

up; and having let me in, we secured the two others, after a sharp conflict, in which I received a severe wound with a dagger. My master, who looked upon me as his preserver, had all possible care taken of me; and as soon as I was cured, made me a present of my liberty. He would fain have kept me with him, but my mind was so much bent on returning to my country, that I immediately set out to the nearest seaport, and took my passage in a vessel going to Gibraltar.

“ From this place I returned in the first ship for England. As soon as we arrived in the Downs, and I was rejoicing at the sight of the white cliffs, a man-of-war’s boat came on board, and pressed



into the king’s service all of us who were seamen. I could not but think it hard that this should be my welcome at home after a long slavery: but there was no remedy. I resolved to do my duty in my station, and leave the rest to Providence. I was abroad during the remainder of the war; and saw many a stout fellow sink under disease and