

30. Item, if you shall see them wear lions' or bears' skins, having long bows and arrows, be not afraid of that sight: for such be worn oftentimes more to fear strangers, than for any other cause.

31. Item, there are people that can swim in the sea, havens, and rivers, naked, having bows and shafts, coveting to draw nigh your ships, which, if they shall find not well watched or warded, they will assault, desirous of the bodies of men, which they covet for meat: if you resist them, they dive, and so will flee, and therefore diligent watch is to be kept both day and night in some islands.

32. Item, if occasion shall serve, that you may give advertisements of your proceedings in such things as may correspond to the expectation of the company, and likelihood of success in the voyage, passing such dangers of the seas, perils of ice, intolerable colds, and other impediments, which, by sundry authors and writers, have ministered matter of suspicion in some heads that this voyage could not succeed, for the extremity of the north pole, lack of passage, and such like, which have caused wavering minds and doubtful heads not only to withdraw themselves from the adventure of this voyage, but also dissuaded others from the same, the certainty whereof, when you shall have tried by experience (most certain master of all worldly knowledge) then, for declaration of the truth which you shall have expeted, you may, by common assent of counsel, send, either by land or otherwise, such two or one person, to bring the same by credit, as you shall think may pass in safety: which sending is not to be done but upon urgent causes, in likely success of the voyage, in finding of passage, in towardliness of beneficial traffic, or such other like, whereby the company, being advertised of your estates and proceedings, may further provide, foresee, and determine that which may seem most good and beneficial for the public wealth of the same; either providing before-hand such things as shall be requisite for the continuance of the voyage, or else otherwise to dispose as occasion shall serve: in which things your wisdoms and discretions are to be used, and shewed, and the contents of this capitule by you much to be pondered, for that you be not ignorant how many persons, as well as the king's majesty, the lords of his honourable counsel, this whole company, as also your wives, children, kinsfolks, allies, friends, and familiars, be replenished in their hearts with ardent desire to learn and know your estates, conditions, and welfares, and in what likelihood you be in to obtain this notable enterprize, which is hoped no less to succeed to you, than the Orient or Occident Indies have to the high benefit of the emperor and kings of Portugal, whose subjects, industries, and travels by sea, have enriched them, by those lands and islands, which were to all cosmographers and other writers both unknown, and also by appearances of reason void of experience thought and reputed uninhabitable, for extremities of heats and colds, and yet indeed, tried, most rich, peopled, temperate, and so commodious, as all Europe hath not the like.

33. Item, no conspiracies, part-takings, factions, false tales, untrue reports, which be the very seeds and fruits of contention, discord, and confusion, by evil tongues, to be suffered, but the same, and all other ungodliness, be chastened charitably with brotherly love, and always obedience to be used and practised by all persons in their degrees, not only for duty and conscience sake towards God, under whose merciful hand navigants above all other creatures naturally be most nigh and vicine, but also for prudent and worldly policy, and public weal, considering and always having present in your minds, that you be all one most royal king's subjects and naturals, with daily remembrance of the great importance of the voyage, the honour, glory, praise, and