

sed her to driue, and to dragge home her Anchors; and with that which over-lay ours, to caule vs to doe the like. Whereupon on both sides, was crying out, to veere cable: we for our part had lost all our Cables in the *Terceras*, sauing those which were a ground, and those very short, and vered to the better end. The Admirall strained courtesie, thinking the other (though loaden with siluer) bound to let slippe one, so to giue him way; and the Generall standing in his Gallery, saw the danger which both shippes ranne into, being in a manner bourd and bourd, and driuing vpon the point of the shoare: yet he commanded to hold fast, and not to veere Cable, till he was required and commanded in the Kings name, by the Captaine of our shippe; protesting, the damage (which should ensue thereof, to the King and Merchants) to runne vpon the Admirals accompt; and that in his Shippe he had no other Cable, but those which were aground; And that they had vered as much as they could: which the Generall knowing, and at last better considering, willed to veere his Cable end for end, and so with some difficultie and dispute, the punto was remedied, which if he had done at first, he had preuented all other danger, inconuenience, and dispute, by only weighing of his Cable and Anchor; after the gust was past, and letting it fall in a place more commodious: whereas his vaine-glory, stournesse, and selfe-will, had put in great perill two of the Kings shippes, and in them about two Millions of treasure. And it may be, if he had beene one of the ignorant Generals, (such as are sometimes imployed) whereas he was one of best experience, I doubt not, but they would haue stood so much vpon their puntos, as rather then they would haue consented to veere theyr Cables, (for that it seemed a diminution of authoritie,) they would rather haue suffered all to goe to wracke, without discerning the danger and damage.

But to returne to my former point of aduantage, which the greater shippe hath of the lesser; I would haue it to be vnderstood according to occasion, and to be vnderstood of ships of warre, with shippes of warre: It being no part of my meaning to maintaine, that a small man of warre, should not bourd with a great ship, which goeth in trade. For I know, that the war-like shippe, that seeketh, is not only bound to bourd with a greater, but were shee sure to hazzard her selfe, shee ought to bourd where any possibility of surprizing may be hoped for. Witnesse the Biscaine shippes of five hundred tunnes, taken by shippes of lesse then a hundred; Such were those which were taken by Captaine *George Reynold*, and Captaine *Greenfield Halse*; both wonne by bounding and

Doubts and
objections re-
solved.

And the duty
of a small ship
against a greater.