

*Interesting Account*  
OF  
THE SHIPWRECK  
AND SUBSEQUENT  
MELANCHOLY FATE OF MACHIN,  
DISCOVERER OF MADEIRA.

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It was in the glorious reign of Edward the Third, of England, says Mr. Clarke, in his *Progress of Maritime Discovery*, that Robert à Machin, a gentleman of the second degree of nobility, whose genius was only equalled by his gallantry and courage, beheld and loved the beautiful Anna d'Arfet. Their attachment was mutual; but the pleasing indulgence of ardent hope gratified and betrayed their passion. The pride of the illustrious family of d'Arfet rendered them insensible to the happiness of their daughter; they preferred the indulgence of ambition to the voice of duty and love. The feudal tyranny of the age was friendly to their cruel design; and a warrant from the king seemed to justify the vanity of the parent. The consolation of an ingenuous mind supported Machin in confinement; its energy thus compressed, sought only for redress; nor did it yield to despondency, when, on being delivered from prison, he found that the inno-