

He says: "This invincible navy, so long in preparing and now in readiness, was furnished with all provisions of war and with many bravados spread their sails for England's invasion."

His account of Elizabeth at the camp at Tilbury is very graphic: "The main forces lying encamped at Tilbury under the command of the Earl of Leicester, thither her majesty in person upon the ninth of August repaired, full of princely resolution and more than feminine courage, whose lovely presence and imperial speeches, as she passed like some Amazonian empress through all her army, were so acceptable and gracious that her soldiers full fraught with manly spirit, yet received an access of hardness from so alacrious a pattern in their maiden queen."

As a specimen of his style, the account of an audience by Queen Elizabeth to an ambassador from Poland will here be given. The time was 1597, when England was at war with Spain.

"These stirs on the seas brought yet further mischief on the Spaniard by hindering the traffic of merchandise, as well for their own trade and commerce with others as for others trading into Spain, among whom Sigismund, the young and new elected King of Polonia (Latin name of Poland), found himself aggrieved, whose ambassador for that business unto the Queen was one Paulus de Ialim, a Palone gentleman, learned, eloquent and very audacious, who, bringing letters of credence from his King, had audience at Greenwich, her Majesty sitting under her cloth of estate and with her nobles attending. The sum of his message, which the Polonian began with more than an ordinary grace; whose tenor was filled with blasts of discontent, conceived by his potent master, the King of Polonia, and caused by the grievances of his merchants, who were not only deprived of some privileges in England, but the sea, which is made free by the Omnipotent, stopped, and the trades of his merchants into Spain, by her Highness' edicts debarred, contrary to the law both of nature and of nations that his master, as he could not be moved to diminish any part of his love toward her Majesty, so yet could he not