

of your deere brethren to be vnreuenged? is not an honourable death to be preferred before a miserable and slauish life? The one sustaining the honour of our nation, of our predecessours, and of our societie; the other ignominious to our selues, and reproachfull to our nation. Can you be perswaded that the enemy will performe his promise with you, that neuer leaueth to breake it with others, when he thinketh it advantagious? and know you not, that with him, all is conuenient that is profitable? Hold they not this for a *maxime*; that, *nulla fides est seruanda cum hereticis*. In which number they accompt vs to be. Haue you forgotten their faith violated with my father, in *St. Iohn de Vlva*, the conditions and capitulations being firmed by the *Viceroy*, and twelue Hostages, all principall personages giuen for the more securitie of eicher party to other? Haue you forgotten their promise broken with *Iohn Vibao*, and his company in *Florida*, hauing conditioned to giue them shipping and victuals, to carry them into their Countrey? immediately after they had deliuered their weapons and armes, had they not their throates cut? haue you forgotten how they dealt with *Iohn Oxnam*, and his Company, in this Sea, yeeldeth vpon composition? and how after a long imprisonment, and many miseries (being carryed from *Panama* to *Lyma*) and there hanged with all his Company, as Pyrates, by the Iustice? And can you forget how dayly they abuse our noble natures, which being voyde of malice, measure all by sinceritie, but to our losse? for that when we come to demand performance, they stoppe our mouthes; Either with laying the *inquisition* vpon vs; or with deliuering vs into the hands of the ordinary Iustice; or of the Kings ministers. And then vrged with their promises, they shrinke vp to the shoulders; and say, That they haue now no further power ouer vs; They sorrow in their hearts, to see their promise is not accomplished; but now they cannot doe vs any good office, but to pray to God for vs, and to entreat the ministers in our behalfe.

Came we into the South-sea to put out flagges of truce? And lest we our pleasant *England*, with all her contentments, with intention or purpose to auayle our selues of white ragges? and by banners of peace to deliuer our selues for slaues into our enemies hands? or to range the world with the English, to take the law from them, whom by our swords, prowesse, and valour, we haue alwaies heretofore bin accustomed to purchase honour, riches and reputation? If these motiues be not sufficient to perswade you, then I present before your eyes, your wines and children, your parents and friends, your noble and sweete countrey, your gracious

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