

“ Transaction is usually called the Massacre of *Amboyna*. The *English* have always maintained that the Crime was purely imaginary, and only made Use of as a Pretext to sacrifice some of their Fellow-Subjects to the Vengeance of a Governour; and, therefore, they continued to demand Satisfaction for this Loss from the Year, one thousand, six hundred, and twenty-three, to the Year, one thousand, six hundred, and seventy-two, when, such was the indifferent State of their Affairs, that they were glad to relinquish their Complaints.”

We now proceed to the second Narrative. “ At the Commencement of the Year, one thousand, six hundred, and twenty-three, a most cruel Scene was acted at *Amboyna*, one of the *Sindæ* Islands, lying near the *Moluccas*, in the *East-Indies*. A Treaty had been concluded in the Year, one thousand, six hundred, and nineteen, between *England*, and the *United Provinces*, by which it was determined that, in Consideration of the severe Losses, and enormous Expences incurred by the *Dutch*, in turning the Channel of Trade in the Islands of the *Moluccas*, *Banda*, and *Amboyna*, from the *Spaniards*, and *Portuguese*, they should enjoy two thirds of that Commerce, whilst the *English* might keep Possession of the remaining third.”

“ In Pursuance of this Agreement, *English* Factories were established at the *Moluccas*, *Banda*, and *Amboyna*, the last of which is the principal Place in the *East-Indies*, where grow the Mace, Nutmegs, Cinnamon, and Cloves. Scarcely had the *English* been settled at these Islands, during two Years, when the *Dutch*, in Order to deprive them of their Share in the Spice-Trade, pretended that they had engaged with the Natives in a Conspiracy, and that they had

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