

This race building, first came in, by overmuch homing in of our shippes; and received for good, vnder colour of making our ships thereby the better sea-shippes, and of better advantage to hull and trye: but in my iudgement, it breedeth many inconveniences, and is farre from working the effect they pretend, by disabling them for bearing their cage worke correspondent, to the proportion and mould of the shippe, making them tender sided, and vnable to carry sayle in any fresh gale of winde, and diminishing the play of their Artillery, and the place for accommodating their people to light, labor, or rest.

And I am none of those, who hold opinion, that the over-much homing in, the more the better, is commodious and easier for the shippe; and this out of the experience, that I haue learned; which with forcible reasons, I could proue to be much rather discomodious and worthy to be reformed. But withall I hold it not necessary to discourie here of that particularitie, but leaue the consequence to men of vnderstanding, and so surcease.

S E C T. LXII.



LI this second day, and the third day and night, our Captaine and company sustained the fight, notwithstanding the disadvantage where with they fought; The enimie being euer to wind-ward, and wee to lee-ward, their shott much damnifying vs, and ours little annoying them, for whensoever a man encountreth with his enimie at sea, in gayning the weather gage, hee is in possibilitie to linke his contrary; but his enimie cannot not linke him; and therefore hee which is forced to fight with this disadvantage, is to procure by all meanes possible to shoote downe his contraries Masts or Yards, and to teare or spoyle his tackling and sayles; for which purpose, billets of some heauie wood fitted to the great Ordinance, are of great importance. And so are Arrowes of fire, to bee shot out of flur-bowes, and cases of small shot ioyned two and two together, with peeces of wyer of five or six ynches long, which also shot out of muskets are of good effect, for tearing the sayles, or cutting the tackling.

Some are of opinion, that crosse barres and chaine-shot, are of moment for the spoiling of Masts and Yards, but experience daily teacheth, them not to be of great importance, though neere

The disadvantage of Ships to lee-ward,

And the best remedie.