

John Walker as chaplain to the Earl of Leicester, though he went as Chaplain with Fenton* in the attempted expedition to the Moluccas. He was a member of the Council of Advice, and was attached to the "Edward."† The expedition sailed, and in February, 1584, Walker was taken sick. The journal contains the following entry: "The 5 day about 10. a'clocke in the forenoone M. Walker died, who had bene weake and sicke. The bloodie fixe 6. dayes, wee tooke a view of his things, and prised them, and heaved him overboard, and shot a peece for his knell."‡

Walker was evidently a humane man, using his influence to heal dissensions in the ill-starred expedition, and preventing the admiral from exercising great cruelty.

Thus, tossing upon the waves of the lonely Southern Sea, he, who probably was the explorer of Norombega in 1580, died, and there he found his burial. But his influence did not perish with him. The knowledge which he acquired went to swell the sum of Sir Humphrey Gilbert's information, and helped to spur him on to undertake his last voyage, or, otherwise, to lure him on to death; for, knight and priest, Sir Humphrey Gilbert and "his man" found a common sepulture in the sea.

Gilbert, in turn, was followed by Sir Ferdinando Gorges, who set his hand with great strength to the work of New England colonization, of which he became the more immediate founder. Sir Ferdinando, however, was under great obligations to such men as those who led the way to Maine in 1579-80; while the Pilgrims of Leyden, who were directed to Plymouth in 1620 by the employees of Gorges, were in turn indebted to Walker and his associates for the greeting they received from the chief Samoset, friend of Gorges, who exclaimed "Welcome, Englishmen!"

God p'serve yo^r L in most happye estate to his glorie, & yo^r L hartes desyre. Southempto this xxijth of Apryll: 1582.

Y^r honorable L most bounden
s[']vaunte

JOHN WALKER.

May it please yo^r L to geve me leave further to adverteise yo^r L: that the ryghte worshypfull St Frauncys Drake hathe vsed me wth the greateste frendeshyppe that any myghte desyre: bothe in instructinge me in the voyage and in dealinge lyberallye wth me and my fellowe preacher: for the whyche I beseeche yo^r L geve him thanks

[Addressed:]

To the ryghte honorable my
Singular good Laud M^r the
erle of Leycester geve these."

* MSS. in British Museum, Otho VIII. f. 87.

† Sloane MSS. No. 2146, f. 73, and Otho VIII. fols. 142 and 179-200.

‡ Hakluyt, Vol. III. p. 767. Otho, f. 140.