

which if known would have stopt my Voyage, because in Spain they allow none but Native *Spaniards* to go in their Ships to the *Indies*. We set Sail about the latter end of *December* 1657, in a Ship of 450 Tuns, and in 105 Days reach'd the Mouth of the River de la Plata, where we met a *French* Frigate, Captain *Foran* Commander, and fought her some time, we got clear of her, and continued our Course till we came before *Buenos Ayres*, where we found 22 *Dutch* Ships, and among them 2 *English*, Laden homewards with Bulls-hides, Plate, and *Spanish*-wool, which they had receiv'd in exchange for their Commodities; a few days after 3 *Dutch* Ships going out of the Road encounter'd Captain *Foran* and another Frigate, nam'd the *Mareschale*, Commanded by the Chevalier de *Fontenay*; after a tough dispute the *Hollanders* boarded and took the *Mareschale*, put all her Men to the Sword, and the Chevalier among the rest.

This accident alarum'd those of *Beuenos Ayres*, and made them put themselves upon their guard, imagining there was a *French* Squadron come into the River to make an attempt upon their Country.