

riefe and true report of the Honorable voyage vnto
1596. of the ouerthrow of the kings Fleet, and of the winning,
sacking, and burning of the Citie, with all other accidents of
moment, thereunto appertaining.

After that the two most Noble and Renowned Lords Generals: The L. Robert Earle of Essex, and the L. Charles Howard L. High Admirall of England, were come vnto Plymouth (which was about the beginning of May last, 1596.) being there accompanied with diuers other noble Personages, as the Earle of Suffex, the L. Thomas Howard, the L. Harbert, the L. Warden Sir Walter Raleigh: the L. Marshall Sir Francis Vere: the L. Burk, Don Christopher young Prince of Portugall, young Count of Nassaw, and the Admirall of the Hollanders, Sir Iohn Vanderkood: besides many most worthy Knights and Gentlemen of great worth attending vpon this most honorable: It pleased them, there to make their abode for the time of that moneth, as well for furnishing and reuertualing of his Spacelies Hopall Manie: as also for the expecting of other ships, which were to come from diuers places of the Realme, and were as yet wanting at that place as it should seeme the Rendezvous for all the whole Fleet, thereto com- full number of all such companies both for sea and land: as was in their noble and deepe thought meete and agreed vpon.

At the time of this their abode there, there was a most zealous and diligent care had for the service of God, dayly and reuerently to be frequented: and also for other good and ciuill obseruance: discipline to be obserued, to the exceeding greene comfort and reioycing of all the of the godly and well disposed.

That it might the better appeare, that there was small hope of pardon to be expected hereafter, if they did at any time neglect their duties, about one obseruation of matters of honor. Their orders, lawes, and decrees being vnto published: about the 8. or 9. of the moneth, there were two offenders executed a litle without the towne, in a very fayre place, called the Ho: the one for beginning of a mutiny in his company, the other for run- ning from his Colours.

At the same time in the Dutch Regiment, an order for murdering of one of his com-rades, down a quarrell betwene themselves, vnto as it was supposed, vpon their vnto, of partiall law, presently ryed to the parke for murdering, and forthwith both of them cast into the sea.

About the 28. of the same moneth, a certaine Lieutenant (whose name I will for- sake for feare of Dynumie publish in all the decrees disgraced, or rather after a sort dis- and cashier: or bearing any farther Office at that time, for the taking of money by way of extortion, of certaine yfett soldiers in the Countrey, and for placing of others in their more ready for seruice, and of lesse sufficiency and abilitie. This severe executing of iur- the very doo speed such a deepe terror in the hearts of the whole armie, that it seemed at occasion of the like offender for ever afterwards to be attempted.

Before their departure from Plymouth, it pleased their Lordships to publish in print, known to all the world, especially to such as whom it concerned, and that both in the French, Dutch, English and Spanish tongue, what were the true, iust, and vrgent cau- at this time provoked her Spacelies, to vndertake the preparing and setting forth of this Manie, arming thereunto a full declaration, what was their good will and pleasure done and performed of all them that ment not to incurre their owne yfence present or else were willing to auoyde her Spacelies future indignation and displeasure.

Now, at the same instant, their owne most proud and godly decrees, which they for the honest cariage of euery particular person in their degrees and vocation, were sent to all men, and published in sundry writings, with diuers great punishments, set appointed for the wilfull offenders and breakers of the same.

Then, all things being in very good order and well appointed, the most holy name of our Lord God being most religiously and deuotely called vpon, and his blessed and sacred name being diuers times most reuerently and publicly celebrated: these two most honorable, with all their honorable Officers, and most famous worthy Knights, Gentle- men, Leaders, and very willing and expert Soldiers, and Spawners, being sur- 150. good sayle of Shippes or thereabout: In the name of the most High and glorious God,