

advanced to the barony of Effingham. His earlier years were passed in naval expeditions ; but, at the accession of Elizabeth, a period when he was just of age, he received orders from his sovereign, to repair to Paris, and, in her name, to congratulate Charles, the ninth, who, about this time, had ascended the throne of France (d). In the year, one thousand, five hundred, and sixty-eight, he was appointed general of the horse, and, attending the Earl of Warwick to the North, displayed his valour, and good conduct, in the action against the rebels, under their leaders, the Earls of Northumberland, and Westmoreland (e).

We have already (f) observed that, in the year, one thousand, five hundred, and sixty-nine, he was intrusted with the command of a formidable squadron, and, attended by several of the nobility, proceeded to Zealand, from whence, he escorted into Spain, Anne, of Austria, the daughter of the emperor Maximilian, and niece of Philip, to whom she was betrothed in marriage (g). It is, now, necessary to add that, in the true spirit of an English seaman, who, neither in peace, nor war, permits the navy of his sovereign to be insulted, in the channel, he forced the Spaniards, although their fleet amounted to one hundred, and thirty sail, to strike their flags, as an acknowledgment that Elizabeth, and her people, were intitled to the dominion of the ocean by which they were surrounded (h).

In

(d) Camden's Annals, p. 54.

(e) Strype's Annals, V. 1. p. 583.—Holingshed, V. 2. p. 1212.

(f) Volume the second, p. 168.

(g) Camden's Annals, V. 2. p. 220, 221.—Perrera's Hist. de Espana, Part XV. Sec. 16.

(h) Epistle Dedicatory, addressed to the Earl of Nottingham, in the first volume of Hackluyt's Voyages.