

S E C T. I V.



He fruits and inconveniences of the latter we daily partake of, to our losse and dishonor. As in the Fleete that went for *Burdienx*, Anno 1592. which had six Gallant Ships for Waiters. At their going out of *Plimouth*, the Vice-admirall that should haue beene starnmost of all, was the headmost, and the Admirall the light, and he that did execute the office of the Vice-admirall, lanching off into the Sea, drew after him the greater part of the Fleete, and night comming on, and both bearing lights, caused a separation: so that the head had a quarter of the bodie, and the Fleete three quarters, and he that should goe before, came behinde. Whereof ensued, that the three parts meeting with a few Spanish Men of Warre, wanting their head, werea prey vnto them. For the Vice-admirall, and other Waiters, that should be the Shepheards to guard and keepe their flocke, and to carry them in safetie before them, were headmost, and they the Men who made most hast to flie from the Wolfe. Whereas if they had done as they ought, in place of losse and infamie, they had gained honor and reward.

The losse of
the *Burdienx*
Fleete, Anno
1592.

The cause.

This I haue beene enformed of by the *Spanish* and *English*, which were present in the occasion. And a ship of mine, being one of the Starnmost, freed her selfe, for that shee was in warlike manner, with her false Netting, many Pendants and Streamers, and at least 16. or 18. Peeces of Artillery; the enemie thinking her to be a Waiter, or Ship of warre, not one of them durst lay her aboard: and this the Master and company vaunted of at their returne.

In the same Voyage, in the river of *Burdienx* (as is credibly reported) if the six Waiters had kept together, they had not onely not received damage, but gotten much Honour and Reputation. For the Admirall of the Spanish *Armado*, was a Flemish Shippe, of not aboue 130. Tunnes, and the rest Flie-boates and small shipping, for the most part.

The weaknes
of the enemy.

And although they were 22. Sayle in all, what manner of Ships they were, and how furnished and appoynted, is well knowne, with the difference.

In the Fleete of her Maiestie, vnder the charge of my Father Sir *Iohn Hawkins*, Anno 1590. vpon the coast of *Spaine*, the Vice-admirall being a head one morning, where his place was to be a

The Voyage
of Sir *Iohn*
Hawkins, An-
no 1590.