

prouident, but not cōfounded with a deiecting fear) where the greatneffe of fo well grounded hopes for vs and for our Posteritie should make vs (hoping for pleasure) to digest any present paine, with a courage greater then can bee braued by any apprehended trouble. And because the Lord in such eminent Exploits doth commonly glorifie himselfe by a few number, I wish that all such whose hearts doe misgiue them portending any disaster (like them of *Gideons* troupes that bowed downe like beafts to the water) should retire in time, ere the contagioufneffe of their infirmitie come to infect them that are more soundly disposed. There is no iust cause for a reasonable man to feare any worldly thing, but onely disgrace and want of necessary mayntenance: A man can hardly fall in the first here, since an honourable intention what euer the successe prooue must acquire prayse, and the other by ordinary meanes, is easie to be auoyded, but I am so farre from painting out a supposed facilitie to snare weake minds, that I would haue none (with whom it is not fit to communicate more then they be capeable) to imbarke in this busines, but onely such as do resolute against the worst, for I possesse as *Cato* did, when he was to enter the Deserts of *Arabia*.

———*Neque enim mihi fallere quenquam
Est animus, tectoque metu perducere vulgus.
Hi mihi sunt comites, quos ipsa pericula ducent,
Qui me teste, pati, vel quæ tristissima, pulchrum,
Romanumque putant; at qui sponse salutis
Miles eget, capiturque animæ dulcedine, vadat
Ad Dominum meliore via.*———

And last should not these memorable Exploits of late performed in the East and West *Indies* by the *Flemmings*, enflame vs with a generous ardour to equall, or rather to exceede them, whose penuritie of people (euen at home) must bee supplied by the superfluitie of ours: They haue