

ties, to accomplish which, we acted according to the dictates of nature, and the best of our understanding. In a fortnight's time, their l—ps order'd us at liberty, and we instantly went ashore to our respective habitations, having been absent from thence about two years and six months.

After we had staid a few days with our families, we came to London, to pay our duties to the l—ds of the A——y. We sent in our journal for their l——ps' inspection: They had before received a narrative from the l——t, which narrative he confesses to be a relation of such things as occur'd to his memory; therefore of consequence could not be so satisfactory as a journal regularly kept. This journal lay for some time in the a——y o——e, when we were order'd to make an abstract, by way of narrative, that it might not be too tedious for their l——ps' perusal. After the narrative was examined into, their l——ps, upon our petition, were pleased to fix a day for examining all the officers lately belonging to the *Wager*. The gentlemen appointed to make enquiry into the whole affair were three commanders of ships, persons of distinguish'd merit and honour. However, it was afterwards thought proper not to admit us to any examination, till the arrival of the commodore, or else Captain Cheap. And it was also resolv'd, that not a person of us should receive any wages, or be employed in his majesty's service, till every thing relating to the *Wager* was more plain and conspicuous. There was no favour shewn in this case to one more than another, so that every body seem'd easy with their l——ps' resolution. All that we have to wish for now is the safe arrival of the commodore and Captain Cheap: We are in expectation of soon seeing the former, but of the captain we have as yet no account. However, we hope, when the commodore shall arrive, that the character he will give of us will be of service to us: He was very well acquainted with the behaviour of every officer in his squadron, and will certainly give an account of them accordingly.

END OF VOLUME SEVENTEENTH.

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