

one another, for defence and offence. And the aduantage the one hath of the other, experience daily teacheth.

In the great expedition of eightie eight, did not the *Elizabeth*, *Jonas*, the *Triumph*, and the *Beare*, shew greater maieitic then the *Arke Royall* and the *Victorie*, being of equall burthens? did they not cause greater regard in the enemy? did they not harbour and accommodate more then men? and much better? did they not beare more Artillery? And if they had come to boord with the Spanish high-charged ships, it is not to be doubted but they would haue mustred themselues better, then those which could not with their prowesse nor props, haue reached to their wastes. The strength of the one cannot be compared with the strength of the other: but in bourding, it goeth not so much in the strength, as in weight and greatnesse. For the greater ship that bourdeth with the lesser; with her Mastes, her Yards, her Tacklings, her Anchors, her Ordinance, and with her sides bruseth and beateth the lesser to peeces, although the lesser be farre stronger according to proportion.

All ships of warre are not to below built

The *Fore-sight* of his Maiesties, and the *Daintie*, were shippes in their proportions farre more stronger, then the Carake which was taken by them, and their consorts, Anno 92. (For she had in a manner no strong building nor binding, and the others were strenghtened and bound, as art was able to afford;) and yet both bourding with her, were so brused, broken, and badly handled, as they had like to haue sunke by her side, though bourding with aduantage to weather-wards of her. But what would haue become of them, if she should haue had the wind of them, and haue come aboard to windward of them? In small time no doubt, she would haue beaten them vnder water.

An. 90. in the fleet vnder the charge of *St. Iohn Hawkins* my father, coming from the South-wards, the *Hope* of his Maiesties gaue chase to a French ship, thinking her to be a Spaniard. She thought to haue freed her selfe by her sailing, and so would not auaille, but endured the shooting of many peeces, and forced the *Hope* to lay her aboard; of which issued that mischiefe which before I spake off. For in a moment the French ship had all her Mastes, Yards, and Sailes in the Sea; and with great difficultie the *Hope* could free her selfe from sinking her.

In the selfe same voyage, neere the Ilands of *Flores* and *Coron*, the *Rain-bow* and the *Fore-sight* came soule one of another, the *Rain-bow* (being the greater shippe) left the *Fore-sight* much torne, and if God had not beene pleased to seperate them, the lesser