Yet it shall be tempest-tost,' she screeches, brandishing '... a pilot's thumb,

Wrack'd as homeward he did come.'

We hope the master of the Tiger got home unwracked. His name is not revealed in Hakluyt, though George Gill was purser, <sup>12</sup> and on the 1586 voyage to Alexandria, Robert Rickman was master. <sup>13</sup> Whoever it was, he got John Eldred to Tripoli, despite the tempest of March 1583, in time to go 'Maying upon St. George's Island; ' <sup>14</sup> time, in fact, to go gathering nutmegs in May, nutmegs to build a Hall in Suffolk.

NORMAN SCARFE.

George III Bank Token. Recently dug up by Mr. George Chambers, of Broome, whilst working at the back of the Angel Inn, Bungay, was a counterfeit Bank Token of George III. This bears on the obverse the King's head 'Georgius III Dei Gratia Rex', and on the reverse:

BANK TOKEN 1s 6d 1811

Mr. F. M. Cullum, Assistant Curator of Ipswich Museum, to whom this coin was taken for examination, has supplied the

following interesting information:

During the great scarcity of silver money in 1797 Spanish Dollars and half-dollars were countermarked with a small punch of the king's head and put into circulation as current coins of the value of 4s. 9d. This stamp having been counterfeited to a considerable extent a different one was made in 1804, but this in turn being much counterfeited the whole dollar was re-stamped with a fresh octagonal device, the king's head etc. on the obverse, and on the reverse a figure of Britannia within an oval, crowned with a mural crown, and having the words BANK OF ENGLAND FIVE SHILLING DOLLAR: 1804.

In 1811 Bank of England Tokens, value six shillings, three shillings, eighteen pence, and other amounts, were also issued.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Hakluyt, *loc. cit.*, 274. <sup>14</sup> *loc. cit.*, 321.