

but relieve his own subjects, and the rather for that it troubled all his nobility, whose revenues consisted chiefly upon the trade of merchandising. That he had hitherto forborne all means of requite, though her Majesty well knew of means he had no want, and now had sent to advertise her Highness in a loving manner by him, his ambassador, seeing that his letters to that purpose heretofore sent had not been regarded, in whose name he now required that the seas might be open, a restitution made, and the trade westward to Spain free, according to equity; otherwise, his master would no longer neglect his subjects' losses, but would take in hand a means of redress.

"As for her Majesty's wars with Spain that ought not to hinder navigation by the common law of nature (as he avowed); nor for her respect should the ancient friendship betwixt the potent Polonian and the mighty King of Spain be broken, nor with the house of Austria, whose daughter his Prince had now married, which bound him in a double bond of love.

"But he trusted his master's request being such equity, her Majesty would regard it and command satisfaction of these things forthwith to be made, to the content of his Prince and safety of herself, which thing he wished and thereof warned her Majesty, and with other like words ended as peremptorily as he began."

Unto which confident oration, says the Historian, the Queen, herself not brooking to be braved by any prince in the world, presently made answer, preventing the Lord Chancellor therein, who was about to do it, and both roundly and learnedly in Latin (the same language wherein the message was delivered), replied—the very words, as near as could be taken from her mouth, were these:

"*Heu! quam decepta fui!*" (The whole reply is given in Latin, and this translation immediately follows):

"Oh, how was I deceived! I looked for an embassy, but thou hast brought me complaints. I understood by thy letters that thou wert a Legate, but I find thee an Herald! Never since I drew breath heard I such an oration. I marvel, truly I marvel at so great and such an accustomed bold-