

parts; hath, in like manner, raised vp many excellent Spirits moe: whether it were not iniurious vnto what is done, and a discouragement to what might be done; to haue the inuentions or obseruations of those excellent wits and great industries, so abasht with *Aristotles* authoritie; that they can haue no credit in the world, for that his *Dictates* haue pre-occupied all good opinion: Let it not then be thought vnequall, to examine the *first cogitations* of the *old Philosophy*, by the *second thoughts* of our more moderne *Artists*: for that the same improuement may by this meanes accrew vnto our *Physicks*, that hath aduanced our *Geography*, our *Mathematicks*, and our *Mechanicks*. And let it not be thought so insolent, to refuse *Aristotles* authoritie singly, where his reason is not so concluding; seeing other men haue taken the boldnesse to doe that before vs, in seuerall kinds. Some haue perfected, and others controld his *Ethicks*, by the *Scriptures*: as *Scultetus*, *Wallæus* and some others. *Iustin Martyr* fir-named the *Philosopher*, hath purposefully written *Contra dogmata Aristotelis*: *Basson* and *Gassendus*, (two braue men) haue newly written point-blanck against him: nor haue they taken away all liberty, from those that are to follow them.

And thus, with renewing my former protestation for mine owne respects to *Aristotle*, I conclude my two *Propositions*: which I desire may receiue a fauourable construction from all ingenuous, imcapricious *Schollers*. I meant them, out of good will to promote learning; to encourage and countenance future vndertakings: and in such a case, a little too much saying, may be thought not to haue exceeded an *honest Rhetorication*: for I would not be thought too earnest