

S E C T. X.



His being remedied, I set sayle in the morning and ran South-west, till we were cleere of *Vsibent*; and then South south-west, till we were some hundred Leagues off, where wee met with a great *Hulke*, of some five or sixe hundred tunnes, well appointed, the which my company, (as is naturall to all Mariners) presently would make a prize, and loaden with Spaniards goods, and without speaking to her, wished that the Gunner might shoote at her, to cause her to amaine. Which is a bad custome received and vsed of many ignorant persons, presently to gun at all whatsoever they discover, before they speake with them; being contrary to all discipline, and many times is cause of dissention betwixt friends, and the breach of Amitie betwixt Princes; the death of many, and sometimes losse of Shippes and ali, making many obstinate, if not desperate: whereas in vsing common courtesie, they would better bethinke themselves, and so with ordinarie proceeding (iustified by reason, and the custome of all well disciplined people) might perhaps many times breede an increase of Amitie, a succour to necessity, and excuse divers inconveniencies and sutes, which haue impoverished many: for it hath chanced by this errour, that two English ships, neither carrying flag for their perticular respects, to change each with other a dozen payre of shott, with hurt to both, being after too late to repent their follie. Yea a person of credit hath told mee, that two English men of Warre in the Night, haue layd each other aboard willingly, with losse of many men, and dammage to both, *onely for the fault*, of not speaking one to the other; which might seeme to carrie with it some excuse, if they had beene neere the shore, or that the one had beene a Hull, and the other vnder sayle, in feare shee should haue escaped, not knowing what shee was (though in the night it is no wisdom to bourd with any ship) but in the maine Sea, and both desiring to ioyne, was a sufficient declaration, that both were seekers: and therefore by day or night; he that can speake with the Ship hee seeth, is bound, vpon payne to bee reputed *voyd of good Governement*, to haile her before hee shoote at her. Some man may say, that in the meane time, shee might gaine the winde: in such causes and many others, necessi-

Advise for
shooting at
Sea.

Sundry mis-
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neglect thereof

Obiect.

Answer,