

Beltran) for the Spaniards neuer giue absolute authoritie to more then one. A custome that hath beene, and is approoued in all Empires, Kingdomes, Common-wealthes, and Armies, rightly disciplined: the mixture hath been seldome scene to prosper, as will manifestly appeare, if we consider the issue of all actions and iourneys committed to the government of two, or more generally.

The famous victory of *Hanniball* against the Romane Consuls *Paulus Emilius* and *Terrentius Varro*, was attributed to their equality of government. The unhappie ouerthrow, giuen by the Turke *Amurat* to the Christian Princes, in the Iourney of *Nicapolis*, is held to haue proceeded from the difference betwixt the Heads; euery one leaning to his owne opinion. The ouerthrow in reuerie of the Holy land, vnder taken by King *Richard of England*, and King *Philip of France*, sprang from the like differences and dissensions. The victory of the Emperour *Charles the fifth*, against the Protestant Princes of *Germanie*, is imputed to their distractions arising from parity in command. If we looke into our owne actions, committed to the charge of two *Generals*, the effects and fruits which they haue brought forth, (for the most part,) will be found to be little better: yea, most of them through emulation, enuie and pride, overthrowne, and brought to nought; though to couer their confusions, there haue neuer beene wanting cloakes and colours. The most approoued writers reprove, and call it a monster with two heads, and not without reason. For if the Monarchy be generally approoued, for strongest, soundest, and most perfect, and most sufficient to sustaine it selfe; And the Democracie and Aristocracie, vterly reprobued, as weake, feeble and subiect to innovations and infirmities; it cannot be but error, confusion, and imperfection to differ or dissent from it. For where the supreme government is divided betwixt two or more, the Authority is diminished, and so looseth his true force, as a sagger of sticks, whose bond being broken, the entire strength is easily dissolved: but all vnder correction.

The Spaniards in their Armadoes by Sea, imitate the discipline, order and officers, which are in an Army by land, and diuide themselves into three bodies; to wit Souldiers, Marriners and Gunners.

Their Souldiers, ward and watch, and their officers in euery Shippe round, as if they were on the shoare; this is the only taske they vndergoe, except cleaning their Armes, wherein they are not ouer curious: The Gunners are exempted from all labour and care, except about the Artillery.

Two Chiefe.
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in Committi-
on dangerous.

The Souldier.

The Gunner.