

one that had lately made an elopement from his antick brethren at *Java*.

This truly accomplish'd ape my Lord has the honour to be a C——r, nay some say the G——r's C——r, but this is not generally credited, the last being a Gentleman of too thorough an understanding not to see through the grimace of a monkey.

To give your Lordship a proper idea of the others, I am obliged to mix men & things together : I strol'd one morning along the beach of the town to view some batteries lately erected there, I had heard it observ'd that a great deal of money had been spent to little purpose, and this being the observation of men of sense in our fleet, gave great chagrin to the enquirers, one of whom was brought up a brother tar, the other a surgeon ; the private consultations of these two gentlemen to remedy the defect would afford your Lordship a smile : you are sensible my Lord, that education has a strong influence on mens judgments, the brother engineers were much divided in opinion in what manner to apply a remedy, brother tar was for fixing a ringbolt in the center of each battery, and with a luff tackle to raise them to a poise with two cables fix'd at each end to veer and haul, while the doctor more wisely thought the best way was to disect them and bend them to a proper direction, and then splinter them in the middle and
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