# THE CONVICT KING: BEING THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF JORGEN JORGENSON

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

#### ISBN 9780649555987

The Convict King: Being the Life and Adventures of Jorgen Jorgenson by Jorgen Jorgenson & James Francis Hogan

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd. Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

#### **JORGEN JORGENSON & JAMES FRANCIS HOGAN**

## THE CONVICT KING: BEING THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF JORGEN JORGENSON



"Write romances! Why, this poor old convict, Jorgen Jorgenson, who has been resting in his nameless grave these twenty years, has lived one beside which the 'story of Cambuscan bold,' the adventures of Gil Blas, or the doings of that prince of scoundrels, Mr. Barry Lyndon himself, dwindle into insignificance. All the raven-haired, hot-headed, supple-wristed soldiers of fortune that ever diced, drank, duelled, kissed, and escaladed their way through three volumes octavo, never had such an experience. Think over his story, from his birth in Denmark to his death in Van Diemen's Land, and imagine from what he has told us how much more he has been compelled to leave unrelated."

MARCUS CLARKE.



(From the original drawing by J. JORGENSON, in the Eyerton Collection at the British Museum.)

## Jürgensen, Jørgen THE CONVICT KING.

BRING

#### THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES

OF

### JORGEN JORGENSON

Monarch of Iceland, Naval Captain,
Revolutionist, British Diplomatic Agent, Author,
Dramatist, Preacher, Political Prisoner,
Gambler, Hospital Dispenser, Continental
Traveller, Explorer, Editor, Expatriated Exile,
and Colonial Constable.

#### RETOLD BY

#### JAMES FRANCIS HOGAN,

AUTHOR OF "THE IRISH IN AUSTRALIA," "THE AUSTRALIAN IN LONDON," "THE LOST EXPLORER," ETC.

[With reproductions of Five Original Drawings by Jorgen Jorgenson in the British Museum.]

#### LONDON:

WARD & DOWNEY
12, YORK STREET, COVENT GARDEN,
1891.

C .Y.

PRINTED BY
RELLY AND CO. LIMITED, GATE STREET, LINCOLN'S INN PIELDS,
AND KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

HV 6248 J8A5.

#### ILLUSTRATIONS

JOBGENSON IN CAPTIVITY			•	-	Precedes title-page			
A FLOATING	Prison	•			•	•	•	24
Sir Joseph	BANKS,	THE	FR	IEND	OF	Art	AND	
LETTERS	£ <b>*</b> 0)	4	•	*)	•	1 je	塘	64
An Inciden	KA TA T	ICELA	ND	Ball		<b>3</b> 2		72
Jorgenson	FREE			• • •			200	223

### CONTENTS.

				34				PAGE
Introduction	•	•	•	٠	•		•	1
		CHA	PTE	R I,				
Birth in Copenh	agen-	-Boy	ish Re	collec	tions-	—Bur	ning	
of a Royal prentice on a Piracy—A L	Col	lier	The f	Story	of a	Despe	erate	9
Man-of-war-								
the South-1	Explo	ring :	in A	astrali	an V	aters	<b>—</b> A	
Colossal Woo	den A	Ancho	r—A	Vice-	Regal	Solo	mon	
-Anecdotes	of an	Eec	entrio	Gove	rnor	22	18,	40
		CHA	PTER	п.			į	8
Famine Prices	in i	Sydne	у—А	Sup	erabu	dance	e of	
Copper—Fou	ndatio	on of	Va	a Die	emen'	s Lar	nd	
Hobart Then	and :	Now-	-Dest	tructio	n of	the 1	Emu	
-Sealing an	nd W	halin	<b>5—A</b>	Skir	mish	with	the	
Maories—Tw	o M	onths	in	Otahei	ite—I	Return	a to	

PAGE Copenhagen-Appointed Commander of a Danish War-vessel-Action off Flamborough Head-Surrender to the "Sappho"-Liberated on Parole-In London-Embark on an Expedition to Iceland

#### CHAPTER III.

1

An Arbitrary Decree-No Trading with English Vessels-Arrest and Deposition of the Danish Governor of Iceland-Jorgenson becomes Monarch of the Island-The People accept the Revolution -Popular Reforms Initiated-A Tour of Iceland -A Rebellious Prefect Subdued-Voyage to England-A Burning Ship-Arrival in London -Arrested for Breaking Parole-Committed to Tothill-Fields Prison-Transferred to the Hulks -Liberated and Allowed to Reside in Reading-Return to London-Enmeshed in the Wiles of the Gambler-Reflections on a Ruinous Vice-Unpleasant Voyage in a British Gunboat-Life in a Naval Hospital .

#### CHAPTER IV.

Count Dillon-Contemplated Franco - American Seizure of Australia-Captain Baudin-Misfortunes of Captain Flinders-Tragic Fate of Dr. Bass-Horrors of the Quicksilver Mines-Story of a Shrewd Buccaneer - Humours of the Fleet