

E L I Z A -
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1588.

Highness's enemies are many; yet God hath and will hear your Majesty's prayers, putting your hand to the plough for the defence of his truth, as your Majesty hath begun. God, for his truth's sake, bleſs your ſacred Majesty now and ever. Written aboard your Majesty's good ſhip the Revenge, this 8th of Auguſt, 1588.

Your Majesty's faithful vaſſal,

FRANCIS DRAKE.

From the Same to Secretary Walsingham.

Auguſt the 10th, 1588.

REASONS why he thinks, that the Spaniſh fleet is gone to Norway or Denmark; that the King of Denmark can beſt help their wants.

The Prince of Parma, I take him to be as a bear robbed of her whelps; and no doubt, but being ſo great ſoldier as he is, that he will preſently, if he may, undertake ſome great matter, for his reſt will ſtand now thereupon. It is for certain, that the Duke of Sidonia ſtandeth ſomewhat jealous of him, and the Spaniards begin to hate him, their honour being touched ſo near, and many of their lives ſpent. I aſſure your Honour not ſo little as five thouſand men leſs, than when we firſt ſaw them near Plymouth; divers of their ſhips ſunk and taken; and they have nothing to ſay for themſelves in excuſe, but that they came to the place appointed, which was at Calais, and there ſtaid the Duke of Parma's coming above twenty-four hours, yea, and until they were fired out. So this is my poor concluſion, if we may recover near Dunkirk this night, or to-morrow morning, ſo as their power may ſee us returned from the Channel, and ready to encounter them, if they once ſally, that the next news you ſhall hear, will be the one to meeting againſt the other; which when it ſhall come to paſs, or whether they meeting or no, let us all with