

The Epistle Dedicatorie.

only the Aire at this time I desire to dignifie, and that which is within that Horizon: Yet is my prooffe rather in hope of others, then in any attuated performance of mine owne. If your Maiestie will be pleased to giue credit to your meanest subiect, I may ingage my selfe on this asseration, That not only in this unprofitable (though not vnpleasant) Art, better wits would thrine there: but all other sollid learning would walke uprightly without conuulsions. I cannot but know, how almost all your Royall houres are taken up in most Reall, serious, sollid imploiments: did I therefore imagine, that either your Maiestie could, or graciously would vouchsafe the reading of these; they would be found some mine owne, the rest, Translations. Meane and unworthy though they are, yet because some of them were borne, and the rest did first speake English, in that Land whereof your gracious Maiestie is the right, and lawfull Soueraigne, and King, by ancient descent and primary possession, and being the first fruits of this kind, that euer visited this Land, out of that Dominion of yours; I thought it my duty, to present and to prostrate these with my selfe at your Royall feete: For what I haue mistakingly offended herein, or shall hereafter, I humbly beseech your Maiesties gracious, mercifull, generall, induldgence and pardon, vnfeinedly beseeching God to blesse your Maiesty with aboundance of all Earthly and Heauenly blessings. And that you may see an happy successe of all your Forraigne Plantations, especially of that of Newfound-land, I remaine

Your Maiesties well meaning
and loyall Subiect,

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