

ward such old deseruing Souldiers as (age and merit pleading an immunitie from any further constrained trauell) had brauely exceeded the ordinary course of time appointed for military seruice, which custome was vsed in *Germanie, France, Spaine, and Brittain*, and likewise that the Townes erected in this sort might serue for Citadels imposed vpon euery conquered Prouince, whereof some doe flourish at this day, and of others nothing doth remaine but the very name onely, their ruines being so ruined, that wee can hardly condescend vpon what solitary part to bestowe the fame of their former being.

I am loth by disputable opinions to dig vp the Tombes of them that more extenuated then the dust are buried in obliuion & will leane these disregarded relicts of greatnesse to continue as they are, the scorne of pride, witnessing the power of time. Neither will I after the common custome of the world, ouerualuing things past disualue the present, but considering seriously of that which is lately done in *Ireland*, doe finde a Plantation there inferiour to none that hath bene heretofore. The *Babylonians* hauing conquered the *Israelites* did transplant them as exposed to ruine in a remote Countrey, sending others of their owne Nation (that they might be vtterly extirpated) to inhabite *Saria* in their places. And our King hath onely diuided the most seditious families of the *Irish* by dispersing them in sundry parts within the Countrey, not to extinguish, but to dissipate their power, who now neither haue, nor giue cause of feare. The *Romanes* did build some Townes which they did plant with their owne people by all rigour to curbe the Natiues next adjacent thereunto, And our King hath incorporated some of his best *Brittaines* with the *Irish*, planted in sundry places without power to oppresse, but onely to ciuilize them by their example. Thus *Ireland* which heretofore was scarcely discouered, and onely irritated by others, prouing to the *English* as the *Lowecountries* did to *Spaine*, a meanes whereby to waste their men, and their money, is now really conquered, becoming