

prouident, but not cōfounded with a deiecting fear) where the greatneſſe of ſo well grounded hopes for vs and for our Poſteritie ſhould make vs (hoping for pleaſure) to diſgeſt any preſent paine, with a courage greater then can bee brained 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 beaſts to the water) ſhould retire in time, ere the contagiouſneſſe of their infirmitie come to infect them that are more ſoundly diſpoſed. There is no juſt 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 reſolue 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,
Romanūque putant; at qui ſponſore 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
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