Only confeffing he was above the Rank ‘of common Slaves, “‘TrefPy — foon found he was yet foracthing greater than’ he confefsd; and” | from thae-Momient began to con= ; “ceive fo vaft an Efteem fot him,, that he ever after low’d him as his © deareft Brother, and fhew'd him ~ all the Civilities: due to fo great a Trefry was a very ™ Mathe‘matician, and: a Linguift ; cou’d _ et. He, peak 2

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G08) | iba French and. Spas and in. the three Days they remain din the Boat (fer fo long were they going ; . from the Ship, torbe Plantatior) 4 ’ he entertain’d Oroonoko fo agreeably | with his Art. and Difcourfe, chat he ||; was no lef$ pleas’ with Ti vefry, than | ~ he was with che Prince; and he . thought him(elf, ac leaft, fortunate in this, that fince he was a Slave, . -as long ashe woud fuffer himfelf . to remain fo, he hada Man ef fo | excellent Wit and Parts for a Ma—fter: Sothat before they. had f | nifh’d. their Voyage up the Rivery . he made no {eruple of declaring to. Trefry all his Fortunes, and. moft pare of what { have. ‘heré related, “and put kimfelf wholly inro the Hands of his new Friend; whom he found refenting all the Injuries. were done him, aad was charmd | mith all the. Greatnee of his A: Bons | — e + a i - «2

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ne pees ae or wee Se —]_— avers ~g +o a ' / | tions; which were recited with that Modefty, and delicate Selicé, 2s wholly vanquifh’ d him, ; and: {wh ae dud him to his Incerelt: . Andihe | promisd himian his Word and Ho} nour, bé-wou'd find. the Means:td re-conduct him-to. his own Coun: try. again’: affuring him, he hada perfect Abhorrence of fo difhonous rable an AGtion ; and thac he wou'd | - fooner have dy d, than have been ” _ the Authorof. ftich a Perfidy. « He found the Prince was very’ much concern: to know what -became ” of his Friends, and how they: took | their Stavery ; ; and Trefry pro ” misd to take care about che enquit — ying after their Condition,and that _ he fhou’d have an Account of ‘em. Though; as. Oroonoko: afterwards . Said: he had little Reafon co credit the. Words of-a Backearary, yee. he _ knew nat mys 5 bur he faw a kind oe ee

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- €108) of Sincerity;and awful Troth inthe Face of Trefry ; he faw an Honefty ~ _ in. his Eyes, and he found ‘him — wile and witty enough to under _ Rdrid Honour; for ic was one of his. Maxims, 4 Man of Wit cou d not. bea Knave or Villain. An their paffage up the River, +4 shies put in .at-feveral Houfes for ‘Refrefhment ; and ever when. they ., Janded, numbers of People wou'd | fldck to behold this Man:; not but their Eyes were daily: entertain’d with the fight of Slaves, bur the Fame of. Qramnoko was'gone before _ him, ‘arid all People. were in Admi+ | --fation of his Beauty. - Befides, he _ fad a rich Habit on, in which-he was ‘taken; fo different from the reft, ' and -whichthe Captain cou’d: not .__ _, Strip hinv of, becaufe he was forced. ¢6 forprize his Perfon in the Minuté he fold his When he found his aa | aS _ Habit

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-. C107) - Habit made him liable ; as. he thought, to be gaz ‘d at the more, he bege'd

Trefry to give him fome- ~~ thinp more beficcing a Slave; which | he did, and veok off his Robes. Nes verthele(s, he fhone through all 5 and his Ofenbrigs (a fort of brown ~~ Fielland-Suit. he had on) cqud nor conceal the Graces of :His Looks and Mien ; and. Jrehad-no lels Ada mirets, than whemhe had his dazer ling Habit on's. Fhe Royal Youth -Appear'd in {pight of the Slave, and. People coud not help treating hint after'a different. manner, without . defigning ic :-As foon as thév.apy proach'd him, they venerated and « ~ efteem'd him; his-Eyes mfenfibly _ commanded Relpet, rand. his Bee haviour infinuated it: into every Suh.) So.chat chere was' 'nothing talk'd'of but this young and gallang -' Slave,even by thofe who yer knew: © | posthathe wasaPringe. =o

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C108) ~ Toughe | to tell you, that as Chriz . fins never buy any Slaves buc they give 'em.fome Name of theirown, | . theirnative ones being likely very - barbarous, and hard te pronounce ; / fothac Mr. Trefry gave Oroonoko that of Cefar ; which Name will live in . that: Country as. long asthat (fcatce - more) glorious. one: of the great Roma ; for 'tis moft eyidenr, he' . vanced: no part of the. Perfonal - Courage of that Cefar, and acted - things. as memorable, shad they ., been done in: fome part of the World replenifh'd: with People, "and Hiftorians, that might . have given him 'his due. But his Mit © fortune was, 'to fall in an obfcure World,: chat afforded only a Fe--gnale-Pen. to celebrate his Fame: — though donbe noc bur i hadlivd — from others. E ndeavoirs ,. if the . ~ Dutch, who. aiscaneie | after his. -— a ee 'Time, : J . _. Ffrre®™ ge» "7. 82 = =" —T

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(C109) Z Time, took that Conte tad : not. kill'd, banifh'd and difpersd — all thofe char were capable .of gir — ying the World this great Man's Life,much better than I have done: _ And Mr. Trefry, who defign'd: is, dy:d before he began ic ; 'and be» ~ moan'd himfelf for not having: une dertook i it in time. _ For che future therefore, I

mutt call Oromoko, Cafar,. fince ‘by. thar. . Name only. he was known in ous. -— Weftern World, and by. thas *: Name he was receiv'd on Shoar ac Parham-Houfe, where he was de-. | — ftin’'d-a Slave. But if the King _-himfelf (God ble him) had come “‘a-fhore, there cou’d not have been greater Expectations by-all the ‘whole Plantation, and ‘thofe — - neighbouring ones, than was on ~ ours.at that time ; ahd he was fer. ely’ ’d more like 2. Governor, than a Slave. aa —_

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tied . Slave: Neng as he - Cuftom was, they affign’d im: hig _— Portion of Land, his Houfe, and his Bufine(s, up inthe Plantation. ‘But as-ic Was more for Form; than any Defign , to put him ‘to ‘his cm Task, he endus’d no more’ of vd Slave bi the Name, and remain'd {ome Days in the. Houte, receiving all Vifus. that were made’ him, _ withour ftirring towards that part | of the Plantation. where: che oom | -.- fo fooner came -to the Houfes of i were.: At laft, he- wou'd needs. go | view: his’ Land, ‘his Houfe, ‘and the Bufiaels affign'd him. Bat he the Slaves, which ate like-a. litle — Fowa by ie felf the Negrocsall has ving'left Work, bucthey-all-canse -—forch to behold him, and found ke waschat Prince who had, art feves | lg times; ‘fold moft ot ’ em to thefe Parts 5 |

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Cita). “Parts 5 ale from 4 Venefation. | they pay:to great Men, efpecially |. af they knoy.’em, and from! the { Surprize and Awe they had ac thie fight of him, they all caft. theme | felves at his: Feet, crying outyin their Language, Dive, O- King £, Long live, 0. King ! ! And kifing, his Feet, paid him even ibe Has mage. _ ay ‘Several Englih Betws were with him; and what, Mr. Trefry | had told ’em, was here confirm’ ds _of which he himfelf before had-no other Witnefs than (éfar himfelfz But-he was infinitely glad to find his Grandure confirm'd by the Adoration of all che’ Slaves. 0 ce) -. Cefer roubl'd with their Overs _ Joy; and Over-Cerémony, bes fought em to rife, and-ro rective him.as their Fellow- Slave; affuring ° | 7 them, he was no _, At

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Cre they fer: up-withone Aesned amoft. ~ terrible and-hidioug Mourning and. condoling, which he and the Englifbhad much a-do toappeafe ; but: _ at laft they prevail’d with ‘em, and _ they prepar‘d all their barbarous: Mttfick, and every ‘one kill’d and: drefs'd fomething of his own Stock Gor every-Family has their Landa- ~ part, on which, .at their leifure-: times they breedalleatable things;)._ and clubbing: ic together, made a “moft magnificent Supper, inviting their Grande Captain, their Prince, to_. honour iewith his Prefence; which: | he did, ‘and {everal Engli(h with him; where they all wated on _ him, fome playing, others dancing: J before him: all the time, :accdrding to the Manners of cheit feve_ . gal Nations; and wich unwearied. | | ‘Induftry, ‘endeavouring to pleate. “es 7 and ial him. a | While oes

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—. (t29) set |. While they fat ac Meat Mr.7; ref: | ty told Cefar, chat moft of thefe | young S/aves were undon in Love, with a fine the Slave’, whom they | _ had had about Six Months on their _ Land ; the Prince, who never heard: _ the Name of Love without a Sigh). _ hor any mention of it without the Curiofity of examining further ins _ to that tale, whith of all Difcour- _ fes was moft agreeable to him; asked, how they came to be fo _ Unhappy, as to be all Undon for | one fair Slave ? Trefry, who: was naturally Amorous, and lov’d to talk of Love as well as any body, _ _ proceeded to tell him, they had the moft charming Black thatever was beheld on their Plantation, _ about Fifteen or Sixteen Yearsold; | as he gueft ; chat; for his part, he | | had done nothing but Sigh for her —_awe 2 4 K sever ome oN wayne ere sete ee oe > — ,

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(130) with the Fame of Clemene, for fo, | faid he, we have Chrift’ned her : But fhe "deny us all with es _ noble Difdain, that ’tis a Miracle : to fee, that fhe, who can

give fuch ‘ : eternal Defires, fhou’d herfelf be : ever fince fhe came ; and aa all the white Beautys he had’ {een, ne- ° ver charm’d hin fo abfolutely as - this fine Creature had done; and : | that no Man, of any Nation, ever : beheld her,that did not fall in Love ° ~ with her ; and that the had all the ° Slaves perpetually at her Feet; : and the whole Country refounded | all Ice, and all Unconcern. She 1 ig ~adorn’d with the moft Graceful * - Modcfty that ever beautifyed : Youth 3 the fofteft, Sigher that, if fhe were capable of Love, one would fwear fhe languith’d ~ for-fome abfent. happy Mans > ane ea | (} | i

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-'. €agr) fo retir’d, ‘as: if, the fear’d'a Rape , even from the: God-of Day 3 or ' thar the Brvezes would fteal Kifles | from her delicate-Mouth. Her Task of ¥ ork fome fighing Lover every dav makes it:his Petition to perform:for her, which the excepts blufhing, -and wich reluctancy , for fear he will ask her a Look for a Recompence , which he dares hot prefume to hope; fo great _ an Awe.fhe ftrikes into the Hearts — of her Admirers. I do not wonder; - géplied the Prince, that Clemene Pod refule Slaves, being a you "fay fo Beautiful, but wonder how fhe . efcapes thofe who can entertain her . as you can do; or. why, being your — Slave, you do not oblige her to yield: ~ Econfefs, faid Trefry, when I have, againft ber will,.entertain'd ber with Love fo long,.as to be tranfported — hage. Ko with . {

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ee oo with my Paffions even above Decency, I have been ready to make ufe of thofe advantages of Strength and — - Force Natyre has given me. But ob! - She difarms me, with that Modefty — and Weeping fotender and fo mo- | ving, that I retire, and thank my Stars {be overcame me..The Company laught at his Civility to a Slave, and Cefar only applauded the noblenefs of his Paffion and Nature ; fince that Slave might * be Noble, or, what. was better,, have true Notions of Honour and Vertue in her. Thus paft they ‘this Night, after having received, _ from the Slaves, all

imaginable Refpect and Obedience. é | The next.Day Trefryask’dCafar — '_- to walk, when the heat wasallay’d, ‘ _and defignedly carried him by the: Cottage of the fair Slave ; orf | - : —— to 7

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told him, .{he whom he fpoke of laft Night liv’d chere retir’d.: But, — fays he, I would not.wifb yox to approach, for, I am:fure, you will be in Love as foon as you behold her: Cafar affur’d him, he was proof againtt all the Charms of that:Sex; and — that if he imagin’d his Heart-cou’d © be fo perfidious to Love again, after Imoinda, he believ’d:he fhou’d — _ tear it from his Bofom: They had ‘no. fooner.fpoke, but a Httle hock ~ - Dog,. that Clemene had prefented __ + her, which the took great Delight — "in, ran:out.5 and:the, riot know— Ingany‘body was. there, ran to” - get it in-again, and. bolted oure | on thofe: who: were juft Speak- | ing of her: When: feeing: them, fhe wou'd have run in again; but Trefry caught her by the Hand, | and cry’d, Clemence, however you KB ff .y

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a (334) fy @ Tuer; you ought to:pay. fame Re[pe to this Stranger: { pointing to Cafar) But.the,sas: if the had re— foly’ds never to-taife, her’ Eyes to . the, Face. of :asMan again; bent fen she more to-the:Eanth, Lwhen _ he fpoke, and gaye the Prince the Leafure; t¢ leokithe morerht: her. There needdd mp dong Ganing, or — Confideratian';. o-!examin' wha this fair Creature was:; he foon faw Inioinda al ayer thers. in a -Minute--he -faw: hen ‘Fach,. her | Shaye her Air:'ber Modofty; and all that-call’d: fdsth, his Soul with ‘Joy at-his Eyes,: and left-his Body deftiquse af almott Life; ; it ftaod .. without: Motion, and,’ for a Mipute, knew thor: that it hada Be_ 4yng;;.and, J behteve, che had never — come to himélf, fo appreft ho was we over Ore: if he had. not met with

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(135) with this Allay, that he perceiv’d Inmviads fall dead in the Hands of . Trefry :

this awaken’d him, and © he ran ‘to her aid, and: caught. her in his Arms, where, by degrees , fhe came to herfelf; and ’tis need-- | lefs to cell with what tran{ports, what extafies of Joy, they botlya while beheld each other, withouc Speaking ; then Snatcht cach other to their Arms; then.Gaze again, as:if they {till doubted whether they. poffefs’d the Bleffing s They Grafpt, but when they recovered their Speech, ’us not: to be imagin’d,- what tender things they expreft to each other ; «won dering what ftrange Fate’ had. brought’em.again together. They foon inferm’d each other of theig — Fortunes, -and equally bewal’d — ‘their ate ; 3 but 5-at. ‘the fame. es KR+4 rime,

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(136) time, they mutually protefted,that even: Fetters and Slavery were. Soft and Eafy ; and wou’d be fupported with Joy and Pleafure, while they cou’d be fo happy to ~ poffefs each other, and to be able to make good their Vows. Cefar {wore he difdain’d the Empire of. . the World, while he cou’d behold | his Imoinda ; and fhe defpis’d Gran'* dure and Pomp, thofe Vanities of her Sex, when fhe cou’d Gaze on Oroonoko. He ador’d the . very | | (Cottage where fhe refided, and faid, That little Inch of the World _wou'd give him more Happinefsthan all the Univerfe cou’d do; _ and fhe yow’d, It was a Palace, — _ while adorn’d with the Prefence of Oroonoka.. *» . -_ [refry was infinitely pleas'd with this Novel, and found this Cle a grt

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Pa tae Oh eee el ig pene Ngee (137). mene was the Fair Miftrefs. of whom Cefar had, before {poke ; and was not a little fatisfied, that . Heaven was fo kind to the Prince, as to fweeten his Misfortunes by _ fo lucky an Accident; and leaving ' the Lovers to themfelves, was im| patient to’come down to Parham Houfe; (which was on the fame. Plantation)-to give me an Ac-: ' courtt of what had hapned. I was: “ | as impatient to make thefe Lovers. -aVific, having already made a. | | Friendfhip ‘with Cefar ;.and from his own Mouth learn’d: what I | have telated, which was confir-.

med by his French-man, who was _ {er on Shore to feek his Fortunes; and: of whom they coud not | make’a Slave, becaufe a Chriftian ; and he came daily. to Parham (42 ta {ee and pay his Refpects —

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(138) to his Puple Prince: So that con. cerning and intrefting my felf, | in all that related toCefar, whom . | [had affur’d of Liberty, as foon as-the Governor .arriy'd,. I hafted prefently: to. the Place where. the Lovers werd, and;was. infinitely glad to find this Beautiful young - Slave (who had already gain'd all our Effeems, for ther. Modefty _and her extraordinary Prettyneds) to be. the fame I had heard Cefar {peak fo much a off. i One- may Imagine then; we pdid het a treble — Refpect 54nd though from her: being cary'd in fine Flowers and: Buds all over her Body, we took her to be. of Quality; before, yer, - when we knew Clemene was, Imoinda, We coud not enough: ad: —: J had forgot to. tell you, thae thofe |

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| (139) thofe who ate Nobly born of thar Country , are:.fo delicatdly Cur and Bac'd all-over the fore-part of the Trunk of their Boc: C5, that it looks as if-it.were Japan‘u ; the Warks being. raifed. like hig of Poynt round the Edges of ‘the Flowers» Some are only Carv’d with a fictle Flower, or Bird, -at the Sides of the Soma as Was Cafar ; and thofe' who .are-fa Carv'd over the. Body,. refemble our Ancient Piéis, that‘are. fi. gur'd in the Chronicles, but thefe Carvings are more delicate. » ‘Fiom that happy Day Cefar took Clemene for his Wife, to.the — general Joy. of all People: and there was as much Magnificence as ithe Country woud afford at the Celebration of this Wedding: and i Ina very ‘fhors cin after the | ; | ——

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(140) conceivd with Child ; ‘which | '- made Cefar even adore her ,_ _ knowing he was the laft’of his — _ Great Race. This new Accident © _ made him more Impatient of: Li- — berty, and he was every Day — » treating with Zrefry for his

and — ~— Clemene’s Liberty ; and offer’d : either Gold, or a vaft quantity — of Slaves, which fhou’d be paid — before they lec him go, provi~~ ded he -cou’d have any Security that he fhou’d go when his Ran- fom was paid : ‘They: fed him from Day. to Day with Promifes, . and-delay’d him, till the Lord ~ Governor: fhou’d.come ; fo that he. began to fifpect them of » falfhood, and that they wou’’d delay him ull the time of his’ ~~. of that too, For all the Breed is ao theirs ee ee

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(t4t-). ‘theirs to whom the Parents belong: This Thought made him very uneafy, and his Sullennefs gave them fome Jealoufies of him ; fo that I was oblig’d, by fome Per- fons, who fear’d a Mutiny (which | is very Fatal fometimes in thofe — * Colonies, that abound fo with Slaves,that they exceed the Whites in vaft Numbers) to difcourfe. with Cefer, and: to give him all the Satisfaétion I poffibly cou’d ; they knew he and Clemene were _ fcarce an Hour in a Day from my — Lodgings; that chey eat with me, _ and that I oblig’d ’em in all i, a oa things I was capable of: I enter- _tain’d him with the Lives of the . - Romans, and great Men, which charnryd him to ‘my Company ; and her, with teaching her all the pretty Works that 1 was Miftrefs off ;

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(142 7 off 5 and telling: her Stories of © : Nuns, and endeavoring to bring . her to the knowledge of the true God. But of all Difcourfes. Cefar - lik'd that the worft, and wou'dnever be reconcil’d to our No- . _ tions of the Trinity, of. which he . ever made a Jeft; it was a Riddle, he faid, wou'd turn his Brain to | conceive, and one cou'd not , thake him underftand what Faith . was. However, thefe Converfa- , * tions fail’d not altogether fo well : co divert him, that he-likd the . Company of us Women much | above the Men ; for he cou ‘d not Drink ; and he is but an il, ‘Companion i m that Country that ‘cannot: So thac obliging him to . love us very well, we had all the Liberty of Speech with him; cf —* my felf, whem he hs | is

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i: = i smh | his Great Mifirefs 3 ahd indeed my Word woud go a great way with him. ‘For thefe Reafons, ‘I had Opportunity to ‘take netice — to him, that he was not well pleasd of late, ashe usd to bes was more retir'd and thoughtful; and told him, I took it Ill. he fhoud Sufpect we wou'd break eur Words with him, and not permit both him and Clemene to return to his own Kingdom, which. was not fo long a way, . but when he was once on his. Voyage he wou'd quickly ar- — rive there. He made me fome — - Anfwers that fhew’d a doubt in him, which made mé ask him, © what advantage it wou'd be to — doubt? ic would but give usa Fear of him, and poffibly compel _ . "us to treat. him’ fo as 1 fhou’d be » 7 | very

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(144) very loath to behold: that is, ié might occafion his Confinemene. Perhaps this was not fo Luckily | fpoke of me, for I perceiv’d he . ,- Zefented that Word, whichI ftrove | that weaknefs on Love alone; who to Soften again in vain: However, he affur’d me, that wharfoever Refolutions he fhou’d take; he | woud Act nothing upon the . fel and thofe upon that Plan. tation where he was, he’ wou'd fooner forfeit his eternal Liberty, -White-People ; and as for my es.) goon @_, and Life i¢ felf, chan lift his Hand : -againft his greateft Enemy on that - Place: He befought me to fuffer | ~ no Fears upon his Account, for — he cou’d do nothing that Honour: fhou'd not diétate 3 but.he accus d himfelf for having fuffer'd: a ea S ene ‘en, =—_wT Slavery fo long; yet he chare’d ~ a was

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(14s) , was capable of making hii neg_ le& éven Glory it felf; and, for which, now he reproches himfelf | “every moment of the Day. Much _ more to this effect he fpoke, with an Air impatient enough to make _me know he woud not be long _ in Bondagé; and though he fuf_fer'd only the Name of a Slave; _ and had nothing of the Toil and | | | Labour of one, yet that was fuf: _ ficient to render him Uneafy ; and

he had been too long Idle, who —_— | ao 9 —e -_ 2 = ——— . _ usd to be always in Action, and in Arms : He had a Spirie all Rough and Fierce, and that coud not be tam'd to lazy Reft; and ., though all endeavors were usd to exercife himfelf in fuch Actions ° and Sports as this World afforded; as Running; Wraftling, Pitching ~ the Bar s Hunting and Fifhing , . L a

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(146) | . Chafing and Killing 7igers of a - monftrous Size, which this Continent'affords in abundance ; and wonderful Szakes, fuch as Alexander is reported to have incour- . terd 'at the River of Awzozons, : and which Cefar took great Delight to :overcome ;°, yet. thefe: Were not AGions great enough . for his large Soul, 'which was : full panting after more renowmd : Action. . _ | Before I parted that Day with \ him, I got, with much ado, a: ' Promife from him to reft. yet a! little. longer with Patience, and : wait the coming of the Lord Go- 1 yernor, who was eyery Day. cx-} pected on our Shore ; he affurd me he won'd, and this Promifc } he defired me to know was given } perfectly in Complaifance to mé¢ | | in|

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aa. | (147) in whom he had an intire Confidence. a After this, I neither thought it convenient to truft him much out of our View, nor did the Country who fear'd him ; bue with one accord it was advisd to treat him Fairly; and oblige him to remain within fuch acompafs, and that he fhou'd be per'mitted, as feldom as cou'd be, to go up to the Plantations of the 'Negroes; or, if he did, tobe accompany'd by fome that fhou'd be rather 1n appearance Attendants than Spys. This Care was for fome time taken, and Cefar look'd upon it as a Mark of extraordinary Refpect , and was glad his' difcontent. had. oblig'd "em to be more obfervant tohim; — he received new affurance fron: — L2: °. the

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(148) | the Overfeer, which was confirmed to him. by the Opinion of —all the

Gentlemen of the Coun- ° try, who made their court to. him: During this time that: we had his Company more frequent- ° “Ty ‘than hitherto we had had, ic may not be unpleafant to relate to you the Diverfions we enter- | taind him with, or. rather he | us. ~ My ftay was to be fhort in that — Country, becaufe my Father dy’d . at Sea, and never arriv’d to pof- | fefs the Honour - was defign’d him, (.which was Licutenant-Ge~ neral of Six and thirty Iflands, - befides thé Continent of Suri- mam) nor the advantages he hop’d to reap by’ them ; ‘fo that ‘though we were oblig’d to: connue on our Voyage, we did not - intend f

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(149) 1} amtend to ftay upon the Place : Though, ina Word, I muft fay _ 4 thas muchof it, That certainly had , | hus lace Majefty,of facred Memory, "| bue feen and known what a vatt and charming World he had been Matter off in that Continent, he | would never have parted fo Ea| fily with it to the Dutch. ’Tis a Continent whofe vaft Extent :} was never yet known, and may | contain more Noble Earth than }: all the Univerfe befides 5 for, they fay, 1t reaches from Eaft to Weft ; » one Way as far as China, and : another to Peru : It affords: all ; things both for Beauty and Ufe; «Us there Eternal Spring, always. « the very: Months of - Aprif, May », and fune ; the Shades are perpe-’ ;, tual,‘ the Trees; bearing at once {, all degrees of. Leaves: and Fruir, oO - a bod from

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*, fuch an 1 Aromatick Subftance, as (150) from blooming Buds to ripe Au-tumn 3 Groves of Oranges, Limons, Citrons, Figs, Nutmegs , and noble Aromaticks, continual_ ly bearing their Fragrancies.: The Trees: appearing all like Nofegays adorn'd with Flowers of different kind ; fonie are all White, fome © ° Purple, fomé Scarlet, fome Blew, - fome Yellow; bearing,at the fame _ time, Ripe ~ Fruit and Blooming Young, or producing every Day new. The very Wood of all thefe Trees have an intrinfick Value — _ above.common Timber ; for they — are, when cut, of

different Co-° lours, glorious to behold ; and bear a Price confiderable, to in- . Jay withal. Befides this, they. yield rich Balm, and Gums $ {fo that we. make our Candles of does

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7 _ Cast) does not only give a fufficient Light, but, as they Burn , they caft their Perfumes all about. Cedar_is the common Firing, and all the Houfes are built with ic. The very Meat we eat, when fet on the Table, if ic be Native, I -mean of the Country, perfumes the whole Room ; efpecially: a little Beaft calfd an Armadiby, a thing: which I can liken to nothing fo well asa Rhinoceros ; "tis — all in white Armor fo joynted, that it moves as well in it, as if | it had nothing on ; this Beaft is about the bignefs of a Pig of Six Weeks old. Buc it were end- | lefs to give an Account of -all the divers Wonderfull and Strange things that Country affords, and which we took a very great Delight to go in-fearch of ; though -. 7 L 4 a thofe |

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(182) - thofe adventures are oftentimes. ~ Fatal ‘and at leaft Dangerous: Bue while we had Cefar in our Company on thefe Defigns we fear’d no harm, nor fuffer’d any. — “As foon as I came into. the. Country., the beft Houfe in ‘ie was prefented me, call’d Se. fohn’s Hill’ Ic ftood ona vaft Rock of _—white Marble, at the Foot of _ which the River ran a vaft-depth down, and not to be defcended on- that fide ; the little Waves ftill dafhing and wafhing the foot of this Rock , ‘made the fofteft Murmurs and Purlings in+ the _ World ; and the Opofite Bank was adorn’d with fuch vaft quanti. ties of different Flowers eternally. | Blowing , and every Day and Hour new, fenc’d behind “em with | lofty Trees of a Thoufand | rare a

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(153) ' Forms and Colours, that the Pro- |. ‘ {peét was the moft raving that _ Sands can create. On the Edge _ of this white Rock, towards the © ' River, was a Walk or Grove of ee re gene ae ete acct we ee 5 ae _ made it always Sweet and (har. Orange

and Limon Trees, about — half che length of the Marl hear, whofe Flowery and Fruity bear — Branches meet at the top, and. ~ _ hinder'd the Sun, 'whofe Rays are _ very. fierce there, from entering a Beam into the Grove; and the - cool Air that came fon the Ri. ver made it not only fit to entertain People-in, at. all the hor-. teft Hours of 'the Day, bue refrefhd the fweet Bloffoms , and ming; and fure the whole Globe of the World cannot fhow fo delightful a'Place as thisGrove was: . Not all. the Gardens of boafted Italy |

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(154) Italy cen produce a Shade to out- © yie thts, which Nature had joyn'd — with Art to render fo. exceeding © Fine ; and 'tis a marvel to fec how fuch vaft Trees, as' big as _ Englith Oaks, coud take footing | -on fo folid a Rock, and in fo | little Earth, as cover'd that Rock; — . but all things by Nature there © - are Rare, Delightful' and Won- — derful. But to our Sports ;. Sometimes we wou'd go furpri- | zing, .and in fearch of young © Tigers in their Dens, watching — ~ when the old Ones went forth to ° _ forage for Prey ; and oftentimes — we have been in great Danger, — and have fled apace for our Lives, . when furpriz''d by the Dams. But once, above all other times, we — . went on this Defign, and Ceefar © ~ was with us, who had no 'fooner aes | ~ ftol'n

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'teas ftol'n a young Tiger from ls 'Neft, but going off, we incoun-terd. the Dam, bearing a But- tock of aCow, which he had torn - off with his mighty Paw,:'and go'ing with ic towards his Dex; we. had only four Women, Cafar, ~and an Englifh Gentleman, - Bro' ther to Harry Martin; the -gteat : Oliverian; we found there was no efcaping 'this -inrag'd -and rave. ' nous 'Beaft. However, we WoVe cae Si -—| ag fled as faft as we coud from it; bue our Heels had not fav'd' _ : oe Lives; if Cefar had not laid down his Cub, when he found the Ziger quit her Prey to make - the more {peed towards him ;and ' taking Mr. Martin's Sword _de— i'd him to ftand

afide, or follow the’ Ladies. He obey’d-him, and Cafar met sus monttrous | Beatt |

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(156) Beat of might, fize, and vatt Limbs, wha came with open Jaws upon him ; and fixing his Awful _ ftern Eyes full upon thofe of the Beaft ,: ‘and. putting himfelf ‘into a very {teddy and good aiming pofture of Defence, ran his Sword quite through his Breaft down to his very ‘Heart, home to the Hile..of - che. Sword , the dying Beatt (tretch’d forth» her Paw, and going to gtafp his-Thigh, | furprisd with Death in that ve- ry moment, did him no other | _ harm, than fixing her long Nails _ in his Fleth very deep, feebly wounded him,. but -cou’d. not | -grafp the Flefh to tear off: any. | When he had done this, he hol- | Jew’d to us to return; which, — ‘after ‘fome affurance of his Victo- ory, we did, and fouid him lug. ging

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¢ 157) ‘ging out:the Sword from the Bofom of the 7iger , who was laid. ‘in her Bloud- on the Ground ; he took up the’Cxzb, and with an -unconcern, that had nothing of | ‘the Joy or Gladnefs of a Victory, he came and laid the Whelp at. . my Feet : We all extreamly won: der’d at his Daring, and ‘at the. -Bignefs of the Beaft, which was. -about the highth of an Heifer, but of mighty, 8 reat, and {trong - Limbs. Another time, being in the Woods, he kill’d a Viger, which “had Jong. infefted that part, and _born-away abundance of Sheep -and Oxen, and. other ieee - that were for the fupport of thofe— . to whom they belong’d ; abun- . _ dance of People affail’'d this Beatt , _ fome hails they had fhot her | with =

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| — (rs8 ye with feveral Bullets quite through ' the Body, at fever'al times; and fome fwearing they fhot her. through che very Heart, andthey believ’d the was a Devil. _. Yather than a Mortal thing. Ca-far, had often faid, he hada mind | to encounter this Monfter, and {poke with feveral Gentlemen who had attempted her ; one crying, I fhot her with fo many poy-fon’d Arrows, another with his Gun in this: part of her,

and another in that; fo that he re- ; marking all thefe Places where fhe : was fhot,. fancy'd ftill he thou'd | overcome her, by giving her ano_ ther fort'ofa Wound than any had . yet done; and one day faid (at the Table) What Trophies and | . Garlands Ladies will you make me, — . of I bring you home the stb 3 i | this » i

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alts oe tee at i a (iso) - this Ravenous Beaft, that eats up - all your Lambs and Pigs? We all. "4 ' wl My promis' he fhou'd be rewarded 'at all our Hands. So taking 4 yee | 45S en ea oe OEE Ys tal ers Bow, which he chus'd out of a sreat many, he went up in the Wood, with two Gentlemen, | where he imagind this Devou- | rer to be ; they had not paft very farin it, but they heard. her Voice, growling and grumbling, as if the were pleas'd with fome-— _ thing fhe was doing. When they _ came in view, they fotind her | ' muzzling in the Belly of a new } oy re, ae _ tavith'd Sheep , "which fhe had ' torn open 3 and {ceing herfelf _ approach'd, fhe took fafthold ef cher Prey, with her fore Paws, . and fet a very fierce raging Look on Cesar, without offering to approach him ; for fear, at the : ; weer fame ad

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se oneeeeemunommemenea ine . 2a : (160) | ~ fame time, of loofing what the | had in Poffeffion. _ So that Cefar femain'd a good while, only taking aim, and getting an opportunity to fhoot her where he defign'd ; 'twas' fome time before he cou'd 'accomplifh it, and to wound her, and not kill her ; wou d but have enrag d her more, and. indanger'd him: He had a Quiver of Arrows at his fide , fo that if one faild he coud be. fupplv'd ; at laft, retiring a little, "he gave her opportunity to 'eat; . for he found fhe was Ravenous, | and fell-too as foon as the faw him retire ; being more eager | of her Prey than of doing new | 'Mifchiefs. When he going foftly to. one fide of her, and hiding | his Perfon behind. certain Her- *. __-bage that grew high and — r pe he —

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. x ‘ . = gga eee 5 the - (368) he took fo good aim, that, as he intended, he thot her juft. into the Eye, and the Arrow was fent with fo good a will, and fo | fure a hand,: chat ic fuck i in her Brain, and made her caper, and | become mad for a moment or two ; but being feconded by another Arrow, he fell dead upon the Prey : Cefar cut him Open with a Knife, to fee where thofé - Wounds were that had been ree ° ported to him , and why he did © not Dic of ’em. But I fhall now relate a thing that poffibly will find no Credit among Men, becaufe ‘tis a Notion commonly receiv'd with us, That nothing can receive a Wound in the > Heart and Live ; but when the Heart of this courageous Animal was s taken out, there were Seven M . Bullets

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while it is alive, it has a quality < Me Oe iO. aa Fe cigcte 35 f Ae eg Ree Sie Fe (162) Bullets of Lead in it, and the | Wounds feam'd up with great Scars, and. fhe liv’d with the — Bullets a great while, for it was . long fince they were fhot : This — Heart the Conqueror brought up to us, and ’twas a very great . Curiofity, which all the Country . came to fee; and whieh gave . Ceafar occafion of many fine Dif . _ courfes; of Accidents in War,and ’ - Strange Efcapes. ae At other times he wou'd goa . Fifhing ; and difcourfing on that Diverfion , he found we had in that Country a very Strange Fifth, calld , a Numb Fel, (an Eel of which I have eaten) that fo Cold, that thofe who are An_» gling, though with a Line of ne- | - ver fo great alength, with a Rod + eat!

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(163) ~ at the ‘end of it, it thall, in the - fame minute the Bait ‘is. touched | ‘ by this Eel, feize him or her - that holds the Rod with’ be numb dnefs , that. thall deprive ‘em of Senfe, for a while; and. : fome have fal’n into the Water, and others dropd as dead - en ‘the Banks of the Rivers where, ~ they ftood, as foon as this Fifth © - touches the Bait. C afar us'd to laugh at this, and believ’d it -impoffible a Man cou'd loofe ~ his Force at the touch of a Fifh; ‘and coud not underftand ‘that | - Philofophy

, that acold Quality - fhauld .be of that Nature : How: ever, he had a great Curiofity ta try whether it wou'd have ’ the fame. effect on him it had on — others, and. often try'd, but in| yain; at laft, the foughe for — we M Bh

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_—_ _.— ew (164) Fifh came to the Bait, as he ftood _ Angling on the Bank; and in- — ftead of throwing away. the Rod, | or giving it a fudden twitch out — of the Water, whereby he might | have.caught both the Ee/,, and © ~ have -difmift the Rod, before it | ~-coud. have too much Power — over him:; for Experiment fake, he grafp'd it but the harder, and fainting fell into the Ri- ver; and being ftll. poffeft _ of the Rod, the Tide carry’d | Nhim fenfelefs as he was a great . way, tll an Indian Boat: took | ’ him up'; and perceiv’d, when . _ they ,touch’d him, a Numb- ° ’ nefs feize. them, and by that — ~ knew the Rod was in his Hand; | which, with’ a: Paddle. (that 1s, | - a fhort Oar). they {truck away, — _ and fmatch’d ic into the sr |

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(165) | Eel and all. If Cefar were al~ moft Dead, with the effec of | « this Fith, he was more fo with _ that of che Water, where he had ~ remain’d ‘the pace of going a League ; and they found they had much a-do to bring him © ~ back to Life : But, at laft, they - did, and brought him home, | * shee: he was in afew Hours - well Recover’d and Refreth’d ; ‘ and not.a little Afham’d to find he fhou’d be overcome. by an. , Rel and that all the. People, - who heard his Defiance , wou’d - Laugh at him. But. we chea- red him up; and-he, being - convine’d,.we had the Eel .at | Supper ; which was a quarter > of an Ell about, and moft dedicate Meat ; and was of the. more Value, fince 1 coft fo — — M 3 Dear,

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ee se EE | (166) | Dear, as almoft the Life of {6 gallant a Man. = About this time we were in ‘many mortal Fears, about fome — Difputes- the Exglifb had with ~ the Indians 5 fo that we coud — {carce- truft our felves; without . great Numbers, to go

to any » Indian Towns,.or Place, where they abode;:for fear they ‘fhou’d — fall upon us, as they did imme- | diately after my coming -away ; | and that.it was in the poffeffion — of the Durch, who usd ’em not | fo'givilly as. the Englifb-s fo that | . they cut in piéces.all'they.cou’d take, getting into Houfes, and hanging up:the Mother, and all . -. ber. Children about -her ;. and / Cut_a, Footman, I left:behind me, | ~ allan Joynts, and nail’d him to | _' Trees, 7a oe 3 7 This

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me see ae es ie os . Se (167) This feud began while I was there; fothat I loft half the fa—tisfaction I proposd, “in not fecing and vifiting the Indian Towns. But one Day, bemoaning of our Misfortunes upon this : account, -Cefar told us, we need - not Fear ; for if we had a mind - to go, he wou'd undertake to © . be our Guard : Somme wou’d, but | : moit wou’d not venture; about _ Eighteen of us refoly’d',: and - took Barge; and, after Eight Days, arriv’d near an Indian - Town: But approaching it, the. Hearts of fome.of our Company fail’d, and they wou’d hot ven- © ture on-Shore;' fo we- Polld: who wou'd, and who woud not : For my. pare, I faid’, If Cafar woud, 1 woud go ; he - refolv’d;-fo did: my Brother, and M 4 my | A. one a

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2 (168). my Woman, a Maid of good ‘ Courage. Now none of us fpeaking the Language of the People, | and imagining we fhou'd havea ‘half Diverfion in Gazing only; ° and not knowing what they faid, we took a Fifherman that livd | at the Mouth of the River, who ; had been a long Inhabitane there , and obligd him to go | with us: But becaufe he was known to the Indians, as trading among cm; and being, by long | Living there, become a perfect : Indian in Colour, we, who refoly’d to furprize ‘em, by mar _ king ‘em fee fomething they ne| ver had feen, (that is, White: | People) refoly’d only my flf, _ my Brother, and Woman fhou'd go; fo Cafar, the Fiferman, | and the reft, — behind fome Ras

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7 (169) 5 ‘thick Reeds and Flowers, that. grew on the Bapks, Ict us pafs . on towards the Town, which was on the Bank of the River allalong. A little diftant from the Houfes, or Hutts; we faw fome Dancing, - others bufy’d in. fetching and carrying of Water from. the River : They had no. fooner {py’d us, but they fet up aloud Cry, that frighted us at_ firft ; we thought it had been: | ‘for thofe chat fhould Kill us, but. it feems it was of Wonder and | Amazement.. They were all Naked, and we were Drefsd, fo.as © is ‘moft comode for the hot: Countries , very Glittering and: Rich; fo that we appeard ex-- : treamly fine ; my own Hair was cut fhort, and I had a Taffaty Cap, with Black Feathers, on my. 7 SS Head 5:

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7 (170) : Head; my Brother was in aStuff Sute, with Silver Loops and But‘tons, and abundance of Green ~ Ribon ;. this was all infinitely | furprifing to them, and becaufe — we faw them ftand ftill, all -we approach d ‘em, we took. Heart and advanc’d; came up to ‘em, | an1 cffer'd’em our Hands;wineh they took, and lookd on us — round about, calling ftill for — more Company ;. who came | fwarming out, all wondering, . and crying out Zepeeme; taking © _ their Hair up in their Hands, — and fpreading it wide to thofe | they call’d out too;.as if they | - would fay. (as indeed it fign- | . fy’d) Numberlefs. Wonders, or not to be recounted, no more than ' ¢o number the Hair of their Heads. By degrees. they grew Ho re

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(178) - more bold, and from ga- ging upoh us round , they - touch’d us ; laying their Hands ‘ upon all the Features of out | - Faces, feeling our Breafts and _ Arms, taking’ up one Petticoat, then wondering to fee another ; | admiring out Shooes and Siockings , but more our Garters’, which we- -gave’ems and they ty’d: about: their> Lees , being © - Lac’d with Silver Lace at ‘the - @tids, fot they much Efteem any fhining: things: In fine, we fuffer'd ‘em to furvey usasthey pléas'd , and we thought they woud nevet have done admiring us. When Cefar, and the | - #eft, faw we were

receiv'd with | fich wondet, they came: up to us ; and finding the Indian 'Fra: 7 der whom they knew , (for 'tis in

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— (172) by thefe Fifhermen, call'd Indian Traders, we hold a Commerce | with 'em ; for they love not to go far from home, and we never go to them) when thev faw | him therefore they fet up a new — Joy ; and cry'd, in their Lan- | guage, Oh ! here's oxr.Tiguamv, and we {ball now know whether — thofe things can {peak So advancing to him, fome of'em gave ~ him their Hands, and ery'd, Amora Tiguamy, which is as much as, as they coud do? if. we coud Hunt, Swim, and do. a thou| fand things: they ufé? He an~ fwerd 'em, We coud. Then they. _ How do you, or Welcome Friend ; ° - and all, with one din, began to ., gabble to him, and ask'd, Ifwe — had Senfe, and Wit? if we cou'd | ~ talk of affairs of Life, and War,

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(173) _ they invited us into their Houfes, | and drefs'd Venifon and Buffelo for us ; and, going out, gathered a Leaf of a Tree, call'd.. é a Sarumbo Leaf, of Six Yards — long, and fpread it on the _ Ground for a Table-Cloth ; and | cutting another'in pieces inftead : of Plates, fetting us on little bow Indian Stools, which, they cut -- out of one intire piece of Wood, and Paint, in a fort of Japan | Work : They ferve every one their Mefs on thefe pieces of . Leaves, and it was very good, ~ but too high feafon'd with Pep- _ per. When we had eat, my | Brother, and. I, took out our Flutes, and play'd to 'em, which gave em new Wonder ; and | foon perceiv'd, by an admira-— ' tion, that is natural to chiefe oe People, 7

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' (174) : - People; and by the extream Ig. } norance and Simplicity of 'em, ic f were not difficult to eftablih ¢ any unknown or extravagant } Religion among them; and : to impofe any Notions or Fi | ctions upon 'em. For feecing a Kinfman of mine fet fome Pa- } per a Fire, with a Burning-glafs, a Trick they had never before ° feen,

they were like to have =; . Ador'd him for a God ;. and | beg'd he wou'd give them the | Characters or Figures of his © 'Name, that they' might oppofe _ it again{t Winds and Storms; — which he did,. and they held ic up in thofe Seafons, and fancy'd it had a Charm' to conquer them and kept it like a Holy Relique. They are very. Superftitious ,.and call'd him the — = Great \ "7 —— " ' ba ar sas

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(175). . Great Peeie , that is, Prophet = 7 © oe. They. fhowd us thar Indian | | : Peete, a Youth of about Sixteen . Years old, as handfom as Nature | . coud make,a Man. They con.fecrate a beautiful Youth from _ his Infancy, and all Arts are - usd to compleat him in the fi-— neft manner, both in Beauty . and Shape: He is bred to all _ the little Arts and cunning they ~ _ are capable of ; to all the Le_ gerdemain Tricks, and Slight of _ Hand, whereby he impofes up- — on the Rabble ; and is both a ~ Doctor in Phyfick and Divinity. — ee Oe oe: 7 - And by thefe Tricks makes the Sick believe he fometimes eafes their Pains; by drawing from the afflicted part little Serpents, or odd Flies, or Worms, or any Strange thing ; and though ©. _ & / they

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7 —_ (176 - 'they have befides undoubted | good Remedies, for almoft all their Difeafes, they cure the Patient more by Fancy than by Medicines ; and make them | felves Feard, Lov'd, and Rete. : -rencd. This young Peeie-had . avery young Wife, who feeing | my Brother kifs her, came run- . ning and kifsd me ; after this, . they. kifsd one another, and ; made it a very great Jeft, it ; being fo Novel ; and néw Admiration and ,Laughing went round the Multitude, chat they never- will forget that Ceremony , never before usd or . known. Cafar had a mind to | fee and talk with their. War Captains, and we were con- . ducted to one of their Houfes; | | where we beheld feveral of the a great SS *

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7) ~ great Captgins, who had been - at Councel: Buc fo frightful a__ - Wifion ig was

to fee *em no Fan-— : cy.can create; no fuch Dreams : can reprefent fo dreadful a Spe» Gacle. . For my pare I took.’em - for Hobgoblins , of Fiends, ra> ther than ‘Men; but however “s See : their Shapes. appear “d, their Souls » were yery Humane and Noble ; : buc fome wanted. their Nofes, oe. fome their Lips, fome both 7 / Nofes and Lips, fome their ‘Ears, and others Cut. through » gach Cheek, with long Slathes, wats through which their Teeth -appear'd; ghey had other feveral | formidable Wounds and Scars, er rather Difmemberings ; they had Comitias , or little Aprons before ‘em ; and Girdles of Cot| tan, with heir Knives naked, N ft uck

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78) -ftuck in ic ; a Bow at their Backs, - and a Quiver of ‘Arrows on: * their Thighs ; and moft had | Feathers on their Heads of dr -vers Colours.. They cryd, 4 mora Tigame to us, at our cn. trance, and were pleasd we faid as much to.’em ; they feat-edus, and gave us’Drink of. the ; beft Sort; and wonderd, as' much as the others had done | before, to fee us. Cefar was marvelling as much ac thet: Faces, ‘wondering how’ they : fhowd all be fo Wounded inWar ; he -was Impatient td _ know how they. all came by thofe frightful Marks of Rage: or Malice, rather than Wounds ‘got in Noble Battel :* They told | -- us, by our Interpreter, “That when any War was waging, two_ a | _. Men

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8 (179) ~ Men chofen out by fome old . Captain, whofe Fighting was _ paft, and who coud only: teach’ . the Theory of War, thefe two | _ Men were to ftand in Competi.uon. for’ the -Generalfhip, or _ Great War Captain ; and. being» . brought before the’ old Judges, . now paft'Labour, they are ask’d, What they dare do to fhew they” , are worthy to lead an Army? © When he, who is firft ask’d, _makingino Reply, Cuts. of his - Nofe ;:and_ throws it contemp-_ _tably on the Ground ;, and the other does fomething to himfelf:that he thinks furpaffes him, — _and perhaps deprives himfelf of .— Lips and an Eye ; fo they Slafh on tll one gives out, and

many “have: dy’d: in this Debate. And ats. ‘by. a: paflive Valour they | a Ne 2 —

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| (rSo} fhew and: prove their Activity sa : fort of Courage too Brutal'tobe | applauded by our Black Hero; : neverthelefs he ‘exprefs’d his Efleem of’em = . In this Voyage .Cafax ‘bogor fo. good an underftanding. be | - eween- the Indians and. the Bx ‘glifb, that there were no. ‘more | Fears, or Heart-burnings during : our ftay ; but-we had.a perfett, | open; and free Trade with ‘em: . Many things Remarkable; and | worthy Reciting , we:met with . in this fhort Voyage ; becaufe Ca: ; far made it his Bufinefs to fearch | gut and. provide for our Entet- : tainment, efpecially to pleafe hus dearly Ador'd Igoinda, who Was | a fharer in all our: Adventures; | we being: refolv’d to. make: het | Chains as eafy as ‘we cou''d, and | e —_ to

| (ahr) | - sto Compliment..the Prince in: that. manner, ‘that: mott ae d him. « cee As we eeseieaen up:again, we met. with ofame. Ixdians af . ftrange Afpedts:; that 1s, of »2 : ‘Jaeger Size, and, :other fort of Features’, thant thofe..of our + Country: Our dadian. Slaves, ; that Row’d-us, :askd: ’emr fome > *Queftions,y bit they > coud :not - wnderftand us; -buesthewid tis : a long Cotton’ String, ‘with de. Weral&itiots andes and: téld:us,. they haid been xarhing from the - (Mountains fo many.«Meons as . there ‘were -Kiots; | they mere Beatt, ;and brought along with ‘env Bags of Gold: Dutt ; which, as well as.they coud. BIVE.1S.t0 : ~ underftand, scame. i ftreaming :in N 2 4 little hablted. ‘in Skitts of (a: ftrange

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(183 4) little {mall Pinal ‘down the high Mountatns,-when: the Bains fell ; and offer'd to be the Con- voy ‘to any Body, or. Perfons, that. wou'd go to. the Mountains We carry’d -thefe Men-up to’ . Parham, where they: were - kept ‘till the Lord: Governour: came: And becaufe all the Country was. _ mad to be gomg on-this Golden : - Adventure, the Governour, by: his. Letters, commanded (for | thev:rfent, fonicr of che Gold to: shirhi): that. a7Guard theuid be fer cacthe Mouth of the

Raver’ Of: Amazons, (ca Raver. fo call’d, >almoft-as bread .as.the River of Thames) and: prohibited. all! ‘People: from :going ‘up that Bir | ver, it. conducting -'0!: choke ; “Mountains of Gold. :. But we going off for: + England ae the

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(183) _ the Project was further profecu‘ted; and the Governour being _ drown’d jn a Hurricane, either the Defig ign- dyd, or the Dutch | have the Advantage of it: And 'tis to be ,bemoan’d what _ his — Majefty lat by loofing that part | of America; Though this digreffion is a - Tittle from my Story, however - fince it contains fome Proofs of the Curiofity and Daring of this" great Man, I was content to omit nothing of his Character. ~ It was. thus, rae fometime we _ diverted him ; but now Imoinda | _ began to thew fhe was, with Child, and did nothing bur - Sigh nial Weep for the Captivi- — ty of her Lord, her Self, and the. Infant yet, Unborn 3 ; and beN 4 hev’d/

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far sand taka dpportaniity one Sunday, when all the WHites upon Cafar ;) he wene pretend: ing ‘out ‘of Goodidls “fo. *ém,

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(185) — to dé Execution with Spirits accordingly : For the Englifb lad none but rufty Swords, that ‘fo Strength cou'd draw from a — Schbbard, except the People of particular Qaality, who took ‘cite to OFl ’em and: keep em _ th'zood- Order: The Guns alfo; - Rblefs here and théré ‘one, or . thdfe ‘newly ‘Carrid from 2 gland, wou'd 46 ‘nd igood ‘oF ham ; “for ‘tis the Nature ‘of that Gotnty to Raft: ahd 'Eat!p dn, ‘or ‘Any -Metils , ‘but Gold dnd Silver. « ‘And they ‘ate very _ cig at the Bow, ‘which'th¢ epros “and ‘Indians Are‘ perfect Maltters'off2 9 Caftr, having ‘fingld ‘oat Heft, ‘Mén from’ the ‘Women _ and Childrentinade’an'Harangue’ a a rn a oe — to

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(186). | to ’em_ of the Miferies, and Ig- mominies of Slavery ; counting ~ up: all their Toyls and Suffer— angs, under fuch Loads, Burdens, and .Drudgeries, as were

. fitter. for Beafts than Men ; Senfelefs. Brutes, than. Humane. | souls. - He told ‘em it was not fer. Days., Months ,.or Years, but for Eternity ; there was no end to be of, their Misfortunes : They fufter’d not jike Men who | _ ‘mught find a ‘Glory, and Fort — tude in Oppreffion.; but like — ~ Dogs that lov’d the Whip and ~ Bell; and fawn’d the more they were beaten: That they. had loft . the Divine Quality-of Men, and | were become infenfible Affes, | . fe-only to bear.; nay worfe; an — As, or Dog, or .Horfe. hawing done his Duty, con'd lye down ee a (|

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C187) in. Retreat , and rife to Work again, and ‘while he did. his Du~~ ty aindur’d no‘Stripes ;..but Men, " Villanous ,- Senfelefs "Men; fuch - as they, To#!'d on all: the ted:ous Week ull. Black Fridzy; and ~ then; whether: they Work’d or | - -not,. whether they were Faulty . or Meriting,they: promifcuoufly, the Innocent-with the Guilty, fuf-fer'd .the infamous Whip , the’ — fordid Stripes, from their Fellow Slaves till their Blood trick«‘Jed.from all Parts of their Body; ‘Blood; whofe every drop‘ought © -t6: be..Reveng’d with:a, Life of ‘femeof thofe Tyrants; that impofe it; Aad why, faid he, my ‘dear. Hinde and Fellow- -fufferers fhouw'd we be Slaves to an unknown : People? Have they V. angquifb d us-_ le in a* ? Have Kind Wone | us

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(188) ‘ws ta Plonourable Battel- 27 And | dre we, hy the éhiucé of War,-hecone their. Slaves'? This wouid-not vanger a Noble Heatt ,. thes -wou d mot animate a Souldiers Soul's no, + bat were Boupbtiand'sold >tike Apes, or Monkeys; to. be the-Sport — ~of Women, Fools and Cowards ; and the § upport of. Rogues, ‘Runa7 gades, that have ‘abandon d, their -éwn Countries, for Rapin, \Mar-‘ders,, Thefts and: Vilanies: Do you ‘not hear every. Day how they | apbraid ‘each . other ;'with infamy Of Life ;. below. tbe Wildeft Sal_vagesi; and {hall we: rénder Gbediencét0:fuch a.degenerate Rate, who ‘have: no oné- Humane Vertue left, to diftingnifh ‘em: from :the vileft: Creatures ? Will, you;.1 fay, -fuffer ‘the Lafb from

fach:Fands 2? Wass ‘all i il with ‘one. ac_ cord,

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(x89) : cord , No, 0, no; Ceefar has - fpoke- wie ‘a Great Captain; like : & Great King.* | After this he wou d have pro: ceeded, but was taterrupted by — » atall. Negro-ot fome more Qua« lity: chan the Feit, his Name was . Fukcan ; who Bowing at the Feet of € afar, cry’d, My Lord, me. have liften'd with Foy and Attention to what you have faid; . and, were we only Men, woud . follow fo. great a Léader through + the World: But oh! ‘confi der, we are: alee and Parents too, and have things more dear ta ws than. Life 5, oxr Wives and Children unfit for Travel, in thefe anpafj able Woods, Mountains and Bogs ; we have nat only dificult | Lawds . overcentre, byt Rivers tq — “und Manflers to Tncounter ; Raven

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(190) . Ravenous Beafts of Prey —— | To this, Cefer Replyd, That . - Honour was the Pirft Principle .in Nature, that was to be Obeyd; but as no Man woud pretend to that, without . all the Aéts of | Vertue, Compaffion, Charity,®Love, — Fuftice and Reafon; he found it | not inconfifient with that, to take an equal Care of their Wives and | Children, as.they woud of.:themJelves ; and that be did not De- ign, when he led them to Free- | dom, and Glorious Liberty,-that they {hou'd leave that better part of _themfelves to Perifb by the Hand of the Tyrant’s Whip: But if there were a-Woman among: them fo degene. rate from Love and Vertue tocbufe. — Slavery: before the purfait “of her. Husband, and with the hazard. | of ber Life, to fbare with him:in. —

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7 / 7 : s = a} ;) (191). his Tiriunes. ; that Such an one: | ought to be Abandon'd, and left -_ nemy. as a Pre y to the common ETo es they all Aereed: =. - and Bowed. After this, he fpoke | of. the Impaflable Woods and Rivers; and convinc’d ‘em, the more Danger , the more Glory. He told'them that he had heard ° | : of one Hannibal a

great Cap‘tain, had Cut his Way through Mountains of ‘folid Rocks ; and fhou’d afew Shrubs oppofe them; which they cou’d Fire before ‘em? No, “twas a trifling Ex- — cufe to Men refolv’d to die, or, overcome. As for. Bogs, they are. with. a little Labour ald and harden’d sand the Rivers — coud be-no Obftacle, fince they Swam_ by :Nature; at leaft by Wee : a Cu

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(192) Cuftom,from their Firft Heur af their Birth : That when the Children were Weary. they mut carry them by turns, and the Woods and their own Induftry ~-wou’d afford them Food. To this they all affented with Jay. _ Tefcan then demanded, What : he. wou'd do? He faid.,' they -* wou’d Travel towards the Sea; Plant a New Colony, and Defend it by their Valour ; and - when they coud find a Ship, either driven by. ftrefs af Wea‘ther, or guided by Providence - that way, they wou'd Sieze 1t, and make it a Prize, till it had Tranfported them to their own Countries ; at leaft, they fhou'd be made Free in his Kingdom, and be. Efteem’d as his Beilow| fuftcrers , and Men that had » — the

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- A , (193) the Courage, and the Bravery to‘attéempt, at leaft, for Liber- _ tv’; and if they Dy’d in the attempt it’ wou’d be more brave, than to Live in perpetual SlaVerv. They bow’d: and kifsd his: ‘ Feet at this Refolution, and with one accord Vowd to follow. him to Death. - And:that Nighe was appointed to begin their March; they made it known to their Wives > and ‘directed them to te their Hamaca about their Shoulder, and under their — Aem like a Scarf; and to lead © their Children that cou’d: g0, and. carrv thofe that cou’d not. The Wives who pay an inure’ 1 Obedience to, their - Husbands obey'd,and ftay’d for ’em, where. ads were meee The Men. | | O fa d

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fgg). | {tay’d but to farnith themfelves | with what defenfive Arms they cou’d get;

and All met “at the ~ Rendezvous, where Cefar made a new incouraging Speech 1 | fem, andied°emout. _ By, as they cou’d nog march» far chat Night, on Monday car dy, when the Overfeers went to | ras gall ‘em all cogether, t0 go 0 Wark, they were extreamly fur prs, to Gnd not-one upon the | Place, -but all fled wit “what: ‘Baggage they had. You my: fuddenly f{pread all over the Weighbouring ones ; and » WE | ‘y dred Men, they call the Midis ef the County, that came to af fit us im the pexftue of the Fu bia. a G a gitives :

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Fauci C198) . gitives: But never ‘did one fee - fo’ comical an Army march forth oo. = 7 <= . v i ry ‘ ’ f [_ to War. The Men, ofany fathion, ; Woud not concern themfelves, _ though it were almoft the come mon Caufe ; for fuch Revoltings — are yery ill Examples, and have , Very fatal Confequences often, times in many Colonies: But: they had a Refpeét for. Cefar, and all. hands were againft the Parbamites, as they call'd thofe ‘of Parham Plantation ; becaufe they did not, jn the: firtt place; Jove the Lord.Gavernor, and — fecondly , they woud have it, | that Cefar was Ill us'd, and Bafifd with; and ‘tis not im| i v re) v } poflible but fome of the. beft in the Country was of his Council: | in this Flighr, and depriving us. of all che Slawecs fo chat they. cet OB Of

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| ("196) of the bétter ‘fort. woud not meddle: in.the matter. The De-puty Governor, of whom I have had no: great. occafion to {peak , ~ and. who. was the moft Fav- . ning’ fair-tongu d. Fellow in the. Worldy.and-one that pretended . the moft..Frjendthip to Cefar, was now- the only violent Man again{t him., and though he had nothing , ‘and fo need tear no-— thing, yet talk’d-and look'd big: . ger. than any .Man:. He was. a Fellow, whofe Character 1 pot ft to be ‘mention’d with the, worft- of the Slaves. This . Fellow :..wou-d lead. his :At-. my forth to meet Cefar, or fa ther to perfue him 3° moft: of their Arms were.of thofe fort af gruel Whips they

call Cat with Nine Tayls-;, fome. had rufty Ge “3 - -. pfeleds ~~ i wee

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~~ | (fax’. ulelefs Guns for fhow:; “others - old Basket-hilts., whofe: Blades had néver. feen’ the Light: inthis - Ages and others had long Staffs, and:Clubs.: Mk: Trefry -wene a * long , rather. ‘tobe a Mediator | . F ee Pen ee (than’ a Conqueror , , In fach a Batail ;.. for. he forefaw'y and » knew, if by fighting - they put ~ the, Negroes into? difpair, they En _— ai yy were a fort of: fullen ‘Fellows, | thac wou’d drown,- or kill thiémfelves,. betore they-wou'd yield ,. and he--advis'd'ithat fair “means. ' was. beft : * But: Byam ‘was -one eS 2° that: abounded ‘in his'own Wit; and « woud: take: his. own Meafares. rr Te was. not hard-to find. chefs | ' Fugitives; for as they fled they ‘were forc’d to firei:and cut: the -Waods before ‘etn, {6 that Night O 3 of

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(gt) or Day they perfa’d ‘em by the | light they made, and by the | path they had clear’d : But as | {oon as Caer found he was pers! {u'd, he put himfelf in a Pofture | of Defence, placing all the Wo | men and Children in the Reer; | and bimfelf; with Zafcan. by bit | Gide, or next to.him, all promi | fing to Dyd. or Conquers. In | _ courag’d thus; they never ftood | to Parky’, but fell on Pell-mell - upon the “Englib ,. and falld | fome, and wounded a good mn | ny.3. they. having recourfe to | — their Whips, as che beft. of chair | Weapons : And. as rhey, obferv'd | ~ no Order, they: perplex’d the ; _ Eneiny 0 fotely, with Lathing | tem in the Byes; and the: We» men and Children, feeing: diet Husbands: (9 treated, being. of oe = ee fearful

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¢ res) | fearful Cowardly pfitions , and hearing: the Engli cry out, Tield and Live, Tield and be Pana don'd ; they all run in amongf their Husbands and Fathers, and - hang about ’em, crying .oucq, Kield, yield 5 and leaae Cxfar ‘their Revenge ; that by degrees the Slaves abandon’d. Cefor, ant | left him only Zafcan and hid. — Heroick

Iedinde,; who, grown — big as fhe was, did: neverthelafs prefs neat: ber Lord, having 2 Bow, and a Quiver full of poj~ fon'd Acrows , which the maz neg'd. with fuch. dexterity, thae: thé wounded feveral., and: fhoe. the Goowiace inta the Shoulder; of which Wound he fiad hké to: have Dy'd,. bur rhat.an Indian: © Wotnan; bis MifteéB, fitdithe Worms - cleaned | if. fom: on

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| (200 y the Venom: But however, he ftrr'd notfrom the Place till 'he: had. Parly'd with Cefar ; who he found was refolv'd -to dye _ Fighting, and wou'd not 'be Taken.; 'no more wou'd Tufcaz, or: bwoinda. But-he, more chirfting— after. Revenge of another fort, than chat-of depriving him of Life, now-made ufe. 'of: all -his _ Avt-of talking, and differibling's and befought Lefer to yieldhim{elf upon Terms, which he himfelfthould :propofé, and thould be Sacredly. 'affented to.and kepe. by: him: ;.:Hé told him, twas. not': that he. any. longer: fear'd. a hiro: 'or coud believe: the force. of; Fwo.Meénji anda y oung Hee, " 18ity -'Cou'd:owercome all-them, _ 'with:all che Slaves now on their' ~ fidealfo ; hata it twas the vatt-Eia Saree 7 oes 'ftcem

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(861) | fleem he had for his Perfon; thé defire he had to ferve fo Galkine 'a Man: and to hinder himfelf from' the: 'Reproach hereafter; . of having been. the occafion: of the Death of a Prince, whofe. - Valour'. and. Magnanimitv- dé ferv'd the-Empire of the World? 7 He protefted to' him, he look'd — upon this'Action, as'Gallane and. | Brave ;*however tending to the - prejudice ofthis Lord-arid Mafter:who woud -by «it 'have loft fo: confiderable a number'of Staves' _ thae this: 'Flight of 'his fhoud: be: leok'd on asa heatof Youth, \ and rafhnefs"of a too forward ° Courage, and: an uniconfider'd * Irapatience of Liberty, "and fo' more; afid that he labour'd in vain to accomplifh 'that which ef wou vd: re perform, ae

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(202) as'foon as any Ship artiv'd thas -wou’d touch on his Coatt. 5 phat iff you will be pleas'd, cons tinued he, to furrender your felf, all imaginable Refpect [ball be paid you; and your Self, your Wife, and C bild, if it be here born, foalt ci depart free out of oxr Land. . But Cefar ‘wou'd. hear. of :no Cont pofition ; though Byam urg’d oA he perfu'd, and wert on in — his Defign, -he wou’ a: inevitably. Berifh,, either - by -prcat Snakes, | wild Bealts,.or Hunger ; and: he -oughr..sq; have. régard. to his Wie, whofe. Condinion required -eafe, and not the fatigues of tex dipus ‘Travel ; where, the coud net be {ecur’d fron being de, voured... (Bat . Cefar told hunny: : there. was no Faith j inthe Whit. | Men, or m fh Gods. they Ador'd ; ;. | who ar oe

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(203) who inftructed em in Principles. ' fo falfe, that hone Men “cou’d not live amiongft ’emm; though 0 People profefsd fo much, | none perform'd fo little; that . he knew what he had to doy wher he deale. wich’ Men of Honour ; but with them a Matt ought to be eternally on his Guard, and never to Eat and Drink with Chrifians without his | Weapon of Defence itt his Hand; and; for his own Security, nevet tw credit one Word they fpoke As for the rafiinetsand intonfe — ‘Ucracenefs of his Action he wou’d -‘confefs the Governor ism the right 5 and that he was afham’d of what he had done, in endea- Voring ¢o take. thofé Free, whe were. by Naturé Sleves , poor wretched Rogités, fitto be usdas - +e Chriftians

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. Chriflians Tools; Dogs, treache- | rous and cowardly, fit for fuch Matters ; and they wanted only . but to be whirt into the know. ledge of the Chriflian Gods to be the. vileft_of all creeping things; ‘so learn to Worfhip.fuch Deities as had-not Power.to make “em © Juft, Braye, or Honelt. In fine, after -a ‘thoufand things Gf this Nature; not fit. .here to be recited, he :tald , Byam,: he had rathee Dy¢. than; Live upon the fame Earth wich fuch Dogs.: Bur Lrefry :and Byani pleaded. and protefted together. fo much, that /refry.believing che Goverxor to mean what -he faid'; and {peaking

very: cordially, himéIf, ge. neroufly. put himfelf-into €eefar’s Hands, -aad.took-him.afide, and perfwaded him, eveiz with Tears, rise: . e ark

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(205) : to Live; by Surrendring him- —. felf., and to name his Condi_ tions. Cefar was overcome. by _ his Wit and -Reafons , and in -confideration of Imoinda ;. and demanding what he defir-d, and _ that it fhou'd be ratify’d by their _~ Hands in Writing » -becaufe he — had perceiv’d that was. the com- "mon way. of contract between ~ Man and Man, amongft the Whites: All this was performd, | ' and 7ufcan’s Pardon was put 1n, and they Surrender to the. Go-.. vernpor, who walked ‘peaceably | down ‘into the Plantation with 7em, after giving order to bury — their dead. Cefar' was very much toy!’d with the buftle of . the Day; for he had fought like _. a Fury, and what Mifchief was — | done he and Zzfcan perform’d - alone ;

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Se a ee Pe gle eee (206) ba alone ; and gave their Enctntes -. @ fatal Proof chat chey durft do Force. any thing, and feard no mortal But they were no fooner ate eiv'd at the Place, where all the Slaves reccive their Punifhments ‘ of Whipping, but they laid Hands on Cafer and Tafcan, faint with heat and toyl; and, | - furprifing them, Bound. then — - to rwo feveral Stakes, and Whipe >. them in a moft.deplorablé andinhumane Manner, rending the," very’ Fleth from cheir Bogess —efpecially Cafar, who was not perceiy'd to. make any Mone,.or — go.alter his.Face, only to roul | ‘fis Eyes on the: Faithlefs Goesr+ zor, and thofe he believ'd Guiley, with Fiercenefs.and Indignation; and, so. compleat his ed @ tee ee | faw 7c

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fad. : -faw every one of dist: Slaves. - who, but a few Days before, " Adord him as fomething more | tharr Mortal, now had a Whip to give him fome Lathes, while he ftrove not to break his Fer. cers ; though, if he had; ie were 3 impoff ble: But he pronounced a Woe and Revenge from his | Eyes, that darted Fire, chat ‘twas _

at-once both Awful and Terrible £0 ‘behold. © “Whenthey thought they wore * fafficiently Revengd on him, — they. unty'd him, almoft Fain — ting, with lofs of Blood, from a thoufand Wounds all over his . Body ; from which they had ’ gent-his Cloaths, and led. him Bleeding and Naked as he WAS 5 and loaded. him all over witb’ Heong. ; and. then tubbed | his = Didar,

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(208) ~. Wounds, to compleat their Crus — elev, with Indian Pepper, which had like to have made him ra ving Mad ; and, in chis Condi- | tion, made him fo fat to the ‘Ground that -he‘cou’d not ftir, if his Pains and Wounds woud | have given lim Ieave. They —fpar’d Imoinda , and did not let her fee this Barbarity committed towards her Lord, but carry’d her down to Parham, and fhut her up; which was not in kindnefs.to her, but for fear fhe fhou’d Dye with the Sight, or. _ Mifcarry ; and then they fhou’d — loofe a young Slave, and - ‘per: | | haps the Mother. .- + | +. You muft. know , that cin the News was brought ‘on Monday. Morning, that -C eefar had . betaken himfele to the Woods, ok | “4 € : and

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| (209) and carry’d ‘with himy all: che Negroes. We were poffefs'd with extream Fear,- which no perfwas fions cou’d Diffipate, that he wou'd fecure -himfelf till Night’; and then, that “he wou’d ‘come down and Cut all our-Throats. This apprehenfion ‘made all: the - Females of -us fy down: the -Ri-- ver, to' be fecur’d ; ‘and: ‘while i. we were away, they: acted this » Cruelty : For I fuppofé:I: had _ ; Authority and Intereft enough — . there, had I fufpected ‘ay. fuch — . thing , to have: prevented it 5 but we had: not *gon- many _ Leagues:, but the News over--_ took: us that ‘Cefear was taken, _ and Whipt like a common Slave, We met onthe River with. ~ | | Colonel Martin, a Man of a Breat , Gallantry ,; Wit; and Po Good\ 2

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‘toad , Goodnchs. > and. whom I ies ; celebrated in a -Charaéter of my New

Comedy, by his own ‘Name;- in-memory of fo brave a Man: He was Wife and Elo asd 5 and, from the fineneé his Parts, bore a great Sway hs the Hearts of ‘alll the Co . fony i.e was aFriend to Cala, and. .-r¢fented | this, falfe: Dealing with; him very. much... We.catried him: back:ta Parham, think | " ing to-have made an Accomoda tion ;.- whd¢n sve came,. the. Firft News we. heard:, was, that the Governor. was Dead iof..a Wound | — Imoinda had given him ; but it was not fo welt: Bue it tel he wou'd -have ,the : ‘Pleafure of | beholding the. Revenge he took |! on Cefar; and before the ctuel |: Ceremony was finith dhe drop’d | down 5 ;

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= - (241 7” | : down; and then they* perceiv’’d — the Wound he had on his Shoul: ’ der, was by a venomd. Arrow ; which, as I faid, his: Indian Miftrefs heal d , by Sucking” the “Wound. | We wete no ore Arriy ‘d, but we went up to,the Planta. tion to fee Cefar, whom we | found. in.a very Miferable and -Unexpreflable Condition ; ; and I jess a Thoufand times admired bow he liv’d, in fo much > tormenting Pain. We faid all things to him, that Trouble, Pitty; and Good Nature ‘cou’d fuggelt ; Protefting our Innoancy of the. Fact, and our Ab._ hhorance ef ftich Cruelties. Ma. , ding.a Fhoufand Profefiions of J (he Services to him, and Begging as : — Pardons for the Often| P. 20 ders,

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’ their Leader, their Head; —— —(ar2) : . ders, all’we faid fo much , chat ° she believ’d we had no Hand in his ill Treatment; but told us, he cou’d never Pardon Byam ; as for TJrefry, he confefs’d he — faw his Grief and Sorrow, for his Suffering, which he. cou'd . -not hinder, but-was like to have | been béaten -down: ‘by the very Slaves, for Speaking: in his Defence: But: for: Byam, who was ° and. fhou‘d, ‘by his Juttice, oa. Honor, have been an Example to em. For him, he with'd ‘ to Live, to.take a dire Revenge ' of him, and faid, It bad been | well for him, if he had Sacrificd me, inftead of giving me the con-} _temptable Whip: He refusd to ‘ : Talk

much, but Begging us 0 ; give him : ‘our ne he took : a — = ’em, |

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. (213) "em, and Protefted never to life up his, to do us any Harm. He had a great Refpeét for Co- ~ Jonel Martin , and always took his Counfel , like, that of a Pa~~ rents. and affar’ d him, he wou’d obey him in any thing, but his Revenge on Byam. Therefore , faid he, for his own Safety, let him fpeedily difpatch me ; for if I cowd difpatch my felf, I wox'd not, till that Fuftice were done to my injur'd Perfon , and the con- tempt of a Souldier: No, I wou'd mot kill my felf, even after aWhiping , but will be content to live with that Infamy, and be pointed at by every grining Slave, til I have compleated my Revenge ; and then you fball fee that Oroonoko | | feorns to live with the Indignity 7 that Was put on Cefar. All we. toh — coud

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| (214) ; cou’d do coud get no more Words from him ; and we took care to have him put immediately into a healing Bath, to rid him of his Pepper ; and or_. der’d a Chirurgeon to anoint | him: with healing Balm , which he fuffer’d, and in fome time he began to be able to Walk and Eat; we fail’d not to vifit him every Day, and, to that end, had him brought to an apartment at. Parham. ee *. The Governor was no fooner recover d, and had heard of the ménaces of Cefar, but he call’d his Council ; who (not to difgrace them, or Burlefque the | Government there) confifted of 5 fuch notorious Villains as Nev- ' gare never tranfported ; and pof- | fibly originally were fuch, who — : under:

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(ars) -underftood. neither the Laws of ° God or Mans and-had no fort. of Principles to make ‘em worthy the Name of: Men: Buc, at the very Council Table, wou’d _ | Contradict and Fight with one another ; and Swear fo _blaodily that ‘cwas terrible to hear, :and fee ‘em. (Some of ‘em. were afterwards Hangd, when the. Dutch took poffeffion of the place, _ others fent off in Chains :.) But calling thefe fpecial Rulers

of the Nation together ,. and -requiring their Counfel in. this weighty Affair, they all conclu_ ded, that (Damn: em.) might be their own Cafes; and thar Cefar ought.to be made an Example to all che Megroes's . to fright 'em from daring to threaten their Bereers, their Lords |

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| (216) and Mafters , and, ac this rate, no Man was fafe from his own Slaves ; and concluded, xemine— contradicente that Cefar fhou'd be Hang'd. —. « Trefry then thought it time to | ufe his Authority ; and told Byam his Command did not extend to — his Lord's Plantation ; and that Parbam. was.as much éxempt -- fromthe Law as White-hall; and — that they ought no more to touch. the Servants of the Lord--(who there reprefented the King's 'Perfon) than they cou'd thofe about the: King himfelf.; and | that Parham was a Sanctuary ; and though his Lord were ab. - fent in Perfon, his Power' was ~ ftill in. Being there.;. which he. had intrufted with him, as far _as the Dominions of his ace

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Gary) - Jar Plantations reach'd , and all that belong'd to it; the reft of the Country, as Byam was Liecute-_ . Nant to his Lord, he might ex—ercife his Tyrany upon. Trefry fiad others as powerful, or more, that int'refted themfelves in Cefar's Life, and abfolutely faid, - He fhou -d bé Defended. So turning. the Governor, and his wife Council, out of Doors , » (for _ they fate at Parham-houfe) they fet a Guard upon our Landing' Place, and wou'd admit none 'but chofe we call'd Friends to us and Cefar. _ The Gopernor having remain d wounded at Parham, tll his re- — _ covery /was compleated , Ceefar ° did not know but he was {till . there; and'indeed, for the moft | | pail, his. time was fpent there, for

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| (218) for he was one.that loy'd to Live at other Peoples Expence ;-and — if he were a Day abfent, he was Ten prefent there ; and us'd to — Play, and Walk, and

Hunt, and ‘Fith, with Cefar.' So that Cefar did not at all doubt, if he ance ~ recover'd Strength, but he fhoud find an opportunity of being Reveng’d on him: Though, after - fuch a Revenge, he coud. not hope to Live; for .if he efcapd — — the Fury of the Eagli/b Mobile, _ who. perhaps wou'd have been | glad. of the occafion to have | kill’d him, he was refolvd not — to furvive his Whiping ; yet | ~ he had, fome tender Hours, a. repenting Softnefs, which he called his. fits of Coward ; - wherein he ftruggl’d with Love — for the. Victory of his Heart, a OO which

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(219) . which took part with his charming Imoinda there ; but, fot the moft part, his time was ‘paft ‘ ‘in melancholy Thought , and i 3 : th \ ft black Defigns ; he confider’d, if | he fhou’d do this Deed, and Dye, — either in the Atterapt, or after it! he left his lovely Imoinda a Prey, or at beft a Slave, to the inrag’d Multitude 5 his great Beart coud not indure that ‘Thought. Perhaps, faid he, fhe may be firft Ravifbed by every Brute ,; expofed firft to their nafly _Lufts, and then a fhameful Death. — No; he could not Live a Moment under that Apprehenfion, too infupportable to be born. Thefe were his Thoughts, and his filent Arguments with his: Heart, as he told us afterwards ; fo that now refolving not only _to

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(220) is. Gill ieee. tink all tho he. thought had inrag’d him ; pleafing his ‘great Heart with the . fancy’d Slaughter he fhou’d make ~ over the whole Face of the Plantation. He firft refolv’d on a Deed, that (however Horrid it at firft appear d to us all) when . | we had’ heard his Reafons, we —thoughr it Brave and Juft: Being able to Walk; and, as he cliev'd,. fit for che Execution of his great Defign, he beg’d Trefry co truft,him into the Air, belie. ~ ving a Walk wou’d do him: good; which was granted him, and taking Imoinda with him, as - he usd to do in his more happy _ and calmer Days, he led her up jnto a Wood, where, after (with a thoufand Sighs, and long Ga~ zing filently on her Face, while — : > ee ete eerie ee Tears —

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— (2ar) Tears gut, in fpight of him, from his Eyes) he told her his. Defign firft of Killing her, and then his Enemies, and next himfelf, and the impoffibility of Efcaping, and therefore he told — her the neceffiсy of Dying; he * found the Heroick Wife fafter — pleading for Death than he was to propofe it, when fhe. found his fix'd Refolution; and, on her | ". Knees; befought him, not to ~ | ~ leave her.a Prey to his Enemies. He (griev'd to Death) yet pleafed at her noble Refolution, took' her up, and imbracing her, with all the Paffion and Languifhment of a dying Lover, drew his Knife 'to kill this Treafure of his Soul, this Pleafure. of his Eyes; while | "Tears trickl'd down his Cheeks, _~. hers were Smiling with Joy. the — fhou'd

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C222) fhou'd dye by fo noble a Hand, and be fent in her own Country, - (for that's their Notion of the next World) by him the fo ten'derly Lov'd, and fo truly Ador'd an this; for Wives have a refpect _» for their Husbands equal to what any other People pay a Deity ; ' and when a Man finds any occa_ fon to quit his Wife, if he love © her, the dyes by his Hand ; if not, he fells her , or fuffers fome other to kill her. It being thus, you may believe the Deed was foon refoly'd on; and 'us not to be doubted, buc the Parting, the eternal Leave taking of Two | - fuch Lovers, fo greatly Born, fo Senfible; fo ,Beaanful., fo — Young, and fo Fond, mutt .be _ very Moving, as-the Relation:of — It was to me afterwards. _ : _ A '

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(223). All chat Love coud fay in fuch cafes , being ended; . and all the intermitting Irrefolutions being adjufted , the Lovely, / Young, and Ador'd Vidtim lays her felf down, - before the Sacrificer :while he; with a! Hand refoly'd, and a' Heart breaking — within, gave the Fatal. Stroke ; firft, cutting her Throat,.and — then fevering her, yet Smiling, Face from that, Delicate Body, ; pregnant as it was with. Fruits . ,

oftendreft Love. As foon as he had done, he laid the Body decently on Leayes and Flowers ; of which he made-a Bed, and © conceal d it under the fame cover-lid of Nature; only her: Face. he left. yee bare.to. look on : ‘But - when he found the was Dead, ahd paft all Retrieve, never more CO

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| (224.) _ to blefs him with her Eyes, and — foft Language ; his Grief fwell’d © up to Rage 3 he Tore, he Rav‘d he Roar’d, like fome Montfter of. the Wood, ‘calling on the lov’d © Name of Imoinda ; a, thoufand times he turn’d. the Fatal Knife | that did the Deed,toward his own “ Heart, with a Refolution to go + immediately after her ; but dire Revenge, which now.was a thoufand- times moré’ fierce in his — - Soul than before,- prevents him; | and he wou'd cry out, No; fi ince I have facrificed Imoinda to my +. Revenge, fhall I loofe that Glory which I have purchasd fo dear, as’. _ at the Price of the faireft, deareft, fofteft Creature that:ever Nature | made? 'No,.no:! Then, at her, |; Name, Grief wou’d get the af- "I cendant of Rage, and he = -_ - ye |

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| ce . * oo ry J La | A gp oe a, % a ads ~~ ag pa —— SE Rae ee ee ee: Me ewe ere el (226) lye down by her fide, and wa: . ter her Face with fhowers of Tears, which never were wont | ‘to fall from thofe Eyes: And ~ however bent he was on his in. tended Slaughter, he had not _ power to ftir from the Sight of | this dear Obje@&, now more Belov'd, and more Ador’d: than : | 2 § . | sig Z He remain’d in this deploring Condition for two Days, and never rofe from the Ground where _ . he had made his fad Sacrifice; at __ ~ Jaft, roufing from her fide, and _ accufing himfelf with living too long; now Inoinda was dead; and: that the Deaths of thofe barba- _ rous’ Enemies were: deferr'd too Jong, he refolv’d now.to finifi the great Work ; but offering to © ‘rife, he found his Serength fo deQ. cay'd, — —_—=—_—

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~~. (226) cay'd, that he reel'd to and fro, like Boughs affail'd by contrary Winds ; fo that he was forced to lye down again, and try to fummons all his Courage to his Aid; he found his Brains turn round, _and his Eves were dizzy; and Obects appear'd not the fame ta 1m they were wont to do; his Breath was fhort ; and all his Limbs furprifed witha Faintnefs he had never felt before: He had. - not Eat in two Days, which was one occafion of this Feeblenefs, but excefs of Grief was the greateft ; yet ftilk he hop'd he thou'd recover Vigour to act his Defign;, and lay expecting it yet fix Days" longer ; ftill mourning over. the dead Idol of his Heart, and ftriving every. Day to rife. . but. bigest Not. | an? ef | ae ae

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, {10 _ him: But however, we —_~. UC wate Ae he ee ee es (227) __ In all this time you may believe we were in no litele affliction - for Cefar, and his Wife; fome were of Opinion he was efcap'd — "| never to return ; others thought fome Accident had — to ail'd noc to fend out an hundred People ~ feveral ways to fearch for him; a Party, of about fortv, went that way he took; among whom — 'was Lufcan, who was perfectly | reconcil'd to Byam ; they had not gon very far into the Wood, but they fmelt an. unufual Smell, as of a dead Body ; for Stinks muft be very noifom that can be di- | * ftinguifh'd among fuch a quantity of Natural Sweets, as every Inch of thatLand produces. So 'that they concluded they fhou'd. find him dead;orfomebody that QR was

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| (228) — was fo; they paft on towards it, as Loathfom as it was, and made fuch a rufling among the Léaves that lye thick an the Ground, by continual Falling, that Cefar heard he was approachd ; and _ though he had, during the (pace _ of thefe eight Days, endeavor'd to rife, but found he wanted Strength, yet looking up, and feeing his Purfuers, he rofe,and recl''d to a Neighbouring Tree, ' againft which he fix'd his Back ; and being within a dozen Yards ~ of thofe that advanc'd, and faw

him; he call'd out to them, and. ~ ee oe eee let 8 he . be wees PR me ee $e bid them approach no nearer, If. — they wou'd be fafe : So that they ftood ftill, and hardly believing their Eyes, that wou'd perfwade — them that itwas Cafar that {poke —. to'em, fo much was he alterd; _ | ey ;

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eae they ask'd him, What he had _ done with his Wife? for they {melt a Stink that almoft ftruck them dead. He, pointing to the dead Body, f ghing,cry'd, Behold her there; they put off the Flow"ers that cover'd her with their — Sticks, and found fhe was kill'd; and cry d out, 05 Monfter ! that haft murtherd thy Wife: Then. asking him, Why he did fo'cruel — 'a Deed? He replied, he had no leafure' to anfwer impertinent: Queftions 5 You may go back, con~tinued he, and tell the Faithlefs. Governor , he may thank Fortune that lam breathing my laft., and that my Arm is too feeble to obey my Heart, in what it had defign'd —bim: But his Tongue faultering, _ and trembling, he coud (care 7 _ end what he was is The . "Q 3 E —

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oO ee ne (230) - Englifh taking Advantage by his Weaknefs, cry d, Let us take hine alive by all means: He heard.'em; __._ and, as if he had reviv'd from a . Fainting, or a Dream, he cry'd out, No, Gentlemen, you are deceiud ; you will find no more Czxfars to be Whipt ; no more find a Faith tn me: Feeble as you: think — _ me, I have Strength yer left to fe- cure me. from a fecond Indiguity, _ They fwore all a-new, and he only fhook his Head, and beheld them with Scorn; then they cry'd * out, Who will venture on this fingle - Man? Will no body ? They ftood all filent while Cefar replied, Fatal will be the Attempt to the firft ., Adventurer ; let him affure himfelf, and, at that Word, held up his Knife in a menacing Pofture, _. Look ye, ye faithlefs. Crew, {aid he, — rus

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| (231) tis not Life I feek, nor am I afraid — of Dying ; and, at. that Word, cut a

piece of Flefh from his own. Throat, and threw it at em, yet fil I woud Live if I coud, till bad perfetted my Revenge. But ob! ét cannot be ; I feel Life gliding. from my Eyes and Heart; and,if — | Imake not hafte, [fball yet fala. Victim to the fbameful Whip. At that, he rip'd up his own Belly ; _ and took his Bowels 'and pulld 'em out, with what Strength he cou'd; while fome, on their Knees ~ imploring, befought him to hold — . _ his Hand. But when they faw him / tottering, they cryd out, Wil none venture on him? A bold Eng- ~~ lifh cry'd, Yes, if be were the De- — wil; (taking Courage when -he -faw him almoft Dead) and fwea- ~ ving a.-horrid Oath for his fareQA well

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(232), adi to the World: he ruth'd on - Cefar, with his Arm'd Hand met him fo fairly, as ftuck him to the' Heart, and he fell Dead at his | ' Feet. Zufcan feeing that,cry'd our, | _ Ilove thee,ah Caefar 5 and therefore will not let thee Dye , of poffible ; And, running to him, took him in his Arms; but; at the fame time, warding a Blow that C afar made at his Bofom, he receiv'd yt quite through his Arm ; and ~ Cefar having not the Strength to pluck the Knife forth, though he attempted it, 7 ufcan neither | pull'd it out himfulf, nor fuffer'd | 3t to be pull'd out ; but came down with it fticking in his Arm; and the rédafon_ he gave for it was, becaufe 'the Air. fhou'd not _ ' get into the Wound: They put their Hands a-crofs, and carried C -_ |

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ie Se ee ae ne ? aa idee TER, a. commas (233) Cefar between Six of em, fam-_ _ ted as he was; and they thought . ./-Dead, or juft Dying ; and they — brought him to Parham,and laid -°+him on a Couch, and had the an Chirurgeon immediately to him, : who dreft his Wounds,and fow'd up his Belly, and us'd means to © bring him to Life, which they ~ effeéted. We ranall to feehim; and, if before we thought him > fo beautiful a Sight, -he was now fo alter'd, that his 'Face was like ~ a Death's Head black'd over 3. nothing but Teeth,. and Eyeholes: For fome Days we fuf- — fer'd no

bady to fpeak to him, ° but caufed Cordials to be pou- _ * red down his Throat, which fuftained his Life; and in fix or - feven Days he recoverd his Sen- fes: For, you muft know, that. _ * ee = Wounds

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te Ee eee ee (234) Wounds are almoft to a Miracle scur din the Indiessuniefs Wounds ‘in the Legs, which rarely ever ‘eure, | _ ~ When he was well enough to fpeak; we talk’d co him; and ask’d him fome Queftions about his Wife, and the Reafons why he kill’d her; and he chentold us. what I have related of that Refo- a lution, and of his Parting ; and he befought us, we would let him Dye, and was extreamily Affliéted to think it was poffible he might Live; he affur’d us, if we did not Difpatch him, he wou’d prove very Fatal toa great many. We faid all we cou’d to _ make him Live, and gave him ~ new Affurances; but he begg’d we wou'd not think fo poorly of him, or of his love to Imoinda,to| ima

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(235) imagine we cou’d Flatter him to Life again; buc the Chirurgeon affur'd him, he cou’d nor Live,. ~ and cherefore he need not Fear. We were all (but Ce/ar) afflicted — at this News; and the Sight was -gathly ; his Difcourfe was fad ; and the earthly Smell about him fo ftrong, that I was perfwaded _ to leave the Place for fome time; (being my felf but Sickly , and. very apt to fall into Fits of dan— gerous IIlnefs upon any extraerdinary Melancholy) the Servants, and Jrefry, and the Chi_ furgeons , promisd all to take: . __ what poffible care they cou’d of — the Life of Cefar; and I, taking Boat, went with other Company. to Colonel Martin's, about three Days Journy down the Rivers. | but I was no fooner gon,but the | | Governor

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(236) Governor taking T7refry, about fome pretended earneft Bufinefs, a Days Journy up the River ,; having communicated his De- _ fign to one Banifter, a wild Iré/h Man, and one of the Council ; a Fellow of abfolute Barbarity, | and fit to

execute any Villany, but was Rich. He came up to Parham,and forcibly fook Cefar, and had him carried to the fame’ Poft where he was Whip'd; and ~ caufing him to be ty’d to it, and a great Fire made before him, “he told him, ‘he fhouw’d Dye like ~~ a Dog, as he was. Cefar replied, this was the firft piece of Bravery . that ever Banifter did ; and he — never {poke Sence tll he pronounc’d that Word ; and, if he woud keep it, he woud declare, _-in the other, World, chat he was the XN

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ee oe ae | a MBE DE 2 OS ~~ the only Man, of all the Whites, that ever he heard fpeak Truth. And turning to the Men that bound him, he faid, My Friends, am I to Dye, or to be Whip d? And — they cry'd, Whipd! no; you hall not efcape fo well : And then he replied, fmiling , A Blefing on thee; and affur'd them, they need — not tye him, for he wou’d ftand — fixt,. ikea Rock; and indure —” Death fo as fhou’d' encourage — - them to Dye. But if you Whip me, faid he, be fure you tye me faft. _ | a. | _ "He had learn’d to.take ‘To- -~ baco; and when he was affur'd he fhould Dye, he defir’d they. “would give him a Fipe in his ‘Mouth, ready Lighted , which ~ they did ; and ‘the, Executioner ‘came, and firft cut off his Mempe fy 3 - . > bers,

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— a ee a ee, |, ee a, einai’ wt (238) bers, and threw them into the Fire ; after that, with an ill-fa- . voured Knife, they cut his Ears, and his Nofe, and burn’d them; he ftill Smoak'd on, as if nothing | -. had touch’d him ;_ then they . hack’d off one of his Arms, and © | _ fil he bore up, and held his Pipe ; but at the cutting off the + other Arm, his Head funk, and | ‘his Pipe drop’d; and he gave up. ’ the Ghoft, without a Groan, or a Reproach, My Mother and | Sifter were by him all the while, _ but not fufferd to fave him; fo rude and wild were the Rabble, '_, and fo inhumane were the Juft- | -, . them. to. feveral. of the chief”) ces, who fteod by to fee the Execution, who’ after paid dearly’ ; enough for their Infolence. They “cat Cefar In Quarters , and fenc i 1 a os oe aoe — Plan: ; S ae ~~ — ee

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” ip SE ye Pl shah Sin ie alates es dhe aad i, eg a 7 2 (239). Plantations': One Quarter was - fent to Colonel. Martin, who refus’d it; and fwore , he had ~ rather fee the Quarters of Banifter, and the Governor himfclf, © than thofe of Cefar, on his Plantattons ; and that he cou’d go. vern his Negroes without Terrtfying and Grieving them with _ frightful Spectacles of a mangl’d Kingg Thus Dy’'d this Great Man; | worthy of a better Fate , and a more fublime Wit than mine. to. write his Praife ; yet, I hope, the |° Reputation of my Pen 1s confi|. derable enough to make his Glo| rious Name to furvive to all Ages; with that of the Brave, _ _ the Beautiful, and the Conftant Imoinda. a FINIS. _

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