



To the Kings most Excellent Maiestie, CHARLES,
by Gods especiall mercy, King of Great-Britaine,
France, and Ireland. &c. Emperour of South, and North Vir-
ginia, King of Britania, or Newfound-land, and the Iles ad-
jacent, Father, Fauourer, and Furtherer of all his loyall Subjects
right Honourable and worthie Plantations.

MAY it please your most Excellent Maiestie, this last
right worthy attribute of yours (no way insinuated, but
instly affixed to your more ancient stile) perswades
these unworthy papers to presume (with your gracious
leave and permission) to take the hardines to kisse
your sacred hands; hoping of the like successe, that
some vnrripe eares of corne, brought by me from the cold Country of
Newfound-land, receiued from some honest, well-minded louers of
that action when they saw them: who with much-afflicted joy seen be-
holding them, tooke much comfort in what they saw: but more, when
they suppos'd it might be better'd, by industry, care, and honesties
These few bad vnrripe Rimes of mine (comming from thence) are in all
humility presented with the like intendiment to your Maiestie, to testi-
fie that the Aire there is not so dull, or maleuolent, but that if bet-
ter wits were transplanted thither, neither the Summers heat would
dilate them, nor the Winters cold benumme them, but that they might
in full vigour flourish to good purpose. For if I now growne dull and
aged, could doe somewhat, what will not sharper, younger, freer in-
uentions performe there? They would not walke as I here doe, with
short turnes, leaning sometimes on others inuentions, skipping weakly
from bough to bough; but with large walkes, with long, and strong
flights. I suppose it not fit at this time (but attending the successe of
this presumption) in some other larger manner to make knowne vnto
your Maiestie, the inestimable riches of the Seas circling that Iland:
The hopefull improuements of the same Land thereof: The more then
probable, vnualuable hidden treasures therein: The infinite abun-
dance of combustible fierie materials fit for such an employment. It is