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The language of these documents is mainly English, but there are some in Spanish, and some in Arabic, these last being letters addressed by sovereigns of Morocco to Charles I. They occupy 617 pages in large quarto, including indeed careful Introductions and valuable marginal notes by the editors. They deal with negotiations between the governments for the regulation of commerce, and restoration of captives; there is a great deal of repetition owing to the same story being told by different persons who played parts therein. The period was one of great disorder in Morocco, and the place which figures most frequently in the letters, Salé (usually spelt Sally), was divided against itself, but the authority of the emperor was restored by an English expedition commanded by W. Rainsborough, aided by a Marabout who aspired to independence. Many letters deal with the formation of a Barbary Company which was to monopolize the traffic with this region; its claim to do so was found to be impracticable. From the commencement of the English civil war to the Restoration less attention was devoted to Morocco; there are, however, several letters about the ransoming or rescuing of captives, and the establishment of a consulate at Tetuan. Like the other volumes in the series this is both interesting and instructive, and the editors have spared no pains in explaining allusions, interpreting obscure expressions, and providing tables and indexes which add greatly to the usefulness of the work.

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