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and Martiners.

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of *England*, by the Erecting, Building,
and aduenturing of Busses, to Sea,
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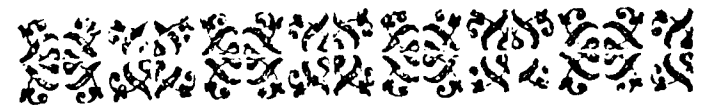
With a true Relation of the inestimable wealth that
is yearly taken out of his Maiesties Seas, by
the *Hollanders*, by their great numbers of
Busses, Pinkes, and Line-beates:

AND ALSO

*A discourse of the Sea-coast Townes of England, and
the most fit and commodious places, and Harbours that wee
haue for Busses, and of the small number of our
Fishermen, and also the true valuation,
and whole charge, of Building, and Fur-
nishing, to Sea, Busses, and Pinkes,
after the Holland manner.*

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TO THE RIGHT
NOBLE, LEARNED,
AND TRVELY HONORABLE,
HENRY, Lord HOWARD, Earle of North-
hampton, Baron of *Marnhill*, Constable of the
Castle of *Douer*, Lord Warden, Chancellour
and Admirall of the Cinque Ports, Lord
Priuy Seale, Knight of the most
Noble Order of the Garter, and
one of his Maiesties most
Honourable Priuy
Councill.

RIGHT HONOVABLE,



*Seeing that by Na-
ture our Country chal-
lengeth a greater in-
terest in vs, then our
Parents, Friends, or
Children can, and that
we ought for preseruation thereof, oppose
our liues vnto the greatest dangers: It is*

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the part of euery Natiue to endeauor something to the aduancement and profite thereof, and not to affect it, for that wee possesse in it, but to loue it for it selfe, as being the common Mother and Nourisher of vs all. For mine owne part, albeit my short fadome can compass no such great designe as I desire, yet from a willing minde (as hee that offerd his hands full of water to great Artaxerxes) I am bold to present this proiect of my honest and homely labours, beseeching your L. whose vertues haue truely enobled you, to take the same into your protection: And prefer it to the veim of our most Royall Soueraigne, recommending the good effecting thereof to his gracious fauor and furtherance. Doubtlesse your actions and endeauours hauing
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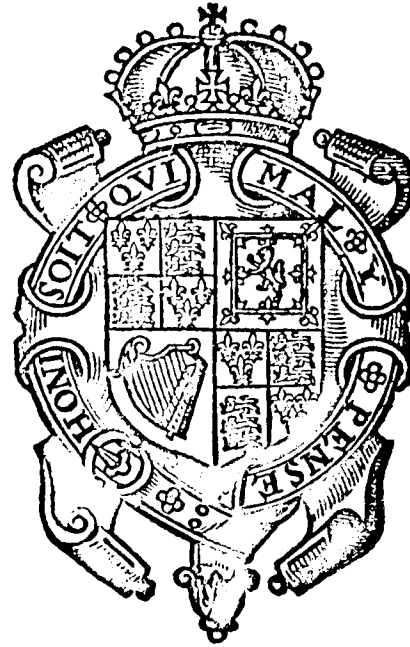
all bene full of virtue and goodnesse, are not the least preuailing motiues whereby his Maiesty hath so endeered you vnto him. In this then you shall not thinke your selfe disparaged, the matter being both honest and commendable, and in true valew of as great substance, as the offer of Sebastian Cabota, to King Henry the seuenth, for the discouery of the West Indies.

Humbly at your Lordships
commandement,

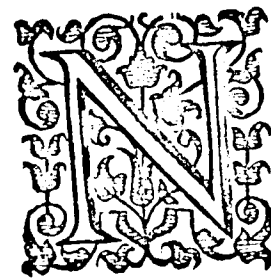
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ENGLANDS WAY TO
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Oble *Brittaines*, for as much
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happy Nation, by blessing
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dew of his heauenly word, truly and plentifully Preached amongst vs; and also in cytuating our Country in a most wholesom Clymate, & stored with many rich & pleasant Treasures for our benefite, which also yeeldeth in abundance all things necessary, so that wee doe not onely excel other Nations in strength & courage, but also all other Kingdomes far remote are by our English comodities releijed & cherished. It seemeth that the wisdome of our gracious God, hath reserued vs as some precious gemme vnto himselfe in inuironing our Country with the plenteous Ocean Sea, & diuiding of vs from the whole Continent of the rest of the inferior world, by our rich and commodious Element of water, which in due seasons yeeldeth to vs in abundance. For although our Champion Soile, by the dilligence of the Husbandman, be plentifull vnto vs: yet doth these watry Regions and Dominions yeeld yearly, great variety of all kind of most wholesome and dainty fishes: so that it may seeme strange and disputable, and hard to determine, which of his Maiesties Dominions of the Land or Seas, bee richest. My selfe being the most vnworthiest of all,

all, in that I am no Sholler, but borne a Fishermans sonne by the Sea-side, and spending my youthfull time at Sea about Fisher affaires, whereby now I am more skilfull in Nets, Lines, and Hookes, then in Rethoricke, Logicke, or learned bookes: yet in those fewe which I haue read, besides the instinct of nature, which maketh me to know that euery one should endeuour himselfe the best he is able to be beneficiall & profitable to the Kingdome & Common-wealth wherein hee is borne, which was a forceable motiue to incite me to thinke of this present discourse, the penning whereof was thus occasioned.

It was my fortune, some two yeares past, to bee sent for into the company of one Maister *John Keywar*, who is a man very well deseruing of his Country, and hee knowing me to haue experience in Fisher affaires, demanded of me the charge both of Busses and Line-boates, after the Hollanders fashions, and shewed vnto mee some few notes that hee had gathered and gotten from other men of my trade, which hee seemed greatly to esteeme of: for that himselfe was altogether vnexperimented in such businesse,

nesse, and further, I deliuered to him certaine principall notes which hee seemed greatly to esteeme; for that hee said that hee did mind to shew them vnto the right Honourable Counsell, whereupon I entred into the cogitation of writing this true relation out of my owne experience and knowledge, touching the Inestimable summes of money taken yearely for fish and herrings out of his Maiesties Seas by strangers, whereby they haue not onely maintained their warres many yeares against the Spaniard, both by Land & Sea, he being one of the great Monarkes of the world, and at length, they haue not onely wearied him in the wars, and brought him to good termes & reasonable composition; but also it is most apparant notwithstanding the huge charge of their warres so long continued, which would haue made any other Nation poore and beggarly, they to the contrary are growne exceeding rich and strong in fortified Townes and beautifull Buildings, in plenty of money and gold, in trade and trafficke with all other Nations, and haue so increased and multiplied their shipping and Marriners, that all other Nations and Countries in the world doe
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admire them.

Moreouer, whereas one Hauen in one of their Townes did in former times containe their ships and shipping with infinite cost, now they haue cut out two Hauens more to a Towne, and at this present, are all three Hauens scarce sufficient with roome enough to containe their Ships and shipping, and by reason of their industrious Fisher-trade, not one of their people are idle, nor none seene to begge amongst them, except they bee some of our owne English Nation.

And what their chiefeft trade is, or their principall gold-mine, is well knowne to all Merchants that haue vsed those parts, and to my selfe and all Fishermen; namely that his Maiesties Seas is their chiefeft, principall, and onely rich Treasury, whereby they haue so long time maintained their warres, and haue so greatly prospered, and enriched themselves.

If that their little Countrey of the vnited Prouinces can doe this, as it is most manifest before our eyes they do, then what may we his Maiesties Subiects doe, if this trade of fishing

were once erected among vs, wee hauing in our own Countries sufficient store of all necessaries to accomplish the like businesse. For the Hollanders haue nothing growing in their owne land for that businesse, but they are compelled to fetch all their wood, tymer, and planke, wherwith they build, & make all their Ships of, out of diuers Countries, and their iron out of other places, their Hempe & Cordige out of the Easterne Countries, their Hoopes and Barrell-boords out of Norway & Sprucia, their bread-corne out of Poland, & East parts, their Mault, Barley and best double drinke from England, & also all their fish and chiefest wealth out of his Maiesties Seas.

The which they doe transport vnto the foresaid Countries, & returne for the procedue of fish and herrings, the fore-named commodities, whereby their Ships and Marriners are set on worke, and continually multiplied, and into their countries is plentiful store of money and gold daily brought, onely for the sailes of fish and herrings.

And their Countrey being, as it were, a small plot of ground in comparison of great Brittain,

Brittaine, for two of his Maiesties Counties, Suffoike and Norfolke, do equall, if not exceed, in spaciousnesse, all their Prouinces, & yet it is manifest, that for shipping and sea faring men, all England, Scotland, France and Spaine, for quantity of shipping and Fisher men cannot make so great a number.

Howsoeuer this may seeme strange vnto many that doe not know it, yet doe I assure my selfe, that a great number besides my selfe know I affirme nothing herein but the truth.

Wherefore seeing the great benefite that this busines by the Busses, bonaduentures, or Fisherships, by erecting of this profitable and new trade, which will bring plenty vnto his Maiesties kingdome, and be for the generall good of the Common-wealth, in setting of many thousands of poore people on worke, which now knowe not how to liue, and also for the increasing of shippes and Fisher-men, which shall bee imployed about the taking of fish & herrings out of his Maiesties own streames, as also for the imploying of ships, and increasing of Marriners, for the strengthening of the Kingdome against all forraigne inuasions, and
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for the enriching of Merchants with transportation of Fish and Herrings into other Countries; and also for the bringing in of gold, and money, which now is growne but scarce, by reason that the Dutch and Hollanders haue so long time beene suffered to carry away our money and best gold for fish and Herrings, taken out of his Maiesties owne streames, which his Maiesties owne Subjects do want (and still are like to doe) if that they bee not forbidden for bringing vs of Fish and Herrings: And this worthy Common-wealthes businesse of Busses fostered and furthered by his Maiesties Honorable Councell, and the Worshipfull and wealthy subjects, by putting too of their helping Adventures now at the first: for that those that bee now the Fisher-men, of themselves, be not able to beginne.

Those poore Boates and sorry Nets that our Fishermen of England now haue, are all their chiefest wealthes, but were their ability better, they would soone be employing themselves: for that it is certaine that all the Fisher-men of England do reioyce now at the very name and newes of building of Busses, with a most ioyfull
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applaud, praying to God to further it for: what great profite and pleasure it will bring they doe well vnderstand, and I will hereafter declare.

First, I shall not neede to proue that it is lawfull for vs that bee his Maiesties owne Subjects to take with all dilligence the blessings that Almighty God doe yeerely send vnto vs at their due times and seasons, and which doe offer themselves freely and abundantly to vs, in our owne Seas and nigh our owne shores.

Secondly, to proue that it is feacible for vs: for what can bee more plaine then that we see daily done before our eyes by the Hollanders, that haue nothing that they vse growing in their owne Land, but are constrained to fetch all our of other Countries; whereas we haue all things that shall bee vsed about that businesse growing at home in our owne Land, Pitch and Tarre onely excepted.

Thirdly, to proue it will bee profitable, no man need to doubt, for that we see the Hollanders haue long maintained their warres, and are neuerthelessse growne exceeding rich, which are
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things to be admired, in so much that themselves do call it, their *Chiefest Trade*, and *principall Gold-mine*, whereby many thousands of their people of Trades and Occupations, bee set on worke, well maintained, and do prosper: These be the Hollanders owne words in a Dutch Proclamation, and translated into English, and the cobby of that Proclamation is here annexed vnto the end of my booke.

And shall wee neglect so great blessings; O slothfull England and carelesse Country-men, Iooke but on these fellows that wee call the plumpe Hollanders, behold their dilligence in fishing, and our owne carelesse negligence.

In the midst of the month of May doth the Industrious Hollanders beginne to make ready their Busses and Fisher-fleetes, and by the first of their Iune, are they yeerly ready, and scene to saile out of the *Mase*, the *Tessell*, and the *Vly*, a thousand Saile together for to catch Herrings in the North-seas.

Six hundred of these Fisher-ships, and more, bee great Busses some fixe score Tunnes, most of them bee a hundreth Tunnes and the rest three score and fifty Tunnes, the biggest of them

them hauing foure and twenty men, some twenty men, and some eightene and sixtene men a peece, so that their cannot bee in this Fleete of people no lesse then twenty thousand Sailors.

These hauing with them bread, butter, and Holland-cheese, for their prouision, do daily lyget their other diet out of his Maiesties Seas, besides the lading of this Fleete three times a peece, commonly before *S. Andrew* with Herrings, which being sold by them, but at the rate of ten pound the Last, amounteth vnto much more then the summe of one million of pounds Sterling onely by this Fleete of Busses yearely: no King vpon the earth did yet euer see such a Fleete of his owne Subiects at any time, and yet this Fleete is there, and then, yearely to bee scene: A most worthy sight it were, if they were my owne Country-men, yet haue I taken pleasure in being amongst them, to behold the neatnesse of their ships and Fisher-men, how euery man knoweth his owne place, and all labouring merily together, whereby the poorest sort of themselves, their wiues, and children be well maintained, & no want scene amongst the.

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And thus North-west and by North hence along they steere, then being the very heart of Summer, and the very yoalke of all the yeare, sayling vntill they do come vnto the Ile of Shotland, which is his Maiesties Dominions, and with these gallant Fleete of Busses, there haue bene scene twenty, thirty, and forty ships of warre to waite and gaurd them from being pillaged and taken by their enemies, and Dunkirkars: but now the warres be ended, they do saue that great charge, for they haue not now aboute foure or sixe to looke vnto them for being spoyled by Routers and Pirates.

Now if that it happen that they haue so good a winde to be at Shotland before the 14. day of their Iune, as most commonly they haue, then do they put all into Shotland, nigh Swinborne-head, into a Sownd called Braccies Sownd, and there they frolicke it on Land, vntill that they haue sucked out all the marrow of the Mault, and good Scotch-ale, which is the best liquor that the Iland doth affoord: but the 14. day of Iune being once come, then away all of them go, for that is the first day, by their owne Law, before which time they must not lay a Net, for
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vntill then the Herrings be not in season, nor fit to be taken to be salted.

From this place, being nigh two hundred leagues from Yermouth, do they now first begin to fish, & they do neuer leaue the Skoales of Herrings, but come along amongst them, following the Herrings as they do come, siue hundred miles in length, and lading their ships twice or thrice, before they come to Yermouth, with the principall and best Herrings, and sending them away by the Marchant ships that cometh vnto them, that bringeth them victuals, barrells, and more salt, and Nets if that they do need any, the which Ships that buyeth their herrings, they do call Herring-yagers, and these Yagers carry them & sell them in the East Countries, some to *Reuell*, and to *Rie*, and some so far as the *Narue*, and *Ruffey*, *Stockhollume* in *Sweathen*, *Quinsbrough*, *Danske* and *Eluinge*, and all *Poland*, *Sprucia*, and *Pomerland*, *Letto*, *Burnt-hollume*, *Statcen*, *Lubicke* and *Youtland*, and *Denmarke*.

Returning Hemp, Flax, Cordige, Cables, and Iron, Corne, Sope-ashes, Wax, Weinskot, Clapholt, Pitch, Tarre, Mastes, and Spruce-deales, & Hoopes, and Barrel-boords, & plenty of siluer
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and gold onely for their procedue of Herrings.

Now besides this great Fleete of the Busses the Hollanders haue a huge number more of smaller Burthen onely for to take Herrings also, and these be of the Burthen, from fifty Tunnes vnto thirty Tunnes, and twenty tunnes; the greatest of them hauing twelue men a peece, and the smallest eight and nine men a peece, and these are Vessels of diuers fashions, and not like vnto the Busses, yet go they onely for Herrings in the season, and they bee called some of them, Sword-pinks, Flat-bottomes, Holland-toads, Crabskuits, and Yeuers, and all these, or the most part doe goe to Shot-land, but these haue no Yagers come vnto them but they go themselues home when they be laden, or else vnto the best Market: There haue bene seene and numbred of Busses, and these, in braces found, and going out to Sea, and at Sea in sight, at one time, two thousand Sailes besides them that were at Sea without sight, which could not be numbred.

It is *Bartholmew-side* yearely before that they be come from Shotland, with the Herrings so
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high as Yermouth, and all those Herrings that they doe catch in Yermouth Seas from *Bartholmew-side* vntill *S. Andrew* the worst that be the roope-sicke Herrings that will not serue to make barreld Herrings by their owne Law, they must not bring home into Holland, wherefore they doe sell them for ready money, or gold, vnto the Yermouth-men, that be no Fisher-men, but Merchants and Ingrosers of great quantities of Herrings, if that by any meanes they can get them, so that the Hollanders be very welcome guests vnto the Yermouthian Herring-buyers, and the Hollanders doe call them their Hostes, and they doe yeately carry away from Yermouth many a thousand pound, as it is wel known but, these Hollanders with their ladings of the best, which they make their best brand herrings to serue for Lenton store, they send some for *Burdeaux*, some for *Rochell*, *Nantes*, *Morliax*, and *S. Mallaus*, *Cane* in *Normandy*, *Roan*, *Paris*, *Ameant*, and all *Pickardy*, and *Callice*, and they doe returne from these places, Wines, Salt, Fethers, Rossin, Woad, Normandy Canuise, and Dowlas cloth, and money, and French Crownes, but out of all the Arch-dukes
Countries

Countries they returne nothing from thence but ready mony, in my owne knowledge, and their ready payment was all double Iacobuses, English twenty shilling peeces. I haue scene more there in one day: then euer I did in London at any time, for at Ostend, Newport, and Dunkirke, where and when the Holland pinks commeth in, there daily the Merchants, that be but women, but not such women as the fish-wiues of Billingsgate, for these Netherland women do lade away many waggons with fresh fish daily, some for *Bridges*, and some for *Brussels*, *Iper*, *Dixmew*, and *Rissels*, and at *Sasse*, by *Gant*. I haue scene these women Merchants haue had their Apornes full of nothing but English Iacobuses, to make all their payment of, and such heapes and budget-fuls in the counting-houses of the fish-brokers, which made me much to wonder how they should come by them; and also I know that Capons are not so deerly sold by the Poulters in Gracious Streete in London, as fresh fish is sold by the Hollanders, in all those Romaine Catholicke, and Papisticall Countries.

And whereas I haue made but a true relation

tion of their Fleetes of Buffes, and onely the Herring-fishermen that be on his Maiesties Seas from Iune vntill Nouember, I will here also set downe the fishermen that all the yeare long, in the seasons, do fish for Cod and Linges continually, going and returning laden with barreld fish.

And these be Pinks and Wel-boats of the burthen of fourty Tunnes, and the smallest thirty Tunnes, and these haue some twelue men a peece, one with another, and their is of this sort of fisher-boates, beginning at *Plusbing*, *Camefere*, *Surwick-sea*, the *Muse*, the *Teffell*, & the *Fly*, and the other sandy Ilands, about five hundred or sixe hundred Saile, which all the yeare long are fishing for Cod, whereof they do make their barreld fish, which they do transport in Summer into the East parts, but in Winter all France is serued by them, and all the Archdukes Countries before spoken of, both of barreld fish, and fresh fish, which they of purpose do keepe aliue in their boates in Wells; and to vs heere in England for loue of our strong Beare, they bring vs barreld fish in Winter, and carry away our money and gold euery day

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Besides all these Pinks and Wel-boats, the Hollanders haue continually in the season, an other Fleete of Fisher-man, at the North-east head of Shotland which be of an other quality, and there is more then two hundred of these, and these be called Fly-boats, and these do ride at ankor all the season at Shotland, in the fishing grounds, and they haue small boats within them which be like vnto Cobles, the which they do put out to lay & hale their lines & hookes, whereby they do take great store of Lings, the which they do not barrell, but splet them and salt them in the Ships Bulke, and these they sell commonly for foure and five pounds the hundreth, and these go by the name of Holland-lings, but they are taken out of his Maiesties Seas, and were Shotland lings before they tooke them there, and for these Lings they do carry away aboundance of Englands best money daily.

Now hauing declared according vnto truth, the numbers of their Fishermen of Holland, for herrings vpon his Maiesties Seas, and also of their Pinks, and Wel-boates, and their courses

courses for taking, and venting and felling of their barreld fish, and fresh-fish and also of their Flie-boates at the North-east head of Shotland, for Shotland-lings: I thinke it now best, truely to shew the true number of our English Fishermen, and how they do imploy themselues all the yeare long, first beginning at Colchester nigh the mouth of the Theames and so proceed Northward.

I can scarce affoord these men of that water the name of Fishermen, for that their chiefest trade is dreggin of Oysters; yet haue they in the Summer some eight or ten boates in the North-seas for Cods, which if that they happen to spend all their salt, and to speed well, they may get some twenty pound in a Summer cleere: but heere by the way, I will make knowne a great abuse that is offered to the Common-wealth, and especially to all the herring fishermen of England, onely by those men of Colchester water.

For these men from *S. Andrew* vntill *Candlemas*, & some times longer, do set forth stale-boates, amongst the sands, in the Theames mouth, for to take sprats, with great stale-nets, with a

Great poake, and they standing in the Swinne: or the Kings channell on the backe of the Gunfleate, they do there take in steed of sprats, infinite thousands of yong Herrings, smaller then Sprats, and not good to be eaten, for one Sprat is better worth then twenty of those Bleakes, or yong Herrings, but because they do fill the Bushell at Billingsgate where they do sell them for Sprats, the which, if that they were let liue, would all be at Midsummer a Fat Summer full Herring, and a pecke is sometime there sold for 2. pence which number of herrings at Midsummer, would make a barrell of Summer-herrings, worth 20. or 30. shillings.

If that they could take the Sprats it were good, for they be good victuals for the Citty, but for euery Cart-load or Bushell of Sprats, they take a hundred Cart-loads, or Bushels of these yong herrings, which be the very spawnes of the Skoales of the herrings that commeth from Shotland euery Summer, and when as they come into Yermouth Seas yearly about *S. Luke*, and sometimes before, if that it do blow a hard Easterly wind, do alwaies at that season become Roope-sicke and do
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spawne and become Shotten betwixt *wintertonnesse*, and *Orfordnesse*, and those frey of that spawne, those yong litle creatures, by the wiledome of the great Creator, seeketh into the shoare, and shallow places, there to be nourished, and also into the Theames mouth into the sweetest waters; for that the water nigh the shoare, and in the Theames mouth is not so brine salt, as it is farther of into the deepe water, where these Bleakes yearly seeking to be nourished, they be alway at that season taken and destroyed: but if that these men will needs vse their stale-boates and nets, let them go where the good Sprats be, they must then stand at *Orfordnesse*, and in *Denwich-bay*, where there be cellent sprats, and for the good of all the Herring-fishermen of England, I wish that they might be prohibited to sell that which is not wholesome to be eaten, which is as much as to sell hemlocks for perfeneps.

The next to Colchester, is Harwich water, a royall harbour, and a propper Towne, fit for the vse of Buffes, no place in all Holland comparable, for their is both land and strand and dry beach enough for foure hundredth

Saile, but the chiefest Trade of the Inhabitants of this place, is with Caruiles for New-castle coales, but they haue three or foure Ships yearly that they do send to Isle-land for Cod and Lings, from March vntill September, and some yeares they get, and some times loose, but if that they had but once the trade of Buffes, this would soone be a fine place but those Caruiles and Ships which they now haue be all their chiefest wealth.

Sixe miles vp Harwich water stands Ipswich, which is a gallant Towne, and rich: this Towne is such a place for the Buffes, as in all England and Holland I know no place so conuenient: first it is the best place in all England for the building of Buffes, both for the plenty of Timber and Planke, and excellent workemen for making of Ships, there is more there, then there is in sixe of the best Townes in all England: Secondly, it is a principall place for good Huswiues, for spinning of yarne, for the making of pouldaunce, for there is the best that is made: which Towne with the vse of making of Twine, will soone be the best place of all England for to prouide Nets for the Buffes.

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It is also a most conuenient place for the wintering of the Buffes, for that all the shoares of that Riuer is altogether ooze and soft ground, fit for them to lye on in winter.

Also the Ipswich men be the chiefest Merchant Aduenturers of all England for all the East-lands, for the Suffolke cloathes: and they haue their Factors lying all the yeare long in all those places where the Hollanders do vent their Herrings, and where the best price and saile is continually. And although that yet there bee no fisher-men, yet haue they store of Sea-faring men, and for Maiters for the Buffes they may haue enow from *Yermouth* and *Sowld* and the Sea coast Townes downe their Riuer, from *Nacton*, and *Chimton*, *Holbroke*, *Shetly*, and *Cowines*, they may get men that will soone be good fishermen with but a little vse, for vnderstand thus much, that there is a kind of emulation in Holland betweene the Fishermen that goeth to Sea in Pinks and Line-boats, Winter and Summer, and those Fishermen that goeth in the Buffes, for they in the Pinks make a skorne of them in the Buffes, & do call them *Koe-milkens*, or *Cow-milkers*, for in deed the most part of

them

This Towne is a most fit and conuenient place to make a staple towne for corne, for all England, for the returne and saile of the Buffes herring from Danke, and Poland.

them be men of occupations in wvinter, or else Country-men, and do milke the Cowes themselves, and make all the Holland Cheese, when they be at home.

This place is also most conuenient for the erecting of Salt-pans, for the making of Salt vpon salt, for that the Harbour is so good that at all times Ships may come vnto them with Salt from *Mayo*, or Spanish salt to make the brine or pickell, and also the Caruiles from New-castle with coales, for the boyling of it at the cheapest rates at any time, may come thither. To the North-east of this place, three or foure leagues is *Orford-hauen*, and the Townes of *Orford* and *Alborough* especially, be many good Fishermen, and there is belonging to those Townes some forty or fifty North sea boates, that yeerely goeth to Sea, hauing seuen men a peece, and ten or twelue Island Barkes, which sometimes get something, and sometime litle or nothing; if that these mens wealth were in Buffes and Nets, and had but once the trade, they would put downe the Hollander, for they be great plyers of any voiage that they do vndertake.

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About three leagues to the Northward is Sowld-hauen, and in the Townes of *Sowld, don-* Dorwich in ancient times *wich*, and *Walderfwicke* be a very good breed of Fishermen, and there is belonging vnto those three Townes, of North-sea Boates some 20. East Angles, but now all ruined. Saile, and of Island Barkes some fifty Saile, which yeerely they send for Cod and Lings to Island: This Towne of Sowld, of a Sea-coast My father liued in this Towne, vntill hee was 98. yeeres of age, and gaue these Composition Lings seuentie yeeres, vnto foure Princes, viz. K. Edward, Q. Mary, Q. Elizabeth, and vntill the sixt yeare of the raigne of our most gracious Soueraigne, Towne, is the most beneficiall vnto his Maie- which cometh to much more then one thousand pound, for one man of that Towne sty of all the Townes in England, by reason all their trade is vnto Island for Lings, and his Maiesties Seriant Carer hath yeerely gratis, out of euery Ship and Barke, one hundreth of the choylest and fairest Lings, which be worth more then ten pound the hundred, and they call them Composition fish: But these men of this place, are greatly hindred, and in a manner vndone, by reason of their Hauen is so bad, and in a manner often stopped vp with Beach and Chingle stone, that the winde and the tide and the Sea do beate thether, so that many time, in the season, when they be ready to go to Sea, they can not get out when time is to go to Sea, neither can they get in when they returne from Sea, but oftentimes do cast away

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their goods and themselves: This Hauen if that it had but a South peire built of Timber, would be a far better Hauen then Yermouth Hauen, with one quarter of the cost that hath bene bestowed on Yermouth Hauen, they be now suiters vnto his Maiestie, God grant they may speed, for it is pittifull the trouble and damage, that all the men of these three Townes do daily sustaine by their naughty Harbour.

To the North-ward of Sowld-hauen, three leagues is *Kirkley* and *Layestof* decayed Townes, they haue sixe or seuen North-sea Boates, but them of *Layestof* make benefite yearely of buying of Herrings of the Hollanders, for likewise these Hollanders be Hosted with the Layestof men, as they be with the Yermothians.

To the North-ward 2. leagues is the Towne of great Yermouth, very beautifully builded, vpon a very pleasant and landy plaine of three mile in length, this Towne is a place of great resort of all the Herring fishermen of England, for thether do resort all the Fishermen of the Cinque Ports, and all the rest of the West Countrimen of England, as far as Burport and Lime

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Lime in Dorceshire, and those Herrings that they do take they do not barrell, because their Boates be but small things, but they sell all vnto the Yermouth herring-buyers for ready mony, and also the Fishermen of the North-countries beyond Scarborough and Robin-hoods bay and some as far as the Bishopricke of Durham do thether resort yearely, in poore little Boates called siue men Cobbles, & all the Herrings that they do take they do sell fresh vnto the Yermouth-men to make red Herrings. Also to Yermouth doth daily come in to the Hauen, vp to the Key, all or the most part of the great Fleet of Hollanders, which before I made relation of, that go in the *Swoard-pinks*, *Holland-toads*, *Crab-skuits*, *walnut sbels*, and great and small *Yeners*, 100. and 200. Saile at one time together, and all their Herings that they do bring in, they do sell them all for ready mony to the Yermouth men: And also the French men of *Pickardy* * some hundred Saile of them at a time do come thither, and all, the herrings they catch they sell fresh vnto these herring mongers of Yermouth for ready gold; so that it amonnteth vnto a great sum of mony, that the Hollanders & Frenchme do cary away,

And Nor-
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from Yermouth, yearly, into Holland and France, which mony doth neuer come againe into England: This Towne is very well gouerned by wise and ciuill Magistrates, and good orders carefully obserued for the mainetenance of their Hauen and Corporation, and this Towne, by reason of the cituation, and the fresh Riuers that belongeth to it: one vp to the City of Norwich, and another that runneth far vp into Suffolke, a butter and cheese country, about *Bunga* and *Berkels*; and a third that runneth far vp into Flegg, a Corne Country, by reason whereof this Towne of Yermouth is alwaies well serued with all kind of prouision at all times plentifully, at good and cheape rates, whereby they of the Towne do relieue the strangers, and also do benefite themselues: To this Towne belongeth some twenty Island Barkes, which yearly they do send for Cods and Lings, and some hundreth and fifty Saile of North-sea boates, they make a shift to liue, but if that they had the vse of Buffes, and also barreld fish, they would excell all England and Holland, for they be the onely fishermen for North-seas, and also the best for the handling

ling of their fish that be in all this land.

The Herring buyer of Yermouth doth profite more then doth the Fishermen of Yermouth, by reason of the resort of the Hollanders, for that they are suffered to sell all their roope-sicke Herrings at Yermouth, to the Merchants there, and also the barreld fish that the Flemmings do bring in Winter to London, ^{Ipswich, Linne,} do also gale them, but for that our Fishermen ^{and Hull.} may, if they please, make barreld fish themselves, and therefor: I will not mone them.

The Merchant herring buyer of Yermouth that hath a stocke of his owne, so long as hee can make his gaines so certaine with buying of Roope sicke herrings of the Hollanders, will neuer lay out his mony to build or set forth Buffes, and the Fisher-men be now so poore, by reason that they onely do beare the whole charge of that costly Hauen; the Merchant herring-buyers being not at any charge thereof, but all that great cost commeth out of the Fishermens labours, for the maintenance of that wodden Hauen, which amounteth to some five hundred pound a yeare, and some yeares more: so that though they be willing, yet there

Yermouth Hauen is the onely refuge, in distresse of whether, for all the Fishermen of the Cinque ports, and all other that doe fish in those seas, and it is built all of timber, against the violence of the maine sea: It is now in great danger to come to ruine, if they haue not help in time.

ability will not suffer them to do it, neither can they forbear their money for to adventure their herrings into the East Countries where the best sailes alwaies be.

To the Northwards of Yermouth eight leagues, are the Townes of Blakney and Wels, good Harbours and fit for Busses, and they haue good store of fishermen, and these townes haue some twenty Saile of Barkes, that they do ye rely send vnto Island; but these Townes be greatly decayed, to that they haue bene in the times passed, the which places, if that they had but 20. Busses belonging to them, would soone grow rich Townes in short time.

Then is there Lin a proper gallant Towne for Sea-faring men, and for men for Island; this is a rich Towne, and they haue some twenty Saile of Island Ships, that they yearly send for Cods and Lings, and I am in hope to see them fall to the vse of Busses as soone as any men.

To the Northward is Boston, a proper Towne, and like vnto Holland soyle for low grounds and sands comming in, but yet there is but few Fishermen, but it is a most fit place

for Busses, if that they had but once the taste of them they would soone finde good liking.

Next to Boston some 20. leagues to the Northward, is the great riuer of Humber, wherein there is Hull, a very proper Towne of Saylors and Shipping, but there be but few fishermen but it is a most conuenient place for to adventure Busses.

There is also Grimsbey, Paul, and Pattrington: in all these places now there is great store of poore and idle people, that know not how to liue, and the most of all these places be decayed, and the best of them all grow worse and worse, which with the vse of Busses would soone grow rich Merchant-townes as is in Holland, for to these places would be transported out of the East-lands all manner of commodities, for the vse of Busses, and houses, and worke-yards erected for Coopers, and Rope-makers, & great numbers of Netmakers, and with the recourse of the Ships that shall bring salt and other commodities, & ships that shall lade away their Herrings and Fish, these places will soone become populous, and mony stirring plentiful in these places returned
for

for the procedue of fish and Herrings which places now bee exceeding poore and beggarly.

In all these fisher Townes that I haue before named, as *Colchester, Harwich, Orford, Alborough, Donwiche, Walderswicke, Sowld, Yermouth, Blackney, welst, Lin, Boston, and Hul*: These be all the chiefeſt Townes, and all that vſeth the North-seas in Summer and all these Townes it is well knowne be ruinated.

In all these Townes I know to be 0-0 Island Barkes, and 0-0 North-sea Boates, and all these Fishermen hauing 0-0 men a peece, amounteth to the summe of 0-0. But admit that there is in all the West Country of England of Fisher-boats, rag and rag, that bringeth home all fresh fish, which seldome or neuer vſeth any salt: say that they haue 0-0 men a peece, which make the summe of 0-0 in all England; but in all these I haue not reckoned the Fishermen, Mackrel-catchers, nor the Cobble-men of the North-country, which hauing 0-0 men a peece, commeth to so many men in all England.

But so many in all England, and I haue truely shewed

shewed before, that the Hollander hath in one Fleete of Busses twenty thousand Fishermen, besides all them that goeth in the Sword-pinks, Flat-bottomes, Carbkuits, Walnut-shels, and great Yeuers, wherein there is not lesse then 12000. more, and all these are onely for to catch Herrings in the North-seas.

Besides all them that goeth in the Flye-boates, for Shotland Lings, and the Pinks for barreld fish, and Trammell Boates, which commeth vnto 5000. more.

So that it is most true, that as they haue the summe of 0-0 Fishermen more then their is in all this Land: and by reason of there Busses, and Pinks, and Fishermen that set their Merchant Ships on worke, as that they haue 0-0 Fishermen more then we haue, so haue they 0-0 and 0-0 ships & Marriners more then we.

Now in our summe of 0-0 Fishermen, let vs see what vent haue we for our fish into other Countries, and what commodites and coine is brought into this Kingdome, and what Ships are set on worke by them, whereby Marriners are bred, or imployed, net one: It's pittifull.

I craue pardon, for that I omit the particular numbers and totall summe, which I could heere set downe, if I were commanded.

For when our Fishermen cometh home, the first voyage from the North-seas, they goe either to London, Ipswich, Yermouth, Lin, Hull, or Scarbrough, and there they do sell at good rates, the first voyage, but the second voyage, because that they which be now the Fishermen haue not yet the right vse of making of barreld fish wherewith they might serue France, as doth the Hollanders, they be now constrained to sell in England, for that it is staple fish, and not being barreld the French will not buy it.

But if that our Fishermen had but once the vse of Pinks and Line-boats, and barreld fish, then they might serue France as well as the Hollanders, which by this new trade of Busses being once erected, and Pinks, and Line-boats, after the Holland manner, there will be Fishermen enow to manage the Pinks for barreld fish, from Nouember vnto the beginning of May, onely the most part of those men that shall be maintained by the Busses, for that when the Busses do leaue worke, in the Winter their men shall haue employment, by the Pinks, for barreld fish, which men, now, do little or nothing,

thing, for this last Winter at Yermouth, there was three hundreth Idle men that could get nothing to do, liuing very poore for lacke of imployment, which most gladly would haue gone to sea in Pinks, if there had bene any for them to go in.

And whereas I before said, that there was not one Ship set on work by our Fishermen, there may be obiected against me this.

That there doth euery yeare commonly lade at Yermouth 4. or 5. London Ships for the Streights, which is sometimes true, & the Yermouth men themselues do yearely send 2. or 3. Ships to *Bourdeaux*, and 2. or 3. Boates laden with herrings to *Roan*, or to *Nance*, or *S. Mallaus*, whereby there is returned, Salt, Wines, Normandy Canuice, whereby the King hath some custome, but there is no mony returned into England for these Herrings, which cost the Yermouthians ready gold before that they had them of the Hollanders, and Frenchmen, to lade these Ships, and therefore I may boldly say not one.

And this last yeare, now, the Hollanders themselues haue also gotten that trade, for there

No more English, but two small Shippes, this yeare laded there.

Note heere how the Hollanders employ themselves and their Ships, first in taking of the herrings quick, and yet are not content but catch them againe after they bee dead, and doe see both their ships and Murriners on worke, and English ships ye vp a rotting.

did lade twelue Sailes of Holland Ships with red herrings at Yermouth, for *Ciuatauechia, Ligorne, Genoa, and Marsellis, and Talone*, most of them being laden by the English Merchants, so that if this be suffered, the English owners of Ships shall haue but small imployment for theirs.

Now to shew truely, what the whole charge of a Busse will be, with all her furniture, as Masts, Sailes, Ankors, Cables, and with all her Fishers implements, and appurtenances, at the first prouided all new, is a great charge, she being betweene 30. or 40. Last, will cost some five hundred pound.

By the Grace of God the Ship or Busse will continue twenty yeare with small cost and reparations, but the yearely sliue and weare of her tackell, and war-ropes, and Nets will cost some eighty pounds.

And the whole charge for the keeping of her at Sea for the whole Summer, or three voyages, for the filling of a hundred Last of Caske, or Barrels.

100. Last

100. Last of Barrels -- 72.
For salt 4. months ---- 88.
Beere 4. months ---- 42.
For bread 4. months -- 21.
Baken and Butter ---- 18.
For pease 4. months -- 03.
For billet 4. months -- 03.
For mens wages 4. M. 88.

A huudreth Last of Barrels, filled and sold at 10. pounds the Last commeth to one thousand pound.

Herrings 1000.li.
The whole charge 335.

335.

gotten. 0665.

if any will know all the particulars of weyes of Salt, or barrels of Beere, or hundreths of Biskets, I will willingly resolue them, but here is all the whole charge, and with the most.

Heere plainly appeareth that there is gotten 665. pounds in one Summer, whereout if that you do deduct one hundreth pounds for the weare of the Ship, and the reparations of her Nets against the next Summer, yet still there is 565. pounds remaining for cleare gaines, by one Busse, in one yeare.

The Hollanders do make the profite of their Busses so certaine, that they do lay out their owne childrens mony, giuen them by their deceased friends in aduenturing in the Busses, and also there is in Holland a Treasury for Orphants, opened and layd out in aduenturing in the Busses.

The Hollanders do make both a profitable, F ; and

And I haue rated the herrings but at 10. pound the Last, which is with the least, for they bee commonly sold by the Hollanders at *Duiske*, for 15. and 20. pounds the Last.

and a pleasant Trade of this Summer fishing, for there was one of them, that hauing a gallant great new Busse of his owne, and he hauing a daughter married vnto one which was his Mate in the Busse, and the owner that was Maister of this Busse did take his wife with him aboard, and his Mate his wife, and so they did set saile for the North-seas, with the two women with them, the mother and the daughter, where hauing a faire wind, and being fishing in the North-seas, they had soone filled their Busse with herrings, and a Herring Yager commeth vnto them, and brings them gold and fresh supplies, and copeth with them, and taketh in their herrings for ready mony and deliuereth them more barrells and salt, and away goeth the Yager for the first Market into Sprucia, and still is the Busse fishing at sea, & soone after againe, was full laden, and boone home, but then another Yager commeth vnto him as did the former, & deliuering them more prouision of barrells and Salt, and ready mony and bid them fare-well, and still lyeth at Sea with the mother and daughter so long and nor very long, before they had againe all their
Barrells

Ready money
or Tallyes,
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Barrells full, and then they sailed home into Holland, with the two women, and the Busse laden with Herrings, and a thousand pounds of ready mony.

If that any man should make any question of the truth of this, it will be very credibly approved by diuerse of good credite that be now in the City of London.

Now to shew the charge of a pinke of eighteene or tweene Last, the Pinke being builded new, and all things new vnto her, will not cost two hundred and sixty pounds, with all her Lines, Hookees, and all her Fisher appurtenances.

And 15. Last of Barrells will cost	10.
Fiue weyes of salt vpon salt	15.
For Beere and Caske	07.
For bread	03.
For butter	01.
For the Perty tally	01.
For mens wages for 2 mo. M & all toge:	20.

57.

Fifteene last of barreld fish at 14. pound, and 8. shillings the Last, which is but 24. shillings the

the barrell amounteth vnto two hundreth and fixteene pounds, whereout if that you do deduct fifty and seuen pounds, for the charge of setting her to sea, their is still resting one hundreth fifty and eight pounds cleere gaines, by one Pinke, with fiftene Last of fish for two months.

Wherefore, seeing the profite so plainly, and by the grace of God so certaine, both by the Busses and Line-boates, whereby the Hollanders haue so long gained by, Let all Noble Worshipfull, and wealthy Subiects, put too their aduenturing and helping hands, for the speedy lanching, and floating forward of this great good Common-wealth businesse, for the strengthening of his Maiesties Dominions, with two principall pillars, which is, with plenty of coine brought in for fish, and herrings from other Nations, and also for the increasing of Marriners against all forraigne Inuasions, and also for the bettering of Trades and Occupations, and setting of thousands of poore and idle people on worke, which now know not how to liue, which by this Trade of the Busses shall be employed, as daily we see is done before

fore our eyes by the Hollanders. And as alwaies it hath bene seene, that those that be now the Fishermen of England, haue bene alwaies found to be sufficient to serue his Maiesties ships in former time, when their haue bene employment, which fellowes, by this new trade of building, and setting forth Busses will be greatly multiplyed and encreased in this Land; which fellowes, as we see the Hollanders, being well-fed in Fisher affaires, and strong and lustier then the Sailors that vse the long Southerne voyages, that sometimes are greatly surfeited, and hunger-pined But these courageous, yong, lusty, fed-strong yonkers, that shall be bred in the Busses, when his Maiesty shall haue occasion for their seruice in warre, against the enemy, will be fellowes for the nonce, and will shew themselues right English, and will put more strength to an Iron Crow, at a peece of great Ordinance in trauesing of a Cannon, or Culuering, with the direction of the experimented Maister Gunner, then two or three of the fore named surfeited Sailors, and in distresse of winde growne sea, and fowle Winters weather, for flying forward

word to their labour, for pulling in a topsaile, or a spret-saile, or shaking of a bonnet in a dark night, for wet and cold can not make them shrink nor staine, that the North-seas, and the Busses, and Pinks have dyed in graine, for such purposes.

And whosoever shall go to Sea, for Captaine to command in Marshall affaires, or take charge for Maister in trade of Merchandize, (as in times past I have done both) will make choice of these fellowes, for I have seene their resolution, in the face of their enemy, when they have bene *legramenta*, and frolicke, and as forward as about their ordinary labours, or businesse.

And when his Maiesty shall have occasion and imployment for the furnishing of his Navy there will be no want of Maisters, Pilots, Commanders, and sufficient directors of a course, and keeping of Computation, but now there is a pittifull want of sufficient good men to do the offices and labours before spoken of, all which, these men of the Busses and Pinks, will worthily supply.

And to the Art of Sayling they may happily

It is not unknowne, that this last yeare there was a generall presse along the Coast of England, frō Hull in Yorkshire vnto S. Michaels Mount in Corne-wall, onely for Sailors, to furnish but 7. Shippes, for the waisting ouer of the Count Pallatine, and his most Noble Princes, but 18. leagues.

pily attaine, for hitherto it hath bene commonly scene, that those men, that haue bene brought vp, in their youth, in Fishery, haue deserued as well as any in the land for artificiall Sayling; for at this time is practised all the projections of Circular and Mathematicall skales and Arithmeticall sayling, by diuers of the yong men of the Sea-coast Townes, euen as commonly amongst them as amongst the Theamfers.

Besides all the Hollanders before spoken of, the Frenchmen of Pickardy haue also a hundred Saile of Fishermen, onely for Herrings, on his Maiesties Seas euery yeare, in the Summer season, and they bee almost like vnto the Busses, but they haue not any Yagers that commeth vnto them, but they do lade themselues, and returne home twice euery yeare, and finde great profite by their making but of two voyages euery Summer season.

And it is much to bee lamented, that wee hauing such a plentifull Countrey, and such store of able and idle people, that not one of his Maiesties Subjects, are there to

Some of these be 3. and 4. score Tunnes the burthen.

The Hollan-
ders do yeare-
ly take so ma-
ny, as they do
make more
then two milli-
ons of pound
Sterling.

And wee his
Maiesties Sub-
iects doe take
no more then
doe baite our
hookes.

be seene all the whole Summer, to fish, or to
take one Herring: But onely the North-sea boats
of the Sea-coast Townes, that goeth to take
Cods, they do take so many as they do need to
baite their hookes and no more.

We are daily skorned by these Hollands, for
being so negligent of our profite, and carelesse
of our fishing, and they do daily floute vs that
be the poore Fishermen of England, to our fa-
ces at Sea, calling to vs and saying, *ra English,*
ya zall, or cud scoue dragien, which in English is
this: Yon English, we will make you glad for
to weare our old shoes.

And likewise the French-men they say we
are apish, for that we do still imitate them in
all needlesse and fantasticall iaggess and fashi-
ons, as it is most true indeed, for that they
haue no fashion amongst them in apparell,
nor Lace, Points, Gloues, Hilts, nor Garters,
euen from the spangled Shoe-latchet, vnto the
spangled Hat, and Hat-band, be it neuer so idle,
and costly, but after that we do once get it, it is
far bettered by our Nation.

Wherefore, seeing that we can excell all
other Nations, wastfully, to spend mony, let
Vs

Vs, in one thing, learne of other Nations, to
get thousands out of his Maiesties Sea, and to
make a generall profite of the benefites that Al-
mighty God doth yearely send vnto vs, in far
more greater aboundance then the fruite of our
trees, which although they be more chargea-
ble in the gathering together, yet is the pro-
fite far more greater, vnto this Kingdome, and
Common wealth of all his Maiesties Subiects,
increasing the wealth of the aduenturers; as al-
so for the enriching of Merchants, and main-
taining of Trades Occupations, and employ-
ing of Ships, and encreasing of Marriners,
which now do but little or nothing: as also for
the setting of poore and idle people on worke,
which now know not how to liue, and to teach
many a tall fellow to know the proper names
of the ropes, in a ship, and to hale the bowline
that now for lacke of employment many such,
by the inconuenience of idle liuing, are com-
pelled to end their daies, with a rope by an vn-
timely death, which by the employment of
the Buffes might be well auoyded, and they
in time become right honest seruiceable and
trusty Subiects.

The Sailors
Prouerbe:
The Sea and
the Gallies
refuse none.

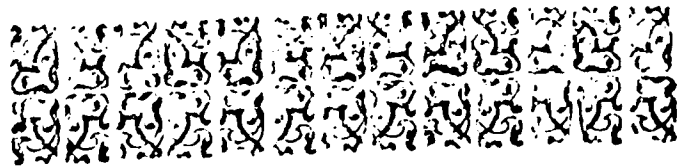
Mr. William
nelling, M.
Stephen Topley,
and diuers o-
thers of the
Company of
fishmongers.

Here since my booke came to the Presse, I have bene credibly certified, by * men of good worth (being Fishmongers) that since Christ-
mas last, vnto this day, there hath bene paid to the Hollanders, here in London, onely for bar-
reld fish, and Holland Lings, the summe of
twelue thousand pound.

And last of all, if that there be any of the
Worshipfull Aduenturers, that would haue
any directions for the building of these Busses,
or Fisher ships, because I know that the Ship-
carpenters of England, be not yet skilfull in
this matter, wherefore if that any shall bee
pleased to repaire to me, I will bee willing to
giue them directions, and plaine proiections,
and Geometricall demonstrations for the right
building of them, both for length, bredth, and
depth, and also for their mould vnder water,
and also for the contriuing of their roomes, and
the laying of their geare, *according to the Hol-
landers fashion, any man shall heare of me at
M. Nathaniel Butters, a Stationers Shop at Saint
Austens gate in Paules Charch-yard: Farewell
this 18. of February.

And for pro-
viding of their
Cordige, and
Ters, after the
most neatest &
cheapest rates.

FINIS.



The States Proclamation, Transla- ted out of Dutch.



The States generall of the
United Provinces of the
low Countries vnto all those
that shall see or heare these
presents greeting, woe let to
weet that whereas it is well
knowne, that the great fish-
ing, and catching of herrings
is the chiefeest Trade, and principall. Gold-mine
of these United Countries, whereby many thou-
sands of Households, Families, Hand-craftes,
Trades and Occupations, are set on worke,
well maintained, and prosper; especially the
Sailing and Nauigation, as well within, as
without these Countries, is kept in great este-
mation: Moreover many Reerues of Honey,
with the increase of the meanes, customs, cu-
stomes, and Reuenues of these Countries are
augmented thereby and prosper, and for asmuch
as there is made from time to time many good
Orders conseruing the catching, salting, and
beneficiall

beneficial uttering of the said Herrings, to the end
to preserve and maintaine the said chiefe Trade,
in the United Provinces; which Trade, by di-
uers encounters, of some that seeke their owne
gaine, is enuied, in respect of the great good it
bringeth to the United Countries: and wee are
informed that a new devise is put in practise to
the prejudice of the Trade, to transport out of
the United Countries, into other Countries,
Staues for herring-barrels made heere, and
halfe herring barrels, put into other Barrels, and
Pets: to crosse the good Orders and Pollicy
here intended to them of these Countres, for the
catching, salting, and selling the herrings, dressed
in other Contries, after the order of these Coun-
tries, whereby this chiefe Trade should be de-
caied here, and the Inhabitants of these Coun-
tries dammified, if that we make not prouision,
in time against such practises, therefore wee, af-
ter Mature Judgement, and Deliberation
haue forbidden and Interdicted, and by
these Presents do forbid and interdict, all, and
euery one, as well Home-bozne and Inhabi-
tants, as strangers frequenting these parts, to
take vp any herring-barrels, or halfe ones pre-
pared, or any kinde of Pets, in any Ship,
Cotone, or Hauen, of the vnitied Provinces, to
be sent into other Countries, or Places, vpon
paine of confiscation of the same, and the Ship
also wherein they shall be found, besides a penal-
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ty of 200. of Netherlandish siluer Royals, for the
first time, and for the second time aboute confisca-
tion of Ship & Goods, & 400. of the said Royals
of siluer, and for the third time, aboute confisca-
tion of Ship and goods, and 600. of the said Roy-
als of siluer, & corporal punishment: all which con-
fiscations, and penalties, shall be distributed one
third part to the profite of the Plantife, one third
part to the pooze, and one third part of the
Officers, where the said confiscation shall be de-
manded: and not onely they shall incurre this pe-
nalty, which after shall be taken with the deed,
but they also, that within one yeare after the
deed shall be conuicted, and that none may pre-
tend ignorance, and that this order may be in all
places duely obserued and the offenders punish-
ed according to Justice, wee will and require,
our Deere and welbeloued Estates, Gouvernours,
Deputies of the counceill, and the Estates of the
respective Provinces of Gilderland, and the
county of Sachill in Holland, West-Freeland, Ze-
land, Vriets, Freeland, Merizel, the Towne of
Groyning, and the circuniacent places, and to
all Justices and Officers, that they cause to be
published in ail places, and proclaimed, where
the vsuall Proclamation and Publication is
made; wee do charge also the chancellozs, and
Provinciall counceill, and the counsell of the Ad-
miralty, the Aduocatifficall, and the Procura-
tozs generall, and all other Officers, Judges,

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and Iustices of these vnited Prouinces, and to
all generall colonies, Admirals, and Vice-admi-
rals, captaines, Officers, and commanders, to
performe, and cause to be performed, this Order
and commandement; and to proceed, and cause
to be proceeded against the Offendors, without
grace, fauour, dissimulation, or composition: be-
cause we haue found it necessary, for the good,
and benefite, of the said Vnited Prouinces, da-
ted in Hage this 19. of Iuly.

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