

But that I may not come with preiudice to the making of these motions, or bee thought, vpon some ignorance or ambition, to speake against the incomparable *Aristotle*; I shall desire all my fellow *Academians* to allow me so much discretion, as to know, That he that shall in your hearings, oppose your *Aristotle*; does like the Ship here spoken of, runne against a Rocke, endanger his owne bulge, and the stauing of his vessell. No, I so farre honour the old *Aristotle*, that I well allow him to bee *Master* and *Moderator of the Schooles*: and that there is the same respect due to him in the *Schooles*, which, by *Reason* and *long Custome*, is due to one of the *Kings Ships* in the *Narrow Seas*; That in acknowledgement of a *Soueraignty*, euery other name ought to strike sayle to him. *Aristotle* (it must be confest) hath made all learning beholding to him: no man hath learned to confute him, but by him; and vnlesse hee hath plowed with his heyfer. He had the most incomparable wit, and was the most Logicall and demonstratiue deliuerer of himselfe, of all the Sonnes of nature: One, who best of all deserued to be cald *Her Principall Secretary*: one, who not onely adorne a *Library*, but makes it: *Qui habet Aristotelem, habet Bibliothecam*, is truer of him, then of the *Great Comparer*. This is my opinion of him; and I wish him more studied.

Tis not, therefore, the name, or the authority of the great *Aristotle*, that my Propositions meddle withall: but whether his obseruations gathered out of this part of the world alone, could, like a *royall Passe* or a *Commission*, carry a man all the world ouer: