

at hand, I confesse, they worke great execution: but the round shott, is the onely principall and powerfull meane, to breake Mast or Yard.

The Spaniards
fore-mast
thrice hit
through.

And in this our fight, the Admirall of the Spaniards, had his fore-mast shot through with two round shott, some three yardes beneath the head; had either of them entred but foure ynches further into the heart of the Mast, without all doubt, it had freed vs, and perhaps put them into our hands. The third day in the after-noon which was the 22. of Iune 1594. according to our computation, and which I follow in this my discourse, our sayles being torne, our Mastes all perished, our pumpe rent, and shot to peeces, and our shippe with foureteene shott vnder water, and seuen or eight foote of water in hold; many of our men being slaine, and the most part of them (which remayned) fore hurt, and in a manner altogether fruiteles, and the enemy offering still to receaue vs a *buena guerra*, and to giue vs life and libertie, and imbarcation for our cuntry; Our Captaine, and those which remayned of our Company, were all of opinion that our best course was to surrender our selues, before our shippe suncke. And so by common consent agreed the second time, to send a seruant of mine *Thomas Sanders*, to signifie vnto mee the estate of our shippe and company; And that it was impossible by any other way to expect for hope of deliverance, or life, but by the miraculous hand of God, in vsing his Almighty power; or by an honourable surrender: which in every mans opinion was thought most convenient. So was I desired by him, to giue also my consent, that the Captaine might capitulate with the Spanish Generall, and to compound the best *partido* he could by surrendring our selues into his hands: vpon condition of life and libertie. This hee declared vnto me, being in a manner voyd of sence, and out of hope to liue or recover, which considered, and the circumstances of his relation, I answered as I could, that hee might iudge of my state, readie every moment to giue vp the Ghost, and vnable to discerne in this cause what was convenient, except I might see the present state of the shippe. And that the honour or dishonour, the wel-fare or misery, was for them, which should be partakers of life; At last, for that I had satisfaction of his valour and true dealing, in all the time, hee had served me, and in correspondence of it, had given him (as was notorious) charge and credit in many occasions, I bound him, by the loue and regard, hee ought me, and by the faith and duty to Almighty God, to tell me truely, if all were as he had declared. Whereunto hee made answer, that hee had manifested vnto