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for their dishonorable and blutchy practices, against her Sacred Majesty, and the Realme, (as I know not, but be it spoken to their perpetuall shame and infamie, there was neuer thing more resolutely performed of the courageous English, nor more shamefully lost of the bragging Spaniards.

Of what wealth this towne should be, I am not able to resolve the asker: for I confesse that by mine owne part, I had not so much good lucke, as to be partaker so much as of one pennie, or peny worth. Howbeit my ill fortune maketh that towne neuer a whit the poorer. But as it should appere by the great pillage by the common soldiers, and some mariners too, and by the great spoyle of the carping away, and by the ouer great plenty of Wine, Oyle, Almonds, Dates, Raisins, Spices, and other rich grocery wares, that by the intemperate disorder of the rather sort were knockt out, and lay trampled under feete, in every common highway, it should appere that it was of some very mighty great wealth to the first owners, though yet was most rypously and intemperately spent and consumed. A disorder in mine opinion, were a most honourable deuide.

The Eleuenth day, Thursday, and Friday following, the Lords Generall spent in counsell, about the disposing of all matters, as well touching the towne and prisoners, as also concerning all other matters, thought meete of them in their honourable wisdomes, and in all that meane to shew such honourable bounty and mercy, as is not able to be exprest. For not onely the soldiers of every one were spared, but also there was an especial care had, that all the Religious, and of other molestation, they caused to be safely transported ouer to Port Saint Marie, in a manner as saye as Cadiz: but at that time, as the case did stand, certainly knowne to be no wealth in the world, and it was some 60 or 70 miles distant ouer against Cadiz, as far as Paulus is against Southwarke, on the other side of the Bay, in a part of Andalusia, whither to the territory of the Duke de Medina Sidonia.

Howeuer, at the same instant they did appoint that worthy knight Sir Amias Preston, and others in some convenient Barkes, to transport ouer to the sayd Towne safely and in order, a hundred or more of the better sort of ancient gentlewomen, and marchants wittes, and some convenient quantity of many Jewels, Chains, and other ornaments belonging to their estate and degree. Such was the heroicall liberality, and exceeding great clemencie, of that most honourable Lords Generall, thereby, as it should seme unto mee, bearing downe the most sumptuous opinion, which hath bene hitherto commonly spread abroad, and settled among the English, which is, That the English doe trouble them and their countries, more for their riches and pearle &c. then for any other iust occasion. Whereas by these their honorable actions it is manifest to all the world, that it is onely in respect of a iust reuenge for the most dishonourable practices that haue bene from time to time attempted by them against vs and our nation, and also in the defence of the true honour of England: which they haue sought, and daylie doe seeke, by so many blisfull and rejoycfull deuices, so much to their hurt, to defence.

Upon Saturday being the 26. Sir Iohn Winkfield knight was buried, in honourable and like manner, so farre forth as the circumstances of that time and place could permit. At the funerals the 300 were discharged a great part of their Ordinance, in such order, as was thought meete and convenient by the Lords Generalls commandement. The next seuench day being Sunday, in the Abbey the diuine seruice was had, and a sermon was made there by one Walter Hopkins, the right honourable Earle of Essex Preacher, a man of good learning and sweete veneration, and euen there the same day, some before the sermon was made, these worthy Gentlemen following were knighted by the Lord Generall. And here I am to signifye by the way that two of these were knighted thre or four days before, and some thre or foure more were knighted after that time, vpon certaine occasions but per I holde it best (and I trust without offence) to recite these names in this place

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