

dayes after his departure, I saw walking the streetes of *Plimouth*, whom the Iustice had before sought for with great diligence, and without punishment. And therefore it is no wonder that others presume to doe the like. *Impunitus peccandi illecebra.*

The like complaint made master *George Reymond*; and in what sort they dealt with me, is notorious, and was such, that if I had not bene provident, to haue had a third part more of men, then I had need of, I had bene forced to goe to the Sea vnmanned; or to giue over my Voyage. And many of my company, at Sea vaunted, how they had coloned the Earle of *Cumberland*, master *Candish*, master *Reymond*, and others, some of five poundes, some of ten, some of more, and some of lesse. And truly, I thinke, my Voyage prospered the worse, for theirs and other lewd persons company, which were in my Ship: which, I thinke, might be redressed by some extraordinary, severe, and present Iustice to be executed on the offenders by the Iustice in that place, where they should be found. And for finding them, it were good that all Captaines, and Masters of Shippes, at their departure out of the Port, should giue vnto the head Iustice, the names and signes of all their runnawayes, and they presently to dispatch to the nigher Ports the aduise agreeable, where meeting with them, without further delay or proceesse, to vse Martial Law vpon them. Without doubt, seeing the Law once put in execution, they and all others would be terrified from such villanies.

Master *George Reymond.*

It might be remedied also by vtter taking away of all Imprests, which is a thing lately crept into our Common-wealth, and in my opinion of much more hurt then good vnto all; and although my opinion seeme harsh, it being a deed of charitie to helpe the needy, (which I wishe ever to be exercised, and by no meanes will contradict) yet for that such as goe to the Sea (for the most part) consume that money lewdly before they depart, (as common experience teacheth vs:) and when they come from Sea, many times come more beggerly home, then when they went forth, having received and spent their portion, before they imbarked themselves; and having neither rent nor maintenance more then their travell, to sustaine themselves, are forced to thecue, to colen, or to runne away in debt. Besides, many times it is an occasion to some to lye vpon a Voyage a long time; whereas, if they had not that Imprest, they might perhaps haue gayned more in another employment, and haue bene at home againe, to serue that which they waite for. For these, and many more weightie reasons, I am still bold, to maintaine my former Assertions.

The inconvenience of Imprests.