

bitants of the place who had a long time been depriv'd of the Supplies which they had us'd to receive by the *Spanish* Gallions (who were hinder'd by the *English* from making their constant Voyages) and were besides in want of *Negroes* and other things, wrought so far upon the Governor, that for a Present which they oblig'd the *Hollanders* to give him, and satisfying the Customs due to the King of *Spain*, they were permitted to Land and Trade there.

Mean time the *Spanish* Ministers (apprehending lest the Interruption of the Commerce, and the scarcity of *European* Commodities in those Parts, might constrain the Inhabitants to Traffick with Strangers (which 'tis their Interest to prevent as much as they can) thought fit to grant Licences to several of their private Subjects to Trade to the *Indies* at their own proper risque. A certain Cavalier took one of them, and fitted out a Ship at *Cadiz*, where I abode at that time; I resolv'd to go in her, and that the more willingly, because I had formerly had some dealings with him. He very friendly consented to let me go under his Name for his Nephew, that I might conceal my being a Forreigner, which