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Summary: 28. Residence in Sena. 29. How the Kaffirs behaved. 30. The Jesuits are taken to Mozambique.

28. We must refer here to the successes in the regions of Sena, since these regions belonged to the college in Mozambique, although the priests who worked there for the good of the souls sailed for Goa only in August of the following year [that is, in August 1760]. Saldanha greatly feared that the Kaffirs might oppose by force the expulsion of the Jesuits from the lands of the Portuguese Empire, and would not allow their departure. Therefore, he thought that it would be wiser to resort to crafty guile rather than to armed force and for this purpose he chose shrewd men, armed with cunning rather than with real weapons. He sent some men by land and others upstream....

Those who had gone by land secretly entered the village and began to plan how to capture the Superior of that mission, Father José Pinto. ... Those who had gone upstream moored at the jetty and hoisted the Portuguese flag on the top of the mast, confident that the Jesuit would immediately come to greet the Portuguese and take them to his house. That was what actually happened. And so, when the priest entered the boat they seized him and did not even allow him to go to his house, which was immediately sacked. With similar ruses five other priests -- José de Anchieta, José dos Santos, José Mautner, Maurice Thomas and João Bastos Duranceaux -- who were evangelizing in other villages were captured.

29. After successfully arresting the Jesuits all of them were taken to the town of Quelimane and put in prison.

Finally, they were moved out from the prison and led to the ship that was sailing for Goa. On seeing the priests in that sad condition, the captain of the ship, Joseph Procopio, was moved by compassion because they looked like corpses. During the voyage he treated them with great humanity and freedom. By the time they were delivered to the Viceroy in Goa in accordance with the orders received, the priests had regained much of their lost strength.