

and to serve his grace, the realm, and this present voyage, truly, and not to give up, intermit, or leave off the same voyage and enterprise until it shall be accomplished, so far forth as possibility and life of man may serve or extend: therefore it behoveth every person, in his degree, as well for conscience as for duty's sake, to remember his said charge, and the accomplishment thereof.

3. Item, where furthermore, every mariner or passenger in his ship hath given like oath to be obedient to the captain-general, and to every captain and master in his ship, for the observation of these present orders contained in this book, and all other which hereafter shall be made by the twelve counsellors in this present book named, or the most part of them, for the better conduction and preservation of the fleet, and achieving of the voyage, and to be prompt, ready, and obedient in all acts and feats of honesty, reason, and duty, to be ministered, shewed, and executed, in advancement and preferment of the voyage and exploit: therefore it is convenient that this present book shall once every week, by the discretion of the captain, be read to the said company, to the intent, that every man may the better remember his oath, conscience, duty, and charge.

4. Item, every person, by virtue of his oath, to do effectually, and with good will (as far forth as him shall comply) all and every such act and acts, deed and deeds, as shall be to him or them from time to time commanded, committed, and enjoined (during the voyage) by the captain-general, with the assent of the counsel and assistants, as well in and during the whole navigation and voyage, as also in discovering and landing, as cases and occasions shall require.

5. Item, all courses in navigation to be set and kept, by the advice of the captain, pilot-major, masters, and masters' mates, with the assents of the counsellors, and the most number of them, and in voices uniformly agreeing in one, to prevail, and take place, so that the captain-general shall in all counsels and assemblies have a double voice.

6. Item, that the fleet shall keep together, and not separate themselves asunder, as much as by wind and weather may be done or permitted, and that the captains, pilots, and masters, shall speedily come aboard the admiral, when, and as often, as he shall seem to have just cause to assemble them for counsel or consultation to be had, concerning the affairs of the fleet and voyage.

7. Item, that the merchants, and other skilful persons in writing, shall daily write, describe, and put in memory, the navigation of every day and night, with the points, and observation of the lands, tides, elements, altitude of the sun, course of the moon and stars, and the same so noted, by the order of the master and pilot of every ship, to be put in writing, the captain-general assembling the masters together once every week (if wind and weather shall serve) to confer all the observations and notes of the said ships, to the intent it may appear wherein the notes do agree, and wherein they dissent, and upon good debatement, deliberation, and conclusion determined, to put the same into a common ledger, to remain of record for the company: the like order to be kept in proportioning of the cards, astrolabes, and other instruments, prepared for the voyage at the charge of the company.

8. Item, that all enterprises and exploits of discovering or landing to search isles, regions, and such like, to be searched, attempted, and enterprised, by good deliberation, and common assent, determined advisedly. And that in all enterprises, notable ambassages, suits, requests, or presentment of gifts or presents to princes, to be done and executed by the captain-general in person, or by such other as he by common assent shall appoint or assign to do, or cause to be done, in the same.