

great habitation neere *Panama*, called *Saint Iago de los Negros*, well peopled, with all their Officers and Commanders of their owne, saue onely a Spanish Governour. Their habitation.

By the assistance of these *Symarons*, hee brought to the head of this River, by peecemeale, and in many journeyes a small pinnace, hee fitted it by time in warlike manner, and with the choice of his Company, put himselfe into the South Sea, where his good hap, was to meeete with a cople of shippes of trade, and in the one of them a great quantitie of gold. And amongst other things two peeces of speciall estimation, the one a Table of massie gold, with Emralds, sent for a present to the King; the other a Lady of singular beautie, married, and a mother of Children. The latter grew to be his perdition: for hee had capitulated with these *Symarons*, that their part of the bootie, should be onely the prisoners, to the ende to execute their malice vpon them, (such was the rancor they had conceived against them, for that they had beene the Tyrants of their libertie.) But the Spaniards not contented to haue them their slaves; who lately had beene their Lords, added to their servitude, cruell intreaties. And they againe to feede their insatiable revenges, accustomed to rost and eate the hearts of all those Spaniards, whom at any time they could lay hand vpon. Their assistance.

*John Oxman* (I say) wastaken with the loue of this Lady, and to winne her good will, what through her teares and perswasions, and what through feare and detestation of their barbarous inclinations; breaking promise with the *Symarons*, ycelled to her request, which was, to glue the prysoners liberty with their ships; for that they were not vsfull for him: notwithstanding *Oxman* kept the Lady, who had in one of the restored shippes, eyther a Sonne, or a Nephew. This Nephew with the rest of the Spaniards, made all the hast they could to *Panama*, and they vsed such diligence, as within fewe howers, some were dispatched to seeke those, who little thought so quickly to bee overtaken. The pursuers approaching the River, were doubtfull by which of the afore-remembered three mouths, they should take their way. John Oxman capitulated with them,

In this wavering, one of the Souldiers espied certaine feathers, of Henns, and some boughes of trees, (which they had cut off to make their way) swimming downe one of the Outlets. This was light sufficient, to guide them in their course, they entred the River, and followed the tracke, as farre as their Frigats had water sufficient; and then with part of their Souldiers in their boates, and the rest on the bankes on eyther side, they marched day and night in pursuite of their enemies; and in fine came vpon them vnexpected at the head His folly,