vt eosdem ex vestris hic captiuis eiusdem loci atq; ordinis, melioris etiam fortassis notæ, ac conditionis, homuncios, ad vos vicissim remittamus. Id quod nos facturos data fide spondemus, quàm primùm nostros captiuos ex vestris manibus acceperimus. Hac in re si nostro desiderio ac voluntati parùm satisfactum erit, aliud profectò tunc posthac belli genus ingrediemur, aliúmq; bellandi morem cogemur, etiam inuiti, & contra voluntatem prosequi. Ex Regia Anglicana classe apud *Cadiz* vltimo Iunij, stilo antiquo. 1596. *Carolus Howard.*

These letters were sent by a Spaniard, and an answere was brought from the Duke with all conuenient speed, and as it should seeme by the L. Admirals next answere returned to him in writing, which immediatly hereafter followeth, the Duke de Medina Sidonia his letters were honorable, and with good regard.

A copie of my L. Admirals second letter to the Duke of *Medina Sidonia.*

Illustrissimo Principi Duci de Medina Sidonia.

ILlustrissime Princeps, literas ab excellentia vestra hodiè accepimus: quæ verò nostra ad illas responsio, nobiles illi viri, qui vestras literas ad nos pertulerunt, plenius declarabunt. Hoc interim cupimus esse penitùs persuasum Excellentię vestrę, nos sedulò operam daturos, vt in omni honorificæ benignitatis humanitatisq; genere, expectationi vestræ omni ex parte respondeamus. Quod ad Anglicos nostros captiuos attinet, quos ab Excellentia vestra huc nos crastino die missum iri expectamus, in ea re pollicemur Excellentiæ vestræ, quòd plenissimè nobis vestræ voluntati satisfactum erit: & quòd pro illis captiuis tales nos captiuos vobis mitteremus, quales tũ ab ipso Dom. *Mendoza*, tum ab alijs illustrib. viris, qui à Dom. *Porta Carrera* in illorum ad nos fauorẽ mittebantur, communi cum consensu erant ab ipsis approbati. Si quis alius iam captiuus est vel posthac futurus erit in nostra potestate, pro cuius redemptione nondum plenè conuentum est & stipulatum de certo pretio persoluendo: concedimus Excellentiæ vestrę, vt in hoc etiã casu vos, vestro pro arbitrio, de illis quicquid velitis, imperetis. Ex Regia classe Anglicana, apud *Cadiz*, 3. die Iulij stylo antiquo. 1596.

Carolus Howard.

The next day after, being the 4. of July, the LL. general caused the town of Cadiz to be set on fire, and rased & defaced so much as they could, the faire cathedral Church, and the religious houses only being spared, and left vnblemished. And with the town all such prouision for ship, and other things, as were seruiceable for ye K. vse, & yet were not either so conuenient for vs to be carried away, or els such as we stood no whit at all in need of, were likewise at the same instant consumed with fire. And presently thereupon, their Lordships, with as conuenient speed as they could, with whole army in such good order and leisure, as they thought best, came aboord.

The next day being the 5. of July, the LL. general with all the armie being vnder saile, & making for England, & but as yet passing the very mouth of the bay of Cadiz, & galley full of English priseners, with a flag of truce, met vs fro Porta, sent by the D. of Medina Sidonia, & seemed it should seeme, one day later then his promise: but yet their flag being either not big enough, or not wel placed in the galley, or not wel discerned of our men, or by what other mischance I know not: but thus it was: by one of our smallest ships ye sailed foremost, assoone as the said galley came within gunshot, there was a great peece discharged vpon her, & at that instant there was one slaine outright, and 2. other grieuously hurt. The error being espied and perceiued, our ships were immediatly from any farther shooting. Assoone as the galley came neere vs, my L. General caused a gracious salutation to be sounded with his trumpets, & willed the captains sup to come aboord his ship: which they did, and then he feasted them with a very fine and bountiful banket, as the time and place might serue. And then by their vnderstanding of that vnfortunate mischance that had hapned by the shot of the said ship, he was very sorry for the same, and [illegible] was the merciful prouidence of almighty God, that euen in this mischance also, he did bestow ye hand ouer the English. And al the harme that was done did light only vpon the people of the Spaniard himselfe. When this Lord had well banqueted them, he presently [illegible] his barge, and did becompany the said galley to the Lorde general the Earle of Essex, [illegible] did ride with his ship a good distance off: and there they being in like maner most honourably vsed, and intertained, the Spanish gentlemen deliuered vp their prisoners the English [illegible] of whō some had bin there 6 yeres, some 8, or tenyeres, and some 22. yeere, and vpward, and [illegible] them but lately taken in S. Francis Drakes last voiage to the Indies. The number of the [illegible] deliuered were but 39. and no mo, and were brought in, and deliuered by Don Antonio [illegible] and his brother, and by Don Pedro de Cordoua, and certaine others. If you [illegible] of one and fifty Captiues, there were no moe deliuered then was, I presuppose, (and [illegible] it cause to) that at that time the residue were farther off in some remote places of Spaine [illegible], and so by that meanes, not able at this time to bee in a readinesse, but