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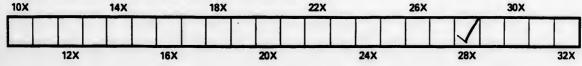
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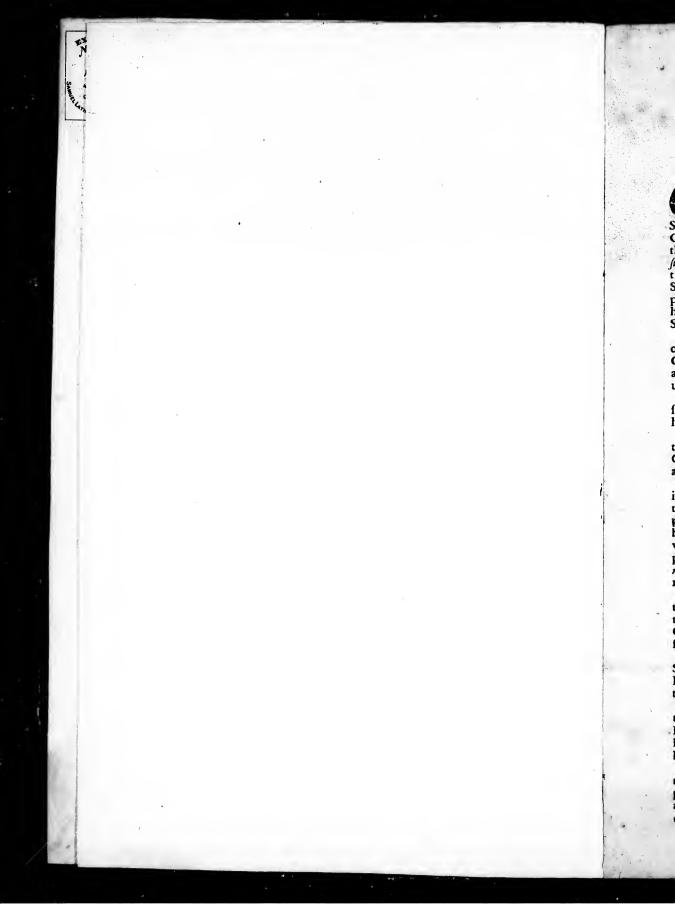
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Gabriel De la Forest.

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Abriel de la Foreft, late Governour of Fort Bourbon, alias Nelfon, in Hudfons-Bay, was attackt in the Month of August latt by five Ships, whereof the Comadore was Capt. Allen, Commander of one of his Majefties Ships; after fome Refiftance, being Summoned, he furrendred his Fort to the faid Capt. Allen, upon Articles of Capitulation; which were in Subflance. That he the faid Mr. De la Forest, his Men, Effects or Goods, amounting to about 15000 /. sterl. Value, Bagage, fmall Arms, and two pieces of Cannon, & a appears by the Original Articles figned by Capt. Allen, thould be carried by one of the King's Ships to Plaifantia, belonging to the French, without being any ways molefted, pillaged, or vifitted. But the faid De la Forest was no foooner furrendred, but that he himfelf, and all the Men of his Garrifon were plundered of all their Beavors, Skins and Cloaths, and brought in that miferable Condition into England.

The faid English Ships arrived into Plymouth Harbour about the latter end of September following, when Mr. De la Forest made his Application to Commiffary Santloo, at the faid Place, who caufed him to be brought on shoar, and acquainting the Court with bis Complaints, he was sent for, and brought up to London by Mr. Tonstal, Messen

At the fame time the Gentlemen of the Hud/ons-Bay Company, posselied themfelves of all his Beavors, Goods, &:. Capt. Allen, on board whole Ship they were, having been killed in a Fight at Sea.

As foon as the faid De la Forest arrived at London, he had a Petition delivered to his Majesty by a Solicitor, in Substance demanding the Restitution of all his Goods, &c. according to the Articles, and to be sent to France with the same, and his Men, as soon as possible.

But things were fo carried on, that an Order was already iffued out for his being fent back to Plymouth, without any hearing, when accidentally fome Charitable Perfons being informed of this, went to his Majefty, who was gracioufly pleafed to Order, that the faid De la Foreft fhould not be fent back to Plymouth, but rather be heard before the Lords of the Council for Trade and Plantations; who after feveral Hearings of the faid De la Foreft, and the Hud/ous-Bay Company, were pleafed to give a Special Report on that Affair, in the beginning of Jawary laft, which was delivered the 14th of the faid Month, to the right Honourable Mr. Secretary Trumbal, for to know his Majefties pleafure on it.

One of the Perfons employed in the faid De la Foreit's bulinefs, having feveral times waited on the right Honourable Mr. Secretary Trumbal, was at last told, that his Majesty would have that Matter to be judged or determined in a full Council at White-hall, when my Lord Keeper could have the time to be there, or fome Expression to that purpose.

During this time, the faid De la Forest's Men were kept on board of one of the Ships at *Plymonth*, who being uaked, in this hard, cold Weather, and without any Relicf, fell most of them fick, and then were fent to the Hospital there, some dyed, and the rest were fent over to *France*, only about a Fortnight fince, as he understands.

Now the faid De la Forest not being capable of imagining what Reason has hitherto detained him a Prisoner here so long, beas that he may speedily obtain his Right, according to his Articles : Or if it should be thought fit to deny it him, that he may be fent to France by the nearest way, and not detained any longer here, in breach of the faid Articles of his Capitulation.

But, the faid De la Forrest does not doubt, but the Lords of his Majcíty's most Honourable Privy Council will weigh and confider the mighty Confequences of fo politive and formal a Breach of Faith, (and Droit des gens) in every particular, as this he now Complains of, and that he will be foon reftored to what is his undoubted Right.

