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Still continued; and that probably the *French*  
 might engage in the assistance of *Spain*, before he  
 could arrive in *Great-Britain*; and therefore, know-  
 ing that no intelligence could get to *Europe* of the  
 prize he had taken, and the treasure he had on  
 board, till the return of the merchantmen from  
*Canton*, he was resolved to make all possible exp-  
 edition in getting back, that he might be himself  
 the first messenger of his own good fortune, and  
 might thereby prevent the enemy from forming  
 any projects to intercept him: For these reasons,  
 he, to avoid all delay, accepted of the sum offered  
 for the galeon; and she being delivered to the  
 Merchants the 15th of *December* 1743, the *Centu-*  
*riion*, the same day, got under sail, on her return  
 to *England*. And, on the 3d of *January*, she came  
 to an anchor at *Prince's Island* in the *Streights* of  
*Sunda*, and continued there wooding and watering  
 till the 8th; when she weighed and stood for *The*  
*Cape of Good Hope*, where, on the 11th of *March*,  
 she anchored in *Table-bay*.

*The Cape of Good Hope* is situated in a temperate  
 climate, where the excesses of heat and cold are  
 rarely known; and the *Dutch* inhabitants, who are  
 numerous, and who here retain their native indus-  
 try, have stock'd it with prodigious plenty of all  
 sort of fruits and provisions; most of which, either  
 from the equality of the seasons; or the peculiarity  
 of the soil, are more delicious in their kind than  
 can be met with elsewhere: So that by these, and  
 by the excellent water which abounds there, this  
 settlement is the best provided of any in the known  
 world, for the refreshment of seamen after long  
 voyages. Here the Commodore continued till the  
 beginning of *April*, highly delighted with the  
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