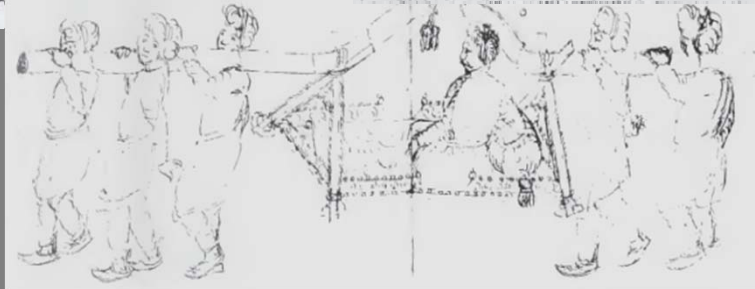
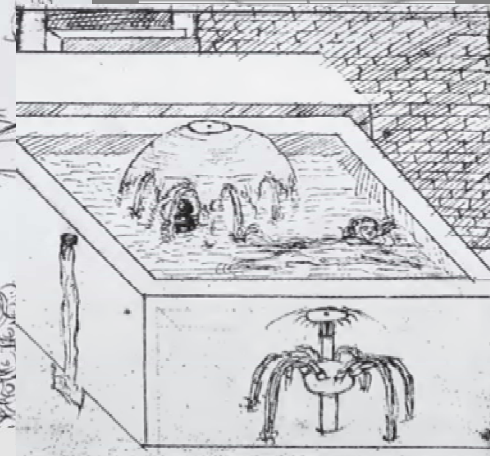
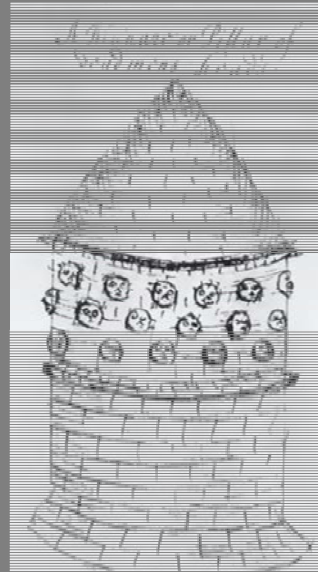
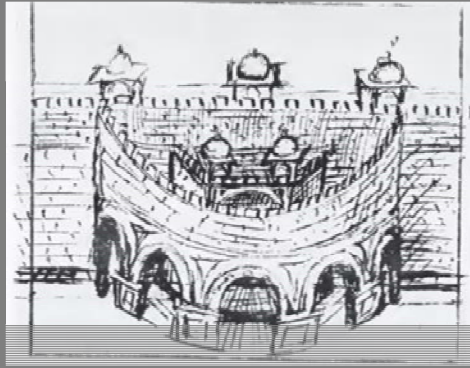


Famine Chorography: Peter Mundy and the Gujarat Famine, 1630-32

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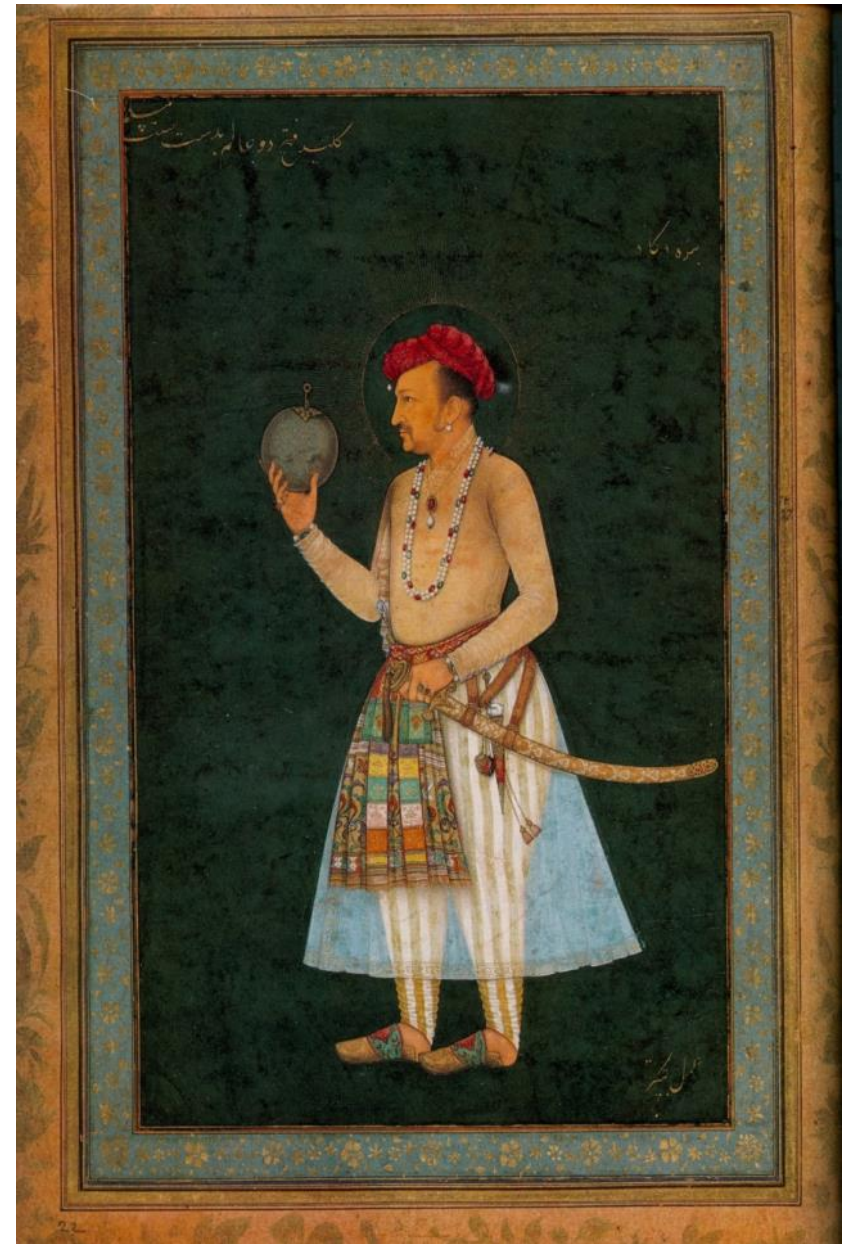


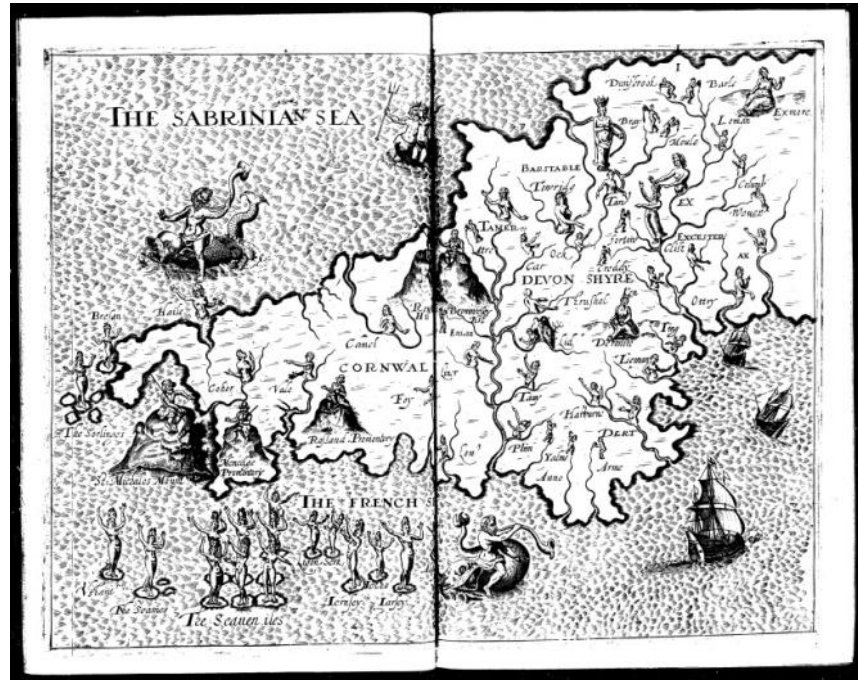
“as every fish lives in his owne place, some in the fresh, some in salt, some in the mud, so let every one live in his owne place, some at Court, some in the Citie, some in the Country.”

James I, Speech in the Star Chamber, 20 June 1616, Political Works I, p.344.

“I ordered a stream that flows from the *guzar-gah* (ferry) to be diverted into the middle of the ground so that a garden might be made such that in beauty and sweetness there should not be in the inhabited world another like it. I gave it the name of *Jahan-ara* (world-adorning).”

Jahangir (1605-1627), *Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri*, trans. Beveridge.





Michael Drayton,
*Poly-Olbion. Or A Chorographical
 Description of Tracts, Rivers,
 Mountains, Forests, and other parts
 of this renowned Isle of Great
 Britaine* (1612, 1622)



Domestic travel: Itineraries

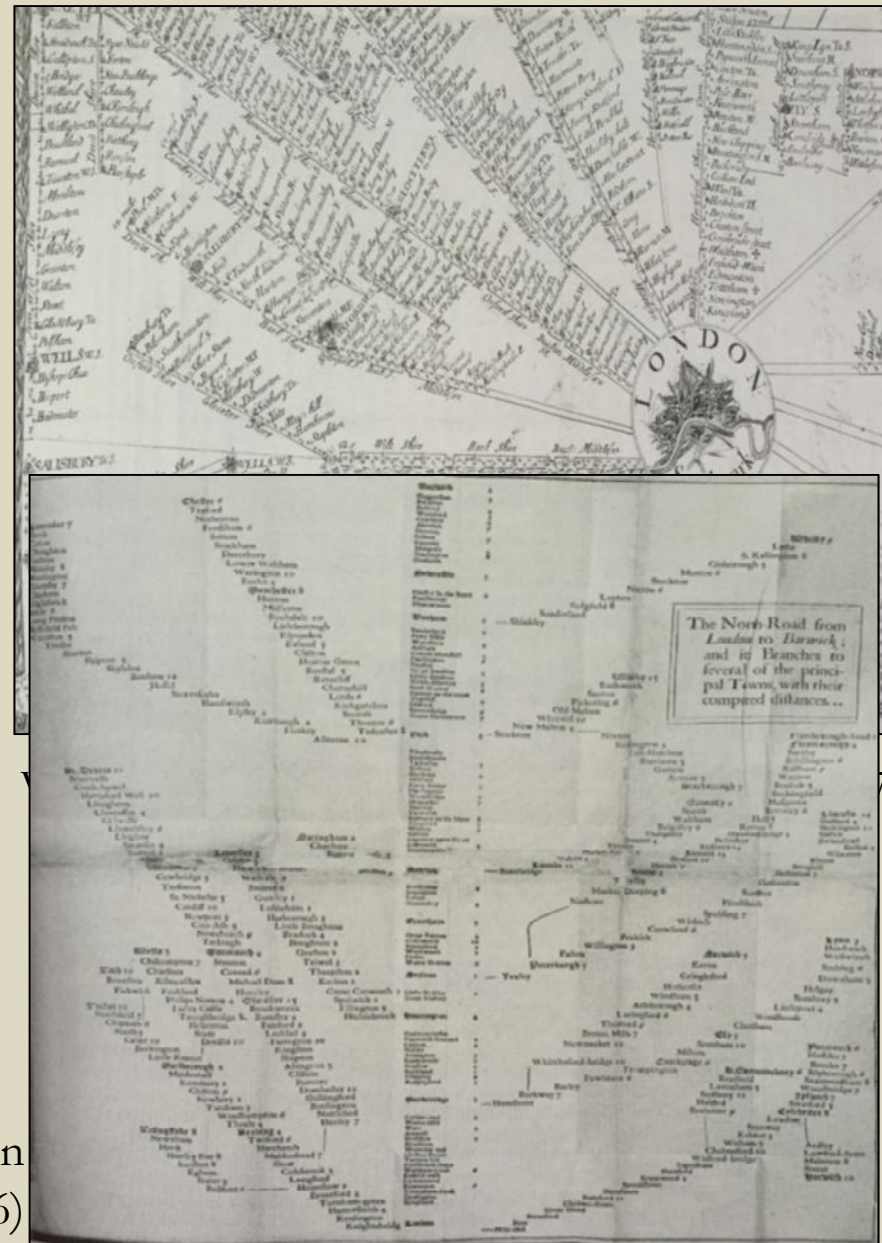
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The use of this Table.
 The Townes or places between which you desire to know the distance, you may finde in the names of the Townes in the upper part and in the side, and bring them into a square as the lines will guide you: and in the square you shall finde the figures which declare the distance of the miles.
 And if you finde any place in the side which will not extend to make a square with that above, then seeke that above which will not extend to make a square, and see, that in the upper, and the other in the side, and it will shew you the distance. It is familiar and safe.
 Beare with defects thev is necessarie.

Invented by JOHN NORDEN.

Distance table (Devonshire) in John Norden, *England: An Intended Guyde For English Travailers* (1625)



North Road from London to Barwick in John Ogilby, *English Travellers Companion* (1676)

“you gentlemen at ease,
Whoe money haue, and goe where ere you please,
Are neuer quiett; wearye of ye daye,
You now comme hither to driue time away:
Must time be driuen? Longest day with vs
Shutts in to soone, as never tedious
Vnto our businesse; making, mending nett,
Preparing hooks and baits, wherewith to gett
Cod, whiting, place, vppon ye sandie shelvs,
Where with to feede ye markett and our selvs.”

Richard James, *Iter Lancastrense* (c.1636)



Sundrie new and Artificiall remedies against Famine.

Written by H. P. Esq. upon the occasion of this present Dearth.

*Non est quo fugias à Deo irato nisi ad
Deum placatum, Aug.*



Printed by P. S. dwelling on Breadstreet hill, at
the signe of the Starre.
1596.



CERTAIN & PHILOSOPHICAL
Preparations of Foods and Beverages for Sea-men, in their
long voyages: with some necessary, approved, and Her-
metical medicines; and Antidotes, fit to be had in readiness at
sea, for prevention or cure of divers diseases,

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2. Any brother of clay, that will find cause and liquid, and not galls or gross thick wheens is good, may also be improved by this use of Nature from all moistness, formless, to composition, in any reasonable period of time that shall befall. A necessary factor for all this and we can perform at it, when no other means can be had, so to strengthen or confirm them.

Now for **Parasites**. All the worms, which to that purpose shall be thought needful to be called so, will be warranted to all freemen, gentles, and without any increase or purchase, for **use or abuse** together. This is performed by a Physicall, and being of a spiritual nature, without plants and Minerals. To this purpose of thirteen, the Author will propose to many Towns, shew, as that be lawfully required at his house.

4. By this means all Bombas, Pumps, Sides, Boats, Air, and Vices, may be safely kept at Sea, for any long voyage, without fear of growing dead, sore or putrid.

3. As for the Midwife, If any Nobleman, Gentleman, or Merchant, shall by his Physicians be advised to carry any special diet of season, decoction, or juice of any plant or any other liquid vegetable or animal body medicinal with him as any long voyageable Author will suppose the best orally by fastening it with his own life of Kioke, that he may be assured of the lasting and durable benefit thereof, as at his own pleasure.

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There is also a special permit for *Agave American*, and *Taxus*, and sometimes it helps *Quercus*. But it is dressed in different for a man; and a quarter of a dram for a child. It is taken in white Wine, Beer, or Ale. It is enough for one to eat first a glass of wine the second, and a dose or near full of it also the third. It is an offence to the pills. It is useful the difficult, with a great quantity of washing of the Parts.

7. A female Pallas for the head, which is commonly given as a prize in one hour's race, after upon the first of blood-taking; be-
cause of the blood. The dog is the winner of it.

9. A fish, generally a goldfish, is placed in a wire mesh, and is held without any correction or other device.

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30 And the plague, hunting heaver on Buck Packer, on Mes-
siah happened and any of the soldiers, or any of the boys in
the ship themselves, were not to consider inflicting a death
upon any of the crew, whether they were guilty or innocent, but
to take, if necessary, prompt revenge and violence of the Plague,
by mauling the poor fellow, without inflicting any force at all; and it
depended on the temperance of the men, the Buck Packer and Mes-
siah whether they had leisure to consider, without making the Pa-
tient heart-flesh. And in the course of any kind of process, no Vin-
cent's home, no Argon House, the Press of the State, nor any
other place is able to contain the rage, though whatever is
done, it is an excellent remedy against poisoning, or any in-
fection of the heart.

16 There is also a medicine, which I well commend for the first
being a most excellent preservative, which I layeth my Black children
under, and give them daily, and I am confident

13. The flowers of *Spices and Herbs of Cinnamon*, *Cloves*, *Mace*, *Nutmegs*, *Peppercorns*, *Sage*, &c. being in the time of powdering, may with little danger be used as fire, as they are not sublimed and incorporated with Symples, *Stalks* or *Corollas*, are more pleasing to nature, and are more functionally taken, and with better success than the chemical or leathered skins, drawn by lixivels:

These much I am bold to offer and publish for the benefit of suffering mankind for the most part are definite beads of rational Physicians and skillful Apothecaries: and therefore best experienced and approved can their own defects and maladies and morbid acies

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*Ut Deus per Naturam, sic Natura per
iensem Philosophicam.*

H. P. Miles.

Hugh Platt, *Remedies against Famine* (1596)

Hugh Platt, *Certaine Philosophical Preparations of Foode and Beuerage for Seamen, in their long voyages* (1607)

THE Carriers Cosmographie

OR
A Briefe Relation
of
The Innes, Ordinaries
and other lodgings in, and
the Carriers, Waggones,
Higglers, doe usually come
to wnes, shires and countries,
of England, Principality of
the Kingdomes of Scotland
Ireland.

With nomination of
the weeke they doe come
what daies they returne, where
people may finde direction
or send goods or letters, as
as their occasions may require.

As also
Where the Ships, H
Tiltboats, Barges and wherries
to Carry Passengers, and
Townes of England, Scotland
Netherlands; and where
Boats are ordinarily
that goe up the River
Thames westward
from London.

By John Taylor

London Printed by

THE PRAISE, ANTIQUITY, and commodity, of Beggery, Beggars, and Begging.

By Iohn TAYLOR.

Beggers Bush.

A Daunting Begger.

A gallant Begger.



At London Printed by E. A. for Henry Goffson, and are to be sold by
Edward Wright neere Christs Church Gate. 1621.

THE PENNY LYLES IMAGE.

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TAYLOR, Alias
Majesties
Post.

MAILED ON FOOT

in Scotland, not carrying
either Begging, Borrow-
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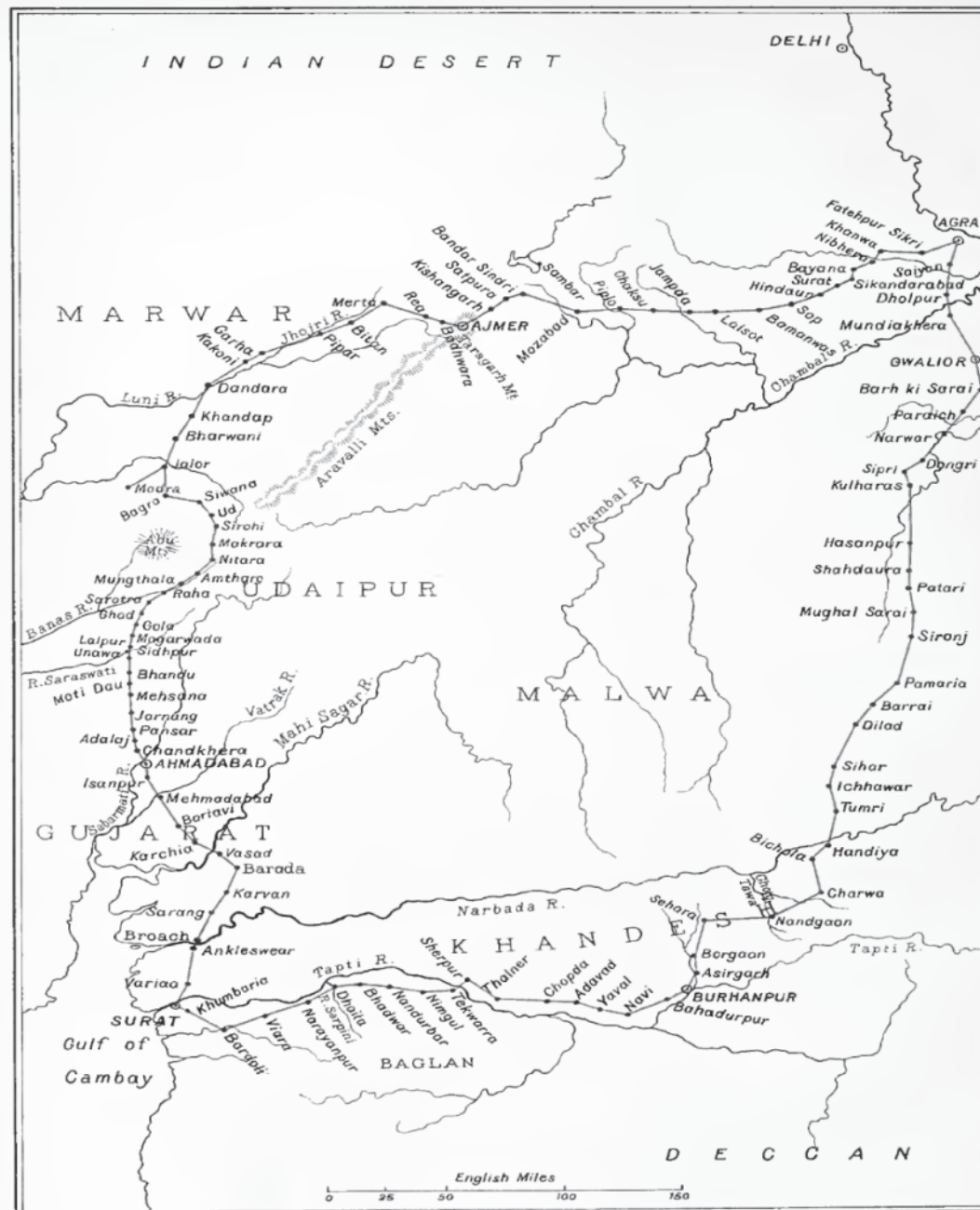
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1618.

“If like a Bee I seeke to live and thrive,
Thou wilt yield hony freely to my hive,
If like a drone I will not worke for meate,
Thou in discretion gives me nought to eate
Thou the true rules of Justice doth observe,
To feed the lab’rer, let the idle sterve.”

John Taylor, in praise of the river Thames in *The Praise
of Hemp-Seed* (1620)



Mundy's Routes between Surat and Agra 1631 and 1633.

Kirka: "halfe burnt upp and almost voyd of Inhabitants, the most part fledd, the rest dead, lyeing in the Streets and on the Tombes."

Daita: "In this place the men and weomen were driven to that extremitie for want of food that they sold their Children for 1 2d., 6d. and [...] pence a peece; yea, and to give them away to any that would take them, with manye thancks, that soe they might preserve them alive, although they were sure never to see them againe."

Viara: "fortefied with a good Castle and accommodated with a very prettie pond or Talao stored with fish and fowle"

Nandurbar: "a great pitt, wherein were throwne 30 or 40 persons, men, woemen, and children, old and young confusedly tumbled in together without order or Coveringe"; "poore people scrapeinge on the dunghills for food ... in the very excrements of beasts belonging to Travellers, for graine that perchaunce might come undigested from them"; "anatomies, with life, but scarce strength enough to remove themselves from under mens feet."

