

chapter appropriated to their achievements.* Among them were two women, *Mary Read* and *Ann Bonny* who entered into their association, not from licentious motives to gratify their pleasures, but solely by a thirst of plunder, and as copartners in their dangers as well as in their profits. They retained the apparel of their sex, to which they added 'long sailors' trowsers; they wore their hair dishevelled, a sash at their waist; pistols on their breast; and a kind of hatchet, such as the English mariners of the middle age were accustomed to use.

The asylum, or rather place of resort of these Pirates, was at first in the isle of Providence, situated near the eastern coast of Florida, and which was the most important of the Bahama islands. They made choice of it chiefly on account of its port, which was too shallow to admit large ships, but spacious enough to contain more than five hundred vessels of moderate size. From thence, however, they were soon chased by the English men of war: they then directed their course towards the Spanish port of Trinidad, in the isle of Cuba. Here they dropped the name of Free-booters; and, having become Pirates, they were supported by those very Spaniards to whom their predecessors had been mortal foes: they even met with protection from Alfonso del Malzano, an alcade, whom they succeeded in gaining over to their interest. But at length the activity of Mr. Laws, the English governor of Jamaica, aided by Admiral Vernon, expelled these Pirates from their new asylum, and entirely extermina-

* The work here referred to by M. von Archenholtz, is Captain Charles Johnson's "History of the English Pirates;" which we intend to add in a volume, as an appendix to this work. In fact, these robbers were real Pirates, against whom the English Government, in 1727, adopted measures for exterminating them. Their organized robberies did not properly commence till after the peace of Utrecht: they formed a kind of society, which was in some respects modelled according to that of the Free-booters. Like them, they composed statutes, which they swore to observe on a hatchet instead of the bible.