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THE

Seamans Dream,

Of a great

F I G H T :

between several Men of War,

Near The

D O W N E S

AND THE

L O N G - S A N D - H E A D ,

The Elements being in a very pleasing Calm, as I thought, gave me opportunity of a free Prospect of this following Encounter.

AT the first, according to my Thinking, there appeared a Magnificent Ship, whose Majestical Stature bespoke her to be the *Royal Sovereign*, Sayling gradually, as representing Melancholly. Presently came up a Friggot Sayling up and down more nimbly, dancing as it were, to divert the *Sovereign*, called the *Dutchess*: but the Jig was interrupted by the *Rupert*; who jostling her aside, bore up to the *Sovereign*, and lay by her Side, as it were to Consult or receive Orders from her. These were again disturbed by the *Royal James*, which with full sayl came between the *Sovereign* and the *Rupert* and not only divided them but prepared for a Fight with the



the *Rupert*, this was presently understood by the *London*, who as furiously came up and fell upon the *James*, nor would desist till she had put her to Chase: great had been the Conflict, had not the *Prince* come up and enterpos'd. When this was done, the *London* tacks about, running out her double Teire and was for sinking the *Dutchess*; which had not the *Royal Charles* defended had gon inevitably to the Bottom. The Ingagement thus begun, a Counsel was call'd & amongst those, it was observed, there was one Ship so cunningly contrived, on purpose as it were, for all Winds, and with conveniency could tack about and bear Alee, sometimes to the *Sovereign*, and sometimes to the *London*, and presently sayling aside, had many *Fire-ships* to attend her; but after some Conferences, they were dispers'd and she returned to the Counsel; but not long after the Fleet was a-Fire in the Rear, which was unfortunately carried on with a *North-wind* arising at the same time, and had undoubtedly endangered all of them, had not the *Valliant new James* come speedily to quench them, and reduce them to Order, other Privateers were held as accessary to this Combustion, but their names were not discovered. But in my Dream I thought that from what was seen, might easily be gathered, that if that Ship (whose Name was *Turn-well*, *Lurcher*, *Shift-all*, having many Names, and for many things) was not speedily removed from the *Sovereign*, the Royal Navy would infallibly be Ruined: and then I Awak'd.