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ambitious; but commends Effingham for his patriotism, frankness, candour, and generosity. We are told that, by the Queen, he was respected for his loyalty, and that the people revered, and loved him, not alone in compliment to his illustrious, and heroic family, but on account of his hospitality, affability, and a number of endearing virtues (*o*). With these apparent claims to the attention of his sovereign, and the regard of his fellow-subjects, it is not extraordinary that, in the year, one thousand, five hundred, and eighty-five, and at the death of the Earl of Lincoln, he was advanced to the post of Lord High Admiral of England; an event which gave the greatest satisfaction to all the officers, and mariners of the fleet, by whom he was at once beloved, and honoured (*p*).

The particulars of those important services for which Elizabeth, and the state, were indebted to the Lord Effingham, and his brave associates, at a period when the whole naval, and military force of Spain was intent on the destruction of the English, have been already mentioned (*q*). We shall not farther review this important subject, than by the insertion of a passage from the writings of the gallant Sir Richard Hawkins, whose testimony to the merit of his commander, it were injustice to suppress.

“ Worthy of perpetual memory, was the prudent
 “ policy, and government of our English navy, in the
 “ year, one thousand, five hundred, and eighty-
 “ eight, by the valiant Earl of Nottingham, Lord High-
 “ Admiral of England, who, in the like case, with ma-
 “ ture, and experimented knowledge, patiently with-
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(*o*) Campbell's Lives of the Admirals, V. 1. p. 512.

(*p*) Stowe, p. 700, 709.—Camden, p. 451.

(*q*) Volume the second, from page 230, to page 305.