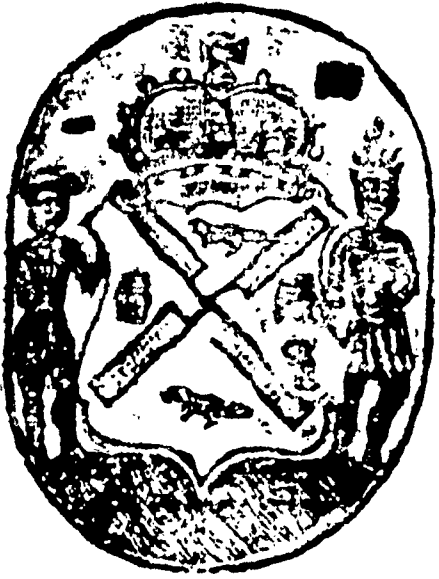


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Continuation of our last.

Leave again, says the Captain.

There's no manner of Occasion, Sir, says the Mate; but if you please it shall be done.

I don't know, says the Captain, 'tis needless indeed, I think, and so was going away again, but was, as it were, forc'd to turn back as before, and says to the Mate, I know not what ails me, but I can't be easy, come call a hand at it, and heave the Lead.

Accordingly a hand was called, and the Lead being cast or heaved, as they call it, they had Ground at eleven Fathom.

This surpris'd them all, but much more when at the next Cast it came up seven Fathom.

Upon this the Captain in a Fright bade them put the Helm a Lee, and about Ship, all Hands being order'd to back the Sails, as it is usual in such Cases.

The proper Orders being obey'd, the Ship stay'd a moment and came about; and when she was about, before the Sails fill'd, she had but four Fathoms and a half Water under her Stern; as soon as she fill'd and stood off, they had seven Fathom again, and at the next Cast eleven Fathom, and so on to twenty Fathom; so he stood off to Seaward all the rest of the Watch, to get into deep Water, till Daybreak; when being a clear Morning, there were the Capes of Virginia and all the Coast of America in fair View under their Stern, and but a few Leagues Distance: Had they stood on but one Cabl's Length farther, as they were going, they had been *Bump a-shoar* (so the Sailors call it) and had certainly lost their Ship, if not their Lives.

Now, what could this be? Not the Devil; that we may vouch for him, he would hardly be guilty of doing so much good; hardly an Angel sent from Heaven Express, that we dare not presume; but that it was the Work of a wondrous Providence, by some invisible Agent sent for that Occasion, who took Sleep from the Captain's Eyes; as once in a Case of infinitely more Importance was done to King *Amurath*: This we may conclude. Had the Captain slept as usual, and as Nature requir'd,

they had been all lost; the Shore being flat at a great Distance, and, as I suppose, the Tide low, the Ship had been a ground in an Instant, and the Sea, which run high, would have broke over her, and soon have dash'd her in Pieces.

How will those modern Wits, of which our Age is so full, account for this, who allow no God or Providence, no invisible World, no Angelick, kind and waking Spirits, who, by a secret Correspondence with our embodied Spirits, give merciful Hints to us of approaching Michiefs and impending Dangers, & that namely, so as to put the Means into our Hands to avoid and escape them?

The expressing things dream'd of, as things seen, is very frequent in the sacred Text. *Jacob* dream'd a Dream about *Laban's Cattle*, Gen. 31. 10, where 'tis thus expressed, and I *saw in a Dream*. Again *Daniel* 7. 1, 2. *Daniel* had a Dream and Visions of his Head upon his Bed, v. 2. and I saw in my Vision by Night: after this I saw in the Night Visions, and behold a *fourth Beast*: and v. 13. I saw in the Night Visions, and behold: and besides this, we have the same way of speaking ten or eleven Times in the same Chapter, and as many more times in the next;

A Person, whose Name it is not so proper to mention here, was under the disaster, about the Year 1701, to fall under a Party Censure, (the Occasion is needless to the present Case) In hopes, upon the Recess of the House, which was not far off, he should (as is usual) be at Liberty, he withdrew himself, and avoided being taken up as much as he could; but the House relenting it, a Vote was past, ordering the Secretary of State to prosecute him at Law; which obliged him to resolve to leave the Kingdom, and in the mean Time to conceal himself with more exactness; the Government having issued out a Proclamation for apprehending him with a Reward to the Person who should discover where he was, so that he might be taken.

In order to conceal himself more effectually, he left his Lodging where he had been hid for sometime, and remov'd to *Barnet* on the Edge of *Hertfordshire*; intending, as soon as he