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THE LIFE OF TYMON OF ATHENS.

Actus Primus. Scna Prima.

Enter Poet, Painter, Jeweller, Merchant, and Mercer, at seuerall doores.

rem

remPoet.

Good day Sir.

rem

remPain.

I am glad y'are well.

rem

remPoet.

I haue not seene you long, how goes the World?

rem

remPain.

It weares sir, as it growes.

rem

remPoet.

I that's well knowne:

But what particular Rarity? What strange,

Which manifold record not matches: see

Magicke of Bounty, all these spirits thy power

Hath coniu'r'd to attend.

I know the Merchant.

rem

remPain.

I know them both: th'others a Jeweller.

rem

remMer.

O 'tis a worthy Lord.

rem

remJew.

Nay that's most fixt.

rem

remMer.

*A most incomparable man, breath'd as it were,
To an vntyreable and continue goodnesse:*

He passes.

rem

remJew.

I haue a Jewell heere.

rem

remMer.

O pray let's see't. For the Lord Timon, sir?

rem

remJewel.

If he will touch the estimate. But for that

rem

remPoet.

*When we for recompence haue prais'd the vild,
It staines the glory in that happy Verse,
Which aptly sings the good.*

rem

remMer.

'Tis a good forme.

rem

remJewel.

And rich: heere is a Water looke ye.

rem

remPain.

You are rapt sir, in some worke, some Dedica tion to the great Lord.

rem

remPoet.

A thing slipt idlely from me.

Our Poesie is as a Gowne, which uses

From whence 'tis nourisht: the fire i'th'Flint

Shewes not, till it be strooke: our gentle flame

Prouokes it selfe, and like the currant flyes

Each bound it chases. What haue you there?

rem

remPain.

A Picture sir: when comes your Booke forth?

rem

remPoet.

Vpon the heeles of my presentment sir.

Let's see your peece.

rem

remPain.

'Tis a good Peece.

rem

remPoet.

So 'tis, this comes off well, and excellent.

rem

remPain.

Indifferent.

rem

remPoet.

Admirable: How this grace

Speakes his owne standing: what a mentall power

This eye shootes forth? How bigge imagination

Moues in this Lip, to th'dumbnesse of the gesture,

One might interpret.

rem

remPain.

It is a pretty mocking of the life:

Heere is a touch: Is't good?

rem

remPoet.

I will say of it,

It Tutors Nature, Artificiall strife

Liues in these touches, liuelier then life.

Enter certaine Senators.

rem

remPain.

How this Lord is followed.

rem

remPoet.

The Senators of Athens, happy men.

rem

remPain.

Looke moe.

rem

remPo.

You see this confluence, this great flood of visitors,

I haue in this rough worke, shap'd out a man

*Whom this beneath world doth embrace and hugge
 With amplest entertainment: My free drift
 Halts not particularly, but moues it selfe
 In a wide Sea of wax, no leuell'd malice
 Infects one comma in the course I hold,
 But flies an Eagle flight, bold, and forth on,
 Leauing no Tract behinde.*

rem

remPain.

How shall I vnderstand you?

rem

remPoet.

I will vnboult to you.

*You see how all Conditions, how all Mindes,
 As well of glib and slipp'ry Creatures, as
 Of Graue and austere qualitie, tender downe
 Their seruices to Lord Timon: his large Fortune,
 Vpon his good and gracious Nature hanging,
 Subdues and properties to his loue and tendance
 All sorts of hearts; yea, from the glassefac'd Flatterer
 To Apemantus, that few things loues better
 Then to abhorre himselfe; euen hee drops downe
 The knee before him, and returnes in peace
 Most rich in Timons nod.*

rem

remPain.

I saw them speake together.

rem

remPoet.

Sir, I haue vpon a high and pleasant hill

Feign'd Fortune to be thron'd.

The Base o'th'Mount

Is rank'd with all deserts, all kinde of Natures

That labour on the bosome of this Sphere,

To propagate their states; among'st them all,

Whose eyes are on this Soueraigne Lady fixt,

One do I personate of Lord Timons frame,

Whom Fortune with her Iuory hand wafts to her,

Whose present grace, to present slaues and seruants

Translates his Riuals.

rem

remPain.

'Tis concey'd, to scope

*This Throne, this Fortune, and this Hill me thinkes
With one man becken'd from the rest below,
Bowing his head against the steepy Mount
To climbe his happinesse, would be well exprest
In our Condition.*

rem

remPoet.

Nay Sir, but heare me on:

*All those which were his Fellowes but of late,
Some better then his valew; on the moment
Follow his strides, his Lobbies fill with tendance,
Raine Sacrificiall whisperings in his eare,
Make Sacred euen his styrrop, and through him
Drinke the free Ayre.*

rem

remPain.

I marry, what of these?

rem

remPoet.

*When Fortune in her shift and change of mood
Spurnes downe her late beloued; all his Dependants
Which labour'd after him to the Mountaines top,
Euen on their knees and hand, let him sit downe,
Not one accompanying his declining foot.*

rem

remPain.

Tis common:

*A thousand morall Paintings I can shew,
That shall demonstrate these quicke blowes of Fortunes,
More pregnantly then words. Yet you do well,
To shew Lord Timon, that meane eyes haue seene
The foot aboue the head.*

Trumpets sound.

Enter Lord Timon, addressing himselfe curteously to euery Sutor.

rem

remTim.

Imprison'd is he, say you?

rem

remMes.

*I my good Lord, five Talents is his debt,
His meanes most short, his Creditors most strait:
Your Honourable Letter he desires
To those haue shut him vp, which failing,
Periods his comfort.*

rem

remTim.

Noble Ventidius well:

*I am not of that Feather, to shake off
My Friend when he must neede me. I do know him
A Gentleman, that well deserues a helpe,
Which he shall haue. Ile pay the debt, and free him.*

rem

remMes.

Your Lordship euer bindes him.

rem

remTim.

*Commend me to him, I will send his ransome,
And being enfranchized bid him come to me;
'Tis not enough to helpe the Feeble vp,
But to support him after. Fare you well.*

rem

remMes.

All happinesse to your Honor.

Exit.

Enter an old Athenian.

rem

remOldm.

Lord Timon, heare me speake.

rem

remTim.

Freely good Father.

rem

remOldm.

Thou hast a Seruant nam'd Lucilius.

rem

remTim.

I haue so: What of him?

rem

remOldm.

Most Noble Timon, call the man before thee.

rem

remTim.

Attends he heere, or no? Lucillius.

rem

remLuc.

Heere at your Lordships service.

rem

remOldm.

*This Fellow heere, Lord¹ Timon, this thy Creature,
By night frequents my house. I am a man
That from my first haue beene inclin'd to thrift,
And my estate deserues an Heyre more rais'd,
Then one which holds a Trencher.*

rem

remTim.

Well: what further?

rem

remOld.

*One onely Daughter haue I, no Kin else,
On whom I may conferre what I haue got:
The Maid is faire, a'th'youngest for a Bride,
And I haue bred her at my deerest cost
In Qualities of the best. This man of thine
Attempts her loue: I prythee (Noble Lord)
Ioyne with me to forbid him her resort,
My selfe haue spoke in vaine.*

rem

remTim.

The man is honest.

rem

remOldm.

*Therefore he will be Timon,
His honesty rewards him in it selfe,
It must not beare my Daughter.*

rem

remTim.

Does she loue him?

rem

remOldm.

*She is yong and apt:
Our owne precedent passions do instruct vs
What leuities in youth.*

rem

¹L.

remTim.

Loue you the Maid?

rem

remLuc.

I my good Lord, and she accepts of it.

rem

remOldm.

If in her Marriage my consent be missing,

I call the Gods to witnesse, I will choose

Mine heyre from forth the Beggars of the world,

And dispossesse her all.

rem

remTim.

How shall she be endowed,

If she be mated with an equall Husband?

rem

remOldm.

Three Talents on the present; in future, all.

rem

remTim.

This Gentleman of mine

Hath seru'd me long:

To build his Fortune, I will straine a little,

For 'tis a Bond in men. Giue him thy Daughter,

What you bestow, in him Ile counterpoize,

And make him weigh with her.

rem

remOldm.

Most Noble Lord,

Pawne me to this your Honour, she is his.

rem

remTim.

My hand to thee,

Mine Honour on my promise.

rem

remLuc.

Humbly I thanke your Lordship, neuer may

That state or Fortune fall into my keeping,

Which is not owed to you.

Exit

rem

remPoet.

Vouchsafe my Labour,

And long liue your Lordship.

rem

remTim.

I thanke you, you shall heare from me anon:

Go not away. What haue you there, my Friend?

rem

remPain.

A peece of Painting, which I do beseech

Your Lordship to accept.

rem

remTim.

Painting is welcome.

The Painting is almost the Naturall man:

For since Dishonor Traffickes with mans Nature,

He is but outside: These Pensil'd Figures are

Euen such as they giue out. I like your worke,

And you shall finde I like it; Waite attendance

Till you heare further from me.

rem

remPain.

The Gods preserue ye.

rem

remTim.

Well fare you Gentleman: giue me your hand.

We must needs dine together: sir your Iewell

Hath suffered vnder praise.

rem

remJewel.

What my Lord, dispraise?

rem

remTim.

A meere saciety of Commendations,

If I should pay you for't as 'tis extold,

It would vnclaw me quite.

rem

remJewel.

My Lord, 'tis rated

As those which sell would giue: but you well know,

Things of like valew differing in the Owners,

Are prized by their Masters. Beleeu't deere Lord,

You mend the Iewell by the wearing it.

rem

remTim.

Well mock'd.

Enter Apermantus.

rem

remMer.

No my good Lord, he speakes y common toong

Which all men speake with him.

rem

remTim.

Looke who comes heere, will you be chid?

rem

remJewel.

Wee'l beare with your Lordship.

rem

remMer.

Hee'l spare none.

rem

remTim.

Good morrow to thee,

Gentle Apermantus.

rem

remApe.

Till I be gentle, stay thou for thy good morrow.

When thou art Timons dogge, and these Knaues honest.

rem

remTim.

Why dost thou call them Knaues, thou know'st them not?

rem

remApe.

Are they not Athenians?

rem

remTim.

Yes.

rem

remApe.

Then I repent not.

rem

remJew.

You know me, Apemantus?

rem

remApe.

Thou know'st I do, I call'd thee by thy name.

rem

remTim.

Thou art proud Apemantus?

rem

remApe.

Of nothing so much, as that I am not like Timon

rem

remTim.

Whether art going?

rem

remApe.

To knocke out an honest Athenians braines.

rem

remTim.

That's a deed thou't dye for.

rem

remApe.

Right, if doing nothing be death by th'Law.

rem

remTim.

How lik'st thou this picture Apemantus?

rem

remApe.

The best, for the innocence.

rem

remTim.

Wrought he not well that painted it.

rem

remApe.

He wrought better that made the Painter, and yet he's but a filthy peece of worke.

rem

remPain.

Y'are a Dogge.

rem

remApe.

Thy Mothers of my generation: what's she, if I be a Dogge?

rem

remTim.

Wilt dine with me Apemantus?

rem

remApe.

No: I eate not Lords.

rem

remTim.

And thou should'st, thoud'st anger Ladies.

rem

remApe.

O they eate Lords;

So they come by great bellies.

rem

remTim.

That's a lasciuious apprehension.

rem

remApe.

So, thou apprehend'st it,

Take it for thy labour.

rem

remTim.

How dost thou like this Iewell, Apemantus?

rem

remApe.

Not so well as plaindealing, which wil not cast a man a Doit.

rem

remTim.

What dost thou thinke 'tis worth?

rem

remApe.

Not worth my thinking.

How now Poet?

rem

remPoet.

How now Philosopher?

rem

remApe.

Thou lyeest.

rem

remPoet.

Art not one?

rem

remApe.

Yes.

rem

remPoet.

Then I lye not.

rem

remApe.

Art not a Poet?

rem

remPoet.

Yes.

rem

remApe.

Then thou lyeest: Looke in thy last worke, where thou hast feign'd him a worthy Fellow.

rem

remPoet.

That's not feign'd, he is so.

rem

remApe.

Yes he is worthy of thee, and to pay thee for thy labour. He that loues to be flattered, is worthy o'th flat terer. Heauens, that I were a Lord.

rem

remTim.

What wouldst do then Apemantus?

rem

remApe.

E'ne as Apemantus does now, I hate a Lord with my heart.

rem

remTim.

What thy selfe?

rem

remApe.

I.

rem

remTim.

Wherefore?

rem

remApe.

That I had no angry wit to be a Lord. An ink mark follows the end of this line.

Art not thou a Merchant?

rem

remMer.

I Apemantus.

rem

remApe.

Traffick confound thee, if the Gods will not.

rem

remMer.

If Trafficke do it, the Gods do it.

rem

remApe.

Traffickes thy God, & thy God confound thee.

Trumpet sounds. Enter a Messenger.

rem

remTim.

What Trumpets that?

rem

remMes.

'Tis Alcibiades, and some twenty Horse

All of Companionship.

rem

remTim.

Pray entertaine them, giue them guide to vs.

You must needs dine with me: go not you hence

*Till I haue thank you: when dinners done
Shew me this peece, I am ioyfull of your sights.*

Enter Alcibiades with the rest.

Most welcome Sir.

rem

remApe.

*So, so; their Aches contract, and sterue your supple ioynts: that there should bee
small loue amongst these sweet Knaues, and all this Curtesie. The straine of mans
bred out into Baboon and Monkey.*

rem

remAlc.

*Sir, you haue sau'd my longing, and I feed
Most hungerly on your sight.*

rem

remTim.

Right welcome Sir:

*Ere we depatt depart , wee'l share a bounteous time
In different pleasures.
Pray you let vs in.*

Exeunt.

Enter two Lords.

rem

rem1. Lord.

What time a day is't Apemantus?

rem

remApe.

Time to be honest.

rem

rem1

That time serues still.

rem

remApe.

The most accursed thou that still omitst it.

rem

rem2

Thou art going to Lord Timons Feast.

rem

remApe.

I, to see meate fill Knaues, and Wine heat fooles.

rem

rem2

Farthee well, farthee well.

rem

remApe.

Thou art a Foole to bid me farewell twice.

rem

rem2

Why Apemantus?

rem

remApe.

Should'st haue kept one to thy selfe, for I meane to giue thee none.

rem

rem1

Hang thy selfe.

rem

remApe.

No I will do nothing at thy bidding:

Make thy requests to thy Friend.

rem

rem2

Away vnpeaceable Dogge,

Or Ile spurne thee hence.

rem

remApe.

I will flye like a dogge, the heeles a'th'Asse.

rem

rem1

Hee's opposite to humanity.

Comes shall we in,

And taste Lord Timons bountie: he outgoes

The verie heart of kindnesse.

rem

rem2

He powres it out: Plutus the God of Gold

Is but his Steward: no meede but he repayes

Seuenfold aboue it selfe: No guift to him,

But breeds the giuer a returne: exceeding

All vse of quittance.

rem

rem1

The Noblest minde he carries,

That euer gouern'd man.

rem

rem2

Long may he liue in Fortunes. Shall we in?

Ile keepe you Company.

Exeunt.

Hoboyes Playing lowd Musicke.

A great Banquet seru'd in: and then, Enter Lord Timon, the States, the Athenian Lords, Ventigius which Timon re deem'd from prison. Then comes dropping after all Ape mantus discontentedly like himselfe.

rem

rem Ventig.

Most honoured Timon,

It hath pleas'd the Gods to remember my Fathers age,

And call him to long peace:

He is gone happy, and has left me rich:

Then, as in gratefull Vertue I am bound

To your free heart, I do returne those Talents

Doubled with thankes and seruice, from whose helpe

I deriu'd libertie.

rem

rem Tim.

O by no meanes,

Honest Ventigius: You mistake my loue,

I gaue it freely euer, and ther's none

Can truely say he giues, if he receiues:

If our betters play at that game, we must not dare

To imitate them: faults that are rich are faire.

rem

rem Vint.

A Noble spirit.

rem

rem Tim.

Nay my Lords, Ceremoney was but deuis'd at first

To set a glosse on faint deeds, hollow welcomes,

Recanting goodnesse, sorry ere 'tis showne:

But where there is true friendship, there needs none.

Pray sit, more welcome are ye to my Fortunes,

Then my Fortunes to me.

rem

rem 1. Lord.

My Lord, we alwaies haue confest it.

rem

rem Aper.

Ho ho, confest it? Handg'd it? Haue you not?

rem

remTimo.

O Apermantus, you are welcome.

rem

remAper.

No: You shall not make me welcome:

I come to haue thee thrust me out of doores.

rem

remTim.

Fie, th'art a churle, ye'haue got a humour there

Does not become a man, 'tis much too blame:

They say my Lords, Ira furor breuis est,

But yond man is verie angrie.

Go, let him haue a Table by himselfe:

For he does neither affect companie,

Nor is he fit for't indeed.

rem

remAper.

Let me stay at thine apperill Timon,

I come to obserue, I giue thee warning on't.

rem

remTim.

I take no heede of thee: Th'art an Athenian, therefore welcome: I my selfe would haue no power, prythee let my meate make thee silent.

rem

remAper.

I scorne thy meate, 'twould choake me: for I should nere flatter thee. Oh you Gods! What a number of men eats Timon, and he sees 'em not? It greeues me to see so many dip there meate in one mans blood, and all the madnesse is, he cheeres them vp too.

I wonder men dare trust themselues with men.

Me thinks they should enuite them without kniues,

Good for there meate, and safer for their liues.

There's much example for't, the fellow that sits next him, now parts bread with him, pledges the breath of him in a diuided draught: is the readiest man to kill him. 'Tas beene proued, if I were a huge man I should feare to drinke at meales, least they should spie my windpipes dangerous noates, great men should drinke with harnesse on their throates.

rem

remTim.

My Lord in heart: and let the health go round.

rem

rem2. Lord.

Let it flow this way my good Lord.

rem

remAper.

Flow this way? A braue fellow. He keepes his tides well, those healths will make thee and thy state looke ill, Timon.

*Heere's that which is too weake to be a sinner,
Honest water, which nere left man i'th'mire:
This and my food are equals, there's no ods,
Feasts are to proud to giue thanks to the Gods.*

Apermantus Grace.

*Immortall Gods, I craue no pelfe,
I pray for no man but my selfe,
Graunt I may neuer proue so fond,
To trust man on his Oath or Bond.
Or a Harlot for her weeping,
Or a Dogge that seemes asleeping,
Or a keeper with my freedome,
Or my friends if I should need 'em.
Amen. So fall too't:
Richmen sin, and I eat root.*

Much good dich thy good heart, Apermantus

rem

remTim.

Captaine,

Alcibiades, your hearts in the field now.

rem

remAlci.

My heart is euer at your seruice, my Lord.

rem

remTim.

You had rather be at a breakefast of Enemies, then a dinner of Friends.

rem

remAlc.

So they were bleeding new my Lord, there's no meat like 'em, I could wish my best friend at such a Feast.

rem

remAper.

*Would all those Flatterers were thine Enemies then, that then thou might'st kill 'em:
& bid me to 'em.*

rem

rem1. Lord.

*Might we but haue that happinesse my Lord, that you would once use our hearts,
whereby we might expresse some part of our zeales, we should thinke our selues for
euer perfect.*

rem

remTimon.

Oh no doubt my good Friends, but the Gods themselues haue provided that I shall haue much helpe from you: how had you beene my Friends else. Why haue you that charitable title from thousands? Did not you chiefly belong to my heart? I haue told more of you to my selfe, then you can with modestie speake in your owne behalfe. And thus farre I confirme you. Oh you Gods (thinke I,) what need we haue any Friends; if we should nere haue need of 'em? They were the most needlesse Creatures liuing; should we nere haue use for 'em? And would most resemble sweete Instruments hung vp in Cases, that keepe there sounds to them selues. Why I haue often wisht my selfe poorer, that I might come neerer to you: we are borne to do bene fits. And what better or properer can we call our owne, then the riches of our Friends? Oh what a pretious com fort 'tis, to haue so many like Brothers commanding one anothers Fortunes. Oh ioyes, e'ne made away er't can be borne: mine eies cannot hold out water me thinks to forget their Faults. I drinke to you.

rem

remAper.

Thou weep'st to make them drinke, Timon.

rem

rem2. Lord.

Ioy had the like conception in our eies,

And at that instant, like a babe sprung vp.

rem

remAper.

Ho, ho: I laugh to thinke that babe a bastard.

rem

rem3. Lord.

I promise you my Lord you mou'd me much.

rem

remAper.

Much.

Sound Tucket. Enter the Maskers of Amazons, with Lutes in their hands, dauncing and playing.

rem

remTim.

What meanes that Trumpe? How now?

Enter Seruant.

rem

remSer.

Please you my Lord, there are certaine Ladies

Most desirous of admittance.

rem

remTim.

Ladies? what are their wils?

rem

remSer.

There comes with them a forerunner my Lord, which beares that office, to signifie their pleasures.

rem

remTim.

I pray let them be admitted.

Enter Cupid with the Maske of Ladies.

rem

remCup.

Haile to thee worthy Timon and to all that of his Bounties taste: the five best Sences acknowledge thee their Patron, and come freely to gratulate thy plentious bosome.

There tast, touch all, pleas'd from thy Table rise:

They onely now come but to Feast thine eies.

rem

remTimo.

They'r welcome all, let 'em haue kind admit tance. Musicke make their welcome.

rem

remLuc.

You see my Lord, how ample y'are belou'd.

rem

remAper.

Hoyday,

What a sweepe of vanitie comes this way.

They daunce? They are madwomen,

Like Madnesse is the glory of this life,

As this pompe shewes to a little oyle and roote.

We make our selues Fooles, to disport our selues,

And spend our Flatteries, to drinke those men,

Vpon whose Age we voyde it vp agen

With poysonous Spight and Enuy.

Who liues, that's not depraued, or depraues;

Who dyes, that beares not one spurne to their graues

Of their Friends guift:

I should feare, those that dance before me now,

Would one day stampe vpon me: 'Tas bene done,

Men shut their doores against a setting Sunne.

The Lords rise from Table, with much adoring of Timon, and to shew their loues, each single out an Amazon, and all Dance, men with women, a loftie straine or two to the Hoboyes, and cease.

rem

remTim.

You haue done our pleasures

Much grace (faire Ladies)

*Set a faire fashion on our entertainment,
Which was not halfe so beautifull, and kinde:
You haue added worth vntoo't, and luster,
And entertain'd me with mine owne deuiice.
I am to thanke you for't.*

rem

rem1 Lord.

My Lord you take vs euen at the best.

rem

remAper.

Faith for the worst is filthy, and would not hold taking, I doubt me.

rem

remTim.

Ladies, there is an idle banquet attends you,

Please you to dispose your selues.

rem

remAll La.

Most thankfully, my Lord.

Exeunt.

rem

remTim.

Flavius.

rem

remFla.

My Lord.

rem

remTim.

The little Casket bring me hither.

rem

remFla.

Yes, my Lord. More Iewels yet?

There is no crossing him in's humor,

Else I should tell him well, yfaith I should;

When all's spent, hee'ld be crost then, and he could:

'Tis pittie Bounty had not eyes behinde,

That man might ne're be wretched for his minde.

Exit.

rem

rem1 Lord.

Where be our men?

rem

remSer.

Heere my Lord, in readinesse.

rem

rem2 Lord.

Our Horses.

rem

remTim.

O my Friends:

I haue one word to say to you: Looke you, my good Lord²

I must intreat you honour me so much,

As to aduance this Iewell, accept it, and weare it,

Kinde my Lord.

rem

rem1 Lord.

I am so farre already in your gifts.

rem

remAll.

So are we all.

Enter a Seruant.

rem

remSer.

My Lord, there are certaine Nobles of the Senate newly alighted, and come to visit you.

rem

remTim.

They are fairely welcome.

Enter Flauius.

rem

remFla.

I beseech your Honor, vouchsafe me a word, it does concerne you neere.

rem

remTim.

Neere? why then another time Ile heare thee.

I prythee let's be provided to shew them entertainment.

rem

remFla.

I scarce know how.

Enter another Seruant.

rem

remSer.

May it please your Honor, Lord Lucius An ink mark follows the end of this line.

(Out of his free loue) hath presented to you

²L.

Foure Milkewhite Horses, trapt in Siluer.

rem

remTim.

*I shall accept them fairely: let the Presents
Be worthily entertain'd.*

Enter a third Seruant.

How now? What newes?

rem

rem3. Ser.

Please you my Lord, that honourable Gentle man Lord Lucullus, entreats your companie to morrow, to hunt with him, and ha's sent your Honour two brace of Grey-hounds.

rem

remTim.

Ile hunt with him,

And let them be receiu'd, not without faire Reward.

rem

remFla.

What will this come to?

*He commands vs to provide, and giue great gifts, and all out of an empty
Coffer:*

Nor will he know his Purse, or yeeld me this,

To shew him what a Begger his heart is,

Being of no power to make his wishes good.

His promises flye so beyond his state,

That what he speaks is all in debt, he owes for eu'ry word:

He is so kinde, that he now payes interest for't;

His Land's put to their Bookes. Well, would I were

Gently put out of Office, before I were forc'd out:

Happier is he that has no friend to feede,

Then such that do e'ne Enemies exceede.

I bleed inwardly for my Lord.

Exit

rem

remTim.

You do your selues much wrong,

You bate too much of your owne merits.

Heere my Lord, a trifle of our Loue.

rem

rem2. Lord.

With more then common thankes

I will receyue it.

rem

rem3. Lord.

O he's the very soule of Bounty.

rem

remTim.

*And now I remember my Lord, you gaue good words the other day of a Bay Courser
I rod on. Tis yours because you lik'd it.*

rem

rem1. L.

Oh, I beseech you pardon mee, my Lord, in that.

rem

remTim.

*You may take my word my Lord: I know no man can iustly praise, but what he does
affect. I weighe my Friends affection with mine owne: Ile tell you true, Ile call to
you.*

rem

remAll Lor.

O none so welcome.

rem

remTim.

I take all, and your seuerall visitations

So kinde to heart, 'tis not enough to giue:

Me thinkes, I could deale Kingdomes to my Friends,

And nere be wearie. Alcibiades,

Thou art a Soldiour, therefore sildome rich,

It comes in Charitie to thee: for all thy liuing

Is mong'st the dead: and all the Lands thou hast

Lye in a pitcht field.

rem

remAlc.

I, defil'd Land, my Lord.

rem

rem1. Lord.

We are so vertuously bound.

rem

remTim.

And so am I to you.

rem

rem2. Lord.

So infinitely endeer'd.

rem

remTim.

All to you. Lights, more Lights.

rem

rem1. Lord.

The best of Happines, Honor, and Fortunes

Keepe with you Lord Timon.

rem

remTim.

Ready for his Friends.

Exeunt Lords

rem

remAper.

What a coiles heere, seruing of beckes, and iut ting out of bummes. I doubt whether their Legges be worth the summes that are giuen for 'em. Friendships full of dregges, Me thinkes false hearts, should neuer haue sound legges. Thus honest Fooles lay out their wealth on Curtsies.

rem

remTim.

Now Apermantus (if thou wert not sullen)

I would be good to thee.

rem

remAper.

No, Ile nothing; for if I should be brib'd too, there would be none left to raile vpon thee, and then thou wouldst sinne the faster. Thou giu'st so long Timon (I feare me) thou wilt giue away thy selfe in paper shortly. What needs these Feasts, pompes, and Vaineglories?

rem

remTim.

Nay, and you begin to raile on Societie once, I am sworne not to giue regard to you. Farewell, & come with better Musicke.

Exit

rem

remAper.

So: Thou wilt not heare mee now, thou shalt not then. Ile locke thy heauen from thee:

Oh that mens eares should be

To Counsell deafe, but not to Flatterie.

Exit

Enter a Senator.

rem

remSen.

And late fiae thousand: to Varro and to Isidore

He owes nine thousand, besides my former summe,

Which makes it fiae and twenty. Still in motion

Of raging waste? It cannot hold, it will not.

*If I want Gold, steale but a beggers Dogge,
 And giue it Timon, why the Dogge coines Gold.
 If I would sell my Horse, and buy twenty moe
 Better then he; why giue my Horse to Timon.
 Aske nothing, giue it him, it Foles me straight
 And able Horses: No Porter at his gate,
 But rather one that smiles, and still inuites
 All that passe by. It cannot hold, no reason
 Can sound his state in safety. Caphis hoa,
 Caphis I say.*

Enter Caphis.

rem

remCa.

Heere sir, what is your pleasure.

rem

remSen.

*Get on your cloake, & hast you to Lord Timon,
 Importune him for my Moneyes, be not ceast
 With slight deniall; nor then silenc'd, when
 Commend me to your Master, and the Cap
 Playes in the right hand, thus: but tell him,
 My Vses cry to me; I must serue my turne
 Out of mine owne, his dayes and times are past,
 And my reliances on his fracted dates
 Haue smit my credit. I loue, and honour him,
 But must not breake my backe, to heale his finger.
 Immediate are my needs, and my releefe
 Must not be tost and turn'd to me in words,
 But finde supply immediate. Get you gone,
 Put on a most importunate aspect,
 A visage of demand: for I do feare
 When euery Feather stickes in his owne wing,
 Lord Timon will be left a naked gull,
 An ink mark follows the end of this line.
 Which flashes now a Phnix, get you gone.*

rem

remCa.

I go sir.

rem

remSen.

I go sir?

*Take the Bonds along with you,
And haue the dates in. Come.*

rem

remCa.

I will Sir.

rem

remSen.

Go.

Exeunt

Enter Steward, with many billes in his hand.

rem

remStew.

*No care, no stop, so senselesse of expence,
That he will neither know how to maintaine it,
Nor cease his flow of Riot. Takes no accompt
How things go from him, nor resume no care
Of what is to continue: neuer minde,
Was to be so vnwise, to be so kinde.
What shall be done, he will not heare, till feele:
I must be round with him, now he comes from hunting.
Fye, fie, fie, fie.*

Enter Caphis, Isidore, and Varro.

rem

remCap.

Good euen Varro: what, you come for money?

rem

remVar.

Is't not your businesse too?

rem

remCap.

It is, and yours too, Isidore?

rem

remIsid.

It is so.

rem

remCap.

Would we were all discharg'd.

rem

remVar.

I feare it,

rem

remCap.

Heere comes the Lord.

Enter Timon, and his Trainee.

rem

remTim.

So soone as dinners done, wee'l forth againe

My Alcibiades. With me, what is your will?

rem

remCap.

My Lord, heere is a note of certaine dues.

rem

remTim.

Dues? whence are you?

rem

remCap.

Of Athens heere, my Lord.

rem

remTim.

Go to my Steward.

rem

remCap.

Please it your Lordship, he hath put me off

To the succession of new dayes this moneth:

My Master is awak'd by great Occasion,

To call vpon his owne, and humbly prayes you,

That with your other Noble parts, you'l suite,

In giuing him his right.

rem

remTim.

Mine honest Friend,

I prythee but repaire to me next morning.

rem

remCap.

Nay, good my Lord.

rem

remTim.

Containe thy selfe, good Friend.

rem

remVar.

One Varroes seruant, my good Lord.

rem

remIsid.

From Isidore, he humbly prayes your speedy pay ment.

rem

remCap.

If you did know my Lord, my Masters wants.

rem

remVar.

'Twas due on forfeiture my Lord, sixe weekes, and past.

rem

remIsi.

Your Steward puts me off my Lord, and I

Am sent expressely to your Lordship.

rem

remTim.

Giue me breath:

I do beseech you good my Lords keepe on,

Ile waite vpon you instantly. Come hither: pray you

How goes the world, that I am thus encountred

With clamorous demands of debt, broken Bonds,

And the detention of long since due debts

Against my Honor?

rem

remStew.

Please you Gentlemen,

The time is vnagreeable to this businesse:

Your importunacie cease, till after dinner,

That I may make his Lordship vnderstand

An ink mark follows the end of this line.

Wherefore you are not paid.

rem

remTim.

Do so my Friends, see them well entertain'd.

rem

remStew.

Pray draw neere.

Exit.

Enter Apemantus and Foole.

rem

remCaph.

stay, stay, here comes the Foole with Apeman tus, lets ha some sport with 'em.

rem

remVar.

Hang him, hee'l abuse vs.

rem

remIsid.

A plague vpon him dogge.

rem

remVar.

How dost Foole?

rem

remApe.

Dost Dialogue with thy shadow?

rem

remVar.

I speake not to thee.

rem

remApe.

No 'tis to thy selfe. Come away.

rem

remIsi.

There's the Foole hangs on your backe already.

rem

remApe.

No thou stand'st single, th'art not on him yet.

rem

remCap.

Where's the Foole now?

rem

remApe.

He last ask'd the question. Poore Rogues, and Vsurers men, Bauds betweene Gold and want.

rem

remAl.

What are we Apemantus?

rem

remApe.

Asses.

rem

remAll.

Why?

rem

remApe.

That you ask me what you are, & do not know your selues. Speake to 'em Foole.

rem

remFoole.

How do you Gentlemen?

rem

remAll.

Gramercies good Foole:

How does your Mistris?

rem

remFoole.

She's e'ne setting on water to scal'd such Chic kens as you are. Would we could see you at Corinth.

rem

remApe.

Good, Gramercy.

Enter Page.

rem

remFoole.

Looke you, heere comes my Masters Page.

rem

remPage.

Why how now Captaine? what do you in this wise Company. How dost thou Apermantus?

rem

remApe.

Would I had a Rod in my mouth, that I might answer thee profitably.

rem

remBoy.

Prythee Apemantus reade me the superscripti on of these Letters, I know not which is which.

rem

remApe.

Canst not read?

rem

remPage.

No.

rem

remApe.

There will litle Learning dye then that day thou art hang'd. This is to Lord Timon, this to Alcibiades. Go thou was't borne a Bastard, and thou't dye a Bawd.

rem

remPage.

Thou was't whelpt a Dogge, and thou shalt famish a Dogges death. Answer not, I am gone.

Exit

rem

remApe.

E'ne so thou outrunst Grace,

Foole I will go with you to Lord Timons.

rem

remFoole.

Will you leaue me there?

rem

remApe.

If Timon stay at home.

You three serue three Vsurers?

rem

remAll.

I would they seru'd vs.

rem

remApe.

So would I:

As good a tricke as euer Hangman seru'd Theefe.

rem

remFoole.

Are you three Vsurers men?

rem

remAll.

I Foole.

rem

remFoole.

I thinke no Vsurer, but ha's a Foole to his Ser uant. My Mistris is one, and I am her Foole: when men come to borrow of your Masters, they approach sadly, and go away merry: but they enter my Masters house merrily, and go away sadly. The reason of this?

rem

remVar.

I could render one.

rem

remAp.

Do it then, that we may account thee a Whore master, and a Knaue, which notwithstanding thou shalt be no lesse esteemed.

rem

remVarro.

What is a Whoremaster Foole?

rem

remFoole.

A Foole in good cloathes, and something like thee. 'Tis a spirit, sometime t'appeares like a Lord, som time like a Lawyer, sometime like a Philosopher, with two stones moe then's artificiaall one. Hee is verie often like a Knight; and generally, in all shapes that man goes vp and downe in, from fourescore to thirteen, this spirit walkes in.

rem

remVar.

Thou art not altogether a Foole.

rem

remFoole.

Nor thou altogether a Wise man,

As much foolerie as I haue, so much wit thou lack'st.

An ink mark follows the end of this line.

rem

remApe.

That answer might haue become Apemantus.

rem

remAll.

Aside, aside, heere comes Lord Timon.

Enter Timon and Steward.

rem

remApe.

Come with me (Foole) come.

rem

remFoole.

I do not alwayes follow Louer, elder Brother, and Woman, sometime the Philosopher.

rem

remStew.

Pray you walke neere,

Ile speake with you anon.

Exeunt.

rem

remTim.

You make me meruell wherefore ere this time

Had you not fully laide my state before me,

That I might so haue rated my expence

As I had leaue of meanes.

rem

remStew.

You would not heare me:

At many leysures I propose.

rem

remTim.

Go too:

Perchance some single vantages you tooke,

When my indisposition put you backe,

And that vnaptnesse made your minister

Thus to excuse your selfe.

rem

remStew.

O my good Lord,

At many times I brought in my accompts,

Laid them before you, you would throw them off,

And say you sound them in mine honestie,

When for some trifling present you haue bid me

Returne so much, I haue shooke my head, and wept:

*Yea 'gainst th'Authoritie of manners, pray'd you
To hold your hand more close: I did indure
Not sildome, nor no slight checkes, when I haue
Prompted you in the ebbe of your estate,
And your great flow of debts; my lou'd Lord,
Though you heare now (too late) yet nowes a time,
The greatest of your hauing, lackes a halfe,
To pay your present debts.*

rem

remTim.

Let all my Land be sold.

rem

remStew.

*'Tis all engag'd, some forfeited and gone,
And what remains will hardly stop the mouth
Of present dues; the future comes apace:
What shall defend the interim, and at length
How goes our reck'ning?*

rem

remTim.

To Lacedemon did my Land extend.

rem

remStew.

*O my good Lord, the world is but a word,
Were it all yours, to giue it in a breath,
How quickly were it gone.*

rem

remTim.

You tell me true.

rem

remStew.

*If you suspect my Husbandry or Falshood,
Call me before th'exactest Auditors,
And set me on the prooffe. So the Gods blesse me,
When all our Offices haue beene opprest
With riotous Feeders, when our Vaults haue wept
With drunken spilth of Wine; when euery roome
Hath blaz'd with Lights, and braid with Minstrelsie,
I haue retyr'd me to a wastefull cocke,
And set mine eyes at flow.*

rem

remTim.

Prythee no more.

rem

remStew.

Heauens, haue I said, the bounty of this Lord:

How many prodigall bits haue Slaues and Pezants

This night engluttet: who is not Timons,

What heart, head, sword, force, meanes, but is Lord^B Timons:

Great Timon, Noble, Worthy, Royall Timon:

Ah, when the meanes are gone, that buy this praise,

The breath is gone, whereof this praise is made:

Feast won, fast lost; one cloud of Winter showres,

These flyes are coucht.

rem

remTim.

Come sermon me no further.

No villanous bounty yet hath past my heart;

Vnwisely, not ignobly haue I giuen.

Why dost thou weepe, canst thou the conscience lacke,

To thinke I shall lacke friends: secure thy heart,

If I would broach the vessels of my loue,

And try the argument of hearts, by borrowing,

Men, and mens fortunes could I frankely use

As I can bid thee speake.

rem

remste.

A3rance blesse your thoughts.

rem

remTim.

And in some sort these wants of mine are crown'd,

That I account them blessings. For by these

Shall I trie Friends. You shall perceiue

How you mistake my Fortunes:

I am wealthie in my Friends.

Within there, Flauius, Seruilius?

Enter three Seruants.

rem

remSer.

My Lord, my Lord.

rem

remTim.

³L.

I will dispatch you seuerally. You to Lord Lucius, to Lord Lucullus you, I hunted with his Honor to day; you to Sempronius; commend me to their loues; and I am proud say, that my occasions haue found time to use 'em toward a supply of mony: let the request be fifty Talents.

rem

remFlam.

As you haue said, my Lord.

rem

remStew.

Lord Lucius and Lucullus? Humh.

rem

remTim.

Go you sir to the Senators;

*Of whom, euen to the States best health; I haue
Deseru'd this Hearing: bid 'em send o'th' instant
A thousand Talents to me.*

rem

remSte,

I haue beene bold

*(For that I knew it the most generall way)
To them, to vse your Signet, and your Name,
But they do shake their heads, and I am heere
No richer in returne.*

rem

remTim.

Is't true? Can't be?

rem

remStew.

They answer in a ioynt and corporate voice,

*That now they are at fall, want Treature cannot
Do what they would, are sorrie: you are Honourable,
But yet they could haue wisht, they know not,
Something hath beene amisse; a Noble Nature
May catch a wench; would all were well; tis pittie,
And so intending other serious matters,
After distastefull lookes; and these hard Fractions
With certaine halfecaps, and cold mouing nods,
They froze me into Silence.*

rem

remTim.

You Gods reward them:

*Prythee man looke cheerely. These old Fellowes
Haue their ingratitude in them Hereditary:*

*Their blood is cak'd, 'tis cold, it sildome flowes,
 'Tis lacke of kindly warmth, they are not kinde;
 And Nature, as it growes againe toward earth,
 Is fashion'd for the iourney, dull and heauy.
 Go to Ventiddius (prythee be not sad,
 Thou art true, and honest; Ingeniously I speake,
 No blame belongs to thee:) Ventiddius lately
 Buried his Father, by whose death hee's stepp'd
 Into a great estate: When he was poore,
 Imprison'd, and in scarsitie of Friends,
 I cleer'd him with fiue Talents: Greet him from me,
 Bid him suppose, some good necessity
 Touches his Friend, which craues to be remembred
 With those fiue Talents; that had, giue't these Fellowes
 To whom 'tis instant due. Neu'r speake, or thinke,
 That Timons fortunes 'mong his Friends can sinke.*

rem

remStew.

I would I could not thinke it:

That thought is Bounties Foe;

Being free it selfe, it thinkes all others so.

Exeunt

Flaminius waiting to speake with a Lord from his Master, enters a seruant to him.

rem

remSer.

I haue told my Lord of you, he is comming down to you.

rem

remFlam.

I thanke you Sir.

Enter Lucullus.

rem

remSer.

Heere's my Lord.

rem

remLuc.

*One of Lord Timons men? A Guift I warrant. Why this hits right: I dreampt
 of a Siluer Bason & Ewre to night. Flaminius, honest Flaminius, you are verie
 re spectiueely welcome sir. Fill me some Wine. And how does that Honourable,
 Compleate, Freehearted Gentle man of Athens, thy very bountifull good Lord and
 May ster?*

rem

remFlam.

His health is well sir.

rem

remLuc.

I am right glad that his health is well sir: and what hast thou there vnder thy Cloake, pretty Flaminius?

rem

remFlam.

Faith, nothing but an empty box Sir, which in my Lords behalfe, I come to intreat your Honor to sup ply: who hauing great and instant occasion to vse fiftie Talents, hath sent to your Lordship to furnish him: no thing doubting your present assistance therein.

rem

remLuc.

La, la, la, la: Nothing doubting sayes hee? Alas good Lord, a Noble Gentleman 'tis, if he would not keep so good a house. Many a time and often I ha din'd with him, and told him on't, and come againe to supper to him of purpose, to haue him spend lesse, and yet he wold em brace no counsell, take no warning by my comming, eue ry man has his fault, and honesty is his. I ha told him on't, but I could nere get him from't.

Enter Seruant with Wine.

rem

remSer.

Please your Lordship, heere is the Wine.

rem

remLuc.

Flaminius, I haue noted thee alwayes wise.

Heere's to thee.

rem

remFlam.

Your Lordship speakes your pleasure.

rem

remLuc.

I haue obserued thee alwayes for a towardlie prompt spirit, giue thee thy due, and one that knowes what belongs to reason; and canst use the time wel, if the time use thee well. Good parts in thee; get you gone sir rah. Draw neerer honest Flaminius. Thy Lords a boun tifull Gentleman, but thou art wise, and thou know'st well enough (although thou com'st to me) that this is no time to lend money, especially vpon bare friendshipp without securitie. Here's three Solidares for thee, good Boy winke at me, and say thou saw'st mee not. Fare thee well.

rem

remFlam.

Is't possible the world should so much differ,

And we aliue that liued? Fly damned basenesse

To him that worships thee.

rem

remLuc.

Ha? Now I see thou art a Foole, and fit for thy Master.

Exit L.

rem

remFlam.

May these adde to the number yt may scald thee:

Let moulten Coine be thy damnation,

Thou disease of a friend, and not himselfe:

Has friendship such a faint and milkie heart,

It turnes in lesse then two nights? O you Gods!

I feele my Masters passion. This Slaue vnto his Honor,

Has my Lords meate in him:

Why should it thriue, and turne to Nutriment,

When he is turn'd to poyson?

O may Diseases onely worke vpon't:

And when he's sicke to death, let not that part of Nature

Which my Lord payd for, be of any power

To expell sicknesse, but prolong his hower.

Exit.

Enter Lucius, with three strangers.

rem

remLuc.

Who the Lord Timon? He is my very good friend and an Honourable Gentleman.

rem

rem1

We know him for no lesse, though we are but stran gers to him. But I can tell you one thing my Lord, and which I heare from common rumours, now Lord Timons happie howres are done and past, and his estate shrinkes from him.

rem

remLucius.

Fye no, doe not beleue it: hee cannot want for money.

rem

rem2

But beleue you this my Lord, that not long agoe, one of his men was with the Lord Lucullus, to borrow so many Talents, nay vrg'd extreamly for't, and 1 what necessity belong'd too't, and yet was deny'de.

rem

remLuci.

How?

rem

rem2

I tell you, deny'de my Lord.

rem

remLuci.

What a strange case was that? Now before the Gods I am asham'd on't. Denied that honourable man? There was verie little Honour shew'd in't. For my owne part, I must needes confesse, I haue receyued some small kindnesses from him, as Money, Plate, Jewels, and such like Trifles; nothing comparing to his: yet had hee mi stooke him, and sent to me, I should ne're haue denied his Occasion so many Talents.

Enter Seruilius.

rem

remSeruil.

See, by good hap yonders my Lord, I haue swet to see his Honor. My Honor'd Lord.

rem

remLucil.

Seruilius? You are kindly met sir. Farthewell, commend me to thy Honourable vertuous Lord, my ve ry exquisite Friend.

rem

remSeruil.

May it please your Honour, my Lord hath sent

rem

remLuci.

Ha? what ha's he sent? I am so much endeered to that Lord; hee's euer sending: how shall I thank him think'st thou? And what has he sent now?

rem

remSeruil.

Has onely sent his present Occasion now my Lord: requesting your Lordship to supply his instant vse with so many Talents.

rem

remLucil.

I know his Lordship is but merry with me,

He cannot want fifty fwe hundred Talents.

rem

remSeruil.

But in the mean time he wants lesse my Lord.

If his occasion were not vertuous,

I should not vrge it halfe so faithfully.

rem

remLuc.

Dost thou speake seriously Seruilius?

rem

remSeruil.

Vpon my soule 'tis true Sir.

rem

remLuci.

What a wicked Beast was I to disfurnish my self against such a good time, when I might ha shewn my selfe Honourable? How unluckily it hapned, that I shold Purchase the day before for a little part, and vndo a great deale of Honour? Seruilius, now before the Gods I am not able to do (the more beast I say) I was sending to vse Lord Timon my selfe, these Gentlemen can witnesse; but I would not for the wealth of Athens I had done't now. Commend me bountifully to his good Lordship, and I hope his Honor will conceiue the fairest of mee, because I haue no power to be kinde. And tell him this from me, I count it one of my greatest afflictions say, that I cannot pleasure such an Honourable Gentleman. Good Seruili us, will you befriend mee so farre, as to vse mine owne words to him?

rem

remSer.

Yes sir, I shall.

Exit Seruil.

rem

remLucil.

Ile looke you out a good turne Seruilius.

True as you said, Timon is shrunke indeede,

And he that's once deny'de, will hardly speede.

Exit.

rem

rem1

Do you obserue this Hostilius?

rem

rem2

I, to well.

rem

rem1

Why this is the worlds soule,

And iust of the same peece

Is euery Flatterers sport: who can call him his Friend

That dips in the same dish? For in my knowing

Timon has bin this Lords Father,

And kept his credit with his purse:

Supported his estate, nay Timons money

Has paid his men their wages. He ne're drinkes,

But Timons Siluer treads vpon his Lip,

And yet, oh see the monstrosnesse of man,

When he looks out in an vngratefull shape;

He does deny him (in respect of his)

What charitable men affoord to Beggars.

rem

*rem*3

Religion grones at it.

rem

*rem*1

*For mine owne part, I neuer tasted Timon in my life
Nor came any of his bounties ouer me,
To marke me for his Friend. Yet I protest,
For his right Noble minde, illustrious Vertue,
And Honourable Carriage,
Had his necessity made vse of me,
I would haue put my wealth into Donation,
And the best halfe should haue return'd to him,
So much I loue his heart: But I perceiue,
Men must learne now with pittie to dispence,
For Policy sits aboue Conscience.*

Exeunt.

Enter a third seruant with Sempronius, another of Timons Friends.

rem

*rem*Semp.

Must he needs trouble me in't? Hum.

'Boue all others?

*He might haue tried Lord Lucius, or Lucullus,
And now Ventidgius is wealthy too,
Whom he redeem'd from prison. All these
Owes their estates vnto him.*

rem

*rem*Ser.

My Lord,

*They haue all bin touch'd, and found BaseMettle,
For they haue all denied him.*

rem

*rem*Semp.

How? Haue they deny'de him?

*Has Ventidgius and Lucullus deny'de him,
And does he send to me? Three? Humh?
It shewes but little loue, or iudgement in him.
Must I be his last Refuge? His Friends (like Physitians)
Thriue, giue him ouer: Must I take th'Cure vpon me?
Has much disgrace'd me in't, I'me angry at him,
That might haue knowne my place. I see no sense for't,*

*But his Occasions might haue wooed me first:
 For in my conscience, I was the first man
 That ere receiued giuft from him.
 And does he thinke so backwardly of me now,
 That Ile requite it last? No:
 So it may proue an Argument of Laughter
 To th'rest, and 'mong'st Lords be thought a Foole:
 I'de rather then the worth of thrice the summe,
 Had sent to me first, but for my mindes sake:
 I'de such a courage to do him good. But now returne,
 And with their faint reply, this answer ioyne;
 Who bates mine Honor, shall not know my Coyne.*

Exit

rem

remSer.

*Excellent: Your Lordships a goodly Villain: the diuell knew not what he did, when
 hee made man Poli ticke; he crossed himselfe by't: and I cannot thinke, but in
 the end, the Villanies of man will set him cleere. How fairely this Lord striues to
 appeare foule? Takes Vertu ous Copies to be wicked: like those, that vnder hotte ar
 dent zeale, would set whole Realmes on fire, of such a na ture is his politike loue.*

*This was my Lords best hope, now all are fled
 Saue onely the Gods. Now his Friends are dead,
 Doores that were ne're acquainted with their Wards
 Many a bounteous yeere, must be imploy'd
 Now to guard sure their Master:
 And this is all a liberall course allowes,
 Who cannot keepe his wealth, must keep his house.*

Exit.

*Enter Varro's man, meeting others. All Timons Creditors to wait for his comming
 out. Then enter Lucius and Hortensius.*

rem

remVar. man.

Well met, goodmorrow Titus & Hortensius

rem

remTit.

The like to you kinde Varro.

rem

remHort.

Lucius, what do we meet together?

rem

remLuci.

I, and I think one businesse do's command vs all.

For mine is money.

rem

remTit.

So is theirs, and ours.

Enter Philotus.

rem

remLuci.

And sir Philotus too.

rem

remPhil.

Good day at once.

rem

remLuci.

Welcome good Brother.

What do you thinke the houre?

rem

remPhil.

Labouring for Nine.

rem

remLuci.

So much?

rem

remPhil.

Is not my Lord seene yet?

rem

remLuci.

Not yet.

rem

remPhil.

I wonder on't, he was wont to shine at seauen.

rem

remLuci.

I, but the dayes are waxt shorter with him:

You must consider, that a Prodigall course

Is like the Sunnes, but not like his recouerable, I feare:

*'Tis deepest Winter in Lord Timons purse, that is: One may reach deepe enough,
and yet finde little.*

rem

remPhil.

I am of your feare, for that.

rem

remTit.

Ile shew you how t'obserue a strange euent:

Your Lord sends now for Money?

rem

remHort.

Most true, he doe's.

rem

remTit.

And he weares Iewels now of Timons gift,

For which I waite for money.

rem

remHort.

It is against my heart.

rem

remLuci.

Marke how strange it showes,

Timon in this, should pay more then he owes:

And e'ne as if your Lord should weare rich Iewels,

And send for money for 'em.

rem

remHort.

I'me weary of this Charge,

The Gods can witnesse:

I know my Lord hath spent of Timons wealth,

And now Ingratitude, makes it worse then stealth.

rem

remVarro.

Yes, mine's three thousand Crownes:

What's yours?

rem

remLuci.

Fiue thousand mine.

rem

remVarro.

'Tis much deepe, and it should seem by th'sum

Your Masters confidence was aboue mine,

Else surely his had equall'd.

Enter Flaminius.

rem

remTit.

One of Lord Timons men.

rem

remLuc.

Flaminius? Sir, a word: Pray is my Lord readie to come forth?

rem

remFlam.

No, indeed he is not.

rem

remTit.

We attend his Lordship: pray signifie so much.

rem

remFlam.

I need not tell him that, he knowes you are too (diligent.

Enter Steward in a Cloake, muffled.

rem

remLuci.

Ha: is not that his Steward muffled so?

He goes away in a Clowd: Call him, call him.

rem

remTit.

Do you heare, sir?

rem

rem2. Varro.

By your leaue, sir.

rem

remStew.

What do ye aske of me, my Friend.

rem

remTit.

We waite for certaine Money heere, sir.

rem

remStew.

I, if Money were as certaine as your waiting,

'Twere sure enough.

Why then preferr'd you not your summes and Billes

When your false Masters eat of my Lords meat?

Then they could smile, and fawne vpon his debts.

And take downe th'Intrest into their glutt'nous Mawes.

You do your selues but wrong, to stirre me vp,

Let me passe quietly:

Beleeue't, my Lord and I haue made an end,

I haue no more to reckon, he to spend.

rem

remLuci.

I, but this answer will not serue.

rem

remStew.

If't 'twill not serue, 'tis not so base as you,

For you serue Knaues.

rem

rem1. Varro.

How? What does his casheer'd Worship mutter?

rem

rem2. Varro.

No matter what, hee's poore, and that's re uenge enough. Who can speake broader, then hee that has no house to put his head in? Such may rayle against great buildings.

Enter Seruilius.

rem

remTit.

Oh here's Seruilius: now wee shall know some answere.

rem

remSeru.

If I might beseech you Gentlemen, to repayre some other houre, I should deriue much from't. For tak't of my soule, my Lord leanes wondrously to discontent: His comfortable temper has forsooke him, he's much out of health, and keepes his Chamber.

rem

remLuci.

Many do keepe their Chambers, are not sicke:

And if it be so farre beyond his health,

Me thinkes he should the sooner pay his debts,

And make a cleere way to the Gods.

rem

remSeruil.

Good Gods.

rem

remTitus.

We cannot take this for answer, sir.

rem

remFlaminius

within.

Seruilius helpe, my Lord, my Lord.

Enter Timon in a rage.

rem

remTim.

What, are my dores oppos'd against my passage?

Haue I bin euer free, and must my house

Be my retentiue Enemy? My Gaole?

The place which I haue Feasted, does it now

(Like all Mankinde) shew me an Iron heart?

rem

remLuci.

Put in now Titus.

rem

remTit.

My Lord, heere is my Bill.

rem

remLuci.

Here's mine.

rem

rem1. Var.

And mine, my Lord.

rem

rem2. Var.

And ours, my Lord.

rem

remPhilo.

All our Billes.

rem

remTim.

Knocke me downe with 'em, cleaue mee to the Girdle.

rem

remLuc.

Alas, my Lord.

rem

remTim.

Cut my heart in summes.

rem

remTit.

Mine, fifty Talents.

rem

remTim.

Tell out my blood.

rem

remLuc.

Fiue thousand Crownes, my Lord.

rem

remTim.

Fiue thousand drops payes that.

What yours? and yours?

rem

rem1. Var.

My Lord.

rem

rem2. Var.

My Lord.

rem

remTim.

Teare me, take me, and the Gods fall vpon you.

Exit Timon.

rem

remHort.

Faith I perceiue our Masters may throwe their caps at their money, these debts may well be call'd despe rate ones, for a madman owes 'em.

Exeunt.

Enter Timon.

rem

remTimon.

They haue e'ene put my breath from mee the slaues. Creditors? Diuels.

rem

remStew.

My deere Lord.

rem

remTim.

What if it should be so?

rem

remStew.

My Lord.

rem

remTim.

Ile haue it so. My Steward?

rem

remStew.

Heere my Lord.

rem

remTim.

So fitly? Go, bid all my Friends againe,

Lucius, Lucullus, and Sempronius Vllorxa: All,

Ile once more feast the Rascals.

rem

remStew.

O my Lord, you onely speake from your distra cted soule; there's not so much left to furnish out a moderate Table.

rem

remTim.

Be it not in thy care:

Go I charge thee, inuite them all, let in the tide

Of Knaues once more: my Cooke and Ile provide.

Exeunt

Enter three Senators at one doore, Alcibiades meeting them, with Attendants.

rem

rem1. Sen.

My Lord, you haue my voyce, too't,

The faults Bloody:

'Tis necessary he should dye:

Nothing imboldens sinne so much, as Mercy.

rem

rem2

Most true; the Law shall bruise 'em.

rem

remAlc.

Honor, health, and compassion to the Senate.

rem

rem1

Now Captaine.

rem

remAlc.

I am an humble Sutor to your Vertues;

For pittie is the vertue of the Law,

And none but Tyrants use it cruelly.

It pleases time and Fortune to lye heauie

Vpon a Friend of mine, who in hot blood

Hath stept into the Law: which is past depth

To those that (without heede) do plundge intoo't.

He is a Man (setting his Fate aside) of comely Vertues,

Nor did he soyle the fact with Cowardice.

(And Honour in him, which buyes out his fault)

But with a Noble Fury, and faire spirit,

Seeing his Reputation touch'd to death,

He did oppose his Foe:

And with such sober and vnnoted passion

He did behooue his anger ere 'twas spent,

As if he had but prou'd an Argument.

rem

rem1 Sen.

You vndergo too strict a Paradox,

Striuing to make an vgly deed looke faire:

Your words haue tooke such paines, as if they labour'd

To bring Manslaughter into forme, and set Quarrelling

Vpon the head of Valour; which indeede

Is Valour misbegot, and came into the world,

When Sects, and Factions were newly borne.

Hee's truly Valiant, that can wisely suffer

The worst that man can breath,

And make his Wrongs, his Outsides,

To weare them like his Rayment, carelessly,

*And ne're preferre his iniuries to his heart,
To bring it into danger.*

*If Wrongs be euilles, and inforce vs kill,
What Folly 'tis, to hazard life for Ill.*

rem

remAlci.

My Lord.

rem

rem1. Sen.

*You cannot make grosse sinnes looke cleare,
To reuenge is no Valour, but to beare.*

rem

remAlci.

My Lords, then vnder fauour, pardon me,

If I speake like a Captaine.

Why do fond men expose themselues to Battell,

And not endure all threats? Sleepe vpon't,

And let the Foes quietly cut their Throats

Without repugnancy? If there be

Such Valour in the bearing, what make wee

Abroad? Why then, Women are more valiant

That stay at home, if Bearing carry it:

And the Asse, more Captaine then the Lyon?

The fellow loaden with Irons, wiser then the Iudge?

If Wisedome be in suffering. Oh my Lords,

As you are great, be pittifully Good,

Who cannot condemne rashnesse in cold blood?

To kill, I grant, is sinnes extreamest Gust,

But in defence, by Mercy, 'tis most iust.

To be in Anger, is impietie:

But who is Man, that is not Angrie.

Weigh but the Crime with this.

rem

rem2. Sen.

You breath in vaine.

rem

remAlci.

In vaine?

His seruice done at Lacedemon, and Bizantium,

Were a sufficient briber for his life.

rem

rem1

What's that?

rem

remAlc.

*Why say my Lords ha's done faire seruice,
And slaine in fight many of your enemies:
How full of valour did he beare himselfe
In the last Conflict, and made plenteous wounds?*

rem

rem2

*He has made too much plenty with him:
He's a sworne Riotor, he has a sinne
That often drownes him, and takes his valour prisoner.
If there were no Foes, that were enough
To ouercome him. In that Beastly furie,
He has bin knowne to commit outrages,
And cherrish Factions. 'Tis inferr'd to vs,
His dayes are foule, and his drinke dangerous.*

rem

rem1

He dyes.

rem

remAlci.

*Hard fate: he might haue dyed in warre.
My Lords, if not for any parts in him,
Though his right arme might purchase his owne time,
And be in debt to none: yet more to moue you,
Take my deserts to his, and ioyne 'em both.
And for I know, your reuerend Ages loue Security,
Ile pawne my Victories, all my Honour to you
Vpon his good returnes.
If by this Crime, he owes the Law his life,
Why let the Warre receiue't in valiant gore,
For Law is strict, and Warre is nothing more.*

rem

rem1

*We are for Law, he dyes, vrge it no more
On height of our displeasure: Friend, or Brother,
He forfeits his owne blood, that spilles another.*

rem

remAlc.

*Must it be so? It must not bee:
My Lords, I do beseech you know mee.*

rem

rem2

How?

rem

remAlc.

Call me to your remembrances.

rem

rem3

What.

rem

remAlc.

I cannot thinke but your Age has forgot me,

It could not else be, I should proue so bace,

To sue and be deny'de such common Grace.

My wounds ake at you.

rem

rem1

Do you dare our anger?

'Tis in few words, but spacious in effect:

We banish thee for euer.

rem

remAlc.

Banish me?

Banish your dotage, banish usurie,

That makes the Senate vgly.

rem

rem1

If after two dayes shine, Athens containe thee,

Attend our waightier Iudgement.

And not to swell our Spirit,

He shall be executed presently.

Exeunt.

rem

remAlc.

Now the Gods keepe you old enough,

That you may liue

Onely in bone, that none may looke on you.

I'm worse then mad: I haue kept backe their Foes

While they haue told their Money, and let out

Their Coine vpon large interest. I my selfe,

Rich onely in large hurts. All those, for this?

Is this the Balsome, that the vsuring Senat

Powres into Captaines wounds? Banishment.
It comes not ill: I hate not to be banisht,
It is a cause worthy my Spleene and Furie,
That I may strike at Athens. Ile cheere vp
My discontented Troopes, and lay for hearts;
'Tis Honour with most Lands to be at ods,
Souldiers should brooke as little wrongs as Gods.

Exit.

Enter diuers Friends at seuerall doores.

rem

rem1

The good time of day to you, sir.

rem

rem2

I also wish it to you: I thinke this Honorable Lord did but try vs this other day.

rem

rem1

*Vpon that were my thoughts tiring when wee en countred. I hope it is not so low
with him as he made it seeme in the triall of his seuerall Friends.*

rem

rem2

It should not be, by the perswasion of his new Fea sting.

rem

rem1

*I should thinke so. He hath sent mee an earnest in uiting, which many my neere
occasions did vrge mee to put off: but he hath coniu'r'd mee beyond them, and I must
needs appeare.*

rem

rem2

*In like manner was I in debt to my importunat bu sinesse, but he would not heare
my excuse. I am sorrie, when he sent to borrow of mee, that my Prouision was out.*

rem

rem1

I am sicke of that greefe too, as I vnderstand how all things go.

rem

rem2

Euery man heares so: what would hee haue borro wed of you?

rem

rem1

A thousand Peeces.

rem

rem2

A thousand Peeces?

rem

rem1

What of you?

rem

rem2

He sent to me sir Heere he comes.

Enter Timon and Attendants.

rem

remTim.

With all my heart Gentlemen both; and how fare you?

rem

rem1

Euer at the best, hearing well of your Lordship.

rem

rem2

The Swallow followes not Summer more willing, then we your Lordship.

rem

remTim.

Nor more willingly leaues Winter, such Summer Birds are men. Gentlemen, our dinner will not recompence this long stay: Feast your eares with the Musicke awhile: If they will fare so harshly o'th' Trumpets sound: we shall too't presently.

rem

rem1

I hope it remaines not vnkindely with your Lordship, that I return'd you an empty Messenger.

rem

remTim.

O sir, let it not trouble you.

rem

rem2

My Noble Lord.

rem

remTim.

Ah my good Friend, what cheere?

The Banket brought in.

rem

rem2

My most Honorable Lord, I am e'ne sick of shame, that when your Lordship this other day sent to me, I was so vnfortunate a Beggar.

rem

remTim.

Thinke not on't, sir.

rem

rem2

If you had sent but two houres before.

rem

remTim.

Let it not cumber your better remembrance.

Come bring in all together.

rem

rem2

All couer'd Dishes.

rem

rem1

Royall Cheare, I warrant you.

rem

rem3

Doubt not that, if money and the season can yeild it

rem

rem1

How do you? What's the newes?

rem

rem3

Alcibiades is banish'd: heare you of it?

rem

remBoth.

Alcibiades banish'd?

rem

rem3

'Tis so, be sure of it.

rem

rem1

How? How?

rem

rem2

I pray you vpon what?

rem

remTim.

My worthy Friends, will you draw neere?

rem

rem3

Ile tell you more anon. Here's a Noble feast toward

rem

rem2

This is the old man still.

rem

rem3

Wilt hold? Wilt hold?

rem

rem2

It do's: but time will, and so.

rem

rem3

I do conceyue.

rem

remTim.

Each man to his stoole, with that spurre as hee would to the lip of his Mistris: your dyet shall bee in all places alike. Make not a Citie Feast of it, to let the meat coole, ere we can agree vpon the first place. Sit, sit. The Gods require our Thankes. You great Benefactors, sprinkle our Society with Thanke fulnesse. For your owne gifts, make your selues prais'd: But reserue still to giue, leas't your Deities be despised. Lend to each man enough, that one neede not lend to another. For were your Godheads to borrow of men, men would forsake the Gods. Make the Meate be beloued, more then the Man that giues it. Let no Assembly of Twenty, be without a score of Villaines. If there sit twelue Women at the Table, let a dozen of them bee as they are. The rest of your Fees, O Gods, the Senators of Athens, together with the common legge of People, what is amisse in them, you Gods, make suteable for destruction. For these my present Friends, as they are to mee nothing, so in nothing blesse them, and to nothing are they welcome. Vncouer Dogges, and lap.

rem

remSome speake.

What do's his Lordship meane?

rem

remSome other.

I know not.

rem

remTimon.

May you a better Feast neuer behold

You knot of MouthFriends: Smoke, & lukewarm water

Is your perfection. This is Timons last,

Who stucke and spangled you with Flatteries,

Washes it off and sprinkles in your faces

Your reeking villany. Liue loath'd, and long

Most smiling, smooth, detested Parasites,

Curteous Destroyers, affable Wolues, meeke Beares:

You Fooles of Fortune, Trencherfriends, Times Flyes,

Cap and kneeSlaues, vapours, and Minute Iackes.

Of Man and Beast, the infinite Maladie

Crust you quite o're. What do'st thou go?

Soft, take thy Physicke first; thou too, and thou:

Stay I will lend thee money, borrow none.

What? All in Motion? Henceforth be no Feast,

Whereat a Villaine's not a welcome Guest.

Burne house, sinke Athens, henceforth hated be

Of Timon Man, and all Humanity.

Exit

Enter the Senators, with other Lords.

rem

rem1

How now, my Lords?

rem

rem2

Know you the quality of Lord Timons fury?

rem

rem3

Push, did you see my Cap?

rem

rem4

I haue lost my Gowne.

rem

rem1

He's but a mad Lord, & nought but humors swaies him. He gaue me a Iewell th'other day, and now hee has beate it out of my hat.

Did you see my Iewell?

rem

rem2

Did you see my Cap.

rem

rem3

Heere 'tis.

rem

rem4

Heere lyes my Gowne.

rem

rem1

Let's make no stay.

rem

rem2

Lord Timons mad.

rem

rem3

I feel't vpon my bones.

rem

rem4

One day he giues vs Diamonds, next day stones.

Exeunt the Senators.

Enter Timon.

rem

remTim.

*Let me looke backe vpon thee. O thou Wall
 That girdles in those Wolues, diue in the earth,
 And fence not Athens. Matrons, turne incontinent,
 Obedience fayle in Children: Slaues and Fooles
 Plucke the graue wrinkled Senate from the Bench,
 And minister in their steeds, to generall Filthes.
 Conuert o'th'Instant greene Virginitie,
 Doo't in your Parents eyes. Bankrupts, hold fast
 Rather then render backe; out with your Knives,
 And cut your Trusters throates. Bound Seruants, steale,
 Largehanded Robbers your graue Masters are,
 And pill by Law. Maide, to thy Masters bed,
 Thy Mistris is o'th'Brothell. Some of sixteen,
 Plucke the lyn'd Crutch from thy old limping Sire,
 With it, beate out his Braines. Piety, and Feare,
 Religion to the Gods, Peace, Iustice, Truth,
 Domesticke awe, Nightrest, and Neighbourhood,
 Instruction, Manners, Mysteries, and Trades,
 Degrees, Obseruances, Customes, and Lawes,
 Decline to your confounding contraries.
 And yet Confusion liue: Plagues incident to men,
 Your potent and infectious Feauors, heape
 On Athens ripe for stroke. Thou cold Sciatica,
 Cripple our Senators, that their limbes may halt
 As lamely as their Manners. Lust, and Libertie
 Creepe in the Mindes and Marrowes of our youth,
 That 'gainst the streame of Vertue they may striue,
 And drowne themselues in Riot. Itches, Blaines,
 Sowe all th'Athenian bosomes, and their crop
 Be generall Leprosie: Breath, infect breath,
 That their Society (as their Friendship) may
 Be meereley poyson. Nothing Ile beare from thee
 But nakednesse, thou detestable Towne,
 Take thou that too, with multiplying Bannes:
 Timon will to the Woods, where he shall finde
 Th'unkindest Beast, more kinder then Mankinde.
 The Gods confound (heare me you good Gods all)
 Th'Athenians both within and out that Wall:
 And graunt as Timon growes, his hate may grow*

To the whole race of Mankinde, high and low.

Amen.

Exit.

Enter Steward with two or three Seruants.

rem

rem1

Heare you Master^A Steward, where's our Master?

Are we vndone, cast off, nothing remaining?

rem

remStew.

Alack my Fellowes, what should I say to you?

Let me be recorded by the righteous Gods,

I am as poore as you.

rem

rem1

Such a House broke?

So Noble a Master falne, all gone, and not

One Friend to take his Fortune by the arme,

And go along with him.

rem

rem2

As we do turne our backes

From our Companion, throwne into his graue,

So his Familiars to his buried Fortunes

Slinke all away, leaue their false vowes with him

Like empty purses pickt; and his poore selfe

A dedicated Beggar to the Ayre,

With his disease, of all shunn'd pouerty,

Walkes like contempt alone. More of our Fellowes.

Enter other Seruants.

rem

remStew.

All broken Implements of a ruin'd house.

rem

rem3

Yet do our hearts weare Timons Liuery,

That see I by our Faces: we are Fellowes still,

Seruing alike in sorrow: Leak'd is our Barke,

And we poore Mates, stand on the dying Decke,

⁴M.

*Hearing the Surges threat: we must all part
Into this Sea of Ayre.*

rem

remStew.

Good Fellowes all,

*The latest of my wealth Ile share among'st you.
Where euer we shall meete, for Timons sake,
Let's yet be Fellowes. Let's shake our heads, and say
As 'twere a Knell vnto our Masters Fortunes,
We haue seene better dayes. Let each take some:
Nay put out all your hands: Not one word more,
Thus part we rich in sorrow, parting poore.*

Embrace and part seuerall wayes.

*Oh the fierce wretchednesse that Glory brings vs!
Who would not wish to be from wealth exempt,
An ink mark follows the end of this line.
Since Riches point to Misery and Contempt?
Who would be so mock'd with Glory, or to liue
But in a Dreame of Friendship,
To haue his pompe, and all what state compounds,
But onely painted like his varnisht Friends:
Poore honest Lord, brought lowe by his owne heart,
Vndone by Goodnesse: strange vnusuall blood,
When mans worst sinne is, He do's too much Good.
Who then dares to be halfe so kinde agen?
For Bounty that makes Gods, do still marre Men.
My deerest Lord, blest to be most accurst,
Rich onely to be wretched; thy great Fortunes
Are made thy cheefe Afflictions. Alas (kinde Lord)
Hee's flung in Rage from this ingratefull Seate
Of monstrous Friends:
Nor ha's he with him to supply his life,
Or that which can command it:
Ile follow and enquire him out.
Ile euer serue his minde, with my best will,
Whilst I haue Gold, Ile be his Steward still.*

Exit.

Enter Timon in the woods.

rem

remTim.

*O blessed breeding Sun, draw from the earth
 Rotten humidity: below thy Sisters Orbe
 Infect the ayre. Twin'd Brothers of one wombe,
 Whose procreation, residence, and birth,
 Scarce is diuidant; touch them with seuerall fortunes,
 The greater scornes the lesser. Not Nature
 (To whom all sores lay siege) can beare great Fortune
 But by contempt of Nature.
 Raise me this Begger, and deny't that Lord,
 The Senators shall beare contempt Hereditary,
 The Begger Natiue Honor.
 It is the Pastour Lards, the Brothers sides,
 The want that makes him leaue: who dares? who dares
 In puritie of Manhood stand vpright
 And say, this mans a Flatterer. If one be,
 So are they all: for euerie grize of Fortune
 Is smooth'd by that below. The Learned pate
 Duckes to the Golden Foole. All's oblique:
 There's nothing leuell in our cursed Natures
 But direct villanie. Therefore be abhorr'd,
 All Feasts, Societies, and Throngs of men.
 His semblable, yea himselfe Timon disdaines,
 Destruction phang mankind; Earth yeeld me Rootes,
 Who seekes for better of thee, sawce his pallate
 With thy most operant Poyson. What is heere?
 Gold? Yellow, glittering, precious Gold?
 No Gods, I am no idle Votarist,
 Roots you cleere Heauens. Thus much of this will make
 Blacke, white; fowle, faire; wrong, right;
 Base, Noble; Old, young; Coward, valiant.
 Ha you Gods! why this? what this, you Gods? why this
 Will lugge your Priests and Seruants from your sides:
 Plucke stout mens pillowes from below their heads.
 This yellow Slaue,
 Will knit and breake Religions, blesse th'accurst,
 Make the hoare Leprosie ador'd, place Theeues,
 And giue them Title, knee, and approbation
 With Senators on the Bench: This is it
 That makes the wappen'd Widdow wed againe;*

*Shee, whom the Spittlehouse, and ulcerous sores,
 Would cast the gorge at. This Embalmes and Spices
 To'th'Aprill day againe. Come damn'd Earth,
 Thou common whore of Mankinde, that puttes oddes
 Among the rout of Nations, I will make thee
 Do thy right Nature.*

March afarre off.

*Ha? A Drumme? Th'art quicke,
 But yet Ile bury thee: Thou't go (strong Theefe)
 When Gowty keepers of thee cannot stand:
 Nay stay thou out for earnest.*

*Enter Alcibiades with Drumme and Fife in warlike manner, and Phrynia and
 Timandra.*

rem

remAlc.

What art thou there? Speake.

rem

remTim.

*A Beast as thou art. The Canker gnaw thy hart
 For shewing me againe the eyes of Man.*

rem

remAlc.

*What is thy name? Is man so hatefull to thee,
 That art thy selfe a Man?*

rem

remTim.

*I am Misanthropos, and hate Mankinde.
 For thy part, I do wish thou wert a dogge,
 That I might loue thee something.*

rem

remAlc.

I know thee well:

But in thy Fortunes am vnlearn'd, and strange.

rem

remTim.

*I know thee too, and more then that I know thee
 I not desire to know. Follow thy Drumme,
 With mans blood paint the ground Gules, Gules:
 Religious Cannons, ciuill Lawes are cruell,
 Then what should warre be? This fell whore of thine,
 Hath in her more destruction then thy Sword,*

For all her Cherubin looke.

rem

remPhrin.

Thy lips rot off.

rem

remTim.

I will not kisse thee, then the rot returnes

To thine owne lippes againe.

rem

remAlc.

How came the Noble Timon to this change?

rem

remTim.

As the Moone do's, by wanting light to giue:

But then renew I could not like the Moone,

There were no Sunnes to borrow of.

rem

remAlc.

Noble Timon, what friendship may I do thee?

rem

remTim.

None, but to maintaine my opinion.

rem

remAlc.

What is it Timon?

rem

remTim.

Promise me Friendship, but performe none. If thou wilt not promise, the Gods plague thee, for thou art a man: if thou do'st performe, confound thee, for thou art a man.

rem

remAlc.

I haue heard in some sort of thy Miseries.

rem

remTim.

Thou saw'st them when I had prosperitie.

rem

remAlc.

I see them now, then was a blessed time.

rem

remTim.

As thine is now, held with a brace of Harlots.

rem

remTiman.

Is this th'Athenian Minion, whom the world

Voic'd so regardfully?

rem

remTim.

Art thou Timandra?

rem

remTiman.

Yes.

rem

remTim.

Be a whore still, they loue thee not that vse thee, giue them diseases, leauing with thee their Lust. Make vse of thy salt houres, season the slaues for Tubbes and Bathes, bring downe Rosecheekt youth to the Fubfast, and the Diet.

rem

remTiman.

Hang thee Monster.

rem

remAlc.

Pardon him sweet Timandra, for his wits

Are drown'd and lost in his Calamities.

I haue but little Gold of late, braue Timon,

The want whereof, doth dayly make reuolt

In my penurious Band. I haue heard and greeu'd

How cursed Athens, mindelesse of thy worth,

Forgetting thy great deeds, when Neighbour states

But for thy Sword and Fortune trod vpon them.

rem

remTim.

I prythee beate thy Drum, and get thee gone.

rem

remAlc.

I am thy Friend, and pittty thee deere Timon.

rem

remTim.

How doest thou pittty him whom yu dost trouble,

I had rather be alone.

rem

remAlc.

Why fare thee well:

Heere is some Gold for thee.

rem

remTim.

Keepe it, I cannot eate it.

rem

remAlc.

When I haue laid proud Athens on a heape:

rem

remTim.

Warr'st thou 'gainst Athens.

rem

remAlc.

I Timon, and haue cause.

rem

remTim.

*The Gods confound them all in thy Conquest,
And thee after, when thou hast Conquer'd.*

rem

remAlc.

Why me, Timon?

rem

remTim.

That by killing of Villaines

*Thou was't borne to conquer my Country.
Put vp thy Gold. Go on, heeres Gold, go on;
Be as a Plannetary plague, when Ioue
Will o're some highVic'd City, hang his poyson
In the sicke ayre: let not thy sword skip one:
Pitty not honour'd Age for his white Beard,
He is an Vsurer. Strike me the counterfet Matron,
It is her habite onely, that is honest,
Her selfe's a Bawd. Let not the Virgins cheeke
Make soft thy trenchant Sword: for those Milke pappes
That through the window Barne bore at mens eyes,
Are not within the Leafe of pittie writ,
But set them down horrible Traitors. Spare not the B1be
Whose dimpled smiles from Fooles exhaust their mercy;
Thinke it a Bastard, whom the Oracle
Hath doubtfully pronounced, the throat shall cut,
And mince it sans remorse. Swear against Obiects,
Put Armour on thine eares, and on thine eyes,
Whose prooffe, nor yels of Mothers, Maides, nor Babes,
Nor sight of Priests in holy Vestments bleeding,
Shall pierce a iot. There's Gold to pay thy Souldiers,
Make large confusion: and thy fury spent,
Confounded be thy selfe. Speake not, be gone.*

rem

remAlc.

Hast thou Gold yet, Ile take the Gold thou gi uest me, not all thy Counsell.

rem

remTim.

Dost thou or dost thou not, Heauens curse vpon thee.

rem

remBoth.

Giue vs some Gold good Timon, hast yu more?

rem

remTim.

*Enough to make a Whore forswear her Trade,
And to make Whores, a Bawd. Hold vp you Sluts
Your Aprons mountant; you are not Othable,
Although I know you'l sweare, terribly sweare
Into strong shudders, and to heavenly Agues
Th'immortall Gods that heare you. Spare your Oathes:
Ile trust to your Conditions, be whores still.
And he whose pious breath seekes to conuert you,
Be strong in Whore, allure him, burne him vp,
Let your close fire predominate his smoke,
And be no turnecoats: yet may your paines six months
Be quite contrary, And Thatch
Your poore thin Roofes with burthens of the dead,
(Some that were hang'd) no matter:
Weare them, betray with them; Whore still,
Paint till a horse may myre vpon your face:
A pox of wrinkles.*

rem

remBoth.

Well, more Gold, what then?

Beleeue't that wee'l do any thing for Gold.

rem

remTim.

Consumptions sowe

*In hollow bones of man, strike their sharpe shinnes,
And marre mens spurring. Cracke the Lawyers voyce,
That he may neuer more false Title pleade,
Nor sound his Quillets shrilly: Hoare the Flamen,
That scold'st against the quality of flesh,
And not beleeues himselfe. Downe with the Nose,
Downe with it flat, take the Bridge quite away
Of him, that his particular to foresee
Smels from the generall weale. Make curld'pate Ruffians (bald
And let the vnscarr'd Braggerts of the Warre
Deriue some paine from you. Plague all,*

*That your Actiuity may defeate and quell
The sourse of all Erection. There's more Gold.
Do you damne others, and let this damne you,
And ditches graue you all:*

rem

remBoth.

More counsell with more Money, bounteous Timon.

rem

remTim.

More whore, more Mischeefe first, I haue gi uen you earnest.

rem

remAlc.

Strike vp the Drum towardes Athens, farewell Timon: if I thriue well, Ile visit thee againe.

rem

remTim.

If I hope well, Ile neuer see thee more.

rem

remAlc.

I neuer did thee harme.

rem

remTim.

Yes, thou spok'st well of me.

rem

remAlc.

Call'st thou that harme?

rem

remTim.

*Men dayly finde it. Get thee away,
And take thy Beagles with thee.*

rem

remAlc.

We but offend him, strike.

Exeunt.

rem

remTim.

*That Nature being sicke of mans vnkindnesse
Should yet be hungry: Common Mother, thou
Whose wombe vnmeasureable, and infinite brest
Teemes and feeds all: whose selfesame Mettle
Whereof thy proud Childe (arrogant man) is puft,
Engenders the blacke Toad, and Adder blew,
The gilded Newt, and eyelesse venom'd Worme,
With all th'abhorred Births below Crispe Heauen,*

*Whereon Hyperions quickning fire doth shine:
 Yeeld him, who all the humane Sonnes do hate,
 From foorth thy plenteous bosome, one poore roote:
 Enseare thy Fertile and Conception wombe,
 Let it no more bring out ingratefull man.
 Goe great with Tygers, Dragons, Wolues, and Beares,
 Teeme with new Monsters, whom thy vpward face
 Hath to the Marbled Mansion all about
 Neuer presented. O, a Root, deare thanks:
 Dry vp thy Marrowes, Vines, and Ploughtorne Leas,
 Whereof ingratefull man with Licourish draughts
 And Morsels Vnctious, greases his pure minde,
 That from it all Consideration slippes*
Enter Apemantus.

More man? Plague, plague.

rem

remApe.

*I was directed hither. Men report,
 Thou dost affect my Manners, and dost vse them.*

rem

remTim.

*'Tis then, because thou dost not keepe a dogge
 Whom I would imitate. Consumption catch thee.*

rem

remApe.

*This is in thee a Nature but infected,
 A poore vnmanly Melancholly sprung
 From change of future. Why this Spade? this place?
 This Slauelike Habit, and these lookes of Care?
 Thy Flatterers yet weare Silke, drinke Wine, lye soft,
 Hugge their diseas'd Perfumes, and haue forgot
 That euer Timon was. Shame not these Woods,
 By putting on the cunning of a Carper.
 Be thou a Flatterer now, and seeke to thriue
 By that which ha's vndone thee; hindge thy knee,
 And let his very breath whom thou'lt obserue
 Blow off thy Cap: praise his most vicious straine,
 And call it excellent: thou wast told thus:
 Thou gau'st thine eares (like Tapsters, that bad welcom)
 To Knaues, and all approachers: 'Tis most iust
 That thou turne Rascall, had'st thou wealth againe,*

Rascals should haue't. Do not assume my likenesse.

rem

remTim.

Were I like thee, I'de throw away my selfe.

rem

remApe.

*Thou hast cast away thy selfe, being like thy self
A Madman so long, now a Foole: what think'st
That the bleake ayre, thy boysterous Chamberlaine
Will put thy shirt on warme? Will these moyst Trees,
That haue outliu'd the Eagle, page thy heeles
And skip when thou point'st out? Will the cold brooke
Candied with Ice, Cawdle thy Morning taste
To cure thy o'renights surfet? Call the Creatures,
Whose naked Natures liue in all the spight
Of wrekefull Heauen, whose bare vnoused Trunkes
To the conflicting Elements expos'd
Answer meere Nature: bid them flatter thee.
O thou shalt finde.*

rem

remTim.

A Foole of thee: depart.

rem

remApe.

I loue thee better now, then ere I did.

rem

remTim.

I hate thee worse.

rem

remApe.

Why?

rem

remTim.

Thou flatter'st misery.

rem

remApe.

I flatter not, but say thou art a Caytiffe.

rem

remTim.

Why do'st thou seeke me out?

rem

remApe.

To vex thee.

rem

remTim.

Always a Villaines Office, or a Fooles.

Dost please thy selfe in't?

rem

remApe.

I.

rem

remTim.

What, a Knaue too?

rem

remApe.

If thou did'st put this sowre cold habit on

To castigate thy pride, 'twere well: but thou

Dost it enforcedly: Thou'dst Courtier be againe

Wert thou not Beggar: willing misery

Outliues: incertaine pompe, is crown'd before:

The one is filling still, neuer compleat:

The other, at high wish: best state Contentlesse,

Hath a distracted and most wretched being,

Worse then the worst, Content.

Thou should'st desire to dye, being miserable.

rem

remTim.

Not by his breath, that is more miserable.

Thou art a Slaue, whom Fortunes tender arme

With fauour neuer claspt: but bred a Dogge.

Had'st thou like vs from our first swath proceeded,

The sweet degrees that this breefe world affords,

To such as may the passiue drugges of it

Freely command'st: thou would'st haue plung'd thy self

In generall Riot, melted downe thy youth

In different beds of Lust, and neuer learn'd

The Icie precepts of respect, but followed

The Sugred game before thee. But my selfe,

Who had the world as my Confectionarie,

The mouthes, the tongues, the eyes, and hearts of men,

At duty more then I could frame employment;

That numberlesse vpon me stucke, as leaues

Do on the Oake, haue with one Winters brush

Fell from their boughes, and left me open, bare,

For euery storme that blowes. I to beare this,

That neuer knew but better, is some burthen:

*Thy Nature, did commence in sufferance, Time
 Hath made thee hard in't. Why should'st yu hate Men?
 They neuer flatter'd thee. What hast thou giuen?
 If thou wilt curse; thy Father (that poore ragge)
 Must be thy subiect; who in spight put stuffe
 To some sheeBegger, and compounded thee
 Poore Rogue, hereditary. Hence, be gone,
 If thou hadst not bene borne the worst of men,
 Thou hadst bene a Knaue and Flatterer.*

rem

remApe.

Art thou proud yet?

rem

remTim.

I, that I am not thee.

rem

remApe.

I, that I was no Prodigall.

rem

remTim.

I, that I am one now.

*Were all the wealth I haue shut vp in thee,
 I'd giue thee leaue to hang it. Get thee gone:
 That the whole life of Athens were in this,
 Thus would I eate it.*

rem

remApe.

Heere, I will mend thy Feast.

rem

remTim.

First mend thy company, take away thy selfe.

rem

remApe.

So I shall mend mine owne, by'th'lacke of thine

rem

remTim.

'Tis not well mended so, it is but botcht;

If not, I would it were.

rem

remApe.

What would'st thou haue to Athens?

rem

remTim.

Thee thither in a whirlewind: if thou wilt,

Tell them there I haue Gold, looke, so I haue.

rem

remApe.

Heere is no vse for Gold.

rem

remTim.

The best, and truest:

For heere it sleepes, and do's no hyred harme.

rem

remApe.

Where lyst a nights Timon?

rem

remTim.

Vnder that's aboue me.

Where feed'st thou adayes Apemantus?

rem

remApe.

Where my stomacke findes meate, or rather where I eate it.

rem

remTim.

Would poyson were obedient, & knew my mind

rem

remApe.

Where would'st thou send it?

rem

remTim.

To sawce thy dishes.

rem

remApe.

The middle of Humanity thou neuer knewest, but the extremitie of both ends. When thou wast in thy Gilt, and thy Perfume, they mockt thee for too much Curiositie: in thy Raggess thou know'st none, but art de spis'd for the contrary. There's a medler for thee, eate it.

rem

remTim.

On what I hate, I feed not.

rem

remApe.

Do'st hate a Medler?

rem

remTim.

I, though it looke like thee.

rem

remApe.

And th'hadst hated Medlers sooner, yu should'st haue loued thy selfe better now.

What man didd'st thou euer know vnthrift, that was beloued after his meanes?

rem

remTim.

Who without those meanes thou talk'st of, didst thou euer know belou'd?

rem

remApe.

My selfe.

rem

remTim.

I vnderstand thee: thou had'st some meanes to keepe a Dogge.

rem

remApem.

What things in the world canst thou neerest compare to thy Flatterers?

rem

remTim.

Women neerest, but men: men are the things themselues. What would'st thou do with the world A pemantus, if it lay in thy power?

rem

remApe.

Giue it the Beasts, to be rid of the men.

rem

remTim.

Would'st thou haue thy selfe fall in the confu sion of men, and remaine a Beast with the Beasts.

rem

remApe.

I Timon.

rem

remTim.

A beastly Ambition, which the Goddes graunt thee t'attaine to. If thou wert the Lyon, the Fox would beguile thee: if thou wert the Lambe, the Foxe would eate thee: if thou wert the Fox, the Lion would suspect thee, when peraduenture thou wert accus'd by the Asse: If thou wert the Asse, thy dulnesse would torment thee; and still thou liu'dst but as a Breakefast to the Wolfe. If thou wert the Wolfe, thy greedinesse would afflict thee, & oft thou should'st hazard thy life for thy dinner. Wert thou the Vnicorne, pride and wrath would confound thee, and make thine owne selfe the conquest of thy fury. Wert thou a Beare, thou would'st be kill'd by the Horse: wert thou a Horse, thou would'st be seiz'd by the Leo pard: wert thou a Leopard, thou wert Germane to the Lion, and the spotted of thy Kindred, were Iurors on thy life. All thy safety were remotion, and thy defence ab sence. What Beast could'st thou bee, that were not sub iect to a Beast: and what a Beast art thou already, that seest not thy losse in transformation.

rem

remApe.

If thou could'st please me

With speaking to me, thou might'st

Haue hit vpon it heere.

The Commonwealth of Athens, is become

A Forrest of Beasts.

rem

remTim.

How ha's the Asse broke the wall, that thou art out of the Citie.

rem

remApe.

Yonder comes a Poet and a Painter:

The plague of Company light vpon thee:

I will feare to catch it, and giue way.

When I know not what else to do,

Ile see thee againe.

rem

remTim.

When there is nothing liuing but thee,

Thou shalt be welcome.

I had rather be a Beggers Dogge,

Then Apemantus.

rem

remApe.

Thou art the Cap

Of all the Fooles aliue.

rem

remTim.

Would thou wert cleane enough

To spit vpon.

rem

remApe.

A plague on thee,

Thou art too bad to curse.

rem

remTim.

All Villaines

That do stand by thee, are pure.

rem

remApe.

There is no Leprosie,

But what thou speak'st.

rem

remTim.

If I name thee, Ile beate thee;

But I should infect my hands.

rem

remApe.

I would my tongue

Could rot them off.

rem

remTim.

*Away thou issue of a mangie dogge,
Choller does kill me,
That thou art aliue, I swoond to see thee.*

rem

remApe.

Would thou would'st burst.

rem

remTim.

Away thou tedious Rogue, I am sorry I shall lose a stone by thee.

rem

remApe.

Beast.

rem

remTim.

Slaue.

rem

remApe.

Toad.

rem

remTim.

Rogue, Rogue, Rogue.

*I am sicke of this false world, and will loue nought
But euen the meere necessities vpon't:
Then Timon presently prepare thy graue:
Lye where the light Fome of the Sea may beate
Thy graue stone dayly, make thine Epitaph,
That death in me, at others liues may laugh.
O thou sweete Kingkiller, and deare diuorce
Twixt naturall Sunne and fire: thou bright defiler
Of Himens purest bed, thou valiant Mars,
Thou euer, yong, fresh, loued, and delicate wooer,
Whose blush doth thawe the consecrated Snow
That lyes on Dians lap.
Thou visible God,
That souldrest close Impossibilities,
And mak'st them kisse; that speak'st with euerie Tongue
To euerie purpose: O thou touch of hearts,
Thinke thy slaueman rebels, and by thy virtue
Set them into confounding oddes, that Beasts
May haue the world in Empire.*

rem

remApe.

Would 'twere so,

But not till I am dead. Ile say th'hast Gold:

Thou wilt be throng'd too shortly.

rem

remTim.

Throng'd too?

rem

remApe.

I.

rem

remTim.

Thy backe I prythee.

rem

remApe.

Liue, and loue thy misery.

rem

remTim.

Long liue so, and so dye. I am quit.

rem

remApe.

Mo things like men,

Eate Timon, and abhorre then.

Exit Apeman.

Enter the Bandetti.

rem

rem1

Where should he haue this Gold? It is some poore Fragment, some slender Ort of his remainder: the meere want of Gold, and the falling from of his Friendes, droue him into this Melancholly.

rem

rem2

It is nois'd

He hath a masse of Treasure.

rem

rem3

Let vs make the assay vpon him, if he care not for't, he will supply vs easily: if he couetously reserue it, how shall's get it?

rem

rem2

True: for he beares it not about him:

'Tis hid.

rem

rem1

Is not this hee?

rem

remAll.

Where?

rem

rem2

'Tis his description.

rem

rem3

He? I know him.

rem

remAll.

Saue thee Timon.

rem

remTim.

Now Theeues.

rem

remAll.

Soldiers, not Theeues.

rem

remTim.

Both too, and womens Sonnes.

rem

remAll.

We are not Theeues, but men

That much do want.

rem

remTim.

Your greatest want is, you want much of meat:

Why should you want? Behold, the Earth hath Rootes:

Within this Mile breake forth a hundred Springs:

The Oakes beare Mast, the Briars Scarlet Heps,

The bounteous Huswife Nature, on each bush,

Layes her full Messe before you. Want? why Want?

rem

rem1

We cannot liue on Grasse, on Berries, Water,

As Beasts, and Birds, and Fishes.

rem

remTi.

Nor on the Beasts themselues, the Birds & Fishes,

You must eat men. Yet thanks I must you con,

That you are Theeues profest: that you worke not

In holier shapes: For there is boundlesse Theft

In limited Professions. Rascall Theeues

*Heere's Gold. Go, sucke the subtle blood o'th'Grape,
 Till the high Feauor seeth your blood to froth,
 And so scape hanging. Trust not the Physitian,
 His AntIdotes are poyson, and he slayes
 Moe then you Rob: Take wealth, and liues together,
 Do Villaine do, since you protest to doo't.
 Like Workemen, Ile example you with Theeuery:
 The Sunnes a Theefe, and with his great attraction
 Robbes the vaste Sea. The Moones an arrant Theefe,
 And her pale fire, she snatches from the Sunne.
 The Seas a Theefe, whose liquid Surge, resolues
 The Moone into Salt teares. The Earth's a Theefe,
 That feeds and breeds by a composture stolne
 From gen'rall excrement: each thing's a Theefe.
 The Lawes, your curbe and whip, in their rough power
 Ha's vncheck'd Theft. Loue not your selues, away,
 Rob one another, there's more Gold, cut throates,
 All that you meete are Theeues: to Athens go,
 Breake open shoppes, nothing can you steale
 But Theeues do loose it: steale lesse, for this I giue you,
 And Gold confound you howsoere: Amen.*

rem

rem3

Has almost charm'd me from my Profession, by per swading me to it.

rem

rem1

*'Tis in the malice of mankinde, that he thus aduises vs not to haue vs thriue in our
 mystery.*

rem

rem2

*Ile beleue him as an Enemy,
 And giue ouer my Trade.*

rem

rem1

*Let vs first see peace in Athens, there is no time so miserable, but a man may be
 true.*

Exit Theeues.

Enter the Steward to Timon.

rem

remStew.

Oh you Gods!

*Is you'd despise'd and ruinous man my Lord?
 Full of decay and fayling? Oh Monument
 And wonder of good deeds, euilly bestow'd!
 What an alteration of Honor has desp'rate want made?
 What vilder thing vpon the earth, then Friends,
 Who can bring Noblest mindes, to basest ends.
 How rarely does it meete with this times guise,
 When man was wisht to loue his Enemies:
 Grant I may euer loue, and rather woo
 Those that would mischeefe me, then those that doo.*

Has caught me in his eye, I will present my honest griefe vnto him; and as my Lord, still serue him with my life.

My deerest Master.

rem

remTim.

Away: what art thou?

rem

remStew.

Haue you forgot me, Sir?

rem

remTim.

Why dost aske that? I haue forgot all men.

Then, if thou grunt'st, th'art a man.

I haue forgot thee.

rem

remStew.

An honest poore seruant of yours.

rem

remTim.

Then I know thee not:

I neuer had honest man about me, I all

I kept were Knaues, to serue in meate to Villaines.

rem

remStew.

The Gods are witnesse,

Neu'r did poore Steward weare a truer greefe

For his vndone Lord, then mine eyes for you.

rem

remTim.

What, dost thou weepe?

Come neerer, then I loue thee

Because thou art a woman, and disclaim'st

Flinty mankinde: whose eyes do neuer giue,

*But thorow Lust and Laughter: pittie's sleeping:
Strange times yt weepe with laughing, not with weeping.*

rem

remStew.

*I begge of you to know me, good my Lord,
T'accept my greefe, and whil'st this poore wealth lasts,
To entertaine me as your Steward still.*

rem

remTim.

Had I a Steward

*So true, so iust, and now so comfortable?
It almost turnes my dangerous Nature wilde.
Let me behold thy face: Surely, this man
Was borne of woman.
Forgiue my generall, and exceptlesse rashnesse
You perpetuall sober Gods. I do proclaime
One honest man: Mistake me not, but one:
No more I pray, and hee's a Steward.
How faine would I haue hated all mankinde,
And thou redeem'st thy selfe. But all saue thee,
I fell with Curses.
Me thinkes thou art more honest now, then wise:
For, by oppressing and betraying mee,
Thou might'st haue sooner got another Seruice:
For many so arriue at second Masters,
Vpon their first Lords necke. But tell me true,
(For I must euer doubt, though ne're so sure)
Is not thy kindnesse subtle, couetous,
If not a Vsuruing kindnesse, and as rich men deale Guifts,
Expecting in returne twenty for one?*

rem

remStew.

*No my most worthy Master, in whose brest
Doubt, and suspect (alas) are plac'd too late:
You should haue fear'd false times, when you did Feast.
Suspect still comes, where an estate is least.
That which I shew, Heauen knowes, is meereley Loue,
Dutie, and Zeale, to your vnmached minde;
Care of your Food and Liuing, and beleeeue it,
My most Honour'd Lord,
For any benefit that points to mee,*

*Either in hope, or present, I'de exchange
For this one wish, that you had power and wealth
To requite me, by making rich your selfe.*

rem

remTim.

*Looke thee, 'tis so: thou singly honest man,
Heere take: the Gods out of my miserie
Ha's sent thee Treasure. Go, liue rich and happy,
But thus condition'd: Thou shalt build from men:
Hate all, curse all, shew Charity to none,
But let the famisht flesh slide from the Bone,
Ere thou releuee the Begger. Giue to dogges
What thou denyest to men. Let Prisons swallow 'em,
Debts wither 'em to nothing, be men like blasted woods
And may Diseases licke vp their false bloods,
And so farewell, and thriue.*

rem

remStew.

O let me stay, and comfort you, my Master.

rem

remTim.

If thou hat'st Curses

stay not: flye, whil'st thou art blest and free:

Ne're see thou man, and let me ne're see thee.

Exit

Enter Poet, and Painter.

rem

remPain.

As I tooke note of the place, it cannot be farre where he abides.

rem

remPoet.

What's to be thought of him?

Does the Rumor hold for true,

That hee's so full of Gold?

rem

remPainter.

Certaine.

Alcibiades reports it: Phrinica and Timandylo

Had Gold of him. He likewise enrich'd

Poore stragling Souldiers, with great quantity.

'Tis saide, he gaue vnto his Steward

A mighty summe.

rem

remPoet.

Then this breaking of his,

Ha's beene but a Try for his Friends?

rem

remPainter.

Nothing else:

You shall see him a Palme in Athens againe,

And flourish with the highest:

Therefore, 'tis not amisse, we tender our loues

To him, in this suppos'd distresse of his:

It will shew honestly in vs,

And is very likely, to loade our purposes

With what they trauaile for,

If it be a iust and true report, that goes

Of his hauing.

rem

remPoet.

What haue you now

To present vnto him?

rem

remPainter.

Nothing at this time

But my Visitation: onely I will promise him

An excellent Peece.

rem

remPoet.

I must serue him so too;

Tell him of an intent that's comming toward him.

rem

remPainter.

Good as the best.

Promising, is the verie Ayre o'th'Time;

It opens the eyes of Expectation.

Performance, is euer the duller for his acte,

And but in the plainer and simpler kinde of people,

The deede of Saying is quite out of vse.

To Promise, is most Courtly and fashionable;

Performance, is a kinde of Will or Testament

Which argues a great sicknesse in his iudgement

That makes it.

Enter Timon from his Caue.

rem

remTimon.

Excellent Workeman,

Thou canst not paint a man so badde

As is thy selfe.

rem

remPo1t.

I am thinking

What I shall say I haue provided for him:

It must be a personating of himselfe:

A Satyre against the softnesse of Prosperity,

With a Discoverie of the infinite Flatteries

That follow youth and opulencie.

rem

remTimon.

Must thou needes

Stand for a Villaine in thine owne Worke?

Wilt thou whip thine owne faults in other men?

Do so, I haue Gold for thee.

rem

remPoet.

Nay let's seeke him.

Then do we sinne against our owne estate,

When we may profit meete, and come too late.

rem

remPainter.

True:

When the day serues before blackecorner'd night;

Finde what thou want'st, by free and offer'd light.

Come.

rem

remTim.

Ile meete you at the turne:

What a Gods Gold, that he is worshipt

In a baser Temple, then where Swine feede?

'Tis thou that rig'st the Barke, and plow'st the Fome,

Setlest admired reuerence in a Slaue,

To thee be worshipt, and thy Saints for aye:

Be crown'd with Plagues, that thee alone obay.

Fit I meet them.

rem

remPoet.

Haile worthy Timon.

rem

remPain.

Our late Noble Master.

rem

remTimon.

Haue I once liu'd

To see two honest men?

rem

remPoet.

Sir:

Hauing often of your open Bounty tasted,

Hearing you were retyr'd, your Friends falne off,

Whose thankelesse Natures (O abhorred Spirits)

Not all the Whippes of Heauen, are large enough.

What, to you,

Whose Starrelike Noblenesse gaue life and influence

To their whole being? I am rapt, and cannot couer

The1monstrous bulke of this Ingratitude

With any size of words.

rem

remTimon.

Let it go,

Naked men may see't the better:

You that are honest, by being what you are,

Make them best seene, and knowne.

rem

remPain.

He, and my selfe

Haue trauail'd in the great showre of your gifts,

And sweetly felt it.

rem

remTimon.

I, you are honest man.

rem

remPainter.

We are hither come

To offer you our seruice.

rem

remTimon.

Most honest men:

Why how shall I requite you?

Can you eate Roots, and drinke cold water, no?

rem

remBoth.

What we can do,

Wee'l do to do you seruice.

rem

remTim.

Y'are honest men,

Y'haue heard that I haue Gold,

I am sure you haue, speake truth, y'are honest men.

rem

remPain.

So it is said my Noble Lord, but therefore

Came not my Friend, nor I.

rem

remTimon.

Good honest men: Thou draw'st a counterfet

Best in all Athens, th'art indeed the best,

Thou counterfet'st most liuely.

rem

remPain.

So, so, my Lord.

rem

remTim.

E'ne so sir as I say. And for thy fiction,

Why thy Verse swels with stufte so fine and smooth,

That thou art euen Naturall in thine Art.

But for all this (my honest Natur'd friends)

I must needs say you haue a little fault,

Marry 'tis not monstrous in you, neither wish I

You take much paines to mend.

rem

remBoth.

Beseech your Honour

To make it knowne to vs.

rem

remTim.

You'l take it ill.

rem

remBoth.

Most thankfully, my Lord.

rem

remTimon.

Will you indeed?

rem

remBoth.

Doubt it not worthy Lord.

rem

remTim.

*Theres's neuer a one of you but trusts a Knaue,
That mightily deceiues you.*

rem

remBoth.

Do we, my Lord?

rem

remTim.

*I, and you heare him cogge,
See him dissemble,
Know his grosse patchery, loue him, feede him,
Keepe in your bosome, yet remaine assur'd
That he's a madevp Villaine.*

rem

remPain.

I know none such, my Lord.

rem

remPoet.

Nor I.

rem

remTimon.

Looke you,

*I loue you well, Ile giue you Gold
Rid me these Villaines from your companies;
Hang them, or stab them, drowne them in a draught,
Confound them by some course, and come to me,
Ile giue you Gold enough.*

rem

remBoth.

Name them my Lord, let's know them.

rem

remTim.

You that way, and you this:

*But two in Company:
Each man a part, all single, and alone,
Yet an arch Villaine keepes him company:
If where thou art, two Villaines shall not be,
Come not neere him. If thou would'st not recide
But where one Villaine is, then him abandon.
Hence, packe, there's Gold, you came for Gold ye slaues:
You haue worke for me; there's payment, hence,*

*You are an Alcumist, make Gold of that:
Out Rascall dogges.*

Exeunt

Enter Steward, and two Senators.

rem

remStew.

It is vaine that you would speake with Timon:

*For he is set so onely to himselfe,
That nothing but himselfe, which lookes like man,
Is friendly with him.*

rem

rem1. Sen.

Bring vs to his Caue.

*It is our part and promise to th'Athenians
To speake with Timon.*

rem

rem2. Sen.

At all times alike

*Men are not still the same: 'twas Time and Greefes
That fram'd him thus. Time with his fairer hand,
Offering the Fortunes of his former dayes,
The former man may make him: bring vs to him
And chanc'd it as it may.*

rem

remStew.

Heere is his Caue:

*Peace and content be heere. Lord Timon, Timon,
Looke out, and speake to Friends: Th'Athenians
By two of their most reuerend Senate greet thee:
Speake to them Noble Timon.*

Enter Timon out of his Caue.

rem

remTim.

Thou Sunne that comforts burne,

*Speake and be hang'd:
For each true word, a blister, and each false
Be as a Cantherizing to the root o'th'Tongue,
Consuming it with speaking.*

rem

rem1

Worthy Timon.

rem

remTim.

Of none but such as you,

And you of Timon.

rem

rem1

The Senators of Athens, greet thee Timon.

rem

remTim.

I thanke them,

And would send them backe the plague,

Could I but catch it for them.

rem

rem1

O forget

What we are sorry for our selues in thee:

The Senators, with one consent of loue,

Intreate thee backe to Athens, who haue thought

On speciall Dignities, which vacant lye

For thy best vse and wearing.

rem

rem2

They confesse

Toward thee, forgetfulnesse too generall grosse;

Which now the publike Body, which doth sildome

Play the recanter, feeling in it selfe

A lacke of Timons ayde, hath since withall

Of it owne fall, restraining ayde to Timon,

And send forth vs, to make their sorrowed render,

Together, with a recompence more fruitfull

Then their offence can weigh downe by the Dramme,

I euen such heapes and summes of Loue and Wealth,

As shall to thee blot out, what wrongs were theirs,

And write in thee the figures of their loue,

Euer to read them thine.

rem

remTim.

You witch me in it;

Surprize me to the very brinke of teares;

Lend me a Fooles heart, and a womans eyes,

And Ile beweepe these comforts, worthy Senators.

rem

rem1

*Therefore so please thee to returne with vs,
And of our Athens, thine and ours to take
The Captainship, thou shalt be met with thanks,
Allowed with absolute power, and thy good name
Liue with Authoritie: so soone we shall driue backe
Of Alcibiades th'approaches wild,
Who like a Bore too sauage, doth root vp
His Countries peace.*

rem

rem2

*And shakes his threatning Sword
Against the walles of Athens.*

rem

rem1

Therefore Timon.

rem

remTim.

*Well sir, I will: therefore I will sir thus:
If Alcibiades kill my Countrymen,
Let Alcibiades know this of Timon,
That Timon cares not. But if he sacke faire Athens,
And take our goodly aged men by'th'Beards,
Giuing our holy Virgins to the staine
Of contumelious, beastly, madbrain'd warre:
Then let him know, and tell him Timon speakes it,
In pittie of our aged, and our youth,
I cannot choose but tell him that I care not,
And let him tak't at worst: For their Kniues care not,
While you haue throats to answer. For my selfe,
There's not a whittle, in th'vnruly Campe,
But I do prize it at my loue, before
The reuerends Throat in Athens. So I leaue you
To the protection of the prosperous Gods,
As Theeues to Keepers.*

rem

remStew.

Stay not, all's in vaine.

rem

remTim.

Why I was writing of my Epitaph,

*It will be seene to morrow. My long sicknesse
Of Health, and Liuing, now begins to mend,
And nothing brings me all things. Go, liue still,
Be Alcibiades your plague; you his,
And last so long enough.*

rem

rem1

We speake in vaine.

rem

remTim.

*But yet I loue my Country, and am not
One that reioyces in the common wracke,
As common brute doth put it.*

rem

rem1

That's well spoke.

rem

remTim.

Commend me to my louing Countreymen.

rem

rem1

These words become your lippes as they passe tho row them.

rem

rem2

*And enter in our eares, like great Triumphers
In their applauding gates.*

rem

remTim.

Commend me to them,

*And tell them, that to ease them of their greefes,
Their feares of Hostile strokes, their Aches losses,
Their pangs of Loue, with other incident throwes
That Natures fragile Vessell doth sustaine
In lifes vncertaine voyage, I will some kindnes do them,
Ile teach them to preuent wilde Alcibiades wrath.*

rem

rem1

I like this well, he will returne againe.

rem

remTim.

*I haue a Tree which growes heere in my Close,
That mine owne vse inuites me to cut downe,
And shortly must I fell it. Tell my Friends,
Tell Athens, in the sequence of degree,*

*From high to low throughout, that who so please
To stop Affliction, let him take his haste;
Come hither ere my Tree hath felt the Axe,
And hang himselfe. I pray you do my greeting.*

rem

remStew.

*Trouble him no further, thus you still shall
Finde him.*

rem

remTim.

*Come not to me againe, but say to Athens,
Timon hath made his euerlasting Mansion
Vpon the Beached Verge of the salt Flood,
Who once a day with his embossed Froth
The turbulent Surge shall couer; thither come,
And let my graestone be your Oracle:
Lippes, let foure words go by, and Language end:
What is amisse, Plague and Infection mend.
Graues onely be mens workes, and Death their gaine;
Sunne, hide thy Beames, Timon hath done his Raigne.*

Exit Timon.

rem

rem1

His discontentes are vnremoueably coupled to Nature.

rem

rem2

*Our hope in him is dead: let vs returne,
And straine what other meanes is left vnto vs
In our deere perill.*

rem

rem1

It requires swift foot.

Exeunt.

Enter two other Senators, with a Messenger.

rem

rem1

*Thou hast painfully discover'd: are his Files
As full as thy report?*

rem

remMes.

I haue spoke the least.

Besides his expedition promises present approach.

rem

rem2

We stand much hazard, if they bring not Timon.

rem

remMes.

I met a Currier, one mine ancient Friend,

Whom though in generall part we were oppos'd,

Yet our old loue made a particular force,

And made vs speake like Friends. This man was riding

From Alcibiades to Timons Caue,

With Letters of intreaty, which imported

His Fellowship i'th'cause against your City,

In part for his sake mou'd.

Enter the other Senators.

rem

rem1

Heere come our Brothers.

rem

rem3

No talke of Timon, nothing of him expect,

The Enemies Drumme is heard, and fearefull scouring

Doth choake the ayre with dust: In, and prepare,

Ours is the fall I feare, our Foes the Snare.

Exeunt

Enter a Souldier in the Woods, seeking Timon.

rem

remSol.

By all description this should be the place.

Whose heere? Speake hoa. No answer? What is this?

Tymon is dead, who hath outstretcht his span,

Some Beast reade this; There do's not liue a Man.

Dead sure, and this his Graue, what's on this Tomb,

I cannot read: the Charracter Ile take with wax,

Our Captaine hath in euery Figure skill;

An ag'd Interpreter, though yong in dayes:

Before proud Athens hee's set downe by this,

Whose fall the marke of his Ambition is.

Exit.

Trumpets sound. Enter Alcibiades with his Powers before Athens.

rem

remAlc.

*Sound to this Coward, and lasciuious Towne,
Our terrible approach.*

Sounds a Parly.

The Senators appeare vpon the wals.

*Till now you haue gone on, and fill'd the time
With all Licentious measure, making your willes
The scope of Iustice. Till now, my selfe and such
As slept within the shadow of your power
Haue wander'd with our trauerst Armes, and breath'd
An ink mark follows the end of this line.
Our sufferance vainly: Now the time is flush,
When crouching Marrow in the bearer strong
Cries (of it selfe) no more: Now breathlesse wrong,
Shall sit and pant in your great Chaires of ease,
And pursie Insolence shall breake his winde
With feare and horrid flight.*

rem

rem1. Sen.

Noble, and young;

*When thy first greefes were but a meere conceit,
Ere thou had'st power, or we had cause of feare,
We sent to thee, to giue thy rages Balme,
To wipe out our Ingratitude, with Loues
Aboue their quantitie.*

rem

rem2

So did we wooe

*Transformed Timon, to our Citties loue
By humble Message, and by promist meanes:
We were not all vnkinde, nor all deserue
The common stroke of warre.*

rem

rem1

These walles of ours,

Were not erected by their hands, from whom

*You haue recey'd your greefe: Nor are they such,
That these great Towres, Trophées, & Schools shold fall
For priuate faults in them.*

rem

rem2

Nor are they liuing

*Who were the motiues that you first went out,
(Shame that they wanted, cunning in excesse)
Hath broke their hearts. March, Noble Lord,
Into our City with thy Banners spred,
By decimation and a tythed death;
If thy Reuenges hunger for that Food
Which Nature loathes, take thou the destin'd tenth,
And by the hazard of the spotted dye,
Let dye the spotted.*

rem

rem1

All haue not offended:

*For those that were, it is not square to take
On those that are, Reuenge: Crimes, like Lands
Are not inherited, then deere Countryman,
Bring in thy rankes, but leaue without thy rage,
Spare thy Athenian Cradle, and those Kin
Which in the bluster of thy wrath must fall
With those that haue offended, like a Shepheard,
Approach the Fold, and cull th'infected forth,
But kill not altogether.*

rem

rem2

What thou wilt,

*Thou rather shalt inforce it with thy smile,
Then hew too't, with thy Sword.*

rem

rem1

Set but thy foot

*Against our rampyr'd gates, and they shall ope:
So thou wilt send thy gentle heart before,
To say thou't enter Friendly.*

rem

rem2

Throw thy Gloue,

Or any Token of thine Honour else,

*That thou wilt use the warres as thy redresse,
And not as our Confusion: All thy Powers
Shall make their harbour in our Towne, till wee
Haue seal'd thy full desire.*

rem

remAlc.

*Then there's my Gloue,
Defend and open your vncharged Ports,
Those Enemies of Timons, and mine owne
Whom you your selues shall set out for reproofe,
Fall and no more; and to attone your feares
With my more Noble meaning, not a man
Shall passe his quarter, or offend the streame
Of Regular Iustice in your Citties bounds,
But shall be remedied to your publique Lawes
At heauiest answer.*

rem

remBoth.

'Tis most Nobly spoken.

rem

remAlc.

Descend, and keepe your words.

Enter a Messenger.

rem

remMes.

*My Noble Generall, Timon is dead,
Entomb'd vpon the very hemme o'th'Sea,
And on his Grauestone, this Insculpture which
With wax I brought away: whose soft Impression
Interprets for my poore ignorance.*

Alcibiades reades the Epitaph.

*Heere lies a wretched Coarse, of wretched Soule bereft,
Seek not my name: A Plague consume you, wicked Caitifs left:
Heere lye I Timon, who aliuie, all liuing men did hate,
Passe by, and curse thy fill, but passe and stay not here thy gate.
These well expresse in thee thy latter spirits:
Though thou abhorrd'st in vs our humane griefes,
Scornd'st our Braines flow, and those our droplets, which
From niggard Nature fall; yet Rich Conceit
Taught thee to make vast Neptune weepe for aye*

*On thy low Graue, on faults forgiuen. Dead
Is Noble Timon, of whose Memorie
Heereafter more. Bring me into your Citie,
And I will use the Oliue, with my Sword:
Make war breed peace; make peace stint war, make each
Prescribe to other, as each others Leach.
Let our Drummes strike.*

Exeunt.

FINIS.

THE ACTORS NAMES.

- *TYMON of Athens.*
 - *Lucius, And Lucullus, two Flattering Lords.*
 - *Appemantus, a Churlish Philosopher.*
 - *Sempronius another flattering Lord.*
 - *Alcibiades, an Athenian Captaine.*
 - *Poet.*
 - *Painter.*
 - *Ieweller.*
 - *Merchant.*
 - *Certaine Senatours.*
 - *Certaine Maskers.*
 - *Certaine Theeues.*
 - *Flaminius, one of Tymons Seruants.*
 - *Seruilius, another.*
 - — *Caphis.* }
 - *Varro.*
 - *Philo.*
 - *Titus.*
 - *Lucius.*
 - *Hortensis*
- Seuerall Seruants to Vsurers.*

- *Ventigius. one of Tymons false Friends.*
- *Cupid.*
- *Sempronius.*
- *With diuers other Seruants,*
- *And Attendants.*