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" within the City of *London*, as the Suburbs thereof,
" and especially within these twelve Years "

A Performance (c) which carries with it a strong
Appearance of Authenticity, fixes all the Mariners em-
ployed in the Service of the Merchants, at the Num-
ber of ten thousand Persons. Sir *Thomas Overbury* (d)
observes that the *Dutch* possessed three Times more
Shipping than the *English*, but that their Vessels were
of inferior Burthen to those of the latter. We have
already remarked that Sir *William Monson* (e) supposed
the naval Power of the *English* to be scarcely inferior to
that of the States of *Holland*. Let it now be added that
a discerning Investigator (f) concludes this to be an
exaggerated Declaration. The *Dutch*, at this Æra,
traded to *England* with six hundred Ships. The *Eng-
lish* traded to *Holland* with only sixty Ships (g).

It hath been remarked (h) that the Catalogue of Ma-
nufactures for which the *English* were eminent, during
the Reign of *James*, would appear exceedingly con-
temptible in Comparison of those which flourish
amongst them, at the present Period. The Generality
of the more elaborate, and curious Arts, were only cul-
tivated abroad, and particularly in *Italy*; Shipping,
and the founding of Iron Cannon were the sole Arts
in which the *English* excelled. They seem indeed to
have possessed alone the Secret of the latter; and great

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(c) "The Trade's Increase" *Harleyan Misc.* V. 3.

(d) "Remarks on his Travels." *Harl. Misc.* V. 2.

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(e) *Naval Tracts*, p. 329, 350.

(f) *Hume's History of England*, 8vo. V. 6. Appendix,
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(g) *Raleigh's Remains*.

(h) *Hume's History of England*, 8vo. V. 6. Appendix,
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