

place, he shall be punished with death: And in that common wealth, which not long since hath inflicted the penalty of 80 dalters upon a seruane committing adultery with his masters wife: And in that common wealth which hath decreed, that if he doth not pay, nor lay in sureties at the day appointed, he shall be banished the countrey: And in that common wealth the politike lawes whereof doe streightly command that whosoever be according to law found in adultery with another mans wife, by her husband, if he escape, he shall vndergoe the punishment of manslaughter: And in that common wealth, the politike lawes whereof do also enioyne a man that is taken in carnall copulation with the mother, daughter, or sister, by the sonne, father, or brother, to redeme his life with the one halfe of that which he ought to haue payed, if he had shed the innocent blood of the sayd party: And in that common wealth the politike lawes whereof haue noted and condemned adultery vnder the name of a most heinous offence: and do streightly command that he whiche is taken the first time in that heauily act shall be punished with death.

You see therefore (friendly readers) what an iniurious Notary we haue, affirming that adultery and whozoborne in Island deserueth not the name of sinne and wickednesse: for although some officers let slip this or that vice unpunished, yet ought not the whole nation, nor the lawes, nor all good and goodly men, in that regard, to be accused or euill spoken of.

The thirteenth section.

The third re-
proch.

The third reproch is, whereby he doth brand the Islanders with the marke of deceit and treachery toward the Germans.

Doubtles the authoz of this libell was some bagabond buckler of pedler, and had gone particularly into many corners of Island to venter his trumpery wares, which he also testified of himselfe in his woorthy times, that he had traualled thorow the greatest part of Island, wherupon when he had played the cousting mate with others (so often times deceit and lying are to be together), and he hath sufficiently proued himselfe to be a liar, by this triall of his wit: peradventure himselfe was beguiled by them whom he before time had defrauded.

From hence proceedeth this slander against our whole Nation: dissembling in the meane time with what honestie certaine Germans, making yerely voyages into Island, deale with our men. But seeing by this complaint I haue not determined to repproch others, but to lay open the vndeferred repproches of others against our nation, I do here of purpose surcease.

The fourteenth section.

The 4, 5, 6, 7
reproches.

Fourthly, he sayth that in bankets none of the ghests vse to rise from the table: but that the good wife of the house reacheth to euery one a chamber-pot, so oft as need requireth. Moreover, he noteth much vnmanerlinesse of eating and drinking at bankets.

Fifthly, he obiectioneth customes of lying in bed, and of dining: namely that ten persons, more or lesse, men and women lie altogether in the same bed, and that they eat their meat lying in bed: and that in the meane time they do nothing but play at dice or at tables.

Sixtly, he reporteth that they wash their hands and their faces in piss.

Seuenthly, he despitfully abaseth our solemnizings of marriages, spousals, birth-dayes, and our customes at burials.

These, and a number of such like reproches hath this impure slanderer spent soothly against an innocent nation, yea and that nation which hath deserued righe well of him and his crimes. Which are of the same kind with these, in so much that we altogether disdaine to make answer vnto them, for, that we may graunte (which notwithstanding we will in no case preiudice vnto) that this woorthy Germane notate obserued some such matter among base companions, and the very of-scouring of the common people, with whom he was much more conuersant than with good and honest persons (for he had liued, as his times testifie, some what long vpon the coast of Island, whither a confused rout of the meanest common people, in sipping time do yerely resorte, who being taught as well through their owne lewdnesse, as by the wicked behauiour of our lawles mariners, often times doe leade a badde and dishonest life) notwithstanding we are in this place more manifestly wronged through the knauey of this one varlet, and desperate sycophant by his defaming of the whole nation (as others also vsually do) then that it should neede any refutation at all. Of which thing strangers themselves, who are not a litle conuersant in our Island, may be most sufficient witnesses.

I could also gather together many such filthy, vnmannerly, and baudie fashions noted by others euen in his own countrey. But I detest this dogged eloquence, neither take I any pleasure

to be wiced in the disguise, he daunted with lighte argueth, for one to obiect of other particular mannie of any other nation, manslaughter, murther, and filthy acts, in other whole nation, and to see one that spends his time I may giue him his disposition in such like rep pleasant gardens, do not but thrusting their snouts and dung they can finde, best agreeable to their nigh winter lightly pasted but as for the woorth, and such things as best fit his name which we haue termed heretofore by my consent, fe

We will heere relate from the manner of that not in one or a few woorthy meates, and that, which are vnknown to strangers, which this venomous part.

And albeit we doe scarce be there, who at this day partly good to adde some few things. First therefore we will describe both themselves, and, as with beggers and other poore meate them: neither, because of that, therefore is it meet to pteion. For we haue all a law and glo: in the obseruing of which, forouer, we will make a v the time of famine, though man asse their hunger, which at ope 1590 we heard concerning the thenie the fourth, King of Nau aguntum; in so much that they and beating their bones to meal, esteeming it dainties. our necessities haue liued by eat Islanders constrained to doe, no from mans flesh, yea, and some things necessary for food as by strangers: so often as a headfull fearfull of vidual famine. And therefore it is much, and had not some prouision, so often as need hath erp to minister occasion to a publick nations, I referre it to the iudg