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THE Continent of which this Kingdom was a part, extends it self, as I have reason to believe, Eastward to that unknown Tract of *America*, Westward of *California*, and North to the Pacifick Ocean, which is not above a hundred and fifty Miles from *Lagado*, where there is a good Port, and much Commerce with the great Island of *Luggnagg*, situated to the North-West about 29 Degrees North Latitude, and 140 Longitude. This Island of *Luggnagg* stands South

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South-Eastwards of *Japan* about an hundred Leagues distant. There is a strict Alliance between the *Japanese* Emperor and the King of *Luggnagg*, which affords frequent Opportunities of sailing from one Island to the other. I determined therefore to direct my Course this way, in order to my return to *Europe*. I hired two Mules with a Guide to shew me the way, and carry my small Baggage. I took leave of my noble Protector, who had shewn me so much Favour, and made me a generous Present at my departure.

My Journey was without any Accident or Adventure worth relating. When I arrived at the Port of *Maldo-nada*, (for so it is called) there was no Ship in the Harbour bound for *Lugg-nagg*, nor like to be in some time. The Town is about as large as *Portsmouth*. I soon fell into some Acquaintance, and was very hospitably received. A Gentleman of Distinction said to me  
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that since the Ships bound for *Luggnagg* could not be ready in less than a Month, it might be no disagreeable Amusement for me to take a Trip to the little Island of *Glubbudribb*, about five Leagues off to the South-West. He offered himself and a Friend to accompany me, and that I should be provided with a small convenient Barque for the Voyage.

*GLUBBDUBDRIBB*, as nearly as I can interpret the Word, signifies the Island of *Sorcerers* or *Magicians*. It is about one third as large as the Isle of *Wight*, and extremely fruitful: It is governed by the Head of a certain Tribe, who are all Magicians. This Tribe marries only among each other, and the eldest in Succession is Prince or Governor. He hath a noble Palace, and a Park of about three thousand Acres, surrounded by a Wall of hewn Stone twenty Foot high. In this Park are several smaller Inclosures for Cattle, Corn, and Gardening.

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THE Governor and his Family are served and attended by Domesticks of a kind somewhat unusual. By his skill in Necromancy, he hath a Power of calling whom he pleaseth from the Dead, and commanding their Service for twenty-four hours, but no longer; nor can he call the same Persons up again in less than three Months, except upon very extraordinary occasions.

WHEN we arrived at the Island, which was about eleven in the Morning, one of the Gentlemen who accompanied me, went to the Governor, and desired admittance for a Stranger, who came on purpose to have the honour of attending on his Highness. This was immediately granted, and we all three enter'd the Gate of the Palace between two Rows of Guards, armed and dressed after a very antick manner, and something in their Countenances that made my Flesh creep with a Horror I cannot express. We passed

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through several Apartments between Servants of the same sort, ranked on each side as before, till we came to the Chamber of Presence, where, after three profound Obeysances, and a few general Questions, we were permitted to sit on three Stools near the lowest Step of his Highness's Throne. He understood the Language of *Balnibarbi*, although it were different from that of his Island. He desired me to give him some account of my Travels; and to let me see that I should be treated without Ceremony, he dismissed all his Attendants with a turn of his Finger; at which, to my great astonishment, they vanished in an Instant, like Visions in a Dream, when we awake on a sudden. I could not recover my self in some time, till the Governor assured me that I should receive no hurt; and observing my two Companions to be under no Concern, who had been often entertained in the same manner, I began to take courage, and related to his Highness a short History

story of my several Adventures, yet not without some hesitation, and frequently looking behind me to the place where I had seen those Domestick Spectres. I had the honour to dine with the Governor, where a new Set of Ghosts served up the Meat, and waited at Table. I now observed myself to be less terrified than I had been in the Morning. I staid till Sun-set, but humbly desired his Highness to excuse me for not accepting of his Invitation of lodging in the Palace. My two Friends and I lay at a private House in the Town adjoining, which is the Capital of this little Island; and the next Morning we returned to pay our Duty to the Governor, as he was pleased to command us.

AFTER this manner we continued in the Island for ten days, most part of every day with the Governor, and at Night in our Lodging. I soon grew so familiariz'd to the sight of Spirits, that after the third or fourth time they gave

me no Emotion at all ; or if I had any Apprehensions left, my Curiosity prevailed over them. For his Highness the Governor ordered me to call up whatever Persons I would chuse to name, and in whatever Numbers, among all the Dead from the beginning of the World to the present time; and command them to answer any Questions I should think fit to ask; with this condition, that my Questions must be confined within the compass of the Times they lived in. And one thing I might depend upon, that they would certainly tell me truth, for Lying was a Talent of no use in the lower World.

I made my humble Acknowledgements to his Highness for so great a Favour. We were in a Chamber, from whence there was a fair Prospect into the Park. And because my first Inclination was to be entertained with Scenes of Pomp and Magnificence, I desired to see *Alexander the Great*, at the head of his

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his Army just after the Battle of *Arbela*; which upon a Motion of the Governor's Finger immediately appeared in a large Field under the Window, where we stood. *Alexander* was called up in the Room: It was with great difficulty that I understood his *Greek*, and had but little of my own. He assured me upon his Honour that he was not poisoned, but died of a Fever by excessive Drinking.

NEXT I saw *Hanibal* passing the *Alps*, who told me he had not a drop of Vinegar in his Camp.

I saw *Cæsar* and *Pompey* at the head of their Troops just ready to engage. I saw the former in his last great Triumph. I desired that the Senate of *Rome* might appear before me in one large Chamber, and an Assembly of somewhat a latter Age, in Counterview in another. The first seemed to be an Assembly of Heroes and Demy-Gods:

the other a Knot of Pedlars, Pick-pockets, Highway men and Bullies.

THE Governor at my Request gave the Sign for *Cæsar* and *Brutus* to advance towards us. I was struck with a profound Veneration at the sight of *Brutus*, and could easily discover the most consummate Virtue, the greatest Intrepidity, and Firmness of Mind, the truest Love of his Country, and general Benevolence for Mankind in every Lineament of his Countenance. I observed with much pleasure, that these two Persons were in good Intelligence with each other, and *Cæsar* freely confessed to me, that the greatest Actions of his own Life were not equal by many degrees to the Glory of taking it away. I had the honour to have much Conversation with *Brutus*; and was told that his Ancestors *Junius*, *Socrates*, *Epaminondas*, *Cato* the Younger, *Sir Thomas More* and himself, were perpetually together: a *Sextumvirate* to which all the  
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Ages of the World cannot add a Seventh.

It would be tedious to trouble the Reader with relating what vast Numbers of illustrious Persons were called up, to gratify that insatiable Desire I had to see the World in every Period of Antiquity placed before me. I chiefly fed mine Eyes with beholding the Destroyers of Tyrants and Usurpers, and the Restorers of Liberty to oppressed and injured Nations. But it is impossible to express the Satisfaction I received in my own Mind, after such a manner as to make it a suitable Entertainment to the Reader.

