

## The Preface.

*solicit them to become humble petitioners to your Majesty for his pardon: but having no warrant to touch such goods, I gave him thanks for his offer; onely I requested him to release a Ship that he had taken up the Coast of Guinnie, belonging to one Captaine Rashly of Foy in Cornewall; a man whom I knew but onely by report: which he accordingly released. Whereupon I provided men, victuals, and a fraught for the said Ship, and so sent her home to Dartmouth in Devon, though I never had so much as thanks for my kindnesse therein. And so leaving Easton, I came for England, and gave notice of his intention, lesting passe my Voyage that I intended for Naples, and lost both my labour and charges: for before my arriuall, there was a Pardon granted, and sent him from Ireland. But Easton howering with those Ships and riches, upon the Coast of Barbary, as hee promised, with a longing desire, and full expectation to bee called home, lost that hope, by a too much delaying of time by him who carried the Pardon. Whereupon hee sailed to the Straights of Gibraltar, and was afterwards entertained by the Duke of Sauoy.*

*I was there also in the yeere 1614. when Sir Henry Manwaring was upon that Coast, with five good Ships strongly provided; hee caused mee to spend much time in his company, and from him I returned into England, although I was bound from thence to Marseiles, to make sale of such goods as I then had, and other imployments, &c.*

*In the yeere 1615. I returned againe to New-found-land, carrying with mee a Commission out of the high Court of Admiralty, authorizing me to impannell Iuries, and to make inquiry upon oath, of sundry abuses and disorders committed amongst Fishermen yeerely upon that Coast, and of the fittest meanes to redresse the same, with some other poynts, having a more particular relation to the Office of the Lord Admirall.*

*What was then there done by vertue of that Commission, which was wholly executed at my owne charge, hath been at*