

vnto mee the plaine and naked truth, and that hee took God to witnesse of the same truth; with which receiving satisfaction, I forced my selfe what I could, to perswade him to annimate his companions, and in my name to intreate the Capitaine, and the rest to persevere in defence of their libertie, liues, and reputation, remitting all to his discretion: not doubting, but he would be tender of his dutie, and zealous of my reputation, in preferring his liberty, and the liberty of the Company above all respects whatsoever. As for the welfare hoped by a surrender, I was altogether unlikely to be partaker thereof; Death threatning to deprive me of the benefit, which the Enemy offered; but if God would be pleased to free vs; the ioy and comfort I should receiue, might perhaps giue me force and strength to recover health.

Which answer being delivered to the Capitaine, hee presently caused a flagge of truce, to be put in place of our Ensigne, and began to parley of our surrendry, with a Spaniard, which *Don Beltran* appointed for that purpose, from the poope of the Admirally to offer in his name, the conditions before specified; with his faithful promise and oath, as the King Generall; to take vs a *buen a guerra*, and to send vs all into our owne Countrey. The promise hee accepted, and sayd, that vnder the same, hee yielded, and surrendred himselfe, shippe, and company. Immediately, there came vnto me another servant of mine, and told me, that our Capitaine had surrendred himselfe, and our shippe; which vnderstood, I called vnto one *Juan Gomes de Pineda*, a Spanish Pilote, which was our prisoner, and in all the fight we had kept close in hold, and willed him to goe to the Generall *Don Beltran de Castro* from mee, to tell him, that if he would giue vs his word, and oath, as the Generall of the King, and some pledge for confirmation, to receiue vs a *buen a guerra*, and to giue vs our liues and libertie, and present passage into our owne Countrey, that we would surrender our selues, and shippe into his handes; Otherwise, that hee should never enjoy of vs, nor ours, any thing, but a resolution every man to dye fighting.

With this Message I dispatched him, and called vnto me all my Company, and encouraged them to sacrifice their liues fighting, and killing the Enemy, if he gaue but a fillip to any of our companions. The Spaniards willed vs to hoise out our boate, which was shott all to peeces; and so was theirs. Seeing that hee called to vs to amaine our sayles, which wee could not well doe, for that they were stung, and wee had not men enough to hand them. In this parley, the Vice-admirall comming vp on our quarter, and