

the agreement of the said committee, (the like having never been refused by any before, when carried by the majority of voices), or to acknowledge the said Capt. Thomas Dover, Commander of the ship *Batchelor Frigate*. We do hereby in behalf of the owners of the ships *Duke* and *Dutchess*, our selves and company, protest against the unadvised proceedings and practice of the said Capt. Woodes-Rogers, and the rest of the officers of the committee, who refused to sign and agree to the same, it being contrary to the owners' orders and instructions, (Reference being had thereto) and the union and peace of the ships companies, (by them likewise recommended).

Eventually the majority of the committee appointed Dover to the command of the *Manila* prize (renamed the *Batchelor Frigates* with the following limitations:

"It is agreed by a majority of this council, that Capt. Robt. Fry, and Capt. Will Stretton, shall both act in equal post in the sole navigating, sailing, and engaging, if occasion should be, under Capt. Tho. Dover, on board the *Batchelor Frigate*; and that the said Capt. Tho. Dover, shall not molest, hinder or contradict them in their business; and we do appoint Alexander Silkirk master," and so on.

This "Silkirk" was of course, the famous Alexander Selkirk, whose lonely sojourn on the Island of Juan Fernandez inspired Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*.

The result of the firm stand taken by the majority of the committee was that Woodes-Rogers yielded, but took his revenge on Dover when he wrote his own book and suppressed entirely the account of any proceedings of the committee which were favorable to Dover. Cooke have been an even less amiable companion than we had hitherto considered Dover.—*British Medical Journal*.

INDUSTRIAL DISEASES.

Pratt offers a long list of recommendations including the licensing of the industries in which lead or other dangerous factors appear. Employees should receive a physical examination monthly and the factories should be under the close supervision of a medical inspector so that a man having once developed lead-poisoning, could not be employed again in a lead industry, without specific permission from this inspector. Ventilation and abundance of hot and cold water should also be provided for bathing. Occupational histories of 97 men are published in the report. Wide publicity, as advocated and practiced by the *Survey*, is one of the best means of improving conditions in the fight against industrial diseases.—*Boston Med. and Surg. Journal*.