On the 30th, being his Majesty Birthday, all the English, Danish and Dutch ships in the river, fired each 21 guns. At the old English factory at Canton, the colours, of the rickest silk, were displayed all day, and, in the evening, a most magnificent entertainment was made for the principal English, Dutch, and Danish officers, who all came, as is customary on such occasions, in their most elegant dresses. After supper, which, for the variety, and the singular manner in which it was served up, exceeded any thing I had ever seen of the kind; there were exhibited many curious fire-works after the Chinese manner. Likewise a Chinese play was acted, which gave great satisfaction; after which, a farce by some Europeans. But so different is the Chinese taste from ours, that, on exhibiting their farce, all the grand Chinese merchants left the company, and went home.