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**HVMFREY.**

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*Actus Primus. Scæna Prima*

**[Act 1, Scene 1]**

*Flourish of Trumpets: Then Hoboyes.*

*Enter King, Duke Humfrey, Salisbury, Warwicke and Beauford on the one side.*

*The Queene, Suffolke, Yorke, Somerset, and Buckingham, on the other.*

**Suffolke.**

AS by your high Imperiall Maiesty,  
I had in charge at my depart for France,  
As Procurator to your Excellence,  
To marry Princes *Margaret* for your Grace;  
So in the Famous Ancient City, *Toures*,  
In presence of the Kings of *France*, and *Sicill*,

The Dukes of *Orleance, Calaber, Britaigne,* and *Alanson,*  
Seuen Earles, twelue Barons, & twenty reuerend Bishops  
I haue perform'd my Taske, and was espous'd,  
And humbly now vpon my bended knee,  
In sight of England, and her Lordly Peeres,  
Deliuier vp my Title in the Queene  
To your most gracious hands, that are the Substance  
Of that great Shadow I did represent:  
The happiest Gift, that euer Marquesse gaue,  
The Fairest Queene, that euer King receiu'd.

**King.**

Suffolke arise. Welcome Queene *Margaret,*  
I can expresse no kinder signe of Loue  
Then this kinde kisse: O Lord, that lends me life,  
Lend me a heart replete with thankfulness:  
For thou hast giuen me in this beauteous Face  
A world of earthly blessings to my soule,  
If Simpathy of Loue vnite our thoughts.

**Queen.**

Great King of England, & my gracious Lord,  
The mutuall conference that my minde hath had,  
By day, by night; waking, and in my dreames,  
In Courtly company, or at my Beades,  
With you mine *Alder liefest* Soueraigne,  
Makes me the bolder to salute my King,  
With ruder termes, such as my wit affords,  
And ouer ioy of heart doth minister.

**King.**

Her sight did rauish, but her grace in Speech,  
Her words yclad with wisdomes Maiesty,  
Makes me from Wondring, fall to Weeping ioyes,  
Such is the Fulnesse of my hearts content.  
Lords, with one cheerefull voice, Welcome my Loue.

**All**

*kneel.*

Long liue (Qu.)Queene *Margaret,* Englands happines.

**Queene.**

We thanke you all.

*Florish*

**Suf.**

My Lord Protector, so it please your Grace,  
Heere are the Articles of contracted peace,  
Betweene our Soueraigne, and the French King *Charles,*  
For eighteene moneths concluded by consent.

**Glo.**

*Reads.*

Inprimis, *It is agreed betweene the French (K.)King  
Charles, and William de la Pole Marquesse of Suffolke, Am  
bassador for Henry King of England, That the said Henry shal  
espouse the Lady Margaret, daughter vnto Reignier King of*

*Naples, Sicillia, and Ierusalem, and Crowne her Queene of England, ere the thirtieth of May next ensuing.*

*Item, That the Dutchy of Aniou, and the County of Main, shall be released and deliuered to the King her father.*

**King.**

Vnkle, how now?

**Glo.**

Pardon me gracious Lord,  
Some sodaine qualme hath strucke me at the heart,  
And dim'd mine eyes, that I can reade no further.

**King.**

Vnckle of Winchester, I pray read on.

**Win.**

*Item, It is further agreed betweene them, That the Dutchesse of Aniou and Maine, shall be released and deliuered ouer to the King her Father, and shée sent ouer of the King of Englands owne proper Cost and Charges, without hauing any Dowry.*

**King.**

They please vs well. Lord Marques kneel down,  
We heere create thee the first Duke of Suffolke,  
And girt thee with the Sword. Cosin of Yorke,  
We heere discharge your Grace from being Regent  
I'th parts of France, till terme of eighteene Moneths  
Be full expyr'd. Thankes Vnckle Winchester,  
Gloster, Yorke, Buckingham, Somerset,  
Salisbury, and Warwicke.

We thanke you all for this great fauour done,  
In entertainment to my Princely Queene.  
Come, let vs in, and with all speede prouide  
To see her Coronation be perform'd.

*Exit King, Queene, and Suffolke.*

*Manet the rest.*

**Glo.**

Braue Peeres of England, Pillars of the State,  
To you Duke *Humfrey* must vnload his greefe:  
Your greefe, the common greefe of all the Land.

Note: An ink mark follows the end of this line.

What? did my brother *Henry* spend his youth,  
His valour, coine, and people in the warres?  
Did he so often lodge in open field:  
In Winters cold, and Summers parching heate,  
To conquer France, his true inheritance?  
And did my brother *Bedford* toyle his wits,  
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To keepe by policy what *Henrie* got:  
Hauē you your selues, *Somerset, Buckingham,*  
Braue *Yorke, Salisbury,* and victorious *Warwicke,*  
Receiud deepe scarres in France and Normandie:  
Or hath mine Vnckle *Beauford,* and my selfe,  
With all the Learned Counsell of the Realme,

Studied so long, sat in the Councill house,  
Early and late, debating too and fro  
How France and Frenchmen might be kept in awe,  
And hath his Highnesse in his infancie,  
Crowned in Paris in despight of foes,  
And shall these Labours, and these Honours dye?  
Shall *Henries* Conquest, *Bedfords* vigilance,  
Your Deeds of Warre, and all our Counsell dye?  
O Peeres of England, shamefull is this League,  
Fatall this Marriage, cancelling your Fame,  
Blotting your names from Bookes of memory,  
Racing the Charracters of your Renowne,  
Defacing Monuments of Conquer'd France,  
Vndoing all as all had neuer bin.

**Car.**

Nephew, what meanes this passionate discourse?  
This preroration with such circumstance:  
For France, 'tis ours; and we will keepe it still.

**Glo.**

I Vnckle, we will keepe it, if we can:  
But now it is impossible we should.  
Suffolke, the new made Duke that rules the rost,  
Hath giuen the Dutchy of *Aniou* and *Mayne*,  
Vnto the poore King *Reignier*, whose large style  
Agrees not with the leannesse of his purse.

**Sal.**

Now by the death of him that dyed for all,  
Note: An ink mark follows the end of this line.  
These Counties were the Keyes of *Normandie*:  
But wherefore weepes *Warwicke*, my valiant sonne?

**War.**

For greefe that they are past recouerie.  
For were there hope to conquer them againe,  
My sword should shed hot blood, mine eyes no teares.  
*Aniou* and *Maine*? My selfe did win them both:  
Those Prouinces, these Armes of mine did conquer,  
And are the Citties that I got with wounds,  
Deliu'er'd vp againe with peacefull words?  
*Mort Dieu*.

**Yorke.**

For Suffolkes Duke, may he be suffocate,  
That dims the Honor of this Warlike Isle:  
France should haue torne and rent my very hart,  
Before I would haue yeilded to this League.  
I neuer read but Englands Kings haue had  
Large summes of Gold, and Dowries with their wiues,  
And our King *Henry* giues away his owne,  
To match with her that brings no vantages.

**Hum.**

A proper iest, and neuer heard before,  
That Suffolke should demand a whole Fifteenth,

For Costs and Charges in transporting her:  
She should haue staid in France, and steru'd in France  
Before□

**Car.**

My Lord of Gloster, now ye grow too hot,  
It was the pleasure of my Lord the King.

**Hum.**

My Lord of Winchester I know your minde.  
'Tis not my speeches that you do mislike:  
But 'tis my presence that doth trouble ye,  
Rancour will out, proud Prelate, in thy face  
I see thy furie: If I longer stay,  
We shall begin our ancient bickerings:  
Lordings farewell, and say when I am gone,  
I prophesied, France will be lost ere long.

*Exit Humfrey.*

**Car.**

So, there goes our Protector in a rage:  
'Tis knowne to you he is mine enemy:  
Nay more, an enemy vnto you all,  
And no great friend, I feare me to the King;  
Consider Lords, he is the next of blood,  
And heyre apparant to the English Crowne:  
Had *Henrie* got an Empire by his marriage,  
And all the wealthy Kingdomes of the West,  
There's reason he should be displeas'd at it:  
Looke to it Lords, let not his smoothing words  
Bewitch your hearts, be wise and circumspect.  
What though the common people fauour him,  
Calling him, *Humfrey the good Duke of Gloster*,  
Clapping their hands, and crying with loud voyce,  
Iesu maintaine your Royall Excellence,  
With God preserue the good Duke *Humfrey*:  
I feare me Lords, for all this flattering glosse,  
He will be found a dangerous Protector.

**Buc.**

Why should he then protect our Soueraigne?  
He being of age to gouerne of himselfe.  
Cosin of Somerset, ioyne you with me,  
And altogether with the Duke of Suffolke,  
Wee'l quickly hoysse Duke *Humfrey* from his seat.

**Car.**

This weighty businesse will not brooke delay,  
Ile to the Duke of Suffolke presently.

*Exit Cardinall.*

**Som.**

Cosin of Buckingham, though *Humfries* pride  
And greatnesse of his place be greefe to vs,  
Yet let vs watch the haughtie Cardinall,  
His insolence is more intollerable  
Then all the Princes in the Land beside,

If Gloster be displac'd, hee'l be Protector.

**Buc.**

Or thou, or I Somerset will be Protectors,  
Despite Duke *Humfrey*, or the Cardinall.

*Exit Buckingham, and Somerset.*

**Sal.**

Pride went before, Ambition follows him.  
While these do labour for their owne preferment,  
Behooues it vs to labor for the Realme.  
I neuer saw but Humfrey Duke of Gloster,  
Did beare him like a Noble Gentleman:  
Oft haue I seene the haughty Cardinall.  
More like a Souldier then a man o'th'Church,  
As stout and proud as he were Lord of all,  
Sweare like a Ruffian, and demeane himselfe  
Vnlike the Ruler of a Common-weale.  
Warwicke my sonne, the comfort of my age,  
Thy deeds, thy plainnesse, and thy house-keeping,  
Hath wonne the greatest fauour of the Commons,  
Excepting none but good Duke Humfrey.  
And Brother Yorke, thy Acts in Ireland,  
In bringing them to ciuill Discipline:  
Thy late exploits done in the heart of France,  
When thou wert Regent for our Soueraigne,  
Haue made thee fear'd and honor'd of the people,  
Ioyne we together for the publike good,  
In what we can, to bridle and suppress  
The pride of Suffolke, and the Cardinall,  
With Somersets and Buckinghams Ambition,  
And as we may, cherish Duke Humfries deeds,  
While they do tend the profit of the Land.

**War.**

So God helpe Warwicke, as he loues the Land,  
And common profit of his Countrey.

**Yor.**

And so says Yorke,  
For he hath greatest cause.

**Salisbury.**

Then lets make hast away,  
And looke vnto the maine.

**Warwicke.**

Vnto the maine?

Oh Father, *Maine* is lost,  
That *Maine*, which by maine force Warwicke did winne,  
And would haue kept, so long as breath did last:  
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Main-chance father you meant, but I meant *Maine*,  
Which I will win from France, or else be slaine.

*Exit Warwicke, and Salisbury. Manet Yorke.*

**Yorke.**

*Anion* and *Maine* are giuen to the French,

*Paris* is lost, the state of *Normandie*  
 Stands on a tickle point, now they are gone:  
 Suffolke concluded on the Articles,  
 The Peeres agreed, and *Henry* was well pleas'd,  
 To change two Dukedomes for a Dukes faire daughter.  
 I cannot blame them all, what is't to them?  
 'Tis thine they giue away, and not their owne.  
 Pirates may make cheape penyworths of their pillage,  
 And purchase Friends, and giue to Curtezans,  
 Still reuelling like Lords till all be gone,  
 While as the silly Owner of the goods  
 Weepes ouer them, and wrings his haplesse hands,  
 And shakes his head, and trembling stands aloofe,  
 While all is shar'd, and all is borne away,  
 Ready to sterue, and dare not touch his owne.  
 So Yorke must sit, and fret, and bite his tongue,  
 While his owne Lands are bargain'd for, and sold:  
 Me thinkes the Realmes of England, France, & Ireland,  
 Beare that proportion to my flesh and blood,  
 As did the fatall brand *Althaa* burnt,  
 Vnto the Princes heart of *Calidon*:  
*Aniou* and *Maine* both giuen vnto the French?  
 Cold newes for me: for I had hope of France,  
 Euen as I haue of fertile Englands soile.  
 A day will come, when Yorke shall claime his owne,  
 And therefore I will take the *Neuils* parts,  
 And make a shew of loue to proud Duke *Humfrey*,  
 And when I spy aduantage, claime the Crowne,  
 For that's the Golden marke I seeke to hit:  
 Nor shall proud Lancaster vsurpe my right,  
 Nor hold the Scepter in his childish Fist,  
 Nor weare the Diadem vpon his head,  
 Whose Church-like humors fits not for a Crowne.  
 Then Yorke be still a-while, till time do serue:  
 Watch thou, and wake when others be asleepe,  
 To prie into the secrets of the State,  
 Till *Henrie* surfetting in ioyes of loue,  
 With his new Bride, & Englands deere bought Queen,  
 And *Humfrey* with the Peeres be falne at iarres:  
 Then will I raise aloft the Milke-white-Rose,  
 With whose sweet smell the Ayre shall be perfum'd,  
 And in in my Standard beare the Armes of Yorke,  
 To grapple with the house of Lancaster,  
 And force perforce Ile make him yeeld the Crowne,  
 Whose bookish Rule, hath pull'd faire England downe.  
*Exit Yorke.*

**[Act 1, Scene 2]**

*Enter Duke Humfrey and his wife Elianor.*

**Elia.**

Why droopes my Lord like ouer-ripen'd Corn,  
Hanging the head at Ceres plenteous load?  
Why doth the Great Duke *Humfrey* knit his browes,  
As frowning at the Fauours of the world?  
Why are thine eyes fixt to the sullen earth,  
Gazing on that which feemes to dimme thy sight?  
What seest thou there? King *Henries* Diadem,  
Inchac'd with all the Honors of the world?  
If so, Gaze on, and grouell on thy face,  
Vntill thy head be circled with the same.  
Put forth thy hand, reach at the glorious Gold.  
What, is't too short? Ile lengthen it with mine,  
And hauing both together heau'd it vp,  
Wee'l both together lift our heads to heauen,  
*Note:* An ink mark follows the end of this line.  
And neuer more abase our sight so low,  
As to vouchsafe one glance vnto the ground.

**Hum.**

O *Nell*, sweet *Nell*, if thou dost loue thy Lord,  
Banish the Canker of ambitious thoughts:  
And may that thought, when I imagine ill  
Against my King and Nephew, vertuous *Henry*,  
Be my last breathing in this mortall world.  
My troublous dreames this night, doth make me sad.

**Eli.**

What dream'd my Lord, tell me, and Ile requite it  
With sweet rehearsall of my mornings dreame?

**Hum.**

Me thought this staffe mine Office-badge in  
Court  
Was broke in twaine: by whom, I haue forgot,  
But as I thinke, it was by'th Cardinall,  
And on the peeces of the broken Wand  
Were plac'd the heads of *Edmond* Duke of Somerset,  
And *William de la Pole* first Duke of Suffolke.  
This was my dreame, what it doth bode God knowes.

**Eli.**

Tut, this was nothing but an argument,  
That he that breakes a sticke of Glosters groue,  
Shall loose his head for his presumption.  
But list to me my *Humfrey*, my sweete Duke:  
Me thought I sate in Seate of Maiesty,  
In the Cathedrall Church of Westminster,  
And in that Chaire where Kings & Queens wer crownd,  
Where *Henrie* and Dame *Margaret* kneel'd to me,  
And on my head did set the Diadem.

**Hum.**

Nay *Elinor*, then must I chide outright:  
Presumptuous Dame, ill-nurter'd *Elianor*,  
Art thou not second Woman in the Realme?  
And the Protectors wife belou'd of him?



Hast thou not worldly pleasure at command,  
Aboue the reach or compasse of thy thought?  
And wilt thou still be hammering Treachery,  
To tumble downe thy husband, and thy selfe,  
From top of Honor, to Disgraces feete?  
Away from me, and let me heare no more.

**Elia.**

What, what, my Lord? Are you so chollericke  
With *Elianor*, for telling but her dreame?  
Next time Ile keepe my dreames vnto my selfe,  
And not be check'd.

**Hum.**

Nay be not angry, I am pleas'd againe.

*Enter Messenger.*

**Mess.**

My Lord Protector, 'tis his Highnes pleasure,  
You do prepare to ride vnto (S.) Saint *Albons*,  
Where as the King and Queene do meane to Hawke.

**Hu.**

I go. Come *Nel* thou wilt ride with vs?

*Ex. Hum*

**Eli.**

Yes my good Lord, Ile follow presently.  
Follow I must, I cannot go before,  
While Gloster beares this base and humble minde.  
Were I a Man, a Duke, and next of blood,  
I would remoue these tedious stumbling blockes,  
And smooth my way vpon their headlesse neckes.  
And being a woman, I will not be slacke  
To play my part in Fortunes Pageant.  
Where are you there? Sir *Iohn*; nay feare not man,  
We are alone, here's none but thee, & I.

*Enter Hume.*

**Hume.**

Iesus preserue your Royall Maiesty.

**Elia.**

What saist thou? Maiesty: I am but Grace.

**Hume.**

But by the grace of God, and *Humes* aduice,  
Your Graces Title shall be multiplied.

**Elia.**

What saist thou man? Hast thou as yet confer'd  
With *Margerie Iordane* the cunning Witch,  
With *Roger Bollingbrooke* the Coniurer?  
And will they vndertake to do me good?

**Hume.**

This they haue promised to shew your Highnes  
A Spirit rais'd from depth of vnder ground,  
That [\[Page 123\]](#) The second Part of Henry the Sixt.  
That shall make answer to such Questions,  
As by your Grace shall be propounded him.

**Elianor.**

It is enough, Ile thinke vpon the Questions:  
When from Saint *Albones* we doe make returne,  
Wee'le see these things effected to the full.  
Here *Hume*, take this reward, make merry man  
With thy Confederates in this weightie cause.

*Exit Elianor.*

**Hume.**

*Hume* must make merry with the Duchesse Gold:  
Marry and Shall: but how now, Sir *Iohn Hume*?  
Seale vp your Lips, and giue no words but Mum,  
The businesse asketh silent secrecie.  
Dame *Elianor* giues Gold, to bring the Witch:  
Gold cannot come amisse, were she a Deuill.  
Yet haue I Gold flyes from another Coast:  
I dare not say, from the rich Cardinall,  
And from the great and new-made Duke of Suffolke;  
Yet I doe finde it so: for to be plaine,  
They (knowing Dame *Elianors* aspiring humor)  
Haue hyred me to vnder-mine the Duchesse,  
And buzze these Coniurations in her brayne.  
They say, A craftie Knaue do's need no Broker,  
Yet am I *Suffolke* and the Cardinalls Broker.  
*Hume*, if you take not heed, you shall goe neere  
To call them both a payre of craftie Knaues.  
Well, so it stands: and thus I feare at last,  
*Humes* Knauerie will be the Duchesse Wracke,  
And her Attainture, will be *Humphreyes* fall:  
Sort how it will, I shall haue Gold for all.

*Exit*

**[Act 1, Scene 3]**

*Enter three or foure Petitioners, the Armorers  
Man being one.*

**1. Pet.**

My Masters, let's stand close, my Lord Pro  
tector will come this way by and by, and then wee may  
deliuer our Supplications in the Quill.

**2. Pet.**

Marry the Lord protect him, for hee's a good  
man, Iesu blesse him.

*Enter Suffolke, and Queene.*

**Peter.**

Here a comes me thinkes, and the Queene with  
him: Ile be the first sure.

**2. Pet.**

Come backe foole, this is the Duke of Suffolk,  
and not my Lord Protector.

**Suff.**

How now fellow: would'st any thing with me?

**1. Pet.**

I pray my Lord pardon me, I tooke ye for my  
Lord Protector.

**Queene.**

To my Lord Protector? Are your Supplications  
to his Lordship? Let me see them: what is thine?

**1. Pet.**

Mine is, and't please your Grace, against *John  
Goodman*, my Lord Cardinals Man, for keeping my House,  
and Lands, and Wife and all, from me.

**Suff.**

Thy Wife too? that's some Wrong indeede.  
What's yours? What's heere? Against the Duke of  
Suffolke, for enclosing the Commons of Melforde. How  
now, Sir Knaue?

**2. Pet.**

Alas Sir, I am but a poore Petitioner of our  
whole Towneship.

**Peter.**

Against my Master *Thomas Horner*, for saying,  
That the Duke of Yorke was rightfull Heire to the  
Crowne.

**Queene.**

What say'st thou? Did the Duke of Yorke  
say, hee was rightfull Heire to the Crowne?

**Peter.**

That my Mistresse was? No forsooth: my Master  
said, That he was, and that the King was an Vsurper.

**Suff.**

Who is there?

*Enter Seruant.*

Take this fellow in, and send for his Master with a Purse  
uant presently: wee'le heare more of your matter before  
the King.

*Exit.*

**Queene.**

And as for you that loue to be protected  
Vnder the Wings of our Protectors Grace,  
Begin your Suites anew, and sue to him.

*Tear the Supplication.*

Away, base Cullions: *Suffolke* let them goe.

**All.**

Come, let's be gone.

*Exit.*

**Queene.**

My Lord of Suffolke, say, is this the guise?  
Is this the Fashions in the Court of England?  
Is this the Gouernment of Britaines Ile?  
And this the Royaltie of *Albions* King?  
What, shall King *Henry* be a Pupill still,  
Vnder the surly *Glosters* Gouernance?

Am I a Queene in Title and in Stile,  
And must be made a Subiect to a Duke?  
I tell thee *Poole*, when in the Citie *Tours*  
Thou ran'st a-tilt in honor of my Loue,  
And stol'st away the Ladies hearts of France;  
I thought King *Henry* had resembled thee,  
In Courage, Courtship, and Proportion:  
But all his minde is bent to Holinesse,  
To number *Aue-Maries* on his Beades:  
His Champions, are the Prophets and Apostles,  
His Weapons, holy Sawes of sacred Writ,  
His Studie is his Tilt-yard, and his Loues  
Are brazen Images of Canonized Saints.  
I would the Colledge of the Cardinalls  
Would chuse him Pope, and carry him to Rome,  
And set the Triple Crowne vpon his Head;  
That were a State fit for his Holinesse.

**Suff.**

Madame be patient: as I was cause  
Your Highnesse came to England, so will I  
In England worke your Graces full content.

**Queene.**

Beside the haughtie Protector, haue we *Beauford*  
The imperious Churchman; *Somerset*, *Buckingham*,  
And grumbling *Yorke*: and not the least of these,  
But can doe more in England then the King.

**Suff.**

And he of these, that can doe most of all,  
Cannot doe more in England then the *Nenils*:  
*Salisbury* and *Warwick* are no simple Peeres.

**Queene.**

Not all these Lords do vex me halfe so much,  
As that prouwd Dame, the Lord Protectors Wife:  
She sweepes it through the Court with troups of Ladies,  
More like an Empresse, then Duke *Humphreyes* Wife:  
Strangers in Court, doe take her for the Queene:  
She beares a Dukes Reuenewes on her backe,  
And in her heart she scornes our Pouertie:  
Shall I not liue to be aueng'd on her?  
Contemptuous base-borne Callot as she is,  
She vaunted 'mongst her Minions t'other day,  
The very trayne of her worst wearing Gowne,  
Was better worth then all my Fathers Lands,  
Till *Suffolke* gaue two Dukedomes for his Daughter.

**Suff.**

Madame, my selfe haue lym'd a Bush for her,  
And plac't a Quier of such enticing Birds,  
That she will light to listen to the Layes,  
And neuer mount to trouble you againe.  
So let her rest: and Madame list to me,  
For I am bold to counsaile you in this;

Although we fancie not the Cardinall,  
Yet must we ioyne with him and with the Lords,  
Till we haue brought Duke *Humphrey* in disgrace.  
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As for the duke of Yorke, this late Complaint  
Will make but little for his benefit:  
So one by one wee'le weed them all at last,  
And you your selfe shall steere the happy Helme.  
*Exit.*

[Act 3, Scene 1]

*Sound a Sennet.*  
*Enter the King, Duke Humfrey, Cardinall, Buckingham,*  
*Yorke, Salisbury, Warwick,*  
*and the Duchesse.*

**King.**

For my part, Noble Lords, I care not which,  
Or *Somerset*, at *Yorke*, all's one to me.

**Yorke.**

If *Yorke* haue ill demean'd himselfe in France,  
Then let him be deny'd the Regent-ship.

**Som.**

If *Somerset* be vnworthy of the Place,  
Let *Yorke* be Regent, I will yeeld to him.

**Warw.**

Whether your Grace be worthy, yea or no,  
Dispute not that, *Yorke* is the worthyer.

**Card.**

Ambitious *Warwicke*, let thy betters speake.

**Warw.**

The Cardinall's not my better in the field.

**Buck.**

All in this presence are thy betters, *Warwicke*.

**Warw.**

*Warwicke* may liue to be the best of all.

**Salisb.**

Peace Sonne, and shew some reason *Buckingham*  
Why *Somerset* should be preferr'd in this?

**Queene.**

Because the King forsooth will haue it so.

**Humf.**

Madame, the King is old enough himselfe  
To giue his Censure: These are no Womens matters.

**Queene.**

If he be old enough, what needs your Grace  
To be Protector of his Excellence?

**Humf.**

Madame, I am Protector of the Realme,  
And at his pleasure will resigne my Place.

**Suff.**

Resigne it then, and leaue thine insolence.  
Since thou wert King; as who is King, but thou?  
The Common-wealth hath dayly run to wrack,  
The Dolphin hath preuayl'd beyond the Seas,  
And all the Peeres and Nobles of the Realme  
Haue beene as Bond-men to thy Soueraigntie.

**Card.**

The Commons hast thou rackt, the Clergies Bags  
Are lanke and leane with thy Extortions.

**Som.**

Thy sumptuous Buildings, and thy Wiues Attire  
Haue cost a masse of publique Treasurie.

**Buck.**

Thy Crueltie in execution  
Vpon Offendors, hath exceeded Law,  
And left thee to the mercy of the Law.

**Queene.**

Thy sale of Offices and Townes in France,  
If they were knowne, as the suspect is great,  
Would make thee quickly hop without thy Head.

*Exit Humfrey.*

Giue me my Fanne: what, Mynion, can ye not?

*She giues the Duchesse a box on the eare.*

I cry you mercy, Madame: was it you?

**Duch.**

Was't I? yea, I it was, prowde French-woman:  
Could I come neere your Beautie with my Nayles,  
I could set my ten Commandements in your face.

**King.**

Sweet Aunt be quiet, 'twas against her will.

**Duch.**

Against her will, good King? looke to't in time,  
Shee'le hamper thee, and dandle thee like a Baby:  
Though in this place most Master weare no Breeches,  
She shall not strike Dame *Elianos* vnreueng'd.

*Exit Elianos.*

**Buck.**

Lord Cardinall, I will follow *Elianos*,  
And listen after *Humfrey*, how he proceedes:  
Shee's tickled now, her Fume needs no spurres,  
Shee'le gallop farre enough to her destruction.

*Exit Buckingham.*

*Enter Humfrey.*

**Humf.**

Now Lords, my Choller being ouer-blowne,  
With walking once about the Quadrangle,  
I come to talke of Common-wealth Affayres.  
As for your spightfull false Obiections,  
Proue them, and I lye open to the Law:  
But God in mercie so deale with my Soule,  
As I in dutie loue my King and Countrey.

But to the matter that we haue in hand:  
I say, my Soueraigne, *Yorke* is meetest man  
To be your Regent in the Realme of France.

**Suff.**

Before we make election, giue me leaue  
To shew some reason, of no little force,  
That *Yorke* is most vnmeet of any man.

**Yorke.**

Ile tell thee, *Suffolke*, why I am vnmeet.  
First, for I cannot flatter thee in Pride:  
Next, if I be appointed for the Place,  
My Lord of Somerset will keepe me here,  
Without Discharge, Money, or Furniture,  
Till France be wonne into the Dolphins hands:  
Last time I danc't attendance on his will,  
Till Paris was besieg'd, famisht, and lost.

**Warw.**

That can I witsesse, and a fouler fact  
Did neuer Traytor in the Land commit.

**Suff.**

Peace head-strong *Warwicke*.

**Warw.**

Image of Pride, why should I hold my peace?

*Enter Armorer and his Man.*

**Suff.**

Because here is a man accused of Treason,  
Pray God the Duke of Yorke excuse himselfe.

**Yorke.**

Doth any one accuse *Yorke* for a Traytor?

**King.**

What mean'st thou, *Suffolke*? tell me, what are  
these?

**Suff.**

Please it your Maiestie, this is the man  
That doth accuse his Master of High Treason;  
His words were these: That *Richard*, Duke of Yorke,  
Was rightfull Heire vnto the English Crowne,  
And that your Maiestie was an Vsurper.

**King.**

Say man, were these thy words?

**Armorer.**

And't shall please your Maiestie, I neuer sayd  
nor thought any such matter: God is my witsesse, I am  
falsely accus'd by the Villaine.

**Peter.**

By these tenne bones, my Lords, hee did speake  
them to me in the Garret one Night, as wee were scow  
ring my Lord of Yorkes Armor.

**Yorke.**

Base Dunghill Villaine, and Mechanicall,  
Ile haue thy Head for this thy Traytors speech:

I doe beseech your Royall Maiestie,  
Let him haue all the rigor of the Law.

**Armorer.**

Alas, my Lord, hang me if euer I spake the  
words: my accuser is my Prentice, and when I did cor  
rect him for his fault the other day, he did vow vpon his  
knees he would be euen with me: I haue good witsnesse  
of this; therefore I beseech your Maiestie, doe not cast  
away an honest man for a Villaines accusation.

**King.**

Vnckle, what shall we say to this in law?

**Humf.**

This doome, my Lord, if I may judge:  
Let *Somerset* be Regent o're the French,  
Because in *Yorke* this breedes suspition;  
And let these haue a day appointed them  
For single Combat, in conuenient place,  
For he hath witsnesse of his seruants malice:  
This is the Law, and this Duke *Humfreyes* doome.

*Som.* I

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**Som.**

I humbly thanke your Royall Maiestie.

**Armorer.**

And I accept the Combat willingly.

**Peter.**

Alas, my Lord, I cannot fight; for Gods sake  
pitty my case: the spight of man preuayleth against me.  
O Lord haue mercy vpon me, I shall neuer be able to  
fight a blow: O Lord my heart.

**Humf.**

Sirrha, or you must fight, or else be hang'd.

**King.**

Away with them to Prison: and the day of  
Combat, shall be the last of. the. next moneth. Come  
*Somerset*, wee'le see thee sent away.

*Flourish. Exeunt.*

#### [Act 1, Scene 4]

*Enter the Witch, the two Priests, and Bullingbrooke.*

**Hume.**

Come my Masters, the Duchesse I tell you ex  
pects performance of your promises.

**Bulling.**

Master *Hume*, we are therefore prouided: will  
her Ladyship behold and heare our Exorcismes?

**Hume.**

I, what else? feare you not her courage.

**Bulling.**



I haue heard her reported to be a Woman of  
an inuincible spirit: but it shall be conuenient, Master  
*Hume*, that you be by her aloft, while wee be busie be  
low; and so I pray you goe in Gods Name, and leaue vs.  
*Exit Hume.*

Mother *Iordan*, be you prostrate, and grouell on the  
Earth; *Iohn Southwell* reade you, and let vs to our worke.  
*Enter Elianor aloft.*

**Elianor.**

Well said my Masters, and welcome all: To  
this geere, the sooner the better.

**Bullin.**

Patience, good Lady, Wizards know their times:  
Deepe Night, darke Night, the silent of the Night,  
The time of Night when Troy was set on fire,  
The time when Screech-owles cry, and Bandogs howle,  
And Spirits walke, and Ghosts breake vp their Graues;  
That time best fits the worke we haue in hand.  
Madame, sit you, and feare not: whom wee rayse,  
Wee will make fast within a hallow'd Verge.

*Here doe the Ceremonies belonging, and make the Circle,  
Bullingbrooke or Southwell reades; Coniouro  
te, &c. It Thunders and Lightens  
terribly: then the Spirit  
riseth.*

**Spirit.**

*Ad sum.*

**Witch.**

*Asmath*, by the eternall God,  
Whose name and power thou tremblest at,  
Answer that I shall aske: for till thou speake,  
Thou shalt not passe from hence.

**Spirit.**

Aske what thou wilt; that I had sayd, and  
done.

**Bulling.**

First of the King: What shall of him be  
come?

**Spirit.**

The Duke yet liues, that *Henry* shall depose:  
But him out-liue, and dye a violent death.

**Bulling.**

What fates await the Duke of Suffolke?

**Spirit.**

By Water shall he dye, and take his end.

**Bulling.**

What shall befall the Duke of Somerset?

**Spirit.**

Let him shun Castles,  
Safer shall he be vpon the sandie Plaines,

Then where Castles mounted stand.  
Haue done, for more I hardly can endure.

**Bulling.**

Discend to Darknesse, and the burning Lake:  
False fiend auoide.

*Thunder and Lightning. Exit Spirit.*

*Enter the Duke of Yorke and the Duke of Buckingham  
with their Guard, and breake in.*

**Yorke.**

Lay hands vpon these Traytors, and their trash:  
Beldam I thinke we watcht you at an ynch.  
What Madame, are you there? the King & Commonweale  
Are deeply indebted for this peece of paines;  
My Lord Protector will, I doubt it not,  
See you well guerdon'd for these good deserts.

**Elianor.**

Not halfe so bad as thine to Englands King,  
Iniurious Duke, that threatest where's no cause.

**Buck.**

True Madame, none at all: what call you this?  
Away with them, let them be clapt vp close,  
And kept asunder: you Madame shall with vs.  
*Stafford* take her to thee.  
Wee'le see your Trinkets here all forth-comming.  
All away.

*Exit.*

**Yorke.**

Lord *Buckingham*, me thinks you watcht her well:  
A pretty Plot, well chosen to build vpon.  
Now pray my Lord, let's see the Deuils Writ.  
What haue we here?

*Reades.*

*The Duke yet liues, that Henry shall depose:  
But him out-liue, and dye a violent death.*

Why this is iust, *Aio Æacida Romanos vincere posso.*

Well, to the rest:

Tell me what fate awaits the Duke of Suffolke?

*By Water shall he dye, and take his end.*

What shall betide the Duke of Somerset?

*Let him shunne Castles,*

*Safer shall he be vpon the sandie Plaines,*

*Then where Castles mounted stand.*

Come, come, my Lords,

These Oracles are hardly attain'd,

And hardly vnderstood.

The King is now in progresse towards Saint *Albones*,

With him, the Husband of this louely Lady:

Thither goes these Newes,

As fast as Horse can carry them:

A sorry Breakfast for my Lord Protector.

**Buck.**

Your Grace shal giue me leaue, my Lord of York,  
To be the Poste, in hope of his reward.

**Yorke.**

At your pleasure, my good Lord.  
Who's within there, hoe?

*Enter a Seruingman.*

Inuite my Lords of Salisbury and Warwick  
To suppe with me to morrow Night. Away.

*Exeunt.*

**[Act 2, Scene 1]**

*Enter the King, Queene, Protector, Cardinall, and  
Suffolke, with Faulknors hallowing.*

**Queene.**

Beleeue me Lords, for flying at the Brooke,  
I saw not better sport these seuen yeeres day:  
Yet by your leaue, the Winde was very high,  
And ten to one, old *Ioane* had not gone out.

**King.**

But what a point, my Lord, your Faulcon made,  
And what a pytch she flew aboue the rest:  
To see how God in all his Creatures workes,  
Yea Man and Birds are fayne of climbing high.

**Suff.**

No maruell, and it like your Maiestie,  
My Lord Protectors Hawkes doe towre so well,  
They know their Master loues to be aloft,  
And beares his thoughts aboue his Faulcons Pitch.

**Glost.**

My Lord, 'tis but a base ignoble minde,  
That mounts no higher then a Bird can sore.

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**Card.**

I thought as much, hee would be aboue the  
Cloud.

**Glost.**

I my Lord Cardinall, how thinke you by that?  
Were it not good your Grace could flye to Heauen?

**King.**

The Treasurie of euerlasting Ioy.

**Card.**

Thy Heauen is on Earth, thine Eyes & Thoughts  
Beat on a Crowne, the Treasure of thy Heart,  
Pernitious Protector, dangerous Peere,  
That Smooth'st it so with King and Common-weale.

**Glost.**

What, Cardinall?

Is your Priest-hood growne peremptorie?

*Tantane animis Cælestibus iræ*, Church-men so hot?  
Good Vnckle hide such mallice:  
With such Holynesse can you doe it?

**Suff.**

No mallice Sir, no more then well becomes  
So good a Quarrell, and so bad a Peere.

**Glost.**

As who, my Lord?

**Suff.**

Why, as you, my Lord,  
An't like your Lordly Lords Protectorship.

**Glost.**

Why *Suffolke*, England knowes thine insolence.

**Queene.**

And thy Ambition, *Gloster*.

**King.**

I prythee peace, good Queene,  
And whet not on these furious Peeres,  
For blessed are the Peace-makers on Earth.

**Card.**

Let me be blessed for the Peace I make  
Against this prowde Protector with my Sword.

**Glost.**

Faith holy Vnckle, would't were come to that.

**Card.**

Marry, when thou dar'st.

**Glost.**

Make vp no factious numbers for the matter,  
In thine owne person answer thy abuse.

**Card.**

I, where thou dar'st not peepe:  
And if thou dar'st, this Euening,  
On the East side of the Groue.

**King.**

How now, my Lords?

**Card.**

Beleeue me, Cousin *Gloster*,  
Had not your man put vp the Fowle so suddenly,  
We had had more sport.  
Come with thy two-hand Sword.

**Glost.**

True Vnckle, are ye aduis'd?  
The East side of the Groue:  
Cardinall, I am with you.

**King.**

Why how now, Vnckle *Gloster*?

**Glost.**

Talking of Hawking; nothing else, my Lord.  
Now by Gods Mother, Priest,  
Ile shaue your Crowne for this,  
Or all my Fence shall fayle.

**Card.**

*Medice teipsum*, Protector see to't well, protect  
your selfe.

**King.**

The Windes grow high,  
So doe your Stomacks, Lords:  
How irkesome is this Musick to my heart?  
When such Strings iarre, what hope of Harmony?  
I pray my Lords let me compound this strife.

*Enter one crying a Miracle.*

**Glost.**

What meanes this noyse?  
Fellow, what Miracle do'st thou proclayme?

**One.**

A Miracle, a Miracle.

**Suffolke.**

Come to the King, and tell him what Mi  
racle.

**One.**

Forsooth, a blinde man at Saint *Albones* Shrine,  
Within this halfe houre hath receiu'd his sight,  
A man that ne're saw in his life before.

**King.**

Now God be prays'd, that to beleeuing Soules  
Giues Light in Darknesse, Comfort in Despaire.

*Enter the Maior of Saint Albones, and his Brethren,  
bearing the man betweene two in a Chayre.*

**Card.**

Here comes the Townes-men, on Procession,  
To present your Highnesse with the man.

**King.**

Great is his comfort in this Earthly Vale,  
Although by his sight his sinne be multiplied.

**Glost.**

Stand by, my Masters, bring him neere the King,  
His Highnesse pleasure is to talke with him.

**King.**

Good-fellow, tell vs here the circumstance,  
That we for thee may glorifie the Lord.  
What, hast thou beene long blinde, and now restor'd?

**Simpc.**

Borne blinde, and't please your Grace.

**Wife.**

I indeede was he.

**Suff.**

What Woman is this?

**Wife.**

His Wife, and't like your Worship.

**Glost.**

Hadst thou been his Mother, thou could'st haue  
better told.

**King.**

Where wert thou borne?

**Simp.**

At Barwick in the North, and't like your  
Grace.

**King.**

Poore Soule,  
Gods goodnesse hath beene great to thee:  
Let neuer Day nor Night vnhalloved passe,  
But still remember what the Lord hath done.

**Queene.**

Tell me, good-fellow,  
Cam'st thou here by Chance, or of Deuotion,  
To this holy Shrine?

**Simp.**

God knowes of pure Deuotion,  
Being call'd a hundred times, and oftner,  
In my sleep, by good Saint *Albon*:  
Who said; *Symon*, come; come offer at my Shrine,  
And I will helpe thee.

**Wife.**

Most true, forsooth:  
And many time and oft my selfe haue heard a Voyce,  
To call him so.

**Card.**

What, art thou lame?

**Simp.**

I, God Almighty helpe me.

**Suff.**

How cam'st thou so?

**Simp.**

A fall off of a Tree.

**Wife.**

A Plum-tree, Master.

**Glost.**

How long hast thou beene blinde?

**Simp.**

O borne so, Master.

**Glost.**

What, and would'st climbe a Tree?

**Simp.**

But that in all my life, when I was a youth.

**Wife.**

Too true, and bought his climbing very deare.

**Glost.**

'Masse, thou lou'dst Plummes well, that would'st  
venture so.

**Simp.**

Alas, good Master, my Wife desired some  
Damsons, and made me climbe, with danger of my  
Life.

**Glost.**

A subtill Knaue, but yet it shall not serue:  
Let me see thine Eyes; winck now, now open them,  
In my opinion, yet thou seest not well.

**Simpc.**

Yes Master, cleare as day, I thanke God and  
Saint *Albones*.

**Glost.**

Say'st thou me so: what Colour is this  
Cloake of?

**Simpc.**

Red Master, Red as Blood.

**Glost.**

Why that's well said: What Colour is my  
Gowne of?

**Simpc.**

Black forsooth, Coale-Black, as Iet.

**King.**

Why then, thou know'st what Colour Iet is  
of?

**Suff.**

And yet I thinke, Iet did he neuer see.

*Glost.* But

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**Glost.**

But Cloakes and Gownes, before this day, a  
many.

**Wife.**

Neuer before this day, in all his life.

**Glost.**

Tell me Sirrha, what's my Name?

**Simpc.**

Alas Master, I know not.

**Glost.**

What's his Name?

**Simpc.**

I know not.

**Glost.**

Nor his?

**Simpc.**

No indeede, Master.

**Glost.**

What's thine owne Name?

**Simpc.**

*Saunder Simpcowe*, and if it please you, Master.

**Glost.**

Then *Saunder*, sit there,  
The lying'st Knaue in Christendome.  
If thou hadst beene borne blinde,  
Thou might'st as well haue knowne all our Names,

As thus to name the seuerall Colours we doe weare.  
Sight may distinguish of Colours:  
But suddenly to nominate them all,  
It is impossible.

My Lords, Saint *Albone* here hath done a Miracle:  
And would ye not thinke it, Cunning to be great,  
That could restore this Cripple to his Legges againe.

**Simp.**

O Master, that you could?

**Glost.**

My Masters of Saint *Albones*,  
Haue you not Beadles in your Towne,  
And Things call'd Whippes?

**Maio.**

Yes, my Lord, if it please your Grace.

**Glost.**

Then send for one presently.

**Maio.**

Sirrha, goe fetch the Beadle hither straight.

*Exit.*

**Glost.**

Now fetch me a stoole hither by and by.

Now Sirrha, if you meane to saue your selfe from Whip  
ping, leape me ouer this stoole, and runne away.

**Simp.**

Alas Master, I am not able to stand alone:

You goe about to torture me in vaine.

*Enter a Beadle with Whippes.*

**Glost.**

Well Sir, we must haue you finde your Legges.  
Sirrha Beadle, whippe him till he leape ouer that same  
Stoole.

**Beadle.**

I will, my Lord.

Come on Sirrha, off with your Doublet, quickly.

**Simp.**

Alas Master, what shall I doe? I am not able to  
stand.

*After the Beadle hath hit him once, he leapes ouer  
the Stoole, and runnes away: and they  
follow, and cry, A Miracle.*

**King.**

O God, seest thou this, and bearest so long?

**Queene.**

It made me laugh, to see the Villaine runne.

**Glost.**

Follow the Knaue, and take this Drab away.

**Wife.**

Alas Sir, we did it for pure need.

**Glost.**

Let (thē)them be whipt through euery Market Towne,



Till they come to Barwick, from whence they came.

*Exit.*

**Card.**

Duke *Humfrey* ha's done a Miracle to day.

**Suff.**

True: made the Lame to leape and flye away.

**Glost.**

But you haue done more Miracles then I:

You made in a day, my Lord, whole Townes to flye.

*Enter Buckingham.*

**King.**

What Tidings with our Cousin *Buckingham*?

**Buck.**

Such as my heart doth tremble to vnfold:

A sort of naughtie persons, lewdly bent,

Vnder the Countenance and Confederacie

Of Lady *Elleanor*, the Protectors Wife,

The Ring-leader and Head of all this Rout,

Haue practis'd dangerously against your state,

Dealing with Witches and with Coniurers,

Whom we haue apprehended in the Fact,

Raising vp wicked Spirits from vnder ground,

Demanding of King *Henries* Life and Death,

And other of your Highnesse Priuie Councell,

As more at large your Grace shall vnderstand.

**Card.**

And so my Lord Protector, by this meanes

Your Lady is forth-comming, yet at London.

This Newes I thinke hath turn'd your Weapons edge;

'Tis like, my Lord, you will not keepe your houre.

**Glost.**

Ambitious Church-man, leaue to afflict my heart:

Sorrow and grieffe haue vanquisht all my powers;

And vanquisht as I am, I yeeld to thee,

Or to the meanest Groome.

**King.**

O God, what mischiefes work the wicked ones?

Heaping confusion on their owne heads thereby.

**Queene.**

*Gloster*, see here the Tainture of thy Nest,

And looke thy selfe be faultlesse, thou wert best.

**Glost.**

Madame, for my selfe, to Heauen I doe appeale,

How I haue lou'd my King, and Common-weale:

And for my Wife, I know not how it stands,

Sorry I am to heare what I haue heard.

Noble shee is: but if shee haue forgot

Honor and Vertue, and conuers't with such,

As like to Pytch, defile Nobilitie;

I banish her my Bed, and Companie,

And giue her as a Prey to Law and Shame,

That hath dis-honored *Glosters* honest Name.

**King.**

Well, for this Night we will repose vs here:  
To morrow toward London, back againe,  
To looke into this Businesse thorowly,  
And call these foule Offendors to their Answeres;  
And poyse the Cause in Iustice equall Scales,  
Whose Beame stands sure, whose rightful cause preuailes.

*Flourish. Exeunt.*

[Act 2, Scene 2]

*Enter Yorke, Salisbury, and Warwick.*

**Yorke.**

Now my good Lords of Salisbury & Warwick,  
Our simple Supper ended, giue me leaue,  
In this close Walke, to satisfie my selfe,  
In crauing your opinion of my Title,  
Which is infallible, to Englands Crowne.

**Salisb.**

My Lord, I long to heare it at full.

**Warw.**

Sweet *Yorke* begin: and if thy clayme be good,  
The *Neuills* are thy Subiects to command.

**Yorke.**

Then thus:

*Edward* the third, my Lords, had Seuen Sonnes:  
The first, *Edward* the Black-Prince, Prince of Wales;  
The second, *William* of Hatfield; and the third,  
*Lionel*, Duke of Clarence; next to whom,  
Was *Iohn* of Gaunt, the Duke of Lancaster;  
The fift, was *Edmond Langley*, Duke of Yorke;  
The sixt, was *Thomas* of Woodstock, Duke of Gloster;  
*William* of Windsor was the seuenth, and last.  
*Edward* the Black-Prince dyed before his Father,  
And left behinde him *Richard*, his onely Sonne,  
Who after *Edward* the third's death, raign'd as King,  
Till *Henry Bullingbrooke*, Duke of Lancaster,  
The eldest Sonne and Heire of *Iohn* of Gaunt,  
Crown'd by the Name of *Henry* the fourth,  
Seiz'd on the Realme, depos'd the rightfull King,  
Sent his poore Queene to France, from whence she came,  
And [\[Page 128\]](#) The second Part of Henry the Sixt.  
And him to Pumfret; where, as all you know,  
Harmelesse *Richard* was murdered traiterously.

**Warw.**

Father, the Duke hath told the truth;  
Thus got the House of *Lancaster* the Crowne.

**Yorke.**

Which now they hold by force, and not by right:  
For *Richard*, the first Sonnes Heire, being dead,

The Issue of the next Sonne should haue reign'd.

**Salisb.**

But *William* of Hatfield dyed without an Heire.

**Yorke.**

The third Sonne, Duke of Clarence,  
From whose Line I clayme the Crowne,  
Had Issue *Phillip*, a Daughter,  
Who marryed *Edmond Mortimer*, Earle of March:  
*Edmond* had Issue, *Roger*, Earle of March;  
*Roger* had Issue, *Edmond*, *Anne*, and *Elianor*.

**Salisb.**

This *Edmond*, in the Reigne of *Bullingbrooke*,  
As I haue read, layd clayme vnto the Crowne,  
And but for *Owen Glendour*, had beene King;  
Who kept him in Captiuitie, till he dyed.  
But, to the rest.

**Yorke.**

His eldest Sister, *Anne*,  
My Mother, being Heire vnto the Crowne,  
Marryed *Richard*, Earle of Cambridge,  
Who was to *Edmond Langley*,  
*Edward* the thirds fift Sonnes Sonne;  
By her I clayme the Kingdome:  
She was Heire to *Roger*, Earle of March,  
Who was the Sonne of *Edmond Mortimer*,  
Who marryed *Phillip*, sole Daughter  
Vnto *Lionel*, Duke of Clarence.  
So, if the Issue of the elder Sonne  
Succeed before the younger, I am King.

**Warw.**

What plaine proceedings is more plain then this?  
*Henry* doth clayme the Crowne from *Iohn* of Gaunt,  
The fourth Sonne, *Yorke* claymes it from the third:  
Till *Lionels* Issue fayles, his should not reigne.  
It fayles not yet, but flourishes in thee,  
And in thy Sonnes, faire slippes of such a Stock.  
Then Father *Salisbury*, kneele we together,  
And in this priuate Plot be we the first,  
That shall salute our rightfull Soueraigne  
With honor of his Birth-right to the Crowne.

**Both.**

Long liue our Soueraigne *Richard*, Englands  
King.

**Yorke.**

We thanke you Lords:  
But I am not your King, till I be Crown'd,  
And that my Sword be stayn'd  
With heart-blood of the House of *Lancaster*:  
And that's not suddenly to be perform'd,  
But with aduice and silent secrecie.

Doe you as I doe in these dangerous dayes,  
Winke at the Duke of Suffolkes insolence,  
At *Beaufords* Pride, at *Somersets* Ambition,  
At *Buckingham*, and all the Crew of them,  
Till they haue snar'd the Shepheard of the Flock,  
That vertuous Prince, the good Duke *Humfrey*:  
'Tis that they seeke; and they, in seeking that,  
Shall finde their deaths, if *Yorke* can prophetic.

**Salisb.**

My Lord, breake we off; we know your minde  
at full.

**Warw.**

My heart assures me, that the Earle of Warwick  
Shall one day make the Duke of Yorke a King.

**Yorke.**

And *Neuill*, this I doe assure my selfe,  
*Richard* shall liue to make the Earle of Warwick  
The greatest man in England, but the King.

*Exeunt.*

### [Act 2, Scene 3]

*Sound Trumpets. Enter the King and State,  
with Guard, to banish the Duchesse.*

**King.**

stand forth Dame *Elianor Cobham*,  
*Glosters* Wife:  
In sight of God, and vs, your guilt is great,  
Receiue the Sentence of the Law for sinne,  
Such as by Gods Booke are adiudg'd to death.  
You foure from hence to Prison, back againe;  
From thence, vnto the place of Execution:  
The Witch in Smithfield shall be burnt to ashes,  
And you three shall be strangled on the Gallowes.  
You Madame, for you are more Nobly borne,  
Despoyled of your Honor in your Life,  
Shall, after three dayes open Penance done,  
Liue in your Countrey here, in Banishment,  
With Sir *Iohn Stanly*, in the Ile of Man.

**Elianor.**

Welcome is Banishment, welcome were my  
Death.

**Glost.**

*Elianor*, the Law thou seest hath iudged thee,  
I cannot iustifie whom the Law condemnes:  
Mine eyes are full of teares, my heart of grieffe.  
Ah *Humfrey*, this dishonor in thine age,  
Will bring thy head with sorrow to the ground.  
I beseech your Maiestie giue me leaue to goe;  
Sorrow would sollace, and mine Age would ease.

**King.**

stay *Humfrey*, Duke of Gloster,  
Ere thou goe, giue vp thy Staffe,  
*Henry* will to himselfe Protector be,  
And God shall be my hope, my stay, my guide,  
And Lanthorne to my feete:  
And goe in peace, *Humfrey*, no lesse belou'd,  
Then when thou wert Protetor to thy King.

**Queene.**

I see no reason, why a King of yeeres  
Should be to be protected like a Child,  
God and King *Henry* gouerne Englands Realme:  
Giue vp your Staffe, Sir, and the King his Realme.

**Glost.**

My Staffe? Here, Noble *Henry*, is my Staffe:  
As willingly doe I the same resigne,  
As ere thy Father *Henry* made it mine;  
And euen as willingly at thy feete I leaue it,  
As others would ambitiously receiue it.  
Farewell good King: when I am dead, and gone,  
May honorable Peace attend thy Throne.

*Exit Gloster.*

**Queene.**

Why now is *Henry* King, and *Margaret* Queen,  
And *Humfrey*, Duke of Gloster, scarce himselfe,  
That beares so shrewd a mayme: two Pulls at once;  
His Lady banisht, and a Limbe lopt off.  
This Staffe of Honor raught, there let it stand,  
Where it best fits to be, in *Henries* hand.

**Suff.**

Thus droupes this loftie Pyne, & hangs his sprayes,  
Thus *Eliaors* Pride dyes in her youngest dayes.

**Yorke.**

Lords, let him goe. Please it your Maiestie,  
This is the day appointed for the Combat,  
And ready are the Appellant and Defendant,  
The Armorer and his Man, to enter the Lists,  
So please your Highnesse to behold the fight.

**Queene.**

I, good my Lord: for purposely therefore  
Left I the Court, to see this Quarrell try'de.

**King.**

A Gods Name see the Lysts and all things fit,  
Here let them end it, and God defend the right.

**Yorke.**

I neuer saw a fellow worse bestead,  
Or more afraid to fight, then is the Appellant,  
The seruant of this Armorer, my Lords.

Enter

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The second Part of Henry the Sixt.

*Enter at one Doore the Armorer and his Neighbors, drinking to him so much, that hee is drunke; and he enters with a Drumme before him, and his staffe, with a Sand-bagge fastened to it: and at the other Doore his Man, with a Drumme and Sand-bagge, and Prentices drinking to him.*

**1. Neighbor.**

Here Neighbour *Horner*, I drinke to you in a Cup of Sack; and feare not Neighbor, you shall doe well enough.

**2. Neighbor.**

And here Neighbour, here's a Cuppe of Charneco.

**3. Neighbor.**

And here's a Pot of good Double-Beere Neighbor: drinke, and feare not your Man.

**Armorer.**

Let it come yfaith, and Ile pledge you all, and a figge for *Peter*.

**1. Prent.**

Here *Peter*, I drinke to thee, and be not a fraid.

**2. Prent.**

Be merry *Peter*, and feare not thy Master, Fight for credit of the Prentices.

**Peter.**

I thanke you all: drinke, and pray for me, I pray you, for I thinke I haue taken my last Draught in this World. Here *Robin*, and if I dye, I giue thee my Aporne; and *Will*, thou shalt haue my Hammer: and here *Tom*, take all the Money that I haue. O Lord blesse me, I pray God, for I am neuer able to deale with my Master, hee hath learnt so much sence already.

**Salisb.**

Come, leaue your drinking, and fall to blowes. Sirrha, what's thy Name?

**Peter.**

*Peter* forsooth.

**Salisb.**

*Peter*? what more?

**Peter.**

*Thumpe*.

**Salisb.**

*Thumpe*? Then see thou thumpe thy Master well.

**Armorer.**

Masters, I am come hither as it were vpon my Mans instigation, to proue him a Knaue, and my selfe an honest man: and touching the Duke of Yorke, I will take my death, I neuer meant him any ill, nor the King, nor the Queene: and therefore *Peter* haue at thee with a downe-right blow.

**Yorke.**

Dispatch, this Knaues tongue begins to double  
Sound Trumpets, Alarum to the Combattants.

*They fight, and Peter strikes him downe.*

**Armorer.**

Hold *Peter*, hold, I confesse, I confesse Trea  
son.

**Yorke.**

Take away his Weapon: Fellow thanke God,  
and the good Wine in thy Masters way.

**Peter.**

O God, haue I ouercome mine Enemies in this  
presence? O *Peter*, thou hast preuayl'd in right.

**King.**

Goe, take hence that Traytor from our sight,  
For by his death we doe perceiue his guilt,  
And God in Iustice hath reueal'd to vs  
The truth and innocence of this poore fellow,  
Which he had thought to haue murther'd wrongfully.  
Come fellow, follow vs for thy Reward.

*Sound a flourish.*

*Exeunt.*

#### [Act 2, Scene 4]

*Enter Duke Humfrey and his Men in  
Mourning Cloakes.*

**Glost.**

Thus sometimes hath the brightest day a Cloud:  
And after Summer, euermore succedes  
Barren Winter, with his wrathfull nipping Cold;  
So Cares and Ioyes abound, as Seasons fleet.  
Sirs, what's a Clock?

**Seru.**

Tenne, my Lord.

**Glost.**

Tenne is the houre that was appointed me,  
To watch the comming of my punisht Duchesse:  
Vnneath may shee endure the Flintie Streets,  
To treade them with her tender-feeling feet.  
Sweet *Nell*, ill can thy Noble Minde abrooke  
The abiect People, gazing on thy face,  
With enuious Lookes laughing at thy shame,  
That erst did follow thy prowde Chariot-Wheelles,  
When thou didst ride in triumph through the streets.  
But soft, I thinke she comes, and Ile prepare  
My teare-stayn'd eyes, to see her Miseries.

*Enter the Duchesse in a white Sheet, and a Taper  
burning in her hand, with the Sherife  
and Officers.*

**Seru.**

So please your Grace, wee'le take her from the  
Sherife.

**Gloster.**

No, stirre not for your liues, let her passe  
by.

**Elianor.**

Come you, my Lord, to see my open shame?  
Now thou do'st Penance too. Looke how they gaze,  
See how the giddy multitude doe point,  
And nodde their heads, and throw their eyes on thee.  
Ah *Gloster*, hide thee from their hatefull lookes,  
And in thy Closet pent vp, rue my shame,  
And banne thine Enemies, both mine and thine.

**Glost.**

Be patient, gentle *Nell*, forget this grieffe.

**Elianor.**

Ah *Gloster*, teach me to forget my selfe:  
For whilst I thinke I am thy married Wife,  
And thou a Prince, Protector of this Land;  
Me thinkes I should not thus be led along,  
May'd vp in shame, with Papers on my back,  
And follow'd with a Rabble, that reioyce  
To see my teares, and heare my deepe-set groanes.  
The ruthlesse flint doth cut my tender feet,  
And when I start, the enuious people laugh,  
And bid me be aduised how I treade.

Ah *Humfrey*, can I beare this shamefull yoake?  
Trowest thou, that ere Ile looke vpon the World,  
Or count them happy, that enioyes the Sunne?  
No: Darke shall be my Light, and Night my Day.  
To thinke vpon my Pompe, shall be my Hell.  
Sometime Ile say, I am Duke *Humfreyes* Wife,  
And he a Prince, and Ruler of the Land:  
Yet so he rul'd, and such a Prince he was,  
As he stood by, whilst I, his forlorne Duchesse,  
Was made a wonder, and a pointing stock  
To euery idle Rascall follower.

But be thou milde and blush not at my shame,  
Nor stirre at nothing, till the Axe of Death  
Hang ouer thee, as sure it shortly will.  
For *Suffolke*, he that can doe all in all  
With her, that hateth thee and hates vs all,  
And *Yorke*, and impious *Beauford*, that false Priest,  
Haue all lym'd Bushes to betray thy Wings,  
And flye thou how thou canst, they'le tangle thee.  
But feare not thou, vntill thy foot be snar'd,  
Nor neuer seeke preuention of thy foes.

**Glost.**

Ah *Nell*, forbear: thou aymest all awry.  
I must offend, before I be attainted:  
And had I twentie times so many foes,



And each of them had twentie times their power,  
All these could not procure me any scathe,  
So long as I am loyall, true, and crimelesse.  
Would'st haue me rescue thee from this reproach?  
Why [Page 130]The second Part of Henry the Sixt.  
Why yet thy scandall were not wipt away,  
But I in danger for the breach of Law.  
Thy greatest helpe is quiet, gentle *Nell*:  
I pray thee sort thy heart to patience,  
These few dayes wonder will Be quickly worne:

*Enter a Herald.*

**Her.**

I summon your Grace to his Maiesties Parliament,  
Holden at Bury, the first of this next Moneth.

**Glost.**

And my consent ne're ask'd herein before?  
This is close dealing. Well, I will be there.  
My *Nell*, I take my leaue: and Master Sherife,  
Let not her Penance exceede the Kings Commission.

**Sh.**

And't please your Grace, here my Commission staves:  
And Sir *Iohn Stanly* is appointed now,  
To take her with him to the Ile of Man.

**Glost.**

Must you, Sir *Iohn*, protect my Lady here?

**Stanly.**

So am I giuen in charge, may't please your  
Grace.

**Glost.**

Entreat her not the worse, in that I pray  
You vse her well: the World may laugh againe,  
And I may liue to doe you kindnesse, if you doe it her.  
And so Sir *Iohn*, farewell.

**Eliador.**

What, gone my Lord, and bid me not fare  
well?

**Glost.**

Witnesse my teares, I cannot stay to speake.

*Exit Gloster.*

**Eliador.**

Art thou gone to? all comfort goe with thee,  
For none abides with me: my Ioy, is Death;  
Death, at whose Name I oft haue beene afear'd,  
Because I wish'd this Worlds eternitie.  
*Stanley*, I prethee goe, and take me hence,  
I care not whither, for I begge no fauor;  
Onely conuey me where thou art commanded.

**Stanley.**

Why, Madame, that is to the Ile of Man,  
There to be vs'd according to your State.

**Eliador.**

That's bad enough, for I am but reproach:  
And shall I then be vs'd reproachfully?

**Stanley.**

Like to a Duchesse, and Duke *Humfreyes* Lady,  
According to that State you shall be vs'd.

**Elianor.**

Sherife farewell, and better then I fare,  
Although thou hast beene Conduct of my shame.

**Sherife.**

It is my Office, and Madame pardon me.

**Elianor.**

I, I, farewell, thy Office is discharg'd:  
Come *Stanley*, shall we goe?

**Stanley.**

Madame, your Penance done,  
Throw off this Sheet,  
And goe we to attyre you for our Iourney.

**Elianor.**

My shame will not be shifted with my Sheet:  
No, it will hang vpon my richest Robes,  
And shew it selfe, attyre me how I can.  
Goe, leade the way, I long to see my Prison.

*Exeunt*

*Sound a Senet. Enter King, Queene, Cardinall, Suffolke,  
Yorke, Buckingham, Salisbury, and Warwicke,  
to the Parliament.*

**King.**

I muse my Lord of Gloster is not come:  
'Tis not his wont to be the hindmost man,  
What e're occasion keeps him from vs now.

**Queene.**

Can you not see? or will ye not obserue  
The strangenesse of his alter'd Countenance?  
With what a Maiestie he beares himselfe,  
How insolent of late he is become,  
How proud, how peremptorie, and vnlike himselfe.  
We know the time since he was milde and affable,  
And if we did but glance a farre-off Looke,  
Immediately he was vpon his Knee,  
That all the Court admir'd him for submission.  
But meet him now, and be it in the Morne,  
When euery one will giue the time of day,  
He knits his Brow, and shewes an angry Eye,  
And passeth by with stiffe vnbowed Knee,  
Disdaining dutie that to vs belongs.  
Small Curses are not regarded when they grynne,  
But great men tremble when the Lyon rores,  
And *Humfrey* is no little Man in England.  
First note, that he is neere you in discent,  
And should you fall, he is the next will mount.  
Me seemeth then, it is no Pollicie,

Respecting what a rancorous minde he beares,  
And his aduantage following your decease,  
That he should come about your Royall Person,  
Or be admitted to your Highnesse Councell.  
By flatterie hath he wonne the Commons hearts:  
And when he please to make Commotion,  
'Tis to be fear'd they all will follow him.  
Now 'tis the [...]Spring, and Weeds are shallow-rooted,  
Suffer them now, and they'le o're-grow the Garden,  
And choake the Herbes for want of Husbandry.  
The reuerent care I beare vnto my Lord,  
Made me collect these dangers in the Duke.  
If it be fond, call it a Womans feare:  
Which feare, if better Reasons can supplant,  
I will subscribe, and say I wrong'd the Duke.  
My Lord of Suffolke, Buckingham, and Yorke,  
Reproue my allegation, if you can,  
Or else conclude my words effectuell.

**Suff.**

Well hath your Highnesse scene into this Duke:  
And had I first beene put to speake my minde,  
I thinke I should haue told your Graces Tale.  
The Duchesse, by his subornation,  
Vpon my Life began her diuellish practise:  
Or if he were not priuie to those Faults,  
Yet by reputed of his high descent,  
As next the King, he was successiue Heire,  
And such high vaunts of his Nobilitie,  
Did instigate the Bedlam braine-sick Duchesse,  
By wicked meanes to frame our Soueraignes fall.  
Smooth runnes the Water, where the Brooke is deepe,  
And in his simple shew he harbours Treason.  
The Fox barkes not, when he would steale the Lambe.  
No, no, my Soueraigne, *Glouster* is a man  
Vnfounded yet, and full of deepe deceit.

**Card.**

Did he not, contrary to forme of Law,  
Deuise strange deaths, for small offences done?

**Yorke.**

And did he not in his Protectorship,  
Leuie great summes of Money through the Realme,  
For Souldiers pay in France, and neuer sent it?  
By meanes whereof, the Townes each day reuolted.

**Buck.**

Tut, these are petty faults to faults vnknowne,  
Which time will bring to light in smooth Duke *Humfrey*.

**King.**

My Lords at once: the care you haue of vs,  
To mowe downe Thornes that would annoy our Foot,  
Is worthy prayse: but shall I speake my conscience,  
Our Kinsman *Glouster* is as innocent,

From meaning Treason to our Royall Person,  
As is the sucking Lambe, or harmelesse Doue:  
The Duke is vertuous, milde, and too well giuen,  
To dreame on euill, or to worke my downefall.

**Qu.**

Ah what's more dangerous, then this fond affiance?  
Seemes he a Doue? his feathers are but borrow'd,  
For hee's disposed as the hatefull Rauē.  
Is he a Lambe? his Skinne is surely lent him,  
For [\[Page 131\]](#)The second Part of Henry the Sixt.  
For hee's enclin'd as is the rauēnous Wolues.  
Who cannot steale a Shape, that meanes deceit?  
Take heed, my Lord, the welfare of vs all,  
Hangs on the cutting short that fraudfull man.

*Enter Somerset.*

**Som.**

All health vnto my gracious Soueraigne.

**King.**

Welcome Lord *Somerset*: What Newes from  
France?

**Som.**

That all your Interest in those Territories,  
Is vtterly bereft you: all is lost.

**King.**

Cold Newes, Lord *Somerset*: but Gods will be  
done.

**Yorke.**

Cold Newes for me: for I had hope of France,  
As firmly as I hope for fertile England.  
Thus are my Blossomes blasted in the Bud,  
And Caterpillers eate my Leaues away:  
But I will remedie this geare ere long,  
Or sell my Title for a glorious Graue.

*Enter Gloucester.*

**Glost.**

All happinesse vnto my Lord the King:  
Pardon, my Liege, that I haue stay'd so long.

**Suff.**

Nay *Gloster*, know that thou art come too soone,  
Vnlesse thou wert more loyall then thou art:  
I doe arrest thee of High Treason here.

**Glost.**

Well *Suffolke*, thou shalt not see me blush,  
Nor change my Countenance for this Arrest:  
A Heart vnspotted, is not easily daunted.  
The purest Spring is not so free from mudde,  
As I am cleare from Treason to my Soueraigne.  
Who can accuse me? wherein am I guiltie?

**Yorke.'**

Tis thought, my Lord,  
That you tooke Bribes of France,

And being Protector, stay'd the Souldiers pay,  
By meanes whereof, his Highnesse hath lost France.

**Glost.**

Is it but thought so?  
What are they that thinke it?  
I neuer rob'd the Souldiers of their pay,  
Nor euer had one penny Bribe from France.  
So helpe me God, as I haue watcht the Night,  
I, Night by Night, in studying good for England.  
That Doyt that ere I wrested from the King,  
Or any Groat I hoorded to my vse,  
Be brought against me at my Tryall day.  
No: many a Pound of mine owne proper store,  
Because I would not tax the needie Commons,  
Haue I dis-pursed to the Garrisons,  
And neuer ask'd for restitution.

**Card.**

It serues you well, my Lord, to say so much.

**Glost.**

I say no more then truth, so helpe me God.

**Yorke.**

In your Protectorship, you did devise  
Strange Tortures for Offendors, neuer heard of,  
That England was defam'd by Tyrannie.

**Glost.**

Why 'tis well known, that whiles I was Protector,  
Pittie was all the fault that was in me:  
For I should melt at an Offendors teares,  
And lowly words were Ransome for their fault:  
Vnlesse it were a bloody Murtherer,  
Or foule felonious Theefe, that fleec'd poore passengers,  
I neuer gaue them condigne punishment.  
Murther indeede, that bloodie sinne, I tortur'd  
Aboue the Felon, or what Trespas else.

**Suff.**

My Lord these faults are easie, quickly answer'd:  
But mightier Crimes are lay'd vnto your charge,  
Whereof you cannot easily purge your selfe.  
I doe arrest you in his Highnesse Name,  
And here commit you to my Lord Cardinall  
To keepe, vntill your further time of Tryall.

**King.**

My Lord of Gloster, 'tis my speciall hope,  
That you will cleare your selfe from all suspence,  
My Conscience tells me you are innocent.

**Glost.**

Ah gracious Lord, these dayes are dangerous:  
Vertue is choakt with foule Ambition,  
And Charitie chas'd hence by Rancours hand;  
Foule Subornation is predominant,  
And Equitie exil'd your Highnesse Land.

I know, their Complot is to haue my Life:  
And if my death might make this Iland happy,  
And proue the Period of their Tyrannie,  
I would expend it with all willingnesse.  
But mine is made the Prologue to their Play:  
For thousands more, that yet suspect no perill,  
Will not conclude their plotted Tragedie.  
*Beaufords* red sparkling eyes blab his hearts mallice,  
And *Suffolks* cloudie Brow his stormie hate;  
*Sharpe Buckingham* vnburthens with his tongue,  
The enuious Load that lyes vpon his heart:  
And dogged *Yorke*, that reaches at the Moone,  
Whose ouer-weening Arme I haue pluckt back,  
By false accuse doth leuell at my Life.  
And you, my Soueraigne Lady, with the rest,  
Causelesse haue lay'd disgraces on my head,  
And with your best endeuour haue stirr'd vp  
My liefest Liege to be mine Enemie:  
I, all of you haue lay'd your heads together,  
My selfe had notice of your Conuenticles,  
And all to make away my guiltlesse Life.  
I shall not want false Witnessse, to condemne me,  
Nor store of Treasons, to augment my guilt:  
The ancient Prouerbe will be well effected,  
A Staffe is quickly found to beat a Dogge.

**Card.**

My Liege, his rayling is intollerable.  
If those that care to keepe your Royall Person  
From Treasons secret Knife, and Traytors Rage,  
Be thus vpbrayded, chid, and rated at,  
And the Offendor graunted scope of speech,  
'Twill make them coole in zeale vnto your Grace.

**Suff.**

Hath he not twit our Soueraigne Lady here  
With ignominious words, though Clarkely coucht?  
As if she had suborned some to sweare  
False allegations, to o'rethrow his state.

**Qu.**

But I can giue the loser leaue to chide.

**Glost.**

Farre truer spoke then meant: I lose indeede,  
Beshrew the winners, for they play'd me false,  
And well such losers may haue leaue to speake.

**Buck.**

Hee'le wrest the Sence, and hold vs here all day.  
Lord Cardinall, he is your Prisoner.

**Card.**

Sirs, take away the Duke, and guard him sure.

**Glost.**

Ah, thus King *Henry* throws away his Crutch,  
Before his Legges be firme to beare his Body.

Thus is the Shepheard beaten from thy Side,  
And Wolues are gnarling, who shall gnaw thee first.  
Ah that my feare were false, ah that it were;  
For good King *Henry*, thy decay I feare.

*Exit Gloster.*

**King.**

My Lords, what to your wisdomes Seemeth best,  
Doe, or vndoe, as if our selfe were here.

**Queene.**

What, will your Highnesse leaue the Parlia  
ment?

**King.**

I *Margaret*: my heart is drown'd with grieffe,  
Whose floud begins to flowe within mine eyes;  
My Body round engyrt with miserie:  
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For what's more miserable then Discontent?  
Ah Vnckle *Humfrey*, in thy face I see  
The Map of Honor, Truth, and Loyaltie:  
And yet, good *Humfrey*, is the houre to come,  
That ere I prou'd thee false, or fear'd thy faith.  
What lowring Starre now enuies thy estate?  
That these great Lords, and *Margaret* our Queene,  
Doe seeke subuersion of thy harmesse Life.  
Thou neuer didst them wrong, nor no man wrong:  
And as the Butcher takes away the Calfe,  
And binds the Wretch, and beats it when it strayes,  
Bearing it to the bloody Slaughter-house;  
Euen so remorselesse haue they borne him hence:  
And as the Damme runnes lowing up and downe,  
Looking the way her harmesse young one went,  
And can doe naught but wayle her Darlings losse;  
Euen so my selfe bewayles good *Glosters* case  
With sad unhelpfull teares, and with dimn'd eyes;  
Looke after him, and cannot doe him good:  
So mightie are his vowed Enemies.  
His fortunes I will weepe, and 'twixt each groane,  
Say, who's a Traytor? *Gloster* he is none.

*Exit.*

**Queene.**

Free Lords:

Cold Snow melts with the Sunnes hot Beames:  
*Henry*, my Lord, is cold in great Affaires,  
Too full of foolish pittie: and *Glosters* shew  
Beguiles him, as the mournefull Crocodile  
With sorrow snares relenting passengers;  
Or as the Snake, roll'd in a flowring Banke,  
With shining checker'd slough doth sting a Child,  
That for the beautie thinkes it excellent.  
Beleeue me Lords, were none more wise then I,  
And yet herein I judge mine owne Wit good;

This *Gloster* should be quickly rid the World,  
To rid vs from the feare we haue of him.

**Card.**

That he should dye, is worthie pollicie,  
But yet we want a Colour for his death:  
'Tis meet he be condemn'd by course of Law.

**Suff.**

But in my minde, that were no pollicie:  
The King will labour still to saue his Life,  
The Commons haply rise, to saue his Life;  
And yet we haue but triuiall argument,  
More then mistrust, that shewes him worthy death.

**Yorke.**

So that by this, you would not haue him dye.

**Suff.**

Ah *Yorke*, no man aliue, so faine as I.

**Yorke.**

'Tis *Yorke* that hath more reason for his death.  
But my Lord Cardinall, and you my Lord of Suffolke,  
Say as you thinke, and speake it from your Soules:  
Wer't not all one, an emptie Eagle were set,  
To guard the Chicken from a hungry Kyte,  
As place Duke *Humfrey* for the Kings Protector?

**Queene.**

So the poore Chicken should be sure of death.

**Suff.**

Madame 'tis true: and wer't not madnesse then,  
To make the Fox surueyor of the Fold?  
Who being accu [...]d a craftie Murtherer,  
His guilt should be but idly posted over,  
Because his purpose is not executed.  
No: let him dye, in that he is a Fox,  
By nature prou'd an Enemie to the Flock,  
Before his Chaps be stayn'd with Crimson blood,  
As *Humfrey* prou'd by Reasons to my Liege.  
And doe not stand on Quillets how to slay him:  
Be it by Gynnes, by Snares, by Subtletie,  
Sleeping, or Waking, 'tis no matter how,  
So he be dead; for that is good deceit,  
Which mates him first, that first intends deceit.

**Queene.**

Thrice Noble *Suffolke*, 'tis resolutely spoke.

**Suff.**

Not resolute, except so much were done,  
For things are often spoke, and seldome meant,  
But that my heart accordeth with my tongue,  
Seeing the deed is meritorious,  
And to preserue my Soueraigne from his Foe,  
Say but the word, and I will be his Priest.

**Card.**

But I would haue him dead, my Lord of Suffolke,



Ere you can take due Orders for a Priest:  
Say you consent, and censure well the deed,  
And Ile prouide his Executioner,  
I tender to the safetie of my Liege.

**Suff.**

Here is my Hand, the deed is worthy doing.

**Queene.**

And so say I.

**Yorke.**

And I: and now we three haue spoke it,  
It skills not greatly who impugnes our doome.

### [Act 5, Scene 1]

*Enter a Poste.*

**Post.**

Great Lords, from Ireland am I come amaine,  
To signifie, that Rebels there are vp,  
And put the Englishmen unto the Sword.  
Send Succours (Lords) and stop the Rage betime,  
Before the Wound doe grow vncurable;  
For being greene, there is great hope of helpe.

**Card.**

A Breach that craues a quick expedient stoppe.  
What counsaile giue you in this weightie cause?

**Yorke.**

That *Somerset* be sent as Regent thither:  
'Tis meet that luckie Ruler he imploy'd,  
Witnesse the fortune he hath had in France.

**Som.**

If *Yorke*, with all his farre-set pollicie,  
Had beene the Regent there, in stead of me,  
He neur would haue stay'd in France so long.

**Yorke.**

No, not to lose it all, as thou hast done.  
I rather would haue lost my Life betimes,  
Then bring a burthen of dis-honour home,  
By staying there so long, till all were lost.  
Shew me one skarre, character'd on thy Skinne,  
Mens flesh preseru'd so whole, doe seldome winne.

**Qu.**

Nay then, this sparke will proue a raging fire,  
If Wind and Fuell be brought, to feed it with:  
No more, good *Yorke*; sweet *Somerset* be still.  
Thy fortune, *Yorke*, hadst thou beene Regent there,  
Might happily haue prou'd farre worse then his.

**Yorke.**

What, worse then naught? nay, then a shame  
take all.

**Somerset.**

And in the number, thee, that wishest  
shame.

**Card.**

My Lord of Yorke, trie what your fortune is:  
Th'vnciuill Kernes of Ireland are in Armes,  
And temper Clay with blood of Englishmen.  
To Ireland will you leade a Band of men,  
Collected choycely, from each Countie some,  
And trie your hap against the Irishmen?

**Yorke.**

I will, my Lord, so please his Maiestie.

**Suff.**

Why, our Authoritie is his consent,  
And what we doe establish, he confirmes:  
Then, Noble *Yorke*, take thou this Taske in hand.

**Yorke.**

I am content: Prouide me Souldiers, Lords,  
Whiles I take order for mine owne affaires.

**Suff.**

A charge, Lord *Yorke*, that I will see perform'd.  
But now returne we to the false Duke *Humfrey*.

**Card.**

No more of him: for I will deale with him,  
That henceforth he shall trouble vs no more:  
And so breake off, the day is almost spent,  
Lord *Suffolke*, you and I must talke of that event.

*Yorke.* My

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**Yorke.**

My Lord of Suffolke, within foureteene dayes  
At Bristow I expect my Souldiers,  
For there Ile shippe them all for Ireland.

**Suff.**

Ile see it truly done, my Lord of Yorke.

*Exeunt.*

*Manet Yorke.*

**Yorke.**

Now *Yorke*, or neuer, steele thy fearfull thoughts,  
And change misdoubt to resolution;  
Be that thou hop'st to be, or what thou art;  
Resigne to death, it is not worth th'enioying:  
Let pale-fac't feare, keepe with the meane-borne man,  
And finde no harbor in a Royall heart.  
Faster (thē)them Spring-time showres, comes thoght on thoght,  
And not a thought, but thinkes on Dignitie.  
My Brayne, more busie then the laboring Spider,  
Weaues tedious Snares to trap mine Enemies.  
Well Nobles, well: 'tis politikely done,  
To send me packing with an Hoast of men:  
I feare me, you but warme the starued Snake,

Who cherisht in your breasts, will sting your hearts.  
 'Twas men I lackt, and you will giue them me;  
 I take it kindly: yet be well assur'd,  
 You put sharpe Weapons in a mad-mans hands.  
 Whiles I in Ireland nourish a mightie Band,  
 I will stirre up in England some black storme,  
 Shall blowe ten thousand Soules to Heauen, or Hell:  
 And this fell Tempest shall not cease to rage,  
 Vntill the Golden Circuit on my Head,  
 Like to the glorious Sunnes transparant Beames,  
 Doe calme the furie of this mad-bred Flawe.  
 And for a minister of my intent,  
 I haue seduc'd a head-strong Kentishman,  
*Iohn Cade* of Ashford,  
 To make Commotion, as full well he can,  
 Vnder the Title of *Iohn Mortimer*.  
 In Ireland haue I seene this stubborne *Cade*  
 Oppose himselfe against a Troupe of Kernes,  
 And fought so long, till that his thighes with Darts  
 Were almost like a sharpe-quill'd Porpentine:  
 And in the end being rescued, I haue seene  
 Him capre vpright, like a wilde Morisco,  
 Shaking the bloody Darts, as he his Bells.  
 Full often, like a shag-hayr'd craftie Kerne,  
 Hath he conuersed with the Enemie,  
 And vndiscouer'd, come to me againe,  
 And giuen me notice of their Villanies.  
 This Deuill here shall be my substitute;  
 For that *Iohn Mortimer*, which now is dead,  
 In face, in gate, in speech he doth resemble.  
 By this, I shall perceiue the Commons minde,  
 How they affect the House and Clayme of *Yorke*.  
 Say he be taken, rackt, and tortured;  
 I know, no paine they can inflict vpon him,  
 Will make him say, I mou'd him to those Armes.  
 Say that he thriue, as 'tis great like he will,  
 Why then from Ireland come I with my strength,  
 And reape the Haruest which that Rascall sow'd.  
 For *Humfrey*; being dead, as he shall be,  
 And *Henry* put apart: the next for me.  
*Exit.*

**[Act 3, Scene 2]**

*Enter two or three running ouer the Stage, from the  
 Murther of Duke Humfrey.*

1.  
Runne to my Lord of Suffolke: let him know  
We haue dispatcht the Duke, as he commanded.
2.  
Oh, that it were to doe: what haue we done?

Didst euer heare a man so penitent?

*Enter Suffolke.*

**1.**

Here comes my Lord.

**Suff.**

Now Sirs, haue you dispatcht this thing?

**1.**

I, my good Lord, hee's dead.

**Suff.**

Why that's well said. Goe, get you to my House,

I will reward you for this venturous deed:

The King and all the Peeres are here at hand.

Haue you layd faire the Bed? Is all things well,

According as I gaue directions?

**1.**

'Tis, my good Lord.

**Suff.**

Away, begone.

*Exeunt.*

*Sound Trumpets. Enter the King, the Queene,  
Cardinall, Suffolke, Somerset, with  
Attendants.*

**King.**

Goe call our Vnckle to our presence straight:

Say, we intend to try his Grace to day,

If he be guiltie, as 'tis published.

**Suff.**

Ile call him presently, my Noble Lord.

*Exit.*

**King.**

Lords take your places: and I pray you all

Proceed no straiter 'gainst our Vnckle *Gloster*,

Then from true euidence, of good esteeme,

He be approu'd in practise culpable.

**Queene.**

God forbid any Malice should preuayle,

That faultlesse may condemne a Noble man:

Pray God he may acquit him of suspition.

**King.**

I thanke thee *Nell*, these wordes content mee  
much.

*Enter Suffolke.*

How now? why look'st thou pale? why tremblest thou?

Where is our Vnckle? what's the matter, *Suffolke*?

**Suff.**

Dead in his Bed, my Lord: *Gloster* is dead.

**Queene.**

Marry God forfend.

**Card.**

Gods secret Iudgement: I did dreame to Night,

The Duke was dumbe, and could not speake a word.

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*King sounds.*

**Qu.**

How fares my Lord? Helpe Lords, the King is dead.

**Som.**

Rere vp his Body, wring him by the Nose.

**Qu.**

Runne, goe, helpe, helpe: Oh *Henry* ope thine eyes.

**Suff.**

He doth reuiue againe, Madame be patient.

**King.**

Oh Heauenly God.

**Qu.**

How fares my gracious Lord?

**Suff.**

Comfort my Soueraigne, gracious *Henry* comfort.

**King.**

What, doth my Lord of Suffolke comfort me?

Came he right now to sing a Rauens Note,

Whose dismall tune bereft my Vitall powres:

And thinkes he, that the chirping of a Wren,

By crying comfort from a hollow breast,

Can chafe away the first-conceiued sound?

Hide not thy poyson with such sugred words,

Lay not thy hands on me: forbear I say,

Their touch affrights me as a Serpents sting.

Thou balefull Messenger, out of my fight:

Vpon thy eye-balls, murderous Tyrannie

Sits in grim Maiestie, to fright the World.

Looke not vpon me, for thine eyes are wounding;

Yet doe not goe away: come Basiliske,

And kill the innocent gazer with thy sight:

For in the shade of death, I shall finde ioy;

In life, but double death, now *Gloster's* dead.

**Queene.**

Why do you rate my Lord of Suffolke thus?

Although the Duke was enemie to him,

Yet he most Christian-like laments his death:

And for my selfe, Foe as he was to me,

Might liquid teares, or heart-offending groanes,

Or blood-consuming sighes recall his Life;

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I would be blinde with weeping, sicke with grones,

Looke pale as Prim-rose with blood-drinking sighes,

And all to haue the Noble Duke aliue.

What know I how the world may deeme of me?

For it is knowne we were but hollow Friends:

It may be iudg'd I made the Duke away,

So shall my name with Slanders tongue be wounded,  
And Princes Courts be fill'd with my reproach:  
This get I by his death: Aye me vnhappy,  
To be a Queene, and Crown'd with infamie.

**King.**

Ah woe is me for Gloster, wretched man.

**Queen.**

Be woe for me, more wretched then he is.  
What, Dost thou turne away, and hide thy face?  
I am no loathsome Leaper, looke on me.  
What? Art thou like the Adder waxen deafe?  
Be poysonous too, and kill thy forlorne Queene.  
Is all thy comfort shut in Glosters Tombe?  
Why then Dame *Elianor* was neere thy ioy.  
Erect his statue, and worship it,  
And make my Image but an Ale-house signe.  
Was I for this nye wrack'd vpon the Sea,  
And twice by aukward winde from Englands banke  
Droue backe againe vnto my Natiue Clime.  
What boaded this? but well fore-warning winde  
Did seeme to say, seeke not a Scorpions Nest,  
Nor set no footing on this vnkinde Shore.  
What did I then? But curst the gentle gusts,  
And he that loos'd them forth their Brazen Caues,  
And bid them blow towards Englands blessed shore,  
Or turne our sterne vpon a dreadfull Rocke:  
Yet Æolus would not be a murtherer,  
But left that hatefull office vnto thee.  
The pretty vaulting Sea refus'd to drowne me,  
Knowing that thou wouldst haue me drown'd on shore  
With teares as salt as Sea, through thy vnkindnesse.  
The splitting Rockes cowr'd in the sinking sands,  
And would not dash me with their ragged sides,  
Because thy flinty heart more hard then they,  
Might in thy Pallace, perish *Elianor*.  
As farre as I could ken thy Chalky Cliffes,  
When from thy Shore, the Tempest beate vs backe,  
I stood vpon the Hatches in the storme:  
And when the duskie sky, began to rob  
My earnest-gaping-sight of thy Lands view,  
I tooke a costly Iewell from my necke,  
A Hart it was bound in with Diamonds,  
And threw it towards thy Land: The Sea receiu'd it,  
And so I wish'd thy body might my Heart:  
And euen with this, I lost faire Englands view,  
And bid mine eyes be packing with my Heart,  
And call'd them blinde and duskie Spectacles,  
For loosing ken of *Albions* wished Coast.  
How often haue I tempted Suffolkes tongue  
(The agent of thy foule inconstancie)  
To sit and watch me as *Ascanius* did,

When he to madding *Dido* would vnfold  
His Fathers Acts, commenc'd in burning Troy.  
Am I not witcht like her? Or thou not false like him?  
Aye me, I can no more: Dye *Elinor*,  
For *Henry* weepes, that thou dost liue so long.

*Noyse within. Enter Warwickke, and many  
Commons.*

**War.**

It is reported, mighty Soueraigne,  
That good Duke *Humfrey* Traiterously is murdred  
By Suffolke and the Cardinall *Beaufords* meanes:  
The Commons like an angry Hiue of Bees  
That want their Leader, scatter vp and downe,  
And care not who they sting in his reuenge.  
My selfe haue calm'd their spleenfull mutinie,  
Vntill they heare the order of his death.

**King.**

That he is dead good Warwick, 'tis too true,  
But how he dyed, God knowes, not *Henry*:  
Enter his Chamber, view his breathlesse Corpes,  
And comment then vpon his sodaine death.

**War.**

That shall I do my Liege; Stay Salsburie  
With the rude multitude, till I returne.

**King.**

O thou that iudget all things, stay my thoghts:  
My thoughts, that labour to perswade my soule,  
Some violent hands were laid on *Humfries* life:  
If my suspect be false, forgiue me God,  
For iudgement onely doth belong to thee:  
Faine would I go to chafe his palie lips,  
With twenty thousand kisses, and to draine  
Vpon his face an Ocean of salt teares,  
To tell my loue vnto his dumbe deafe trunke,  
And with my fingers feele his hand, vnfeeling:  
But all in vaine are these meane Obsequies,

*Bed put forth.*

And to suruey his dead and earthy Image:  
What were it but to make my sorrow greater?

**Warw.**

Come hither gracious Soueraigne, view this  
body.

**King.**

That is to see how deepe my graue is made,  
For with his soule fled all my worldly solace:  
For seeing him, I see my life in death.

**War.**

As surely as my soule intends to liue  
With that dread King that tooke our state vpon him,  
To free vs from his Fathers wrathfull curse,  
I do beleeeue that violent hands were laid

Vpon the life of this thrice-famed Duke.

**Suf.**

A dreadfull Oath, sworne with a solemn tongue:  
What instance giues Lord Warwicke for his vow.

**War.**

See how the blood is settled in his face.  
Oft haue I seene a timely-parted Ghost,  
Of ashy semblance, meager, pale, and bloodlesse,  
Being all descended to the labouring heart,  
Who in the Conflict that it holds with death,  
Attracts the same for aydance 'gainst the enemy,  
Which with the heart there cooles, and ne're returneth,  
To blush and beautifie the Cheeke againe.  
But see, his face is blacke, and full of blood:  
His eye-balles further out, than when he liued,  
Staring full gastly, like a strangled man:  
His hayre vprear'd, his nostrils stretcht with strugling:  
His hands abroad display'd, as one that graspt  
And tugg'd for Life, and was by strength subdude.  
Looke on the sheets his haire (you see) is sticking,  
His well proportion'd Beard, made ruffe and rugged,  
Like to the Summers Corne by Tempest lodged:  
It cannot be but he was murdred heere,  
The least of all these signes were probable.

**Suf.**

Why Warwicke, who should do the (D.)Duke to death?  
My selfe and *Beauford* had him in protection,  
And we I hope sir, are no murtherers.

**War.**

But both of you were vowed (D.)Duke Humfries foes,  
And you (forsooth) had the good Duke to keepe:  
Tis like you would nor feast him like a friend,  
And 'tis well seene, he found an enemy.

**Queen.**

Than you belike suspect these Noblemen,  
As guilty of Duke *Humfries* timelesse death.

**War.**

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**Warw.**

Who finds the Heyfer dead, and bleeding fresh,  
And sees fast-by, a Butcher with an Axe,  
But will suspect, 'twas he that made the slaughter?  
Who finds the Partridge in the Puttocks Nest,  
But may imagine how the Bird was dead,  
Although the Kyte soare with vnbloudied Beake?  
Euen so suspitious is this Tragedie.

**Qu.**

Are you the Butcher, *Suffolk*? where's your Knife?  
Is *Beauford* tearm'd a Kyte? where are his Tallons?

**Suff.**



I weare no Knife, to slaughter sleeping men,  
But here's a vengefull Sword, rusted with ease,  
That shall be scowred in his rancorous heart,  
That slanders me with Murthers Crimson Badge.  
Say, if thou dar'st, proud Lord of Warwickshire,  
That I am faultie in Duke *Humfreyes* death.

**Warw.**

What dares not *Warwick*, if false *Suffolke* dare  
him?

**Qu.**

He dares not calme his contumelious Spirit,  
Nor cease to be an arrogant Controller,  
Though *Suffolke* dare him twentie thousand times.

**Warw.**

Madame be still: with reuerence may I say,  
For euery word you speake in his behalfe,  
Is slander to your Royall Dignitie.

**Suff.**

Blunt-witted Lord, ignoble in demeanor,  
If euer Lady wrong'd her Lord so much,  
Thy Mother tooke into her blamefull Bed  
Some sterne vntutur'd Churle; and Noble Stock  
Was graft with Crab-tree slippe, whose Fruit thou art,  
And neuer of the *Newils* Noble Race.

**Warw.**

But that the guilt of Murther bucklers thee,  
And I should rob the Deaths-man of his Fee,  
Quitting thee thereby of ten thousand shames,  
And that my Soueraignes presence makes me milde,  
I would, false murd'rous Coward, on thy Knee  
Make thee begge pardon for thy passed speech,  
And say it was thy Mother that thou meant'st,  
That thou thy selfe wast borne in Bastardie;  
And after all this fearefull Homage done,  
Giue thee thy hyre, and send thy Soule to Hell,  
Pernicious blood-sucker of sleeping men.

**Suff.**

Thou shalt be waking, while I shed thy blood,  
If from this presence thou dar'st goe with me.

**Warw.**

Away euen now, or I will drag thee hence:  
Vnworthy though thou art, Ile cope with thee,  
And doe some seruice to Duke *Humfreyes* Ghost.

*Exeunt.*

**King.**

What stronger Brest-plate then a heart vntainted?  
Thrice is he arm'd, that hath his Quarrell iust;  
And he but naked, though lockt vp in Steele,  
Whose Conscience with Iniustice is corrupted.

*A noyse within.*

**Queene.**

What noyse is this?

*Enter Suffolke and Warwicke, with their  
Weapons drawne.*

**King.**

Why how now Lords?  
Your wrathfull Weapons drawne,  
Here in our presence? Dare you be so bold?  
Why what tumultuous clamor haue we here?

**Suff.**

The trayt'rous *Warwick*, with the men of Bury,  
Set all vpon me, mightie Soueraigne.

*Enter Salisbury.*

**Salisb.**

Sirs stand apart, the King shall know your  
minde.  
Dread Lord, the Commons send you word by me,  
Vnlesse Lord *Suffolke* straight be done to death,  
Or banished faire Englands Territories,  
They will by violence teare him from your Pallace,  
And torture him with gricuous lingring death.  
They say, by him the good Duke *Humfrey* dy'de:  
They say, in him they feare your Highnesse death;  
And meere instinct of Loue and Loyaltie,  
Free from a stubborne opposite intent,  
As being thought to contradict your liking,  
Makes them thus forward in his Banishment.  
They say, in care of your most Royall Person,  
That if your Highnesse should intend to sleepe,  
And charge, that no man should disturbe your rest,  
In paine of your dislike, or paine of death;  
Yet notwithstanding such a strait Edict,  
Were there a Serpent scene, with forked Tongue,  
That slyly glyded towards yours Maiestie,  
It were but necessarie you were wak't:  
Least being suffer'd in that harmefull slumber,  
The mortall Worme might make the sleepe eternall.  
And therefore doe they cry, though you forbid,  
That they will guard you, where you will, or no,  
From such fell Serpents as false *Suffolke* is;  
With whose inuenomed and fatall string,  
Your louing Vnckle, twentie times his worth,  
They say is shamefully bereft of life.

*Commons within.*

An answer from the King, my Lord  
of Salisbury.

**Suff.**

'Tis like the Commons, rude vnpolisht Hindes,  
Could send such Message to their Soueraigne:  
But you, my Lord, were glad to be imploy'd,  
To shew how queint an Orator you are.  
But all the Honor *Salisbury* hath wonne,

Is, that he was the Lord Embassador,  
Sent from a sort of Tinkers to the King.

*Within.*

An answer from the King, or wee will all  
breake in.

**King.**

Goe *Salisbury*, and tell them all from me,  
I thanke them for their tender louing care;  
And had I not beene cited so by them,  
Yet did I purpose as they doe entreat:  
For sure, my thoughts doe hourelly prophecie,  
Mischance vnto my State by *Suffolkes* meanes.  
And therefore by his Maiestie I sweare,  
Whose farre-vnworthie Deputie I am,  
He shall not breathe infection in this ayre,  
But three dayes longer, on the paine of death.

**Qu.**

Oh *Henry*, let me pleade for gentle *Suffolke*.

**King.**

Vngentle Queene, to call him gentle *Suffolke*.  
No more I say: if thou do'st pleade for him,  
Thou wilt but adde encrease vnto my Wrath.  
Had I but sayd, I would haue kept my Word;  
But when I sweare, it is irreuocable:  
If after three dayes space thou here bee'st found,  
On any ground that I am Ruler of,  
The World shall not be Ransome for thy Life.  
Come *Warwicke*, come good *Warwicke*, goe with mee,  
I haue great matters to impart to thee.

*Exit.*

**Qu.**

Mischance and Sorrow goe along with you,  
Hearts Discontent, and sowre Affliction,  
Be play-fellowes to keepe you companie:  
There's two of you, the Deuill make a third,  
And three-fold Vengeance tend vpon your steps.

**Suff.**

Cease, gentle Queene, these Execrations,  
And let thy *Suffolke* take his heauie leaue.

*Queene.* Fye

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**Queen.**

Fye Coward woman, and soft harted wretch,  
Hast thou not spirit to curse thine enemy.

**Suf.**

A plague vpon them: wherefore should I curse  
them?

Would curses kill, as doth the Mandrakes grone,  
I would inuent as bitter searching termes,  
As curst, as harsh, and horrible to heare,

Deliu'er'd strongly through my fixed teeth,  
With full as many signes of deadly hate,  
As leane-fac'd enuy in her loathsome caue.  
My tongue should stumble in mine earnest words,  
Mine eyes should sparkle like the beaten Flint,  
Mine haire be fixt an end, as one distract:  
I, euey ioynt should seeme to curse and ban,  
And euen now my burthen'd heart would breake  
Should I not curse them. Poyson be their drinke.  
Gall, worse then Gall, the daintiest that they taste:  
Their sweetest shade, a groue of Cypresse Trees:  
Their cheefest Prospect, murd'ring Basiliskes:  
Their softest Touch, as smart as Lizards stings:  
Their Musicke, frightfull as the Serpents hisse,  
And boading Screech-Owles, make the Consort full.  
All the foule terrors in darke seated hell

**Q.**

Enough sweet Suffolke, thou torment'st thy selfe,  
And these dread curses like the Sunne 'gainst glasse,  
Or like an ouer-charged Gun, recoile,  
And turnes the force of them vpon thy selfe.

**Suf.**

You bad me ban, and will you bid me leaue?  
Now by the ground that I am banish'd from,  
Well could I curse away a Winters night,  
Though standing naked on a Mountaine top,  
Where byting cold would neuer let grasse grow,  
And thinke it but a minute spent in sport.

**Qu.**

Oh, let me intreat thee cease, giue me thy hand,  
That I may dew it with my mournfull teares [...]:  
Nor let the raine of heauen wet this place,  
To wash away my wofull Monuments.  
Oh, could this kisse be printed in thy hand,  
That thou might'st thinke vpon these by the Seale,  
Through whom a thousand sighes are breath'd for thee.  
So get thee gone, that I may know my greefe,  
'Tis but surmiz'd, whiles thou art standing by,  
As one that surfets, thinking on a want:  
I will repeale thee, or be well assur'd,  
Aduenture to be banished my selfe:  
And banished I am, if but from thee.  
Go, speake not to me; euen now be gone.  
Oh go not yet. Euen thus, two Friends condemn'd,  
Embrace, and kisse, and take ten thousand leaues,  
Loather a hundred times to part then dye;  
Yet now farewell, and farewell Life with thee.

**Suf.**

Thus is poore Suffolke ten times banished,  
Once by the King, and three times thrice by thee.  
'Tis not the Land I care for, wer't thou thence,

A Wildernesse is populous enough,  
So Suffolke had thy heauenly company:  
For where thou art, there is the World it selfe,  
With euery seuerall pleasure in the World:  
And where thou art not, Desolation.  
I can no more: Liue thou to ioy thy life;  
My selfe no ioy in nought, but that thou liu'st.

*Enter Vaux.*

**Queene.**

Whether goes *Vaux* so fast? What newes I  
prethee?

**Vaux.**

To signifie vnto his Maiesty,  
That Cardinall *Beauford* is at point of death:  
For sodainly a greeuous sicknesse tooke him,  
That makes him gaspe, and stare, and catch the aire,  
Blaspheming God, and cursing men on earth.  
Sometime he talkes, as if Duke *Humfries* Ghost  
Were by his side: Sometime, he calles the King,  
And whispers to his pillow, as to him,  
The secrets of his ouer-charged soule,  
And I am sent to tell his Maiestie,  
That euen now he cries aloud for him.

**Qu.**

Go tell this heauy Message to the King.

*Exit*

Aye me! What is this World? What newes are these?  
But wherefore greeue I at an houres poore losse,  
Omitting Suffolkes exile, my soules Treasure?  
Why onely Suffolke mourne I not for thee?  
And with the Southerne clouds, contend in teares?  
Theirs for the earths encrease, mine for my sorrowes.  
Now get thee hence, the King thou know'st is comming,  
If thou be found by me, thou art but dead.

**Suf.**

If I depart from thee, I cannot liue,  
And in thy fight to dye, what were it else,  
But like a pleasant slumber in thy lap?  
Heere could I breath my soule into the ayre,  
As milde and gentle as the Cradle-babe,  
Dying with mothers dugge betweene it's lips.  
Where from thy fight, I should be raging mad,  
And cry out for thee to close vp mine eyes:  
To haue thee with thy lippes to stop my mouth:  
So should'st thou eyther turne my flying soule,  
Or I should breathe it so into thy body,  
And then it liu'd in sweete Elizium.  
To dye by thee, were but to dye in iest,  
From thee to dye, were torture more then death:  
Oh let me stay, befall what may befall.

**Queen.**

Away: Though parting be a fretfull corosiuē,  
It is applyed to a deathfull wound.  
To France sweet Suffolke: Let me heare from thee:  
For wheresoere thou art in this worlds Globe,  
Ile haue an *Iris* that shall finde thee out.

**Suf.**

I go.

**Qu.**

And take my heart with thee.

**Suf.**

A Jewell lockt into the wofulst Caske,  
That euer did containe a thing of worth,  
Euen as a splitted Barke, so sunder we:  
This way fall I to death.

**Qu.**

This way for me.

*Exeunt*

*Enter the King, Salisbury, and Warwicke, to the  
Cardinal in bed.*

**King.**

How fare's my Lord? Speake *Beauford* to thy  
Soueraigne.

**Ca.**

If thou beest death, Ile giue thee Englands Treasure,  
Enough to purchase such another Island,  
So thou wilt let me liue, and feele no paine.

**King.**

Ah, what a signe it is of euill life,  
Where death's approach is seene so terrible.

**War.**

*Beauford*, it is thy Soueraigne speakes to thee.

**Beau.**

Bring me vnto my Triall when you will.  
Dy'de he not in his bed? Where should he dye?  
Can I make men liue where they will or no?  
Oh torture me no more, I will confesse.  
Aliue againe? Then shew me where he is,  
Ile giue a thousand pound to looke vpon him.  
He hath no eyes, the dust hath blinded them.  
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Combe downe his haire; looke, looke, it stands vpright,  
Like Lime-twigs set to catch my winged soule:  
Giue me some drinke, and bid the Apothecarie  
Bring the strong poyson that I bought of him.

**King.**

Oh thou eternall mouer of the heauens,  
Looke with a gentle eye vpon this Wretch,  
Oh beate away the busie meddling Fiend,  
That layes strong siege vnto this wretches soule,  
And from his bosome purge this blacke dispaire.

**War.**

See how the pangs of death do make him grin.

**Sal.**

Disturbe him not, let him passe peaceably.

**King.**

Peace to his soule, if Gods good pleasure be.

Lord Card'nall, if thou think'st on heauens blisse,

Hold vp thy hand, make signall of thy hope.

He dies and makes no signe: Oh God forgiue him.

**War.**

So bad a death, argues a monstrous life.

**King.**

Forbeare to iudge, for we are sinners all.

Close vp his eyes, and draw the Curtaine close,

And let vs all to Meditation.

*Exeunt.*

### [Act 4, Scene 1]

*Alarum. Fight at Sea. Ordnance goes off.*

*Enter Lieutenant, Suffolke, and others.*

**Lieu.**

The gaudy blabbing and remorsefull day,

Is crept into the bosome of the Sea:

And now loud houling Wolues arouse the Iades

That dragge the Tragicke melancholy night:

Who with their drowsie, slow, and flagging wings

Cleape dead-mens graues, and from their misty Iawes,

Breath foule contagious darknesse in the ayre:

Therefore bring forth the Souldiers of our prize,

For whilst our Pinnace Anchors in the Downes,

Heere shall they make [their] ransome on the sand,

Or with their blood staine this discoloured shore.

Maister, this Prisoner freely giue I thee,

And thou that art his Mate, make boote of this:

The other *Walter Whitmore* is thy share.

**1. Gent.**

What is my ransome Master, let me know.

**Ma.**

A thousand Crownes, or else lay down your head

**Mate.**

And so much shall you giue, or off goes yours.

**Lieu.**

What thinke you much to pay 2000. Crownes,

And beare the name and port of Gentlemen?

Cut both the Villaines throats, for dy you shall:

The liues of those which we haue lost in fight,

Be counter-poy's'd with such a pettie summe.

**1. Gent.**

Ile giue it sir, and therefore spare my life.

**2. Gent.**

And so will I, and write home for it straight.

**Whitm.**

I lost mine eye in laying the prize aboard,  
And therefore to reuenge it, shalt thou dye,  
And so should these, if I might haue my will.

**Lieu.**

Be not so rash, take ransome, let him liue.

**Suf.**

Looke on my George, I am a Gentleman,  
Rate me what thou wilt, thou shalt be payed.

**Whit.**

And so am I: my name is *Walter Whitmore*.  
How now? why starts thou? What doth death affright?

**Suf.**

Thy name affrights me, in whose sound is death:  
A cunning man did calculate my birth,  
And told me that by Water I should dye:  
Yet let not this make thee be bloody-minded,  
Thy name is guiltier, being rightly founded.

**Whit.**

*Gualtier* or *Walter*, which it is I care not,  
Neuer yet did base dishonour blurre our name,  
But with our sword we wip'd away the blot.  
Therefore, when Merchant-like I sell reuenge,  
Broke be my sword, my Armes torne and defac'd,  
And I proclaim'd a Coward through the world.

**Suf.**

Stay *Whitmore*, for thy Prisoner is a Prince,  
The Duke of Suffolke, *William de la Pole*.

**Whit.**

The Duke of Suffolke, muffled vp in ragges?

**Suf.**

I, but these ragges are no part of the Duke.

**Lieu.**

But Ioue was neuer slaine as thou shalt be,  
Obscure and lowsie Swaine, King *Henries* blood.

**Suf.**

The honourable blood of Lancaster  
Must not be shed by such a iaded Groome:  
Hast thou not kist thy hand, and held my stirrop?  
Bare-headed plodded by my foot-cloth Mule,  
And thought thee happy when I shooke my head.  
How often hast thou waited at my cup,  
Fed from my Trencher, kneel'd downe at the boord,  
When I haue, fested with Queene *Margaret*?  
Remember it, and let it make thee Crest-falne,  
I, and alay this thy abortiue Pride:  
How in our voyding Lobby hast thou stood,  
And duly wayted for my comming forth?  
This hand of mine hath writ in thy behalfe,  
And therefore shall it charme thy riotous tongue.

**Whit.**



Speak Captaine, shall I stab the forlorn Swain.

**Lieu.**

First let my words stab him, as he hath me.

**Suf.**

Base slaue, thy words are blunt, and so art thou.

**Lieu.**

Conuey him hence, and on our long boats side,  
Strike off his head.

**Suf.**

Thou dar'st not for thy owne.

**Lieu.**

*Poole*, Sir *Poole*? Lord,

I kennell, puddle, sinke, whose filth and dirt  
Troubles the siluer Spring, where England drinkes:  
Now will I dam vp this thy yawning mouth,  
For swallowing the Treasure of the Realme.  
Thy lips that kist the Queene, shall sweepe the ground:  
And thou that smil'dst at good Duke *Humfries* death,  
Against the senselesse windes shall grin in vaine,  
Who in contempt shall hisse at thee againe.  
And wedded be thou to the Haggess of hell,  
For daring to affye a mighty Lord  
Vnto the daughter of a worthlesse King,  
Hauing neyther Subiect, Wealth, nor Diadem:  
By diuellish policy art thou growne great,  
And like ambitious *Sylla* ouer-gorg'd,  
With gobbets of thy Mother-bleeding heart.  
By thee *Aniou* and *Maine* were sold to France.  
The false reuolting Normans thorough thee,  
Disdaine to call vs Lord, and *Piccardie*  
Hath slaine their Gouvernors, surpriz'd our Forts,  
And sent the ragged Souldiers wounded home.  
The Princely *Warwicke*, and the *Neuils* all,  
Whose dreadfull swords were neuer drawne in vaine,  
As hating thee, and rising vp in armes.  
And now the House of Yorke thrust from the Crowne,  
By shamefull murder of a guiltlesse King,  
And lofty proud inroaching tyranny,  
Burnes with reuenging fire, whose hopefull colours  
Aduance our halfe-fac'd Sunne, striuing to shine;  
Vnder the which is writ, *Iunitis nubibus*.  
The Commons heere in Kent are vp in armes,  
And to conclude, Reproach and Beggerie,  
Is crept into the Pallace of our King,  
And all by thee: away, conuey him hence.

**Suf.**

O that I were a God, to shoot forth Thunder  
Vpon these paltry, seruile, abiect Drudges:  
Small things make base men proud. This Villaine heere,  
Being Captaine of a Pinnace, threatens more  
Then *Bargulus* the strong Illyrian Pyrate.

Drones sucke not Eagles blood, but rob Bee-hiues:

It is impossible that I should dye

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By such a lowly Vassall as thy selfe.

Thy words moue Rage, and not remorse in me:

I go of Message from the Queene to France:

I charge thee waft me safely crosse the Channell.

**Lieu.**

Water: W. Come Suffolke, I must waft thee  
to thy death.

**Suf.**

*Pine gelidus timor occupant artus, it is thee I feare.*

**Wal.**

Thou shalt haue cause to feare before I leaue thee.

What, are ye danted now? Now will ye stoope.

**1. Gent.**

My gracious Lord intreat him, speak him fair.

**Suf.**

Suffolkes Imperiall tongue is sterne and rough:

Vs'd to command, vntaught to pleade for fauour.

Farre be it, we should honor such as these

With humble suite: no, rather let my head

Stoope to the blocke, then these knees bow to any,

Saue to the God of heauen, and to my King:

And sooner dance vpon a bloody pole,

Then stand vnouer'd to the Vulgar Groome.

True Nobility, is exempt from feare:

More can I beare, then you dare execute.

**Lieu.**

Hale him away, and let him talke no more:

Come Souldiers, shew what cruelty ye can.

**Suf.**

That this my death may neuer be forgot.

Great men oft dye by vilde Bezonions.

A Romane Sworder, and Bandetto slaue

Murder'd sweet *Tully*. [*Brutus*] Bastard hand

Stab'd *Iulius Caesar*. Sauage Islanders

*Pompey* the Great, and *Suffolke* dyes by Pyrats.

*Exit Water with Suffolke.*

**Lieu.**

And as for these whose ransome we haue set,

It is our pleasure one of them depart:

Therefore come you with vs, and let him go.

*Exit Lieutenant, and the rest.*

*Manet the first Gent. Enter Walter with the body.*

**Wal.**

There let his head, and liuesse bodie lye,

Vntill the Queene his Mistris bury it.

*Exit Walter.*

**1. Gent.**

O barbarous and bloody spectacle,

His body will I beare vnto the King:  
If he reuenge it not, yet will his Friends,  
So will the Queene, that liuing, held him deere.

[Act 4, Scene 2]

*Enter Beuis, and Iohn Holland.*

**Beuis.**

Come and get thee a sword, though made of a  
Lath, they haue bene vp these two dayes.

**Hol.**

They haue the more neede to sleepe now then.

**Beuis.**

I tell thee, *Iacke Cade* the Cloathier, meanes to  
dresse the Common-wealth and turne it, and set a new  
nap vpon it.

**Hol.**

So he had need, for 'tis thred-bare. Well, I say,  
it was neuer merrie world in England, since Gentlemen  
came vp.

**Beuis.**

O miserable Age: Vertue is not regarded in  
Handy-crafts men.

**Hol.**

The Nobilitie thinke scorne to goe in Leather  
Aprons.

**Beuis.**

Nay more, the Kings Councill are no good  
Workemen.

**Hol.**

True: and yet it is said, Labour in thy Vocati  
on: which is as much to say, as let the Magistrates be la  
bouring men; and therefore should we be Magistrates.

**Beuis.**

Thou hast hit it: for there's no better signe of a  
braue minde, then a hard hand.

**Hol.**

I see them, I see them: There's *Bests* Sonne, the  
Tanner of Wingham.

**Beuis.**

Hee shall haue the skinnes of our enemies, to  
make Dogges Leather of.

**Hol.**

And Dicke the Butcher.

**Beuis.**

Then is sin stricke downe like an Oxe, and ini  
quities throate cut like a Calfe.

**Hol.**

And Smith the Weauer.

**Beu.**

Argo, their thred of life is spun.

**Hol.**

Come, come, let's fall in with them.

*Drumme. Enter Cade, Dicke Butcher, Smith the Weauer,  
and a Sanyer, with infinite numbers.*

**Cade.**

Wee *Iohn Cade*, so tearm'd of our supposed Fa  
ther.

**But.**

Or rather of stealing a Cade of Herrings.

**Cade.**

For our enemies shall faile before vs, inspired  
with the spirit of putting down Kings and Princes. Com  
mand silence.

**But.**

Silence.

**Cade.**

My Father was a *Mortimer*.

**But.**

He was an honest man, and a good Bricklayer.

**Cade.**

My mother a *Plantagenet*.

**Butch.**

I knew her well, she was a Midwife.

**Cade.**

My wife descended of the *Lacies*.

**But.**

She was indeed a Pedlers daughter, & sold many  
Laces.

**Weauer.**

But now of late, not able to trauell with her  
furr'd Packe, she washes buckes here at home.

**Cade.**

Therefore am I of an honorable house.

**But.**

I by my faith, the field is honourable, and there  
was he borne, vnder a hedge: for his Father had neuer a  
house but the Cage.

**Cade.**

Valiant I am.

**Weauer.**

A must needs, for beggery is valiant.

**Cade.**

I am able to endure much.

**But.**

No question of that: for I haue scene him whipt  
three Market dayes together.

**Cade.**

I feare neither sword, nor fire.

**Wea.**

He neede not feare the sword, for his Coate is of  
prooffe.

**But.**

But me thinks he should stand in feare of fire, being burnt i'th hand for stealing of Sheepe.

**Cade.**

Be braue then, for your Captaine is Braue, and Vowes Reformation. There shall be in England, seuen halfe peny Loaues sold for a peny: the three hoop'd pot, shall haue ten hoop'es, and I wil make it Fellony to drink small Beere. All the Realme shall be in Common, and in Cheapside shall my Palfrey go to grasse: and when I am King, as King I will be.

**All.**

God saue your Maiesty.

**Cade.**

I thanke you good people. There shall bee no mony, all shall eate and drinke on my score, and I will apparrell them all in one Liury, that they may agree like Brothers, and worship me their Lord.

**But.**

The first thing we do, let's kill all the Lawyers.

**Cade.**

Nay, that I meane to do. Is not this a lamentable thing, that of the skin of an innocent Lambe should be made Parchment; that Parchment being scribeld ore, should vndoe a man. Some say the Bee stings, but I say, 'tis the Bees waxe: for I did but seale once to a thing, and I was neuer mine owne man since. How now? Who's there?

*Enter a Clarke.*

**Weauer.**

The Clarke of Chartam: hee can write and reade, and cast accompt.

**Cade.**

O monstrous.

**Wea.**

We tooke him setting of boyes Copies.

Cade.

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**Cade.**

Here's a Villaine.

**Wea.**

Ha's a Booke in his pocket with red Letters in't

**Cade.**

Nay then he is a Coniurer.

**But.**

Nay, he can make Obligations, and write Court hand.

**Cade.**

I am sorry for't: The man is a proper man of mine Honour: vnlesse I finde him guilty, he shall not die.

Come hither sirrah, I must examine thee: What is thy name?

**Clarke.**

*Emanuel.*

**But.**

They vse to writ it on the top of Letters: 'Twill go hard with you.

**Cade.**

Let me alone: Dost thou vse to write thy name? Or hast thou a make to thy selfe, like a honest plain dealing man?

**Clarke.**

Sir I thanke God, I haue bin so well brought vp, that I can write my name.

**All.**

He hath confest: away with him: he's a Villaine and a Traitor.

**Cade.**

Away with him I say: Hang him with his Pen and Inke-horne about his necke.

*Exit one with the Clarke*

*Enter Michael.*

**Mich.**

Where's our Generall?

**Cade.**

Heere I am thou particular fellow.

**Mich.**

Fly, fly, fly, Sir *Humfrey Stafford* and his brother are hard by, with the Kings Forces.

**Cade.**

Stand villaine, stand, or Ile fell thee downe: he shall be encountred with a man as good as himselfe. He is but a Knight, is a?

**Mich.**

No.

**Cade.**

To equall him I will make my selfe a knight presently; Rise vp Sir *Iohn Mortimer*. Now haue at him.

*Enter Sir Humfrey Stafford, and his Brother, with Drum and Soldiers.*

**Staff.**

Rebellious Hinds, the filth and scum of Kent, Mark'd for the Gallowes: Lay your Weapons downe, Home to your Cottages: forsake this Groome. The King is mercifull, if you reuolt.

**Bro.**

But angry, wrathfull, and inclin'd to blood, If you go forward: therefore yeeld, or dye.

**Cade.**

As for these silken-coated slaues I passe not, It is to you good people, that I speake,

Ouer whom (in time to come) I hope to raigne:  
For I am rightfull heyre vnto the Crowne.

**Staff.**

Villaine, thy Father was a Playsterer,  
And thou thy selfe a Sheareman, art thou not?

**Cade.**

And *Adam* was a Gardiner.

**Bro.**

And what of that?

**Cade.**

Marry, this *Edmund Mortimer* Earle of March,  
married the Duke of *Clarence* daughter, did he not?

**Staff.**

I sir.

**Cade.**

By her he had two children at one birth.

**Bro.**

That's false.

**Cade.**

I, there's the question; But I say, 'tis true:  
The elder of them being put to nurse,  
Was by a begger-woman stolne away,  
And ignorant of his birth and parentage,  
Became a Bricklayer, when he came to age.  
His sonne am I, deny it if you can.

**But.**

Nay, 'tis too true, therefore he shall be King.

**Wea.**

Sir, he made a Chimney in my Fathers house, &  
the bricke are aliue at this day to testifie it: therefore  
deny it not.

**Staf.**

And will you credit this base Drudges Wordes,  
that speakes he knowes not what.

**All.**

I marry will we: therefore get ye gone.

**Bro.**

*Jacke Cade*, the (D.) Duke of York hath taught you this.

**Cade.**

He lyes, for I inuented it my selfe. Go too Sir  
rah, tell the King from me, that for his Fathers sake *Henry*  
the fift, (in whose time, boyes went to Span-counter  
for French Crownes) I am content he shall raigne, but Ile  
be Protector ouer him.

**Butcher.**

And furthermore, wee'l haue the Lord *Sayes*  
head, for selling the Dukedome of *Maine*.

**Cade**

And good reason: for thereby is England main'd  
And faine to go with a staffe, but that my puissance holds  
it vp. Fellow-Kings, I tell you, that that Lord *Say* hath

gelded the Commonwealth, and made it an Eunuch: & more then that, he can speake French, and therefore hee is a Traitor.

**Staf.**

O grosse and miserable ignorance.

**Cade.**

Nay answer if you can: The Frenchmen are our enemies: go too then, I ask but this: Can he that speaks with the tongue of an enemy, be a good Councillour, or no?

**All.**

No, no, and therefore wee'l haue his head.

**Bro.**

Well, seeing gentle words will not preuayle,  
Assaile them with the Army of the King.

**Staf.**

Herald away, and throughout euery Towne,  
Proclaime them Traitors that are vp with *Cade*,  
That those which flye before the battell ends.  
May euen in their Wiues and Childrens sight,  
Be hang'd vp for example at their doores:  
And you that be the Kings Friends follow me.

*Exit.*

**Cade.**

And you that loue the Commons, follow me:  
Now shew your selues men, 'tis for Liberty.  
We will not leaue one Lord, one Gentleman:  
Spare none, but such as go in clouted shooen,  
For they are thrifty honest men, and such  
As would (but that they dare not) take our parts.

**But.**

They are all in order, and march toward vs.

**Cade.**

But then are we in order, when we are most out  
of order. Come, march forward.

### [Act 4, Scene 3]

*Alarums to the fight, wherein both the Staffords are slaine.  
Enter Cade and the rest.*

**Cade.**

Where's Dicke, the Butcher of Ashford?

**But.**

Heere sir.

**Cade.**

They fell before thee like Sheepe and Oxen, &  
thou behaued'st thy selfe, as if thou hadst beene in thine  
owne Slaughter-house: Therefore thus will I reward thee,  
the Lent shall bee as long againe as it is, and thou shalt  
haue a License to kill for a hundred lacking one.

**But.**



I desire no more.

**Cade.**

And to speake truth, thou deseru'st no lesse.  
This Monument of the victory will I beare, and the bo  
dies sha1l be dragg'd at my horse heeles, till I do come to  
London, where we will haue the Maiors sword born be  
fore vs.

**But.**

If we meane to thriue, and do good, breake open  
the Gaoles, and let out the Prisoners.

**Cade.**

Feare not that I warrant thee. Come, let's march  
towards London.

*Exeunt.*

#### [Act 4, Scene 4]

*Enter the King with a Supplication, and the Queene with Suffolkes head, the Duke of Buckingham, and the Lord Say.*

**Queene.**

Oft haue I heard that greefe softens the mind,  
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And makes it fearefull and degenerate,  
Thinke therefore on reuenge, and cease to weepe.  
But who can cease to weepe, and looke on this.  
Heere may his head lye on my throbbing brest:  
But where's the body that I should imbrace?

**Buc.**

What answer makes your Grace to the Rebells  
Supplication?

**King.**

Ile send some holy Bishop to intreat:  
For God forbid, so many simple soules  
Should perish by the Sword. And I my selfe,  
Rather then bloody Warre shall cut them short,  
Will parley with *Iacke Cade* their Generall.  
But stay, Ile read it ouer once againe.

**Qu.**

Ah barbarous villaines: Hath this louely face,  
Rul'd like a wandering Plannet ouer me,  
And could it not inforce them to relent,  
That were vnworthy to behold the same.

**King.**

*Lord Say*, *Iacke Cade* hath sworne to [haue] thy  
head.

**Say.**

I, but I hope your Highnesse shall haue his.

**King.**

How now Madam?  
Still lamenting and mourning for *Suffolkes* death?

I feare me (Loue) if that I had beene dead,  
Thou would'st not haue mourn'd so much for me.

**Qu.**

No my Loue, I should not mourne, but dye for  
thee.

*Enter a Messenger.*

**King.**

How now? What newes? Why com'st thou in  
such haste?

**Mes.**

The Rebels are in [Southwarke]: Fly my Lord:  
*Iacke Cade* proclaimes himselfe Lord *Mortimer*,  
Descended from the Duke of *Clarence* house,  
And calles your Grace Vsurper, openly,  
And vowes to Crowne himselfe in Westminster.  
His Army is a ragged multitude  
Of Hindes and Pezants, rude and mercilesse:  
Sir *Humfrey Stafford*, and his Brothers death,  
Hath giuen them heart and courage to proceede:  
All Schollers, Lawyers, Courtiers, Gentlemen,  
They call false Catterpillers, and intend their death.

**Kin.**

Oh gracelesse men: they know not what they do.

**Buck.**

My gracious Lord, retire to Killingworth,  
Vntill a power be rais'd to put them downe.

**Qu.**

Ah were the Duke of Suffolke now aliue,  
These Kentish Rebels would be soone appeas'd.

**King.**

Lord *Say*, the Traitors hateth thee,  
Therefore away with vs to Killingworth.

**Say.**

So might your Graces person be in danger:  
The sight of me is odious in their eyes:  
And therefore in this Citty will I stay,  
And liue alone as secret as I may.

*Enter another Messenger.*

**Mess.**

*Iacke Cade* hath gotten London-bridge.  
The Citizens flye and forsake their houses:  
The Rascall people, thirsting after prey,  
Ioyne with the Traitor, and they ioyntly sweare  
To spoyle the City, and your Royall Court.

**Buc.**

Then linger not my Lord, away, take horse.

**King.**

Come *Margaret*, God our hope will succor vs.

**Qu.**

My hope is gone, now Suffolke is deceast.

**King.**

Farewell my Lord, trust not the Kentish Rebels

**Buc.**

Trust no body for feare you betraid.

**Say.**

The trust I haue, is in mine innocence,  
And therefore am I bold and resolute.

*Exeunt.*

**[Act 4, Scene 5]**

*Enter Lord Scales vpon the Tower walking. Then enters  
two or three Citizens below.*

**Scales.**

How now? Is *Iacke Cade* slaine?

**1. Cit.**

No my Lord, nor likely to be slaine:

For they haue wonne the Bridge,

Killing all those that withstand them:

The (L.) Lord Maior craues ayd of your Honor from the Tower  
To defend the City from the Rebels.

**Scales.**

Such ayd as I can spare you shall command,

But I am troubled heere with them my selfe,

The Rebels haue assay'd to win the Tower.

But get you to Smithfield, and gather head,

And thither I will send you *Mathew Goffe*.

Fight for your King, your Countrey, and your Liues,

And so farwell, for I must hence againe.

*Exeunt*

**[Act 4, Scene 6]**

*Enter Iacke Cade and the rest, and strikes his  
staffe on London stone.*

**Cade.**

Now is *Mortimer* Lord of this City,

And heere sitting vpon London Stone,

I charge and command, that of the Cities cost

The pissing Conduit run nothing but Clarret Wine

This first yeare of our raigne.

And now henceforward it shall be Treason for any,

That calles me other then Lord *Mortimer*.

*Enter a Soldier running.*

**Soul.**

*Iacke Cade, Iacke Cade.*

**Cade.**

Knocke him downe there.

*They kill him.*

**But.**

If this Fellow be wise, hee'l neuer call yee *Iacke*

*Cade* more, I thinke he hath a very faire warning.

**Dicke.**

My Lord, there's an Army gathered together  
in Smithfield.

**Cade.**

Come, then let's go fight with them:  
But first, go and set London Bridge on fire,  
And if you can, burne downe the Tower too.  
Come, let's away.

*Exeunt omnes.*

[Act 4, Scene 7]

*Alarums. Mathew Goffe is slain, and all the rest.  
Then enter Iacke Cade, with his Company.*

**Cade.**

So sirs: now go some and pull down the Sauoy:  
Others to'th Innes of Court, downe with them all.

**But.**

I haue a suite vnto your Lordship.

**Cade.**

Bee it a Lordshippe, thou shalt haue it for that  
word.

**But.**

Onely that the Lawes of England may come out  
of your mouth.

**Iohn.**

Masse 'twill be sore Law then, for he was thrust  
in the mouth with a Speare, and 'tis not whole yet.

**Smith.**

Nay *Iohn*, it wil be stinking Law, for his breath  
stinkes with eating toasted cheese.

**Cade.**

I haue thought vpon it, it shall bee so. Away,  
burne all the Records of the Realme, my mouth shall be  
the Parliament of England.

**Iohn.**

Then we are like to haue biting Statutes  
Vnlesse his teeth be pull'd out.

**Cade.**

And hence-forward all things shall be in Com  
mon.

*Enter a Messenger.*

**Mes.**

My Lord, a prize, a prize, heeres the Lord *Say*,  
which sold the Townes in France. He that made vs pay  
one and twenty Fifteenes, and one shilling to the pound,  
the last Subsidie.

Enter

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*Enter George, with the Lord Say.*

**Cade.**

Well, hee shall be beheaded for it ten times:

Ah thou Say, thou Surge, nay thou Buckram Lord, now art thou within point-blanke of our Iurisdiction Regall. What canst thou answer to my Maiesty, for giuing vp of Normandie vnto Mounsieur *Basimecu*, the Dolphine of France? Be it knowne vnto thee by these presence, euen the presence of Lord *Mortimer*, that I am the Beesome that must sweepe the Court cleane of such filth as thou art: Thou hast most traiterously corrupted the youth of the Realme, in erecting a Grammar Schoole: and where as before, our Fore-fathers had no other Bookes but the Score and the Tally, thou hast caused printing to be vs'd, and contrary to the King, his Crowne, and Dignity, thou hast built a Paper-Mill. It will be prooued to thy Face, that thou hast men about thee, that vsually talke of a Nowne and a Verbe, and such abhominable wordes, as no Christian eare can endure to heare. Thou hast appointed Iustices of Peace, to call poore men before them, about matters they were not able to answer. Moreouer, thou hast put them in prison, and because they could not reade, thou hast hang'd them, when (indeede) onely for that cause they have beene most worthy to live. Thou dost ride in a foot-cloth, dost thou not?

**Say.**

What of that?

**Cade.**

Marry, thou ought'st not to let thy horse weare a Cloake, when honester men then thou go in their Hose and Doublets.

**Dicke.**

And worke in their shirt to, as my selfe for example, that am a butcher.

**Say.**

You men of Kent.

**Dic.**

What say you of Kent.

**Say.**

Nothing but this: 'Tis *bona terra, mala gens*.

**Cade.**

Away with him, away with him, he speaks Latine.

**Say.**

Heare me but speake, and beare mee wher'e you will:

Kent, in the Commentaries *Casar* writ,  
Is term'd the ciuel'st place of all this Isle:  
Sweet is the Covntry, because ful of Riches,  
The People Liberall, Valiant, Actiue, Wealthy,  
Which makes me hope you are not void of pittie.  
I sold not *Maine*, I lost not *Normandie*,

Yet to recouer them would loose my life:  
Iustice with fauour haue I alwayes done,  
Prayres and Teares haue mou'd me, Gifts could neuer.  
When haue I ought exacted at your hands?  
Kent to maintaine, the King, the Realme and you,  
Large gifts haue I bestow'd on learned Clearkes,  
Because my Booke preferr'd me to the King.  
And seeing Ignorance is the curse of God,  
Knowledge the Wing wherewith we flye to heaven.  
Vnlesse you be possest with diuellish spirits,  
You cannot but forbear to murther me:  
This Tongue hath parlied vnto Forraigne Kings  
For your behoofe.

**Cade.**

Tut, when struck'st thou one blow in the field?

**Say.**

Great men haue reaching hands: oft haue I struck  
Those that I neuer saw, and strucke them dead.

**Geo.**

O monstrous Coward! What, to come behinde  
Folkes?

**Say.**

These cheekes are pale for watching for your good

**Cade.**

Giue him a box o'th'eare, and that wil make 'em  
red againe.

**Say.**

Long sitting to determine poore mens causes,  
Hath made me full of sicknesse and diseases.

**Cade.**

Ye shall haue a hempen Candle then, & the help  
of hatchet.

**Dicke.**

Why dost thou quiuer man?

**Say.**

The Palsie, and not feare prouokes me.

**Cade.**

Nay, he noddeth at vs, as who should say, Ile be  
euen with you. Ile see if his head will stand steddier on  
a pole, or no: Take him away, and behead him.

**Say.**

Tell me: wherein haue I offended most?  
Haue I affected wealth, or honor? Speake.  
Are my Chests fill'd vp with extorted Gold?  
Is my Apparrell sumptuous to behold?  
Whom haue I injur'd, that ye seeke my death?  
These hands are free from guiltlesse bloodshedding,  
This breast from harbouring foule deceitfull thoughts.  
O let me liue.

**Cade.**

I feele remorse in my selfe with his words: but  
He bridle it: he shall dye, and it bee but for pleading so  
well for his life. Away with him, he has a Familiar vn  
der his Tongue, he speakes not a Gods name. Goe, take  
him away I say, and strike off his head presently, and then  
breake into his Sonne in Lawes house, Sir *Iames Cromer*,  
and strike off his head, and bring them both vpon two  
poles hither.

**All.**

It shall be done.

**Say.**

Ah Countrimen: If when you make your prair's,  
God should be so obdurate as your selues:  
How would it fare with your departed soules,  
And therefore yet relent, and saue my life.

**Cade.**

Away with him, and do as I command ye: the  
proudest Peere in the Realme, shall not weare a head on  
his shoulders, vnlesse he pay me tribute; there shall not  
a maid be married, but she shall pay to me her Mayden  
head ere they haue it: Men shall hold of mee in Capite.  
And we charge and command, that their wiues be as free  
as heart can wish, or tongue can tell.

**Dicke.**

My Lord,  
When shall we go to Cheapside, and take up commodi  
ties vpon our billes?

**Cade.**

Marry presently.

**All.**

O braue.

*Enter one with the heads.*

**Cade.**

But is not this brauer:  
Let them kisse one another: For they lou'd well  
When they were aliue. Now part them againe,  
Least they consult about the giuing vp  
Of some more Townes in France. Soldiers,  
Deferre the spoile of the Citie vntill night:  
For with these borne before vs, in steed of Maces,  
Will we ride through the streets, & at euery Corner  
Haue them kisse. Away.

*Exit*

**[Act 4, Scene 8]**

*Alarum, and Retreat. Enter againe Cade,  
and all his rabblement.*

**Cade.**

Vp Fish-streete, downe Saint Magnes corner,  
kill and knocke downe, throw them into Thames:

*Sound a parley.*

What noise is this I heare?  
Dare any be so bold to sound Retreat or Parley  
When I command them kill?

oEnter

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*Enter Buckingham, and old Clifford.*

**Buc.**

I heere they be, that dare and will disturb thee:  
Know *Cade*, we come Ambassadors from the King  
Vnto the Commons, whom thou hast misled,  
And heere pronounce free pardon to them all,  
That will forsake thee, and go home in peace.

**Clif.**

What say ye Countrimen, will ye relent  
And yeeld to mercy, whil'st 'tis offered you,  
Or let a rabble leade you to your deaths.  
Who loues the King, and will imbrace his pardon,  
Fling vp his cap, and say, God saue his Maiesty.  
Who hateth him, and honors not his Father,  
Henry the fift, that made all France to quake,  
Shake he his weapon at vs, and passe by.

**All.**

God saue the King, God saue the King.

**Cade.**

What Buckingham and Clifford are ye so braue?  
And you base Pezants, do ye beleue him, will you needs  
be hang'd with your Pardons about your neckes? Hath  
my sword therefore broke through London gates, that  
you should leaue me at the White-heart in Southwarke.  
I thought ye would neuer haue giuen out these Armes til  
you had recouered your ancient [Freedome]. But you are  
all Recreants and Dastards, and delight to liue in slauerie  
to the Nobility. Let them breake your backes with bur  
thens, take your houses ouer your heads, rauish your  
Wiues and Daughters before your faces. For me, I will  
make shift for one, and so Gods Cursse light vppon you  
all.

**All.**

Wee'l follow *Cade*,

Wee'l follow *Cade*.

**Clif.**

Is *Cade* the sonne of *Henry* the fift,  
That thus you do exclaime you'l go with him.  
Will he conduct you through the heart of France,  
And make the meanest of you Earles and Dukes?  
Alas, he hath no home, no place to flye too:  
Nor knowes he how to liue, but by the spoile,  
Vnlesse by robbing of your Friends, and vs.  
Wer't not a shame, that whilst you liue at iarre,



The fearfull French, whom you late vanquished  
Should make a start ore-seas, and vanquish you?  
Me thinkes alreadie in this ciuill broyle,  
I see them Lording it in London streets,  
Crying *Villiago* vnto all they meete.  
Better ten thousand base-borne *Cades* miscarry,  
Then you should stoope vnto a Frenchmans mercy.  
To France, to France, and get what you haue lost:  
Spare England, for it is your Natiue Coast:  
*Henry* hath mony, you are strong and manly:  
God on our side, doubt not of Victorie.

**All.**

A Clifford, a Clifford,  
Wee'l follow the King, and Clifford.

**Cade.**

Was euer Feather so lightly blowne too & fro,  
As this multitude? The name of Henry the fift, hailes them  
to an hundred mischiefes, and makes them leaue mee de  
solate. I see them lay their heades together to surprize  
me. My sword make way for me, for heere is no staying:  
in despite of the diuels and hell, haue through the verie  
middest of you, and heauens and honor be witnesse, that  
no wan to resolution in mee, but onely my Followers  
base and ignominious treasons, makes me betake mee to  
my heeles.

*Exit*

**Buck.**

What, is he fled? Go some and follow him,  
And he that brings his head vnto the King,  
Shall haue a thousand Crownes for his reward.

*Exeunt some of them.*

Follow me souldiers, wee'l devise a meane,  
To reconcile you all vnto the King.

*Exeunt omnes.*

#### [Act 4, Scene 9]

*Sound Trumpets. Enter King, Queene, and  
Somerset on the Tarras.*

**King.**

Was euer King that ioy'd an earthly Throne,  
And could command no more content then I?  
No sooner was I crept out of my Cradle,  
But I was made a King, at nine months olde.  
Was neuer Subiect long'd to be a King,  
As I do long and wish to be a Subiect.

*Enter Buckingham and Clifford.*

**Buc.**

Health and glad tidings to your Maiesty.

**Kin.**

Why Buckingham, is the Traitor *Cade* surpris'd?

Or is he but retir'd to make him strong?

*Enter Multitudes with Halters about their  
Neckes.*

**Clif.**

He is fled my Lord, and all his powers do yeeld,  
And humbly thus with halters on their neckes,  
Expect your Highnesse doome of life, or death.

**King.**

Then heauen set ope thy euerlasting gates,  
To entertaine my vowes of thankes and praise.  
Souldiers, this day haue you redeem'd your liues,  
And shew'd how well you loue your Prince & Countrey;  
Continue still in this so good a minde,  
And *Henry* though he be infortunate,  
Assure your selues will neuer be vnkinde:  
And so with thankes, and pardon to you all,  
I do dismisse you to your seuerall Countries.

**All.**

God saue the King, God saue the King.

*Enter a Messenger.*

**Mes.**

Please it your Grace to be aduertised,  
The Duke of Yorke is newly come from Ireland,  
And with a puissant and a mighty power  
Of Gallow-glasses and stout Kernes,  
Is marching hitherward in proud array,  
And still proclaimeth as he comes along,  
His Armes are onely to remoue from thee  
The Duke of Somerset, whom he tearmes a Traitor.

**King.**

Thus stands my state, 'twixt Cade and Yorke  
distrest,  
Like to a Ship, that hauing scap'd a Tempest,  
Is straight way calme, and boorded with a Pyrate.  
But now is Cade driuen backe, his men dispierc'd,  
And now is Yorke in Armes, to second him.  
I pray thee Buckingham go and meete him,  
And aske him what's the reason of these Armes:  
Tell him, Ile send Duke *Edmund* to the Tower,  
And *Somerset* we will commit thee thither,  
Vntill his Army be dismiss from him.

**Somerset.**

My Lord,  
Ile yeelde my selfe to prison willingly,  
Or vnto death, to do my Countrey good.

**King.**

In any case, be not to rough in termes,  
For he is fierce, and cannot brooke hard Language.

**Buc.**

I will my Lord, and doubt not so to deale,  
As all things shall redound vnto your good.

**King.**

Come wife, let's in, and learne to gouern better,  
For yet may England curse my wretched raigne.

*Flourish.*

*Exeunt.*

Enter

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**[Act 4, Scene 10]**

*Enter Cade.*

**Cade.**

Fye on Ambitions: fie on my selfe, that haue a  
sword, and yet am ready to famish. These fiue daies haue  
I hid me in these Woods, and durst not peepe out, for all  
the Country is laid for me: but now am I so hungry, that  
if I might haue a Lease of my life for a thousand yeares, I  
could stay no longer. Wherefore on a Bricke wall haue  
I climb'd into this Garden, to see if I can eate Grasse, or  
picke a Sallet another while, which is not amisse to coole  
a mans stomacke this hot weather: and I think this word  
Sallet was borne to do me good: for many a time but for  
a Sallet, my braine-pan had bene cleft with a brown Bill;  
and many a time when I haue beene dry, & brauely mar  
ching, it hath serued me insteede of a quart pot to drinke  
in: and now the word Sallet must serue me to feed on.

*Enter Iden.*

**Iden.**

Lord, who would liue turmoyled in the Court,  
And may enioy such quiet walkes as these?  
This small inheritance my Father left me,  
Contenteth me, and worth a Monarchy.  
I seeke not to waxe great by others warning,  
Or gather wealth I care not with what enuy:  
Sufficeth, that I haue maintaines my state,  
And sends the poore well pleased from my gate.

**Cade.**

Heere's the Lord of the soile come to seize me  
for a stray, for entering his Fee-simple without leaue. A  
Villaine, thou wilt betray me, and get a 1000. Crownes  
of the King by carrying my head to him, but Ile make  
thee eate Iron like an Ostridge, and swallow my Sword  
like a great pin ere thou and I part.

**Iden.**

Why rude Companion, whatsoere thou be,  
I know thee not, why then should I betray thee?  
Is't not enough to breake into my Garden,  
And like a Theefe to come to rob my grounds:  
Climbing my walles inspight of me the Owner,  
But thou wilt braue me with these sawcie termes?

**Cade.**

Braue thee? I by the best blood that ever was  
broach'd, and beard thee to. Looke on mee well, I haue  
eate no meate these fiue dayes, yet come thou and thy  
fiue men, and if I doe not leaue you all as dead as a doore  
naile, I pray God I may never eate grasse more.

**Iden.**

Nay, it shall nere be said, while England stands,  
That *Alexander Iden* an Esquire of Kent,  
Tooke oddes to combate a poore famisht man.  
Oppose thy stedfast gazing eyes to mine,  
See if thou canst out-face me with thy lookes:  
Set limbe to limbe, and thou art farre the lesser:  
Thy hand is but a finger to my fist,  
Thy legge a sticke compared with this Truncheon,  
My foote shall fight with all the strength thou hast,  
And if mine arme be heaued in the Ayre,  
Thy graue is digged already in the earth:  
As for words, whose greatnesse answer's words,  
Let this my sword report what speech forbears.

**Cade.**

By my Valour: the most compleate Champi  
on that euer I heard. Steele, if thou turne the edge, or  
cut not out the burly bon'd Clowne in chines of Beefe,  
ere thou sleepe in thy Sheath, I beseech Ioue on my knees  
thou mayst be turned to Hobnailes.

*Heere they Fight.*

O I am slaine, Famine and no other hath slaine me, let ten  
thousand diuelles come against me, and giue me but the  
ten meales I haue lost, and I'de defie them all. Wither  
Garden, and be henceforth a burying place to all that do  
dwell in this house, because the unconquered soule of  
*Cade* is fled.

**Iden.**

Is't *Cade* that I haue slain, that monstrous traitor?  
Sword, I will hallow thee for this thy deede,  
And hang thee o're my Tombe, when I am dead.  
Ne're shall this blood be wiped from thy point,  
But thou shalt weare it as a Heralds coate,  
To emblaze the Honor that thy Master got.

**Cade.**

*Iden* farewell, and be proud of thy victory: Tell  
Kent from me, she hath lost her best man, and exhort all  
the World to be Cowards: For I that neuer feared any,  
am vanquished by Famine, not by Valour.

*Dyes.*

**Id.**

How much thou wrong'st me, heauen be my iudge;  
Die damned Wretch, the curse of her that bare thee:  
And as I thrust thy body in with my sword,  
So wish I, I might thrust thy soule to hell.

Hence will I dragge thee headlong by the heeles  
Vnto a dunghill, which shall be thy graue,  
And there cut off thy most vngracious head,  
Which I will beare in triumph to the King,  
Leaving thy trunke for Crowes to feed upon.  
*Exit.*

*Enter Yorke, and his Army of Irish, with  
Drum and Colours.*

**Yor.**

From Ireland thus comes York to claim his right,  
And plucke the Crowne from feeble *Henries* head.  
Ring Belles alowd, burne Bonfires cleare and bright  
To entertaine great Englands lawfull King.  
Ah *Santa Maiestas!* who would not buy thee deere?  
Let them obey, that knowes not how to Rule.  
This hand was made to handle nought but Gold.  
I cannot giue due action to my words,  
Except a Sword or Scepter ballance it.  
A Scepter shall it haue, haue I a soule,  
On which Ile tosse the Fleure-de-Luce of France.

*Enter Buckingham.*

Whom haue we heere? Buckingham to disturbe me?  
The king hath sent him sure: I must dissemble.

**Buc.**

Yorke, if thou meanest wel, I greet thee well.

**Yor.**

*Humfrey* of Buckingham, I accept thy greeting.  
Art thou a Messenger, or come of pleasure.

**Buc.**

A Messenger from *Henry*, our dread Liege,  
To know the reason of these Armes in peace.  
Or why, thou being a Subiect, as I am,  
Against thy Oath, and true Allegiance sworne,  
Should raise so great a power without his leaue?  
Or dare to bring thy Force so neere the Court?

**Yor.**

Scarse can I speake, my Choller is so great.  
Oh I could hew up Rockes, and fight with Flint,  
I am so angry at these abiect tearmes.  
And now like *Ajax Telamonius*,  
On Sheepe or Oxen could I spend my furie.  
I am farre better borne then is the king:  
More like a King, more Kingly in my thoughts.  
But I must make faire weather yet a while,  
Till *Henry* be more weake, and I more strong.  
Buckingham, I prethee pardon me,  
That I haue giuen no answer all this while:  
My minde was troubled with deepe Melancholly.  
The cause why I haue brought this Armie hither,  
o2Is [\[Page 144\]](#)The second Part of Henry the Sixt.  
Is to remoue proud Somerset from the King,

Seditious to his Grace, and to the State.

**Buc.**

That is too much presumption on thy part:  
But if thy Armes be to no other end,  
The King hath yeilded vnto thy demand:  
The Duke of Somerset is in the Tower.

**Yorke.**

Vpon thine Honor is he Prisoner?

**Buck.**

Vpon mine Honor he is Prisoner.

**Yorke.**

Then Buckingham I do dismisse my Powres.  
Souldiers, I thanke you all: disperse your selues:  
Meet me to morrow in (S.)Saint Georges Field,  
You shall haue pay, and euery thing you wish.  
And let my Soueraigne, vertuous *Henry*,  
Command my eldest sonne, nay all my sonnes,  
As pledges of my Fealtie and Loue,  
Ile send them all as willing as I liue:  
Lands, Goods, Horse, Armor, any thing I haue  
Is his to vse, so Somerset may die.

**Buc.**

Yorke, I commend this kinde submission,  
We twaine will go into his Highnesse Tent.

*Enter King and Attendants.*

**King.**

Buckingham, doth Yorke intend no harme to vs  
That thus he marcheth with thee arme in arme?

**Yorke.**

In all submission and humility,  
Yorke doth present himselfe vnto your Highnesse.

**K.**

Then what intends these Forces thou dost bring?

**Yor.**

To heaue the Traitor Somerset from hence,  
And fight against that monstrous Rebell *Cade*,  
Who since I heard to be discomfited.

*Enter Iden with Cades head.*

**Iden.**

If one so rude, and of so meane condition  
May passe into the presence of a King:  
Loe, I present your Grace a Traitors head,  
The head of *Cade*, whom I in combat slew.

**King.**

The head of *Cade*? Great God, how iust art thou?  
Oh let me view his Visage being dead,  
That liuing wrought me such exceeding trouble.  
Tell me my Friend, art thou the man that slew him?

**Iden.**

I was, an't like your Maiesty.

**King.**

How art thou call'd? And what is thy degree?

**Iden.**

*Alexander Iden*, that's my name,  
A poore Esquire of Kent, that loues his King.

**Buc.**

So please it you my Lord, 'twere not amisse  
He were created Knight for his good seruice.

**King.**

*Iden*, kneele downe, rise vp a Knight:  
We giue thee for reward a thousand Markes,  
And will, that thou henceforth attend on vs.

**Iden.**

May *Iden* liue to merit such a bountie,  
And neuer liue but true vnto his Liege.

*Enter Queene and Somerset.*

**K.**

See Buckingham, Somerset comes with th'Queene,  
Go bid her hide him quickly from the Duke.

**Qu.**

For thousand Yorkes he shall not hide his head,  
But boldly stand, and front him to his face.

**Yor.**

How now? is Somerset at libertie?  
Then Yorke vnloose thy long imprisoned thoughts,  
And let thy tongue be equall with thy heart.  
Shall I endure the sight of Somerset?  
False King, why hast thou broken faith with me,  
Knowing how hardly I can brooke abuse?  
King did I call thee? No: thou art not King:  
Not fit to gouerne and rule multitudes,  
Which dar'st not, no nor canst not rule a Traitor.  
That Head of thine doth not become a Crowne:  
Thy Hand is made to graspe a Palmers staffe,  
And not to grace an awefull Princely Scepter.  
That Gold, must round engirt these browes of mine,  
Whose Smile and Frowne, like to *Achilles* Speare  
Is able with the change, to kill and cure.  
Heere is a hand to hold a Scepter vp,  
And with the same to acte controlling Lawes:  
Giue place: by heauen thou shalt rule no more  
O're him, whom heauen created for thy Ruler.

**Som.**

O monstrous Traitor! I arrest thee Yorke  
Of Capitall Treason 'gainst the King and Crowne:  
Obey audacious Traitor, kneele for Grace.

**York.**

Wold'st haue me kneele? First let me ask of thee,  
If they can brooke I bow a knee to man:  
Sirrah, call in my sonne to be my bale:  
I know ere they will haue me go to Ward,  
They'l pawne their swords of my infranchisement.

**Qu.**

Call hither *Clifford*, bid him come amaine,  
To say, if that the Bastard boyes of Yorke  
Shall be the Surety for their Traitor Father.

**Yorke.**

O blood-bespotted Neopolitan,  
Out-cast of *Naples*, Englands bloody Scourge,  
The sonnes of Yorke, thy betters in their birth,  
Shall be their Fathers baile, and bane to those  
That for my Surety will refuse the Boyes.

*Enter Edward and Richard.*

See where they come, Ile warrant they'l make it good.

*Enter Clifford.*

**Qu.**

And here comes *Clifford* to deny their baile.

**Clif.**

Health, and all happinesse to my Lord the King.

**Yor.**

I thanke thee *Clifford*: Say, what newes with thee?  
Nay, do not fright vs with an angry looke:  
We are thy Soueraigne *Clifford*, kneele againe;  
For thy mistaking so, We pardon thee.

**Clif.**

This is my King Yorke, I do not mistake,  
But thou mistakes me much to thinke I do,  
To Bedlem with him, is the man growne mad.

**King.**

I Clifford, a Bedlem and ambitious humor  
Makes him oppose himselfe against his King.

**Clif.**

He is a Traitor, let him to the Tower,  
And chop away that factious pate of his.

**Qu.**

He is [arrested], but will not obey:  
His sonnes (he sayes) shall giue their words for him.

**Yor.**

Will you not Sonnes?

**Edw.**

I Noble Father, if our words will serue.

**Rich.**

And if words will not, then our Weapons shal.

**Clif.**

Why what a brood of Traitors haue we heere?

**Yorke.**

Looke in a Glasse, and call thy Image so.  
I am thy King, and thou a false-heart Traitor:  
Call hither to the stake my two braue Beares,  
That with the very shaking of their Chaines,  
They may astonish these fell-lurking Curses,  
Bid Salsbury and Warwicke come to me.



*Enter the Earles of Warwicke, and  
Salisbury.*

**Clif.**

Are these thy Beares? Wee'l bate thy Bears to death,  
And manacle the Berard in their Chaines,  
If thou dar'st bring them to the bayting place.

**Rich.**

Oft haue I seene a hot ore-weening Curre,  
Run backe and bite, because he was with-held,  
Who being suffer'd with the Beares fell paw,  
Hath clapt his taile, betweene his legges and cride,  
And such a peece of seruice will you do,  
If [\[Page 145\]](#)The second Part of Henry the Sixt.  
If you oppose your selues to match Lord Warwicke.

**Clif.**

Hence heape of wrath, foule indigested lumpe,  
As crooked in thy manners, as thy shape.

**Yor.**

Nay we shall heate you thorowly anon.

**Clif.**

Take heede least by your heate you burne your  
selues:

**King.**

Why Warwicke, hath thy knee forgot to bow?  
Old Salsbury, shame to thy siluer haire,  
Thou mad misleader of thy brain-sicke sonne,  
What wilt thou on thy death-bed play the Russian?  
And seeke for sorrow with thy Spectacles?  
Oh where is Faith? Oh, where is Loyalty?  
If it be banisht from the frostie head,  
Where shall it finde a harbour in the earth?  
Wilt thou go digge a graue to finde out Warre,  
And shame thine honourable Age with blood?  
Why art thou old, and want'st experience?  
Or wherefore doest abuse it, if thou hast it?  
For shame in dutie bend thy knee to me,  
That bowes vnto the graue with mickle age.

**Sal.**

My Lord, I haue considered with my selfe  
The Title of this most renowned Duke,  
And in my conscience, do repute his grace  
The rightfull heyre to Englands Royall feate.

**King.**

Hast thou not sworne Allegeance vnto me?

**Sal.**

I haue.

**Ki.**

Canst thou dispense with heauen for such an oath?

**Sal.**

It is great sinne, to sweare vnto a sinne:  
But greater sinne to keepe a sinfull oath:

Who can be bound by any solemne Vow  
To do a murd'rous deede, to rob a man,  
To force a spotlesse Virgins Chastitie,  
To reauē the Orphan of his Patrimonie,  
To wring the Widdow from her custom'd right,  
And haue no other reason for this wrong,  
But that he was bound by a solemne Oath?

**Qu.**

A subtle Traitor needs no Sophister.

**King.**

Call Buckingham, and bid him arme himselfe.

**Yorke.**

Call Buckingham, and all the friends thou hast,  
I am resolu'd for death and dignitie.

**Old Clif.**

The first I warrant thee, if dreames proue true

**War.**

You were best to go to bed, and dreame againe,  
To keepe thee from the Tempest of the field.

**Old Clif.**

I am resolu'd to beare a greater storme,  
Then any thou canst coniure vp to day:  
And that Ile write vpon thy Burgonet,  
Might I but know thee by thy housed Badge.

**War.**

Now by my Fathers badge, old *Neuils* Crest,  
The rampant Beare chain'd to the ragged staffe,  
This day Ile weare aloft my Burgonet,  
As on a Mountaine top, the Cedar shewes,  
That keepe his leaues inspight of any storme,  
Euen io affright thee with the view thereof.

**Old Clif.**

And from thy Burgonet Ile rend thy Beare,  
And tread it vnder foot with all contempt,  
Despight the Bearard, that protects the Beare.

**Yo. Clif.**

And so to Armes victorious Father,  
To quell the Rebels, and their Complices.

**Rich.**

Fie, Charitie for shame, speake not in spight,  
For you shall sup with Iesu Christ to night.

**Yo Clif.**

Foule stygmaticke that's more then thou  
canst tell.

**Ric.**

If not in heauen, you'l surely sup in hell.

*Exeunt*

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*Enter Warwick.*

**War.**

Clifford of Cumberland, 'tis Warwicke calles:  
And if thou dost not hide thee from the Beare,  
Now when the angrie Trumpet sounds alarum,  
And dead mens cries do fill the emptie ayre,  
Clifford I say, come forth and fight with me,  
Proud Northerne Lord, Clifford of Cumberland,  
Warwicke is hoarse with calling thee to armes.

*Enter Yorke.*

**War.**

How now my Noble Lord? What all a-foot.

**Yor.**

The deadly handed Clifford slew my steed:  
But match to match I haue encountred him,  
And made a prey for Carrion Kytes and Crowes  
Euen of the bonnie beast he loued so well.

*Enter Clifford.*

**War.**

Of one or both of vs the time is come.

**Yor.**

Hold Warwick: seek thee out some other chace  
For I my selfe must hunt this Deere to death.

**War.**

Than nobly Yorke, 'tis for a Crown thou fightst:  
As I intend Clifford to thriue to day,  
It greeues my soule to leaue thee vnassail'd.

*Exit War.*

**Clif.**

What seest thou in me Yorke?  
Why dost thou pause?

**Yorke.**

With thy braue bearing should I be in loue,  
But that thou art so fast mineemie.

**Clif.**

Nor should thy prowesse want praise & esteeme,  
But that 'tis shewne ignobly, and in Treason.

**Yorke.**

So let it helpe me now against thy sword,  
As I in iustice, and true right expresse it.

**Clif.**

My soule and bodie on the action both.

**Yor.**

A dreadfull lay, addresse thee instantly.

**Clif.**

*La fin Corrone les eumenes.*

**Yor.**

Thus Warre hath giuen thee peace, for yu art still,  
Peace with his soule, heauen if it be thy will.

*Enter yong Clifford.*

**Clif.**

Shame and Confusion all is on the rout,

Feare frames disorder, and disorder wounds  
 Where it should guard. O Warre, thou sonne of hell,  
 Whom angry heuens do make their minister,  
 Throw in the frozen bosomes of our part,  
 Hot Coales of Vengeance. Let no Souldier flye.  
 He that is truly dedicate to Warre,  
 Hath no selfe-loue: nor he that loues himselfe,  
 Hath not essentially, but by circumstance  
 The name of Valour. O let the vile world end,  
 And the promised Flames of the Last day,  
 Knit earth and heauen together.  
 Now let the generall Trumpet blow his blast,  
 Particularities, and pettie sounds  
 To cease. Was't thou ordain'd (deere Father)  
 To loose thy youth in peace, and to atcheeue  
 The Siluer Liurey of aduised Age,  
 And in thy Reuerence, and thy Chaire-dayes, thus  
 To die in Ruffian battell? Euen at this sight,  
 My heart is turn'd to stone: and while 'tis mine,  
 It shall be stony. Yorke, not our old men spares;  
 No more will I their Babes, Teares Virginall,  
 Shall be to me, euen as the Dew to Fire,  
 And Beautie, that the Tyrant oft reclaimes,  
 Shall to my flaming wrath, be Oyle and Flax:  
 Henceforth, I will not haue to do with pittie.  
 Meet I an infant of the house of Yorke,  
 Into as many gobbits will I cut it  
 As wilde *Medea* yong *Absirtis* did.  
 In cruelty, will I seeke out my Fame.  
 Come thou new ruine of olde Cliffords house:  
 As did *Aeneas* old *Anchyses* beare,  
 So beare I thee vpon my manly shoulders:  
 But then *Aeneas* bare a liuing load;  
 o3Nothing[Page 146]The second Part of Henry the Sixt.  
 Nothing so heauy as these woes of mine.

*Enter Richard, and Somerset to fight.*

**Rich.**

So lye thou there:

For vnderneath an Ale-house paltry signe,

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The Castle in (S.)Saint *Albons*, Somerset

Hath made the Wizard famous in his death:

Sword, hold thy temper; Heart, be wrathfull still:

Priests pray for enemies, but Princes kill.

*Fight. Excursions.*

*Enter King, Queene, and others.*

**Qu.**

Away my Lord, you are slow, for shame away.

**King.**

Can we outrun the Heuens? Good *Margaret*  
 stay.

**Qu.**

What are you made of? You'l nor fight nor fly:  
Now is it manhood, wisdom, and defence,  
To [...]giue the enemy way, and to secure vs  
By what we can, which can no more but flye.

*Alarum a farre off.*

If you be tane, we then should see the bottome  
Of all our Fortunes: but if we haply scape,  
(As well we may, if not through your neglect)  
We shall to London get, where you are lou'd,  
And where this breach now in our Fortunes made  
May readily be stopt.

*Enter Clifford.*

**Clif.**

But that my hearts on future mischeefe set,  
I would speake blasphemy ere bid you flye:  
But flye you must: Vncureable discomfite  
Reignes in the hearts of all our present parts.  
Away for your releefe, and we will liue  
To see their day, and them our Fortune giue.  
Away my Lord, away.

*Exeunt*

### [Act 5, Scene 3]

*Alarum. Retreat. Enter Yorke, Richard, Warwicke,  
and Soldiers, with Drum & Colours.*

**Yorke.**

Of Salisbury, who can report of him,  
That Winter Lyon, who in rage forgets  
Aged contusions, and all brush of Time:  
And like a Gallant, in the brow of youth,  
Repaires him with Occasion. This happy day  
Is not it selfe, nor haue we wonne one foot,  
If Salisbury be lost.

**Rich.**

My Noble Father:  
Three times to day I holpe him to his horse,  
Three times bestrid him: Thrice I led him off,  
Perswaded him from any further act:  
But still where danger was, still there I met him,  
And like rich hangings in a homely house,  
So was his Will, in his old feeble body,  
But Noble as he is, looke where he comes.

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*Enter Salisbury.*

**Sal.**

Now by my Sword, well hast thou fought to day:  
By'th'Masse so did we all. I thanke you *Richard*.  
God knowes how long it is I haue to liue:  
And it hath pleas'd him that three times to day

You haue defended me from imminent death.  
Well Lords, we haue not got that which we haue,  
'Tis not enough our foes are this time fled,  
Being opposites of such repaying Nature.

**Yorke.**

I know our safety is to follow them,  
For (as I heare) the King is fled to London,  
To call a present Court of Parliament:  
Let vs pursue him ere the Writs go forth.  
What sayes Lord Warwicke, shall we after them?

**War.**

After them: nay before them if we can:  
Now by my hand (Lords) 'twas a glorious day.  
Saint Albons battell wonne by famous Yorke,  
Shall be eterniz'd in all Age to come.  
Sound Drumme and Trumpets, and to London all,  
And more such dayes as these, to vs befall.

*Exeunt.*

FINIS.