

or 3 great Hollanders guarded with a man of warre, by way of Salue gave them a peece of ordinance, or two: (vnwilling to wrong the priuiledge of that p̄misshend plantation, to which they had giuen time till one halfe years end to be gone and p̄vide them elsewhere, or else to expect blowes to enforce them, this plantation was once afore destroyed by the Spaniard, saue some few hidden in the mountaines, by whome with much miserie the place was againe restored:) the holland man of warre for his salute, returned a bullet, and weighing anchour made to sea, to enter fight, and withall engaged the 2 English barkes to doe the like: of those five English and Hollands, onely 2 had ordinance; but the Spaniards each about 30 brasse peeces, the manner of this feight I know not, but in fine all runne away except the man of warre, who either fired her selfe or sunke when she could hold out no longer, for she cannot be heard of. If we had come the whilest, tis like enough we had beene to forward with the rest, haveing so p̄ft a ship soe well gunn'd and man'd, and whether we had wonne or lost, our ship had certainly spoiled for saile til she had been repaired, but god who endeareth the spirituall good of Maryland p̄served vs from danger, Protector noster et merces nostra magna nimis: the 24<sup>th</sup> of January we weighed from Barba: and by noone next day made S<sup>t</sup> Lucia=s one the Charybbies, divided in it selfe, the servants (being Negroes) against the Saluage maisters; then about 4 in the evening we came before Matilen<sup>a</sup> <sup>1</sup> where we came to ankor, and 2 Canowes, of starknaked I ndians came paddling aboard vs, with paruats, pumpkins, callabashes, bonana-s muskmellons watermellons and the like to exchange with vs; they much feared at first the greatnesse of our ship,

<sup>1</sup> Probably *Martinique*; called by the Spaniards *Martinica*, and formerly by the natives *Madiana*.