

and dispatched order to my servant in *Plimouth*, to put in a readinesse my Pynace; as also to take vp certaine Provisions, which are better cheape in those parts then in *London*, as Beefe, Porke, Bisket, and Sider. And with the diligence I vsed, and my Fathers furtherrance, at the end of one Moneth, I was readie to set Sayle for *Plimouth*, to ioine with the rest of my Shippes and Provisions. But the expecting of the comming of the Lord high Admirall, Sir Robert Cecil, principall Secretary to her Maiestie, and Sir Walter Rawley, with others, to honour my Shippe and me, with their presence and farewell, detayned me some dayes; and the rayne and vntemperate weather deprived me of the favour, which I was in hope to haue received at their hands; Wherevpon, being loath to loose more time, and the Winde serving according to my wish, the eight of Aprill 1593. I caused the Pilot to set Sayle from *Blackwall*, and to wayle downe to *Graues-end*, whether that night I purposed to come.

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Having taken my vnhappy last leaue of my Father Sir John Hawkins, I tooke my Barge, and rowed downe the River, and comming to *Barking*, wee might see my Ship at an Anchor, in the midit of the Channell, where Ships are not wont to more themselves: this bred in me some alteration. And comming aboard her, one and other began to recant the perill they had past of losse of Ship and goods, which was not little; for the winde being at East North-east, when they set sayle, and vered out Southerly; it forced them for the doubling of a point to bring their tacke aboard, and looffing vp; the winde freshing, suddenly the Shipp began to make a little hele; and for that shee was very deepe loaden, and her ports open, the water began to enter in at them; which no bodie having regard vnto, thinking themselves safe in the River, it augmented in such maner, as the waight of the water began to presse downe the side, more then the winde: At length when it was seene and the shete slowne, shee could hardly be brought vp right. But God was pleased, that with the diligence and travell of the Company, shee was freed of that danger: which may be a gentle warning to all such as take charge of Shipping, even before they set sayle, eyther in River or Harbour, or other part, to haue an eye to their ports, and to see those shut and callked, which may cause danger, for avoyding the many mishaps, which dayly chance for the neglect thereof, and haue beene most lamentable spectacles and examples vnto vs: Experiments in the great *Harry*, Admirall of England, which was over-set and suncke at *Portsmouth* with her Captaine, *Carew*, and

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