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Actus Primus. Scna Prima.

Dead March.

*Enter the Funerall of King Henry the Fift, attended on by the Duke of Bedford,
Regent of France; the Duke of Gloster, Protector; the Duke of Exeter Warwicke,
the Bishop of Winchester, and the Duke of Somerset.*

rem

remBedford.

*H*Vng be y heauens with black, yield day to night;
Comets importing change of Times and States,
Brandish your crystall Tresses in the Skie,
And with them scourge the bad reuolting Stars,
That haue consented vnto Henries death:
King Henry the fift, too famous to liue long,
England ne're lost a King of so much worth.

rem

remGlost.

*England ne're had a King vntill his time:
Vertue he had, deseruing to command,
His brandisht Sword did blinde men with his beames,
His Armes spred wider then a Dragons Wings:
His sparkling Eyes, repleat with wrathfull fire,*

*More dazled and droue back his Enemies,
Then midday Sunne, fierce bent against their faces.
What should I say? his Deeds exceed all speech:
He ne're lift vp his Hand, but conquered.*

rem

remExe.

*We mourne in black, why mourn we not in blood?
Henry is dead, and neuer shall reuiue:
Vpon a Woodden Coffin we attend;
And Deaths dishonourable Victorie,
We with our stately presence glorifie,
Like Captiuies bound to a Triumphant Carre.
What? shall we curse the Planets of Mishap,
That plotted thus our Glories ouerthrow?
Or shall we thinke the subtilewitted French,
Coniurers and Sorcerers, that afraid of him,
By Magick Verses haue contriu'd his end.*

rem

remWinch.

*He was a King, blest of the King of Kings.
Vnto the French, the dreadfull IudgementDay
So dreadfull will not be, as was his sight.
The Battailes of the Lord of Hosts he fought:
The Churches Prayers made him so prosperous.*

rem

remGlost.

*The Church? where is it?
Had not Churchmen pray'd,
His thred of Life had not so soone decay'd.
None doe you like, but an effeminate Prince,
Whom like a Schooleboy you may ouerawe.*

rem

remWinch.

*Gloster, what ere we like, thou art Protector,
And lookest to command the Prince and Realme.
Thy Wife is proud, she holdeth thee in awe,
More then God or Religious Churchmen may.*

rem

remGlost.

*Name not Religion, for thou lou'st the Flesh,
And ne're throughout the yeere to Church thou go'st,
Except it be to pray against thy foes.*

rem

remBed.

*Cease, cease these Iarres, & rest your minds in peace:
 Let's to the Altar: Heralds wayt on vs;
 In stead of Gold, wee'le offer vp our Armes,
 Since Armes auayle not, now that Henry's dead,
 Posteritie await for wretched yeeres,
 When at their Mothers moistned eyes, Babes shall suck,
 Our Ile be made a Nourish of salt Teares,
 And none but Women left to wayle the dead.
 Henry the Fift, thy Ghost I inuocate:
 Prosper this Realme, keepe it from Ciuill Broyles,
 Combat with aduerse Planets in the Heauens;
 A farre more glorious Starre thy Soule will make,
 Then Iulius Cesar, or bright*

Enter a Messenger.

rem

remMess.

*My honourable Lords, health to you all;
 Sad tidings bring I to you out of France,
 Of losse, of slaughter, and discomfiture:
 Guyen, Champaigne, Rheimes, Orleance,
 Paris Guysors, Poicters, are all quite lost.*

rem

remBedf.

*What say'st thou man, before dead Henry's Coarse?
 Speake softly, or the losse of those great Townes
 Will make him burst his Lead, and rise from death.*

rem

remGlost.

*Is Paris lost? is Roan yeelded vp?
 If Henry were recall'd to life againe,
 These news would cause him once more yeeld the Ghost.*

rem

remExe.

How were they lost? what trecherie was us'd?

rem

remMess.

*No trecherie, but want of Men and Money.
 Amongst the Souldiers this is muttered,
 That here you maintaine seuer1ll Factions:*

*And whil'st a Field should be dispatcht and fought,
 You are disputing of your Generals.
 One would haue lingring Warres, with little cost;
 Another would flye swift, but wanteth Wings:
 A third thinkes, without expence at all,
 By guilefull faire words, Peace may be obtayn'd.
 Awake, awake, English Nobilitie,
 Let not slouth dimme your Honors, new begot;
 Cropt are the FlowerdeLuces in your Armes
 Of Englands Coat, one halfe is cut away.*

rem

remExe.

*Were our Teares wanting to this Funerall,
 These Tidings would call forth her flowing Tides.*

rem

remBedf.

*Me they concerne, Regent I am of France:
 Giue me my steeled Coat, Ile fight for France.
 Away with these disgracefull wayling Robes;
 Wounds will I lend the French, in stead of Eyes,
 To weepe their intermissiue Miseries.*

Enter to them another Messenger.

rem

remMess.

*Lords view these Letters, full of bad mischance.
 France is reuolted from the English quite,
 Except some petty Townes, of no import.
 The Dolphin Charles is crowned King in Rheimes:
 The Bastard of Orleance with him is ioyn'd:
 Reynold, Duke of Aniou, doth take his part,
 The Duke of Alanson flyeth to his side.*

Exit.

rem

remExe.

*The Dolphin crown'd King? all flye to him?
 O whither shall we flye from this reproach?*

rem

remGlost.

*We will not flye, but to our enemies throats.
 Bedford, if thou be slacke, Ile fight it out.*

rem

remBed.

*Gloster, why doubtst thou of my forwardnesse?
An Army haue I muster'd in my thoughts,
Wherewith already France is ouerrun.*

Enter another Messenger.

rem

remMes.

*My gracious Lords, to adde to your laments,
Wherewith you now bedew King Henries hearse,
I must informe you of a dismall fight,
Betwixt the stout Lord Talbot, and the French.*

rem

remWin.

What? wherein Talbot ouercame, is't so?

rem

rem3. Mes.

O no: wherein Lord Talbot was o'rethrown:

The circumstance Ile tell you more at large.

The tenth of August last, this dreadfull Lord,

Retyring from the Siege of Orleance,

Having full scarce six thousand in his troupe,

By three and twentie thousand of the French

Was round incompassed, and set vpon:

No leysure had he to enranke his men.

He wanted Pikes to set before his Archers:

In stead whereof, sharpe Stakes pluckt out of Hedges

They pitched in the ground confusedly,

To keepe the Horsemen off, from breaking in.

More then three houres the fight continued:

Where valiant Talbot, aboue humane thought,

Enacted wonders with his Sword and Lance.

Hundreds he sent to Hell, and none durst stand him:

Here, there, and euery where enrag'd, he slew.

The French exclaym'd, the Dewill was in Armes,

All the whole Army stood agaz'd on him.

His Souldiers spying his vndaunted Spirit,

A Talbot, a Talbot, cry'd out amaine,

And rusht into the Bowels of the Battaile.

Here had the Conquest fully been seal'd vp,

If Sir Iohn Falstaffe had not play'd the Coward.

*He being in the Vauward, plac't behinde,
 With purpose to relieue and follow them,
 Cowardly fled, not hauing struck one stroake.
 Hence grew the generall wrack and massacre:
 Enclosed were they with their Enemies.
 A base Wallon, to win the Dolphins grace,
 Thrust Talbot with a Speare into the Back,
 Whom all France, with their chiefe assembled strength,
 Durst not presume to looke once in the face.*

rem

remBedf.

*Is Talbot slaine then? I will slay my selfe,
 For liuing idly here, in pompe and ease,
 Whil'st such a worthy Leader, wanting ayd,
 Vnto his dastard foemen is betray'd.*

rem

rem3. Mess.

*O no, he liues, but is tooke Prisoner,
 And Lord Scales with him, and Lord Hungerford:
 Most of the rest slaughter'd, or tooke likewise.*

rem

remBedf.

*His Ransome there is none but I shall pay.
 Ile hale the Dolphin headlong from his Throne,
 His Crowne shall be the Ransome of my friend:
 Foure of their Lords Ile change for one of ours.
 Farwell my Masters, to my Taske will I,
 Bonfires in France forthwith I am to make,
 To keepe our great Saint Georges Feast withall.
 Ten thousand Souldiers with me I will take,
 Whose bloody deeds shall make all Europe quake.*

rem

rem3. Mess.

*So you had need, for Orleance is besieg'd,
 The English Army is growne weake and faint:
 The Earle of Salisbury craueth supply,
 And hardly keepes his men from mutinie,
 Since they so few, watch such a multitude.*

rem

remExe.

*Remember Lords your Oathes to Henry sworne:
 Eyther to quell the Dolphin vtterly,*

Or bring him in obedience to your yoake.

rem

remBedf.

*I doe remember it, and here take my leaue,
To goe about my preparation.*

Exit Bedford.

rem

remGlost.

*Ile to the Tower with all the hast I can,
To view th'Artillerie and Munition,
And then I will proclayme young Henry King.*

Exit Gloster.

rem

remExe.

*To Eltam will I, where the young King is,
Being ordayn'd his speciall Gouvernor,
And for his safetie there Ile best devise.*

Exit.

rem

remWinch.

*Each hath his Place and Function to attend:
I am left out; for me nothing remaines:
But long I will not be Iack out of Office,
The King from Eltam I intend to send,
And sit at chiefest Sterne of publique Weale.*

Exit.

Sound a Flourish.

Enter Charles, Alanson, and Reigneir, marching with Drum and Souldiers.

rem

remCharles.

*Mars his true mouing, euen as in the Heauens,
So in the Earth, to this day is not knowne.
Late did he shine vpon the English side:
Now we are Victors, vpon vs he smiles.
What Townes of any moment, but we haue?
At pleasure here we lye, neere Orleance:
Otherwhiles, the famisht English, like pale Ghosts,
Faintly besiege vs one houre in a moneth.*

rem

*rem*Alan.

*They want their Porredge, & their fat Bul Beeues:
Eyther they must be dyeted like Mules,
And haue their Prouender ty'd to their mouthes,
Or pitteous they will looke, like drowned Mice.*

rem

*rem*Reigneir.

*Let's rayse the Siege: why liue we idly here?
Talbot is taken, whom we wont to feare:
Remayneth none but madbrayn'd Salisbury,
And he may well in fretting spend his gall,
Nor men nor Money hath he to make Warre.*

rem

*rem*Charles.

*Sound, sound Alarum, we will rush on them.
Now for the honour of the forlorne French:
Him I forgiue my death, that killeth me,
When he sees me goe back one foot, or flye.*

Exeunt.

Here Alarum, they are beaten back by the English, with great losse.

Enter Charles, Alanson, and Reigneir.

rem

*rem*Charles.

*Who euer saw the like? what men haue I?
Dogges, Cowards, Dastards: I would ne're haue fled,
But that they left me 'midst my Enemies.*

rem

*rem*Reigneir.

*Salisbury is a desperate Homicide,
He fighteth as one weary of his life:
The other Lords, like Lyons wanting foode,
Doe rush vpon vs as their hungry prey.*

rem

*rem*Alanson.

*Froysard, a Countreyman of ours, records,
England all Oliuers and Rowlands breed,
During the time Edward the third did raigne:
More truly now may this be verified;
For none but Samsons and Goliasses
It sendeth forth to skirmish: one to tenne?*

*Leane rawbon'd Rascals, who would e're suppose,
They had such courage and audacitie?*

rem

remCharles.

Let's leaue this Towne,

For they are hayrebrayn'd Slaues,

And hunger will enforce them to be more eager:

Of old I know them; rather with their Teeth

The Walls they'le teare downe, then forsake the Siege.

rem

remReigneir.

I thinke by someodde Gimmors or Deuice

Their Armes are set, like Clocks, still to strike on;

Else ne're could they hold out so as they doe:

By my consent, wee'le euen let them alone.

rem

remAlanson.

Be it so.

Enter the Bastard of Orleance.

rem

remBastard.

Where's the Prince Dolphin? I haue newes for him.

rem

remDolph.

Bastard of Orleance, thrice welcome to vs.

rem

remBast.

Me thinks your looks are sad, your chear appal'd.

Hath the late ouerthrow wrought this offence?

Be not dismay'd, for succour is at hand:

A holy Maid hither with me I bring,

Which by a Vision sent to her from Heauen,

Ordayned is to rayse this tedious Siege,

And driue the English forth the bounds of France:

The spirit of deepe Prophecie she hath,

Exceeding the nine Sibyls of old Rome:

What's past, and what's to come, she can descry.

Speake, shall I call her in? beleeeue my words,

For they are certaine, and vnfallible.

rem

remDolph.

Goe call her in: but first, to try her skill,

*Reignier stand thou as Dolphin in my place;
Question her pouldly, let thy Lookes be sterne,
By this meanes shall we sound what skill she hath.*

Enter Ioane Puzel.

rem

remReignier.

Faire Maid, is't thou wilt doe these won drous feats?

rem

remPuzel.

Reignier, is't thou that thinkest to beguile me?

*Where is the Dolphin? Come, come from behinde,
I know thee well, though neuer seene before.
Be not amaz'd, there's nothing hid from me;
In priuate will I talke with thee apart:
Stand back you Lords, and giue vs leaue a while.*

rem

remReignier.

She takes vpon her brauely at first dash.

rem

remPuzel.

*Dolphin, I am by birth a Shepherds Daughter,
My wit vntrayn'd in any kind of Art:
Heauen and our Lady gracious hath it pleas'd
To shine on my contemptible estate.
Loe, whilest I wayted on my tender Lambes,
And to Sunnes parching heat display'd my cheekes,
Gods Mother deigned to appeare to me,
And in a Vision full of Maiestie,
Will'd me to leaue my base Vocation,
And free my Countrey from Calamitie:
Her ayde she promis'd, and assur'd successe.
In compleat Glory shee reueal'd her selfe:
And whereas I was black and swart before,
With those cleare Rayes, which shee infus'd on me,
That beautie am I blest with, which you may see.
Aske me what question thou canst possible,
And I will answer vnpremeditated:
My Courage trie by Combat, if thou dar'st,
And thou shalt finde that I exceed my Sex.
Resolue on this, thou shalt be fortunate,
If thou receiue me for thy Warlike Mate.*

rem

remDolph.

*Thou hast astonisht me with thy high termes:
Onely this prooffe Ile of thy Valour make,
In single Combat thou shalt buckle with me;
And if thou vanquishest, thy words are true,
Otherwise I renounce all confidence.*

rem

remPuzel.

*I am prepar'd: here is my keeneedg'd Sword,
Deckt with fine FlowerdeLuces on each side,
The which at Touraine, in Saint¹ Katherines Churchyard,
Out of a great deale of old Iron, I chose forth.*

rem

remDolph.

Then come a Gods name, I feare no woman.

rem

remPuzel.

And while I liue, Ile ne're flye from a man.

Here they fight, and Ioane de Puzel overcomes.

rem

remDolph.

*Stay, stay thy hands, thou art an Amazon,
And fightest with the Sword of Debora.*

rem

remPuzel.

Christs Mother helps me, else I were too weake.

rem

remDolph.

*Who e're helps thee, 'tis thou that must help me:
Impatiently I burne with thy desire,
My heart and hands thou hast at once subdu'd.
Excellent Puzel, if thy name be so,
Let me thy seruant, and not Soueraigne be,
'Tis the French Dolphin sueth to thee thus.*

rem

remPuzel.

*I must not yeeld to any rights of Loue,
For my Profession's sacred from aboue:
When I haue chased all thy Foes from hence,
Then will I thinke vpon a recompence.*

¹S.

rem

remDolph.

Meane time looke gracious on thy prostrate Thrall.

rem

remReigneir.

My Lord me thinkes is very long in talke.

rem

remAlans.

Doubtlesse he shriues this woman to her smock,

Else ne're could he so long protract his speech.

rem

remReigneir.

Shall wee disturbe him, since hee keepes no meane?

rem

remAlan.

He may meane more then we poor men do know,

These women are shrewd tempters with their tongues.

rem

remReigneir.

My Lord, where are you? what devise you on?

Shall we giue o're Orleance, or no?

rem

remPuzel.

Why no, I say: distrustfull Recreants,

Fight till the last gaspe: Ile be your guard.

rem

remDolph.

What shee sayes, Ile confirme: wee'le fight it out.

rem

remPuzel.

Assign'd am I to be the English Scourge.

This night the Siege assuredly Ile rayse:

Expect Saint Martins Summer, Halcyons dayes,

Since I haue entred into these Warres.

Glory is like a Circle in the Water,

Which neuer ceaseth to enlarge it selfe,

Till by broad spreading, it disperse to naught.

With Henries death, the English Circle ends,

Dispersed are the glories it included:

Now am I like that proud insulting Ship,

Which Csar and his fortune bare at once.

rem

remDolph.

Was Mahomet inspired with a Doue?

Thou with an Eagle art inspired then.

*Helen, the Mother of Great Constantine,
Nor yet Saint² Philips daughters were like thee.
Bright Starre of Venus, falne downe on the Earth,
How may I reuerently worship thee enough?*

rem

remAlanson.

Leaue off delayes, and let vs rayse the Siege.

rem

remReigneir.

Woman, do what thou canst to saue our honors,

Driue them from Orleance, and be immortaliz'd.

rem

remDolph.

Presently wee'le try: come, let's away about it,

No Prophet will I trust, if shee proue false.

Exeunt.

Enter Gloster, with his Seruingmen.

rem

remGlost.

I am come to suruey the Tower this day;

Since Henries death, I feare there is Conueyance:

Where be these Warders, that they wait not here?

Open the Gates, 'tis Gloster that calls.

rem

rem1. Warder.

Who's there, that knocks so imperiously?

rem

remGlost. 1. Man.

It is the Noble Duke of Gloster.

rem

rem2. Warder.

Who ere he be, you may not be let in.

rem

rem1. Man.

Villaines, answer you so the Lord Protector?

rem

rem1. Warder.

The Lord protect him, so we answer him,

We doe no otherwise then wee are will'd.

rem

remGlost.

Who willed you? or whose will stands but mine?

²S.

*There's none Protector of the Realme, but I:
Breake vp the Gates, Ile be your warrantize;
Shall I be flouted thus by dunghill Groomes?*

*Glosters men rush at the Tower Gates, and Wooduile the Lieutenant speakes
within.*

*rem
remWooduile.*

What noyse is this? what Traytors haue wee here?

*rem
remGlost.*

Lieutenant, is it you whose voyce I heare?

Open the Gates, here's Gloster that would enter.

*rem
remWooduile.*

Haue patience Noble Duke, I may not open,

The Cardinall of Winchester forbids:

From him I haue expresse commandement,

That thou nor none of thine shall be let in.

*rem
remGlost.*

Fainthearted Wooduile, prizest him 'fore me?

Arrogant Winchester, that haughtie Prelate,

Whom Henry our late Soueraigne ne're could brooke?

Thou art no friend to God, or to the King:

Open the Gates, or Ile shut thee out shortly.

*rem
remSeruingmen.*

Open the Ga1es vnto the Lord Protector,

Or wee'le burst them open, if that you come not quickly.

*Enter to the Protector at the Tower Gates Winchester and his men in Tawney
Coates.*

*rem
remWinchest.*

How now ambitious Vmpheir, what meanes this?

*rem
remGlost.*

Piel'd Priest, doo'st thou command me to be shut out?

*rem
remWinch.*

I doe, thou most usurping Proditor,

And not Protector of the King or Realme.

*rem
remGlost.*

*Stand back thou manifest Conspirator,
 Thou that contriued'st to murther our dead Lord,
 Thou that giu'st Whores Indulgences to sinne,
 Ile canuas thee in thy broad Cardinalls Hat,
 If thou proceed in this thy insolence.*

rem

remWinch.

*Nay, stand thou back, I will not budge a foot:
 This be Damascus, be thou cursed Cain,
 To slay thy Brother Abel, if thou wilt.*

rem

remGlost.

*I will not slay thee, but Ile driue thee back:
 Thy Scarlet Robes, as a Childs bearing Cloth,
 Ile vse, to carry thee out of this place.*

rem

remWinch.

Doe what thou dar'st, I beard thee to thy face.

rem

remGlost.

*What? am I dat'd, and bearded to my face?
 Draw men, for all this priuiledged place,
 Blew Coats to Tawny Coats. Priest, beware your Beard,
 I meane to tugge it, and to cuffe you soundly.
 Vnder my feet I stampe thy Cardinalls Hat:
 In spight of Pope, or dignities of Church,
 Here by the Cheekes Ile drag thee vp and downe.*

rem

remWinch.

Gloster, thou wilt answere this before the Pope.

rem

remGlost.

*Winchester Goose, I cry, a Rope, a Rope.
 Now beat them hence, why doe you let them stay?
 Thee Ile chase hence, thou Wolfe in Sheepes array.
 Out TawneyCoates, out Scarlet Hypocrite.*

*Here Glosters men beat out the Cardinalls men, and enter in the hurlyburly the
 Maior of London, and his Officers.*

rem

remMaior.

*Fye Lords, that you being supreme Magistrates,
 Thus contumeliously should breake the Peace.*

rem

remGlost.

Peace Maior, thou know'st little of my wrongs:
 Here's Beauford, that regards nor God nor King,
 Hath here distrayn'd the Tower to his vse.

rem

remWinch.

Here's Gloster, a Foe to Citizens,
 One that still motions Warre, and neuer Peace,
 O'recharging your free Purses with large Fines;
 That seekes to ouerthrow Religion,
 Because he is Protector of the Realme;
 And would haue Armour here out of the Tower,
 To Crowne himselve King, and suppressse the Prince.

rem

remGlost.

I will not answer thee with words, but blowes.

Here they skirmish againe.

rem

remMaior.

Naught rests for me, in this tumultuous strife,
 But to make open Proclamation.

Come Officer, as lowd as e're thou canst, cry:

All manner of men, assembled here in Armes this day, Against Gods Peace and
 the Kings, wee charge and command you, in his Highnesse Name, to repayre to your
 seuerall dwel ling places, and not to weare, handle, or use any Sword, Wea pon, or
 Dagger henceforward, vpon paine of death.

rem

remGlost.

Cardinall, Ile be no breaker of the Law:

But we shall meet, and breake our minds at large.

rem

remWinch.

Gloster, wee'le meet to thy cost, be sure:

Thy heartblood I will haue for this dayes worke.

rem

remMaior.

Ile call for Clubs, if you will not away:

This Cardinall's more haughtie then the Dewill.

rem

remGlost.

Maior farewell: thou doo'st but what thou may'st.

rem

remWinch.

*Abhominable Gloster, guard thy Head,
For I intend to haue it ere long.*

Exeunt.

rem

remMaior.

*See the Coast clear'd, and then we will depart.
Good God, these Nobles should such stomacks beare,
I my selfe fight not once in fortie yeere.*

Exeunt.

Enter the Master Gunner of Orleance, and his Boy.

rem

remM. Gunner.

*Sirrha, thou know'st how Orleance is besieg'd,
And how the English haue the Suburbs wornne.*

rem

remBoy.

*Father I know, and oft haue shot at them,
How e're vnfortunate, I miss'd my ayme.*

rem

remM. Gunner.

*But now thou shalt not. Be thou rul'd by me:
Chiefe Master Gunner am I of this Towne,
Something I must doe to procure me grace:
The Princes espyals haue informed me,
How the English, in the Suburbs close entrencht,
Went through a secret Grate of Iron Barres,
In yonder Tower, to ouerpeere the Citie,
And thence discover, how with most aduantage
They may vex vs with Shot or with Assault.
To intercept this inconuenience,
A Peece of Ordnance 'gainst it I haue plac'd,
And euen these three dayes haue I watcht,
If I could see them. Now doe thou watch,
For I can stay no longer.
If thou spy'st any, runne and bring me word,
And thou shalt finde me at the Gouvernors.*

Exit.

rem

remBoy.

*Father, I warrant you, take you no care,
He neuer trouble you, if I may spye them.*

Exit.

Enter Salisbury and Talbot on the Turrets, with others.

rem

remSalisb.

*Talbot, my life, my ioy, againe return'd?
How wert thou handled, being Prisoner?
Or by what meanes got's thou to be releas'd?
Discourse I prethee on this Turrets top.*

rem

remTalbot.

*The Earle of Bedford had a Prisoner,
Call'd the braue Lord Ponton de Santrayle,
For him was I exchang'd, and ransom'd.
But with a baser man of Armes by farre,
Once in contempt they would haue barter'd me:
Which I disdainig, scorn'd, and craued death,
Rather then I would be so pil'd esteem'd:
In fine, redeem'd I was as I desir'd.
But O, the trecherous Falstaffe wounds my heart,
Whom with my bare fists I would execute,
If I now had him brought into my power.*

rem

remSalisb.

Yec tell'st thou not, how thou wert enter tain'd.

rem

remTal.

*With scoffes and scornes, and contumelious taunts,
In open Marketplace produc't they me,
To be a publique spectacle to all:
Here, sayd they, is the Terror of the French,
The ScarCrow that affrights our Children so.
Then broke I from the Officers that led me,
And with my nayles digg'd stones out of the ground,
To hurle at the beholders of my shame.
My grisly countenance made others flye,
None durst come neere, for feare of suddaine death.
In Iron Walls they deem'd me not secure:
So great feare of my Name 'mongst them were spread,*

*That they suppos'd I could rend Barres of Steele,
 And spurne in pieces Posts of Adamant.
 Wherefore a guard of chosen Shot I had,
 That walkt about me euery Minute while:
 And if I did but stirre out of my Bed,
 Ready they were to shoot me to the heart.*

Enter the Boy with a Linstock.

rem
remSalisb.

*I grieue to heare what torments you endur'd,
 But we will be reueng'd sufficiently.
 Now it is Supper time in Orleance:
 Here, through this Grate, I count each one,
 And view the Frenchmen how they fortifie:
 Let vs looke in, the fight will much delight thee;
 Sir Thomas Gargraue, and Sir William Glansdale,
 Let me haue your expresse opinions,
 Where is best place to make our Batt'ry next?*

rem
remGargraue.

*I thinke at the North Gate, for there stands Lords.
 rem*
remGlansdale.

*And I heere, at the Bulwarke of the Bridge.
 rem*
remTalb.

*For ought I see, this Citie must be famisht,
 Or with light Skirmishes enfeebled.*

Here they shot, and Salisbury falls downe.

rem
remSalisb.

*O Lord haue mercy on vs, wretched sinners.
 rem*
remGargraue.

*O Lord haue mercy on me, wofull man.
 rem*
remTalb.

*What chance is this, that suddenly hath crost vs?
 Speake Salisbury; at least, if thou canst, speake:
 How far'st thou, Mirror of all Martiaill men?
 One of thy Eyes, and thy Cheekes side struck off?*

*Accursed Tower, accursed fatal Hand,
 That hath contriu'd this wofull Tragedie.
 In thirteene Battailes, Salisbury o'recame:
 Henry the Fift he first trayn'd to the Warres.
 Whil'st any Trumpe did sound, or Drum struck vp,
 His Sword did ne're leaue striking in the field.
 Yet liu'st thou Salisbury? though thy speech doth fayle,
 One Eye thou hast to looke to Heauen for grace.
 The Sunne with one Eye vieweth all the World.
 Heauen be thou gracious to none aliue,
 If Salisbury wants mercy at thy hands.
 Beare hence his Body, I will helpe to bury it.
 Sir Thomas Gargraue, hast thou any life?
 Speake vnto Talbot, nay, looke vp to him.
 Salisbury cheare thy Spirit with this comfort,
 Thou shalt not dye whiles
 He beckens with his hand, and smiles on me:
 As who should say, When I am dead and gone,
 Remember to auenge me on the French.
 Plantaginet I will, and like thee,
 Play on the Lute, beholding the Townes burne:
 Wretched shall France be onely in my Name.*

Here an Alarum, and it Thunders and Lightens.

*What stirre is this? what tumult's in the Heauens?
 Whence commeth this Alarum, and the noyse?*

Enter a Messenger.

rem

remMess.

*My Lord, my Lord, the French haue gather'd head.
 The Dolphin, with one loane de Puzel ioyn'd,
 A holy Prophetesse, new risen vp,
 Is come with a great Power, to rayse the Siege.*

Here Salisbury lifteth himselfe vp, and groanes.

rem

remTalb.

*Heare, heare, how dying Salisbury doth groane,
 It irkes his heart he cannot be reueng'd.
 Frenchmen, Ile be a Salisbury to you.*

*Puzel or Pussel, Dolphin or Dogfish,
 Your hearts Ile stampe out with my Horses heeles,
 And make a Quagmire of your mingled braines.
 Conuey me Salisbury into his Tent,
 And then wee'le try what these dastard Frenchmen dare.*

Alarum. Exeunt.

*Here an Alarum againe, and Talbot pursueth the Dolphin, and driueth him:
 Then enter Ioane de Puzel, driuing Englishmen before her. Then enter Talbot.*

rem

remTalb.

*Where is my strength, my valour, and my force?
 Our English Troupes retyre, I cannot stay them,
 A Woman clad in Armour chaseth them.*

Enter Puzel.

*Here, here shee comes. Ile haue a bowt with thee:
 Deuill, or Devils Dam, Ile coniure thee:
 Blood will I draw on thee, thou art a Witch,
 And straightway giue thy Soule to him thou seru'st.*

rem

remPuzel.

Come, come, 'tis onely I that must disgrace thee.

Here they fight.

rem

remTalb.

*Heauens, can you suffer Hell so to preuayle?
 My brest Ile burst with straining of my courage,
 And from my shoulders crack my Armes asunder,
 But I will chastise this highminded Strumpet.*

They fight againe.

rem

remPuzel.

*Talbot farwell, thy houre is not yet come,
 I must goe Victuall Orleance forthwith:*

A short Alarum: then enter the Towne with Souldiers.

*O'retake me if thou canst, I scorne thy strength.
 Goe, goe, cheare vp thy hungrystarued men,
 Helpe Salisbury to make his Testament,*

This Day is ours, as many more shall be.

Exit.

rem

remTalb.

*My thoughts are whirled like a Potters Wheele,
I know not where I am, nor what I doe:
A Witch by feare, not force, like Hannibal,
Driues back our troupes, and conquers as she lists:
So Bees with smoake, and Doues with noysome stench,
Are from their Hyues and Houses driuen away.
They call'd vs, for our fiercenesse, English Dogges,
Now like to Whelpes, we crying runne away.*

A short Alarum.

*Hearke Countreyemen, eyther renew the fight,
Or teare the Lyons out of Englands Coat;
Renounce your Soyle, giue Sheepe in Lyons stead:
Sheepe run not halfe so trecherous from the Wolfe,
Or Horse or Oxen from the Leopard,
As you flye from your oftsubdued slaues.*

Alarum. Here another Skirmish.

*It will not be, retyre into your Trenches:
You all consented vnto Salisburies death,
For none would strike a stroake in his reuenge.
Puzel is entred into Orleance,
In spight of vs, or ought that we could doe.
O would I were to dye with Salisbury,
The shame hereof, will make me hide my head.*

Exit Talbot.

Alarum, Retreat, Flourish.

Enter on the Walls, Puzel, Dolphin, Reigneir, Alanson, and Souldiers.

rem

remPuzel.

*Aduance our wauing Colours on the Walls,
Rescu'd is Orleance from the English.
Thus Ioane de Puzel hath perform'd her word.*

rem

remDolph.

*Diuineſt Creature, Aſtrea's Daughter,
How ſhall I honour thee for this ſucceſſe?
Thy promiſes are like Adoniſ Garden,
That one day bloom'd, and fruitfull were the next.
France, triumph in thy glorious Prophetesse,
Recover'd is the Towne of Orleance,
More bleſſed hap did ne're befall our State.*

rem

remReigneir.

*Why ring not out the Bells aloud,
Throughout the Towne?
Dolphin command the Citizens make Bonfires,
And feaſt and banquet in the open ſtreets,
To celebrate the ioy that God hath giuen vs.*

rem

remAlans.

*All France will be repleat with mirth and ioy,
When they ſhall heare how we haue play'd the men.*

rem

remDolph.

*'Tis Ioane, not we, by whom the day is wonne:
For which, I will diuide my Crowne with her,
And all the Priests and Fryers in my Realme,
Shall in proceſſion ſing her endleſſe prayſe.
A ſtatelyster Pyramis to her Ile reare,
Then Rhodophe's or Memphis euer was.
In memorie of her, when ſhe is dead,
Her Aſhes, in an Vrne more precious
Then the richiewel'd Coffe of Darius,
Transported, ſhall be at high Feſtiuals
Before the Kings and Queenes of France.
No longer on Saint Dennis will we cry,
But Ioane de Puzell ſhall be France's Saint.
Come in, and let vs Banquet Royally,
After this Golden Day of Victorie.*

Flouriſh. Exeunt.

Actus Secundus. Scena Prima.

Enter a Sergeant of a Band, with two Sentinels.

rem

remSer.

Sirs, take your places, and be vigilant:

If any noyse or Souldier you perceiue

Neere to the walles, by some apparant signe

Let vs haue knowledge at the Court of Guard.

rem

remSent.

Sergeant you shall. Thus are poore Seruitors

(When others sleepe vpon their quiet beds)

Constrain'd to watch in darknesse, raine, and cold.

Enter Talbot, Bedford, and Burgundy, with scaling Ladders: Their Drummes beating a Dead March.

rem

remTal.

Lord Regent, and redoubted Burgundy,

By whose approach, the Regions of Artoys,

Wallon, and Picardy, are friends to vs:

This happy night, the Frenchmen are secure,

Hauing all day carows'd and banquetted,

Embrace we then this opportunitie,

As fitting best to quittance their deceite,

Contriu'd by Art, and balefull Sorcerie.

rem

remBed.

Coward of France, how much he wrongs his fame,

Dispairing of his owne armes fortitude,

To ioyne with Witches, and the helpe of Hell.

rem

remBur.

Traitors haue neuer other company.

But what's that Puzell whom they tearme so pure?

rem

remTal.

A Maid, they say.

rem

remBed.

A Maid? And be so martiall?

rem

remBur.

*Pray God she proue not masculine ere long:
If vnderneath the Standard of the French
She carry Armour, as she hath begun.*

*rem
remTal.*

*Well, let them practise and conuerse with spirits.
God is our Fortresse, in whose conquering name
Let vs resolute to scale their flinty bulwarkes.*

*rem
remBed.*

Ascend braue Talbot, we will follow thee.

*rem
remTal.*

*Not altogether: Better farre I guesse,
That we do make our entrance seuerall wayes:
That if it chance the one of vs do faile,
The other yet may rise against their force.*

*rem
remBed.*

Agreed; Ile to yond corner.

*rem
remBur.*

And I to this.

*rem
remTal.*

*And heere will Talbot mount, or make his graue.
Now Salisbury, for thee and for the right
Of English Henry, shall this night appeare
How much in duty, I am bound to both.*

*rem
remSent.*

Arme, arme, the enemy doth make assault.

Cry, S. George, A Talbot.

*The French leape ore the walles in their shirts. Enter seuerall wayes, Bastard,
Alanson, Reignier, halfe ready, and halfe vnready.*

*rem
remAlan.*

How now my Lords? what all vnreadie so?

*rem
remBast.*

Vnready? I am glad we scap'd so well.

*rem
remReig.*

'Twas time (I trow) to wake and leaue our beds,
 Hearing Alarums at our Chamber doores.

rem

remAlan.

Of all exploits since first I follow'd Armes,
 Nere heard I of a warlike enterprize
 More venturous, or desperate then this.

rem

remBast.

I thinke this Talbot be a Fiend of Hell.

rem

remReig.

If not of Hell, the Heauens sure fauour him.

rem

remAlans.

Here Commeth Charles, I maruell how he sped?

Enter Charles and Ioane.

rem

remBast.

Tut, holy Ioane was his defensiuie Guard.

rem

remCharl.

Is this thy cunning, thou deceitfull Dame?
 Didst thou at first to flatter vs withall,
 Make vs partakers of a little gayne,
 That now our losse might be ten times so much?

rem

remIoane.

Wherefore is Charles impatient with his friend?
 At all times will you haue my Power alike?
 Sleeping or waking, must I still preuayle,
 Or will you blame and lay the fault on me?
 Improuident Souldiors, had your Watch been good,
 This sudden Mischiefe neuer could haue falne.

rem

remCharl.

Duke of Alanson, this was your default,
 That being Captaine of the Watch to Night,
 Did looke no better to that weightie Charge.

rem

remAlans.

Had all your Quarters been as safely kept,
 As that whereof I had the gouernment,

We had not beene thus shamefully surpriz'd.

rem

remBast.

Mine was secure.

rem

remReig.

And so was mine, my Lord.

rem

remCharl.

And for my selfe, most part of all this Night

Within her Quarter, and mine owne Precinct,

I was imploy'd in passing to and fro,

About relieuing of the Centinels.

Then how, or which way, should they first breake in?

rem

remIoane.

Question (my Lords) no further of the case,

How or which way; 'tis sure they found some place,

But weakly guarded, where the breach was made:

And now there, rests no other shift but this,

To gather our Souldiors, scatter'd and disperc't,

And lay new Platformes to endammage them.

Exeunt.

*Alarum. Enter a Souldier, crying, a Talbot, a Talbot: they flye, leauing their
Clothes behind.*

rem

remSould.

Ile be so bold to take what they haue left:

The Cry of Talbot serues me for a Sword,

For I haue loaden me with many Spoyles,

Vsing no other Weapon but his Name.

Exit.

Enter Talbot, Bedford, Burgundie.

rem

remBedf.

The Day begins to breake, and Night is fled,

Whose pitchy Mantle ouervayl'd the Earth.

Here sound Retreat, and cease our hot pursuit.

Retreat.

rem

remTalb.

*Bring forth the Body of old Salisbury,
And here aduance it in the MarketPlace,
The middle Centure of this cursed Towne.
Now haue I pay'd my Vow vnto his Soule:
For euery drop of blood was drawne from him,
There hath at least fiue Frenchmen dyed to night.
And that hereafter Ages may behold
What ruine happened in reuenge of him,
Within their chiefest Temple Ile erect
A Tombe, wherein his Corps shall be interr'd:
Vpon the which, that euery one may reade,
Shall be engrau'd the sacke of Orleance,
The trecherous manner of his mournefull death,
And what a terror he had beene to France.
But Lords, in all our bloody Massacre,
I muse we met not with the Dolphins Grace,
His newcome Champion, vertuous Ioane of Acre,
Nor any of his false Confederates.*

rem

remBedf.

*'Tis thought Lord Talbot, when the fight began,
Rows'd on the sudden from their drowsie Beds,
They did amongst the troupes of armed men,
Leape o're the Walls for refuge in the field.*

rem

remBurg.

*My selfe, as farre as I could well discerne,
For smoake, and duskie vapours of the night,
Am sure I scar'd the Dolphin and his Trull,
When Arme in Arme they both came swiftly running,
Like to a payre of lowing TurtleDoues,
That could not liue asunder day or night.
After that things are set in order here,
Wee'le follow them with all the power we haue.*

Enter a Messenger.

rem

remMess

*All hayle, my Lords: which of this Princely trayne
 Call ye the Warlike Talbot, for his Acts
 So much applauded through the Realme of France?*

rem

remTalb.

Here is the Talbot, who would speak with him?

rem

remMess.

*The vertuous Lady, Countesse of Ouergne,
 With modestie admiring thy Renowne,
 By me entreats (great Lord) thou would'st vouchsafe
 To visit her poore Castle where she lyes,
 That she may boast she hath beheld the man,
 Whose glory fills the World with lowd report.*

rem

remBurg.

*Is it euen so? Nay, then I see our Warres
 Will turne vnto a peacefull Comick sport,
 When Ladyes craue to be encountred with.
 You may not (my Lord) despise her gentle suit.*

rem

remTalb.

*Ne're trust me then: for when a World of men
 Could not preuayle with all their Oratorie,
 Yec hath a Womans kindnesse ouerrul'd:
 And therefore tell her, I returne great thankes,
 And in submission will attend on her.
 Will not your Honors beare me company?*

rem

remBedf.

*No, truly, 'tis more then manners will:
 And I haue heard it sayd, Vnbidden Guests
 Are often welcommest when they are gone.*

rem

remTalb.

*Well then, alone (since there's no remedie)
 I meane to proue this Ladyes courtesie.
 Come hither Captaine, you perceiue my minde.*

Whispers.

rem

remCapt.

I doe my Lord, and meane accordingly.

Exeunt.

Enter Countesse.

rem

remCount.

Porter, remember what I gaue in charge,

And when you haue done so, bring the Keyes to me.

rem

remPort.

Madame, I will.

Exit.

rem

remCount.

The Plot is layd, if all things fall out right,

I shall as famous be by this exploit,

As Scythian Tomyris by Cyrus death.

Great is the rumour of this dreadfull Knight,

And his atchieuements of no lesse account:

Faine would mine eyes be witnessse with mine eares,

To giue their censure of these rare reports.

Enter Messenger and Talbot.

rem

remMess.

Madame, according as your Ladyship desir'd,

By Message crau'd, so is Lord Talbot come.

rem

remCount.

And he is welcome: what? is this the man?

rem

remMess.

Madame, it is.

rem

remCount.

Is this the Scourge of France?

Is this the Talbot, so much fear'd abroad?

That with his Name the Mothers still their Babes?

I see Report is fabulous and false.

I thought I should haue seene some Hercules,

A second Hector, for his grim aspect,

And large proportion of his strong knit Limbes,

*Alas, this is a Child, a silly Dwarfe:
It cannot be, this weake and writhled shrimpe
Should strike such terror to his Enemies.*

rem

remTalb.

*Madame, I haue beene bold to trouble you:
But since your Ladyship is not at leysure,
Ile sort some other time to visit you.*

rem

remCount.

*What meanes he now?
Goe aske him, whither he goes?*

rem

remMess.

*Stay my Lord Talbot, for my Lady craues,
To know the cause of your abrupt departure?*

rem

remTalb.

*Marry, for that shee's in a wrong beleefe,
I goe to certifie her Talbot's here.*

Enter Porter with Keyes.

rem

remCount.

If thou be he, then art thou Prisoner.

rem

remTalb.

Prisoner? to whom?

rem

remCount.

*To me, bloodthirstie Lord:
And for that cause I trayn'd thee to my House.
Long time thy shadow hath been thrall to me,
For in my Gallery thy Picture hangs:
But now the substance shall endure the like,
And I will chayne these Legges and Armes of thine,
That hast by Tyrannie these many yeeres
Wasted our Countrey, slaine our Citizens,
And sent our Sonnes and Husbands captiuuate.*

rem

remTalb.

Ha, ha, ha.

rem

remCount.

Laughst thou Wretch?

Thy mirth shall turne to moane.

rem

remTalb.

I laugh to see your Ladyship so fond,

To thinke, that you haue ought but Talbots shadow,

Whereon to practise your seueritie.

rem

remCount.

Why? art not thou the man?

rem

remTalb.

I am indeede.

rem

remCount.

Then haue I substance too.

rem

remTalb.

No, no, I am but shadow of my selfe:

You are deceiu'd, my substance is not here;

For what you see, is but the smallest part,

And least proportion of Humanitie:

I tell you Madame, were the whole Frame here,

It is of such a spacious loftie pitch,

Your Roofe were not sufficient to contayn't.

rem

remCount.

This is a Riddling Merchant for the nonce,

He will be here, and yet he is not here:

How can these contrarities agree?

rem

remTalb.

That will I shew you presently.

Winds his Horne, Drummes strike vp, a Peale of Ordenance: Enter Souldiors.

How say you Madame? are you now perswaded,

That Talbot is but shadow of himselfe?

These are his substance, sinewes, armes, and strength,

With which he yoaketh your rebellious Neckes,

Razeth your Cities, and subuerts your Townes,

And in a moment makes them desolate.

rem

remCount.

Victorious Talbot, pardon my abuse,

*I finde thou art no lesse then Fame hath bruited,
 And more then may be gathered by thy shape.
 Let my presumption not prouoke thy wrath,
 For I am sorry, that with reuerence
 I did not entertaine thee as thou art.*

rem

remTalbot.

*Be not dismay'd, faire Lady, nor misconster
 The minde of Talbot, as you did mistake
 The outward composition of his body.
 What you haue done, hath not offended me:
 Nor other satisfaction doe I craue,
 But onely with your patience, that we may
 Taste of your Wine, and see what Cates you haue,
 For Souldiers stomacks alwayes serue them well.*

rem

remCount.

*With all my heart, and thinke me honored,
 To feast so great a Warrior in my House.*

Exeunt.

Enter Richard Plantagenet, Warwick, Somerset, Poole, and others.

rem

remYorke.

*Great Lords and Gentlemen,
 What meanes this silence?
 Dare no man answer in a Case of Truth?*

rem

remSuff.

*Within the Temple Hall we were too lowd,
 The Garden here is more conuenient.*

rem

remYork.

*Then say at once, if I maintain'd the Truth:
 Or else was wrangling Somerset in th'error?*

rem

remSuff.

*Faith I haue beene a Truant in the Law,
 And neuer yet could frame my will to it,
 And therefore frame the Law vnto my will.*

rem

remSom.

Judge you, my Lord of Warwicke, then be tweene vs.

rem

remWar.

*Between two Hawks, which flyes the higher pitch,
 Between two Dogs, which hath the deeper mouth,
 Between two Blades, which beares the better temper,
 Between two Horses, which doth beare him best,
 Between two Girles, which hath the merriest eye,
 I haue perhaps some shallow spirit of Iudgement:
 But in these nice sharpe Quillets of the Law,
 Good faith I am no wiser then a Daw.*

rem

remYork.

*Tut, tut, here is a mannerly forbearance;
 The truth appeares so naked on my side,
 That any purblind eye may find it out.*

rem

remSom.

*And on my side it is so well apparrell'd,
 So cleare, so shinning, and so euident,
 That it will glimmer through a blindmans eye.*

rem

remYork.

*Since you are tonguety'd, and so loth to speake,
 In dumbe significants proclayme your thoughts:
 Let him that is a trueborne Gentleman,
 And stands vpon the honor of his birth,
 If he suppose that I haue pleaded truth,
 From off this Bryer pluck a white Rose with me.*

rem

remSom.

*Let him that is no Coward, nor no Flatterer,
 But dare maintaine the partie of the truth,
 Pluck a red Rose from off this Thorne with me.*

rem

remWar.

*I loue no Colours: and without all colour
 Of base insinuating flatterie,
 I pluck this white Rose with Plantagenet.*

rem

remSuff.

*I pluck this red Rose, with young Somerset,
 And say withall, I thinke he held the right.*

rem

remVernon.

*Stay Lords and Gentlemen, and pluck no more
Till you conclude, that he vpon whose side
The fewest Roses are cropt from the Tree,
Shall yeeld the other in the right opinion.*

rem

remSom.

*Good Master Vernon, it is well obiected:
If I haue fewest, I subscribe in silence.*

rem

remYork.

And I.

rem

remVernon.

*Then for the truth, and plainnesse of the Case,
I pluck this pale and Maiden Blossome here,
Giuing my Verdict on the white Rose side.*

rem

remSom.

*Prick not your finger as you pluck it off,
Least bleeding, you doe paint the white Rose red,
And fall on my side so against your will.*

rem

remVernon.

*If I, my Lord, for my opinion bleed,
Opinion shall be Surgeon to my hurt,
And keepe me on the side where still I am.*

rem

remSom.

Well, well, come on, who else?

rem

remLawyer.

*Vnlesse my Studie and my Bookes be false,
The argument you held, was wrong in you;
In signe whereof, I pluck a white Rose too.*

rem

remYorke.

Now Somerset, where is your argument?

rem

remSom.

*Here in my Scabbard, meditating, that
Shall dye your white Rose in a bloody red.*

rem

*rem*York.

*Meane time your cheeks do counterfeit our Roses:
For pale they looke with feare, as witnessing
The truth on our side.*

rem

*rem*Som.

No Plantagenet:

*'Tis not for feare, but anger, that thy cheekes
Blush for pure shame, to counterfeit our Roses,
And yet thy tongue will not confesse thy error.*

rem

*rem*Yorke.

Hath not thy Rose a Canker, Somerset?

rem

*rem*Som.

Hath not thy Rose a Thorne, Plantagenet?

rem

*rem*Yorke.

I, sharpe and piercing to maintaine his truth,

Whiles thy consuming Canker eats his falsehood.

rem

*rem*Som.

Well, Ile find friends to weare my bleeding Roses,

That shall maintaine what I haue said is true,

Where false Plantagenet dare not be seene.

rem

*rem*Yorke.

Now by this Maiden Blossome in my hand,

I scorne thee and thy fashion, peeuish Boy.

rem

*rem*Suff.

Turne not thy scornes this way, Plantagenet.

rem

*rem*Yorke.

Prowd Poole, I will, and scorne both him and thee.

rem

*rem*Suff.

Ile turne my part thereof into thy throat.

rem

*rem*Som.

Away, away, good William de la Poole,

We grace the Yeoman, by conuersing with him.

rem

*rem*Warw.

Now by Gods, will thou wrong'st him, Somerset:

*His Grandfather was Lyonel Duke of Clarence,
Third Sonne to the third Edward King of England:
Spring Crestlesse Yeomen from so deepe a Root?*

rem

rem Yorke.

*He beares him on the place's Priuiledge,
Or durst not for his crauen heart say thus.*

rem

rem Som.

*By him that made me, Ile maintaine my words
On any Plot of Ground in Christendome.
Was not thy Father, Richard, Earle of Cambridge,
For Treason executed in our late Kings dayes?
And by his Treason, stand'st not thou attainted,
Corrupted, and exempt from ancient Gentry?
His Trespas yet liues guiltie in thy blood,
And till thou be restor'd, thou art a Yeoman.*

rem

rem Yorke.

*My father was attached, not attainted,
Condemn'd to dye for Treason, but no Traytor;
And that Ile proue on better men then Somerset,
Were growing time once ripened to my will.
For your partaker Poole, and you your selfe,
Ile note you in my Booke of Memorie,
To scourge you for this apprehension:
Looke to it well, and say you are well warn'd.*

rem

rem Som.

*Ah, thou shalt finde vs ready for thee still:
And know vs by these Colours for thy Foes,
For these, my friends in spight of thee shall weare.*

rem

rem Yorke.

*And by my Soule, this pale and angry Rose,
As Cognizance of my blooddrinking hate,
Will I for euer, and my Faction weare,
Vntill it wither with me to my Graue,
Or flourish to the height of my Degree.*

rem

rem Suff.

Goe forward, and be choak'd with thy ambition;

And so farwell, vntill I meet thee next.

Exit.

rem

remSom.

Haue with thee Poole: Farwell ambitious Ri chard.

Exit.

rem

remYorke.

How I am b1au'd, and must perforce endure it?

rem

remWarw.

*This blot that they obiect against your House,
Shall be whipt out in the next Parliament,
Call'd for the Truce of Winchester and Gloucester:
And if thou be not then created Yorke,
I will not liue to be accounted Warwicke.
Meane time, in signall of my loue to thee,
Against prouwd Somerset, and William Poole,
Will I vpon thy partie weare this Rose.
And here I prophecie: this brawle to day,
Growne to this faction in the Temple Garden,
Shall send betweene the RedRose and the White,
A thousand Soules to Death and deadly Night.*

rem

remYorke.

*Good Master Vernon, I am bound to you,
That you on my behalfe would pluck a flower.*

rem

remVer.

In your behalfe still will I weare the same.

rem

remLawyer.

And so will I.

rem

remYorke.

Thankes gentle.

*Come, let vs foure to Dinner: I dare say,
This Quarrell will drinke Blood another day.*

Exeunt.

Enter Mortimer, brought in a Chayre, and Iaylors.

rem

remMort.

*Kind Keepers of my weake decaying Age,
 Let dying Mortimer here rest himselfe.
 Euen like a man new haled from the Wrack,
 So fare my Limbes with long Imprisonment:
 And these gray Locks, the Pursuiuants of death,
 Nestorlike aged, in an Age of Care,
 Argue the end of Edmund Mortimer.
 These Eyes, like Lampes, whose wasting Oyle is spent,
 Waxe dimme, as drawing to their Exigent.
 Weake Shoulders, ouerborne with burthening Griefe,
 And pythlesse Armes, like to a withered Vine,
 That droupes his sappelesse Branches to the ground.
 Yet are these Feet, whose stengthlesse stay is numme,
 (Vnable to support this Lumpe of Clay)
 Swiftwinged with desire to get a Graue,
 As witting I no other comfort haue.
 But tell me, Keeper, will my Nephew come?*

rem

remKeeper.

*Richard Plantagenet, my Lord, will come:
 We sent vnto the Temple, vnto his Chamber,
 And answer was return'd, that he will come.*

rem

remMort.

*Enough: my Soule shall then be satisfied.
 Poore Gentleman, his wrong doth equall mine.
 Since Henry Monmouth first began to reigne,
 Before whose Glory I was great in Armes,
 This loathsome sequestration haue I had;
 And euen since then, hath Richard beene obscur'd,
 Depriu'd of Honor and Inheritance.
 But now, the Arbitrator of Despaires,
 Iust Death, kinde Vmpire of mens miseries,
 With sweet enlargement doth dismissee me hence:
 I would his troubles likewise were expir'd,
 That so he might recouer what was lost.*

Enter Richard.

rem

remKeeper.

My Lord, your louing Nephew now is come.

rem

remMor.

Richard Plantagenet, my friend, is he come?

rem

remRich.

I, Noble Vnckle, thus ignobly vs'd,

Your Nephew, late despised Richard, comes.

rem

remMort.

Direct mine Armes, I may embrace his Neck,

And in his Bosome spend my latter gaspe.

Oh tell me when my Lippes doe touch his Cheekes,

That I may kindly giue one fainting Kisse.

And now declare Sweet stem from Yorkes great stock,

Why didst thou say of late thou wert despis'd?

rem

remRich.

First, leane thine aged Back against mine Arme,

And in that ease, Ile tell thee my Disease.

This day in argument vpon a Case,

Some words there grew 'twixt Somerset and me:

Among which tearmes, he vs'd his lawish tongue,

And did vpbroyd me with my Fathers death;

Which obloquie set barres before my tongue,

Else with the like I had requited him.

Therefore good Vnckle, for my Fathers sake,

In honor of a true Plantagenet,

And for Alliance sake, declare the cause

My Father, Earle of Cambridge, lost his Head.

rem

remMort.

That cause (faire Nephew) that imprison'd me,

And hath detayn'd me all my flowring Youth,

Within a loathsome Dungeon, there to pyne,

Was cursed Instrument of his decease.

rem

remRich.

Discover more at large what cause that was,

For I am ignorant, and cannot guesse.

rem

remMort.

I will, if that my fading breath permit,

*And Death approach not, ere my Tale be done.
 Henry the Fourth, Grandfather to this King,
 Depos'd his Nephew Richard, Edwards Sonne,
 The first begotten, and the lawfull Heire
 Of Edward King, the Third of that Descent.
 During whose Reigne, the Percies of the North,
 Finding his Vsurpation most vniust,
 Endeuour'd my aduancement to the Throne.
 The reason mou'd these Warlike Lords to this,
 Was, for that (young Richard thus remou'd,
 Leauing no Heire begotten of his Body)
 I was the next by Birth and Parentage:
 For by my Mother, I deriued am
 From Lionel Duke of Clarence, third Sonne
 To King Edward the Third; whereas hee,
 From Iohn of Gaunt doth bring his Pedigree,
 Being but fourth of that Heroick Lyne.
 But marke: as in this haughtie great attempt,
 They laboured, to plant the rightfull Heire,
 I lost my Libertie, and they their Liues.
 Long after this, when Henry the Fift
 (Succeeding his Father Bullingbrooke) did reigne;
 Thy Father, Earle of Cambridge, then deriu'd
 From famous Edmund Langley, Duke of Yorke,
 Marrying my Sister, that thy Mother was;
 Againe, in pittie of my hard distresse,
 Lewied an Army, weening to redeeme,
 And haue install'd me in the Diademe:
 But as the rest, so fell that Noble Earle,
 And was beheaded. Thus the Mortimers,
 In whom the Title rested, were suppress.*

rem

remRich.

Of which, my Lord, your Honor is the last.

rem

remMort.

*True; and thou seest, that I no Issue haue,
 And that my fainting words doe warrant death:
 Thou art my Heire; the rest, I wish thee gather:
 But yet be wary in thy studious care.*

rem

remRich.

Thy graue admonishments preuayle with me:

But yet me thinkes, my Fathers execution

Was nothing lesse then bloody Tyranny.

rem

remMort.

With silence, Nephew, be thou pollitick,

Strong fixed is the House of Lancaster,

And like a Mountaine, not to be remou'd.

But now thy Vnckle is remouing hence,

As Princes doe their Courts, when they are cloy'd

With long continuance in a settled place.

rem

remRich.

O Vnckle, would some part of my young yeeres

Might but redeeme the passage of your Age.

rem

remMort.

Thou do'st then wrong me, as yt slaughterer doth,

Which giueth many Wounds, when one will kill.

Mourne not, except thou sorrow for my good,

Onely giue order for my Funerall.

And so farewell, and faire be all thy hopes,

And prosperous be thy Life in Peace and Warre.

Dyes.

rem

remRich.

And Peace, no Warre, befall thy parting Soule.

In Prison, hast thou spent a Pilgrimage,

And like a Hermite ouerpast thy dayes.

Well, I will locke his Councell in my Brest,

And what I doe imagine, let that rest.

Keepers conuey him hence, and I my selfe

Wiil see his Buryall better then his Life.

Exit.

Here dyes the duskie Torch of Mortimer,

Choakt with Ambition of the meaner sort.

And for those Wrongs, those bitter Iniuries,

Which Somerset hath offer'd to my House,

*I doubt not, but with Honor to redresse.
 And therefore haste I to the Parliament,
 Eyther to be restored to my Blood,
 Or make my will th'aduantage of my good.*

Exit.

Actus Tertius. Scena Prima.

Flourish. Enter King, Exeter, Gloster, Winchester, Warwick, Somerset, Suffolk, Richard Plantagenet. Gloster offers to put up a Bill: Winchester snatches it, teares it.

rem

remWinch.

Com'st thou with deepe premeditated Lines?

*With written Pamphlets, studiously deuic'd?
 Humfrey of Gloster, if thou canst accuse,
 Or ought intend'st to lay vnto my charge,
 Doe it without inuention, suddenly,
 As I with sudden, and extemporall speech,
 Purpose to answer what thou canst obiect.*

rem

remGlo.

Presumptuous Priest, this place commands³ my paciencies⁴

*Or thou should'st finde thou hast dishonor'd me.
 Thinke not, although in Writing I preferr'd
 The manner of thy vile outrageous Crymes,
 That therefore I haue forg'd, or am not able
 Verbatim to rehearse the Methods of my Penne.
 No Prelate, such is thy audacious wickednesse,
 Thy lewd, pestiferous, and dissentious prancks,
 As very Infants prattle of thy pride.
 Thou art a most pernitious Vsurer,
 Froward by nature, Enemie to Peace,
 Lasciuious, wanton, more then well beseemes
 A man of thy Profession, and Degree.
 And for thy Trecherie, what's more manifest?
 In that thou layd'st a Trap to take my Life,
 As well at London Bridge, as at the Tower.
 Beside, I feare me, if thy thoughts were sifted,*

³cmands

⁴patice,

*The King, thy Soueraigne, is not quite exempt
From enuious mallice of thy swelling heart.*

rem

remWinch.

*Gloster, I doe defie thee. Lords vouchsafe
To giue me hearing what I shall reply.
If I were couetous, ambitious, or peruerse,
As he will haue me: how am I so poore?
Or how haps it, I seeke not to aduance
Or rayse my selfe? but keepe my wonted Calling.
And for Dissention, who preferreth Peace
More then I doe? except I be prouok'd.
No, my good Lords, it is not that offends,
It is not that, that hath incens'd the Duke:
It is because no one should sway but hee,
No one, but hee, should be about the King;
And that engenders Thunder in his breast,
And makes him rore these Accusations forth.
But he shall know I am as good.*

rem

remGlost.

As good?

Thou Bastard of my Grandfather.

rem

remWinch.

*I, Lordly Sir: for what are you, I pray,
But one imperious in anothers Throne?*

rem

remGlost.

Am I not Protector, sawcie Priest?

rem

remWinch.

And am not I a Prelate of the Church?

rem

remGlost.

*Yes, as an Outlaw in a Castle keepes,
And vseth it, to patronage his Theft.*

rem

remWinch.

Vnreuerent Gloucester.

rem

remGlost.

*Thou art reuerent,
Touching thy Spirituall Function, not thy Life.*

rem

remWinch.

Rome shall remedie this.

rem

remWarw.

Roame thither then.

My Lord, it were your dutie to forbear.

rem

remSom.

I, see the Bishop be not ouerborne:

Me thinkes my Lord should be Religious,

And know the Office that belongs to such.

rem

remWarw.

Me thinkes his Lordship should be humbler,

It fitteth not a Prelate so to plead.

rem

remSom.

Yes, when his holy State is toucht so neere.

rem

remWarw.

State holy, or unhallow'd, what of that?

Is not his Grace Protector to the King?

rem

remRich.

Plantagenet I see must hold his tongue,

Least it be said, Speake Sirrha when you should:

Must your bold Verdict enter talke with Lords?

Else would I haue a fling at Winchester.

rem

remKing.

Vnckles of Gloster, and of Winchester,

The speciall Watchmen of our English Weale,

I would preuayle, if Prayers might preuayle,

To ioyne your hearts in loue and amitie.

Oh, what a Scandall is it to our Crowne,

That two such Noble Peeres as ye should iarre?

Beleeue me, Lords, my tender yeeres can tell,

Ciuill dissention is a viperous Worme,

That gnawes the Bowels of the Commonwealth.

A noyse within, Downe with the TawnyCoats.

rem

remKing.

What tumult's this?

rem

remWarw.

An Vprore, I dare warrant,

Begun through malice of the Bishops men.

A noyse againe, Stones, Stones.

Enter Maior.

rem

remMaior.

Oh my good Lords, and vertuous Henry,

Pitty the Citie of London, pittie vs:

The Bishop, and the Duke of Glosters men,

Forbidden late to carry any Weapon,

Haue fill'd their Pockets full of peeble stones;

And banding themselues in contrary parts,

Doe pelt so fast at one anothers Pate,

That many haue their giddy braynes knockt out:

Our Windowes are broke downe in euery street,

And we, for feare, compell'd to shut our Shops.

Enter in skirmish with bloody Pates.

rem

remKing.

We charge you, on allegeance to our selfe,

To hold your slaughtering hands, and keepe the Peace:

Pray' Vnckle Gloster mittigate this strife.

rem

rem1. Seruing.

Nay, if we be forbidden stones, wee'le fall to it with our Teeth.

rem

rem2. Seruing.

Doe what ye dare, we are as resolute.

Skirmish againe.

rem

remGlost.

You of my household, leaue this peeuish broyle,

And let this vnaccustom'd fight aside.

rem

rem3. Seru.

My Lord, we know your Grace to be a man

Iust, and vpright; and for your Royall Birth,

*Inferior to none, but to his Maiestie:
 And ere that we will suffer such a Prince,
 So kinde a Father of the Commonweale,
 To be disgraced by an Inkehorne Mate,
 Wee and our Wiues and Children all will fight,
 And haue our bodyes slaughtred by thy foes.*

rem

rem1. Seru.

*I, and the very parings of our Nayles
 Shall pitch a Field when we are dead.*

Begin againe.

rem

remGlost.

Stay, stay, I say:

*And if you loue me, as you say you doe,
 Let me perswade you to forbear a while.*

rem

remKing.

*Oh, how this discord doth afflict my Soule.
 Can you, my Lord of Winchester, behold
 My sighes and teares, and will not once relent?
 Who should be pittifull, if you be not?
 Or who should study to preferre a Peace,
 If holy Churchmen take delight in broyles?*

rem

remWarw.

*Yeeld my Lord Protector, yeeld Winchester,
 Except you meane with obstinate repulse
 To stay your Soueraigne, and destroy the Realme.
 You see what Mischiefe, and what Murther too,
 Hath beene enacted through your enmitie:
 Then be at peace, except ye thirst for blood.*

rem

remWinch.

He shall submit, or I will neuer yeeld.

rem

remGlost.

*Compassion on the King commands me stoupe,
 Or I would see his heart out, ere the Priest
 Should euer get that priuiledge of me.*

rem

remWarw.

*Behold my Lord of Winchester, the Duke
 Hath banisht moodie discontented fury,
 As by his smoothed Browes it doth appeare:
 Why looke you still so sterne, and tragicall?*

rem

remGlost.

Here Winchester, I offer thee my Hand.

rem

remKing.

*Fie Vnckle Beauford, I haue heard you preach,
 That Mallice was a great and grieuous sinne:
 And will not you maintaine the thing you teach?
 But proue a chiefe offendor in the same.*

rem

remWarw.

*Sweet King: the Bishop hath a kindly gyrd:
 For shame my Lord of Winchester relent;
 What, shall a Child instruct you what to doe?*

rem

remWinch.

*Well Duke of Gloster, I will yeeld to thee
 Loue for thy Loue, and Hand for Hand I giue.*

rem

remGlost.

*I, but I feare me with a hollow Heart.
 See here my Friends and louing Countreymen,
 This token serueth for a Flagge of Truce,
 Betwixt our selues, and all our followers:
 So helpe me God, as I dissemble not.*

rem

remWinch.

So helpe me God, as I intend it not.

rem

remKing.

*Oh louing Vnckle, kinde Duke of Gloster,
 How ioyfull am I made by this Contract,
 Away my Masters, trouble vs no more,
 But ioyne in friendship, as your Lords haue done.*

rem

rem1. Seru.

Content, Ile to the Surgeons.

rem

rem2. Seru.

And so will I.

rem

*rem*3. *Seru.*

And I will see what Physick the Tauerne af fords.

Exeunt.

rem

*rem*Warw.

*Accept this Scrowle, most gracious Soueraigne,
Which in the Right of Richard Plantagenet,
We doe exhibite to your Maiestie.*

rem

*rem*Glo.

*Well vrg'd, my Lord of Warwick: for sweet Prince,
And if your Grace marke euery circumstance,
You haue great reason to doe Richard right,
At Eltam Place I told your Maiestie,*

rem

*rem*King.

*And those occasions, Vnckle, were of force:
Therefore my louing Lords, our pleasure is,
That Richard be restored to his Blood.*

rem

*rem*Warw.

*Let Richard be restored to his Blood,
So shall his Fathers wrongs be recompenc't.*

rem

*rem*Winch.

As will the rest, so willeth Winchester.

rem

*rem*King.

*If Richard will be true, not that all alone,
But all the whole Inheritance I giue,
That doth belong vnto the House of Yorke,
From whence you spring, by Lineall Descent.*

rem

*rem*Rich.

*Thy humble seruant vowes obedience,
And humble seruice, till the point of death.*

rem

*rem*King.

*Stoope then, and set your Knee against my Foot,
And in reguerdon of that dutie done,
I gyrt thee with the valiant Sword of Yorke:*

*Rise Richard, like a true Plantagenet,
And rise created Princely Duke of Yorke.*

rem

remRich.

*And so thrive Richard, as thy foes may fall,
And as my dutie springs, so perish they,
That grudge one thought against your Maiesty.*

rem

remAll.

Welcome high Prince, the mighty Duke of Yorke.

rem

remSom.

Perish base Prince, ignoble Duke of Yorke.

rem

remGlost.

*Now will it best availe your Maiestie,
To crosse the Seas, and to be Crown'd in France:
The presence of a King engenders loue
Amongst his Subiects, and his loyall Friends,
As it disanimates his Enemies.*

rem

remKing.

*When Gloster sayes the word, King Henry goes,
For friendly counsaile cuts off many Foes.*

rem

remGlost.

Your Ships alreadie are in readinesse.

Senet. Flourish. Exeunt.

Manet Exeter.

rem

remExet.

*I, we may march in England, or in France,
Not seeing what is likely to ensue:
This late dissention growne betwixt the Peeres,
Burnes vnder fained ashes of forg'd loue,
And will at last breake out into a flame,
As festred members rot but by degree,
Till bones and flesh and sinewes fall away,
So will this base and enuious discord breed.
And now I feare that fatall Prophecie,
Which in the, time of Henry, nam'd the Fift,
Was in the mouth of euery sucking Babe,*

*That Henry borne at Monmouth should winne all,
And Henry borne at Windsor, loose all:
Which is so plaine, that Exeter doth wish,
His dayes may finish, ere that haplesse time.*

Exit.

Scna Secunda.

Enter Pucell disguis'd, with foure Souldiors with Sacks vpon their backs.
rem
remPucell.

*These are the Citie Gates, the Gates of Roan,
Through which our Pollicy must make a breach.
Take heed, be wary how you place your words,
Talke like the vulgar sort of Market men,
That come to gather Money for their Corne.
If we haue entrance, as I hope we shall,
And that we finde the slouthfull Watch but weake,
Ile by a signe giue notice to our friends,
That Charles the Dolphin may encounter them.*

rem
remSouldier.

*Our Sacks shall be a meane to sack the City.
And we be Lords and Rulers ouer Roan,
Therefore wee'le knock.*

Knock.

rem
remWatch.

Che la.
rem
remPucell.

*Peasauns la pouure gens de Fraunce,
Poore Market folkes that come to sell their Corne.*

rem
remWatch.

Enter, goe in, the Market Bell is rung.

rem
remPucell.

Now Roan, Ile shake thy Bulwarkes to the ground.

Exeunt.

Enter Charles, Bastard, Alanson.

rem

remCharles.

*Saint Dennis blesse this happy Stratageme,
And once againe wee'le sleepe secure in Roan.*

rem

remBastard.

*Here entred Pucell, and her Practisants:
Now she is there, how will she specifie?
Here is the best and safest passage in.*

rem

remReig.

*By thrusting out a Torch from yonder Tower,
Which once discern'd, shewes that her meaning is,
No way to that (for weaknesse) which she entred.*

Enter Pucell on the top, thrusting out a Torch burning.

rem

remPucell.

*Behold, this is the happy Wedding Torch,
That ioyneth Roan vnto her Countreyemen,
But burning fatall to the Talbonites.*

rem

remBastard.

*See Noble Charles the Beacon of our friend,
The burning Torch in yonder Turret stands.*

rem

remCharles.

*Now shine it like a Commet of Reuenge,
A Prophet to the fall of all our Foes.*

rem

remReig.

*Deferre no time, delayes haue dangerous ends,
Enter and cry, the Dolphin, presently,
And then doe execution on the Watch.*

Alarum.

An Alarum. Talbot in an Excursion.

rem

remTalb.

*France, thou shalt rue this Treason with thy teares,
If Talbot but suruiue thy Trecherie.
Pucell that Witch, that damned Sorceresse,
Hath wrought this Hellish Mischiefe vnawares,
That hardly we escap't the Pride of France.*

Exit.

An Alarum: Excursions. Bedford brought in sicke in a Chayre.

*Enter Talbot and Burgonie without: within, Pucell, Charles, Bastard, and Reigneir
on the Walls.*

rem

remPucell.

God morrow Gallants, want ye Corn for Bread?

I thinke the Duke of Burgonie will fast,

Before hee'le buy againe at such a rate.

'Twas full of Darnell: doe you like the taste?

rem

remBurg.

Scoffe on vile Fiend, and shamelesse Curtizan,

I trust ere long to choake thee with thine owne,

And make thee curse the Haruest of that Corne.

rem

remCharles.

Your Grace may starue (perhaps) before that time.

rem

remBedf.

Oh let no words, but deedes, reuenge this Trea son.

rem

remPucell.

What will you doe, good graybeard?

Breake a Launce, and runne aTilt at Death,

Within a Chayre.

rem

remTalb.

Foule fiend of France, and Hag of all despight,

Incompass'd with thy lustfull paramours,

Becomes it thee to taunt his valiant Age,

And twit with Cowardise a man halfe dead?

Damsell, Ile haue a bowt with you againe,

Or else let Talbot perish with this shame.

rem

remPucell.

Are ye so hot, Sir: yet Pucell hold thy peace,

If Talbot doe but Thunder, Raine will follow.

They whisper together in counsell.

God speed the Parliament: who shall be the Speaker?

rem

remTalb.

Dare yee come forth, and meet vs in the field?

rem

remPucell.

Belike your Lordship takes vs then for fooles,

To try if that our owne be ours, or no.

rem

remTalb.

I speake not to that rayling Hecate,

But vnto thee Alanson, and the rest.

Will ye, like Souldiors, come and fight it out?

rem

remAlans.

Seignior no.

rem

remTalb.

Seignior hang: base Muleters of France,

Like Pesant footBoyes doe they keepe the Walls,

And dare not take vp Armes, like Gentlemen.

rem

remPucell.

Away Captaines, let's get vs from the Walls,

For Talbot meanes no goodnesse by his Lookes.

God b'uy my Lord, we came but to tell you

That wee are here.

Exeunt from the Walls.

rem

remTalb.

And there will we be too, ere it be long,

Or else reproach be Talbots greatest fame.

Vow Burgonie, by honor of thy House,

Prickt on by publike Wrongs sustain'd in France,

Either to get the Towne againe, or dye.

And I, as sure as English Henry liues,

And as his Father here was Conqueror;

As sure as in this late betrayed Towne,

Great Cordelions Heart was buryed;

So sure I sweare, to get the Towne, or dye.

rem

remBurg.

My Vowes are equall partners with thy Vowes.

rem

remTalb.

*But ere we goe, regard this dying Prince,
The valiant Duke of Bedford: Come my Lord,
We will bestow you in some better place,
Fitter for sicknesse, and for crasie age.*

rem

remBedf.

*Lord Talbot, doe not so dishonour me:
Here will I sit, before the Walls of Roan,
And will be partner of your weale or woe.*

rem

remBurg.

Couragious Bedford, let vs now perswade you.

rem

remBedf.

*Not to be gone from hence: for once I read,
That stout Pendragon, in his Litter sick,
Came to the field, and vanquished his foes.
Me thinkes I should reuiue the Souldiors hearts,
Because I euer found them as my selfe.*

rem

remTalb.

*Vndaunted spirit in a dying breast,
Then be it so: Heauens keepe old Bedford safe.
And now no more adoe, braue Burgonie,
But gather we our Forces out of hand,
And set vpon our boasting Enemie.*

Exit.

An Alarum: Excursions. Enter Sir Iohn Falstaffe, and a Captaine.

rem

remCapt.

Whither away Sir Iohn Falstaffe, in such haste?

rem

remFalst.

*Whither away? to saue my selfe by flight,
We are like to haue the ouerthrow againe.*

rem

remCapt.

What? will you flye, and leaue Lord Talbot?

rem

remFalst.

I, all the Talbots in the World, to saue my life.

Exit.

rem

remCapt.

Cowardly Knight, ill fortune follow thee.

Exit.

Retreat. Excursions. Pucell, Alanson, and Charles flye.

rem

remBedf.

*Now quiet Soule, depart when Heauen please,
For I haue seene our Enemies ouerthrow.
What is the trust or strength of foolish man?
They that of late were daring with their scoffes,
Are glad and faine by flight to saue themselues.*

Bedford dyes, and is carryed in by two in his Chaire.

An Alarum. Enter Talbot, Burgonie, and the rest.

rem

remTalb.

*Lost, and recouered in a day againe,
This is a double Honor, Burgonie:
Yet Heauens haue glory for this Victorie.*

rem

remBurg.

*Warlike and Martiall Talbot, Burgonie
Inshrines thee in his heart, and there erects
Thy noble Deeds, as Valors Monuments.*

rem

remTalb.

*Thanks gentle Duke: but where is Pucel now?
I thinke her old Familiar is asleepe.
Now where's the Bastards braues, and Charles his glikes?
What all amort? Roan hangs her head for griefe,
That such a valiant Company are fled.
Now will we take some order in the Towne,
Placing therein some expert Officers,
And then depart to Paris, to the King,
For there young Henry with his Nobles lye.*

rem

remBurg.

What wills Lord Talbot, pleaseth Burgonie.

rem

remTalbot.

But yet before we goe, let's not forget

The Noble Duke of Bedford, late deceas'd,

But see his Exequies fulfill'd in Roan.

A brauer Souldier neuer couched Launce,

A gentler Heart did neuer sway in Court.

But Kings and mightiest Potentates must die,

For that's the end of humane miserie.

Exeunt.

Scna Tertia

Enter Charles, Bastard, Alanson, Pucell.

rem

remPucell.

Dismay not (Princes) at this accident,

Nor grieue that Roan is so recovered:

Care is no cure, but rather corrosiue,

For things that are not to be remedy'd.

Let frantike Talbot triumph for a while,

And like a Peacock sweepe along his tayle,

Wee'le pull his Plumes, and take away his Trayne,

If Dolphin and the rest will be but rul'd.

rem

remCharles.

We haue been guided by thee hitherto,

And of thy Cunning had no diffidence,

One sudden Foyle shall neuer breed distrust.

rem

remBastard.

Search out thy wit for secret pollicies,

And we will make thee famous through the World.

rem

remAlans.

Wee'le set thy statue in some holy place,

And haue thee reuerenc't like a blessed Saint.

Employ thee then, sweet Virgin, for our good.

rem

remPucell.

Then thus it must be, this doth Ioane devise:

By faire perswasions, mixt with sugred words,

*We will entice the Duke of Burgonie
To leaue the Talbot, and to follow vs.*

rem

remCharles.

*I marry Sweeting, if we could doe that,
France were no place for Henryes Warriors,
Nor should that Nation boast it so with vs,
But be extirped from our Prouinces.*

rem

remAlans.

*For euer should they be expuls'd from France,
And not haue Title of an Earledome here.*

rem

remPucell.

*Your Honors shall perceiue how I will worke,
To bring this matter to the wished end.*

Drumme sounds afarre off.

*Hearke, by the sound of Drumme you may perceiue
Their Powers are marching vnto Parisward.*

Here sound an English March.

*There goes the Talbot, with his Colours spred,
And all the Troupes of English after him.*

French March.

*Now in the Rereward comes the Duke and his:
Fortune in fauor makes him lagge behinde.
Summon a Parley, we will talke with him.*

Trumpets sound a Parley.

rem

remCharles.

A Parley with the Duke of Burgonie.

rem

remBurg.

Who craues a Parley with the Burgonie?

rem

remPucell.

The Princely Charles of France, thy Countrey man.

rem

remBurg.

What say'st thou Charles? for I am marching hence.

rem

remCharles.

Speake Pucell, and enchaunt him with thy words.

rem

remPucell.

Braue Burgonie, vndoubted hope of France,

Stay, let thy humble Handmaid speake to thee.

rem

remBurg.

Speake on, but be not ouertedious.

rem

remPucell.

Looke on thy Country, look on fertile France,

And see the Cities and the Townes defac't,

By wasting Ruine of the cruell Foe,

As lookes the Mother on her lowly Babe,

When Death doth close his tenderdying Eyes.

See, see the pining Maladie of France:

Behold the Wounds, the most vnnaturall Wounds,

Which thou thy selfe hast giuen her wofull Brest.

Oh turne thy edged Sword another way,

Strike those that hurt, and hurt not those that helpe:

One drop of Blood drawne from thy Countries Bosome,

Should grieue thee more then streames of forraine gore.

Returne thee therefore with a floud of Teares,

And wash away thy Countries stayned Spots.

rem

remBurg.

Either she hath bewicht me with her words,

Or Nature makes me suddenly relent.

rem

remPucell.

Besides, all French and France exclames on thee,

Doubting thy Birth and lawfull Progenie.

Who ioyn'st thou with, but with a Lordly Nation,

That will not trust thee, but for profits sake?

When Talbot hath set footing once in France,

And fashion'd thee that Instrument of Ill,

Who then, but English Henry, will be Lord,

And thou be thrust out, like a Fugitiue?

Call we to minde, and marke but this for prooffe:

Was not the Duke of Orleance thy Foe?

And was he not in England Prisoner?

*But when they heard he was thine Enemy,
They set him free, without his Ransome pay'd,
In spight of Burgonie and all his friends.
See then, thou fight'st against thy Countreymen,
And ioyn'st with them will be thy slaughtermen.
Come, come, returne; returne thou wandering Lord,
Charles and the rest will take thee in their armes.*

rem

remBurg.

I am vanquished:

*These haughtie wordes of hers
Haue batt' red me like roaring Cannonshot,
And made me almost yeeld vpon my knees.
Forgiue me Countrey, and sweet Countreymen:
And Lords accept this heartie kind embrace.
My Forces and my Power of Men are yours.
So farwell Talbot, Ile no longer trust thee.*

rem

remPucell.

Done like a Frenchman: turne and turne a gaine.

rem

remCharles.

Welcome braue Duke, thy friendship makes vs fresh.

rem

remBastard.

And doth beget new Courage in our Breasts.

rem

remAlans.

*Pucell hath brauely play'd her part in this,
And doth deserue a Coronet of Gold.*

rem

remCharles.

Now let vs on, my Lords,

And ioyme our Powers,

And seeke how we may preiudice the Foe.

Exeunt.

Scna Quarta.

*Enter the King, Gloucester, Winchester, Yorke, Suffolke, Somerset, Warwicke,
Exeter: To them, with his Souldiours, Talbot.*

rem

remTalb.

*My gracious Prince, and honorable Peeres,
 Hearing of your arriuall in this Realme,
 I haue a while giuen Truce vnto my Warres,
 To doe my dutie to my Soueraigne.
 In signe whereof, this Arme, that hath reclaym'd
 To your obedience, fiftie Fortresses,
 Twelue Cities, and seuen walled Townes of strength,
 Beside fiae hundred Prisoners of esteeme;
 Lets fall his Sword before your Highnesse feet:
 And with submissiue loyaltie of heart
 Ascribes the Glory of his Conquest got,
 First to my God, and next vnto your Grace.*

rem

remKing.

*Is this the Lord Talbot, Vnckle Gloucester,
 That hath so long beene resident in France?*

rem

remGlost.

Yes, if it please your Maiestie, my Liege.

rem

remKing.

*Welcome braue Captaine, and victorious Lord:
 When I was young (as yet I am not old)
 I doe remember how my Father said,
 A stouter Champion neuer handled Sword.
 Long since we were resolved of your truth,
 Your faithfull service, and your toyle in Warre:
 Yet neuer haue you tasted our Reward,
 Or beene reguerdon'd with so much as Thanks,
 Because till now, we neuer saw your face.
 Therefore stand vp, and for these good deserts,
 We here create you Earle of Shrewsbury,
 And in our Coronation take your place/*

Senet. Flourish. Exeunt.

Manet Vernon and Basset.

rem

remVern.

*Now Sir, to you that were so hot at Sea,
 Disgracing of these Colours that I weare,
 In honor of my Noble Lord of Yorke1*

Dar'st thou maintaine the former words thou spak'st?

rem

remBass.

Yes Sir, as well as you dare patronage

The enuious barking of your sawcie Tongue,

Against my Lord the Duke of Somerset.

rem

remVern.

Sirrha, thy Lord I honour as he is.

rem

remBass.

Why, what is he? as good a man as Yorke.

rem

remVern.

Hearke ye: not so: in witnesse take ye that.

Strikes him.

rem

remBass.

Villaine, thou knowest

The Law of Armes is such,

That who so drawes a Sword, 'tis present death,

Or else this Blow should broach thy dearest Bloud.

But Ile vnto his Maiestie, and craue,

I may haue libertie to venge this Wrong,

When thou shalt see, Ile meet thee to thy cost.

rem

remVern.

Well miscreant, Ile be there as soone as you,

And after meete you, sooner then you would.

Exeunt.

Actus Quartus. Scena Prima.

*Enter King, Glocester, Winchester, Yorke, Suffolke, Somer set, Warwicke, Talbot,
and Gouvernor Exeter.*

rem

remGlo.

Lord Bishop set the Crowne vpon his head.

rem

remWin.

God saue King Henry of that name the sixt.

rem

remGlo.

Now Governour of Paris take your oath,
 That you elect no other King but him;
 Esteeme none Friends, but such as are his Friends,
 And none your Foes, but such as shall pretend
 Malicious practises against his State:
 This shall ye do, so helpe you righteous God.

Enter Falstaffe.

rem

remFal.

My gracious Soueraigne, as I rode from Calice,
 To haste vnto your Coronation:
 A Letter was deliuer'd to my hands.
 Writ to your Grace, from th'Duke of Burgundy.

rem

remTal.

Shame to the Duke of Burgundy, and thee:
 I vow'd (base Knight) when I did meete the next,
 To teare the Garter from thy Crauens legge,
 Which I haue done, because (vnworthily)
 Thou was't installed in that High Degree.
 Pardon me Princely Henry, and the rest:
 This Dastard, at the battell of Poictiers,
 When (but in all) I was sixe thousand strong,
 And that the French were almost ten to one,
 Before we met, or that a stroke was giuen,
 Like to a trustie Squire, did run away.
 In which assault, we lost twelue hundred men.
 My selfe, and diuers Gentlemen beside,
 Were thete there surpriz'd, and taken prisoners.
 Then iudge (great Lords) if I haue done amisse:
 Or whether that such Cowards ought to weare
 This Ornament of Knighthood, yea or no?

rem

remGlo.

To say the truth, this fact was infamous,
 And ill beseeming any common man;
 Much more a Knight, a Captaine, and a Leader.

rem

remTal.

When first this Order was ordain'd my Lords,
 Knights of the Garrer were of Noble birth;

*Valiant, and Vertuous, full of haughtie Courage,
Such as were growne to credit by the warres:
Not fearing Death, nor shrinking for Distresse,
But alwayes resolute, in most extreames.
He then, that is not furnish'd in this sort,
Doth but usurpe the Sacred name of Knight,
Prophaning this most Honourable Order,
And should (if I were worthy to be Iudge)
Be quite degraded, like a Hedgeborne Swaine,
That doth perfume to boast of Gentle blood.*

rem

remK.

*Staine to thy Countrymen, thou hear'st thy doom:
Be packing therefore, thou that was't a knight:
Henceforth we banish thee on paine of death.
And now Lord Protector, view the Letter
Sent from our Vnckle Duke of Burgundy.*

rem

remGlo.

What meanes his Grace, that he hath chaung'd his Stile?

No more but plaine and bluntly?

(To the King.)

*Hath he forgot he is his Soueraigne?
Or doth this churlish Superscription
Pretend some alteration in good will?
What's heere? I haue vpon especiall cause,
Mou'd with compassion of my Countries wracke,
Together with the pittiful complaints
Of such as your oppression feedes vpon,
Forsaken your pernitious Faction,
And ioyn'd with Charles, the rightfull king of France.
O monstrous Treachery: Can this be so?
That in alliance, amity, and oathes,
There should be found such false dissembling guile?*

rem

remKing.

What? doth my Vnckle Burgundy reuolt?

rem

remGlo.

He doth my Lord, and is become your foe.

rem

remKing.

Is that the worst this Letter doth containe?

rem

remGlo.

It is the worst, and all (my Lord) he writes.

rem

remKing.

*Why then Lord Talbot there shal talk with him,
And giue him chasticement for this abuse.*

How say you (my Lord) are you not content?

rem

remTal.

*Content, my Liege? Yes: But yt I am preuented,
I should haue begg'd I might haue bene employd.*

rem

remKing.

*Then gather strength, and march vnto him straight:
Let him perceiue how ill we brooke his Treason,
And what offence it is to flout his Friends.*

rem

remTal.

*I go my Lord, in heart desiring still
You may behold confusion of your foes.*

Enter Vernon and Bassit.

rem

remVer.

Grant me the Combate, gracious Soueraigne.

rem

remBas.

And me (my Lord) grant me the Combate too.

rem

remYorke.

This is my Seruant, heare him Noble Prince.

rem

remSom.

And this is mine (sweet Henry) fauour him.

rem

remKing.

Be patient Lords, and giue them leaue to speak.

Say Gentlemen, what makes you thus exclaime,

And wherefore craue you Combate? Or with whom?

rem

remVer.

With him (my Lord) for he hath done me wrong.

rem

remBas.

And I with him, for he hath done me wrong.

rem

remKing.

What is that wrong, wherof you both complain

First let me know, and then Ile answer you.

rem

remBas.

Crossing the Sea, from England into France,

This Fellow heere with enuious carping tongue,

Vpbraided me about the Rose I weare,

Saying, the sanguine colour of the Leaues

Did represent my Masters blushing cheekes;

When stubbornly he did repugne the truth,

About a certaine question in the Law,

Argu'd betwixt the Duke of Yorke, and him:

With other vile and ignominious tearmes.

In confutation of which rude reproach,

And in defence of my Lords worthinesse,

I craue the benefit of Law of Armes.

rem

remVer.

And that is my petition (Noble Lord:)

For though he seeme with forged queint conceite

To set a glosse vpon his bold intent,

Yet know (my Lord) I was prouok'd by him,

And he first tooke exceptions at this badge,

Pronouncing that the palenesse of this Flower,

Bewray'd the faintnesse of my Masters heart.

rem

remYorke.

Will not this malice Somerset be left?

rem

remSom.

Your priuate grudge my Lord of York, wil out,

Though ne're so cunningly you smother it.

rem

remKing.

Good Lord, what madnesse rules in braine sicke men,

When for so slighr slight and friuolous a cause,

Such factious mulations shall arise?

Good Cosins both of Yorke and Somerset,

Quiet your selues (I pray) and be at peace.

rem

remYorke.

Let this dissention first be tried by fight,

And then your Highnesse shall command a Peace.

rem

remSom.

The quarrell toucheth none but vs alone,

Betwixt our selues let vs decide it then.

rem

remYorke.

There is my pledge, accept it Somerset.

rem

remVer.

Nay, let it rest where it began at first.

rem

remBass.

Confirme it so, mine honourable Lord.

rem

remGlo.

Confirme it so? Confounded be your strife,

And perish with your audacious prate,

Presumptuous vassals, are you not asham'd

With this immodest clamorous outrage,

To trouble and disturbe the King, and Vs?

And you my Lords, me thinkes you do not well

To beare with their peruerse Obiections:

Much lesse to take occasion from their mouthes,

To raise a mutiny betwixt your selues.

Let me perswade you take a better course.

rem

remExet.

It greeues his Highnesse,

Good my Lords, be Friends.

rem

remKing.

Come hither you that would be Combatants:

Henceforth I charge you, as you loue our fauour,

Quite to forget this Quarrell, and the cause.

And you my Lords: Remember where we are,

In France, amongst a fickle wauering Nation:

If they perceyue dissention in our lookes,

And that within our selues we disagree;

How will their grudging stomackes be prouok'd

To wilfull Disobedience, and Rebell?

*Beside, What infamy will there arise,
 When Forraigne Princes shall be certified,
 That for a toy, a thing of no regard,
 King Henries Peeres, and cheefe Nobility,
 Destroy'd themselues, and lost the Realme of France?
 Oh thinke upon the Conquest of my Father,
 My tender yeares, and let vs not forgoe
 That for a trifle, that was bought with blood.
 Let me be Vmper in this doubtfull strife:
 I see no reason if I weare this Rose,
 That any one should therefore be suspitious
 I more incline to Somerset, than Yorke:
 Both are my kinsmen, and I loue them both.
 As well they may vpbray'd me with my Crowne,
 Because (forfooth) the King of Scots is Crown'd.
 But your discretions better can perswade,
 Then I am able to instruct or teach:
 And therefore, as we hither came in peace,
 So let vs still continue peace, and loue.
 Colin of Yorke, we institute your Grace
 To be our Regent in these parts of France:
 And good my Lord of Somerset, vnite
 Your Troopes of horsemen, with his Bands of foote,
 And like true Subiects, sonnes of your Progenitors,
 Go cheerefully together, and digest
 Your angry Choller on your Enemies.
 Our Selfe, my Lord Protector, and the rest,
 After some respit, will returne to Calice;
 From thence to England, where I hope ere long
 To be presented by your Victories,
 With Charles, Alanson, and that Traiterous rout.*

Exeunt. Manet Yorke, Warwick, Exeter, Vernon.

rem

remWar.

*My Lord of Yorke, I promise you the King
 Prettily (me thought) did play the Orator.)*

rem

remYorke.

*And so he did, but yet I like it not,
 In that he weares the badge of Somerset.*

rem

remWar.

*Tush, that was but his fancie, blame him not,
I dare presume (sweet Prince) he thought no harme.*

rem

remYorke.

*And if I wish he did. But let it rest,
Other affayres must now be managed.*

Exeunt.

Flourish. Manet Exeter.

rem

remExet.

*Well didst thou Richard to suppress thy voice:
For had the passions of thy heart burst out,
I feare we should haue seene decipher'd there
More rancorous spight, more furious raging broyles,
Then yet can be imagin'd or suppos'd:
But howsoere, no simple man that sees
This iarring discord of Nobilitie,
This shouldering of each other in the Court,
This factious bandying of their Fauourites,
But that it doth presage some ill euent.
'Tis much, when Scepters are in Childrens hands:
But more, when Envy breeds vnkinde deuision.
There comes the ruine, there begins confusion.*

Exit.

Enter Talbot with Trumpe and Drumme, before Burdeaux.

rem

remTalb.

*Go to the Gates of Burdeaux Trumpeter,
Summon their Generall vnto the Wall.*

Sounds.

Enter Generall aloft.

*English Iohn Talbot (Captaines) call you forth,
Seruant in Armes to Harry King of England,
And thus he would. Open your Citie Gates,
Be humble to vs, call my Soueraigne yours,*

*And do him homage as obedient Subiects,
 And Ile withdraw me, and my bloody power.
 But if you srowne vpon this proffer'd Peace,
 You tempt the fury of my three attendants,
 Leane Famine, quartering Steele, and climbing Fire,
 Who in a moment, eeuen with the earth,
 Shall lay your stately, and ayrebrauing Towers,
 If you forsake the offer of their loue.*

rem

remCap.

*Thou ominous and fearefull Owle of death,
 Our Nations terror, and their bloody scourge,
 The period of thy Tyranny approacheth,
 On vs thou canst not enter but by death:
 For I protest we are well fortified,
 And strong enough to issue out and fight.
 If thou retire, the Dolphin well appointed,
 Stands with the snares of Warre to tangle thee.
 On either hand thee, there are squadrons pitcht,
 To wall thee from the liberty of Flight;
 And no way canst thou turne thee for redresse,
 But death doth front thee with apparant spoyle,
 And pale destruction meets thee in the face:
 Ten thousand French haue tane the Sacrament,
 To ryue their dangerous Artillerie
 Vpon no Christian soule but English Talbot:
 Loe, there thou standst a breathing valiant man
 Of an inuincible vnconquer'd spirit:
 This is the latest Glorie of thy praise,
 That I thy enemy dew thee withall:
 For ere the Glasse that now begins to runne,
 Finish the processe of his sandy houre,
 These eyes that see thee now well coloured,
 Shall see thee withered, bloody, pale, and dead.*

Drum a farre off.

*Harke, harke, the Dolphins drumme, a warning bell,
 Sings heauy Musicke to thy timorous soule,
 And mine shall ring thy dire departure out.*

*Exit**rem**remTal.**He Fables not, I heare the enemie:**Out some light Horsemen, and peruse their Wings.**O negligent and heedlesse Discipline,**How are we park'd and bounded in a pale?**A little Heard of Englands timorous Deere,**Maz'd with a yelping kennell of French Currees.**If we be English Deere, be then in blood,**Not Rascalllike to fall downe with a pinch,**But rather moodie mad: And desperate Stagges,**Turne on the bloody Hounds with heads of Steele,**And make the Cowards stand aloofe at bay:**Sell euery man his life as deere as mine,**And they shall finde deere Deere of vs my Friends.**God, and Saint⁵ George, Talbot and Englands right,**Prosper our Colours in this dangerous fight.**Enter a Messenger that meets Yorke. Enter Yorke with Trumpet, and many Soldiers.**rem**remYorke.**Are not the speedy scouts return'd againe,**That dog'd the mighty Army of the Dolphin?**rem**remMess.**They are return'd my Lord, and giue it out,**That he is march'd to Burdeaux with his power**To fight with Talbot as he march'd along.**By your espyals were discovered**Two mightier Troopes then that the Dolphin led,**Which ioyn'd with him, and made their march for (Burdeaux**rem**remYorke**A plague vpon that Villaine Somerset,**That thus delayes my promised supply**Of horsemen, that were leuied for this siege.**Renowned Talbot doth expect my ayde,**And I am louted by a Traitor Villaine,*

⁵S.

*And cannot helpe the noble Cheualier:
 God comfourt him in this necessity:
 If he miscarry, farewell Warres in France.*

Enter another Messenger.

rem

rem2. Mes.

*Thou Princely Leader of our English strength,
 Neuer so needfull on the earth of France,
 Spurre to the rescue of the Noble Talbot,
 Who now is girdled with a waste of Iron,
 And hem'd about with grim destruction:
 To Burdeaux warlike Duke, to Burdeaux Yorke,
 Else farwell Talbot, France, and Englands honor.*

rem

remYorke.

*O God, that Somerset who in proud heart
 Doth stop my Cornets, were in Talbots place,
 So should wee saue a valiant Gentleman,
 By forfeiting a Traitor, and a Coward:
 Mad ire, and wrathfull fury makes me weepe,
 That thus we dye, while remisse Traitors sleepe.*

rem

remMes.

O send some succour to the distrest Lord.

rem

remYorke.

*He dies, we loose: I breake my warlike word:
 We mourne, France smiles: We loose, they dayly get,
 All long of this vile Traitor Somerset.*

rem

remMes.

*Then God take mercy on braue Talbots soule,
 And on his Sonne yong Iohn, who two houres since,
 I met in trauaile toward his warlike Father;
 This seuen yeeres did not Talbot see his sonne,
 And now they meete where both their liues are done.*

rem

remYorke.

*Alas, what ioy shall noble Talbot haue,
 To bid his yong sonne welcome to his Graue:
 Away, vexation almost stoppes my breath,*

*That sundred friends greete in the houre of death.
 Lucie farewell, no more my fortune can,
 But curse the cause I cannot ayde the man.
 Maine, Bloys, Poytiers, and Toures, are wonne away,
 Long all of Somerset, and his delay.*

Exit

rem

remMes.

*Thus while the Vulture of sedition,
 Feedes in the bosome of such great Commanders,
 Sleeping neglection doth betray to losse:
 The Conquest of our scarsecold Conqueror,
 That euerliuing man of Memorie,
 Henrie the fift: Whiles they each other crosse,
 Liues, Honours, Lands, and all, hurrie to losse.*

Enter Somerset with his Armie.

rem

remSom.

*It is too late, I cannot send them now:
 This expedition was by Yorke and Talbot,
 Too rashly plotted. All our generall force,
 Might with a sally of the very Towne
 Be buckled with: the ouerdaring Talbot
 Hath sullied all his glosse of former Honor
 By this vnheedfull, desperate, wilde aduenture:
 Yorke set him on to fight, and dye in shame,
 That Talbot dead, great Yorke might beare the name.*

rem

remCap.

*Heere is Sir William Lucie, who with me
 Set from our orematcht forces forth for ayde.*

rem

remSom.

How now Sir William, whether were you sent?

rem

remLu.

*Whether my Lord, from bought & sold Lord⁶ Talbot,
 Who ring'd about with bold aduersitie,
 Cries out for noble Yorke and Somerset,*

⁶L.

*To beate assayling death from his weake Regions,
 And whiles the honourable Captaine there
 Drops bloody swet from his warrewearied limbes,
 And in aduantage lingring lookes for rescue,
 You his false hopes, the trust of Englands honor,
 Keep off aloofe with worthlesse emulation:
 Let not your priuate discord keepe away
 The leuied succours that should lend him ayde,
 While he renowned Noble Gentleman
 Yeeld vp his life vnto a world of oddes.
 Orleance the Bastard, Charles, Burgundie,
 Alanson, Reignard, compasse him about,
 And Talbot perisheth by your default.*

rem

remSom.

Yorke set him on, Yorke should haue sent him ayde.

rem

remLuc.

*And Yorke as fast vpon your Grace exclaiimes,
 Swearing that you withhold his leuied hoast,
 Collected for this expidition.*

rem

remSom.

*York lyes: He might haue sent, & had the Horse;
 I owe him little Dutie, and lesse Loue,
 And take foule scorne to fawne on him by sending.*

rem

remLu.

*The fraud of England, not the force of France,
 Hath now intrapt the Nobleminded Talbot:
 Neuer to England shall he beare his life,
 But dies betraid to fortune by your strife.*

rem

remSom.

*Come go, I will dispatch the Horsemen strait:
 Within sixe houres, they will be at his ayde.*

rem

remLu.

*Too late comes rescue, he is tane or slaine,
 For flye he could not, if he would haue fled:
 And flye would Talbot neuer though he might.*

rem

remSom.

If he be dead, braue Talbot then adieu.

rem

remLu.

His Fame liues in the world. His Shame in you.

Exeunt.

Enter Talbot and his Sonne.

rem

remTal.

*O yong Iohn Talbot, I did send for thee
To tutor thee in stratagemes of Warre,
That Talbots name might be in thee reuiu'd,
When saplesse Age, and weake vnable limbes
Should bring thy Father to his drooping Chaire.
But O malignant and illboading Starres,
Now thou art come vnto a Feast of death,
A terrible and vnauoyded danger;
Therefore deere Boy, mount on my swiftest horse,
And Ile direct thee how thou shalt escape
By sodaine flight. Come, dally not, be gone.*

rem

remIohn.

*Is my name Talbot? and am I your Sonne?
And shall I flye? O, if you loue my Mother,
Dishonor not her Honorable Name,
To make a Bastard, and a Slaue of me:
The World will say, he is not Talbots blood,
That basely fled, when Noble Talbot stood.*

rem

remTalb.

Flye, to reuenge my death, if I be slaine.

rem

remIohn.

He that flyes so, will ne're returne againe.

rem

remTalb.

If we both stay, we both are sure to dye.

rem

remIohn.

*Then let me stay, and Father doe you flye:
Your losse is great, so your regard should be;
My worth vnknowne, no losse is knowne in me.*

*Vpon my death, the French can little boast;
 In yours they will, in you all hopes are lost.
 Flight cannot stayne the Honor you haue wonne,
 But mine it will, that no Exploit haue done.
 You fled for Vantage, euery one will sweare:
 But if I bow, they'le say it was for feare.
 There is no hope that euer I will stay,
 If the first howre I shrinke and run away:
 Here on my knee I begge Mortalitie,
 Rather then Life, preseru'd with Infamie.*

rem

remTalb.

Shall all thy Mothers hopes lye in one Tombe?

rem

remIohn.

I, rather then Ile shame my Mothers Wombe.

rem

remTalb.

Vpon my Blessing I command thee goe.

rem

remIohn.

To fight I will, but not to flye the Foe.

rem

remTalb.

Part of thy Father may be sau'd in thee.

rem

remIohn.

No part of him, but will be shame in mee.

rem

remTalb.

Thou neuer hadst Renowne, nor canst not lose it.

rem

remIohn.

Yes, your renowned Name: shall flight abuse it?

rem

remTalb.

Thy Fathers charge shal cleare thee from yt staine.

rem

remIohn.

You cannot witnesse for me, being slaine.

If Death be so apparant, then both flye.

rem

remTalb.

And leaue my followers here to fight and dye?

My Age was neuer tainted with such shame.

rem

remJohn.

And shall my Youth be guiltie of such blame?
 No more can I be seuered from your side,
 Then can your selfe, your selfe in twaine diuide:
 Stay, goe, doe what you will, the like doe I;
 For liue I will not, if my Father dye.

rem

remTalb.

Then here I take my leaue of thee, faire Sonne,
 Borne to eclipse thy Life this afternoone:
 Come, side by side, together liue and dye,
 And Soule with Soule from France to Heauen flye.

Exit.

Alarum: Excursions, wherein Talbots Sonne is hemm'd about, and Talbot rescues him.

rem

remTalb.

Saint George, and Victory; fight Souldiers, fight:
 The Regent hath with Talbot broke his word,
 And left vs to the rage of France his Sword.
 Where is Iohn Talbot? pawse, and take thy breath,
 I gaue thee Life, and rescu'd thee from Death.

rem

remJohn.

O twice my Father, twice am I thy Sonne:
 The Life thou gau'st me first, was lost and done,
 Till with thy Warlike Sword, despight of Fate,
 To my determin'd time thou gau'st new date.

rem

remTalb.

When fro the Dolphins Crest thy Sword struck fire,
 It warm'd thy Fathers heart with proud desire
 Of boldfac't Victorie. Then Leaden Age,
 Quicken'd with Youthfull Spleene, and Warlike Rage,
 Beat downe Alanson, Orleance, Burgundie,
 And from the Pride of Gallia rescued thee.
 The irefull Bastard Orleance, that drew blood
 From thee my Boy, and had the Maidenhood
 Of thy first fight, I soone encountred,

*And interchanging blowes, I quickly shed
 Some of his Bastard blood, and in disgrace
 Bespoke him thus: Contaminated, base,
 And misbegotten blood, I spill of thine,
 Meane and right poore, for that pure blood of mine,
 Which thou didst force from Talbot, my braue Boy.
 Here purposing the Bastard to destroy,
 Came in strong rescue. Speake thy Fathers care:
 Art thou not wearie Iohn? How do'st thou fare?
 Wilt thou yet leaue the Battaile, Boy, and flie,
 Now thou art seal'd the Sonne of Chiualrie?
 Flye, to reuenge my death when I am dead,
 The helpe of one stands me in little stead.
 Oh, too much folly is it, well I wot,
 To hazard all our liues in one small Boat.
 If I to day dye not with Frenchmens Rage,
 To morrow I shall dye with mickle Age.
 By me they nothing gaine, and if I stay,
 'Tis but the shortning of my Life one day.
 In thee thy Mother dyes, our Households Name,
 My Deaths Reuenge, thy Youth, and Englands Fame:
 All these, and more, we hazard by thy stay;
 All these are sau'd, if thou wilt flye away.*

rem

remIohn.

*The Sword of Orleance hath not made me smart,
 These words of yours draw Lifeblood from my Heart.
 On that aduantage, bought with such a shame,
 To saue a paltry Life, and slay bright Fame,
 Before young Talbot from old Talbot flye,
 The Coward Horse that beares me, fall and dye:
 And like me to the pesant Boyes of France.
 To be Shames scorne, and subiect of Mischance.
 Surely, by all the Glorie you haue wonne,
 And if I flye, I am not Talbots Sonne.
 Then talke no more of flight, it is no boot,
 If Sonne to Talbot, dye at Talbots foot.*

rem

remTalb.

Then follow thou thy desp'rate Syre of Creet,

*Thou Icarus, thy Life to me is sweet:
If thou wilt fight, fight by thy Fathers side,
And commendable prou'd, let's dye in pride.*

Exit.

Alarum. Excursions. Enter old Talbot led.

rem

remTal.

*Where is my other Life? mine owne is gone.
O, where's young Talbot? where is valiant Iohn?
Triumphant Death, smear'd with Captiuitie,
Young Talbots Valour makes me smile at thee.
When he perceiu'd me shrinke, and on my Knee,
His bloodie Sword he brandisht ouer mee,
And like a hungry Lyon did commence
Rough deeds of Rage, and sterne Impatience:
But when my angry Guardant stood alone,
Tendring my ruine, and assayl'd of none,
Dizziiey'd Furie, and great rage of Heart,
Suddenly made him from my side to start
Into the clustering Battaile of the French:
And in that Sea of Blood, my Boy did drench
His ouermounting Spirit; and there di'de
My Icarus, my Blossome, in his pride.*

Enter with Iohn Talbot, borne.

rem

remSeru.

O my deare Lord, loe where your Sonne is borne.

rem

remTal.

*Thou antique Death, which laugh'st vs here to scorn,
Anon from thy insulting Tyrannie,
Coupled in bonds of perpetuitie,
Two Talbots winged through the lither Skie,
In thy despight shall scape Mortalitie.
O thou whose wounds become hard fauoured death,
Speake to thy father, ere thou yeeld thy breath,
Braue death by speaking, whither he will or no:
Imagine him a Frenchman, and thy Foe.
Poore Boy, he smiles, me thinkes, as who should say,*

*Had Death bene French, then Death had dyed to day.
 Come, come, and lay him in his Fathers armes,
 My spirit can no longer beare these harmes.
 Souldiers adieu: I haue what I would haue,
 Now my old armes are yong Iohn Talbots graue.*

Dyes

Enter Charles, Alanson, Burgundie, Bastard, and Pucell.

rem

remChar.

*Had Yorke and Somerset brought rescue in,
 We should haue found a bloody day of this.*

rem

remBast.

*How the yong whelp of Talbots raging wood,
 Did flesh his puniesword in Frenchmens blood.*

rem

remPuc.

*Once I encountred him, and thus I said:
 Thou Maiden youth, be vanquisht by a Maide.
 But with a proud Maiesticall high scorne
 He answer'd thus: Yong Talbot was not borne
 To be the pillage of a Giglot Wench:
 So rushing in the bowels of the French,
 He left me proudly, as vnworthy fight.*

rem

remBur.

*Doubtlesse he would haue made a noble Knight:
 See where he lyes inherced in the armes
 Of the most bloody Nursser of his harmes.*

rem

remBast.

*Hew them to peeces, hack their bones assunder,
 Whose life was Englands glory, Gallia's wonder.*

rem

remChar.

*Oh no forbear: For that which we haue fled
 During the life, let vs not wrong it dead.*

Enter Lucie.

rem

remLu.

Herald, conduct me to the Dolphins Tent,

To know who hath obtain'd the glory of the day.

rem

remChar.

On what submissiue message art thou sent?

rem

remLucy.

Submission Dolphin? Tis a meere French word:

We English Warriours wot not what it meanes.

I come to know what Prisoners thou hast tane,

And to suruey the bodies of the dead.

rem

remChar.

For prisoners askst thou? Hell our prison is.

But tell me whom thou seek'st?

rem

remLuc.

But where's the great Alcides of the field,

Valiant Lord Talbot Earle of Shrewsbury?

Created for his rare successe in Armes,

Great Earle of Washford, Waterford, and Valence,

Lord Talbot of Goodrig and Vrchinfield,

Lord Strange of Blackmere, Lord Verdon of Alton,

Lord Cromwell of Wingefield, Lord Furniuall of Sheffield,

The thrice victorious Lord of Falconbridge,

Knight of the Noble Order of Saint⁷ George,

Worthy Saint⁸ Michael, and the Golden Fleece,

Great Marshall to Henry the sixt,

Of all his Warres within the Realme of France.

rem

remPuc.

Heere's a silly stately stile indeede:

The Turke that two and fiftie Kingdomes hath,

Writes not so tedious a stile as this.

Him that thou magnifi'st with all these Titles,

Stinking and flyblowne lyes here at our feete.

rem

remLucy.

Is Talbot slaine, the Frenchmens only Scourge,

Your Kingdomes terror, and blacke Nemesis?

Oh were mine eyeballes into Bullets turn'd,

⁷S.

⁸S.

*That I in rage might shoot them at your faces.
 Oh, that I could but call these dead to life,
 It were enough to fright the Realme of France.
 Were but his Picture left amongst you here,
 It would amaze the proudest of you all.
 Giue me their Bodyes, that I may beare them hence,
 And giue them Buriall, as beseemes their worth.*

rem

remPucel.

*I thinke this vpstart is old Talbots Ghost,
 He speakes with such a proud commanding spirit:
 For Gods sake let him haue him, to keepe them here,
 They would but stinke, and putrifie the ayre.*

rem

remChar.

Go take their bodies hence.

rem

remLucy.

*Ile beare them hence: but from their ashes shall be reard
 A Phnix that shall make all France affear'd.*

rem

remChar.

*So we be rid of them, do with him what yu wilt.
 And now to Paris in this conquering vaine,
 All will be ours, now bloody Talbots slaine.*

Exit.

Scena secunda.

SENNET.

Enter King, Gloucester, and Exeter.

rem

remKing.

*Haue you perus'd the Letters from the Pope,
 The Emperor, and the Earle of Arminack?*

rem

remGlo.

*I haue my Lord, and their intent is this,
 They humbly sue vnto your Excellence,
 To haue a godly peace concluded of,
 Betweene the Realmes of England, and of France.*

rem

remKing.

How doth your Grace affect their motion?

rem

remGlo.

*Well (my good Lord) and as the only meanes
To stop effusion of our Christian blood,
And stablish quietnesse on euery side.*

rem

remKing.

*I marry Vnckle, for I alwayes thought
It was both impious and vnnaturall,
That such immanity and bloody strife
Should reigne among Professors of one Faith.*

rem

remGlo.

*Bcside my Lord, the sooner to effect,
And surer binde this knot of amitie,
The Earle of Arminacke neere knit to Charles,
A man of great Authoritie in France,
Proffers his onely daughter to your Grace,
In marriage, with a large and sumptuous Dowrie.*

rem

remKing.

*Marriage Vnckle? Alas my yeares are yong:
And fitter is my studie, and my Bookes,
Than wanton dalliance with a Paramour.
Yet call th'Embassadors, and as you please,
So let them haue their answeres euery one;
I shall be well content with any choyce
Tends to Gods glory, and my Countries weale.*

Enter Winchester, and three Ambassadors.

rem

remExet.

*What, is my Lord of Winchester install'd,
And call'd vnto a Cardinalls degree?
Then I perceiue, that will be verified
Henry the Fift did sometime prophesie.
If once he come to be a Cardinall,
Hee'l make his cap coequall with the Crowne.*

rem

remKing.

My Lords Ambassadors, your seuerall suites

*Haue bin consider'd and debated on,
Your purpose is both good and reasonable:
And therefore are we certainly resolu'd,
To draw conditions of a friendly peace,
Which by my Lord of Winchester we meane
Shall be transported presently to France.*

rem

remGlo.

*And for the proffer of my Lord your Master,
I haue inform'd his Highnesse so at large,
As liking of the Ladies vertuous gifts,
Her Beauty, and the valew of her Dower,
He doth intend she shall be Englands Queene.*

rem

remKing.

*In argument and prooffe of which contract,
Beare her this Iewell, pledge of my affection.
And so my Lord Protector see them guarded,
And safely brought to Douer, wherein ship'd
Commit them to the fortune of the sea.*

Exeunt.

rem

remWin.

*Stay my Lord Legate, you shall first receiue
The summe of money which I promised
Should be deliuered to his Holinesse,
For cloathing me in these graue Ornaments.*

rem

remLegat.

I will attend vpon your Lordships leysure.

rem

remWin.

*Now Winchester will not submit, I trow,
Or be inferior to the proudest Peere;
Humfrey of Gloster, thou shalt well perceiue,
That neither in birth, or for authoritie,
The Bishop will be ouerborne by thee:
Ile either make thee stoope, and bend thy knee,
Or sacke this Country with a mutiny.*

Exeunt

Scna Tertia.

Enter Charles, Burgundy, Alanson, Bastard, Reignier, and Ione.

rem

remChar.

These newes (my Lords) may cheere our droo ping spirits:

'Tis said, the stout Parisians do reuolt,

And turne againe vnto the warlike French.

rem

remAlan.

Then march to Paris Royall Charles of France,

And keepe not backe your powers in dalliance.

rem

remPucel.

Peace be amongst them if they turne to vs,

Else ruine combate with their Pallaces.

Enter Scout.

rem

remScout.

Successe vnto our valiant Generall,

And happinesse to his accomplices.

rem

remChar.

What tidings send our Scouts? I prethee speak.

rem

remScout.

The English Army that diuided was

Into two parties, is now conioyn'd in one,

And meanes to giue you battell presently.

rem

remChar.

Somewhat too sodaine Sirs, the warning is,

But we will presently prouide for them.

rem

remBur.

I trust the Ghost of Talbot is not there:

Now he is gone my Lord, you neede not feare.

rem

remPucel.

Of all base passions, Feare is most accurst.

Command the Conquest Charles, it shall be thine:

Let Henry fret, and all the world repine.

rem

remChar.

Then on my Lords, and France be fortunate.

Exeunt. Alarum. Excursions.

Enter Ione de Pucell.

rem

remPuc.

The Regent conquers, and the Frenchmen flye.

Now helpe ye charming Spelles and Periapts,

And ye choise spirits that admonish me,

And giue me signes of future accidents.

Thunder.

You speedy helpers, that are substitutes

Vnder the Lordly Monarch of the North,

Appeare, and ayde me in this enterprize.

Enter Fiends.

This speedy and quicke appearance argues prooffe

Of your accustomed diligence to me.

Now ye Familiar Spirits, that are cull'd

Out of the powerfull Regions vnder earth,

Helpe me this once, that France may get the field.

They walke, and speake not.

Oh hold me not with silence ouerlong:

Where I was wont to feed you with my blood,

Ile lop a member off, and giue it you,

In earnest of a further benefit:

So you do condescend to helpe me now.

They hang their heads.

No hope to haue redresse? My body shall

Pay recompence, if you will graunt my suite.

They shake their heads.

Cannot my body, nor bloodsacrifice,

Intreate you to your wonted furtherance?

Then take my soule; my body, soule, and all,

Before that England giue the French the foyle.¹

They depart.

*See, they forsake me. Now the time is come,
That France must vale her lofty plumed Crest,
And let her head fall into Englands lappe.
My ancient Incantations are too weake,
And hell too strong for me to buckle with:
Now France, thy glory droopeth to the dust.*

Exit.

Excursions. Burgundie and Yorke fight hand to hand. French flye.

rem

remYorke.

*Damsell of France, I thinke I haue you fast,
Vnchaine your spirits now with spelling Charmes,
And try if they can gaine your liberty.
A goodly prize, sit for the diuels grace.
See how the vgly Witch doth bend her browes,
As if with Circe, she would change my shape.*

rem

remPuc.

Chang'd to a worser shape thou canst not be.

rem

remYor.

*Oh, Charles the Dolphin is a proper man,
No shape but his can please your dainty eye.*

rem

remPuc.

*A plaguing mischeefe light on Charles, and thee,
And may ye both be sodainly surpriz'd
By bloody hands, in sleeping on your beds.*

rem

remYorke.

Fell banning Hagge, Inchantresse hold thy tongue.

rem

remPuc.

I prethee giue me leaue to curse awhile.

rem

remYorke.

Curse Miscreant, when thou comst to the stake

Exeunt.

Alarum. Enter Suffolke with Margaret in his hand.

rem

remSuff.

Be what thou wilt, thou art my prisoner.

Gazes on her.

*Oh Fairest Beautie, do not feare, nor flye:
For I will touch thee but with reuerend hands,
I kisse these fingers for eternall peace,
And lay them gently on thy tender side.
Who art thou, say? that I may honor thee.*

rem

remMar.

*Margaret my name, and daughter to a King,
The King of Naples, who so ere thou art.*

rem

remSuff.

*An Earle I am, and Suffolke am I call'd.
Be not offended Natures myracle,
Thou art allotted to be tane by me:
So doth the Swan her downie Signets saue,
Keeping them prisoner vnderneath his wings:
Yet if this seruile vsage once offend,
Go, and be free againe, as Suffolkes friend.*

She is going

*Oh stay: I haue no power to let her passe,
My hand would free her, but my heart sayes no.
As playes the Sunne vpon the glassie streames,
Twinkling another counterfitted beame,
So seemes this gorgeous beauty to mine eyes.
Faine would I woe her, yet I dare not speake:
Ile call for Pen and Inke, and write my minde:
Eye De la Pole, disable not thy selfe:
Hast not a Tongue? Is she not heere?
Wilt thou be daunted at a Womans sight?
I: Beauties Princely Maiesty is such,
'Confounds the tongue, and makes the senses rough.*

rem

remMar.

*Say Earle of Suffolke, if thy name be so,
What ransome must I pay before I passe?
For I perceiue I am thy prisoner.*

rem

remSuf.

*How canst thou tell she will deny thy suite,
Before thou make a triall of her loue?*
rem
remM.

Why speak'st thou not? What ransom must I pay?
rem
remSuf.

*She's beautifull; and therefore to be Wooed:
She is a Woman; therefore to be Wonne.*
rem
remMar.

Wilt thou accept of ransome, yea or no?
rem
remSuf.

*Fond man, remember that thou hast a wife,
Then how can Margaret be thy Paramour?*
rem
remMar.

I were best to leaue him, for he will not heare.
rem
remSuf.

There all is marr'd: there lies a cooling card.
rem
remMar.

He talkes at randon: sure the man is mad.
rem
remSuf.

And yet a dispensation may bee had.
rem
remMar.

And yet I would that you would answer me:
rem
remSuf.

Ile win this Lady Margaret. For whom?
 Why for my King: Tush, that's a wooden thing.
rem
remMar.

He talkes of wood: It is some Carpenter.
rem
remSuf.

*Yet so my fancy may be satisfied,
And peace established betweene these Realmes.
But there remaines a scruple in that too:
For though her Father be the King of Naples,
Duke of Aniou and Mayne, yet is he poore,
And our Nobility will scorne the match.*

rem

remMar.

Heare ye Captaine? Are you not at leysure?

rem

remSuf.

It shall be so, disdaine they ne're so much:

Henry is youthfull, and will quickly yeeld.

Madam, I haue a secret to reueale.

rem

remMar.

What though I be inthral'd, he seems a knight

And will not any way dishonor me.

rem

remSuf.

Lady, vouchsafe to listen what I say.

rem

remMar.

Perhaps I shall be rescu'd by the French,

And then I need not craue his curtesie.

rem

remSuf.

Sweet Madam, giue me hearing in a cause.

rem

remMar.

Tush, women haue bene captiuatate ere now.

rem

remSuf.

Lady, wherefore talke you so?

rem

remMar.

I cry you mercy, 'tis but Quid for Quo.

rem

remSuf.

Say gentle Princesse, would you not suppose

Your bondage happy, to be made a Queene?

rem

remMar.

To be a Queene in bondage, is more vile,

Than is a slaue, in base seruility:

For Princes should be free.

rem

remSuf.

And so shall you,

If happy Englands Royall King be free.

rem

remMar.

Why what concernes his freedome vnto mee?

rem

remSuf.

Ile vndertake to make thee Henries Queene,

To put a Golden Scepter in thy hand,

And set a precious Crowne vpon thy head,

If thou wilt condescend to be my

rem

remMar.

What?

rem

remSuf.

His loue.

rem

remMar.

I am vnworthy to be Henries wife.

rem

remSuf.

No gentle Madam, I vnworthy am

To woe so faire a Dame to be his wife,

And haue no portion in the choice my selfe.

How say you Madam, are ye so content?

rem

remMar.

And if my Father please, I am content.

rem

remSuf.

Then call our Captaines and our Colours forth,

And Madam, at your Fathers Castle walles,

Wee'l craue a parley, to conferre with him.

Sound. Enter Reignier on the Walles.

See Reignier see, thy daughter prisoner.

rem

remReig.

To whom?

rem

remSuf.

To me.

rem

remReig.

Suffolke, what remedy?

I am a Souldier, and vnapt to weepe,

Or to exclaime on Fortunes ficklenesse.

rem

remSuf.

Yes, there is remedy enough my Lord,
 Consent, and for thy Honor giue consent,
 Thy daughter shall be wedded to my King,
 Whom I with paine haue wooed and wonne thereto:
 And this her easie held imprisonment,
 Hath gain'd thy daughter Princely libertie.

rem

remReig.

Speakes Suffolke as he thinkes?

rem

remSuf.

Faire Margaret knowes,
 That Suffolke doth not flatter, face, or faine.

rem

remReig.

Vpon thy Princely warrant, I descend,
 To giue thee answer of thy iust demand.

rem

remSuf.

And heere I will expect thy comming.

Trumpets sound. Enter Reignier.

rem

remReig.

Welcome braue Earle into our Territories,
 Command in Aniou what your Honor pleases.

rem

remSuf.

Thankes Reignier, happy for so sweet a Childe,
 Fit to be made companion with a King:
 What answer makes your Grace vnto my suite?

rem

remReig.

Since thou dost daigne to woe her little worth,
 To be the Princely Bride of such a Lord:
 Vpon condition I may quietly
 Enioy mine owne, the Country Maine and Aniou,
 Free from oppression, or the stroke of Warre,
 My daughter shall be Henries, if he please.

rem

remSuf.

That is her ransome, I deliuer her,

*And those two Counties I will undertake
Your Grace shall well and quietly enioy.*

rem

remReig.

*And I againe in Henries Royall name,
As Deputy vnto that gracious King,
Giue thee her hand for signe of plighted faith.*

rem

remSuf.

*Reignier of France, I giue thee Kingly thanks,
Because this is in Trafficke of a King.
And yet me thinkes I could be well content
To be mine owne Atturney in this case.
Ile ouer then to England with this newes.
And make this marriage to be solemniz'd:
So farewell Reignier, set this Diamond safe
In Golden Pallaces as it becomes.*

rem

remReig.

*I do embrace thee, as I would embrace
The Christian Prince King Henrie were he heere.*

rem

remMar.

*Farewell my Lord, good wishes, praise, & praiers,
Shall Suffolke euer haue of Margaret.*

Shee is going.

rem

remSuf.

*Farwell sweet Madam: but hearke you Margaret,
No Princely commendations to my King?*

rem

remMar.

*Such commendations as becomes a Maide,
A Virgin, and his Seruant, say to him.*

rem

remSuf.

*Words sweetly plac'd, and modestie directed,
But Madame, I must trouble you againe,
No louing Token to his Maiestie?*

rem

remMar.

*Yes, my good Lord, a pure unspotted heart,
Neuer yet taint with loue, I send the King.*

rem
remSuf.

And this withall.

Kisse her.

rem
remMar.

*That for thy selfe, I will not so presume,
To send such peeuish tokens to a King.*

rem
remSuf.

*Oh wert thou for my selfe: but Suffolke stay,
Thou mayest not wander in that Labyrinth,
There Minotaurs and vgly Treasons lurke,
Solicite Henry with her wonderous praise.
Bethinke thee on her Vertues that surmount,
Mad naturall Graces that extinguish Art,
Repeate their semblance often on the Seas,
That when thou com'st to kneele at Henries feete,
Thou mayest bereaue him of his wits with wonder.*

Exit

Enter Yorke, Warwicke, Shepheard, Pucell.

rem
remYor.

Bring forth that Sorceresse condemn'd to burne.

rem
remShep.

*Ah Ione, this kils thy Fathers heart outright,
Haue I sought euery Country farre and neere,
And now it is my chance to finde thee out,
Must I behold thy timelesse cruell death:
Ah Ione, sweet daughter Ione, Ile die with thee.*

rem
remPucel.

*Decrepit Miser, base ignoble Wretch,
I am descended of a gentler blood.
Thou art no Father, nor no Friend of mine.*

rem
remShep.

*Out, out: My Lords, and please you, 'tis not so
I did beget her, all the Parish knowes:
Her Mother liueth yet, can testifie*

She was the first fruite of my Bach'lership.

rem

remWar.

Gracelesse, wilt thou deny thy Parentage?

rem

remYorke.

*This argues what her kinde of life hath beene,
Wicked and vile, and so her death concludes.*

rem

remShep.

*Fye Ione, that thou wilt be so obstacle:
God knowes, thou art a collop of my flesh,
And for thy sake haue I shed many a teare:
Deny me not, I prythee, gentle Ione.*

rem

remPucell.

*Pezant auant. You haue suborn'd this man
Of purpose, to obscure my Noble birth.*

rem

remShep.

*'Tis true, I gaue a Noble to the Priest,
The morne that I was wedded to her mother.
Kneele downe and take my blessing, good my Gyrlle.
Wilt thou not stoope? Now cursed be the time
Of thy natiuitie: I would the Milke
Thy mother gaue thee when thou suck'st her brest,
Had bin a little Ratsbane for thy sake.
Or else, when thou didst keepe my Lambes afield,
I wish some rauenous Wolfe had eaten thee.
Doest thou deny thy Father, cursed Drab?
O burne her, burne her, hanging is too good.*

Exit.

rem

remYorke.

*Take her away, for she hath liu'd too long,
To fill the world with vicious qualities.*

rem

remPuc.

*First let me tell you whom you haue condemn'd;
Not me, begotten of a Shepheard Swaine,
But issued from the Progeny of Kings.
Vertuous and Holy, chosen from aboue,*

*By inspiration of Celestiall Grace,
 To worke exceeding myracles on earth.
 I neuer had to do with wicked Spirits.
 But you that are polluted with your lustes,
 Stain'd with the guiltlesse blood of Innocents,
 Corrupt and tainted with a thousand Vices:
 Because you want the grace that others haue,
 You iudge it straight a thing impossible
 To compasse Wonders, but by helpe of diuels.
 No misconceyued, Ione of Aire hath beene
 A Virgin from her tender infancie,
 Chaste, and immaculate in very thought,
 Whose Maidenblood thus rigorously effus'd,
 Will cry for Vengeance, at the Gates of Heauen.*

rem

remYorke.

I, I: away with her to execution.

rem

remWar.

*And hearke ye sirs: because she is a Maide,
 Spare for no Faggots, let there be enow:
 Place barrelles of pitch vpon the fatall stake,
 That so her torture may be shortned.*

rem

remPuc.

*Will nothing turne your vnrelenting hearts?
 Then Ione discover thine infirmity,
 That wartanteth warranteth by Law, to be thy priuiledge.
 I am with childe ye bloody Homicides:
 Murther not then the Fruite within my Wombe,
 Although ye hale me to a violent death.*

rem

remYor.

Now heauen forfend, the holy Maid with child?

rem

remWar.

The greatest miracle that ere ye wrought.

Is all your strict precisenesse come to this?

rem

remYorke.

*She and the Dolphin haue bin iugling,
 I did imagine what would be her refuge.*

rem

remWar.

Well go too, we'll haue no Bastards liue,
 Especially since Charles must Father it.

rem

remPuc.

You are deceyu'd, my childe is none of his,
 It was Alanson that inioy'd my loue.

rem

remYorke.

Alanson that notorious Macheuile?
 It dyes, and if it had a thousand liues.

rem

remPue.

Oh giue me leaue, I haue deluded you,
 'Twas neyther Charles, nor yet the Duke I nam'd,
 But Reignier King of Naples that preuayl'd.

rem

remWar.

A married man, that's most intollerable.

rem

remYor.

Why here's a Gyrl: I think she knowes not wel
 (There were so many) whom she may accuse.

rem

remWar.

It's signe she hath beene liberall and free.

rem

remYor.

And yet forsooth she is a Virgin pure.
 Strumpet, thy words condemne thy Brat, and thee.
 Vse no intreaty, for it is in vaine.

rem

remPu.

Then lead me hence: with whom I leaue my curse.
 May neuer glorious Sunne reflex his beames
 Vpon the Countrey where you make abode:
 But darknesse, and the gloomy shade of death
 Inuiron you, till Mischeefe and Dispaire,
 Driue you to break your necks, or hang your selues.

Exit

Enter Cardinall.

rem

*rem*Yorke.

*Breake thou in peeces, and consume to ashes,
Thou fowle accursed minister of Hell.*

rem

*rem*Car.

*Lord Regent, I do greete your Excellence
With Letters of Commission from the King.
For know my Lords, the states of Christendome,
Mou'd with remorse of these outragious broyles,
Haue earnestly implor'd a generall peace,
Betwixt our Nation, and the aspyring French;
And heere at hand, the Dolphin and his Traine
Approacheth, to conferre about some matter.*

rem

*rem*Yorke.

*Is all our trauell turn'd to this effect,
After the slaughter of so many Peeres,
So many Captaines, Gentlemen, and Soldiers,
That in this quarrell haue beene ouerthrowne,
And sold their bodyes for their Countryes benefit,
Shall we at last conclude effeminate peace?
Haue we not lost most part of all the Townes,
By Treason, Falshood, and by Treacherie,
Our great Progenitors had conquered:
Oh Warwicke, Warwicke, I foresee with greefe
The utter losse of all the Realme of France.*

rem

*rem*War.

*Be patient Yorke, if we conclude a Peace
It shall be with such strict and seuere Couenants,
As little shall the Frenchmen gaine thereby.*

Enter Charles, Alanson, Bastard, Reignier.

rem

*rem*Char.

*Since Lords of England, it is thus agreed,
That peacefull truce shall be proclaim'd in France,
We come to be informed by your selues,
What the conditions of that league must be.*

rem

*rem*Yorke.

Speake Winchcster, for boyling choller chokes

*The hollow passage of my poyson'd voyce,
By sight of these our balefull enemies.*

rem

remWin.

Charles, and the rest, it is enacted thus:

*That in regard King Henry giues consent,
Of meere compassion, and of lenity,
To ease your Countrie of distressefull Warre,
And suffer you to breath in fruitfull peace,
You shall become true Liegemen to his Crowne.
And Charles, vpon condition thou wilt sweare
To pay him tribute, and submit thy selfe,
Thou shalt be plac'd as Viceroy vnder him,
And still enioy thy Regall dignity.*

rem

remAlan.

Must he be then as shadow of himselfe?

*Adorne his Temples with a Coronet,
And yet in substance and authority,
Retaine but priuiledge of a priuate man?
This proffer is absurd, and reasonlesse.*

rem

remChar.

'Tis knowne already that I am possest

*With more then halfe the Gallian Territories,
And therein reuerenc'd for their lawfull King.
Shall I for lucre of the rest vnuanquisht,
Detract so much from that prerogatiue,
As to be call'd but Viceroy of the whole?
No Lord Ambassador, Ile rather keepe
That which I haue, than coueting for more
Be cast from possibility of all.*

rem

remYorke.

Insulting Charles, hast thou by secret meanes

*Vs'd intercession to obtaine a league,
And now the matter growes to compremize,
Stand'st thou aloofe vpon Comparison.
Either accept the Title thou vsurp'st,
Of benefit proceeding from our King,
And not of any challenge of Desert,*

Or we will plague thee with incessant Warres.

rem

remReig.

*My Lord, you do not well in obstinacy,
To cauill in the course of this Contract:
If once it be neglected, ten to one,
We shall not finde like opportunity.*

rem

remAlan.

*To say the truth, it is your policie,
To saue your Subiects from such massacre
And ruthlesse slaughters as are dayly seene
By our proceeding in Hostility,
And therefore take this compact of a Truce,
Although you breake it, when your pleasure serues.*

rem

remWar.

*How sayst thou Charles?
Shall our Condition stand?*

rem

remChar.

*It Shall:
Onely reseru'd, you claime no interest
In any our Townes of Garrison.*

rem

remYor.

*Then sweare Allegeance to his Maiesty,
As thou art Knight, neuer to disobey,
Nor be Rebellious to the Crowne of England,
Thou nor thy Nobles, to the Crowne of England.
So, now dismisse your Army when ye please:
Hang vp your Ensignes, let your Drummes be still,
For heere we entertaine a solemne peace.*

Exeunt

Actus Quintus.

Enter Suffolke in conference with the King, Glocester and Exeter.

rem

remKing.

*Your wondrous rare description (noble Earle)
Of beauteous Margaret hath astonish'd me:
Her vertues graced with externall gifts,*

*Do breed Loues settled passions in my heart,
 And like as rigour of tempestuous gustes
 Prouokes the mightiest Hulke against the tide,
 So am I driuen by breath of her Renowne,
 Either to suffer Shipwracke, or arriue
 Where I may haue fruition of her Loue.*

rem

remSuf.

*Tush my good Lord, this superficiall tale,
 Is but a preface of her worthy praise:
 The cheefe perfections of that louely Dame,
 (Had I sufficient skill to vtter them)
 Would make a volume of inticing lines,
 Able to rauish any dull conceit.
 And which is more, she is not so Diuine,
 So full replete with choice of all delights,
 But with as humble lowlinesse of minde,
 She is content to be at your command:
 Command I meane, of Vertuous chaste intents,
 To Loue, and Honor Henry as her Lord.*

rem

remKing.

*And otherwise, will Henry ne're presume:
 Therefore my Lord Protector, giue consent,
 That Marg'ret may be Englands Royall Queene.*

rem

remGlo.

*So should I giue consent to flatter sinne,
 You know (my Lord) your Highnesse is betroath'd
 Vnto another Lady of esteeme,
 How shall we then dispense with that contract,
 And not deface your Honor with reproach?*

rem

remSuf.

*As doth a Ruler with vnlawfull Oathes,
 Or one that at a Triumph, hauing vow'd
 To try his strength, forsaketh yet the Listes
 By reason of his Aduersaries oddes.
 A poore Earles daughter is vnequall oddes,
 And therefore may be broke without offence.*

rem

remGloucester.

*Why what (I pray) is Margaret more then that?
Her Father is no better than an Earle,
Although in glorious Titles he excell.*

rem

remSuf.

*Yes my Lord, her Father is a King,
The King of Naples, and Ierusalem,
And of such great Authoritie in France,
As his alliance will confirme our peace,
And keepe the Frenchmen in Allegance.*

rem

remGlo.

*And so the Earle of Arminacke may doe,
Because he is neere Kinsman unto Charles.*

rem

remExet.

*Beside, his wealth doth warrant a liberal dower,
Where Reignier sooner will receyue, than giue.*

rem

remSuf.

*A Dowre my Lords? Disgrace not so your King,
That he should be so abiect, base, and poore,
To choose for wealth, and not for perfect Loue.
Henry is able to enrich his Queene,
And not to seeke a Queene to make him rich,
An ink mark follows the end of this line.
So worthlesse Pezants bargaine for their Wiues,
As Market men for Oxen, Sheepe, or Horse,
Marriage is a matter of more worth,
Then to be dealt in by Attorneyship:
Not whom we will, but whom his Grace affects,
Must be companion of his Nuptiall bed.
And therefore Lords, since he affects her most,
Most of all these reasons bindeth vs,
In our opinions she should be preferr'd.
For what is wedloeke wedlocke forced? but a Hell,
An Age of discord and continuall strife,
Whereas the contrarie bringeth blisse,
And is a patterne of Celestiall peace.
Whom should we match with Henry being a King,
But Margaret, that is daughter to a King:*

*Her peerelesse feature, ioyned with her birth,
 Approues her fit for none, but for a King.
 Her valiant courage, and vndaunted spirit,
 (More then in women commonly is seene)
 Will answer our hope in issue of a King.
 For Henry, sonne vnto a Conqueror,
 Is likely to beget more Conquerors,
 If with a Lady of so high resolute,
 (As is faire Margaret) he be link'd in loue.
 Then yeeld my Lords, and heere conclude with mee,
 That Margaret shall be Queene, and none but shee.*

rem

remKing.

*Whether it be through force of your report,
 My Noble Lord of Suffolke: Or for that
 My tender youth was neuer yet attaint
 With any passion of inflaming loue,
 I cannot tell: but this I am assur'd,
 I feele such sharpe dissention in my breast,
 Such fierce alarums both of Hope and Feare,
 As I am sicke with working of my thoughts.
 Take therefore shipping, poste my Lord to France;
 Agree to any couenants, and procure
 That Lady Margaret do vouchsafe to come
 To crosse the Seas to England, and be crown'd
 King Henries faithfull and annointed Queene.
 For your expences and sufficient charge,
 Among the people gather vp a tenth.
 Be gone I say, for till you do returne,
 I rest perplexed with a thousand Cares.
 And you (good Vnckle) banish all offence:
 If you do censure me, by what you were,
 Not what you are, I know it will excuse
 This sodaine execution of my will.
 And so conduct me, where from company,
 I may reuolue and ruminare my greefe.*

Exit.

rem

remGlo.

I greefe I feare me, both at first and last.

Exit Gloucester.

rem

remSuf.

*Thus Suffolke hath preuail'd, and thus he goes
As did the youthfull Paris once to Greece,
With hope to finde the like euent in loue,
But prosper better than the Troian did:
Margaret shall now be Queene, and rule the King:
But I will rule both her, the King, and Realme.*

Exit

FINIS.