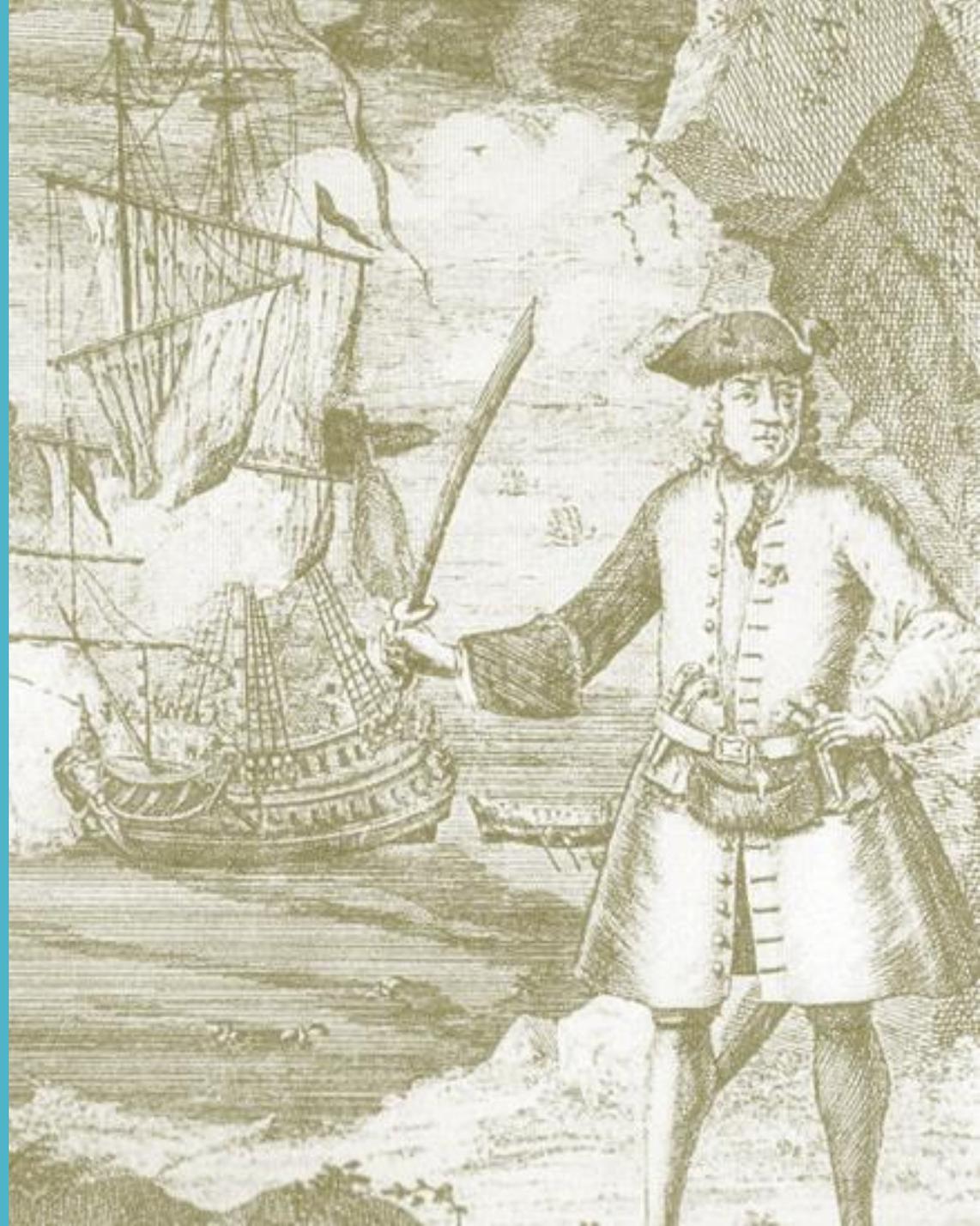


Atlantic World Piracy Spring 2019 Session IV: The End of the Golden Age

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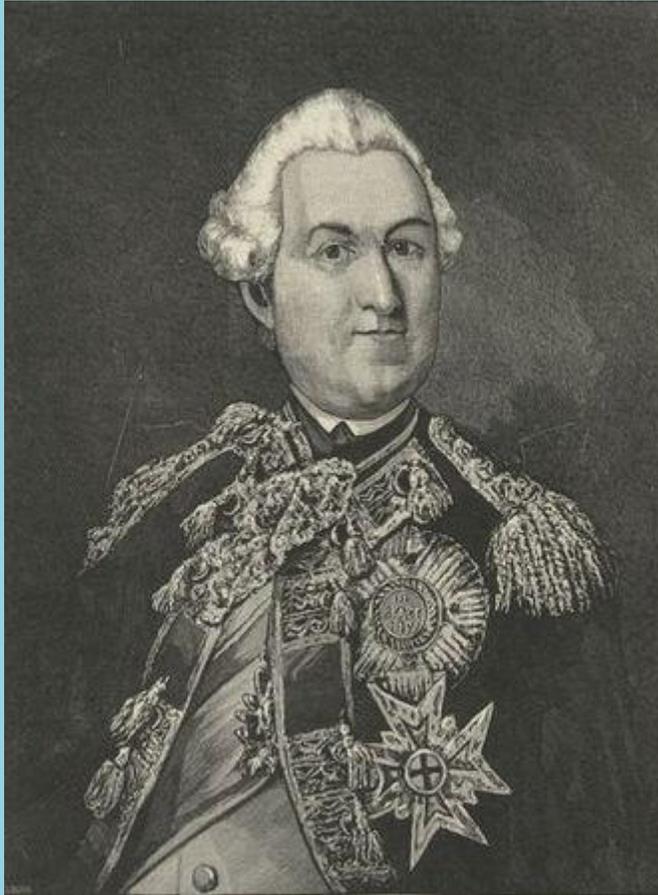


The “Golden Age(s) of Piracy”

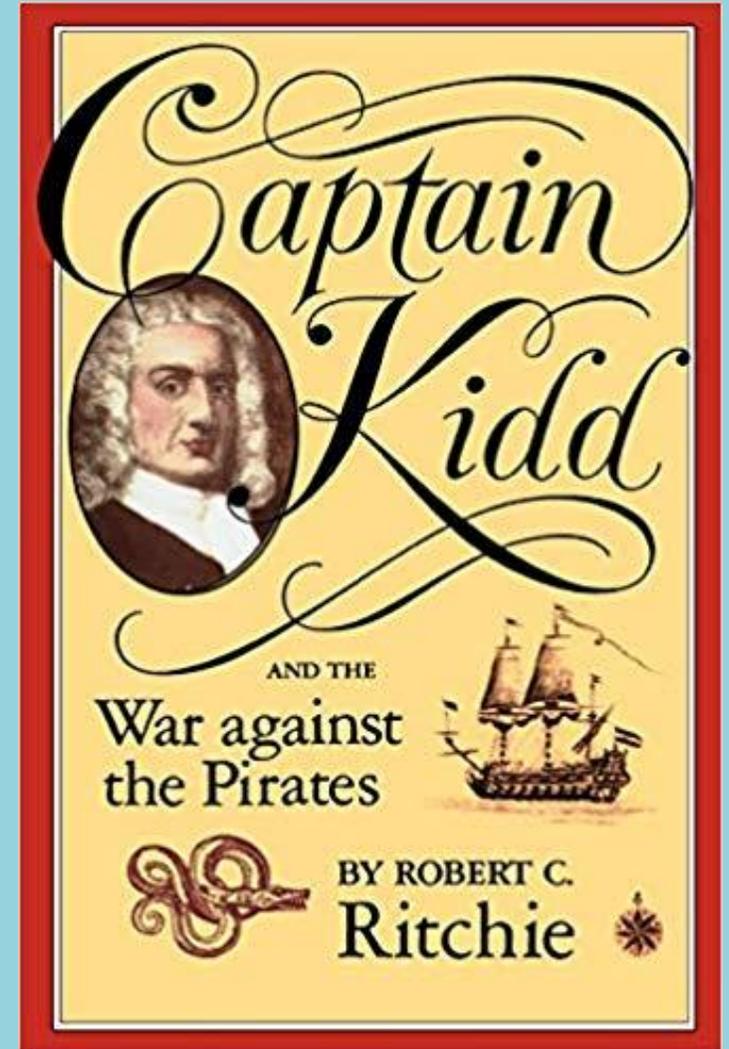
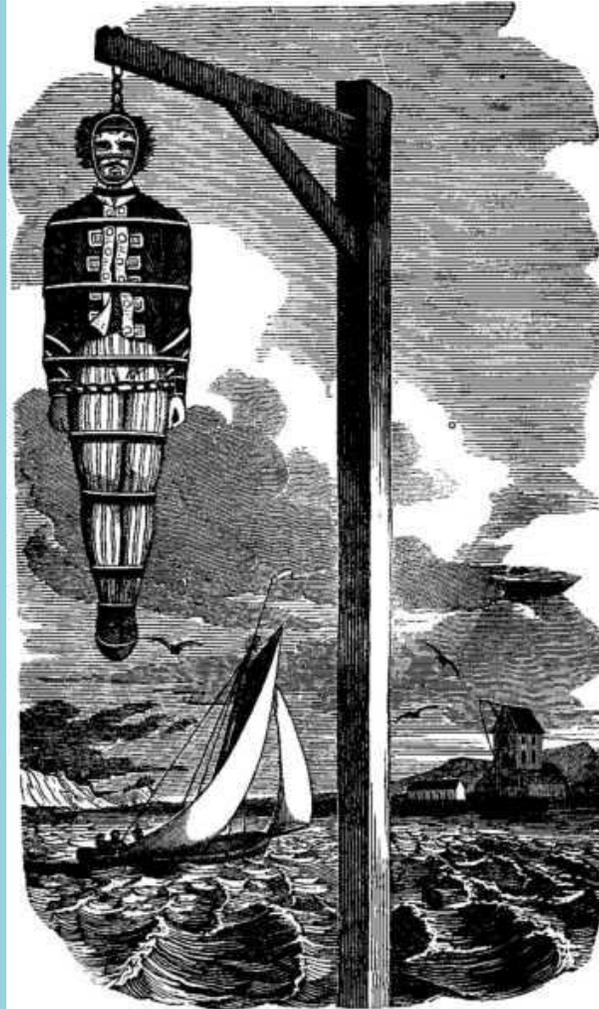
1. **1650-1680:** Buccaneers along the Spanish Main (Henry Morgan)
2. **1690s :** Piracy shifts to East Indian territories in Indian Ocean and Red Sea (Henry Avery, Edward Teach)
3. **1716-1726:** Post Spanish-Succession, big shift to West Africa (Blackbeard, Anne Bonny & Mary Read, Black Bart)



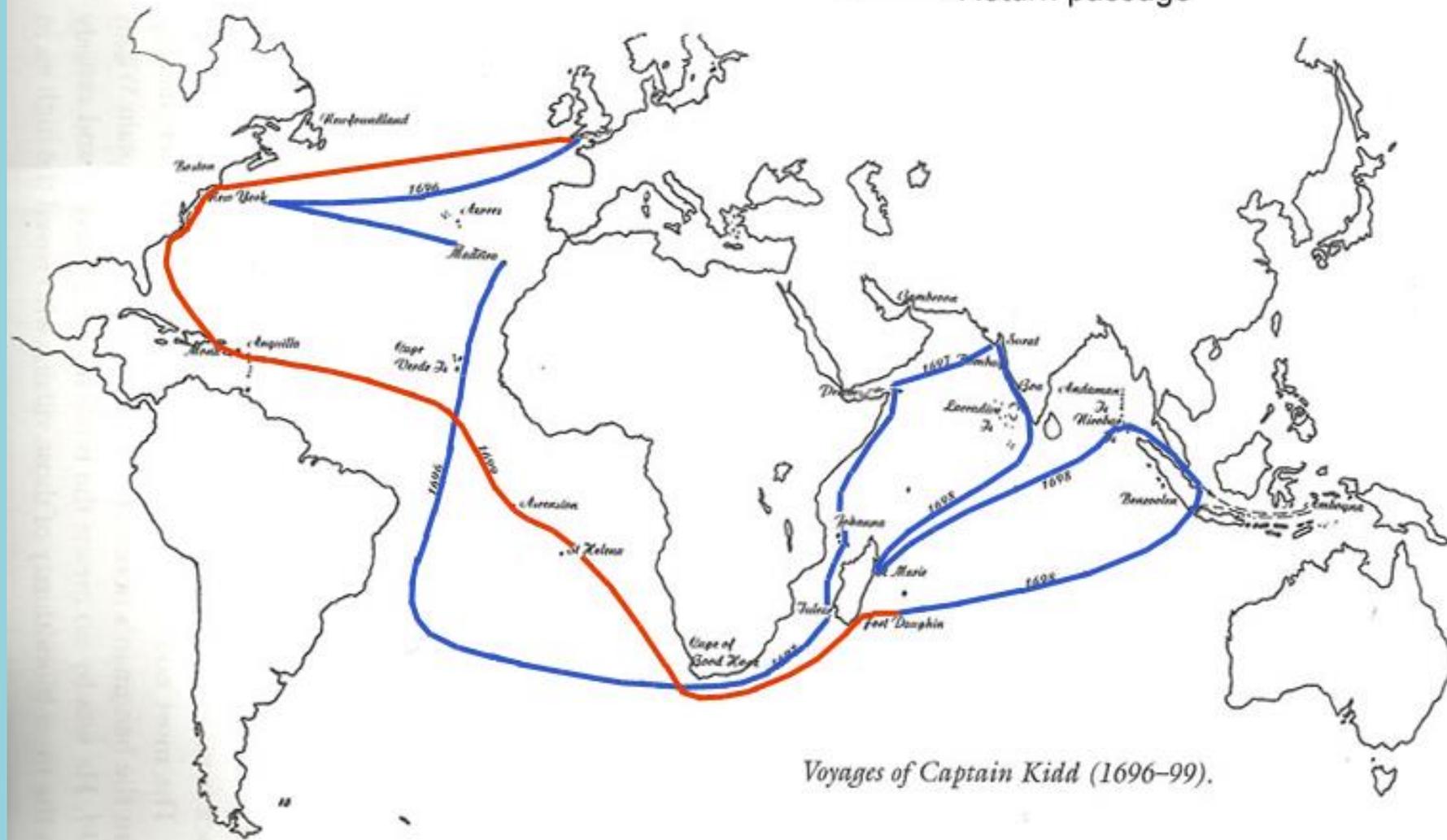
Politics



Governor Bellomont,
1636-1701



- Outward passage
- Return passage

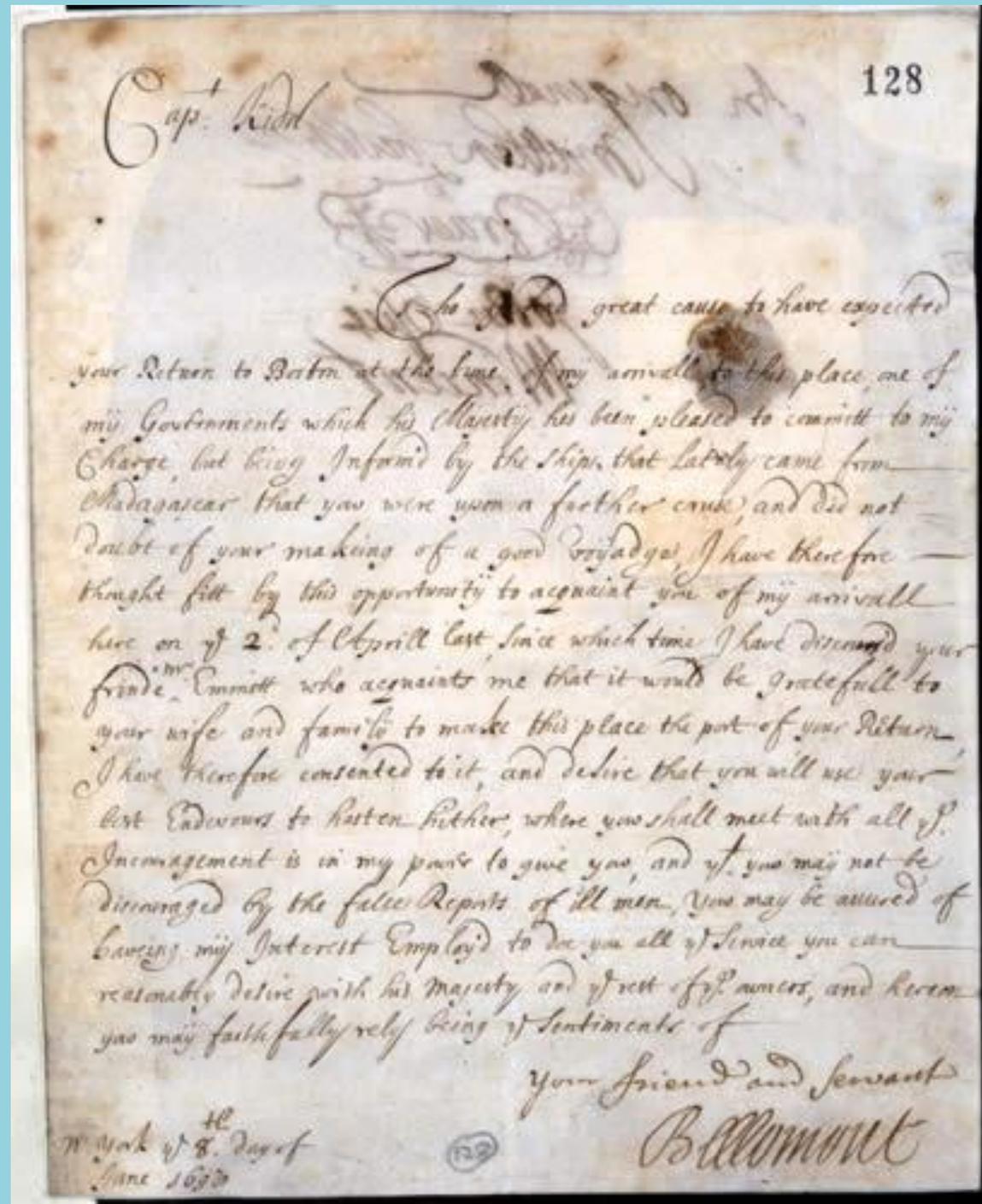


Voyages of Captain Kidd (1696-99).

Treasure and Intrigue: The Legacy of Captain Kidd



The original letter of marque given to Captain Kidd, that went missing during his trial, and Governor Bellomont's letter luring Captain Kidd back to Boston to stand trial.





“All nations agree to treat your Tribe, as the Common Enemies of Mankind and to extirpate them out of the world.”

“You have something within you, that will compel you to confess, That the Things which you have done, are most Unreasonable and Abominable. The Robberies and Piracies, you have committed, you can say nothing to Justify them. ... It is a most hideous Article in the Heap of Guilt lying on you, that an Horrible Murder is charged upon you; There is a cry of Blood going up to Heaven against you.”

-Cotton Mather, 1717, Boston Gallows

Propaganda

Language of dehumanization: “Sea-Monsters, who have been the terror of them that haunt the sea.” “full of Malice, Rage, and Blood.” “Vermin.” “Led captive by him [the devil] to do his will.” “A herd of wild beasts.” “Children of the wicked one.”

The original Fake News: *Boston News-Letter*, April 1723 – a crew of black pirates recently executed in Jamaica “confessed” on the gallows that they had eaten the hearts of eleven white men.



West Africa



Cape Coast Castle, owned by the British Royal Africa Company, on the Gold Coast of what is now Ghana, and one of the dungeons where the enslaved were imprisoned.

THE
Arraignment, Tryal, and Condemnation
OF
Captain William Kidd,
FOR
MURDER
AND
PIRACY,

Upon Six several Indictments.

At the Admiralty-Sessions, held by His Majesty's Commissioners at the Old-Bay, on Thursday the 18th and Friday the 19th of May, 1701, when upon full Evidence, was found Guilty, with a Sentence, and was accordingly hanged at Execution Dock, May the 23d.

AS ALSO,

THE TRIALS OF Nicholas Churchill, James Hogg, Robert Lundy, William Jackson, Gabriel Legg, Hugh Paine, Richard Robinson, and Owen, and David Wallis, at the same Time and Place OF PIRACY.

Forw'd by the Judges and Council.

To which are added,

Captain KIDD's Two Commissions:

One under the Great Seal of ENGLAND, and the Other under the Great Seal of the Court of Admiralty.

LONDON:

Printed for J. Nave, near Stationers-Hall 1701.

THE
TRIALS
Of Eight Persons
Indited for Piracy &c.

Of whom Two were acquitted,
and the rest found Guilty.

At a Justiciary Court of Admiralty Assembled and Held in **Boston** within His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England, on the 18th of **October 1717**, and by several Adjournments continued to the 30th. Pursuant to His Majesty's Commission and Instructions, founded on the Act of Parliament Made in the 11th. & 12th of KING **William III**d. Intituled, *An Act for the more effectual Suppression of Piracy.*

With an APPENDIX,

Containing the Substance of their Confessions given before His Excellency the Governour, when they were first brought to **Boston**, and committed to Goal.



Boston :

Printed by **B. Green**, for **John Edwards**, and Sold at his Shop in King's Street. 1718.

THE
TRIALS
OF
Major **STEDE BONNET**,
AND OTHER
PIRATES,

VIZ,

Robert Tucker,	Samuel Booth,	Henry Virgin,
Edward Robinson,	William Hewet,	James Robbins,
Neal Paterson,	John Levit,	James Mullet alias Millet,
William Scot,	William Eddy alias Nedy,	Thomas Price,
Job Bayley,	Alexander Anand,	John Lopez,
John-William Smith,	George Ross,	Zachariah Long,
Thomas Carman,	George Dunkin,	James Wilson,
John Thomas,	John Ridge,	John Brierly, and
William Morrison,	Matthew King,	Robert Boyd.
William Livers alias Evis,	Daniel Perry,	

Who were all condemn'd for PIRACY.

AS ALSO

The TRYALS of Thomas Nichols, Rowland Sharp, Jonathan Clarke, and Thomas Gerrat, for PIRACY, who were Acquitted.

AT THE

Admiralty Sessions held at Charles-Town, in the Province of South Carolina, on Tuesday the 28th of **October**, 1718. and by several Adjournments continued to Wednesday the 12th of **November**, following.

To which is Prefix'd,

An ACCOUNT of the Taking of the said Major **BONNET**, and the rest of the PIRATES.

LONDON:

Printed for **BENJ. COWSE** at the *Rose and Crown* in *St. Paul's Church-Yard*. M. DCC. XIX.

Pirate Executions



Legacies

As time passed, many others would suffer the same fate when they came into conflict with the needs of the modern state. Pirates were not the last group to be crushed by the modern world; but they passed into legend and won at least a posthumous triumph.” – Robert Ritchie

“These outlaws led audacious, rebellious lives, and we should remember them as long as there are powerful people and oppressive circumstances to be resisted.” – Marcus Rediker

“For most of us the pirates will always be romantic outlaws living far from civilization on some distant sunny shore.” – David Cordingly