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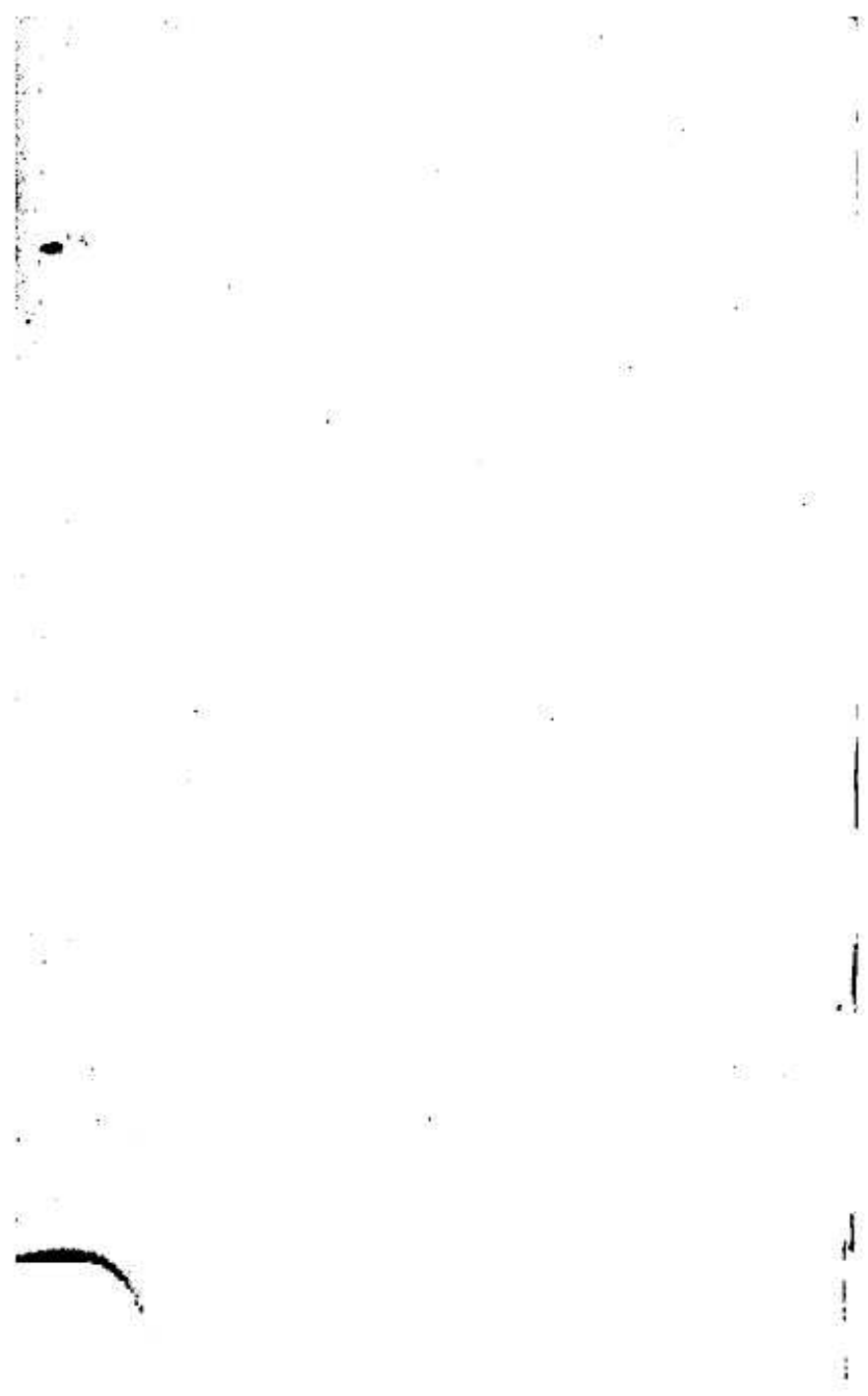
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CANTO VII.





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## ARGUMENT

### OF THE SEVENTH CANTO.

ON the occasion of the famous Discovery of India, a notable and poetic Exhortation is address to the Princes of Christendom, arousing them to like Enterprizes : Description of the Reign of Malabar wherein lieth the Empire of Calecut, at whose Port the Armada anchoreth : Appareth the Moor Monsaydé who giveth information to the Gama and eke instructeth him concerning the natives of the land : The Catual, or Governor of Calecut, fareth to see the Fleet.

### ANOTHER ARGUMENT.

*Dá fundo a frota a Calecut chegada ;  
Manda-se mensageiro ao Rei potente ;  
Chega Monçaide a ver a Lusa armada,  
E da Provincia informa largamente :  
Faz Gama ao Samori sua embaixado ;  
He recebido bem da Indica gente :  
Co'o Regedor o Mouro ao mar se torna,  
Que de toldos e flammulas se adornn.*

11-12-40 MEF	Anchors, to Calecut safe come, the Fleet ;	(1—22)	
	Sent to its puissant King an Envoy goes ;	(23—27)	
	Monsaydé comes the Lusian ships to greet,	}	(28—41)
	And of the Province telleth all he knows ;		
	The Gama fares the Samori to meet ;	(42—65)	
	Grace to the stranger th' Indie people shows ;	(66—72)	
	Then joint the Regent and the Moorman hie	}	(73—end)
	Aboard, where many a flag and awning fly.		

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## CANTO VII.

AND now th' Armada near'd the Morning-land,      c  
many so much desired to have seen,  
Reigns by those Indic currents moated, and  
by Gange who dwelleth in the sky terrene.  
Up Braves! and at them, an your valiant hand,  
to snatch victorious Palms determined bene  
Here ends your warfare; here before you lies  
the realm of riches and your rightful prize.

To you, O race from Lusius sprung! I say,      2  
to whom such puny part of Earth is dole'd  
nay, what say I of Earth, but of His sway  
who ruleth all the rounded skies enfold?  
You, whom ne dangers dure ne dire dismay  
from conqu'ring brutal Heathenese withhold,  
but eke no greed of gain may wean from love  
of Mother-essence<sup>1</sup> throned the Heavens above.

<sup>1</sup> The Church.