

abundance of Sea-fowle: and so returning for England, we arrived safe at South-hampton.

In a Voyage to that Countrey about 36. yeeres since, I had then the command of a worthy ship of 220. Tun, set forth by one Master Crooke of South-hampton: At that time Sir Humfry Gilbert, a Deuonshire Knight, came thither with two good ships and a Pinnace, and brought with him a large Patent, from the late most renowned Queene Elizabeth, and in her name tooke possession of that Countrey, in the Harbor of S. Iohns, wherof I was an eye-witnes. He sailed fro thence towards Virginia; & by reason of some unhappy direction in his course, the greatest ship hee had, stricke upon Shelues, on the Coast of New-England, and was there lost, with most part of the company in her: And hee himselfe being then in a small Pinnace of 20. Tun, in the company of his Vice-Admirall, (one Capitaine Hayes) returning towards England, in a great storme was ouerwhelmed with the Seas, and so perished.

In another Voyage I made thither, about 34. yeres past, wher-in I had the command of a good ship partly mine own; at that time one Sir Barnard Drake of Deuonshire, Knight, came thither with a Commission, and hauing diuers good Ships under his command, hee there tooke many Portugall ships, laden with fish, and traine oyle, and brought them into England as Prizes.

Omitting to speake of other Voyages I made thither, during the late Queenes Raigne, I will descend to later times.

In the yere 1611. being in New found-land, at which time that famous Arch-Pirate, Peter Easton, came there, and had with him ten saile of good Ships, well furnished, and very rich, I was kept eleuen weekes under his command, and had from him many golden promises, and much wealth offered to be put into my hands, as it is well knowne: I did perswade him much to desist from his euill course; his intreaties then to me, beeing that I would come for England, to some friends of his, and  
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