

English I find." I answered, "more than you Captain Ferguson would wish, and other languages if I please; but do not imagine that you can frighten me; I have before now looked in the face of as great men as you, and you may rest assured that your action in apprehending me without any authority but your own arbitrary will, shall be examined into." He then said "by G—d you shall see London." I answered I am very glad of it, that I had already seen the greatest Cities in many parts of Europe, and that a sight of London would afford me infinite pleasure, and added that I hoped he would pay for my passage to that City, and for my way back again; in short I nettled him as much as I could. The Doctor and my boats' crew were set at liberty, and I alone detained. Bail to the amount of two thousand pounds was offered for my appearance before the Justiciary Court in Great Britain, but no bail could be taken as I was accused of different acts of high treason.

I continued on board, a prisoner, for four weeks, guarded night and day by a sentry, till we came to the Sound of Mull, where lay a 20 gun ship commanded by Captain Gardner, Commodore of the West Coast. Captain Ferguson went on board the Commodore and made a report of his prisoner, and I was ordered on board his ship in the evening. I heard the sailors who were mostly Irish, say one to another. "There is some one to be put in irons to-night," but did not imagine that it was I. About night-fall a midshipman with a party secured my feet with a heavy iron bolt. I asked the midshipman whose name was Maitland, from Edinburgh, what was the reason of my being so unworthily treated? He said that he was very sorry to see me used in such a manner, but that he could not tell the cause, and that he dare not disobey his Captain's orders. With downright vexation, I was in a raging fever all night, and would have blown up the ship and all hands if it lay in my power. After passing the most mortifying night of my life, the same midshipman came next morning to unbolt me. I asked him if he would have the goodness to tell the Captain that the prisoner wished to speak to him; he said he would with the greatest pleasure. I was consequently ordered to the cabin, attended by a guard, who remained at the cabin door when I entered. I told Captain Gardner that I was surprised at the unworthy manner in which I was used on board his ship and by his orders, particularly as he had the character of a worthy and humane man; hoped that he would not take it amiss if I enquired the cause of his particular resentment against me, as I was ignorant of giving any cause of being used in such a barbarous and horrid manner. That I had been among cruel enemies, but that his treatment of me was above all the barbarity I had ever experienced, and that even Captain Ferguson, though worse than any man I ever knew, did not offer me such indignity. I stood during this address; Captain Gardner bid me sit down, and placing himself by my side, said that the reason of the treatment I underwent by his orders, was, that my own countryman, Captain Ferguson, made him believe that if I was not properly secured I would some how destroy the ship, or in spite of them all swim ashore. I replied that it was incredible to a man possessed of less good sense than him, that any man could in any way accomplish such feats in