

## SANDYS.

George Sandys, son of Edwin, Archbishop of York, was born 1577 and died 1644. He published in small folio, London, 1615, *A Relation of a journey begun An. Dom. 1610*. The first book deals with the Turkish Empire, its manners, forces etc.: the second with Egypt, the third with Palestine, and the fourth with the journey home from Acre, by Cyprus, Crete, Malta, Sicily and Italy. He does not make it at all clear that he landed in Cyprus, but he has collected with diligence what was known in his time about the island, and his quaint narrative seems worthy of a place among our Excerpta. From the number of early editions of the *Relation* it must have been very popular. We transcribe from Book iv. pp. 218—222 of the first edition.

For Salamis see Velleius Paterculus i. 1, "Teucer, non receptus a patre Telamone ob segnitiam non vindicatae fratris injuriae, Cyprum adpulsum cognominem patriae suae Salamina constituit."

Now shape we our course for England. Beloved Soile: as in site (Virg. Ecl. I. 67.)

"Wholly from all the world disjoyned," so in thy felicities. The summer burnes thee not, nor the winter benums thee: defended by the sea from wastfull incursions, and by the valour of thy sonnes from hostile invasions. All other countries are in some things defective, when thou a provident parent doest minister unto thine whatsoever is usefull: forrein additions but only tending to vanity and luxury. Vertue in thee at the least is praised, and vices are branded with their names, if not pursued with punishments. That Ulysses (Hom. Od. I. 1.)

"Who knew many mens manners, and saw many cities," if as sound in judgement as ripe in experience, will confesse this to be the land that floweth with milk and honey.

Our sailes now swelling with the first breath of May, on the right hand we left Cyprus, sacred of old unto Venus, who (as they faine) was here first exhibited to mortals (Homer, in *Hymnis*, V. 1—4.)

I sing of Venus crown'd with gold, renown'd  
For faire: that Cyprus guards, by Neptune bound.  
Her in soft fume mild-breathing Zephyre bore  
On murmuring waves unto that fruitfull shore.

Thither said to be driven, in regard to the fertility of the soile, or beastly lusts of the people, who, to purchase portions for their daughters, accustomed to prostitute them on the shore unto strangers; an offering besides held acceptable to their goddess of viciousnesse. Some write that Cyprus was so named of the Cypressse trees that grew therein, others of Cyrus, who built in it the ancient city of Aphrodisia, but grossely, for Cyrus lived six hundred yeares after Homer, by whom it was so named: but more probable of Cryptus, the more ancient name, in that often concealed by the surges. It stretches from East into West in forme of a fleece, and thrusteth forth a number of promontories: whereupon it was called Cerastis, which signifieth horned; so terming the promontories, as in Phillis to Demophon (Or. Her. II. 131.)

A bay there is like to a bow when bent  
Steepe hornes advancing on the shores extent,

the occasion of that fable of Venus her metamorphosing the cruel sacrifices of that island into oxen; or else of the tumors that grow in many of their foreheads. It is in circuit,