

come to the price of a Corslet, will haue a coate of Mayle, a lackett, at least, a Busse-jerkin, or a priuie Coate. And hardly will they be found without it, albeit, they liue, and serue (for the most part) in extreame hott Countries.

Whereas I haue knowne many bred in cold Countries, in a moment complaine of the waight of their Armes, that they smooother them, and then cast them off, chusing rather to be shott through with a Bullet, or lanced through with a Pike, or thrust through with a Sword, then to endure a little trauaile and suffering. But let me giue these lazic ones this lesson, that he that will goe a warrefare, must resolute himselfe to fight; and he that putteth on this resolution, must be contented to endure both heate and waight, first, for the safegard of his life, and next for subduing of his enemy; both which are hazarded, and put into great danger, if he fight vnarmed with an enemy armed.

Now for mine owne opinion, I am resolved that Armour is more necessary by Sea, then by Land, yea, rather to be excused on the shore, then in the Shippe. My reason is, for that on the shore the Bullet onely hurteth, but in the Shippe, I haue seene the Splinters kill and hurt many at once, and yet the shott to haue passed without touching any person. As in the *Galeon*, in which I came out of the *Indies*, in Anno 1597. in the rode of *Tercera*, when the Queenes Maiesties Shippes, vnder the charge of the Earle of *Essex*, chased vs into the rode, with the Splinters of one shott, were slaine, maymed, and sore hurt, at the least a dozen persons, the most part whereof had beene excused, if they had beene Armed.

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And doubtlesse, if these errors had beene foreseene, and remedied by vs, many of those who were slaine and hurt, had beene on foote, and we inabled to haue sustained and maintained the fight much better and longer; and perhaps at last had freed our selues. For if our enemy had come to bourd with vs, our close fights were such, as we were secure, and they open vnto vs. And what with our Cubridge heads, one answering the other, our hatches vpon bolts, our brackes in our Deckes, and Gunner roome, it was impossible to take vs as long as any competent number of men had remained, twentie persons would haue sufficed for defence; and for this, such Shippes are called *Impregnable*, and are not to be taken, but by surrender, nor to be overcome, but with bourding or sinking, as in vs by experience was verified: and not in vs alone, but in the *Revenge* of the Queenes Maiestie, which being compassed round about with all the *Armado* of *Spaine*, and bourded sundry times by many at once, is said, to haue sunke three of the *Armado* by her side.