

LETTER

Sent by the

Emperor of Morocco

And KING of FEZ,

To his MAJESTY of

Great BRITAIN,

And delivered by his Embassador in *January*, 1681.

In the name of the most Gracious God, the Lord over all Lords.

From the Servant of the most High God, Governour over all the People, *ISMAEL KERIFF*, over-flowing with Good Deeds: He the high Commands of God and of the Angels regarding, but of none other: He that has Millions of Horses at his Command, sendeth Peace to them that follow Truth. We have understood by way of *TANGIER*, that we are in perfect Friendship, and that the Peace is concluded over all our Countries; and therefore the Letter that we have sent, is to confirm the Peace and the Treaty that we have made with you; for we desire to have a Trade with you: but let us not make the same Terms as we had in the beginning of the War, wherein so many dyed by the Sword when we were Enemies, but let our Enemies dye. We have slain such as have run away from us to you, but you have not done the same. For the Second Article is, *That if any Renegado shall run away from us to TANGIER, you shall be obliged to send him back again.*

And



And for your security in this Treaty, we have sent unto you our Servant *HERDU* for the management of it; and our joy at it shall be like the thing that begins to grow: and I who am the Tree, send you one of my Branches, which I recommend to you, as if it were the Tree itself; and we have strictly charged him what he shall say to you. Look upon him as you would do upon my self; that which he shall do, shall be well done, and you shall value it as a thing that comes from Heaven. We heartily desire you to write to us. Neither our Customs or Habits are like yours. If you will build any thing on our Ground, we will pull it down, and we shall do our selves right. We have amongst us some Christians that understand themselves, and are more esteemed than our own Servants; they have Eagles Eyes, but hate us and our belief, and therefore are a Scandal to us. He that values our Honour, honoureth God. And because it is our desire that you should receive something from us, we have sent you Thirty Ostriches out of the Desert; and we expect that you should furnish us with Six Thousand pieces of Eight yearly. As for *TANGIER*, we stand in no manner of fear of it: and after the Ratification of the Peace, all Hostility betwixt us shall cease.

*ISMAEL Son of the beloved KERIFF,
Descended from God.*

POSTSCRIPT.

WHereas immediately after the arrival of his Excellency, the Ambassador from *FEZ* and *MOROCCO*, there was published a *LETTER* from the Emperor of Morocco to the King of England; this is to undeceive the Reader, that that was only a Copy of an old *LETTER* Reprinted, sent from one of their former Emperors to King *CHARLES* the First of ever-blessed Memory; and that this is the Letter brought by the present Ambassador to His Majesty, whom God long preserve.
