of the modern Punica fides is worthy record

During the Governorship of Hashash & whilst Ceuta was invested an conference took place & overtures were made by both parties in the course of which a difference arose concerning the extent of some proposition made by Emperor & which the Spaniard complained he had not complied. This being reported to the Emperor of Morocco, he felt greatly indignant that his word should be doubted, & informed his General that he wondered he permitted the lie direct to be given him, adding that if the head of the Spanish Officer who attered this calumny was not produced in 24 hours his own life should answer for the offence, necessity & self defence the strongest excuse for an unjust action prompted him to the following cruel stratagem, he sent a flag of truce with town to the Governor. The former Officer would return to the conference when he hoped every thing would be settled to his wishes or this he incautiously trusted himself as an Embassador into the hand of the Moor & was no sooner without the reach of the guns than he was overpowered by numbers, murdered on the spot & his head sent to the Emperor.

This villanous act of Hashash was afterward repaid by the cruelties inflicted on him by the king himself. Hashash by continued success in mercantile affairs had accumulated an enormous property was invested with the governorship of the district & created commander of the forces & by his justice & humanity had rendered himself idolized by the multitude. This prosperity & popularity was too great not to attract the serious alarm & jealousy of his sovereign, who, fearful however of using force against a man whose influence determined to effect his destruction by cunning he accordingly gave him a daughter in marriage overpowered him with presents & dignities hoped all his influence to attract him to his court where he might easily be destroyed by his emissaries. Hashash however had some suspicion of his intention & was too cautious to trust himself out of his own territories & always sent a plenipotentiary for his absence. At length the Emperor ordered him to a distant province with 12,000 men to exact the duties which they rebellionsly refused to pay, when he met