

Selkirk was taken off by the privateers "Duke" and "Duchess" of Bristol, in one of which ships Dampier himself was pilot.

About the year 1720 one Shelvock and his crew were wrecked on the island, and remained some months there living in huts near the site occupied by the present settlement; on several occasions during their stay there, they beat off the crews of Spanish vessels sent to take them prisoners; as did also five men left there on a former occasion by Captain Stradling.

Lord Anson in 1741 found the island of Juan Fernandez a most welcome resting place and sanatorium for his fleet after their voyage round Cape Horn, and indeed had it not been for the temporary asylum offered to his sick crew by this delightful island, he himself declares they must have either abandoned their ships, or died on board them of scurvey, indeed so reduced in numbers were they in the "Centurion," Anson's own flagship, that once having let go the anchor, all their power was not sufficient to raise it again. The seamen, sick and well, hailed with delight the grassy slopes and woods, and streams of this beautiful island; and many a poor wretch who a short time before thought his hours were numbered found in them a new lease of life.

While at Juan Fernandez in H.M.S. "Amethyst" during the year 1876 I paid a visit together with some others to what is known as Robinson Crusoe's cave, and spent the night in its vicinity. The road to it is beautiful, though rather difficult, being about five or six miles across the numerous ridges which extend from the