

ned teares had wrought me vnto irresolution, and sent some other in my roome, had I not considered, that he that is in the Daunce, must needs daunce on, though he doe but hopp, except he will be a laughing stocke to all the lookers on : So, remembring that many had their eyes set vpon me, with diuerse affections, as also the hope of good successe, (my intention being honest and good) I shut the doore to all impediments, and mine eare to all contrary counsell, and gaue place to voluntary banishment from all that I loued and esteemed in this life, with hope thereby better to serue my God, my Prince and Countrie, then to encrease my Tallent any way.

Abuses of
some Sea-fa-
ring men.

And so began to gather my companie aboard, which occupied my good friends, and the Iustices of the Towne two dayes, and forced vs to search all Lodgings, Tavernes, and Ale-houles. (For some would ever be taking their leaue and never depart :) some drinke themselves so drunke, that except they were carried aboard, they of themselves were not able to goe one steppe : others knowing the necessitie of the time, fayned themselves sicke ; others, to be indebted to their Hostes, and forced me to ransome them ; one his Chest ; another, his Sword ; another, his Shirts ; another, his Carde and Instruments for Sea : And others, to benefit themselves of the Imprest given them, absented themselves ; making a lewd living in deceiving all, whose money they could lay hold of : which is a scandall too rife amongst our Sea-men ; by it they committing three great offences : 1. Robbery of the goods of another person ; 2. Breach of their faith and promise ; 3. and hinderance (with losse of time) vnto the Voyage ; all being a common iniury to the owners, victuallers, and company ; which many times hath beene an vtter overthrow, and vndoing to all in generall. An abuse in our Common-wealth necessarily to be reformed ; And, as a person that hath both seene, and felt by experience these inconveniences, I wish it to be remedied ; For, I can but wonder, that the late Lord high Admirall of England ; the late Earle of Cumberland ; and the Lord Thomas Howard, now Earle of Suffolke, being of so great authoritie, having to their costs and losse so often made experience of the inconveniences of these lewd proceedings, haue not vnited their Goodnesses and Wisedomes, to redresse this disloyall and base absurditie of the Vulgar.

Master Thomas
Candish.

Master Thomas Candish in his last Voyage, in the sound of Plim-mouth, being readie to set Sayle, complained vnto me, that persons which had absented themselves in Imprests, had cost him aboue a thousand and five hundred pounds : These Varlets within a few dayes