

machine. They brought us victualls, thinking we weare halfe starved, but weare mightily mistaken, for we had more for them then they weare able to eate, having 3 score bustards and many sticks wheare was meate hanged plentifully. They offred to carry our baggage, being come a purpose; but we had not so much marchandize as when they went from us, because we hid some of them, that they might not have suspicion of us. We told them that for feare of the dayly multitud of people that came to see us, for to have our goods [they] would kill us. We therefore tooke a boat and putt into it our marchandizes; this we brought farre into the bay, where we sunke them, bidding our devill not to lett them to be wett nor rusted, nor suffer them to be taken away, w^{ch} he promised faithlesse that we should retourne and take them out of his hands; att w^{ch} they weare astonished, believing it to be [as] true as y^e Christians the Gospell. We hid them in the ground on the other side of y^e river in a peece of ground. We told them that lye that they should not have suspicion of us. We made good cheere. They stayed there three dayes, during w^{ch} time many of their wives came thither, and we traited them well, for they eat not fowle att all, scarce, because they know not how to catch them except wth their arrowes. We putt a great many rind¹ about our fort, and broake all the boats that we could have, for the frost would have broaken them or wild men had stolen them away. That rind was tyed all in length to putt the fire in it, to frighten the more these people, for they could not approach it wthout being discovered. If they ventured att y^e going out we putt the fire to all the torches, shewing them how we would have defended ourselves. We weare Cesars, being nobody to contradict us. We went away free from any burden, whilst those poore miserable thought themselves happy to carry our Equipage, for the hope that they had that we should give them a brasse ring, or an awle, or an needle.

There came above foure hundred persons to see us goe away from that place w^{ch} admired more our actions [than]

¹ Strips of bark.— Ed.