

The true vse
of Imprests.

Those onely used in his Maiesties Shippes I comprehend not in this my opinion: neither the Imprests made to married men, which would be given to their Wiues monethly in their absence, for their reliefe. For that is well knowne, that all which goe to the Sea now a-dayes, are provided of foode, and house. roome, and all things necessary, during the time of their Voyage; and in all long Voyages, of apparell also: so that nothing is to be spent during the Voyage. That money which is wont to be cast away in Imprestes, might be employed in apparell, and necessities at the sea, and given to those that haue need, at the price it was bought, to be deducted out of their shares or wages at their returne, which is reasonable and charitable. This course taken, if any would runne away, in Gods name fare him well.

Some haue a more colourable kinde of cunning to abuse men, and to sustaine themselves. Such will goe to Sea with all men, and goe never from the shore. For as long as boord-wages last, they are of the Company, but those taking end, or the ship in readinesse, they haue one excuse, or other, and thinke themselves no longer bound, but whilst they receiue money, and then plucke their heads out of the collar. An abuse also worthie to be reformed.

SECT. VIII.



He greater part of my Companie gathered aboard, I set sayle the 12. of Iune 1593. about three of the Clocke in the afternoone, and made a boord or two off and in, wayting the returne of my boat, which I had sent a-shore, for dispatch of some businessse: which being come aboard, and all put in Order, I loost neere the shore, to giue my farewell to all the Inhabitants of the Towne, whereof the most part were gathered together vpon the *Hewe*, to shew their gratefull correspondency, to the loue and zeale which I, my Father, and Predecessors, haue ever borne to that place, as to our naturall and mother Towne. And first with my noyse of Trumpets, after with my waytes, and then with my other Musicke, and lastly, with the Artillery of my Shippes, I made the best signification I could, of a kinde farewell. This they answered with the Waytes of the Towne, and the Ordinance on the shore, and with shouting of voyces; which with the fayre evening and silence of the night, were heard a great distance off. All which taking