

And in this conflict, having lost all her Mastes, and being no other then a logge in the Sea, could not bectaken with all their force and pollicie, till shee surrendred her selfe by an honourable composition.

By these presidents, let Governours by Sea take speciall care about all, to preserve their people, in imitation of the French; who carrie many Souldiers in their shippes of Warre, and secure them in their holdes, till they come to entring, and to proue their forces by the dint of Sword.

A difference
for Comman-
ders.

But here the discrete Commaunders are to put difference, betwixt those which defend, and those which are to offend, and betwixt those which assault, and those which are assaulted. For (as I have sayd) no government whatsoever, better requireth a perfect and experimented Commaunder, then that of the Sea. And so no greater error can bee committed, then to commend such charges to men vnexperimented in this profession.

Race-ships of
Warre disliked

A third and last cause, of the losse of sundry of our men, most worthy of note for all Captaines, owners, and Carpenters: was the rate building of our shippe; the onely fault shee had; and now a dayes, held for a principall grace in any shippe: but by the experience which I have had, it seemeth for sundry reasons verie preiudiciall for shippes of Warre. For in such, those which tackle the sayles, of force must bee vpon the deckes, and are open without shelter, or any defence: yet here it will be objected; That for this inconvenience, wast clothes are provided, and for want of them, it is vsuall to lace a bonner, or some such shadow for the men; worthily may it bee called a shadow, and one of the most pernicious customes, that can be vsed, for this shadow, or defence, being but of linnen or wollen cloth, emboldeneth many; who without it would retire to better securitie, whereas now thinking themselues vnscene, they become more bould, then otherwise they would, and thereby shot through, when they least thinke of it; Some Captaines observing this error, have sought to remedie it, in some of his Maiesties shippes: not by altering the building, but by devising a certaine defence, made of foure or fve inch planckes of fve foote high, and sixe foote broad, running vpon wheelles, and placed in such partes of the shippe, as are most open. These they name blenders, and made of Elme for the most part; for that it shivers not with a shot, as Oake and other Timber will doe, which are now in vse and service, but best it is, when the whole side hath one blender, and one armour of prooffe, for defence of those, which of force must labour, and be aloft.

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