

A *Floure very hearty Commendations to your good Lordships,*
Whereas Captaine Richard Whitbourne of Exmouth, in the
County of Deuon, Gentleman, hauing spent much time in New-
found-land (whither he hath made sundry voyages, and some by
expresse Commissions) hath set downe in writing diuers good obseruations
and notes touching the state and condition of that Countrey, and the plan-
tation there, which being by order from vs now printed: It is desired to be
published throughout the Kingdome, for the furthering and aduancement
of the said plantation, and to giue encouragement to such as shall be willing
to adventure therein, and assist the same, either in their persons or other-
wise, to which wee thinke the publication of this Booke may much conduce:
And wee doe giue good approbation to his good inducours and purpose. So
haue we thought fit, earnestly to recommend him unto your Lordships good
fauours, both for the distribution of his Books within the Prouinces of Can-
terbury and York, unto the seuerall Parishes thereof, and also for your
Lordships helpe and furtherance, that after his great trauels and charges,
wherein he hath spent much of his time and meanes, hauing long time bin
a Merchant of good estate, he may reape by your Lordships assistance some
profit of his labours, and towards the printing and distributing the said
Bookes by such a voluntary contribution, as shall be willingly giuen and col-
lected for him within the seuerall Parish Churches of the said Prouinces
which will be both a good encouragement unto others in the like inducours
for the service of their Countrey, and some reward to him for his great
charge, trauels, and diuers losses at Sea which he hath receiued, as was
are credibly certified. And so commending him earnestly to your good
Lordships, We bid your Lordships very heartily farewell. From White-
hall the last day of Iune 1621.

Signed by the

Lord Treasurer, Lord Priuie Seale, Duke of Lenoxe,
Marquesse Hambleton, Earle of Arundell, Earle of
Kelley, Lord Viscount Doncaster, Lord Viscount
Faulkland, Master Treasurer, Master Secretary
Caluert, Master of the Rolles.

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