

storme, desiring much to goe aboard, there ioyned with me Captaine *William Anthony*, Captaine *John Ellis*, and master *Henry Courton*, in a Light-Horseman which I had: all men exercised in charge, and of valour and sufficiencie, and from their youth bred vp in businessse of the Sea: which notwithstanding, and that wee laboured what we could, for the space of two houres against waues and wind, we could finde no possibilitie to accomplish our desire; which seene; we went aboard the other Shippes, and put them in the best securitie wee could; thus busied, we might see come driving by vs the mayne Mast of the *Daintie*: which made me to feare the worst, and to hasten a-shore, to satisfie my longing.

And therein
the effects of
courage and
advice.

And comming vpon *Catt-downe*, wee might see the Ship heaue and sett, which manifestly shewed, the losse of the Mast onely, which was well imployed; for, it saved the ship, men, and goods. For had shee driven a ships length more, shee had (no doubt) beene cast away; and the men in that place could not chuse but run into danger.

Comming to my house to shift me (for that we were all wet to the skinne) I had not well changed my Clothes, when a servant of mine, who was in the Pynace at my comming ashore, enters almost out of breath, with newes, that shee was beating vpon the Rockes, which though I knew to be remediless, I put my selfe in place where I might see her, and in a little time after shee sunke downe right: These losses and mishances troubled and grieved, but nothing daunted me; for common experience taught me, that all honourable Enterprises, are accompanied with difficulties and dangers; *Si fortuna me tormenta; Esperanza me contenta*: Of hard beginnings, many times come prosperous and happie events. And although, a well-willing friend, wisely foretold me them to be presages of future bad successe, and so dissuaded me what lay in him, with effectuall reasons, from my Pretence, yet the hazard of my credite, and danger of disreputation, to take in hand that which I should not prosecute by all meanes possible, was more powerfull to cause me to goe forwardes, then his graue good counsell, to make me desist. And so the storme ceasing, I beganne to get in the *Daintie*, to Mast her a-new; and to recover the *Fancy*, my Pynace: which with the helpe and furtherance of my Wives Father, who supplied all my wants, together with my credit (which I thank God was vnspotted) in ten dayes put all in his former estate, or better. And so once againe, in Gods name, I brought my Shippes out into the sound, the Wind being Easterly; and beganne to take my leave of my friends, and of my dearest friend, my second selfe, whose vnse-

The losse of
the Pynace.