Amongst those Eunuches which the King had sent to oppresse the people, was one *Mathan* which dwelt *Linciu*, whole exactions had raysed the people and Souldiers into mutiny, which burnt his Palace and killed his Servants, himselfe escaping disguised, but the Captine and Slaue of Couetousnesse no lesse then before. Our Eunuch addressed himselfe to him, but could not till the third time be admitted, because his Gifts were not answerable to the others appetite. Hee to make way for himselfe betrayed Ours to this Harpy, they not knowing it, saying, that in one of his ships were strangers with precious Gifts for the King, which he shewed closely to his Officers: with these he might get the Kings fauour. The Gouernour which in that and the Neighbour Cities had great command was his great friend, of whom *Ricius* asked counsell; he told him that now the Eunuches reigned, and they almost only were the Kings Counsellors nor could the greatest Magistrates withstand their injuries. Yet the countenance of this Magistrate was a great helpe to him, this being the man whom of all the Gouernours he most feared; a man also well deseruing that his Citizens erected to him a Temple, Image, and Inscription; who now also both countenanced *Ricius* what he might, and gaue him the best aduice how to carry himselfe to this Eunuch, and perhaps but for him they had lost all and themselues to. This Capon had erected Palaces and Temples, and had built a huge ship in which the King himselfe might haue sayled; so many were the Cels, Chambers, Hals, and other commodious Buildings thereof; the Windowes, Galleries of vndecaying wood carryed with many Meanders, all shining with Vernish and glittering with Gold. In this ship was hee carryed to ours, where *Ricius* met him. He viewed and liked all, and downe on his knees to the Virgins Picture, promised to procure her a place in the Palace. *Ricius* modestly refusing his seruice for them to the King, saying, many Magistrates of best ranke had vndertaken that kindnesse: he smiled, saying, none of them could doe so much as he with the King: the King answeres my Petitions the same day, to them or late, or nothing. The Eunuch which brought ours was sent away, and all the Presents put a-board his ship. Hee carryed the Iesuites with him to the Towre of *Thiensin*, whither hee went to fend thence the six moneths Tribute to the King: he feasted them, Comedies, Rope-runners, Tumblers, Vaulters, and Mimicke Ape-men attending the cheare with such disports as they had neuer seene in *Europe*. One cast three great Kniues into the Ayre one after another, and catched them againe in their sheathes: another lay on the ground, raysing his feete ouer his shoulders with which hee tossed vp and tumbled too and fro an Earthen Pitcher in such sort, as hardly could bee done with the hands; the like hee did with a Drumme on a Table. A Comedie was acted only with gestures, of disguised Gyants in glorious habits; one from the Theatre pronouncing all their parts. A Boy danced admirably, and then as it were falling, layd his hands on the ground, and another Boy of Clay came forth, which vsing his hands for feete, imitated all the prankes of the other, and fell to wrestle with the liuing Boy, as if both had beene aliue.