

of my dayes in travell, especially in Merchandizing, and Sea-voyages. I have bin often in France, Spaine, Italy, Portugall, Sauoy, Denmarke, Norway, Spruceland, the Canaries, and Soris Islands : and for the New-found-land, it is almost so familiarly knowne to me as my owne Countrey.

In the yeere 1588. I serued under the then Lord Admirall, as Captaine in a ship of my owne, set forth at my charge against the Spanish Armada : and after such time as that service was ended, taking my leaue of his Honour, I had his fauourable Letters to one Sir Robert Dennis, in the County of Deuon, Knight ; whereby there might be some course taken, that the charge, as well of my owne ship, as also of two other, and a Pin-nace, with the victuals and men therein employed with mee, should not be any way burthensome to me. Wherein there was such order giuen by the then right Honourable Lords of the priuie Councell, that the same was well satisfied ; which service is to be seene recorded in the Booke at White-Hall.

Now, to expresse some of my Voyages to the New-found-land, which make most for the present purpose :

My first Voiage thither, was about 40. yeeres since, in a worthy ship of the burthen of 300. Tunne, set forth by one Master Cotten of South-hampton ; we were bound to the grand Bay (which lyeth on the North-side of that Land,) purposing there to trade then with the Sauage people, (for whom we carried sundry commodities) and to kill Whales, and to make Traineoyle, as the Biscaines doe there yeerely in great abundance. But this our intended Voyage was ouerthrowne, by the indiscretion of our Captaine, and faint-heartednesse of some Gentlemen of our company, who loued soft featherbeds better than hard cabins, and longed rather to sit by a tauerne fire, then to haue the cold weather blasts of those Seas blow on their faces.

Whereupon we set saile from thence, and bare with Trinity Harbor in New-found-land : where we killed great store of Fish, Deere, Beares, Beauers, Seales, Otters, and such like, with