

of Freedom, and approached for the
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with Hatchets, Axes,
in the *English*, with-
destroyed all who
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orning, the Number
forty-seven, most of
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Massacre would have
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h preceded the Exe-
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n, *James-Town*, and
e indebted for their
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ared for open War,
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e of *Mallica*, near
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ia, p. 144.—Ledi-
468, 469.

a later Period that a regular System, either of Polity,
or of Commerce, was introduced amongst the Colo-
nists (r).

In the Year, one thousand, six hundred, and twenty-
three, happened the dreadful Massacre, at *Amboyna*. Of
this, we shall present the Reader with a full, and impar-
tial Relation, because (to borrow the Language of a
Naval Writer (s),) it gave Birth to that Hatred which
the *English* had conceived against the *Dutch*; an Ha-
tred long in its Duration, and, fatal in its Effects. By
a Treaty concluded between *Great Britain*, and the
United Provinces, in the Year, one thousand, six hun-
dred, and nineteen, it was stipulated that the *Dutch*
should enjoy two thirds, and the *English* one of the
Trade carried on at *Amboyna*. In Pursuance of this
Agreement, Factories were not only erected in that
Island, but in other Places. The *Dutch*, who beheld
with Envy, and Malevolence, the Conveniencies of
their Situation, and the Progress of their Commerce,
were determined instantly to pursue such Measures as
should effect the Extirpation of the *English*. Accord-
ingly, under Pretence that a Conspiracy was forming,
they seized the chief Persons in the Factory, and, by
Torture, wrung from them a Confession of Crimes
which they never had committed. This abandoned
Process was followed by the Execution of a great Num-
ber of the *English*; but the *Dutch*, under the specious
Shew of Clemency, agreed to discharge the rest.
They, notwithstanding, entered forcibly into Posses-
sion of all the other Factories belonging to the *English*,
on the Islands which produced Spice, and thus mono-
polized

(r) British Empire in America, V. 1. p. 329.—Lediard's
Naval History, V. 2. Folio. p. 469.

(s) Campbell's Lives of the Admirals, V. 2. p. 34.