

*An.* 1688 bound Vessels, because then they have all of them Cash or Money aboard to purchase their Ladings ; but in their returns they would have only Rice, which these people don't so much regard. At this time Captain *Weldon's Dutch Pilot*, the chief man whom he sent in his Bark, was aboard *Mr. Ludford's*: and when the supposed Pirates came up, *Mr. Ludford* and he made the Seamen row the Bark to meet them, and in a short time got so near, that they fired at them. These Men not expecting to have met such a reception, for the *Tonquinese* have no Guns, but in the Kings Gallies, thought to save themselves by Flight : but were so eagerly pursued by *Mr. Ludford*, that at last they yielded to his mercy, after they had lost one man in fight. He joyful of this success secured the Prisoners, and made the best of his course to the next Town on the Coast in his way ; there delivering up his Prisoners to the Magistrates, and giving a full relation of the Action. He expected a reward for his pains, or at least to be highly applauded for it ; but found himself mistaken. For the Prisoners obstinately denying what was alleged against them by *Mr. Ludford*, saying they were poor Fishermen, they were immediately acquitted as very honest persons, and *Mr. Ludford* was accused for committing a Riot on men who were about their lawful occasions. *Mr. Ludford* brought many of the Natives, that were in his company, to justify what he had done, but to no purpose ; for he was fined 100000 *Cash*, as our Merchants call it, for the man that was killed. *Cash* are a small kind of Copper Money : and 'tis the only Coin they have of their own, if it be their own, and not rather brought them from *China*. They rise and fall in value according to the want or plenty of them, or as the Women-exchangers can manage them : but at this time they were at

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