

Thus the magnificent, huge, and mighty fleet of the Spaniards (which themselves termed in all places invincible) such as sailed not upon the Ocean sea many hundred yeeres before, in the yeere 1588 vanished into smoke; to the great confusion and discouragement of the neighbours thereof. In regard of which her Majesty's happy success all her neighbours and friends congratulated with her, and many verses were penned to the honour of her Majesty by learned men, whereof some which came to our hands we will here annexe.

AD SERENISSIMAM ELIZABETHAM ANGLIÆ REGINAM
THEODOR. BEZA.

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S Trauerat innuatus Hispanus nauibus æquor,
Regnis iuncturus sceptrum Brianna suis.
Tanti huius, rogitas, quæ motus causa? superbo
Impulit Ambitio, venit Ausritia.
Quàm bene te ambitio meritis vanissima ventus?
Et tumidos tumida, vos superastis aquez!
Quàm bene totius raptores orbis auaros,
Hauit inexhausti iusta vorago maris!
Ac tu, cui ventus, cui totum militat æquor,
Regina, ô mundi totius vna, decus,
Sic regnare Deo perge, ambitione remota,
Prodiga sic opibus perge iuuare pios,
Vt te Angli longum, longum Angli ipsa fruaris,
Quàm dilecta bonis, tam metuenda malis.

The same in English.

The Spanish fleet did flee in narrow seas,
And bend her ships against the English fleets,
With so great rage as nothing could appeale,
And with such strength as neuer seen before:
And all to toyne the kingdome of that land
Unto the kingdome that he had in hand.
Now if you aske what set this king on fire,
To part his warre when he of peace did treat.
It was his Pride, and neuer quenched desire,
To spoile that Islands wealth, by peace made great:
His Pride which farre above the heavens did swell,
And his desire as vnsuffic'd as hell.
But well haue winnow his proud bliske overblown,
And swelling waues layd his swelling heart,
Well hath the sea with greene gulfes swallowed,
Deuoured the deuourer to his smart:
And made his ships a pray vnto the sand,
That meant to pray vpon anothers land.
And now, O Queene, above all others blest,
For whom both windes and waues are prest to fight,
Do rule your owne, so succour friends oppressed,
(As farre from pride, as ready to do right)
That England you, you England long enjoy,
As isle your friends delight, then foes annoy.

A briefe

honour. voyage to Cadiz
riefe and true report
1596. of the overthrow
sacking, and burning of
mooren

After that the two
Robert Carle of
England, were con
May last, 1596. by
as the Carle of St
Warden Sir Wa
L. Burk, Don Ch

of Kallaw, and the Admirall
the most worthy knights and Gen
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furnishing and reuictualing of
other ships, which were to come
that place as it should seem
full number of all such companies
they thought meete and agreed vpon
the time of this their abode there,
of God, vpon and reuerently
militia discipline to be obserued
of the godly and well disposed.

that it might the better appear
them, if they did at any time nee
their orders, lawes, and
there were two offenders ex
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from his Colours.

about the same time in the Dutch
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of partiall law, presently
into the sea.

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and called: in bearing any farther
of certaine yest soldiers
maye will for seruice, and of lesse
the very old age so such a deepe

all occasion of the like disorder
before their departure for Plym
known to all the world, especial
French, Dutch, English and Span
at this time provoked her Majesty

Ramie, amering thereunto a full
done and performed of all them
of else were willing to auoyde be
now, at the same instant, their
for the honest cariage of euery
men to all men, and published in
appointed for the wilfull offender

then, all things being in very good
God bring most religiously
being diuers times most re
honours, with all their honorable
captains, Leaders, and very willing
1590. good sayle of shippers of the