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At this place I could afford to make an ende of to teach their the first part of the Christian parents office, which quarrelling and is the necessary and wife education of children till highing. marriage: but that one thing commeth to my minde, which I have fingled out, because I see much mischeife commeth thereupon : which is a kinde of childish branerie, whereupon many doe stand in this our age, and so vpward: and these be the words of our young bloods; I will offer no man wrong or difgrace, but if any be offered to me I will not put it up: I will not take wrong at any mans hand. This they take to be the honour and reputation of a man, and namely of a gentleman, that the least touch or word, which seemeth to carrie any dis-

grace, they be readie to flab, or to challenge into thefield. And if through anger one chance to

A vile difeale, men ginen oues renenge.

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iay, thou lieft; or touch his cheeke with the backe of his hand; this is taken in fuch fcorne, that there is no way of pacification or reconciliation, but by the facrifice of death, either one or both must die, or at the least they hazard their lines in a wicked combate. So little is the price of a mans life in our daies, and so great is the pride and wrath of vaine and foolish men; so that many a brane gentleman is cast away without cause and vnnecessarily. Vulgus animofamiratur, &c. The commonpeople (faith Seneca ) admire couragious gentlemen, and they. that are bold are honoured, but quiet men are counted cowards. This is so perhaps at the first fight, yet when an equall life doth make them difcerne and beleene, that it is not the cowardlineffe of.



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Ordering of Sonnes

Gentlemen are subject to enery saue? To whom I answer; he is a men renowned flaue which is inthralled into his owne anger; but for valour. gentlemen are called, gens d'armes, men that beare gentlemen are called, gens d'armes, men that beare armes; and therefore let them read the historie of Islius Cafar in his Commentaries, and they shall finde, that he beeing a man of armes, and very valiant, would not alway fight when he was prouoked, no though his fouldiers called him coward, but when it might be most safe for him and his ar-End of excerpt my, and most honourable in the issue: so if our gentlemen would confider when they ought to fight, what indeed belongeth to their honour, and what a lamentable iffue commeth of such rash, venturous, and beaftly fighting, there would not be one offine hundred to mourne for the casting away of their fonne, or of their friend. I remember I have heard it reported among wife men, that in the Court in Queene Elizabeths time, of bleffed memory, there was a fober staied gentleman a Courtier, who went in and out as his place required with his fword by his fide, but he medled with no man, and gaue no occasion of brawle: on a time a couple of lustie bloods would needs trie if he were not a coward, and fet vpon him with their fwords drawn; when he faw there was no remedy, he drew vpon them, shewed the valour of a quiet man, driving them both before him like a couple of theepe: fo if Parents would inftruct their children to quiet meeknes, and to abstaine from quarrels, and quarrelling company; and underhand arme them with skill & courage to defend themfelues,