

transparent: the curious call it their water: and the best is a cleare white shining, with fierie flames. And those of the east *India* haue the best reputation, though as good are found in the west *India*, the the choice ones, are of great valew and estimation, but the greatest, that I haue read or heard of, was found in these Ilands of Pearles; the which King *Phillip* the second of *Spaine*, gaue to his daughter *Elizabeth*, wife to *Albertus*, Arch-duke of *Austria*, and Governour of the States of *Flaunders*: in whose possession it remaineth, and is called, *la Peregrina*, for the rarenes of it; being as bigge, as the pomell of a *Poniard*.

S E C T. LXIII.



In this Navigation, after our surrendre, the Generall tooke especial care for the good intreaty of vs, and especially of those who were hurt. And God so blessed the hands of our Surgians (besides that they were expert in their Art) that of all our wounded men not one died, that was aliue the day after our surrendry: The number whereof was neere fortie; and many of them with eight, ten, or twelue wounds, and some with more. The thing that ought to moue vs to giue God Almighty especiall thanks and prayles, was, that they were cured in a manner without instruments or salues: For the chests were all broken to peeces; and many of their simples and compounds throwne into the Sea; those which remained, were such, as were throwne about the shippe in broken pots and baggs, and such as by the Diuine providence were reserved, at the end of three dayes, by order from the Generall, were commaunded to be sought and gathered together. These with some instruments of small moment, bought and procured from those, who had reserved them to a different end, did not onely serue for our cures, but also for the curing of the Spaniards, being many more, then those of our Company.

For the Spanish Surgians were altogether ignorant in their profession, and had little or nothing wherewith to cure. And I haue noted, that the Spaniards in generall are nothing so curious, in accommodating themselves, with good and carefull Surgeans, nor to fitt them with that which belongeth to their profession, as other Nations are, though they haue greater neede then any, that I doe know.

The Generall continueth his honourable voyage, towards the sicke and wounded.