

shee went from vs, and so we followed on our course, and shee seeing that, presently strooke her Topsayles, which our Pynace perceiving, and being within shot continued the Chase, till I shot off a Peece and called her away; which fault many runne into, thinking to get thereby, and sometimes loose themselves by being too bold to venture from their Fleete; for it was impossible for vs; being to leeward, to take her, or to succour our owne, shee being a Ship of about two hundreth Tunnes.

The dutie of  
Pynaces.

And Pynaces to meddle with Ships, is to buy Repentance at too deare a rate. For their office is, to wayte vpon their Fleete, in calmes (with their Oares) to follow a Chase, and in occasions to Anchor neere the shore, when the greater Ships cannot, without perill; Aboue all, to be readie and obedient at every call. Yet will I not, that any wrest my meaning; neither say I, that a Pynace, or small Ship armed, may not take a great Ship vnarmed; for daily experience teacheth vs the contrary.

The Madera  
Ilands.

The *Madera* Ilands are two: the greater, called *La maderas*, and the other *Porto Santo*; of great fertilitie, and rich in Sugar, Conserues, Wine, and sweet Wood, whereof they take their name. Other commodities they yeeld; but these are the principall. The chiefe Towne and Port is on the Souther side of the *Madera*, well fortified; they are subiect to the Kingdome of *Portingall*; the Inhabitants and Garrison all *Portingalles*.

Canario Ilands.

The third of Iuly, we past along the Ilands of *Canaria*, which haue the name of a Kingdome, and containe these seauen Ilands, *Grand Canaria*, *Tenerifa*, *Palma*, *Gomera*, *Lancerota*, *Forteventura*, and *Fierro*. These Ilands haue abundance of Wine, Sugar, Conserues, Orcall Pitch, Iron, and other Commodities, and store of Cattell and Corne, but that a certaine Worme, called *Gorgosho* breedeth in it, which eateth out the substance, leaving the huske in manner whole. The head Iland, where the Iustice, which they call *Audiencia*, is resident, and whither all sutes haue their appealation, and finall sentence, is the *Grand Canaria*, although the *Tenerifa* is held for the better, and richer Iland, and to haue the best Sugar: and the Wine of the *Palma* is reputed for the best. The Pitch of these Ilands melteth not with the Sunne, and therefore is proper for the higher workes of Shipping. Betwixt *Forteventura* and *Lancerota* is a goodly sound, fit for a meeting place for any Fleete. Where is good Anchoring, and abundance of many sorts of Fish. There is water to be had in most of these Ilands, but with great vigilance. For the naturalls of them are venturous and hardie, and many times clime vp and downe the steepe

*Gorgosho*.

Rockes