and so over-charg him. But when they espie a great Armie of enemies, they make a retraite quickly and speedily to their Armie, Ranks, and Banners.

There is great celerity in constituting and governing their troupes, seeing that they are not ruled only by the advertisements of the Generals and Prefects of their Regiments, but also by the shew of Whips, as is the long continued practice of the Nation; and they are subject to a becke, that they are very easily brought into their Ranges, whensoever it is necessary.

The Chan is always fortified in warre, with a band of some thousands of noble and courageous Tartars in number, some hundreds of Janizaries, Footmen, and some small Ordnance. In the Chan Regiment a very great white Mares tayle, and a piece of Greene and Red Silke of the Turkish Emperour is carried before on a great Pike for the Standard. There appeare in the troupes of the other Tartars, many Ancients and Ensignes of various colours.

The more famous Souldiers, and they which are notable in reputation, dextereitie and warlike Prowes, and have arriehed in warre some Noble Service and Enterprize, are greatly honoure by the Chan, Soldans, Kiniuzons, and Murzons. And that respect is had to them, that the Chan doth not only reward them with certayne great benefits and such liberalitie, as he can shew them, but also is so mindful of their deserts and merits, that he assignes them and their successors in the Assembly, and as the fashion is, at his Table a perpetual place of honour among his more noble Murzons. That dignitiie among the Tartars is the greatest, and Hereditary, for they going to warre able and experienced men which possest that place, are dignified by the Chan, with the glorie of leading the Troupes. The Chan also frees some Tartar captives with the permutation of captives, and in ransomning others he largely powres out his owne Treasure, and willingly comforts them as he is able.

CHAP. XXII.
DITHMAR BLEFFRENS his Voyages, and Historie of Island and Groenland.

In the yeere 1563. two Hamburg Merchants ships determined to sayle to Island, the Mariners, by an ancient custome, desirous to have a Minister of Gods Word with them, commend this care to the Ministers of the Church of Hamburg, and intreat them to provide them a Minister. One Doctor Paulus ab Etzen was then Superintendent of the Church of Hamburg. While therefore I staid at Hamburg, expecting my Library from Refsoch, I entered into some familiaritie with Paulus, and the rest of the Ministers. This Office was bestowed upon me, which I undertooke the more willingly, seeing of Islands trading, being chosen for my modelline. Oueing in another