

the rate of a Doller a thousand ; so that his fine was 100 Dollars. When Mr. *Ludford* saw how hard it was like to go with him, he thought to clear himself, or lessen his fine, by bringing Captain *Weldon* into the snare ; saying that he had no Guns in his Bark, but made use of Captain *Weldon's*, and that Captain *Weldon's* Pilot was aboard his Vessel, and assisted in the Action. But neither did this help him : for upon trying the matter at *Cachao*, whither 'twas carried by Appeal, Captain *Weldons* Commission saved him : so that Mr. *Ludford* was forced to pay the Money, which was more than he got by the Voyage. This might be a warning to him, how he meddled with *Tonquin* Pirates again ; for it was not enough for him to plead that they came with a intent to rob him. Indeed if he had been robb'd, he might have been pitied by the Magistrates on complaint of his misfortune : but yet it is very probable, that if he shou'd have taken them in the very fact, posselt of his goods, these Vermin, would have had one hole or another to creep out at ; so corrupt are the great men of this Kingdom. And indeed 'tis not improbable, that these fellows were Fishermen, and going about their business: for there is good Fishing in all the Bay of *Tonquin* clear round it, and there are many Boats that go out a fishing and the Fishermen are generally very honest and harmless men ; except now and then, they attempt to make prize of some poor Vessel they meet, and can overcome by their numbers without fighting ; for such an one they board, and strip all the men naked even to there Skin. Among these Islands also, by report, there are plenty of Pearl Oysters, that have good Pearls in them ; but the Seamen are discouraged from fishing for them by the King, for he seizeth on all he finds. But this by their way ; nor was any thing else observable in this Voyage to *Tenar*.

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