

country, the whole enlivened, too, by the addition of a civilized colony, was not disgraced, on a comparison with the valleys of Juan Fernandez and the lawns of Tinian. During his stay, he entered about forty new men; and having, by the 3d of April, 1744, completed his water and provision, he on that day weighed, and put to sea. The 19th of April, they saw the island of St. Helena, which, however, they did not touch at, but stood on their way; and arriving in soundings about the beginning of June, they, on the 10th of that month, spoke with an English ship bound for Philadelphia, from whom they received the first intelligence of a French war. By the 12th of June, they got sight of the Lizard; and the 15th, in the evening, to their infinite joy, they came safe to an anchor at Spithead. And the good Providence, which had preserved them through the signal perils, which had so often threatened them, in the preceding part of the enterprise, attended them to the very last; for Mr. Anson learnt, on his arrival, that there was a French fleet of considerable force cruising in the chops of the Channel, which from the account of their position, he found the Centurion had run through, and had been all the time concealed by a fog. Thus was this expedition finished, when it had lasted three years and nine months, after having, by its event, strongly evinced this important truth, that though prudence, intrepidity, and perseverance united, are not exempted from accidents and adverse circumstances: yet, in a long series of transactions, they usually rise superior, and, in the end, rarely fail of proving successful, through the blessing of Divine Providence.

THE END.