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reason of the garrisons, of the rigour of officers, of the final recompence that was given them, and of the conceit that the Prior was yet within the realm, the Portugals harts began to turne, some of them assembled at times, lamented the miserie wherein they seemed to be, by their not agreeing to defend themselves, or not yelding in time, yet the greatest part held opinion that fought together they might have made resistance. They could not endure, that the Castilian officers should meddle in matters of suffitie as they pretended to do. Neither was the Portugals discomfitue appeard, in saying that the King having commanded John Andrew du boa, Prince of Melly, to condemn the Emperesse his sister into Spaine, whom he had caused to come out of Germany, was for no other cause but to leave her Govern of Portugal, and returne into Castill, and that as a woman the thoulde rage with greater minds then the kings of Portugal had done: for although this was the common discourse, yet many held opinion that the king sholde not depart, being constrainnd to keepe garrisons, the which he would not discomfitue, till he were better assured of the Prior, of whom they had diversely, for some held, that he was dead, and spoke the Castilians, who for that would yeeld it not, and said with assurance he had about him, keep it secretd up; the other part, that he had sent into France, and England, how much he expected greater assisting, at which time he sholde have crownd himself. Yet it is manifest that the thoulde secret within the house of the death of Henry, who according to their discourse, could not live long; and yet was there small difference betwixt their ages, at what time the thoulde himselfe as he did upon the death of Henry, he thoulde againe take possession of the realme, the kinges of Castill remaining in the hands of pupilles. And although some beleued that he was departed the realme, yet the greatest part held that he was there yet; labouring to escape as covertly as he could, fearing to be taken prisoners, which was true indeed, as it appeared by some of his friends that were taken in the port of Lisbon, who fought to inbark with some provision of victuals they had made, who confounded with the rakes, that he was in the realme, amongst which was Peter d'Aioe Doctor of the lawes, who frie for that cause and other of high treason lost his head at Lisbon.

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The Estates were now ended, and the king desirous to goe to Lisbon, but for that the preparations, and triumphs which the city pretended, were not yet ready, he went to Almada, which is directly against the city, upon the other banke of Tagus, to give them time to finish their preparations: At what time the King having intelligence that thole of the Islands of Terceira, notwithstanding the letters which Ambrose d'Aguiar, had carried good news in their first resolution of defence, he sent Peter Baldes with lower ships, five hundred Spanish foote, and some cannon, with commandement to suffice himself fully of the Island of Saint Michael, which was obedient spinne the ships which should come from the Indies, & to acte any thing by land unto them, and lent a greater supply of men. The Court was still at Almada, and the needfull ministers for disaccord, and it fell on hee lodged there. The King being determined, he would not attende after Saint Peters day, yet all the water with his galleys, he laded in the city, upon a poynt of wood, framed for that purpose, without giving them time to finish their arches, & shapes prepared for his entry: But the flood and distance of the workemen was in parte caurse, yet did they make considerable preparation: Upon the bridge he was met by the Magistrate of the chamber, where Doctor H. Har de Pyns, one of them, spake thus in the behalfe of the city, shewing the toy they had conceived of his entry: That as this citie was the greatest in the world, so God had deignedly given them conformeable to their own desirs, a great monarch to bee their Lord: Hee excused the people Saying, That if they had no fonder obiedcy, it was done rather by error, then their owne free will, and that remaining in their owne power to choose a king, they would have made election of another then himselfe. And touching the death of Ferrant de Pyns, hee said that this citie had full of all the blinde for his feruice, seeing that the faide Ferrant when as Anthony caueth him to bee wounded, was a member of this Magistrate: Hee excused like wise the heightnes of their joyes, by the afflictions of the warre, the spoile of the citie, and the plague, remembering their loffes of Affricke; concluding that they hoped by his Majesties fauours, this realme should bee faide vnto their citie, & that all the other realmes were loynd vnto Portugal, etc.

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