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principely good nature, he was altogether given to peace, and quietnes. And alwayes in some part
of our conferences, I would shew them a copie of her Maiesties prayer in Latine, which I had al-
ways with me, and told how great & urgent occasions her Maiesty was, as it were enforced to undertake this
action: and therewithall I did use now and then to bestow upon them a copie of the same in Eng-
lish. They seemed in all outward shew to allow of my speeches, and to praise her Maiesties good
inclination, and earnestly to wish that there might be a firme concord and peace againe.

It pleased the Lords general to deale exceeding fauourably with this said Bishop of Cusco:
for it was their good pleasure to giue him his free passage without any ranome, and therewithal
to let him to understand, that they came not to deale with Church-men, or unarmed men, or with
men of peace, wealings & children, neither was it any part of their meaning to make such a voy-
age for gold, silver, or any other their wealth and riches, &c. But that their only coming was to
meet with their dishonorable practises, and manifold iniuries, & to deale with men of warre and
valour, for the defence of the true honour of England: and to let them to understand, that when so-
uer they attempted any base-conceited & dishonorable practise to their soueraigne Queene, their
distresse, that it should be reuenged to the uttermost, &c.

In this meane space, while the Lords general continued at Cadiz, there came to them certain
poore wretched Turks, the number of 38, that had bin a long time gally-slaves, and either at
the very time of the fight by sea, or els immediately thereupon, taking the opportunity, did then
make their escape, and did swim to land: perceiving themselves to the mercy of their most honorable
Lords. It pleased them with all speed to apparel them, and to furnish them with money, and
all other necessaries, and to bestow on them a barke, and a Pilot, to see them freely and safely con-
veyed into Barbary, willing them to let the countrey understand what was done, and what they
had done. Whereby I doubt not, but as her Maiesty is a most admirable Prince already ouer all
Europe, all Africk, and Asia, and throughout Christendome: so the whole worlde hereafter shall
cause to admire her infinite Princely vertues, and thereby be prouoked to confesse,
that as she hath bin mightily protected from time to time, by the powerful hand of the almighty,
so she shall bin mightily protected from time to time, by the powerful hand of the almighty,
and therfore, what soeuer wicked designement shall be conspired and plotted against
her: and for that cause, as I trust, shall be by the infinite goodness and mercy of that almighty,
fully frustrate and ouerthrowen.

The 28. day being Sunday, the L. Admiral came aboard the Arke againe, minding there to
stay for a space, as indeed he did, and vpon the aduise of his Phisition, to deale something in
physicke, for that his L. found his body something out of frame. At that time it pleased his L. to
write certain letters to the Duke of Medina Sidonia, for the deliuerance of English captiues,
who were remaining in the gallies. For by this time, it was reposed, that the said Duke was
come home in person with some power, and that he was either at Port S. Mary, or els at Rotta,
thereabout. His L. did endite the letters himselfe, but his pleasure was, they should be turned
into Latine by another: and so to be sent (as indeed they were) in the latine tongue vnto the Duke.

A copie of the Lord Admirals letters to the Duke of Me-
dina Sidonia.

Illustrissimo Principi Duci de Medina Sidonia.

Illustrissime Princeps, ex nonnullis quibusdam Hispanis intelligimus, Excellentiam vestram
nunc esse apud portum S. Marie, Et quoniam in anno Domini 1588. id nobis tunc mu-
signatum erat a sereniss. nostra Regina domina mea, vt contra vos, vestrasq; copias, Ego
pro eo tempore Generalis essem constitutus: Idcirco non opinamur vobis ignotum esse,
quoddam, & humanum bellandi genus, tum hic iam in hoc ipso tempore, aduersus
loci populum atq; incolas vsurpauerimus: cum etiam sapientis antehac quam humaniter,
neq; eos omnes tractauerimus, quos ex vestra iure belli captiuos exceperimus. Ex quo
omnibus esse testatur, quam vt a quoq; denegetur. Quocirca, neq; vili modo no-
mentem venire potest, vt dubitemus, quin parem etiam in vobis humanitatem aduersus
captiuos finis reperturi. Cum igitur nobis compertum iam sit, habere vos in vestris gale-
is nostris serenissimae Dominae meae subditis vnum & quinquaginta captiuos: non
dubitamus, quin eos omnes suis relaxaturi, & ad nos missuri: ea lege, ac condicione,