

S E C T. LXVI.

Short arrows
for Muskets.



IN this discourse Generall *Michaell Angell* demanded, for what purpose served the little short Arrowes, which wee had in our shippe, and those in so great quantitie: I satisfied them, that they were for our Muskets. They are not as yet in vſe amongst the Spaniards, yet of ſingular effect and execution as our enemies confeſſed: for the vpper worke of their ſhippes being Muskets prooſe, in all places they paſſed through both ſides with facilitie, and wrought extraordinary diſaſters, which cauſed admiration, to ſee themſelues wounded with ſmall ſhott, where they thought themſelues ſecure; and by no meanes could find where they entred, nor come to the ſight of any of the ſhott.

Hereof they proved to profit themſelues after, but for that they wanted the tamplings, which are firſt to be driven home, before the arrow be put in, & as then vnderſtood not the ſecret, they reiected them, as vncertaine, and therefore not to be vſed, but of all the ſhot vſed now a dayes, for the annoying of an Enemy in fight, by Sea, few are of greater moment for many reſpects: which I hold not convenient to treat of in Publique.

S E C T. LXVII.



John Oxmans
Voyage to the
South Sea.

What the *Symarons*
are.

Little to the South-wards of the Iſland of Pearle, betwixt ſeven and eight degrees, is the great River of *Saint Buena Ventura*. It falleth into the South Sea with three mouthes, the head of which, is but a little diſtant from the North Sea. In Anno 1575. or 1576. one *John Oxman* of *Plymouth*, going into the weſt Indies, ioyned with the *Symarons*.

Theſe are fugitiue Negroes, and for the bad intreatie which their Maſters had given them, were then rettyred into the mountaines, and lived vpon the ſpoyle of ſuch Spaniards, as they could maſter, and could never be brought into obedience, till by compoſition they had a place limmitted them for their freedome, where they ſhould liue quietly by themſelues. At this day they haue a great