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from, but trouble and vexation ; and to have so soon the dissatisfaction of knowing I had an officer immediately next to me, from whose imprudence and misbehaviour, the worst was to be dreaded in the course of so long a voyage, could not but give me some uneasiness and alarm. It was not unreasonable to conceive, that those who could dare to be so insolent so near our own country, where I might, in a day or two have brought them to justice, would stick at little or nothing in remoter parts, where they might have plausible pretences for behaving as ill as they pleased.

Reflecting on all this, I found myself under a necessity to behave myself with all circumspection and precaution, to prevent our being divided into parties, or our being subject to the caprices and humours of an ignorant set of men, either of which was more than enough to frustrate the ends of our expedition.

We had a very tedious passage to our first place of rendezvous with our consort, which was the Canary Islands, where we were to cruize ten days for one another. In our way thither, we spake with several ships but could hear no news of the Success.

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