

The honor. voyage to Cadiz. Traffiques, & Discoueries. 619

though that there is some good order taken for them hereafter, to be redeemed, and sent ouer into England.

If any man presume here so farre, as to enquire how it chanced, that the Lord generall rested in them, was so boznie? and why Sheres *alias* Xeres? And why Rotta and the like? And why some English prouerbe, as I might, which is: That one foole may aske more questions in one day, then ten discrete men can wel answere in five dayes.

But that graue auncient wryter, Cornelius Tacitus, hath a wise, bylefe, pithy saying, and it is: *Nemo teneat inquirere in columnas Herculis, sanctiusq; ac reuerentius habitum est de Deorum credere, quam scire.* Which saying, in my fancy, stretch marvellous well for this purpose: so much the rather, for that this Cadiz is that very place, (at least by the common opinion) where those fild pillars of Hercules were thought to be placed: and, as some say, remaine yet not farre off to be seene. But to let that passe, the saying beareth this discrete meaning in it, which is in a ptep kind of mystical manner uttered: That it belongeth not inferiour persons to be inquisitive after princes actions, neither yet to be so sawpy and so malapert, as to pry into their secrets, but rather alwayes to haue a right zeuerend conceite and opinion of them, and their doings: and therein to resting our inward thoughts, to seek to go no further, but to remaine ready alwayes to arme our selues with doubtful minds, and willing obedience, to performe, and the care of the common wealch determine vpon.

And much lesse so, might suffice to satisfie any honest minded man. But yet if any will aske me to be a little farther satisfied, albe it it neede not, yet then, thus much I dare say and shew vpon my knowledge, the chiefest cause why Port Saine Mary, and the rest were left vpon such a royal companie, in which there was no maner of wealth in the world left, but bare houses of stone, and standing wallen, and might well haue serued rather as a stile, to haue entrapped, then as a meane to haue enriched. And it had bin moze then a suspition, for such an army as this, to haue sought to fight with the aire, and to haue labour in paine and charges, yea, and with some euident danger too, to haue our rishonien tyne, and very little of nothing haue profited, being destroyed: and yet no we, can doe us little hurt, left, as it is, untouched.

And much for our journey to Cadiz: for the accidents that happened by the way, for the burning, and burning of the said towne, for the ouerthrowing of the Spanish Fleet there, and for matters that happened, as appendances to the time, both in the time of our a- rriue, as also at the very last houre of our coming from thence.

And our returne home, and our entrance into a part of Portugal by the way, with the taking, and burning of the towne of Faro there, and their going into the Spanish conuies there, and my minde to leave it to some other, whose chance it may be present at the action, as my minde, and shalbe of moze sufficient ability to performe it.

The end of the first volume.

