

them that abandon such a worthie worke, much lesse with a minde to doe mischiefe) it proued in end a way to worke their confusion, And *Laudoniere* being hapie to haue his companie purged of such pestiferous fellows did carrie himselfe brauely as became a commander, aduisedly enquiring concerning the Sauages, what their force was, what relation they had one to another, where they were friends or foes, how their pleasures were placed, and by what accounts they reckoned their gaines or losses, so that hee was alwaies ready as might stand best with the good of his affaires to asist, or oppose, to diuide, or agree any partie, thus by shewing power purchasing authoritie, til he drew the ballance of all businesse to bee swayed where hee would as being Master of the Countrey. Hereupon (the vmbragious aspersions of enuie so darkening reason that it could not discern merite at least out of a deprauid opinion with a derogatory censure cancelling all naturall ingenuitie, could not or would not acknowledge what was due thereunto) a report was spread in *France* by some that *Laudoniere* liued like a Prince disdayning the condition of a Subject, and the *French* out of a preposterous policie fearing what they should haue wished that one of their owne Nation could be too great abroad, they sent backe *Ribaut* with a new commission to succeed him in his charge, (shaking thereby the first foundation of a growing greatnesse) who seeking to steale priuately vpon him to preuent aduertisements that hee might take him at vnawares did hardly escape to haue bene sunke at his first entrie.

Immediately after that *Ribaut* was admitted Gouverneur (*Laudoniere* hauing shewed himselfe as dutifull to obey as he had bene skilfull in commanding) intelligence was giuen them that fixe *Spanish* Ships were riding at an anchor not farre from thence, and he ambitiously aspiring to grace his beginning with some great matter, against the aduice of all the rest, with an obstinate resolution would needs goe and pursue them taking the best of the companie with him, and so left the Fort weakley guarded, which made it