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ny longer, having wherewithall to enterraine themselves in redressing their owne harmes. And so we stood away from them, close by as we could : which wee should not haue done, but prosecuted the occasion, and brought our selves close vpon her weather gage, and with our great and small shot hindered them from repairing their harmes : if we had thus done, they had beene forced to cut all by the bowrd ; and it may bee (lying a hull, or to le-wards of vs) with a few shot, wee might haue sunked her. At the least, it would haue declared to our enemies, that wee had them in little estimation, when able to goe from them, we would not : and perhaps bin a while to haue made them to leaue vs.

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But this occasion was let slip, as also, that other to fight with them, sayling quarter winds, or before the winde : for having stood off to Sea, a day and a night, we had scope to fight at our pleasure, and no man having sea room, is bound to fight as his enemy will, with disadvantage, being able otherwise to deale with equalitie : contrariwise, every man ought to seeke the meanes hee can, for his defence, and greatest advantage, to the annoyance of his contrarie.

Now wee might with our fore-saile, low set, haue borne vpp before the winde, and the enemy of force must haue done the like, if hee would fight with vs, or keepe vs company : and then should wee haue had the advantage of them. For although their Artillery were longer, waightier, and many more then ours, and in truth did pierce with greater violence ; yet ours being of greater bore, and carrying a waightier and greater shot, was of more importance and of better effect for sinking and spoiling : for the smaller shot passeth through, and maketh but his whole, and harmeth that which lyeth in his way ; but the greater shaketh and shivereth all it meeteth, and with the splinters, or that which it encountreth, many times doth more hurt, then with his proper circumference : as is plainly seene in the battery by land, when the Saker, the Demmy-Colverin, the Colverin, and demi-Canon, (being peeces that reach much further point blanke then the Cannon) are nothing of like importance for making the breach, as is the Cannon ; for that this shot being ponderous pierceth with difficultie, yea worketh better effects, tormenting, shaking and overthrowing all, whereas the others, with their violence, pierce better, and make onely their hole, and so hide themselves in the Wooll or Rampire.

Besides (our Ship being yare and good of steeridge) no doubt but we should haue played better with our Ordinance, and with more