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THE COUNTIE OF ZELAND.



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burrrough, was borne, who was the chiefe Mathematician of his time: And also *Nicolas Everhard*, who was first Præsident of the Court of *Holland*, and afterward of *Mechlin*, in which office he dyed, in the yeere 1532. He had sonnes that were singular learned men, *Peter Everhard* Doctour of Divinitie, *Nicolas Everhard* Præsident of the Court of *Friesland*, and afterward of *Mechlin*, *Adrian, Marius*, and *Iohn* a Poet. *Veria* or *Campoveria*, is so called from the passage over which the *Zelanders* call *Veer*; It was first walled about in the yeere 1357. Afterward it began to be a Mart towne, for *Scotch* merchandize. *Flushing* hath his name and armes, from a *Flaggon*, which the Countrimen call *een Flessche*. It is a new Cittie, but powerfull and commandeth the Sea, and it is full of excellent shipmasters, and Pilots. *Arnemuda* is a free Towne belonging to *Middleburrrough*, and a safe roade for shippes. The second Isle to *Wallachria* is *Zuidbevelandia*, which some suppose was so called from the trembling and shaking of it; we suppose that it was so called from the *Bavarians*, whose arms may be yet seene in the *Scutchions* of the Island. It extendeth it self in a large and pleasant tract towards the coast of *Flanders* & *Brabant*, albeit some few yers ago, a great part of it being lost, it is now lesser by halfe than it was. There is a pretty Cittie that stands off the Land, called *Romerswalia*, that hath no tilled fields round about it, nor no garden places, but the sea doth wash it on every side, so it subsisteth onely by trading in salt. In this Cittie the Earles of *Zeland* take a solemne oath: which when *Philip* King of *Spaine*, was to doe according to the usuall custome, in the yeere 1549. *Nicolas de Confilte*, in whose house the Prince was entertayned, caused these verses to be written over his gate:

Vidimus adsueto privatum lumine Solem:
Pallida turbato vidimus astra die.
Vidimus undantis horrendos aquoris aestus,
Nos miseros Belgas quum obruit Oceanus.
Vidimus ast postquam te Gloria nostra Philippe,
Cæsarea proles, Semideumq; decus:
Cuncta refutamus transacti tristia sæcli,
Quod præsens nostrum testificatur opus.
Sit licet exiguum, sit pro ratione voluntas,
Nil facit ad nostrum parva carina fretum.

We have seene when as the suns cleere light did faile,
And in the day time seene the starres looke pale.
We have seene the fearefull sea tides rising so,
Till the Oceans did us Belgians overflow.
But Philip when thee, our glory, we espy'd,
Of Cæsars stocke, and halfe a god beside,
We made up all our former rents againe,
And this present worke doth testifie the same:
Though it be small, yet to accept it please,
For no small ship can sayle upon our Seas.

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