

and the most part of his company drowned in a goodly Summers day, with a little flawe of winde; for that her ports were all open, and making a small hele, by them entred their destruction; where if they had beene shut, no wind could haue hurt her, especially in that place.

In the River of *Thames*, Master *Thomas Candish* had a small Ship over-set through the same negligence. And one of the Fleete of Syr *Francis Drake*, in *Santo Domingo* Harbour, turned her keele vpperward likewise, vpon the same occasion; with many others, which wee never haue knowledge of.

And when this commeth to passe, many times negligence is cloaked with the fury of the winde: which is a double fault; for the truth being knowne, others would bee warned to shun the like neglects; for it is a very bad Ship, whose Masts crackt not asunder, whose Sayles and tackling flie not in peeces, before shee over-set; especially if shee be English built. And that which over-setteth the Ship is the waight of the water, that presseth downe the side; which as it entreteth more and more, increaseth the waight, and the impossibilitie of the remedie: For the water not entring, with easing of the sheate, or striking the sayles, or putting the Ship before the winde or Sea, or other diligences, as occasion is offered (and all expert Mariners know) remedie is easily found.

With this mischaunce the Mariners were so daunted, that they would not proccede with the Ship any further, except shee were lighted, which indeede was needelesse, for many reasons which I gaue: but Mariners are like to a stiffe necked Horse, which taking the bridle betwixt his teeth, forceth his Rider to what him list mauger his will: so they hauing once concluded, and resolved, are with great difficultie brought to yeelde to the raynes of reason: And to colour their negligence, they added cost, trouble, and delay. In fine, seeing no other remedie, I dispatched that night a servant of mine to giue account to my Father of that which had past, and to bring mee presently some Barke of *London* to goe along with mee to *Plymouth*; which not finding, he brought me a Hoyer, in which I loaded some sixe or eight tunns, to giue content to the company; and so set sayle the 13. of Aprill, and the next day wee put in at *Harwich*, for that the winde was contrary, and from thence departed the 18. of the sayd Moneth in the morning.

When wee were cleere of the Sands, the winde vered to the South-west, and so we were forced so put into *Margat* Roade, whether