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the English, because their victuals failed them in like sort, and they began also to want cables, cordage, anchors, masts, sails, and other naval furniture, and utterly despairing of the Duke of Parina his assistance (who verily hoping and undoubtedly expecting the returne of the Spanish Fleet, was continually occupied about his great preparation, commanding abundance of anchors to be made, & other necessary furniture for a Fleet to be provided) they thought it good at length, so soone as the winde should serue them, to fetch a compass about Scotland and Ireland, and so to returne for Spaine.

For they well understood, that commandement was giuen throughout all Scotland, that they should not haue any succour or assistance there. Neither yet could they in Norway supply their wants. Wherefore, hauing taken certaine Scottish and other fisherboats, they brought the men on board their owne ships, to the end they might be their guides and Pilots. Fearing also lest their fresh water should faile them, they cast all their horses and mules ouer-board: and so touching no where vpon the coast of Scotland, but being carried with a fresh gale betwene the Orkades and Faar-Iles, they proceeded farre North, euen vnto 61 degrees of latitude, being distant from any land at the least 40 leagues. Where the Duke of Medina generall of the Fleet commanded all his followers to shapeth their course for Bilcay: and he himselfe with twenty of five and twenty of his ships which were best provided of fresh water and other necessaries, holding on his course ouer the maine Ocean, returned safely home. The residue of his ships being about forty in number, and committed vnto his Vice-admirall, fell neerer with the coast of Ireland, intending their course for Cape Clare, because they hoped there to get fresh water, and to refresh themselves on land. But after they were vniuen with many contrary windes, at length, vpon the second of September, they were cast by a tempest arising from the Southwest vpon diuers parts of Ireland, where many of their ships perished. And amongst others, the shippe of Michael de Oquendo, which was one of the great Gallies: and two great ships of Venice also, namely, la Rarra and Belanzara, with other 36 or 38 ships more, which perished in tempests, together with most of the persons contained in them.

Likewise some of the Spanish ships were the second time carried with a strong West winde into the chanell of England, whereof some were taken by the English vpon their coast, and others by the men of Rochel vpon the coast of France.

Howeuer, these arrived at New-hauen in Normandy, being by tempest increased so to doe, one of the four great Gallies, where they found the ships with the Spanish women which followed the Fleet at their setting forth. Two ships also were cast away vpon the coast of Norway, one of them being of a great burthen; howbeit all the persons in the sayd great ship were saved: insomuch that of 134 ships, which set saile out of Portugall, there returned home 53 onely small and great: namely of the four gallies but one, and but one of the four gallies. Of the 91 great galleons and hulks there were missing 58, and 33 returned: of the pataches and xabazas 17 were missing, and 18 returned home. In briefe, there were missing 84 ships, in which number were gallies, gallies, galeons, and other vessels both great and small. And amongst the 53 ships remaining, those also are reckoned which returned home before they came into the English chanell. Two galeons of those which were returned, were by misfortune burnt as they rode in the hauen; and such like mishaps did many others vndergo. Of 30000 persons which went in this expedition, there perished (according to the number and proportion of the ships) the greater and better part; and many of them which came home, by reason of the toiles and inconueniences which they sustained in this voyage, died not long after their arrival. The Duke of Medina immediately vpon his returne was deposed from his authority, commanded to his private house, and forbidden to reapeire vnto the Court; where he could hardly satisfie or peece a reason vnto his malicious enemies and backbiters. Many honourable personages and men of great renowne were ceased soone after their returne; as namely John Martinez de Ricalde, with diuers others. A great part also of the Spanish Nobility and Gentry employed in this expedition perished either by fight, disease, or drowning, before their arrival; & among the rest Thomas Perenot of Granduall a Dutchman, being earle of Cancebroi, and some vnto Cardinall Granduell his brother.

Vpon the coast of Zeland Don Diego de Pimentell, together vnto the Marques de Tannares, and his kinsman vnto the earle of Beneuentum & Calia, and Colonell ouer 32 bands with many other in the same ship was taken and detained as prisoner in Zeland.

Into England (as we sayd before) Don Pedro de Valdez, a man of singular experience, and greatly honoured in his countrey, was led captiue, being accompanied with Don Valquez de Silua, Don Alonzo de Sayas, and others.

Likewise vpon the Scottish Westerne Isles of Lewis, and Ha, and about Cape Cantyre vpon the maine land, there were cast away certaine Spanish shippers, out of which were saved

uers Captaines and Gentlemen, who were taken, were there clothed secretly shipped for Spaine vpon the coast of North known; who in regard of their passage.

Vpon the Irish coast maintained by the barbarous and Don Alonzo de Liçon, Col together with Rodorigo de la Noie (who being of Turney) might be raunsoned: many a woorthy family in a kinsman.

For the perpetuall memory of this calamity: which of GLORY TO GOD ships, with these words: THUS IT CAME, WE

Next came, went, and was ban- Likewise they coined another ship fleeing, and a ship sinking vnto God vpon their knees; together with the last memory of the calamity according to the custome of the

While this wonderfull and men did now plainly see and his shipwrecke England prostrated but especially the outlandish name, the Spaniards had thence all failings and supplications, vpon them for their sinnes: for enemies, calamities, and necessaries being visited with affliction and served throughout the united

Also a while after the Spaniards demerit of her Majesty, and in festival day publicly appointed and there to render thanks and pray for the people thereunto. The feast day was wholly spent in fasting.

Likewise, the Queenes Majesty in triumph, in regard of her own vnto her City of London in a Church of the Church of the quilled Spaniards hung display on either side the street, by the streets were hanged on both sides perished a very stateily and gallant ship with her Clergie and Nobles preached before her at Pauls cross honour, and glory might be remembered. And with her owne name: whereupon the people to the confusion of her foes.

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