

and so ouer-charge him. But when they espie a great Armie of enemies, they make a retraite quickly and speedily to their Armie, Rankes, and Banners.

There is great celeritie in constituting and governing their troupes, seeing that they are not ruled onely by the aduertizements of the Generals and Praefects of their Regiments, but also by the shew of Whips, as is the long continued practice of the Nation: and they are subject so to a becke, that they are very easily brought into their Ranges, whensoever it is necessary.

Their Discipline.

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

His strength.
The principall
Ensigne a
Mares taylor.

The more famous Souldiers, and they which are notable in reputation, dexteritie and warlike Prowes, and haue achieved in warre some Noble Service and Enterprize, are greatly honoured by the *Chan*, *Soldans*, *Kiniazons*, 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 mindfull of their deserts and merits, that he assignes them and their successors in the Assembly, and as the fashion is, at his Table a perpetuall place of honour among his more noble *Murzons*. That dignitie among the *Tartars* is the greatest, and Hereditary, for they going to warre able and experienced men which possesse that place, are dignified by the *Chan*, with the glorie of leading the Troupes. The *Chan* also frees some *Tartar* captiues with the permutation of captiues, and in ransomng others he largely powres out his owne Treasure, and willingly comforts them as he is able.

CHAP. XXII.

DITHMAR BLEFKENS 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 haue a Minister of Gods Word with them, commend this care to the Ministers of the Church of *Hamburg*, and intreat them to prouide them a Minister. One Doctor *Paulus ab Eitzen* was then Superintendent of the Church of *Hamburg*. While therefore I staid at *Hamburg*, expecting my Library from *Rostoch*, I entred into some familiaritie with *Paulus*, and the rest of the Ministers. This Office was bestowed vpon me, which I vnderooke the more willingly, because I had a longing desire to know strange things, and diuers Countreys, reading

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