

fare of our country,
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for there be many of
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The true state of Island. Traffiques, and Discoueries.

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times there is not one word without a reproch) will be not iudge the author of this patquill to
hau: bene: a most lewde man, yea the very diuile of mankind, without pietie, without humanitie:
But here I haue iust occasion to doubt whether the author of these reuilings hath bene the
more iudicious to Islanders, or the printer thereof Iachimus Leo (and whatsoever else they
be) who in their editions dare neither pro: fesse their owne name, nor the name of their Cite) which
Leo hath now twice, if not oftner, published the saide pamphlet at Hamburg. Doe you suffer
new to gratifie Island in this sort, which these many yeeres, by reason of your abundant traffique
with vs, and your transporting home of all our commodities, of our beeces and muttons, and of
an incredible deale of butter and fishes, hath bene vnto your Cite in stead of a storehouse? In
times past also, certaine Cities of England and of Holland haue reaped the commodities of this
Isle: Forouer, there hath bene ancient traffique of Denmarke, Breime, and Lubeck with the
Islanders. But they neuer gained by any of their chapmen such commendations, and such thanks,
as are contained in this libell: It hath in your, in your Cite (I say) bene hzen, brought forth,
increased, if not the thirde time published: which hath armed other people, vnto whom the name of
Island was other wise scarce knowne, to the disdain and contempt of this our Nation: and this
murder offered by a Citizen of yours, hath Island sustained these 30. yeeres and more, and doeth as
yet susteine. But many such accidents often come to passe without the knowledge of the magi-
strate, neither do we doubt but that good men are grieved at such infamous libels, and do take
higent heed that they be not published: for such editions are contrary to the lawe of nature: Doe
not that to another which thou wouldst not haue done vnto thy selfe: and to the lawes Em-
perial of infamous libels: wherein is enioyned a most grievous penaltie vnto those, who in-
uent, write, vter, or cause such libels to be bought or sold, or do not presently vpon the finding
thereof teare them in pieces.

The common
dishes of Island.

The ancient
traffique of
England with
Island.

Islanders against
libels.

But now time bids vs to found a retreat: and to retorne home vnto thee Island, our most deare
mother, whom neither pouertie, nor colde, nor any other such inconueniences shall make irk-
some vnto vs, so long as thou censist not to glue heartie and willing entertainment vnto Christ:
where, first we doe earnestly exhort thee to the serious and ardent affection, and loue of God, and
of the heauenly knowledge reueiled vnto vs in Christ: that thou wouldst preferre this before all
things, being contained wile desire of doctrine, and of the woyle: that thou wouldst not lightly
esteem, contemne, or hate the holy ministerie and ministers, but reuerence, cherish, and loue
them. Accompanying those that practise the contrary as wicked and prophane: and managing all
thyne affaires both priuate and publique, according to the prescript rule of pietie and honestie,
and so in either kinde of life relying thy selfe vpon that leuell and line of equitie and iustice, and a-
voiding others, who vpon stubbornesse and impietie swerue therefrom. That thou wouldst also
inflict such punishments vpon offenders: All which we doubt not but the Magistrate will haue re-
spect vnto. But especially that thou admitted none to be Magistrates, but men of approued sibe-
neanes inconueniences may sily be prevented. For if this matter be well handled, namely that
they which are the best of all good men be chosen to beare publique authoritie, wicked and vnde-
uen being altogether reiectted: the condition of the subiects shalbe most prosperous: the liues and
honours of all men shal proue by so much the more commendable: godlinesse also and honestie shal
become the more glorious. But on the contrary, if pastours of Churches be not answerable to the
function, either in life or doctrine, if all men without respect or difference be admitted to the
gouernment of the common wealth, who aspire thereunto by their owne rashnesse, ambition, or a-
uice, and desire of honour, yea though they be suspected or conuicted of crimes and dishonestie,
the pastours or vniu: fauourers of such persons as are suspected and conuicted: then what
will thy state, oh Island? What wil be thy outward shew or condition? Doubtesse most misfe-
rable, when if thou committed thy selfe to the gouernment of such men, who to the vttermost of their
ruine, although they be of thine owne blood, daily seeke thine ouerthrow for their owne priuate
amage and secret malice. Therefore (to be shor) let these be to aduertise my deare Country,
that thou wouldst not haue done vnto thy selfe: and to the lawes Em-
perial of infamous libels: wherein is enioyned a most grievous penaltie vnto those, who in-
uent, write, vter, or cause such libels to be bought or sold, or do not presently vpon the finding
thereof teare them in pieces.

But whilst I am speaking these things vnto thee (my Countrey) oh that my deepe and
full sighes, which lie hid in the former speech, might pierce the eares of our Kinges most ex-
cellent Maiestie, beside whom, on thy behalfe I doe bewaile the publique miseries, which in this
Isle especially doe arise, because wee are so farre distant from the seate and royall presence
of King, that many therefore take more libertie, and promise more securitie of offending vnto
themselves.

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