

being Captaine of the John and Francis of London. Thus by deviding their Equall spreading the whole sea over a mighty way, there could not so much as the least pinke the was eiped and brought in.

The 13. 14. and 15. dayes, certaine little stragling Caravels were taken by certaine Fleete, and in one of them a young beggarly & yet venterly vblearned, with a great letters for Lisbon: the poore wretches were marvellously well used by the Lordes, and that Caravel, and the like still as they were taken were commaunded to give attendance, and their Honors did understand what they might of these poore men, of the Spaine for that present.

About this time and in this place it was, that first in all my life time I did see the shes, who when they are hardly pinched and chased by the Bonitoes and other great then to auoyde the daunger, they presently mount vp, and forsake the water, and beset selues to the benefite of their winges and make their flight, which commonly is not out of the scope, or there about, and then they are constrained to fall downe into the water, and it is the Mariners opinion that they can fly no longer then their wings be wet. The selfe is about the bignesse of a Sparckrell or a great white Darting, and much of the making, with two large wings shaped of nature very cunningly, and with greene behold, in all the world much like to our Gentlewomenes Dutch shans, that are made of paper, or parchment, or silke, or other stufte, which with certaine neighebor allyes sold themselves together. One of these flying fishes was presented to my Lordes man, and new taken in his L. returne from Cadiz, and then I had good leasure to view it.

The 18. day early in the morning we took an Irish man, and he came directly from Cadiz, having bene there but the day before at twelve of the clocke at high noon. Examining examinen, told truly that there was now great store of shipping at Cadiz, and about 10. or 12. galleies in a readinesse, and that among those ships there were three of the best: and namely, that the Philip of Spaine was among them, but what their intent could not tell. This man was commaunded also to give his attendance.

The 20. of June being Sunday, we came before Cadiz very early in the morning, and this time as yet, the whole Naup had not lost either by sickness or by any other manner of sickness, for that they were no part of our charge to be looked unto, but were a great trust of themselves, and by themselves to be provided for, either for their diet, or for the use of their healths by physike.

Thus then I say, being all in good plight and strong, the 20. of June we came to anchor there very early in the morning presented our selves before the Towne, lying at league or something lesse, from it. The sea at that instant went marvellous high, and the was exceeding large. Notwithstanding, a Councell being called, our Lordes Generall with attempted with all expedition to land some certaine companies of their men at the side of the Towne, by certaine long boats, light horsemen, pyrnesses, and barges many purpose, but could not compass it, and in the attempting thereof, they chanced to lose their barges, with some some scope good souldiers well appointed in yet, and yet by great care, the men were all saved excepting but. And therefore they were constrained off their landing till an other more convenient time.

That morning very timely, there lighted a very faire Doue upon the maine yard of the miral's ship, and there she sat very quietly for the space of 3. or 4. howres, being nothing all that while, every man gazed and looked much upon her, and spake their minds and yet all concluding by no meanes to disquiet her: I for my part, took it for a very good omen, as in truth (God be thanked) there fell out nothing in the end to the contrary. At our very first coming to Cadiz this chanced, so likewise on the very last day of our stay from the same town, another Doue presented her selfe in the selfe same order into the bay, and presently grew wonderfull tame and familiar to vs all, and did so still keepe by us even till our arrivall here in England.

We no sooner presented our selves, but presently a goodly sort of tall Spanish ships of the mouth of the Bay of Cadiz, the Gallies accompanying them in such good order, and as all of them might well succore each other, and therewithall keepe themselves very their towne, the castle, and the fort, for their better guard and defence, abiding there expecting our further determination. All that day passed very rough and boisterous, so nothing could be done, more then that about the evening were passed some friendly and

visions sent one first knowledge no hurt carefull and diligent morning being terrible, betweene the God, and in defence of the Bay of Cadiz, ships, with six. or seven as they might assault the Castle, so as they play upon vs and our most mens opinion was being well weighed situation of the Bay and exceeding beauty over of there about the ships of any constrained to run as to their honorable some other course the appeared in all parts in the singular way, either by fire-works of honor, in so many with the L. Thomas Howard, courage, & wisdom, as is not able by the of as many as could Parcell for that time worths regard, for many in all matters of importance, namely, the French, and for perfect as any gentlemen of the of the Dutch Squadron the two most noble L. Generall the Earl of to be immortalized himselfe among the for singular vertues in all my part increase their most noble Earl to be for lacke of water, and presently for his William Howard that battell was ended. The discharging of those all about one of two or three, they had all most for themselves as they could possibly, and her, & presently there in like manner. Inmedi