

Annex 1

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I Go to Sea

I would be satisfied with nothing but going to sea; and my inclination to this led me so strongly against the will, nay, the commands of my father, and against all the entreaties and persuasions of my mother and other friends, that there seemed to be something fatal in that propensity of nature, tending directly to the life of misery which was to befall me (8).

I Go on Board in an Evil Hour

I went on board in an evil hour, the 1st September 1659 (...) (44). But our voyage was otherwise determined; for, being in the latitude of twelve degrees eighteen minutes, a second storm came upon us, which carried us away with the same impetuosity westward, and drove us out of the way of all human commerce (46).

Wrecked on a Desert Island

I was now landed and safe on shore, and began to look up and thank God that my life was saved (...). I began to look round me, to see what kind of place I was in, and what was next to be done (50).

First Weeks on the Island

When I came down from my apartment in the tree, I looked about me again, and the first thing I found was the boat, which lay, as the wind and the sea had tossed her up, upon the land, about two miles on my right hand.(52) And, first, I found that all the ship’s provisions were dry and untouched by the water, and being very well disposed to eat, I went to the bread room and filled my pockets with biscuit, and ate it as I went about other things, for I had no time to lose. (53)

I Build a House

I walked about the shore almost all day, to find out a place to fix my habitation, greatly concerned to secure myself from any attack in the night, either from wild beasts or men. Towards night, I fixed upon a proper place, under a rock, and marked out a semicircle for my encampment; which I resolved to strengthen with a work, wall, or fortification. (76) I cut every day a notch with my knife, and thus I kept my calendar, or weekly, monthly, and yearly reckoning of time. (67)

I take a Survey of the Island

Having now secured my habitation(...), I had a great desire to make a more perfect discovery of the island, and to see what other productions I might find, which I yet knew nothing of (99). The first time I went out, I presently discovered that there were goats in the island, which was a great satisfaction to me (64), I found different fruits, and particularly I found melons upon the ground, in great abundance, and grapes upon the trees (100).

I Hear the First Sound of a Man's Voice

(It was) the first sound of a man's voice that I had heard, my own excepted, for above twenty-five years (200). Here I gave him bread and a bunch of raisins to eat, and a draught of water, which I found he was indeed in great distress for, from his running: and having refreshed him, I made signs for him to go and lie down to sleep (201) I let him know his name should be Friday, which was the day I saved his life (202).

The Ship Recovered

I was fast asleep in my hutch one morning, when my man Friday came running in to me, and called aloud, 'Master, master, they are come, they are come!' (244). The boatswain was killed upon the spot: the next man was shot in the body, and fell just by him. (...) We came upon them, indeed, in the dark, so that they could not see our number (261). (The captain) anticipated my proposals by telling me that both he and the ship (...) should be wholly directed and commanded by me in everything (250).

Return to England

And thus I left the island, the 19th of December, as I found by the ship's account, in the year 1686, after I had been upon it eight-and-twenty years, two months, and nineteen days (...). I arrived in England the 11th of June, in the year 1687, having been thirty-five years absent (271-272).