

As the *English* advanced towards the *Portuguese* Fleet, They perceived that it consisted of four Galleons, two Galliot, and ten Frigates, which last were stationed, with Supplies of Men, and Ammunition, at a short Distance, and near the *Eastern* Extremity of *Jasques* Road. An Engagement soon ensued, and lasted, without Intermission, during nine Hours, when, as the Night advanced, all Hostilities ceased. For the Space of the four succeeding Days, the *English* remained unmolested, and landed the Merchandize, and Money, belonging to the *East-India* Company. At length, the Enemy reinforced by Men, and Ammunition, from *Ormuz*, had the Resolution to approach nearer, and were saluted with a Broadside, which gave Occasion to a Battle that was maintained with equal Obstinacy, by each Party, during a considerable Time, when the *Portuguese* cut the Cables of their Ships, and availing themselves of their Frigates, which took them in Tow, retreated to a securer Distance. The greatest Loss endured by the *English* was the Death of their Admiral, who was so severely wounded, that He expired on his Passage to the Shore. They, afterwards, took two *Portuguese* Prizes, one of which was valuably freighted. In *April*, of the Year, one thousand, six hundred, and twenty-one, the Ships separated, and proceeded on different Voyages (g).

About this Period, a Colony was planted at *New-Plymouth*, in *New-England*, being the first Establishment in that Country. One chief Occasion of this Event was the Situation of Mr. *Robinson*, and Mr. *Brewster*, independent Ministers, and several *English* Families,

(g) Harris's Coll. Part 1. p. 203.—Purchas's Pilgrims, V. 4. p. 723—728.—Lediard's naval History, Folio. V. 2. p. 463.