

*The chiefe (then) and the farthest poynt that my intention shall seeke to arrive at; shall bee to remove that unbeliefe, which is so grounded in the mindes of men, to discredite most noble and profitable endevoures with distrust: and first, to shake off their colourable pretences of ignorance, and then, if they will not be perswaded to make their self-willes inexcusable; I shall make manifest the worthinesse of the cause to the mindes of such as are desirous to bee settled in a certaintie. As for my selfe, I doe giue trust to the relations of such, whose wisdomes (I know) are not so shallow, as easilie bee deceiued of others; nor consciences so wretched, as by pretences to deceive others: and having the personall tryall of so honourable and sufficient reporters, our owne Countrie-men, this naked contemplation, and idle knowledge can not content mee: but knowing that the chiefe commendation of vertue consisteth in action, I haue resolved a practise, and to trace the footsteppes of those heroicke fore runners, whose honourable actions shall ever live upon Earth; whiles their Soules live in glorie in the Heavens, and shall increase heere, and multiplie; as their bodies in the grave shall putrifie.*

*The inducements which hath encouraged mee to this enterprise, and to spend my time, and best abili-*