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THE  
CHRONICLE  
HISTORY  
OF  
PERKIN WARBECK.

ln 0006

A Strange Truth.

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Acted (sometimes) by the Queen's  
MAJESTY'S Servants at the  
*Phoenix in Drury lane.*

ln 0010

*Fide Honor.*

ln 0011

LONDON,  
Printed by *T. P.* for *Hugh Beeston*, and are to  
be sold at his Shop, near the *Castle* in  
*Cornhill*. 1634.

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The Scene,

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*The Continent of Great Britain.*

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The Persons presented.

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*Henry the seventh.*

*James the 4th King of Scotland*

ln 0003

*Daubeney.*

*Earl of Huntly.*

ln 0004

*Sir William Stanley.*

*Earl of Crawford.*

ln 0005

*Oxford.*

*Lord Daliell.*

ln 0006

*Surrey.*

*Marchmount a*

ln 0007

*Bishop of Durham.*

*Herald.*

ln 0008

*Urswick Chaplain to*

ln 0009

*King Henry.*

*Perkin Warbeck.*

ln 0010

*Sir Robert Clifford.*

*Frion his Secretary.*

ln 0011

*Lambert Simnel.*

*Mayor of Cork.*

ln 0012

*Hialas a Spanish Agent.*

*Heron a Mercer.*

ln 0013

Constable, Officers, Serving-men, *Skelton* a Tailor.

ln 0014

and Soldiers.

*Astly — a Scrivener.*

ln 0015

Women.

ln 0016

Lady *Katherine Gordon*, — wife to *Perkin*.

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Countess of *Crawford*.

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Jane *Douglas* — Lady *Katherine*'s maid.

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In 0001  
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TO  
THE RIGHTLY  
HONORABLE,  
WILLIAM CAVENDISH,  
Earl of *Newcastle*, Viscount  
*Mansfield*, Lord  
*Bolsover* and *Ogle*.

In 0008

MY LORD:

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Out of the darkness of a former Age, (enlightened by a late, both learned, and an honorable pen) I have endeavored, to personate a great Attempt, and in It, a greater Danger. In *other Labors*, you may read Actions of Antiquity discoursed; In *This Abridgement*, find the Actors themselves discoursing: in some kind, practiced as well *What* to speak; as speaking *Why* to do. Your Lordship is a most competent Judge, in expressions of

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such credit; commissioned by your known Ability in examining; and enabled by your knowledge in determining, the monuments of Time. Eminent Titles, may indeed inform, *who*, their owners are, not often *what*: To yours, the addition of that information, in BOTH, cannot in any application be observed flattery; the Authority being established by TRUTH. I can only acknowledge, the errors in writing, mine own; the worthiness of the *Subject written*, being a perfection in the Story, and of It. The custom of your Lordship's entertainments (even to Strangers) is, rather an *Example*, than a *Fashion*: in which consideration, I dare not profess a curiosity; but am only studious, that your Lordship will please, amongst such as best honor *your Goodness*, to admit into your noble construction

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In 0001  
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*To my own friend, Master John Ford,  
on his Justifiable Poem of Perkin Warbeck,  
This Ode.*

JOHN FORD.

In 0004 THey, who do know me, know, that I  
In 0005 (Unskilled to flatter)  
In 0006 Dare speak *This Piece*, in words, in matter,  
In 0007 A WORK: without the danger of the *Lie*.  
In 0008 Believe me (friend) the name of *This*, and *Thee*,  
In 0009 Will live, *your Story*:  
In 0010 Books may want Faith, or merit, glory;  
In 0011 THIS, neither; without Judgement's Lethargy.  
In 0012 When the Arts dote, then, some *sick Poet*, may  
In 0013 Hope, that his pen  
In 0014 In new-stained paper, can find men  
In 0015 To roar, *HE is THE WIT'S*; His NOISE doth sway.  
In 0016 But such an Age cannot be known: for All,  
In 0017 Ere that Time be,  
In 0018 Must prove such Truth, mortality:  
In 0019 So (friend) thy honor stands too fixed, to fall.  
In 0020

*George Donne.*

In 0001 To his worthy friend, Master *John Ford*,  
In 0002 upon his *Perkin Warbeck*.

In 0003 LEt men, who are writ Poets, lay a claim  
In 0004 To the *Phoebean Hill*, I have no name,

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In 0005 Nor art in Verse; True, I have heard some tell  
In 0006 Of *Aganippe*, but ne'er knew the Well:  
In 0007 Therefore have no ambition with the Times,  
In 0008 To be in Print, for making of ill Rhymes;  
In 0009 But love of *Thee*, and Justice to *thy Pen*  
In 0010 Hath drawn me to this Bar, with other men  
In 0011 To justify, though against double Laws,  
In 0012 (Waving the subtle business of his cause)  
In 0013 The GLORIOUS PERKIN, and thy Poet's Art  
In 0014 Equal with *His*, in playing the KING'S PART.

*Ralph Eure*  
*Baronis Primogenitus*

In 0001 To my faithful, no less deserving friend,  
In 0002 *the Author; This indebted Oblation.*

In 0003 PERKIN is redivived by thy strong hand,  
In 0004 And crowned a King of new; the vengeful wand  
In 0005 Of *Greatness* is forgot: HIS Execution  
In 0006 May rest unmentioned; and HIS birth's Collusion  
In 0007 Lie buried in the Story: But HIS fame  
In 0008 Thou hast eternized; made a Crown HIS Game.  
In 0009 HIS lofty spirit soars yet. Had HE been

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Base in his enterprise, as was his sin  
*Conceived*, HIS TITLE, (doubtless) proved unjust,  
Had, but for *Thee*, been silenced in his dust.

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*George Crymes, miles.*

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To the Author, his friend, upon his  
*Chronicle History.*

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THese are not to express thy *wit*,  
But to pronounce thy *Judgement* fit;  
In full-filled phrase, those Times to raise,  
When PERKIN ran his wily ways.  
Still, let the method of thy brain,  
From *Error*'s touch, and *Envy*'s stain  
Preserve Thee, free; that ever, thy quill  
Fair *Truth* may wet, and *Fancy* fill.  
Thus *Graces* are, with *Muses* met,  
And practic *Critics* on may fret:  
For here, Thou hast produced, *A Story*,  
Which shall eclipse, *Their* future Glory.

*John Brograve: Armiger*

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ln 0002

To my friend, and kinsman, Master *John Ford*, the Author.

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ln 0008

*Dramatic Poets* (as the Times go) now  
Can hardly write, what *others* will allow;  
The *Cynic* snarls; the *Critic* howls and barks;  
And *Ravens* croak, to drown the voice of *Larks*:  
Scorn those STAGE-HARPIES! This I'll boldly say,  
Many may imitate, few match thy Play.

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*John Ford: Graiensis.*

#### *PROLOGUE.*

*Studies have, of this Nature, been of late*  
*So out of fashion, so unfollowed; that*  
*It is become more Justice, to revive*  
*The antic follies of the Times, then strive*  
*To countenance wise Industry: no want*  
*Of Art, doth render wit, or lame, or scant,*  
*Or slothful, in the purchase of fresh bays;*  
*But want of Truth in Them, who give the praise*  
*To their self-love, presuming to outdo*  
*The Writer, or (for need) the Actors too.*

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*But such THIS AUTHOR'S silence best befits,  
Who bids Them, be in love, with their own wits:  
From Him, to clearer Judgements, we can say,  
He shows a History, couched in a Play:  
A History of noble mention, known,  
Famous, and true: most noble, 'cause our own:  
Not forged from Italy, from France, from Spain,  
But Chronicled at Home; as rich in strain  
Of brave Attempts, as ever, fertile Rage  
In Action, could beget to grace the Stage.  
We cannot limit Scenes, for the whole Land  
Itself, appeared too narrow to withstand  
Competitors for Kingdoms: nor is here  
Unnecessary mirth forced, to endear  
A multitude; on these two, rests the Fate  
Of worthy expectation; **TRUTH** and STATE.*

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THE  
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HISTORY OF  
PERKIN WARBECK.

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*Actus primus, Scaena prima.*

*Enter King Henry, Durham, Oxford, Surrey, Sir William  
Stanley, Lord Chamberlaine, Lord Daubeney.  
The King supported to his Throne by Stanley and  
Durham. A Guard.*

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*King. STill to be haunted; still to be pursued,  
Still to be frightened with false apparitions  
Of pageant Majesty, and new-coined greatness,  
As if we were a mockery King in state;  
Only ordained to lavish sweat and blood  
In scorn and laughter to the ghosts of York,  
Is all below our merits; yet (my Lords,  
My friends and Counselors) yet we sit fast  
In our own royal birthright; the rent face  
And bleeding wounds of *England's* slaughtered people,  
Have been by us (as by the best Physician)  
At last both thoroughly Cured, and set in safety;  
And yet for all this glorious work of peace  
Ourself is scarce secure.*

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*Durham The rage of malice  
Conjures fresh spirits with the spells of York;  
For ninety years ten English Kings and Princes,*

wln 0054 Threescore great Dukes and Earls, a thousand Lords  
wln 0055 And valiant Knights, two hundred fifty thousand  
wln 0056 Of English Subjects have in Civil Wars,  
wln 0057 Been sacrificed to an uncivil thirst  
wln 0058 Of *discord* and *ambition*: this hot vengeance  
wln 0059 Of the just powers above, to utter ruin  
wln 0060 And Desolation had reigned on, but that  
wln 0061 *Mercy* did gently sheathe the sword of *Justice*,  
wln 0062 In lending to this blood-shrunk Commonwealth  
wln 0063 A new soul, new birth in your *Sacred person*.  
wln 0064 *Daubene*y Edward the fourth after a doubtful fortune  
wln 0065 Yielded to nature; leaving to his sons  
wln 0066 *Edward* and *Richard*, the inheritance  
wln 0067 Of a most bloody purchase; these young Princes  
wln 0068 *Richard* the Tyrant their unnatural Uncle  
wln 0069 Forced to a violent grave, so just is Heaven.  
wln 0070 Him hath your Majesty by your own arm  
wln 0071 Divinely strengthened, pulled from his *Boar's sty*  
wln 0072 And struck the black Usurper to a Carcase:  
wln 0073 Nor doth the House of *York* decay in Honors,  
wln 0074 Though *Lancaster* doth repossess his right.  
wln 0075 For *Edward*'s daughter is King *Henry*'s Queen.  
wln 0076 A blessed Union, and a lasting blessing  
wln 0077 For this poor panting Island, if some shreds  
wln 0078 Some useless remnant of the House of *York*  
wln 0079 Grudge not at this Content. *Oxford* *Margaret of Burgundy*  
wln 0080 Blows fresh Coals of Division. *Surrey* Painted fires  
wln 0081 Without to heat or scorch or light to cherish.  
wln 0082 *Daubene*y *York*'s headless trunk her Father, *Edward*'s fate  
wln 0083 Her brother King, the smothering of her Nephews  
wln 0084 By Tyrant *Gloucester*, brother to her nature;  
wln 0085 Nor *Gloucester*'s own confusion, (all decrees  
wln 0086 Sacred in Heaven) Can move *this Woman-Monster*,  
wln 0087 But that she still from the unbottomed mine

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wln 0088 Of Devilish policies, doth vent the Ore  
wln 0089 Of troubles and sedition. *Oxford* In her age  
wln 0090 (Great Sir, observe the Wonder) she grows fruitful,  
wln 0091 Who in her strength of youth was always barren  
wln 0092 Nor are her births as other Mothers' are,  
wln 0093 At nine or ten months end, she has been with child  
wln 0094 Eight or seven years at least; whose twins being born  
wln 0095 (A prodigy in Nature) even the youngest  
wln 0096 Is fifteen years of age at his first entrance  
wln 0097 As soon as known i' th' world, tall striplings, strong  
wln 0098 And able to give battle unto Kings.  
wln 0099 Idols of *Yorkish* malice. *Oxford* And but Idols,  
wln 0100 A steely hammer Crushes 'em to pieces.  
wln 0101 *King Lambert* the eldest (Lords) is in our service,

wln 0102 Preferred by an officious care of Duty  
wln 0103 From the Scullery to a Falconer (strange example!)  
wln 0104 Which shows the difference between noble natures  
wln 0105 And the base born: but for the *upstart Duke*,  
wln 0106 The new revived *York*, *Edward's* second son,  
wln 0107 Murdered long since i' th' Tower; he lives again  
wln 0108 And vows to be your King. *Stanley* The throne is filled Sir.  
wln 0109      *King* True *Stanley*, and the lawful heir sits on it;  
wln 0110 A guard of Angels, and the holy prayers  
wln 0111 Of loyal Subjects are a sure defense  
wln 0112 Against all force and Counsel of Intrusion.  
wln 0113 But now (my Lords) put case some of our Nobles,  
wln 0114 Our GREAT ONES, should give Countenance and Courage  
wln 0115 To trim Duke *Perkin*; you will all confess  
wln 0116 Our bounties have unthriftily been scattered  
wln 0117 Amongst unthankful men. *Daubeney* Unthankful beasts,  
wln 0118 Dogs, villains, traitors. *King Daubeney* let the guilty  
wln 0119 Keep silence, I accuse none, though I know,  
wln 0120 Foreign attempts against a State and Kingdom  
wln 0121 Are seldom without some great friends at home.  
wln 0122      *Stanley* Sir, if no other abler reasons else  
wln 0123 Of duty or allegiance could divert  
wln 0124 A headstrong resolution, yet the dangers

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wln 0125 So lately passed by *men of blood* and *fortunes*  
wln 0126 In *Lambert Simnel's* party, must Command  
wln 0127 More than a fear, a terror to Conspiracy,  
wln 0128 The high-born *Lincoln*, son to *De la Pole*,  
wln 0129 The Earl of *Kildare*, Lord *Geraldine*,  
wln 0130 *Francis* Lord *Lovell*, and the German Baron,  
wln 0131 Bold *Martin Swart*, with *Broughton* and the rest,  
wln 0132 (Most spectacles of ruin, some of mercy;)  
wln 0133 Are precedents sufficient to forewarn  
wln 0134 The present times, or any that live in them,  
wln 0135 What folly, nay, what madness 'twere to lift  
wln 0136 A finger up in all defense but yours,  
wln 0137 Which can be but impostorous in a title.  
wln 0138      *King Stanley* we know thou lov'st Us, and thy heart  
wln 0139 Is figured on thy tongue; nor think we less  
wln 0140 Of any's here, how closely we have hunted  
wln 0141 *This Cub* (since he unlodged) from hole to hole,  
wln 0142 Your knowledge is our Chronicle: first *Ireland*  
wln 0143 The common stage of Novelty, presented  
wln 0144 This *gewgaw* to oppose us, there the *Geraldines*  
wln 0145 And *Butlers* once again stood in support  
wln 0146 Of this *Colossic* statue: *Charles of France*  
wln 0147 Thence called him into his protection;  
wln 0148 Dissembled him the lawful heir of *England*;  
wln 0149 Yet this was all but *French dissimulation*,

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Aiming at peace *with us*, which being granted  
On honorable terms on our part, suddenly  
This *smoke of straw* was packed from *France* again,  
T' infect some grosser air; and now we learn  
(Maugre the malice of the *bastard Neville*,  
*Sir Taylor*, and a hundred *English Rebels*)  
They're all retired to *Flanders*, to the *Dam*  
That nursed this *eager Whelp, Margaret of Burgundy*.  
But we will hunt him there too, we will hunt him,  
Hunt him to death even in the *Beldame's Closet*,  
Though the *Archduke* were his Buckler.

*Surrey* She has styled him — The fair *white rose of England*.

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*Daubeneys* Jolly Gentleman, more fit to be a Swabber  
To the *Flemish* after a drunken surfeit.

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*Enter Urswick.*

*Urswick* Gracious Sovereign, please you peruse this paper.  
*Durham* The King's Countenance, gathers a sprightly blood:  
*Daubeneys* Good news believe it. *King Urswick* thine ear —  
Th'ast lodged him? *Urswick* Strongly, safe Sir.  
*King* Enough, is *Barley* come too? *Urswick* No, my Lord.  
*King* No matter — phew, he's but a running weed,  
At pleasure to be plucked up by the roots:  
But more of this anon — I have bethought me.  
(My Lords) for reasons which you shall partake,  
It is our pleasure to remove our Court  
From *Westminster* to th' *Tower*: We will lodge  
This very night there, give Lord Chamberlain  
A present order for it.  
*Stanley* The *Tower* — I shall sir.  
*King* Come my true, best, fast friends, these clouds will vanish,  
The Sun will shine at full: the Heavens are clearing. *Exeunt.*

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Flourish.

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*Enter Huntly and Daliell.*

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*Huntly* You trifle time Sir. *Daliell* Oh my noble Lord,  
You conster my griefs to so hard a sense,  
That where the text is argument of pity  
Matter of earnest love, your gloss corrupts it  
With too much ill placed mirth.

*Huntly* Much mirth Lord *Daliell*?  
Not so I vow: observe me sprightly gallant:  
I know thou art a noble lad, a handsome,  
Descended from an honorable Ancestry,  
Forward and active, dost resolve to wrestle,  
And ruffle in the world by noble actions

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For a brave mention to posterity:  
I scorn not thy affection to my Daughter,

Not I by good St. *Andrew*; but this bugbear,  
This whoreson tale of honor, (*honor Daliell*)  
So hourly chats, and tattles in mine ear,  
The piece of royalty that is stitched up  
In my *Kate's* blood, that 'tis as dangerous  
For thee young Lord, to perch so near an Eaglet,  
As foolish for my gravity to admit it.  
I have spoke all at once.

*Daliell* Sir, with this truth  
You mix such Wormwood, that you leave no hope  
For my disordered palate, e'er to relish  
A wholesome taste again; alas, I know Sir,  
What an unequal distance lies between  
Great *Huntly's* Daughter's birth, and *Daliell's* fortunes.  
She's the King's kinswoman, placed near the Crown,  
A Princess of the blood, and I a Subject.

*Huntly* Right, but a noble Subject, put in that too.

*Daliell* I could add more; and in the rightest line,  
Derive my pedigree from *Adam Mure*,  
A Scottish Knight; whose daughter, was the mother  
*To him* who first begot the race of *Jameses*,  
That sway the Sceptre to this very day  
But kindreds are not ours, when once the date  
Of many years, have swallowed up the memory  
Of their originals: So pasture fields  
Neighboring too near *the Ocean*, are sooped up  
And known no more: for stood I in my first  
And native greatness, if my Princely Mistress  
Vouchsafed me not her servant, 'twere as good  
I were reduced to Clownery; to nothing  
As to a throne of Wonder.

*Huntly* Now by Saint *Andrew*  
A spark of mettle, 'a has a brave fire in him.  
I would 'a had my Daughter so I knew 't not.  
But must not be so, must not: — well young Lord  
This will not do yet, if the girl be headstrong  
And will not hearken to good Counsel, steal her

And run away with her, dance galliards, do,  
And frisk about the world to learn the Languages:  
'Twill be a thriving trade; you may set up by 't.

*Daliell* With pardon (*noble Gordon*) this disdain  
Suits not your Daughter's virtue, or my constancy.

*Huntly* You are angry — would 'a would beat me, I deserve it.

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*Daliell* thy hand, w' are friends; follow thy Courtship  
Take thine own time and speak, if thou prevailest  
With passion more than I can with my Counsel,  
She's thine, nay, she is thine, 'tis a fair match  
Free and allowed, I'll only use my tongue  
Without a Father's power, use thou thine:  
Self do self have, no more words, win and wear her.

*Daliell* You bless me, I am now too poor in thanks  
To pay the debt I owe you.

*Huntly* Nay, th' art poor enough — I love his spirit infinitely.  
Look ye, she comes, to her now, to her, to her.

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*Enter Katherine and Jane.*

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*Katherine* The King commands your presence Sir.  
*Huntly* The gallant — this this this Lord, this  
Servant (*Kate*) of yours, desires to be your Master.

*Katherine* I acknowledge him, a worthy friend of mine.

*Daliell* Your humblest Creature.

*Huntly* So, so, the game's a foot, I'm in cold hunting,  
The hare and hounds are parties.

*Daliell* Princely Lady, — how most unworthy I am to employ  
My services, in honor of your virtues,  
How hopeless my desires are to enjoy  
Your fair opinion, and much more your love;  
Are only matter of despair, unless  
Your goodness give large warrant to my boldness,  
My feeble-winged ambition. *Huntly* This is scurvy.

*Katherine* My Lord I interrupt you not. *Huntly* Indeed?  
Now on my life she'll Court him — nay, nay, on Sir.

*Daliell* Oft have I tuned the lesson of my sorrows  
To sweeten discord, and enrich your pity;

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But all in vain: here had my Comforts sunk  
And never risen again, to tell a story  
Of the *despairing Lover*, had not now  
Even now the Earl your Father.

*Huntly* 'A means me sure.

*Daliell* After some fit disputes of your Condition,  
Your highness and my lowness, given a license  
Which did not more embolden, then encourage  
My faulting tongue. *Huntly* How how? how's that?  
Embolden? Encourage? I encourage ye? d' ye hear sir?  
A subtle trick, a quaint one, — will you hear (man)  
What did I say to you, come come to th' point.

*Kate:* It shall not need my Lord.

*Huntly* Then hear me *Kate*:  
Keep you on that hand of her; I on this —  
Thou standst between a *Father* and a *Suitor*,

wln 0285 Both striving for an interest in thy heart:  
wln 0286 *He* Courts thee for affection, *I* for duty;  
wln 0287 *He* as a servant pleads, but by the privilege  
wln 0288 Of nature, though I might Command, my care  
wln 0289 Shall only Counsel what it shall not force.  
wln 0290 Thou canst but make one choice, the ties of marriage  
wln 0291 Are tenures not at will, but during life.  
wln 0292 Consider whose thou art, and who; *a Princess*,  
wln 0293 *A Princess of the royal blood of Scotland.*  
wln 0294 In the full spring of youth, and fresh in beauty.  
wln 0295 The King that sits upon the throne is young  
wln 0296 And yet unmarried, forward in attempts  
wln 0297 On any least occasion, to endanger  
wln 0298 His person; Wherefore *Kate* as I am confident  
wln 0299 Thou dar'st not wrong thy birth and education  
wln 0300 By yielding to a common servile rage  
wln 0301 Of female wantonness, so I am confident  
wln 0302 Thou wilt proportion all thy thoughts to side  
wln 0303 Thy *equals*, if not equal thy *superiors*.  
wln 0304 My Lord of *Daliell* young in years, is old  
wln 0305 In honors, but nor eminent in titles

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wln 0306 Or in estate, that may support or add to  
wln 0307 The expectation of thy fortunes, settle  
wln 0308 Thy will and reason by a strength of Judgement;  
wln 0309 For in a word, I give thee freedom, take it.  
wln 0310 If equal fates have not ordained to pitch  
wln 0311 Thy hopes above my height, let not thy passion  
wln 0312 Lead thee to shrink mine honor in oblivion:  
wln 0313 Thou art thine own, I have done.

*Daliell* Oh! y' are all Oracle,  
The living stock and root of truth and wisdom.

*Katherine* My worthiest *Lord and Father*, the indulgence  
Of your sweet composition, thus commands  
The lowest of obedience, you have granted  
A liberty so large, that I want skill  
To choose without direction of EXAMPLE:  
From *which* I daily learn, by how much more  
You take off from the roughness of a *Father*,  
By so much more I am engaged to tender  
The duty of *a Daughter*. For respects  
Of birth, degrees of title, and advancement,  
I nor admire, nor slight them; all my studies  
Shall ever aim at *this perfection* only,  
To live and die so, that you may not blush  
In any course of *mine* to own me yours.

*Huntly* *Kate, Kate*, thou growest upon my heart, like peace,  
Creating every other hour a *Jubilee*.

*Katherine:* To you *my Lord of Daliell*, I address

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Some few remaining words, the general fame  
That speaks your merit even in vulgar tongues,  
Proclaims it clear; but in the best a *Precedent*.

*Huntly* Good wench, good girl i' faith.

*Katherine* For my part (trust me)  
I value mine own worth at higher rate,  
Cause you are pleased to prize it; if the stream  
Of your protested service (as you term it)  
Run in a constancy, more than a Compliment;  
It shall be my delight, that worthy love

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Leads you to worthy actions; and these guide ye  
Richly to wed an *honorable name*:  
So every virtuous praise, in after ages,  
Shall be your heir, and I in your brave mention,  
Be Chronicled the MOTHER of that *issue*,  
*That glorious issue.* *Huntly* Oh that I were young again,  
She'd make me Court proud danger, and suck spirit  
From reputation.

*Katherine* To the present motion,  
Here's all that I dare answer: when a ripeness  
Of more experience, and some use of time,  
Resolves to treat the freedom of my youth  
Upon exchange of troths, I shall desire  
No surer credit, of a match with virtue,  
Than such as lives in you; mean time, my hopes are  
Preserved secure, in having you a *friend*.

*Daliell* You are a blessed Lady, and instruct  
Ambition not to soar a farther flight,  
Then in the perfumed air of your soft voice.  
My noble *Lord of Huntly*, you have lent  
A full extent of bounty to this parley;  
And for it, shall command your humblest servant.

*Huntly* Enough; we are still friends, and will continue  
A hearty love, oh *Kate*, thou art *mine own*: —  
No more, my Lord of *Crawford*.

*Enter Crawford.*

*Crawford* From the King I come my Lord of *Huntly*,  
Who in Counsel requires your present aid.

*Huntly* Some weighty business!

*Crawford* A Secretary from a *Duke of York*,  
The second son to the late English *Edward*,  
Concealed I know not where these fourteen years,  
Craves audience from our *Master*, and 'tis said  
*The Duke* himself is following to the Court.

*Huntly* *Duke* upon *Duke*; 'tis well; 'tis well here's bustling  
For Majesty; my Lord, I will along with ye.

*Crawford* My service noble Lady. *Katherine* Please ye walk sir?

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*Daliell* “Times have their changes, sorrow makes men wise,  
“The Sun itself must *set* as well as *rise*;  
Then why not I — *fair Madam* I wait on ye. *Exeunt omnes.*

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*Enter Durham, Sir Robert Clifford, and Urswick: Lights.*

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*Durham* You find (*Sir Robert Clifford*) how securely  
*King Henry* our great Master, doth commit  
His person to your loyalty; you taste  
His bounty and his mercy even in this;  
That at a time of night so late, a place  
So private as his Closet, he is pleased  
To admit you to his favor; do not falter  
In your Discovery, but as you covet  
A liberal grace, and pardon for your follies.  
So labor to deserve it, by laying open  
All plots, all persons, that contrive against it.

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*Urswick* Remember not the witchcraft, or the Magic,  
The charms, and incantations, which the *Sorceress*  
*Of Burgundy* hath cast upon your reason!  
*Sir Robert* be your own friend now, discharge  
Your conscience freely, all of such as love you,  
Stand sureties for your honesty and truth.  
Take heed you do not dally with the King,  
He is wise as he is gentle. *Clifford* I am miserable,  
If *Henry* be not merciful. *Urswick* The King comes.

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*Enter King Henry.*

*King Henry* *Clifford!* *Clifford* Let my weak knees rot on the earth,  
If I appear as leprosy in my treacheries,  
Before your royal eyes; as to mine own  
I seem a Monster, by my breach of truth.

*King Henry* *Clifford* stand up, for instance of thy safety  
I offer thee my hand. *Clifford* A sovereign Balm  
For my bruised Soul, I kiss it with a greediness.  
Sir you are a just Master, but I —

*King Henry* Tell me, is every circumstance, thou hast set down  
With thine own hand, within this paper true?  
Is it a sure intelligence of all

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The progress of our enemies’ intents  
Without corruption? *Clifford* True, as I wish heaven;  
Or my infected honor white again.

*King Henry* We know all (*Clifford*) fully, since this meteor  
This airy apparition first discradled  
From *Tournay* into *Portugal*; and thence  
Advanced his fiery blaze for adoration  
To th’ superstitious *Irish*; since the beard

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Of this wild *Comet*, Conjured into *France*,  
Sparkled in antic flames in *Charles* his Court:  
But shrunk again from thence, and hid in darkness,  
Stole into *Flanders*, flourishing the rags  
Of painted power on the shore of *Kent*,  
Whence *he* was beaten back with shame and scorn,  
Contempt, and slaughter of some naked outlaws:  
But tell me, what new course now shapes Duke *Perkin*?  
*Clifford* For *Ireland* (mighty *Henry*:) so instructed  
By *Stephen Frion*, sometimes Secretary  
In the *French* tongue unto your sacred Excellence,  
But *Perkin*'s tutor now. *King Henry* A subtle villain!  
That *Frion*, *Frion*, — you my Lord of *Durham*  
Knew well the man. *Durham French* both in heart and actions!  
*King Henry* Some *Irish* heads work in this mine of treason;  
Speak 'em! *Clifford* Not any of the best; your fortune  
Hath dulled their spleens; never had *Counterfeit*  
Such a confused rabble of lost Bankrupts  
For Counselors: first *Heron* a broken Mercer,  
Than *John a Water*, sometimes Mayor of *Cork*,  
*Skelton* a tailor and a Scrivener  
Called *Astley*: and whate'er these list to treat of,  
*Perkin* must harken to; but *Frion*, cunning  
Above these dull capacities, still prompts him,  
To fly to *Scotland* to young *James* the fourth;  
And sue for aid to him; this is the latest  
Of all their resolutions. *King Henry* Still more *Frion*.  
Pestilent Adder, he will hiss out poison  
As dang'rous as infections — we must match 'em.

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*Clifford* thou hast spoke home, we give thee life:  
But *Clifford*, there are people of our own  
Remain behind untold, who are they *Clifford*?  
Name those and we are friends, and will to rest,  
'Tis thy last task. *Clifford* Oh Sir, here I must break  
A most unlawful Oath to keep a just one.

*King Henry* Well, well, be brief, be brief. *Clifford* The first in rank  
Shall be *John Ratcliffe*, Lord *Fitzwater*, then  
*Sir Simon Mountford*, and *Sir Thomas Thwaites*,  
With *William Daubeney*, *Cressoner*, *Astwood*,  
*Worsley* the Dean of *Paul's*, two other Friars,  
And *Robert Ratcliffe*. *King Henry* Churchmen are turned Devils.  
These are the principal. *Clifford* One more remains  
Unnamed, whom I could willingly forget.

*King Henry* Ha *Clifford*, one more? *Clifford* Great Sir, do not hear him:  
For when *Sir William Stanley* your Lord *Chamberlain*  
Shall come into the list, as he is chief  
I shall lose credit with ye, yet this Lord,  
Last named, is first against you.

wln 0472      *King Henry* Urswick the light, view well my face Sirs,  
wln 0473      Is there blood left in it? *Durham* You alter  
wln 0474      Strangely Sir. *King Henry* Alter Lord Bishop?  
wln 0475      Why *Clifford* stabbed me, or I dreamed 'a stabbed me.  
wln 0476      Sirrah, it is a custom with the guilty  
wln 0477      To think they set their own stains off, by laying  
wln 0478      Aspersions on some nobler than themselves:  
wln 0479      Lies wait on treasons, as I find it here.  
wln 0480      Thy life again is forfeit, I recall  
wln 0481      My word of mercy, for I know thou dar'st  
wln 0482      Repeat the name no more. *Clifford* I dare, and once more  
wln 0483      Upon my knowledge, name Sir *William Stanley*  
wln 0484      Both in his counsel, and his purse, the chief  
wln 0485      Assistant, to the feigned *Duke of York*. *Durham* Most strange!  
wln 0486      *Urswick* Most wicked! *King Henry* Yet again, once more;  
wln 0487      *Clifford* Sir *William Stanley* is your secret enemy,  
wln 0488      And if time fit, will openly profess it.  
wln 0489      *King Henry* Sir *William Stanley*? Who? Sir *William Stanley*

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wln 0490      My Chamberlain, my Counselor, the love,  
wln 0491      The pleasure of my Court, my bosom friend,  
wln 0492      The Charge, and the Controlment of my person  
wln 0493      The keys and secrets of my treasury;  
wln 0494      The *all of all* I am: I am unhappy:  
wln 0495      Misery of confidence, — let me turn traitor  
wln 0496      To mine own person, yield my Sceptre up  
wln 0497      To *Edward's Sister*, and her *bastard Duke*!  
wln 0498      *Durham* You lose your constant temper.  
wln 0499      *King Henry* Sir *William Stanley*!  
wln 0500      Oh do not blame me; *he*, 'twas only *he*  
wln 0501      Who having rescued me in *Bosworth field*  
wln 0502      From *Richard's* bloody sword, snatched from his head  
wln 0503      The Kingly Crown, and placed it first on mine.  
wln 0504      He never failed me; what have I deserved  
wln 0505      To lose this good man's heart, or he, his own?  
wln 0506      *Urswick* The night doth waste, this passion ill becomes ye;  
wln 0507      Provide against your danger. *King Henry* Let it be so.  
wln 0508      *Urswick* command straight *Stanley* to his chamber.  
wln 0509      'Tis well we are i' th' *Tower*; set a guard on him;  
wln 0510      *Clifford* to bed; you must lodge here tonight,  
wln 0511      We'll talk with you tomorrow: my sad soul  
wln 0512      Divines strange troubles. *Daubeney* Ho, the King, the King,  
wln 0513      I must have entrance. *King Henry* *Daubeney's* voice; admit him.  
wln 0514      What new combustions huddle next to keepe  
wln 0515      Our eyes from rest? — the news?  
wln 0516      Enter *Daubeney*.  
wln 0517      *Daubeney* Ten thousand *Cornish* grudging to pay your  
wln 0518      Subsidies, have gathered a head, led by a  
wln 0519      Blacksmith, and a Lawyer, they make for *London*,

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And to them is joined Lord *Audley*, as they march,  
Their number daily increases, they are —

*King Henry* Rascals — talk no more;  
Such are not worthy of my thoughts tonight:  
And if I cannot sleep, I'll wake: — to bed.  
When Counsels fail, and there's in *man* no trust,  
Even then, an arm from *heaven*, fights for the just.

*Exeunt.*

*Finis Actus primi.*

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*Actus Secundus: Scaena prima.*

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*Enter above: Countess of Crawford, Katherine, Jane,  
with other Ladies.*

*Countess* COme Ladies, here's a solemn preparation  
For entertainment of this *English Prince*;  
The King intends grace more than ordinary,  
'twere pity now, if a' should prove a *Counterfeit*.

*Katherine* Bless the young man, our Nation would be laughed at  
For honest souls through Christendom: my father  
Hath a weak stomach to the business (Madam)  
But that the King must not be crossed. *Countess* 'A brings  
A goodly troop (they say) of gallants with him;  
But very modest people, for they strive not  
To fame their names too much; their godfathers  
May be beholding to them, but their fathers  
Scarce owe them thanks: they are disguised Princes,  
Brought up it seems to honest trades; no matter;  
They will break forth in season. *Jane*. Or break out.  
For most of 'em are broken by report; — The King,

*Katherine* Let us observe 'em and be silent.

Flourish.

*Enter King James, Huntly, Crawford, and Daliell.*

*King James* The right of Kings (my Lords) extends not only  
To the safe Conservation of their own;  
But also to the aid of such Allies  
As change of time, and state, hath often times  
Hurled down from careful Crowns, to undergo  
An exercise of sufferance in both fortunes:  
So English *Richard* surnamed *Coeur-de-lion*,  
So *Robert Bruce* our royal Ancestor,  
Forced by the trial of the wrongs they felt,  
Both sought, and found supplies, from foreign Kings  
To repossess their own: then grudge not (Lords)  
A much distressed Prince, King *Charles of France*,  
And *Maximilian of Bohemia* both,

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Have ratified his Credit by their Letters.

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Shall we then be distrustful? No, Compassion  
Is one rich Jewel that shines in our Crown,  
And we will have it shine there. *Huntly* Do your will Sir.

*King James* The young Duke is at hand, *Daliell* from us  
First greet him, and conduct him on; then *Crawford*  
Shall meet him next, and *Huntly* last of all  
Present him to our arms; sound sprightly Music,  
Whilst Majesty encounters Majesty. *Hautboys.*

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*Daliell goes out, brings in Perkin at the door where Crawford  
entertains him, and from Crawford, Huntly salutes him,  
and presents him to the King: they embrace, Perkin in state  
retires some few paces back: During which Ceremony, the  
Noblemen slightly salute Frion, Heron a Mercer, Skelton a  
Tailor, Astley a Scrivener, with John a-Water, all Perkins  
followers. Salutations ended: cease Music.*

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*Warbeck* Most high, most mighty King! that now there stands  
Before your eyes, in presence of your Peers,  
A subject of the rarest kind of pity  
That hath in any age touched noble hearts,  
The vulgar story of a Prince's ruin,  
Hath made it too apparent: EUROPE knows,  
And all the Western World what persecution  
Hath raged in malice, against Us, sole heir  
To the great throne, of old *Plantagenets*.  
How from our Nursery, we have been hurried  
Unto the Sanctuary, from the Sanctuary  
Forced to the Prison, from the Prison hauled  
By cruel hands, to the tormentor's fury;  
Is registered already in the Volume  
Of all men's tongues, whose true relation draws  
Compassion, melted into weeping eyes,  
And bleeding souls: but our misfortunes since,  
Have ranged a larger progress through strange Lands.  
Protected in our Innocence by Heaven.  
*Edward the Fifth* our brother, in his Tragedy

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Quenched their hot thirst of blood, whose hire to murder  
Paid them their wages, of despair and horror;  
The softness of my childhood smiled upon  
The roughness of their task, and robbed them farther  
Of hearts to dare, or hands to execute.  
Great King they spared my life, the butchers spared it;  
Returned the tyrant, my unnatural Uncle,  
A truth of my dispatch; I was conveyed  
With secrecy and speed to *Tournay*; fostered  
By obscure means, taught to unlearn myself:  
But as I grew in years, I grew in sense

wln 0610 Of fear, and of disdain; fear, of the tyrant  
wln 0611 Whose power swayed the throne then, when disdain  
wln 0612 Of living so unknown, in such a servile  
wln 0613 And abject lowness, prompted me to thoughts  
wln 0614 Of recollecting who I was; I shook off  
wln 0615 My bondage, and made haste to let my *Aunt*  
wln 0616 *Of Burgundy* acknowledge me her kinsman;  
wln 0617 Heir to the Crown of *England*, snatched by *Henry*  
wln 0618 From *Richard's* head; a thing scarce known i' th' world.  
wln 0619 *King James* My Lord, it stands not with your Counsel now  
wln 0620 To fly upon invectives, if you can  
wln 0621 Make this apparent what you have discoursed  
wln 0622 In every Circumstance, we will not study  
wln 0623 An answer, but are ready in your Cause.  
wln 0624 *Warbeck* You are a wise, and just King, by the powers  
wln 0625 Above, reserved beyond all other aids  
wln 0626 To plant me in *mine own inheritance*:  
wln 0627 To marry these two Kingdoms in a love  
wln 0628 Never to be divorced, while time is time.  
wln 0629 As for the manner first of my escape,  
wln 0630 Of my Conveyance, next, of my life since,  
wln 0631 The means, and persons, who were instruments;  
wln 0632 Great Sir, 'tis fit I overpass in silence:  
wln 0633 Reserving the relation, to the secrecy  
wln 0634 Of your own Princely ear, since it concerns  
wln 0635 Some *great Ones* living yet, and others dead,

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wln 0636 Whose issue might be questioned. For your bounty,  
wln 0637 Royal magnificence to him that seeks it,  
wln 0638 WE vow hereafter, to demean ourself,  
wln 0639 As if we were your own, and natural brother:  
wln 0640 Omitting no occasion in *our person*,  
wln 0641 To express a gratitude, beyond example.

*King James* He must be more than subject, who can utter  
The language of a King, and such is thine.  
Take this for answer, be whate'er thou art,  
Thou never shalt repent that thou hast put  
Thy cause, and person, into my protection.  
*Cousin of York*, thus once more We embrace thee;  
Welcome to *James of Scotland*, for thy safety,  
Know such as love thee not, shall never wrong thee.  
Come, we will taste a while our Court delights,  
Dream hence afflictions past, and then proceed  
To high attempts of honor, on, lead on;  
Both thou and thine are ours, and we will guard ye.  
Lead on. — *Exeunt, Manent Ladies above.*

*Countess* I have not seen a Gentleman  
Of a more brave aspect, or goodlier carriage;  
His fortunes move not him — Madam, y' are passionate.

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*Katherine* Besrew me, but his words have touched me home,  
As if his cause concerned me; I should pity him  
If 'a should prove another than he seems.

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*Enter Crawford.*

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*Crawford* Ladies the King commands your presence instantly,  
For entertainment of *the Duke*. *Katherine* *The Duke*  
Must then be entertained, the King obeyed:  
It is our duty. *Countess* We will all wait on him. *Exeunt.*

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Flourish.

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*Enter King Henry: Oxford; Durham; Surrey.*

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Clear and manifest, as foul and dangerous:  
Besides the guilt of his conspiracy pressed him  
So nearly, that it drew from him free  
Confession without an importunity.

*King Henry:* Oh Lord Bishop,  
This argued shame, and sorrow for his folly;  
And must not stand in evidence against  
Our mercy, and the softness of our nature  
The rigor and extremity of Law  
Is sometimes too too bitter, but we carry  
*A Chancery* of pity in our bosom.  
I hope we may reprieve him from the sentence  
Of death; I hope, we may. *Durham* You may, you may;  
And so persuade your Subjects, that the title  
Of *York* is better, nay, more just, and lawful,  
Than yours of *Lancaster*; so *Stanley* holds:  
Which if it be not treason in the highest,  
Then we are traitors all; perjured and false,  
Who have took oath to *Henry*, and the justice  
Of *Henry*'s title; *Oxford, Surrey, Daubeney*,  
With all your other Peers of State, and Church,  
Forsworn, and *Stanley* true alone to Heaven,  
And *England*'s lawful heir. *Oxford* By *Vere*'s old honors,  
I'll cut his throat dares speak it. *Surrey* 'Tis a quarrel  
To engage a soul in. *King Henry:* What a coil is here,  
To keep my gratitude sincere and perfect?  
*Stanley* was once my friend, and came in time  
To save my life; yet to say truth (my Lords,)  
The man stayed long enough t' endanger it:  
But I could see no more into his heart,  
Then what his outward actions did present;

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And for 'em have rewarded 'em so fully,  
As that there wanted nothing in our gift  
To gratify his merit, as I thought,  
Unless I should divide my Crown with him,  
And give him half; though now I well perceive  
'Twould scarce have served his turn, without the whole.

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But I am Charitable (Lords) let Justice  
Proceed in execution, whiles I mourn  
The loss of one, whom I esteemed a friend.

*Durham* Sir, he is coming this way. *King Henry:* If 'a speak to me,  
I could deny him nothing; to prevent it,  
I must withdraw, pray (Lords) commend my favors  
To his last peace, which I with him, will pray for:  
That done, it doth concern us, to consult  
Of other following troubles.

*Exeunt.*

*Oxford* I am glad he's gone, upon my life he would  
Have pardoned the Traitor, had 'a seen him.

*Surrey* 'Tis a King composed of gentleness.

*Durham* Rare, and unheard of;  
But every man is nearest to himself,  
And that the King observes, 'tis fit 'a should.

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*Enter Stanley; Executioner: Urswick and Daubeneys.*

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*Stanley* May I not speak with *Clifford* ere I shake  
This piece of Frailty off? *Daubeney* You shall, he's sent for.

*Stanley* I must not see the King? *Durham* From him Sir *William*  
These Lords and I am sent, he bade us say  
That he commends his mercy to your thoughts;  
Wishing the Laws of *England* could remit  
The forfeit of your life, as willingly  
As he would in the sweetness of his nature,  
Forget your trespass; but howe'er your body  
Fall into dust, He vows, *the King himself*  
Doth vow, to keep a *requiem* for your soul,  
As for a friend, close treasured in his bosom.

*Oxford* Without remembrance of your errors past,  
I come to take my leave, and wish you Heaven.

*Surrey* And I, good Angels guard ye. *Stanley* Oh the King  
Next to my soul, shall be the nearest subject  
Of my last prayers; my grave *Lord of Durham*,  
My Lords of *Oxford*, *Surrey*, *Daubeney*, all,  
Accept from a poor dying man, a farewell.

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I was as you are once, great, and stood hopeful  
Of many flourishing years, but fate, and time

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Have wheeled about, to turn me into nothing.

*Enter Clifford.*

*Daubene* Sir Robert Clifford comes, the man (Sir William)  
You so desire to speak with. *Durham* Mark their meeting.

*Clifford* Sir William Stanley, I am glad your Conscience  
Before your end, hath emptied every burden  
Which charged it, as that you can clearly witness,  
How far I have proceeded in a duty  
That both concerned my truth, and the State's safety.

*Stanley* Mercy, how dear is life to such as hug it?  
Come hither — *by this token* think on me — *Makes a Cross  
on Clifford's face  
with his finger.*

*Clifford* This token? What? I am abused?  
*Stanley* You are not.  
I wet upon your cheeks *a holy Sign*,  
*The Cross*, the Christians' badge, the Traitor's infamy:  
Wear *Clifford* to thy grave this painted *Emblem*:  
Water shall never wash it off, all eyes  
That gaze upon thy face, shall read there written,  
A State-Informer's Character, more ugly  
Stamped on a noble name, then on a base.  
The Heavens forgive thee; pray (my Lords) no change  
Of words: this man and I have used too many.

*Clifford* Shall I be disgraced without reply? *Durham* Give losers  
Leave to talk; his loss is irrecoverable. *Stanley* Once more  
To *all* a long farewell; the best of greatness  
Preserve the King; my next suit is (my Lords)  
To be remembered to my noble Brother,  
*Derby* my much grieved brother; Oh! persuade him,  
That I shall stand no blemish to his house,  
In Chronicles writ in another age.  
My heart doth bleed for him; and for his sighs,  
Tell him, he must not think, the style of *Derby*,  
Nor being husband to King Henry's Mother,  
The league with Peers, the smiles of Fortune, can  
Secure his peace, above the state of man:

I take my leave, to travail to my dust,  
“Subjects deserve their deaths whose Kings are just.  
Come Confessor, on with thy Axe (friend) on.”

*Exeunt.*

*Clifford* Was I called hither by a Traitor's breath  
To be upbraided? Lords, the King shall know it.

*Enter King Henry with a white staff.*

*King Henry:* The King doth know it Sir; the King hath heard  
What he or you could say; We have given credit  
To every point of *Clifford's* information,  
The only evidence 'against *Stanley's* head.  
'A dies for 't, are you pleased? *Clifford* I pleased my Lord!

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*King Henry:* No echoes: for your service, we dismiss  
Your more attendance on the Court; take ease  
And live at home; but as you love your life,  
Stir not from *London* without leave from us.  
We'll think on your reward, away.

*Clifford* I go Sir.

*Exit Clifford.*

*King Henry* Die all our griefs with *Stanley*; take this staff  
Of office *Daubeney*, henceforth be our Chamberlain.

*Daubeney* I am your humblest servant.

*King Henry:* We are followed  
By enemies at home, that will not cease  
To seek their own confusion; 'tis most true,  
The *Cornish* under *Awdley* are marched on  
As far as *Winchester*; but let them come,  
Our forces are in readiness, we'll catch 'em  
In their own toils. *Daubeney* Your Army, being mustered,  
Consist in all, of horse and foot, at least  
In number six and twenty thousand; men  
Daring, and able, resolute to fight,  
And loyal in their truths.

*King Henry:* We know it *Daubeney*:  
For them, we order thus, *Oxford* in chief  
Assisted by bold *Essex*, and the *Earl*  
Of *Suffolk*, shall lead on the first Battalia:  
Be that your charge.

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*Oxford* I humbly thank your Majesty.

*King Henry* The next Division we assign to *Daubeney*:  
These must be men of action, for on those  
The fortune of our fortunes, must rely.  
The last and main, *ourself* commands in person,  
As ready to restore the fight at all times,  
As to consummate an assured victory.

*Daubeney* The King is still oraculous. *King Henry* But *Surrey*,  
We have employment of more toil for thee!  
For our intelligence comes swiftly to us,  
That *James of Scotland*, late hath entertained  
*Perkin* the counterfeit, with more than common  
Grace and respect; nay courts *him* with rare favors;  
The *Scot* is young and forward, we must look for  
A sudden storm to *England* from the *North*:  
Which to withstand, *Durham* shall post to *Norham*,  
To fortify the Castle, and secure  
The frontiers, against an Invasion there.  
*Surrey* shall follow soon, with such an Army,  
As may relieve the Bishop, and encounter  
On all occasions, the *death-daring Scots*.  
You know your charges *all*, 'tis now a time  
To execute, not talk, Heaven is our guard still.

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War must breed peace, such is the fate of Kings.

*Exeunt.*

*Enter Crawford and Daliell.*

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*Crawford* 'Tis more than strange, my reason cannot answer Such argument of fine Imposture, couched In witchcraft of persuasion, that it fashions Impossibilities, as if appearance Could cozen *truth itself*; this Dukeling Mushroom Hath doubtless charmed the King. *Daliell*: 'A courts the Ladies, As if his strength of language, chained attention By power of prerogative. *Crawford* It madded My very soul, to hear our *Master's* motion: What surely both of amity, and honor,

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Must of necessity ensue upon A match betwixt some noble of our Nation, And this brave Prince forsooth. *Daliell* 'Twill prove too fatal, Wise *Hunty* fears the threatning. Bless the Lady From such a ruin *Crawford* How the Counsel privy Of this young *Phaeton*, do screw their faces Into a gravity, their trades (good people) Were never guilty of? the meanest of 'em Dreams of at least an office in the State. *Daliell* Sure not the Hangman's, 'tis bespoke already For service to their rogueships — silence.

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*Enter King James and Hunty.*

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*King James*, Do not — Argue against our will; we have descended Somewhat (as we may term it) too familiarly From Justice of our birthright, to examine The force of your allegiance: — Sir, we have; But find it short of duty!

*Hunty* Break my heart, Do, do, King; have my services, my loyalty, (Heaven knows untainted ever) drawn upon me Contempt now in mine age? when I but wanted A minute of a peace not to be troubled? My last, my long one? Let me be a Dotard, A Bedlam, a poor sot, or what you please To have me, so you will not stain your blood, Your own blood (royal Sir) though mixed with mine, By marriage of this girl to a straggler! Take, take my head Sir, whilst my tongue can wag It cannot name him other. *King James* Kings are counterfeits In your repute (grave Oracle) not presently Set on their thrones, with Sceptres in their fists:

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But use your own detraction: 'tis our pleasure  
To give our *Cousin York* for wife our kinswoman  
The *Lady Katherine*: Instinct of sovereignty  
Designs the honor, though her peevish Father  
Usurps our Resolution. *Hunty* O 'tis well,

Exceeding well, I never was ambitious  
Of using Congees to my *Daughter Queen*:  
A *Queen*, perhaps a *Queen*? — Forgive me *Daliell*  
Thou honorable Gentleman, none here  
Dare speak one word of Comfort? *Daliell* Cruel misery!  
*Crawford* The Lady gracious Prince, maybe hath settled  
Affection on some former choice.  
*Daliell* Enforcement, would prove but tyranny.  
*Hunty* I thank 'ee heartily.  
Let any yeoman of our Nation challenge  
An interest in *the girl*: then the King  
May add a Jointure of ascent in titles,  
Worthy a free consent; now 'a pulls down  
What old Desert hath builded. *King James* Cease persuasions,  
I violate no pawns of faiths, intrude not  
On private loves; that I have played the Orator  
For Kingly *York* to virtuous *Kate*, her grant  
Can justify, referring her contents  
To our provision. the *Welsh Harry*, henceforth  
Shall therefore know, and tremble to acknowledge,  
That not the painted Idol of his policy,  
Shall fright the *lawful owner* from a Kingdom.  
We are resolved. *Hunty* Some of thy Subjects' hearts  
*King James* will bleed for this! *King James* Then shall their bloods  
Be nobly spent; no more disputes, he is not  
Our friend who contradicts us. *Hunty* Farewell Daughter!  
My care by *one* is lessened; thank the King for 't, *Enter.*  
I and my griefs will dance now, — Look Lords look,  
Here's hand in hand already? *King James* Peace *old frenzy*.

*Enter Warbeck leading Katherine, complementing;*  
*Countess of Crawford, Jane, Frion, Mayor*  
*of Cork, Astley, Heron and Skelton.*

How like a King 'a looks? Lords, but observe  
The confidence of his aspect? Dross cannot  
Cleave to so pure a metal; royal youth!  
*Plantagenet* undoubted! *Hunty* Ho brave Lady!

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But no *Plantagenet* by 'r Lady yet  
By red Rose or by white. *Warbeck* An Union this way,

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Settles possession in a Monarchy  
Established rightly, as is my inheritance:  
Acknowledge me but Sovereign of this Kingdom,  
*Your heart* (fair Princess) and the hand of providence,  
Shall crown you Queen of me, and my best fortunes.

*Katherine* Where my obedience is (my Lord) a duty,  
Love owes true service. *Warbeck* Shall I? — *King James* Cousin yes,

Enjoy her; from my hand accept your bride;  
And may they live at enmity with comfort,  
Who grieve at such an equal pledge of troths.

Y' are the Prince's wife now. *Katherine* By your gift Sir;

*Warbeck* Thus I take seizure of mine own. *Katherine* I miss yet  
A father's blessing: Let me find it; — humbly

Upon my knees I seek it. *Hunty* I am *Hunty*

Old *Alexander Gordon*, a plain subject,

Nor more, nor less; and Lady, if you wish for  
A blessing, you must bend your knees to Heaven;

For Heaven did give me you; alas, alas,

What would you have me say? may all the happiness

My prayers ever sued to fall upon you,

Preserve you in your virtues; — prithee *Daliell*

Come with me; for, I feel thy griefs as full

As mine, let's steal away, and cry together.

*Exeunt Hunty  
and Daliell.*

*Daliell* My hopes are in their ruins.

*King James* Good kind *Hunty*

Is overjoyed, a fit solemnity,

Shall perfect these delights: *Crawford* attend

Our order for the preparation.

*Exeunt, manent, Frion, Major,  
Astley, Heron, and Skelton.*

*Frion* Now worthy Gentlemen, have I not followed

My undertakings with success? Here's entrance

Into a certainty above a hope.

*Heron.* Hopes are but hopes, I was ever confident, when I traded  
but in remnants, that my stars had reserved me to the title of  
a Viscount at least, honor is honor though cut out of any stuffs.

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*Skelton* My brother *Heron*, hath right wisely delivered his opinion:  
for he that threads his needle with the sharp eyes of industry,  
shall in time go throughstitch, with the new suit of  
preferment.

*Astley.* Spoken to the purpose my fine witted brother *Skelton*,  
for as no Indenture, but has its counterpane; no *Noverint* but  
his Condition, or Defeasance; so no right, but may have claim,  
no claim but may have possession, any act of *Parliament* to the  
Contrary notwithstanding.

*Frion.* You are all read in mysteries of State,  
And quick of apprehension, deep in judgement,  
Active in resolution; and 'tis pity  
Such counsel should lie buried in obscurity.

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But why in such a time and cause of triumph,  
Stands the judicious *Mayor of Cork* so silent?  
Believe it Sir, as ENGLISH RICHARD prospers,  
You must not miss employment of high nature.

*Mayor.* If men may be credited in their mortality, which I dare not peremptorily aver, but they may, or not be; presumptions by this marriage are then (in sooth) of fruitful expectation.  
Or else I must not justify other men's belief, more than other should rely on mine.

*Frion.* Pith of experience, those that have borne office,  
Weigh every word before it can drop from them;  
But noble Counselors, since now the present,  
Requires in point of honor (pray mistake not)  
Some service to our Lord; 'tis fit the *Scots*  
Should not engross all glory to themselves,  
At this so grand, and eminent solemnity.

*Skelton* The *Scots*? the motion is defied: I had rather, for my part, without trial of my Country, suffer persecution under the *pressing Iron* of reproach: or let my skin be pinched full of eyelet holes, with the *Bodkin* of Derision.

*Astley* I will sooner lose both my ears on the *Pillory* of Forgerie.

*Heron.* Let me first live a Bankrupt, and die in the lousy hole of hunger, without compounding for six pence in the pound.

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*Mayor.* If men fail not in their expectations, there may be spirits also that digest no rude affronts (Master Secretary *Frion*) or I am cozened: which is possible I grant.

*Frion.* Resolved like men of knowledge; at this feast then In honor of the Bride, the *Scots* I know,  
Will in some show, some masque, or some Device,  
Prefer their duties: now it were uncomely,  
That we be found less forward for *our Prince*,  
Than they are for their Lady; and by how much  
We outshine them in persons of account,  
By so much more will our endeavors meet with  
A livelier applause. Great Emperors,  
Have for their recreations undertook  
Such kind of pastimes; as for the Conceit,  
Refer it to my study; the performance  
You all shall share a thanks in, 'twill be grateful.

*Heron.* The motion is allowed, I have stole to a dancing School when I was a Prentice.

*Astley* There have been *Irish-Hubbubs*, when I have made one too.

*Skelton* For fashioning of shapes, and cutting a cross-caper, turn me off to my trade again.

*Mayor.* Surely, there is, if I be not deceived, a kind of gravity in merriment: as, there is, or perhaps ought to be, respect of

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persons in the quality of carriage, which is, as it is construed,  
either *so*, or *so*.

*Frion.* Still you come home to me; upon occasion  
I find you relish Courtship with discretion:  
And such are fit for Statesmen of your merits.  
Pray 'e wait *the Prince*, and in his ear acquaint him  
With this Design, I'll follow and direct 'ee. *Exeunt, manet Frion.*  
O the toil  
Of humoring this abject scum of mankind?  
Muddy-brained peasants? Princes feel a misery  
Beyond impartial sufferance, whose extremes  
Must yield to such abettors; yet our tide  
Runs smoothly without adverse winds; run on

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Flow to a full sea! time alone debates,  
Quarrels forewritten in the Book of fates.

*Exit.*

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*Actus Tertius: Scaena prima.*

*Enter King Henry, his Gorget on, his sword, plume of  
feathers, leading staff, and Urswick.*

*King Henry:* HOw runs the time of day?  
*Urswick* Past ten my Lord.

*King Henry:* A bloody hour will it prove to some,  
Whose disobedience, like the sons o' th' earth,  
Throw a defiance 'gainst the face of Heaven.  
*Oxford*, with *Essex*, and stout *De la Pole*,  
Have quieted the *Londoners* (I hope)  
And set them safe from fear! *Urswick* They are all silent.

*King Henry* From their own battlements, they may behold,  
*Saint George's fields* o'erspread with armed men;  
Amongst whom, our own royal Standard threatens  
Confusion to opposers; we must learn  
To practice war again in time of peace,  
Or lay our Crown before our Subjects' feet,  
Ha, *Urswick*, must we not? *Urswick* The powers, who seated  
*King Henry* on his lawful throne, will ever  
Rise up in his defense. *King Henry* Rage shall not fright  
The bosom of our confidence; in *Kent*  
Our *Cornish Rebels* cozened of their hopes,  
Met brave resistance by that *Country's Earl*,  
*George Aberg'enny*, *Cobham*, *Poynings*, *Guilford*,  
And other loyal hearts; now if *Blackheath*  
Must be reserved the fatal tomb to swallow  
Such stiff-necked Abjcts, as with weary Marches,  
Have travailed from their homes, their wives, and children,  
To pay instead of *Subsidies* their lives,

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We may continue Sovereign? yet *Urswick*

We'll not abate one penny, what in *Parliament*  
Hath freely been contributed; we must not;  
*Money gives soul to action*; Our Competitor,  
The *Flemish Counterfeit*, with *James of Scotland*,  
Will prove, what courage *need, and want*, can nourish  
Without the food of fit supplies; but *Urswick*  
I have a charm in secret, that shall loose  
The Witchcraft, wherewith young *King James* is bound,  
And free it at my pleasure without bloodshed.

*Urswick* Your Majesty's a wise King, sent from Heaven  
Protector of the just.

*King Henry* Let dinner cheerfully  
Be served in; this day of the week is ours,  
*Our day of providence*, for *Saturday*  
Yet never failed in all my undertakings,  
To yield me rest at night; what means this warning?  
Good *Fate*, speak peace to *Henry*.

A Flourish.

wln 1084

*Enter Daubeney, Oxford, and attendants.*

*Daubeney* Live the King,  
Triumphant in the ruin of his enemies.

*Oxford* The head of strong rebellion is cut off,  
The body hewed in pieces: *King Henry Daubeney, Oxford*,  
Minions to noblest fortunes, how yet stands  
The comfort of your wishes? *Daubeney* Briefly thus:  
The *Cornish* under *Awdley* disappointed  
Of flattered expectation, from the *Kentish*  
(Your Majesty's right trusty Liegemen) flew,  
Feathered by rage, and heartened by presumption,  
To take the field, even at your Palace gates,  
And face you in your *chamber Royal*; Arrogance,  
Improved their ignorance; for they supposing,  
(Misled by rumor) that the day of battle  
Should fall on Monday, rather braved your forces  
Then doubted any onset; yet this Morning,  
When in the dawning I by your direction

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Strove to get *Dertford Strand bridge*, there I found  
Such a resistance, as might show what strength  
Could make; here Arrows hailed in showers upon us  
*A full yard long at least*; but we prevailed.  
*My Lord of Oxford* with his fellow Peers,  
Environing the hill, fell fiercely on them  
On the one side, I on the other, till (great Sir)

wln 1109 (Pardon the oversight) eager of doing  
wln 1110 Some memorable act, I was engaged  
wln 1111 Almost a prisoner, but was freed as soon  
wln 1112 As sensible of danger: now the fight  
wln 1113 Began in heat, which quenched in the blood of  
wln 1114 Two thousand Rebels, and as many more  
wln 1115 Reserved to try your mercy, have returned  
wln 1116 A victory with safety. *King Henry* Have we lost  
wln 1117 An equal number with them? *Oxford* In the total  
wln 1118 Scarcely four hundred: *Awdley, Flammock, Joseph,*  
wln 1119 The Ringleaders of this Commotion,  
wln 1120 Railed in ropes, fit *Ornaments* for traitors,  
wln 1121 Wait your determinations. *King Henry* We must pay  
wln 1122 Our thanks where they are only due: Oh, Lords,  
wln 1123 Here is no victory, nor shall our people  
wln 1124 Conceive that we can triumph in their falls.  
wln 1125 Alas, poor souls! Let such as are escaped  
wln 1126 Steal to the Country back without pursuit:  
wln 1127 There's not a drop of blood spilt, but hath drawn  
wln 1128 As much of mine, their swords could have wrought wonders  
wln 1129 On their King's part, who faintly were unsheathed  
wln 1130 Against their Prince, but wounded their own breasts.  
wln 1131 Lords we are debtors to your care, our payment  
wln 1132 Shall be both sure, and fitting your Deserts.

*Daubene* Sir, will you please to see those Rebels, heads  
Of this wild Monster multitude? *King Henry* Dear friend,  
My faithful *Daubene*, no; on them our Justice  
Must frown in terror, I will not vouchsafe  
An eye of pity to them, let false *Awdley*  
Be drawn upon an hurdle from the *Newgate*

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wln 1139 To *Tower Hill* in his own coat of Arms  
wln 1140 Painted on paper, with the Arms reversed,  
wln 1141 Defaced, and torn, there let him lose his head.  
wln 1142 The *Lawyer* and the *Blacksmith* shall be hanged,  
wln 1143 Quartered, their quarters into *Cornwall* sent,  
wln 1144 Examples to the rest, whom we are pleased  
wln 1145 To pardon, and dismiss from further quest.  
wln 1146 My Lord of *Oxford* see it done.

*Oxford* I shall Sir. *King Henry* *Urswick.* *Urswick* My Lord.

*King Henry* To *Dinham* our high treasurer,  
Say we command Commissions be new granted,  
For the Collection of our Subsidies  
Through all the West, and that speedily.  
Lords we acknowledge our engagements due  
For your most constant services.

*Daubene* Your Soldiers  
Have manfully and faithfully acquitted  
Their several duties.

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*King Henry* For it, we will throw  
A Largesse free amongst them, which shall hearten  
And cherish up their Loyalties, more yet  
Remains of like employment, not a man  
Can be dismissed, till enemies abroad  
More dangerous than these at home, have felt  
The puissance of our Arms, oh happy Kings  
Whose thrones are raised in their Subjects' hearts.

*Exeunt omnes.*

*Enter Huntly and Daliell.*

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*Huntly* Now, Sir a modest word with you (sad Gentleman)  
Is not this fine, I trow, to see the gambols,  
To hear the Jigs, observe the frisks, b' enchanted  
With the rare discord of bells, pipes and tabors,  
Hotchpotch of *Scotch* and *Irish* twingle twangles,  
Like to so many Quiristers of *Bedlam*,  
Trolling a catch? the feasts, the manly stomachs,  
The healths in *Usquabaugh*, and bony clabber,

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The Ale in dishes never fetched from *China*,  
The hundred thousand knacks not to be spoken of,  
And all this for King *Oberon*, and Queen *Mab*,  
Should put a soul in t'ee: look 'ee (good man)  
How youthful I am grown, but by your leave,  
This new Queen Bride, must henceforth be no more  
My Daughter, no by 'r lady, 'tis unfit.  
And yet you see how I do bear this change,  
Methinks courageously, then shake off care  
In such a time of jollity. *Daliell* Alas Sir,  
How can you cast a mist upon your griefs?  
Which howsoe'er you shadow, but present  
To any judging eye, the perfect substance  
Of which mine are but counterfeits. *Huntly* Foh *Daliell*  
Thou interrupts the part I bear in Music  
To this rare bridal feast, let us be merry;  
Whilst flattering calms secure us against storms,  
Tempests when they begin to roar, put out  
The light of peace and cloud the Sun's bright eye  
In darkness of despair, yet we are safe.

*Daliell* I wish you could as easily forget  
The Justice of your sorrows, as my hopes  
Can yield to destiny.

*Huntly* Pish then I see  
Thou dost not know the flexible condition  
Of my apt nature, I can laugh, laugh heartily  
When the Gout cramps my joints, let but the stone  
Stop in my bladder, I am straight a singing,  
The Quartane fever shrinking every limb,

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Sets me a cap'ring straight, do but betray me  
And bind me a friend ever. what I trust  
The losing of a Daughter, (though I doted  
On every hair that grew to trim her head)  
Admits not any pain like one of these.  
Come th' art deceived in me, give me a blow,  
A sound blow on the face, I'll thank thee for 't,  
I love my wrongs, still th' art deceived in me.

*Daliell* Deceived? Oh noble *Huntly*, my few years  
Have learned experience of too ripe an age  
To forfeit fit credulity, forgive  
My rudeness, I am bold. *Huntly* Forgive me first  
A madness of ambition, by example  
Teach me humility, for patience scorns,  
Lectures which Schoolmen use to read to boys  
Uncapable of injuries; though old  
I could grow tough in fury, and disclaim  
Allegiance to my King, could fall at odds  
With all my fellow Peers, that durst not stand  
Defendants 'gainst the rape done on mine honor.  
But Kings are earthly gods, there is no meddling  
With their anointed bodies, for their actions,  
They only are accountable to Heaven.  
Yet in the puzzle of my troubled brain  
One Antidote's reserved against the poison  
Of my distractions, 'tis in thee t' apply it.

*Daliell* Name it, oh name it quickly Sir! *Huntly* A pardon  
For my most foolish slighting thy Deserts,  
I have culled out this time to beg it, prithee  
Be gentle, had I been so, thou hadst owned  
A happy Bride, but now a cast away,  
And never child of mine more.

*Daliell* Say not so (Sir,) it is not fault in her.  
*Huntly* The world would prate  
How she was handsome; young I know she was,  
Tender, and sweet in her obedience;  
But lost now; what a bankrupt am I made  
Of a full stock of blessings. — must I hope  
a mercy from thy heart? *Daliell* A love, a service,  
A friendship to posterity. *Huntly* Good Angels  
Reward thy charity, I have no more  
But prayers left me now. *Daliell* I'll lend you mirth (Sir)  
If you will be in Consort. *Huntly* Thank ye truly:  
I must, yes, yes, I must; here's yet some ease,  
A partner in affliction, look not angry.

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*Daliell* Good noble Sir.  
*Huntly* Oh hark, we may be quiet,  
The King and all the others come: a meeting  
Of gawdy sights; this days the last of Revels;  
Tomorrow sounds of war; then new exchange:  
Fiddles must turn to swords, unhappy marriage!  
Flourish.

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*Enter King James, Warbeck leading Katherine, Crawford, Countess, and Jane, Huntly, and Daliell fall among them.*

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*King James* *Cousin of York*, you and your *Princely Bride*,  
Have liberally enjoyed such soft delights,  
As a new married couple could forethink:  
Nor has our bounty shortened expectation;  
But after all those pleasures of repose,  
Or amorous safety, we must rouse the ease  
Of dalliance, with achievements of more glory,  
Than sloth and sleep can furnish: yet, for farewell,  
Gladly we entertain a truce with time,  
To grace the joint endeavors of our servants.

*Warbeck* My *Royal Cousin*, in your Princely favor,  
The extent of bounty hath been so unlimited,  
As only an acknowledgement in words,  
Would breed suspicion in our state, and quality:  
When *We* shall in the fullness of our fate  
(Whose Minister *necessity* will perfect,)  
Sit on our *own throne*; then our arms laid open  
To gratitude, in sacred memory  
Of these large benefits, shall twine them close  
Even to our thoughts, and heart, without distinction.  
Then *James*, and *Richard*, being in effect  
*One person*, shall unite and rule *one people*.  
Divisible in titles only. *King James* Seat ye;  
Are the presenters ready?

*Crawford* All are ent'ring.

*Huntly* Dainty sport towards *Daliell*, sit, come sit,  
Sit and be quiet, here are Kingly bug's-words.

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*Enter at one door four Scotch Antics, accordingly habited;*  
*Enter at another four wild Irish in Trowsers,*  
*long haired, and accordingly habited. Music.*  
*The Maskers dance.*

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*King James* To all a general thanks!  
*Warbeck* In the next Room  
Take your own shapes again, you shall receive  
Particular acknowledgement. *King James* Enough

wln 1293 Of merriments; *Crawford*, how far's our Army  
wln 1294 Upon the March? *Crawford* At *Hedenhall* (great King)  
wln 1295 Twelve thousand well prepared. *King James* *Crawford*, tonight  
wln 1296 Post thither *We* in person with the *Prince*  
wln 1297 By four o'clock tomorrow after dinner,  
wln 1298 Will be wi' ye; speed away! *Crawford* I fly my Lord.  
wln 1299 *King James* Our business grows to head now, where's your  
wln 1300 Secretary that he attends 'ee not to serve?  
wln 1301 *Warbeck* With *Marchmount* your Herald.  
wln 1302 *King James* Good: the Proclamations ready;  
wln 1303 By that it will appear, how the *English* stand  
wln 1304 Affected to your title; *Hunly* comfort  
wln 1305 Your Daughter in *her Husband's* absence; fight  
wln 1306 With prayers at home for us, who for your honors,  
wln 1307 Must toil in fight abroad.  
wln 1308 *Hunly* Prayers are the weapons,  
wln 1309 Which men, so near their graves as I, do use.  
wln 1310 I've little else to do.  
wln 1311 *King James* To rest young beauties!  
wln 1312 We must be early stirring, quickly part,  
wln 1313 "A Kingdom's rescue craves both speed and art.  
wln 1314 Cousins good night. *Flourish.*  
wln 1315 *Warbeck* Rest to our Cousin King. *Katherine* Your blessing Sir;  
wln 1316 *Hunly* Fair blessings on your Highness, sure you need 'em.  
wln 1317 *Exeunt omnes, Manent, Warbeck and Katherine.*  
wln 1318 *Warbeck* *Jane* set the lights down, and from us return  
wln 1319 To those in the next room, this little purse  
wln 1320 Say we'll deserve their loves. *Jane.* It shall be done Sir.

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wln 1321 *Warbeck* Now dearest; ere sweet sleep shall seal those eyes,  
wln 1322 (Love's precious tapers,) give me leave to use  
wln 1323 A parting Ceremony; for tomorrow ,  
wln 1324 It would be sacrilege to intrude upon  
wln 1325 The temple of thy peace: swift as the morning,  
wln 1326 Must I break from the down of thy embraces,  
wln 1327 To put on steel, and trace the paths which lead  
wln 1328 Through various hazards to a careful throne.  
wln 1329 *Katherine* My Lord, I would fain go wi' ye, there's small fortune  
wln 1330 In staying here behind. *Warbeck* The churlish brow  
wln 1331 Of war (fair dearest) is a sight of horror  
wln 1332 For Lady's entertainment; if thou hear'st  
wln 1333 A truth of my sad ending by the hand  
wln 1334 Of some *unnatural subject*, thou withal  
wln 1335 Shalt hear, how I died worthy of my right,  
wln 1336 By falling like a KING; and in the close  
wln 1337 Which my last breath shall sound, thy name, thou fairest  
wln 1338 Shall sing *a requiem* to my soul, unwilling  
wln 1339 Only of greater glory, 'cause divided  
wln 1340 From such a heaven on earth, as life with thee.

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But these are chimes for funerals, my business  
Attends on fortune of a sprightlier triumph;  
for love and Majesty are reconciled,  
And vow to crown thee *Empress of the West.*

*Katherine* You have a noble language (Sir,) your right  
In me is without question, and however  
Events of time may shorten my deserts,  
In others' pity; yet it shall not stagger,  
Or constancy, or duty in a wife.

You must be *King of me*, and my poor heart  
Is all I can call mine. *Warbeck* But we will live;  
Live (beauteous virtue) by the lively test  
Of our own blood, to let the *Counterfeit*  
Be known the world's contempt.

*Katherine* Pray do not use  
That word, it carries fate in 't; the first suit  
I ever made, I trust your love will grant!

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*Warbeck* Without denial (dearest.) *Katherine* That hereafter,  
If you return with safety, no adventure  
May sever us in tasting any fortune:  
I ne'er can stay behind again. *Warbeck* Y' are Lady  
Of your desires, and shall command your will:  
Yet 'tis too hard a promise.

*Katherine* What our Destinies  
Have ruled out in their Books, we must not search  
But kneel to.

*Warbeck* Then to fear when hope is fruitless,  
Were to be desperately miserable;  
Which poverty, our greatness dares not dream of,  
And much more scorns to stoop to; some few minutes  
Remain yet, let's be thrifty in our hopes. *Exeunt.*

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*Enter King Henry, Hialas, and Urswick.*

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*King Henry* Your name is *Pedro Hialas*: a *Spaniard*?  
*Hialas*. Sir a *Castillian* born. *King Henry* King *Ferdinand*  
With wise *Queen Isabell* his royal consort,  
Write 'ee a man of worthy trust and candor.  
Princes are dear to heaven, who meet with Subjects  
Sincere in their employments; such I find  
Your commendation (Sir,) let me deliver  
How joyful I repute the amity,  
With your most fortunate Master, who almost  
Comes near a miracle, in his success  
Against the *Moors*, who had devoured his Country,  
Entire now to his Sceptre; *We*, for our part  
Will imitate his providence, in hope  
Of partage in the use on 't; *We* repute

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The privacy of his advisement to us  
By you, intended an Ambassador  
To *Scotland* for a peace between our Kingdoms;  
A policy of love, which well becomes  
His wisdom, and our care. *Hialas.* Your Majesty  
Doth understand him rightly.

*King Henry* Else, your knowledge can instruct me, wherein (Sir)

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To fall on Ceremony, would seem useless,  
Which shall not need; for I will be as studious  
Of your concealment in our Conference,  
As any Counsel shall advise. *Hialas.* Then (Sir)  
My chief request is, that on notice given  
At my dispatch in *Scotland*, you will send  
Some learned man of power and experience  
To join in treaty with me. *King Henry* I shall do it,  
Being that way well provided by a servant  
Which may attend 'ee ever. *Hialas.* If King *James*  
By any indirection should perceive  
My coming near your Court, I doubt the issue  
Of my employment.

*King Henry* Be not your own Herald,  
I learn sometimes without a teacher.

*Hialas.* Good days guard all your Princely thoughts.

*King Henry* *Urswick* no further  
Than the next open Gallery attend him.  
A hearty love go with you.

*Hialas.* Your vowed Beadsman. *Exeunt: Urswick and Hialas.*

*King Henry* King *Ferdinand* is not so much a Fox,  
But that a cunning Huntsman may in time  
Fall on the sent; in honorable actions  
Safe imitation best deserves a praise.

*Enter Urswick.*

What the *Castillian's* passed away? *Urswick* He is,  
And undiscovered; the two hundred marks  
Your Majesty conveyed, 'a gently pursed,  
With a right modest gravity. *King Henry* What was't  
'A muttered in the earnest of his wisdom,  
'A spoke not to be heard? 'Twas about — *Urswick Warbeck*;  
How if King *Henry* were but sure of Subjects,  
Such a wild runagate might soon be caged,  
No great ado notwithstanding. *King Henry* Nay, nay, something  
About my son Prince *Arthur's* match!

*Urswick* Right, right, Sir.  
'A hummed it out, how that King *Ferdinand*

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wln 1431

Swore, that the marriage 'twixt the Lady *Katherine*

wln 1432 His Daughter, and the Prince of *Wales* your Son,  
wln 1433 Should never be consummated, as long  
wln 1434 As any *Earl of Warwick* lived in *England*,  
wln 1435 Except by new Creation. *King Henry* I remember,  
wln 1436 'Twas so indeed, the King his Master swore it?  
wln 1437 *Urswick* Directly, as he said. *King Henry* An *Earl of Warwick!*  
wln 1438 Provide a Messenger for Letters instantly  
wln 1439 To *Bishop Fox*. Our news from *Scotland* creeps,  
wln 1440 It comes so slow; we must have airy spirits:  
wln 1441 Our time requires dispatch, — the *Earl of Warwick!*  
wln 1442 Let him be son to *Clarence*, younger brother  
wln 1443 To *Edward!* *Edward's* Daughter is I think  
wln 1444 Mother to our *Prince Arthur*; get a Messenger.

*Exeunt.*

wln 1445 *Enter King James, Warbecke, Crawford, Daliell, Heron,*  
wln 1446 *Astley, Mayor, Skelton, and Soldiers.*

wln 1447 *King James* We trifle time against these Castle walls,  
wln 1448 The *English Prelate* will not yield, once more  
wln 1449 Give him a Summons!

*Parley.*

wln 1450 *Enter above Durham armed, a Truncheon*  
wln 1451 *in his hand, and Soldiers.*

wln 1452 *Warbeck* See, the jolly Clerk  
wln 1453 Appears trimmed like a ruffian.

*King James* Bishop, yet  
Set ope the ports, and to your lawful Sovereign  
*Richard of York* surrender up this Castle,  
And he will take thee to his Grace; else *Tweed*  
Shall overflow his banks with *English* blood,  
And wash the sand that cements those hard stones,  
From their foundation.

*Durham* Warlike King of *Scotland*,  
Vouchsafe a few words from a man enforced  
To lay his Book aside, and clap on Arms,  
Unsuitable to my age, or my profession.  
Courageous Prince, consider on what grounds,

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wln 1466 You rend the face of peace, and break a League  
wln 1467 With a confederate King that courts your amity;  
wln 1468 For whom too? for a vagabond, a straggler,  
wln 1469 Not noted in the world by birth of name,  
wln 1470 An obscure peasant, by the rage of Hell  
wln 1471 Loosed from his chains, to set great Kings at strife.  
wln 1472 What Nobleman? what common man of note?  
wln 1473 What ordinary subject hath come in,  
wln 1474 Since first you footed on our Territories,  
wln 1475 To only feign a welcome? children laugh at

wln 1476 Your Proclamations, and the wiser pity,  
wln 1477 So great a Potentate's abuse, by one  
wln 1478 Who juggles merely with the fawns and youth  
wln 1479 Of an instructed compliment; such spoils,  
wln 1480 Such slaughterers as the rapine of your Soldiers  
wln 1481 Already have committed, is enough  
wln 1482 To show your zeal in a *conceited Justice*.  
wln 1483 Yet (great King) wake not yet my Master's vengeance:  
wln 1484 But shake that Viper off which gnaws your entrails  
wln 1485 I, and my fellow Subjects, are resolved  
wln 1486 If you persist, to stand your utmost fury,  
wln 1487 Till our last blood drop from us.  
*Warbeck* O Sir, lend  
wln 1489 Me ear to *this seducer* of my honor!  
wln 1490 What shall I call thee, (thou gray bearded Scandal)  
wln 1491 That kickest against the Sovereignty to which  
wln 1492 Thou owest allegiance? Treason is boldfaced,  
wln 1493 And eloquent in mischief; sacred King  
wln 1494 Be deafed to his known malice! *Durham* Rather yield  
wln 1495 Unto those holy motions, which inspire  
wln 1496 The sacred heart of an anointed body!  
wln 1497 It is the surest policy in Princes,  
wln 1498 To govern well their own, then seek encroachment  
wln 1499 Upon another's right. *Crawford* The King is serious,  
wln 1500 Deepe in his meditation. *Daliell* Lift them up  
wln 1501 To heaven his better genius!  
*Warbeck* Can you study, while such a Devil raves? O Sir.

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wln 1503 *King James* Well, — Bishop,  
wln 1504 You'll not be drawn to mercy? *Durham* Conster me  
wln 1505 In like case by a Subject of your own!  
wln 1506 My resolutions fixed, *King James* be counselled.  
wln 1507 A greater fate waits on thee. *Exit Durham cum suis.*  
wln 1508 *King James* Forage through  
wln 1509 The Country, spare no prey of life, or goods,  
wln 1510 *Warbeck* O Sir, then give me leave to yield to nature,  
wln 1511 I am most miserable; had I been  
wln 1512 Born what this *Clergyman* would by defame  
wln 1513 Baffle belief with, I had never sought  
wln 1514 The truth of mine inheritance with rapes  
wln 1515 Of women, or of infants murdered; Virgins  
wln 1516 Deflowered; old men butchered; dwellings fired;  
wln 1517 My Land depopulated; and my people  
wln 1518 Afflicted with a Kingdom's devastation.  
wln 1519 Show more remorse great King, or I shall never  
wln 1520 Endure to see such havoc with dry eyes:  
wln 1521 Spare, spare, my dear dear *England*.  
*King James* You fool your piety  
wln 1522 Ridiculously, careful of an interest  
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Another man possesseth! Where's your faction?  
Shrewdly the Bishop guessed of your adherents,  
When not a petty Burgess of some Town,  
No, not a Villager hath yet appeared  
In your assistance, that should make 'ee whine,  
And not your Country's sufferance as you term it.

*Daliell* The King is angry. *Crawford* And the passionate Duke,  
Effeminate dolent. *Warbeck* The experience  
In former trials (Sir) both of mine own  
Or other Princes, cast out of their thrones,  
Have so acquainted me, how misery  
Is destitute of friends, or of relief,  
That I can easily submit to taste  
Lowest reproof, without contempt or words.

*Enter Frion.*

*King James* An humble minded man, — now, what intelligence

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Speaks Master Secretary *Frion*. *Frion*. *Henry*  
Of *England*, hath in open field o'erthrown  
The Armies who opposed him, in the right  
Of this young Prince.

*King James* His Subsidies you mean: more if you have it?  
*Frion*. *Howard Earl of Surrey*,  
Backed by twelve Earls and Barons of the North,  
An hundred Knights and Gentlemen of Name,  
And twenty thousand Soldiers, is at hand  
To raise your siege. *Brooke* with a goodly Navy  
Is Admiral at Sea: and *Daubeney* follows  
With an unbroken Army for a second.

*Warbeck* 'Tis false! they come to side with us. *King James* Retreat:  
We shall not find them stones and walls to cope with.  
Yet *Duke of York*, (for such thou sayest thou art,)  
I'll try thy fortune to the height; to *Surrey*  
By *Marchmount*, I will send a brave Defiance  
For single Combat; once a King will venture  
His person to an Earl; with Condition  
Of spilling lesser blood, *Surrey* is bold  
And *James* resolved. *Warbeck* O rather (gracious Sir,)  
Create me to this glory; since my cause  
Doth interest this fair quarrel; valued least  
I am his equal. *King James* I will be the man;  
March softly off, where Victory can reap  
"A harvest crowned with triumph, toil is cheap."

*Exeunt omnes.*

wln 1567  
wln 1568

*Actus Quartus: Scaena prima.*

wln 1569

*Enter Surrey, Durham, Soldiers,  
with Drums and Colors.*

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*Surrey:* Are all our braving enemies shrunk back?  
Hid in the fogs of their distempered climate,

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Not daring to behold our Colors wave  
In spite of this infected air? Can they  
Look on the strength of *Cundrestine* defaced?  
The glory of *Heydonhall* devasted? that  
Of *Edington* cast down? the pile of *Foulden*  
O'erthrown? And this the strongest of their Forts  
Old *Ayton Castle* yielded, and demolished?  
And yet not peep abroad? the *Scots* are bold,  
Hardy in battle, but it seems the cause  
They undertake considered, appears  
Unjointed in the frame on 't. *Durham* Noble *Surrey*,  
Our Royal Master's wisdom is at all times  
His fortune's Harbinger; for when he draws  
His sword to threaten war, his providence  
Settles on peace, the crowning of an Empire. Trumpet.

*Surrey* Rank all in order, 'tis a Herald's sound,  
Some message from King *James*, keep a fixed station.

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*Enter Marchmount, and another Herald  
in their Coats.*

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*Marchmount* From *Scotland*'s awful Majesty, we come  
Unto the *English General*;  
*Surrey.* To me? Say on.  
*Marchmount* Thus then; the waste and prodigal  
Effusion of so much guiltless blood,  
As in two potent Armies, of necessity  
Must glut the earth's dry womb, his sweet compassion  
Hath studied to prevent; for which to thee  
Great *Earl of Surrey*, in a *single fight*  
He offers his own royal person; fairly  
Proposing these conditions only, that,  
If Victory conclude *our Master*'s right;  
*The Earl* shall deliver for his ransom  
The town of *Berwick* to him, with the Fishgarths,  
If *Surrey* shall prevail; the King will pay  
A thousand pounds down present for his freedom,  
And silence further Arms; so speaks King *James*.

wln 1608  
wln 1609

*Surrey* So speaks King *James*; so like a King 'a speaks.  
Heralds, the *English General* returns,

wln 1610 A sensible Devotion from his heart,  
wln 1611 His very soul, to this unfellowed grace.  
wln 1612 For let the King know (gentle Heralds) truly  
wln 1613 How his descent from his great throne, to honor  
wln 1614 A stranger subject with so high a title  
wln 1615 As his *Compeer in Arms*, hath conquered more  
wln 1616 Than any sword could do: for which (my loyalty  
wln 1617 Respected) I will serve his virtues ever  
wln 1618 In all humility: but *Berwick* say  
wln 1619 Is none of mine to part with: In affairs  
wln 1620 “Of Princes, Subjects cannot traffic rights  
wln 1621 “Inherent to the Crown. My life is mine,  
wln 1622 That I dare freely hazard; and (with pardon  
wln 1623 To some unbribed vainglory) if *his Majesty*  
wln 1624 Shall taste a change of fate, his liberty  
wln 1625 Shall meet no Articles. If I fall, falling  
wln 1626 So bravely, I refer me to his pleasure  
wln 1627 Without condition; and for this dear favor,  
wln 1628 Say (if not countermanaged) I will cease  
wln 1629 Hostility, unless provoked. *Marchmount* This answer  
wln 1630 We shall relate unpartially.  
*Durham* With favor,  
wln 1631 Pray have a little patience — Sir, you find  
wln 1632 By these gay-flourishes, how wearied travail  
wln 1633 Inclines to willing rest; here's but a Prologue  
wln 1634 However confidently uttered, meant  
wln 1635 For some ensuing Acts of peace: consider  
wln 1636 The time of year, unseasonableness of weather,  
wln 1637 Charge, barrenness of profit, and occasion  
wln 1638 Presents itself for honorable treaty,  
wln 1639 Which we may make good use of; I will back  
wln 1640 As sent from you, in point of noble gratitude  
wln 1641 Unto King *James* with these his Heralds; you  
wln 1642 Shall shortly hear from me (my Lord) for order  
wln 1643 Of breathing or proceeding; and King *Henry*

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wln 1645 (Doubt not) will thank the service.  
wln 1646 *Surrey* To your wisdom Lord Bishop I refer it.  
wln 1647 *Durham* Be it so then.  
wln 1648 *Surrey* Heralds, accept this chain, and these few Crowns  
wln 1649 *Marchmount* Our Duty Noble General. *Durham* In part  
wln 1650 Of retribution for such Princely love,  
wln 1651 My Lord the *General* is pleased to show  
wln 1652 The King your Master, his sincerest zeal  
wln 1653 By further treaty, by no common man;  
wln 1654 I will myself return with you. *Surrey* Y' oblige  
wln 1655 My faithfulllest affections t'ee (Lord Bishop.)  
wln 1656 *Marchmount* All happiness attend your Lordship.  
wln 1657 *Surrey* Come friends,

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wln 1661

And fellow-Soldiers, we I doubt shall meet  
No enemies, but woods and hills to fight with:  
Then 'twere as good to feed, and sleep at home,  
We may be free from danger, not secure.

*Exeunt omnes.*

wln 1662

*Enter Warbeck and Frion.*

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*Warbeck* *Frion, ô Frion!* all my hopes of glory  
Are at a stand! the *Scottish King* grows dull,  
Frosty and wayward, since this *Spanish Agent*  
Hath mixed Discourses with him; they are private,  
I am not called to counsel now; confusion  
On all his crafty shrugs; I feel the fabric  
Of my designs are tottering. *Frion.* *Henry's* policies  
Stir with too many engines. *Warbeck* Let his mines,  
Shaped in the bowels of the earth, blow up  
Works raised for my defense, yet can they never  
Toss into air the freedom of my birth,  
Or disavow my blood, *Plantagenet's*!  
I am my Father's son still; but ô *Frion*,  
When I bring into count with my Disasters,  
*My Wife's* copartnership, *my Kate's*, my life's;  
Then, then, my frailty feels an earthquake; mischief  
Damn *Henry's* plots, I will be *England's* King,  
Or let my *Aunt of Burgundy* report

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My fall in the attempt, deserved *our Ancestors*?  
*Frion.* You grow too wild in passion, if you will  
Appear a Prince indeed, confine your will  
To moderation *Warbeck* What a saucy rudeness  
Prompts this distrust? If, if I will appear?  
Appear, a Prince? Death throttle such deceits  
Even in their birth of utterance; cursed cozenage  
Of trust? Ye make me mad, 'twere best (it seems)  
That I should turn Imposter to *myself*,  
Be mine own counterfeit, belie the truth  
Of my dear mother's womb, the sacred bed  
Of a *Prince* murdered, and a *living* baffled!

*Frion.* Nay, if you have no ears to hear, I have  
No breath to spend in vain. *Warbeck* Sir, sir, take heed  
Gold, and the promise of promotion, rarely  
Fail in temptation. *Frion.* Why to me this?

*Warbeck* Nothing  
Speak what you will; we are not sunk so low  
But your advice, may piece again the heart  
Which many cares have broken: you were wont  
In all extremities to talk of comfort:  
Have ye none left now? I'll not interrupt ye.  
Good, bear with my distractions! if King *James*

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Deny us dwelling here, next whither must I?  
I prithee be not angry. *Frion.* Sir, I told ye  
Of Letters come from *Ireland*, how the *Cornish*  
Stomach their last defeat, and humbly sue  
That with such forces, as you could partake,  
You would *in person* land in *Cornwall*, where  
Thousands will entertain *your title* gladly.

*Warbeck* Let me embrace thee, hug thee! th'ast revived  
My comforts, if my cousin King will fail,  
Our cause will never, welcome my tried friends.

wln 1714

*Enter Mayor, Heron, Astley, Skelton.*

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You keep your brains awake in our defense:  
*Frion*, advise with them of these affairs,

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In which be wondrous secret; I will listen  
What else concerns us here, be quick and wary. *Exit Warbeck.*

*Astley* Ah sweet *young Prince*? Secretary, my fellow Counselors  
and I, have consulted, and jump all in one opinion directly,  
that if this *Scotch* garboils do not fadge to our minds,  
we will pell-mell run amongst the *Cornish Choughs* presently,  
and in a trice.

*Skelton* 'Tis but going to Sea, and leaping ashore, cut ten or  
twelve thousand unnecessary throats, fire seven or eight towns,  
take half a dozen Cities, get into the Market place, crown him  
RICHARD THE FOURTH, and the business is finished.

*Mayor.* I grant ye, quoth I, so far forth as men may do,  
no more than men may do; for it is good to consider, when  
consideration may be to the purpose, otherwise still you shall  
pardon me: *Little said is soon amended.*

*Frion.* Then you conclude the *Cornish Action* surest?

*Heron.* We do so. And doubt not but to thrive abundantly:  
Ho (my Masters) had we known of the Commotion when  
we set sail out of *Ireland*, the Land had been ours ere this  
time.

*Skelton* Pish, pish, 'tis but forbearing being an Earl or a Duke  
a month or two longer; I say, and say it again, if the work go  
not on apace, let me never see new fashion more, I warrant ye,  
I warrant ye, we will have it *so*, and *so* it shall be.

*Astley* This is but a cold phlegmatic Country, not stirring enough  
for men of spirit, give me the heart of *England* for my  
money.

*Skelton* A man may batten there in a week only with hot loaves  
and butter, and a lusty cup of Muscadine and Sugar at breakfast,  
though he make never a meal all the month after.

*Mayor.* Surely, when I bore office, I found by experience,  
that to be much troublesome, was to be much wise and busy;  
I have observed, how filching and bragging, has been the best

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service in these last wars, and therefore conclude peremptorily on the Design in *England*; If *things* and *things* may fall out; as who can tell *what* or *how*; but the end will show it.

*Frion.* Resolved like men of judgement, here to linger

More time, is but to lose it; cheer *the Prince*,  
And haste him on to this; on this depends,  
Fame in success, or glory in our ends.

*Exeunt omnes.*

*Enter King James, Durham, and Hialas on either side.*

*Hialas.* *France, Spain and Germany* combine a League  
Of amity with *England* nothing wants  
For settling peace through Christendom, but love  
Between the *British Monarchs, James, and Henry*.

*Durham* The *English Merchants* (Sir,) have been received  
With general procession into *Antwerp*;  
The Emperor confirms the **Combination**.

*Hialas.* The King of *Spain*, resolves a marriage  
For *Katherine* his Daughter, with *Prince Arthur*.

*Durham* *France* courts this holy contract.

*Hialas* What can hinder a quietness in *England*?

*Durham* But your suffrage  
To such a silly creature (mighty Sir?)  
As is but in effect an apparition,  
A shadow, a mere trifle? *Hialas* To this union  
The good of both the *Church and Commonwealth*  
Invite 'ee — *Durham* To this unity, a mystery  
Of providence points out a greater blessing  
For both these Nations, than our human reason  
Can search into; King *Henry* hath a Daughter  
The Princess *Margaret*; I need not urge,  
What honor, what felicity can follow  
On such affinity twixt two Christian Kings,  
Inleagued by ties of blood; but sure I am,  
If you Sir ratify the peace proposed,  
I dare both motion, and effect this marriage.  
For weal of both the Kingdoms.

*King James* Dar'st thou Lord Bishop?

*Durham* Put it to trial royal *James*, by sending  
Some noble personage to the *English Court*  
By way of Embassy. *Hialas* Part of the business,

Shall suit my mediation. *King James* Well; what Heaven  
Hath pointed out to be, must be; you two  
Are Ministers (I hope) of blessed fate.  
But herein only I will stand acquitted,

wln 1793 No blood of Innocents shall buy my peace.  
wln 1794 For *Warbeck* as you *nick* him, came to me  
wln 1795 Commended by the States of Christendom.  
wln 1796 *A Prince*, though in distress; his fair demeanor,  
wln 1797 Lovely behavior, unappalled spirit,  
wln 1798 Spoke him *not base in blood*, however *clouded*.  
wln 1799 The brute beasts have both rocks and caves to fly to,  
wln 1800 And men the Altars of the Church; to us  
wln 1801 He came for refuge, “Kings come near in nature  
wln 1802 “Unto the Gods in being touched with pity.  
wln 1803 Yet (noble friends) his mixture with our blood,  
wln 1804 Even with our own, shall no way interrupt  
wln 1805 A general peace; only I will dismiss him  
wln 1806 From my protection, throughout my Dominions  
wln 1807 In safety, but not ever, to return.  
wln 1808 *Hialas.* You are a just King.  
wln 1809 *Durham* Wise, and herein happy.  
wln 1810 *King James* Nor will we dally in affairs of weight:  
wln 1811 *Hunty* (Lord Bishop) shall with you to *England*  
wln 1812 Ambassador from us; we will throw down  
wln 1813 Our weapons; peace on all sides now, repair  
wln 1814 Unto our Counsel, we will soon be with you.  
wln 1815 *Hialas* Delay shall question no dispatch,  
wln 1816 Heaven crown it. *Exeunt Durham and Hialas.*  
wln 1817 *King James* A league with *Ferdinand*? a marriage  
wln 1818 With *English Margaret*? a free release  
wln 1819 From restitution for the late affronts?  
wln 1820 Cessation from hostility! and all  
wln 1821 For *Warbeck* not delivered, but dismissed?  
wln 1822 We could not wish it better, *Daliell* —  
wln 1823 *Daliell* Here Sir. *Enter Daliell.*  
wln 1824 *King James* Are *Hunty* and his Daughter sent for?  
wln 1825 *Daliell* Sent for, and come (my Lord.)

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wln 1826 *King James* Say to the *English Prince*,  
wln 1827 We want his company.  
wln 1828 *Daliell* He is at hand Sir.

wln 1829 *Enter Warbeck, Katherine, Jane, Frion, Heron,*  
wln 1830 *Skelton, Mayor, Astley.*

wln 1831 *King James* Cousin, our bounty, favors, gentleness,  
wln 1832 Our benefits, the hazard of our person,  
wln 1833 Our people’s lives, our Land hath evidenced,  
wln 1834 How much we have engaged on your behalf:  
wln 1835 How trivial, and how dangerous our hopes  
wln 1836 Appear, how fruitless our attempts in war,  
wln 1837 How windy rather smoky your assurance  
wln 1838 Of party shows, we might in vain repeat!

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But now obedience to the Mother Church,  
A Father's care upon his Country's weal,  
The dignity of State directs our wisdom,  
To seal an oath of peace through Christendom:  
To which we are sworn already; 'tis *you*  
Must only seek new fortunes in the world,  
And find an harbor elsewhere: as I promised  
On your arrival, you have met no usage  
Deserves repentance in your being here:  
But yet I must live Master of mine own.  
However, what is necessary for you  
At your departure, I am well content  
You be accommodated with; provided  
Delay prove not my enemy.

*Warbeck* It shall not  
(Most glorious Prince.) the fame of my Designs,  
Soars higher, than report of ease and sloth  
Can aim at; I acknowledge all your favors  
Boundless, and singular, am only wretched  
In words as well as means, to thank the grace  
That flowed so liberally. *Two Empires* firmly  
You're Lord of, *Scotland*, and *Duke Richard*'s heart.  
My claim to *mine inheritance* shall sooner

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Fail, than my life to serve you, best of Kings.  
And witness EDWARD'S *blood in me*, I am  
More loath to part, with such a great example  
Of virtue, than all other mere respects.  
But Sir my last suit is, you will not force  
From me what you have given, this *chaste Lady*,  
Resolved on all extremes. *Katherine* I am your wife,  
No human power, can or shall divorce  
My faith from duty. *Warbeck* Such another treasure  
The earth is Bankrupt of. *King James* I gave her (Cousin)  
And must avow the gift: will add withal  
A furniture becoming her high birth  
And unsuspected constancy; provide  
For your attendance — we will part good friends.

*Exit King and Daliell.*

*Warbeck* The *Tudor* hath been cunning in his plots:  
His *Fox of Durham* would not fail at last.  
But what? our cause and courage are our own:  
Be men (my friends) and let our Cousin King,  
See how we follow fate as willingly  
As malice follows us. Y' are all resolved  
For the West parts of *England*?

*Cornwall, Cornwall.*

*Frion.* The Inhabitants expect you daily.

*Warbeck* Cheerfully

*Omnes.*

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Draw all our ships out of the harbor (friends)  
Our time of stay doth seem too long, we must  
Prevent Intelligence; about it suddenly.  
*Omnes.* A Prince, a Prince, a Prince. *Exeunt Counselors.*  
*Warbeck* Dearest; admit not into thy pure thoughts  
The least of scruples, which may charge their softness  
With burden of distrust. Should I prove wanting  
To noblest courage now, here were the trial:  
But I am perfect (sweet) I fear no change,  
More than thy being partner in my sufferance.  
*Katherine* My fortunes (Sir) have armed me to encounter  
What chance soe'er they meet with — *Jane* 'tis fit

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Thou stay behind, for whither wilt thou wander?  
*Jane.* Never till death, will I forsake my Mistress,  
Nor then, in wishing to die with 'ee gladly.  
*Katherine* Alas good soul.  
*Frion.* Sir, to your *Aunt of Burgundy*  
I will relate your present undertakings;  
From her expect on all occasions, welcome.  
You cannot find me idle in your services.  
*Warbeck* Go, *Frion*, go! wise-men know how to soothe  
Adversity, not serve it: thou hast waited  
Too long on expectation; "never yet  
"Was any Nation read of, so besotted  
"In reason, as to adore the setting Sun.  
Fly to the *Archduke's Court*; say to the *Duchess*,  
Her *Nephew*, with fair *Katherine*, his wife,  
Are on their expectation to begin  
The raising of an Empire. If they fail,  
Yet the report will never: farewell *Frion*. *Exit Frion.*  
This man *Kate* has been true, though now of late,  
I fear too much familiar with the *Fox*.

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*Enter Huntly and Daliell.*

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*Huntly* I come to take my leave, you need not doubt  
My interest in this sometime-child of mine.  
She's all yours now (good Sir) oh poor lost creature!  
Heaven guard thee with much patience, if thou canst  
Forget thy title to old *Huntly's family*;  
As much of peace will settle in thy mind  
As thou canst wish to taste, (but in thy grave,)  
Accept my tears yet, (prithe) they are tokens  
Of charity, as true as of affection.

*Katherine* This is the cruellest farewell!

*Huntly* Love (young Gentleman)  
This model of my griefs; she calls you husband;  
Then be not jealous of a parting kiss,

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It is a Father's not a Lover's offering;  
Take it, may last, — I am too much a child.

Exchange of passion is to little use,  
So I should grow too foolish, — goodness guide thee. *Exit Huntly*  
*Katherine* Most miserable Daughter! — have you ought  
To add (Sir) to our sorrows? *Daliell*. I resolve  
(Fair *Lady*) with your leave, to wait on all  
Your fortunes in my person, if your Lord  
Vouchsafe me entertainment.  
*Warbeck* We will be bosom friends, (most noble *Daliell*)  
For I accept this tender of your love  
Beyond ability of thanks to speak it.  
Clear thy drowned eyes (my fairest) time and industry  
Will show us better days, or end the worst. *Exeunt omnes.*

*Enter Oxford and Daubeney.*

*Oxford* No news from *Scotland* yet (my Lord!) *Daubeney* Not any  
But what King *Henry* knows himself; I thought  
Our Armies should have marched that way, his mind  
It seems, is altered. *Oxford* Victory attends  
His Standard everywhere. *Daubeney* Wise Princes (*Oxford*)  
Fight not alone with forces. Providence  
Directs and tutors strength; else Elephants,  
And barbed Horses might as well prevail,  
As the most subtle stratagems of war.

*Oxford* The *Scottish King* showed more than common bravery,  
In proffer of a Combat hand to hand  
With *Surrey*! *Daubeney* And but showed it; Northern bloods  
Are gallant being fired, but the cold climate  
Without good store of fuel, quickly freezeth  
The glowing flames. *Oxford* *Surrey* upon my life  
Would not have shrunk an hair's breadth.

*Daubeney* May 'a forfeit  
The honor of an *English name, and nature*,  
Who would not have embraced it with a greediness,  
As violent as hunger runs to food.  
'Twas an addition, any worthy Spirit  
Would covet next to immortality,  
Above all joys of life: we all missed shares  
In that great opportunity.

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*Enter King Henry, and Urswick whispering.*

*Oxford* The King: see 'a comes smiling!  
*Daubeney* O the game runs smooth  
On his side then believe it, Cards well shuffled

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And dealt with cunning, bring some gamester thrift,  
But others must rise losers'. *King Henry* The train takes?  
*Urswick* Most prosperously. *King Henry* I knew it should not miss.  
He fondly angles who will hurl his bait  
Into the water, 'cause the Fish at first  
Plays round about the line, and dares not bite.  
Lords, we may reign your King yet, *Daubeney, Oxford*,  
*Urswick*, must *Perkin* wear the Crown?  
*Daubeney* A Slave. *Oxford* A Vagabond.  
*Urswick* A Glow-worm. *King Henry* Now if *Frion*,  
His practiced politician wear a brain  
Of proof, King *Perkin* will in progress ride  
Through all his large Dominions; let us meet him,  
And tender homage; Ha Sirs? Liegemen ought  
To pay their fealty. *Daubeney* Would the Rascal were  
With all his rabble, within twenty miles  
Of *London*. *King Henry* Farther off is near enough  
To lodge him in his home; he wager odds  
*Surrey* and all his men are either idle,  
Or hasting back, they have not work (I doubt)  
To keep them busy. *Daubeney* 'Tis a strange conceit Sir.  
*King Henry* Such voluntary favors as our people  
In duty aid us with, we never scattered  
On *Cobweb Parasites*, or lavished out  
In riot, or a needless hospitality:  
No *undeserving favorite* doth boast  
His issues from our treasury; our charge  
Flows through all *Europe*, proving us but steward  
Of every contribution, which provides  
Against the creeping Canker of Disturbance.  
Is it not rare then, in this toil of State  
Wherein we are embarked, with breach of sleep,  
Cares, and the noise of trouble, that our mercy

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Returns nor thanks, nor comfort? Still the *West*  
Murmur and threaten innovation,  
Whisper our government tyrannical,  
Deny us what is ours, nay, spurn their lives  
Of which they are but owners by our gift.  
It must not be. *Oxford* It must not, should not.

*King Henry* So then. To whom? *Enter a Post.*

*Post.* This packet to your sacred Majesty.

*King Henry* Sirrah attend without.

*Oxford* News from the *North*, upon my life. *Daubeney* Wise *Henry*  
Divines beforehand of events: with him  
Attempts and execution are one act.

*King Henry* *Urswick* thine ear; *Frion* is caught, the man  
Of cunning is outreached: we must be safe:  
Should reverend *Morton* our Archbishop move

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To a translation higher yet, I tell thee,  
*My Durham* owns a brain deserves that See.  
He's nimble in his industry, and mounting:  
Thou hear'st me? *Urswick* And conceive your Highness fitly:  
*King Henry* *Daubeney*, and *Oxford*; since our Army stands  
Entire, it were a weakness to admit  
The rust of laziness to eat amongst them:  
Set forward toward *Salisbury*; the plains  
Are most commodious for their exercise.  
Ourself will take a Muster of them there:  
And or disband them with reward, or else  
Dispose as best concerns us. *Daubeney* *Salisbury*?  
Sir, all is peace at *Salisbury*. *King Henry* Dear friend —  
The charge must be our own; we would a little  
Partake the pleasure with our Subjects' ease.  
Shall I entreat your Loves? *Oxford* command our Lives.  
*King Henry* Y' are men know how to do, not to forethink:  
*My Bishop* is a jewel tried, and perfect;  
A jewel (Lords) the Post who brought these Letters,  
Must speed another to the *Mayor of Exeter*  
*Urswick* dismiss him not. *Urswick* He waits your pleasure.  
*King Henry* *Perkin* a King? a King? *Urswick* My gracious Lord.

*King Henry* Thoughts, busied in the sphere of Royalty,  
Fix not on creeping worms, without their stings;  
Mere excrements of earth. The use of time  
Is thriving safety, and a wise prevention  
Of ills expected. W' are resolved for *Salisbury*.      *Exeunt omnes.*  
*A general shout within.*

*Enter Warbeck, Daliell, Katherine, and Jane.*

*Warbeck* After so many storms as wind and Seas,  
Have threatened to our weather-beaten Ships,  
At last (sweet fairest) we are safe arrived  
On our dear *mother earth*, ingrateful only  
To heaven and us, in yielding sustenance  
To sly *Usurpers of our throne and right.*  
These general acclamations, are an OMEN  
Of happy process to their welcome Lord:  
They flock in troops, and from all parts with wings  
Of duty fly, to lay their hearts before us,  
Unequaled pattern of a matchless wife,  
How fares my dearest yet? *Katherine* Confirmed in health:  
By which I may the better undergo  
The roughest face of change; but I shall learn  
Patience to hope, since silence courts affliction  
For comforts, to this truly *noble Gentleman*;  
Rare unexampled pattern of a friend?

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And my beloved *Jane*, the willing follower  
Of all misfortunes. *Daliell* Lady, I return  
But barren crops, of early protestations,  
Frost-bitten in the spring of fruitless hopes.

*Jane*, I wait but as the shadow to the body,  
For Madam without you let me be nothing.

*Warbeck* None talk of sadness, we are on the way  
Which leads to Victory: keep cowards thoughts  
With desperate sullenness! the Lion faints not  
Locked in a grate, but loose, disdains all force  
Which bars his prey; and we are Lion-hearted,  
Or else no King of beasts. Hark how they shout.

*Another shout.*

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Triumphant in our cause? **bold confidence**  
Marches on bravely, cannot quake at **danger**.

*Enter Skelton.*

*Skelton* Save *King Richard the fourth*, sauve thee *King of hearts?*  
the *Cornish* blades are men of mettle, **have** proclaimed through  
*Bodmin* and the whole County, my sweet Prince, *Monarch of England*, four thousand tall yeomen, with bow and sword already  
vow to live and die at the foot of KING RICHARD.

*Enter Astley.*

*Astley.* *The Mayor* our fellow Counselor, is servant for an  
Emperor. *Exeter* is appointed for the *Rend a vous* and nothing  
wants to victory but courage, and resolution. *vigillatum et datum decimo Septembbris, Anno Regni Regis primo and cetera; confirmatum est.* All's cock-sure.

*Warbeck* To *Exeter*, to *Exeter*, march on.  
Commend us to our people; we in person  
Will lend them double spirits, tell them so.

*Skelton and Astley* King *Richard*, King *Richard*.

*Warbeck* A thousand blessings guard our lawful Arms!  
A thousand horrors pierce our enemies' souls!  
Pale fear unedge their weapons' sharpest points,  
And when they draw their arrows to the head,  
Numbness shall strike their sinews; such advantage  
Hath *Majesty* in its pursuit of Justice,  
That on the proppers-up, of truth's old throne,  
It both enlightens counsel, and gives heart  
To execution: whiles the throats of traitors  
Lie bare before our mercy. O Divinity  
Of *royal birth*? how it strikes dumb the tongues  
Whose prodigality of breath is bribed  
By trains to greatness? Princes are but men,  
Distinguished in the fineness of their frailty.  
Yet not so gross in beauty of the mind,  
For there's a fire more sacred, purifies  
The dross of mixture. Herein stands the odds  
"Subjects are men, on earth Kings men and gods."

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*Exeunt omnes.*

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*Actus Quintus: Scaena prima.*

wln 2120

*Enter Katherine, and Jane, in riding suits, with one servant.*

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*Katherine* IT is decreed; and we must yield to fate,  
Whose angry Justice though it threaten ruin,  
Contempt, and poverty, is all but trial  
Of a weak woman's constancy in suffering.  
Here in a stranger's, and an enemy's Land  
Forsaken, and unfurnished of all hopes,  
(But such as wait on misery,) I range  
To meet affliction wheresoe'er I tread.  
My train, and pomp of servants, is reduced  
To one kind Gentlewoman, and this groom.  
Sweet *Jane*, now whither must we? *Jane*. To your Ships  
Dear Lady: and turn home. *Katherine* Home! I have none.  
Fly thou to *Scotland*, thou hast friends will weep  
For joy to bid thee welcome; but ô *Jane*  
My *Jane*, my friends are desperate of comfort  
As I must be of them; the common charity,  
Good people's alms, and prayers of the gentle  
Is the revenue must support my state.  
As for my native Country, since it once  
Saw me a Princess in the height of greatness  
My birth allowed me; here I make a vow,  
*Scotland* shall never see me, being fallen  
Or lessened in my fortunes. Never *Jane*;  
Never to *Scotland* more will I return.  
Could I be *England's Queen* (a glory *Jane*)  
I never fawned on) yet the King who gave me,  
Hath sent me with my *husband* from his presence:  
Delivered us suspected to his Nation:  
Rendered us spectacles to time, and pity.  
And is it fit I should return to such  
As only listen after our descent  
From happiness enjoyed, to misery

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Expected, though uncertain? Never, never;  
Alas, why dost thou weep? and that poor creature,  
Wipe his wet cheeks too? let me feel alone  
Extremities, who know to give them harbor:  
Nor thou, nor he, has cause. You may live safely.

*Jane*. There is no safety whiles your dangers (Madam)  
Are every way apparent. *Servant*. Pardon Lady;

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I cannot choose but show my honest heart;  
You were ever my good Lady. *Katherine* O dear souls!  
Your shares in grief are too too much.

*Enter Daliell.*

*Daliell.* I bring  
(Fair Princess) news of further sadness yet,  
Than your sweet youth, hath been acquainted with.

*Katherine* Not more (my Lord) than I can welcome; speak it;  
The worst, the worst, I look for. *Daliell* All the *Cornish*,  
At *Exeter*, were by the *Citizens*  
Repulsed, encountered by the *Earl of Devonshire*  
And other worthy Gentlemen of the Country.  
*Your husband* marched to *Taunton*, and was there  
Affronted by King *Henry's Chamberlain*.  
The King himself in person, with his Army  
Advancing nearer, to renew the fight  
On all occasions. But the night before  
The battles were to join, *your husband* privately  
Accompanied with some few horse, departed  
From out the camp, and posted none knows whither.

*Katherine* Fled without battle given? *Daliell* Fled, but followed  
By *Daubeney*, all his parties left to taste  
King *Henry's* mercy, for to that they yielded;  
Victorious without bloodshed. *Katherine* O my sorrows!  
If *both* our lives had proved the sacrifice  
To *Henry's* tyranny, we had fallen like Princes,  
And robbed him, of the glory of his pride.

*Daliell* Impute it not to faintness, or to weakness  
Of noble courage Lady, but foresight:  
For by some secret friend he had intelligence

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Of being bought and sold, by his base followers.  
Worse yet remains untold. *Katherine* No, no, it cannot.

*Daliell.* I fear y' are betrayed. The *Earl of Oxford*  
Runs hot in your pursuit. *Katherine* 'A shall not need,  
We'll run as hot in resolution, gladly  
To make the Earl our Jailor.

*Jane.* Madam, Madam, they come, they come!

*Enter Oxford, with followers.*

*Daliell.* Keep back, or he who dares  
Rudely to violate the Law of honor,  
Runs on my sword. *Katherine* Most noble Sir, forbear!  
What reason draws you hither (Gentlemen!)  
Whom seek 'ee? *Oxford* All stand off; with favor Lady  
From *Henry, England's* King, I would present,  
Unto the beauteous *Princess, Katherine Gordon*,  
The tender of a gracious entertainment.

*Katherine* We are that *Princess*, whom your master King  
Pursues with reaching arms, to draw into

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His power: let him use his tyranny,  
We shall not be his Subjects.

*Oxford* My Commission, extends no further (excellentest Lady)  
Then to a service; 'tis King *Henry*'s pleasure,  
That you, and all, that have relation t'ee,  
Be guarded as becomes your birth, and greatness.  
For rest assured (*sweet Princess*) that not aught  
Of what you do call yours, shall find disturbance,  
Or any welcome other, then what suits  
Your high condition. *Katherine* By what title (Sir)  
May I acknowledge you? *Oxford* Your servant (Lady)  
Descended from the Line of *Oxford's Earls*,  
Inherits what his ancestors before him  
Were owners of. *Katherine* Your King is herein royal,  
That by a Peer so ancient in descent  
As well as blood, commands Us to his presence.

*Oxford* Invites 'ee, *Princess* not commands. *Katherine* Pray use  
Your own phrase as you list; to your protection  
Both I, and mine submit. *Oxford* There's in your number

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A Nobleman, whom fame hath bravely spoken.  
To him the King my Master bade me say  
How willingly he courts his friendship. Far  
From an enforcement, more than what in terms  
Of courtesy, so great a Prince may hope for.

*Daliell.* My name is *Daliell*. *Oxford* 'Tis a name, hath won  
Both thanks, and wonder, from report; (my Lord)  
The Court of *England* emulates your merit,  
And covets to embrace 'ee. *Daliell.* I must wait on  
The *Princess* in her fortunes. *Oxford* Will you please,  
(Great Lady) to set forward? *Katherine* Being driven  
By fate, it were in vain to strive with Heaven. *Exeunt omnes.*

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*Enter King Henry, Surrey, Urswick, and a guard of Soldiers.*

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*King Henry* The Counterfeit King *Perkin* is escaped,  
Escape, so let him; he is hedged too fast  
Within the Circuit of our English pale,  
To steal out of our Ports, or leap the walls  
Which guard our Land; the Seas are rough, and wider  
Than his weak arms can tug with; *Surrey* henceforth  
Your King may reign in quiet: turmoils past  
Like some unquiet dream, have rather busied  
Our fancy, then affrighted rest of State.  
But *Surrey*, why in articling a peace  
With *James of Scotland*, was not restitution  
Of Losses, which our Subjects did sustain  
By the *Scotch* inroads, questioned? *Surrey* Both demanded  
And urged (my Lord,) to which the *King* replied

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In modest merriment, but smiling earnest,  
How that our Master *Henry* was much abler  
To bear the detriments, than he repay them.

*King Henry* The young man I believe spake honest truth,  
'A studies to be wise betimes. Has *Urswick*,  
*Sir Rice ap Thomas*, and Lord *Brook* our Steward,  
Returned the western Gentlemen full thanks,  
From *Us*, for their tried Loyalties? *Surrey* They have:  
Which as if health and life had reigned amongst 'em,

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With open hearts, they joyfully received.

*King Henry* Young *Buckingham* is a fair natured *Prince*,  
**Lovely** in hopes, and *worthy of his Father*:  
Attended by an hundred Knights and Squires,  
Of special name, he tendered humble service,  
Which we must ne'er forget: and *Devonshire's* wounds  
Though sleight, shall find sound cure, in our respect.

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*Enter Daubeney, with Warbeck, Heron,  
John a-Water, Astley, Skelton.*

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*Daubeney* Life to the King, and safety fix his throne:  
I here present you (royal Sir) a shadow  
Of *Majesty*, but in effect a substance  
Of pity; a young man, in nothing grown  
To ripeness, but th' ambition of your mercy:  
*Perkin* the Christian world's strange wonder.

*King Henry* *Daubeney*, We observe no wonder; I behold ('tis true)  
An ornament of nature, fine, and polished,  
*A handsome youth indeed*, but not admire him.  
How came he to thy hands? *Daubeney* From Sanctuary  
At *Beaulieu*, near *Southampton*, registered  
With these few followers, for persons privileged.

*King Henry* I must not thank you Sir! you were to blame  
To infringe the Liberty of houses sacred:  
Dare we be irreligious? *Daubeney* Gracious Lord,  
They voluntarily resigned themselves,  
Without compulsion. *King Henry* So? 'twas very well,  
'Twas very very well — turn now thine eyes  
(Young man) upon thyself, and thy past actions!  
What revels in combustion through our Kingdom,  
A frenzy of aspiring youth hath danced,  
Till wanting breath, thy feet of pride have slipped  
To break thy neck. *Warbeck* But not my heart; my heart  
Will mount, till every drop of blood be frozen  
By deaths perpetual Winter: If the *Sun*  
*Of Majesty* be darkened, let the *Sun*  
*Of Life* be hid from me, in an eclipse

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Lasting, and universal. Sir, remember  
 There was a shooting in of light, when *Richmond*  
 (Not aiming at a crown) retired, and gladly,  
 For comfort, to the *Duke of Britain's* Court.  
*Richard* who swayed the Sceptre, was reputed  
 A tyrant then; yet then, a dawning glimmered  
 To some few wand'ring remnants, promising day  
 When first they ventured, on a frightful shore,  
 At *Milford Haven*. *Daubeney* Whither speeds his boldness?  
 Check his rude tongue (great Sir!) *King Henry* O let him range:  
 The player's on the stage still, 'tis his part;  
 'A does but act: what followed? *Warbeck Bosworth field*:  
 Where at an instant, to the world's amazement,  
 A morn to *Richmond*, and a night to *Richard*  
 Appeared at once: the tale is soon applied:  
 Fate which crowned these attempts when least assured,  
 Might have befriended *others*, like resolved.

*King Henry* A pretty gallant! thus, *your Aunt of Burgundy*,  
 Your *Duchess Aunt* informed her Nephew; so  
 The lesson prompted, and well conned, was molded  
 Into familiar Dialogue, oft rehearsed,  
 Till learnt by heart, 'tis now, received for truth.

*Warbeck* *Truth* in her pure simplicity wants art  
 To put a feigned blush on: *scorn* wears only  
 Such fashion, as commends to gazers' eyes  
 Sad ulcerated *Novelty*; far beneath  
 The sphere of *Majesty*: in such a *Court*,  
*Wisdom*, and *gravity*, are proper robes,  
 By which the Sovereign is best distinguished,  
 From *Zanies* to his Greatness. *King Henry* Sirrah, shift  
 Your antic Pageantry, and now appear  
 In your own nature, or you'll taste the danger  
 Of fooling out of season. *Warbeck* I expect  
 No less, then what *severity* calls *Justice*,  
 And *Politicians*, *safety*; let such beg,  
 As feed on alms: but if there can be mercy  
 In a protested enemy, then may it

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Descend to these poor creatures, whose engagements  
 To th' bettering of their fortunes, have incurred  
 A loss of all; to them, if any charity  
 Flow from some noble Orator, in death  
 I owe the fee of thankfulness. *King Henry* So brave!  
 What a bold knave is this? which of these Rebels  
 Has been the *Mayor of Cork*? *Daubeney* This wise formality:  
 Kneel to the King 'ee Rascals!

*King Henry* Canst thou hope,

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A *Pardon*, where thy guilt is so apparent?

*Mayor.* Under your good favors, as men, are men, they may err: for I confess, respectively, in taking great parts, the one side prevailing, the other side must go down: herein the point is clear, if the proverb hold, that *hanging goes by destiny*, that it is to little purpose to say, this thing, or that, shall be thus, or thus; for as the fates will have it, so it must be, and who can help it.

*Daubene* O blockhead! thou a privy Counselor?

Beg life, and cry aloud, Heaven save *King Henry*.

*Mayor.* Every man knows what is best, as it happens: for my own part, I believe it is true, if I be not deceived, that Kings must be Kings, and Subjects, Subjects. But *which* is *which*; you shall pardon me for that; whether we speak or hold our peace, all are mortal, no man knows his end.

*King Henry* We trifle time with follies.

*Omnes.* Mercy, mercy.

*King Henry* *Urswick*, command the Dukeling, and these fellows, To *Digby*, the Lieutenant of the Tower:

With safety let them be conveyed to *London*.

It is our pleasure, no uncivil outrage,  
Taunts, or abuse be suffered to their persons;

They shall meet fairer Law than they deserve.

Time may restore their wits, whom vain ambition

Hath many years distracted. *Warbeck* Noble thoughts

Meet freedom in captivity; the Tower?

Our Childhood's dreadful nursery. *King Henry* No more.

*Urswick* Come, come, you shall have leisure to bethink 'ee.

*Exit Urswick with Perkin and his.*

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*King Henry* Was ever so much impudence in forgery?

The custom sure of being styled *a King*,  
Hath fastened in his thought that HE IS SUCH.

But we shall teach the lad, another language;

'Tis good we have him fast. *Daubene* The Hangman's physic

Will purge this saucy humor. *King Henry* Very likely:

Yet, we could, temper mercy, with extremity,

Being not too far provoked.

Enter Oxford, Katherine *in her richest attire*,  
Jane, and attendants.

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*Oxford* Great Sir, be pleased

With your accustomed grace, to entertain

*The Princess Katherine Gordon.* *King Henry* *Oxford*, herein

We must beshrew thy knowledge of our nature.

A Lady of her birth and virtues, could not

Have found Us so unfurnished of good manners,

As not on notice given, to have met her

Half way in point of Love. Excuse (*fair Cousin*)

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The oversight! ô fie, you may not kneel:  
'Tis most unfitting; first, vouchsafe this welcome;  
A welcome to your own, for you shall find Us  
But guardian to your fortune, and your honors.

*Katherine* My fortunes, and mine honors, are weak champions,  
As both are now befriended (Sir!) however  
Both bow before your clemency. *King Henry* Our arms  
Shall circle them from malice — 'A sweet Lady?  
Beauty incomparable? Here lives Majesty  
At league with Love. *Katherine* O Sir, I have *a husband*.

*King Henry* We'll prove your father, husband, friend, and servant,  
Prove what you wish to grant us, (Lords) be careful  
A Patent presently be drawn, for issuing  
A thousand pounds from our Exchequer yearly,  
During our Cousin's life: our Queen shall be  
Your chief companion, our own Court your Home,  
Our Subjects, all your servants.

*Katherine* But my husband?

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*King Henry* By all descriptions, you are noble *Daliell*,  
Whose generous truth hath famed a rare observance!  
We thank 'ee, 'tis a goodness gives addition  
To every title, boasted from your Ancestry,  
In all most worthy. *Daliell*. Worthier than your praises,  
Right princely Sir, I need not glory in.

*King Henry* Embrace him (Lords,) whoever calls you Mistress  
Is lifted in our charge, — a goodlier beauty  
Mine eyes yet ne'er encountered. *Katherine* Cruel misery  
Of fate, what rests to hope for? *King Henry* Forward Lords  
To *London*: (fair) ere long, I shall present 'ee  
With a glad object, peace, and *Huntly*'s blessing. *Exeunt omnes*.

*Enter Constable, and Officers, Warbeck, Urswick, and Lambert Simnel, like a Falconer.*

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*A pair of Stocks.*

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*Constable* Make room there, keep off I require 'ee, and none come  
within twelve foot of his Majesty's new Stocks, upon pain of  
displeasure. Bring forward the Malefactors. Friend, you must to  
this gear, — no remedy, — open the hole, and in with his legs,  
just in the middle hole, there, that hole; keep off, or I'll commit  
you all. Shall not a man in authority be obeyed? So, so, there,  
'tis as it should be: put on the padlock, and give me the key;  
off I say, keep off.

*Urswick* Yet *Warbeck* clear thy Conscience, thou hast tasted  
King *Henry*'s mercy liberally; the Law  
Has forfeited thy life, an equal Jury  
Have doomed thee to the Gallows; twice, most wickedly,

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Most desperately hast thou escaped the Tower:  
Inveigling to thy party with thy witchcraft,  
Young *Edward, Earl of Warwick*, son to *Clarence*;  
Whose head must pay the price of that attempt;  
Poor Gentleman — unhappy in his fate —  
And ruined by thy cunning! so a Mongrel  
May pluck the true Stag down: yet, yet, confess  
Thy parentage; for yet the King has mercy.

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*Lambert* You would be *Dick the fourth*, very likely  
Your pedigree is published, you are known  
For *Osbeck's* son of *Tourney*, a loose runagate,  
A Landloper: your Father was a *Jew*,  
Turned Christian merely to repair his miseries.  
Where's now your Kingship? *Warbeck* Baited to my death?  
Intolerable cruelty! I laugh at  
The *Duke of Richmond's* practice on my fortunes.  
*Possession of a Crown, ne'er wanted Heralds.*

*Lambert* You will not know who I am!

*Urswick* *Lambert Simnel*;  
Your predecessor in a dangerous uproar;  
But on submission, not alone received  
To grace, but by the King, vouchsafed his service.

*Lambert* I would be Earl of *Warwick*, toiled and ruffled  
Against my Master, leapt to catch the Moon,  
Vaunted my name, *Plantagenet*, as you do:  
An Earl forsooth! Whenas in truth I was,  
As you are, a mere Rascal: yet, his Majesty,  
(A Prince composed of sweetness! Heaven protect him)  
Forgave me all my villainies, reprieved  
The sentence of a shameful end, admitted  
My surety of obedience to his service;  
And I am now his Falconer, live plenteously;  
Eat from the King's purse, and enjoy the sweetness  
Of liberty, and favor, sleep securely:  
And is not this now better, than to buffet  
The Hangman's clutches? or to brave the Cordage  
Of a tough halter, which will break your neck?  
So then the Gallant totters; prithee (*Perkin*)  
Let my example lead thee, be no longer  
A *Counterfeit*, confess, and hope for pardon!

*Warbeck* For pardon? hold my heartstrings, whiles contempt  
Of injuries, in scorn, may bid defiance  
To this base man's foul language: thou poor vermin!  
How dar'st thou creep so near me? thou an Earl?  
Why thou enjoyest as much of happiness,

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wln 2482 A dunghill was thy Cradle. So a puddle  
wln 2483 By virtue of the Sunbeams, breathes a vapor  
wln 2484 To infect the purer air, which drops again  
wln 2485 Into the muddy womb that first exhaled it.  
wln 2486 Bread, and a slavish ease, with some assurance  
wln 2487 From the base Beadle's whip, crowned all thy hopes.  
wln 2488 But (Sirrah) ran there in thy veins, one drop  
wln 2489 Of such a royal blood, as flows in mine;  
wln 2490 Thou wouldest not change condition, to be *second*  
wln 2491 In *England's* State without the Crown itself!  
wln 2492 Course creatures are incapable of excellence.  
wln 2493 But let the world, as all, to whom I am  
wln 2494 This day a spectacle, to time, deliver,  
wln 2495 And by tradition fix posterity,  
wln 2496 Without another Chronicle than *truth*,  
wln 2497 How constantly, my resolution suffered  
wln 2498 *A martyrdom of Majesty!* *Lambert* He's past  
wln 2499 Recovery, a *Bedlam* cannot cure him.  
wln 2500 *Urswick* Away, inform the King of his behavior.  
wln 2501 *Lambert* *Perkin*, beware the rope, the Hangman's coming.  
wln 2502 *Urswick* If yet thou hast no pity of thy body,  
wln 2503 Pity thy soul! *Exit Simnel.*

wln 2504 *Enter Katherine, Jane, Daliell, and Oxford.*

wln 2505 *Jane.* Dear Lady! *Oxford* Whither will 'ee  
wln 2506 Without respect of shame? *Katherine* Forbear me (Sir)  
wln 2507 And trouble not the current of my duty!  
wln 2508 Oh my Loved Lord! Can any scorn be yours,  
wln 2509 In which I have no interest? some kind hand  
wln 2510 Lend me assistance, that I may partake  
wln 2511 Th' infliction of this penance; *my life's dearest*  
wln 2512 Forgive me, I have stayed too long, from tend'ring  
wln 2513 Attendance on reproach, yet bid me welcome.  
wln 2514 *Warbeck* Great miracle of Constancy! my miseries,  
wln 2515 Were never bankrupt of their confidence

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wln 2516 In worst afflictions, till *this now*, I feel them.  
wln 2517 Report, and thy Deserts, (*thou best of creatures*)  
wln 2518 Might to eternity, have stood a pattern  
wln 2519 For every virtuous wife, without this conquest.  
wln 2520 Thou hast outdone belief, yet, may *their* ruin  
wln 2521 In after marriages, be never pitied,  
wln 2522 To whom thy Story, shall appear a fable.  
wln 2523 Why wouldest thou prove so much unkind to greatness,  
wln 2524 To glorify thy vows by such a servitude?  
wln 2525 I cannot weep, but trust me (*Dear*) my heart  
wln 2526 Is liberal of passion; *Harry Richmond!*

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A woman's faith, hath robbed thy fame of triumph.  
*Oxford* Sirrah, leave off your juggling, and tie up  
The Devil, that ranges in your tongue. *Urswick* Thus Witches,  
Possessed, even their deaths' deluded, say,  
They have been wolves, and dogs, and sailed in Eggshells  
Over the Sea, and rid on fiery Dragons;  
Passed in the air more than a thousand miles,  
All in a night; the enemy of mankind  
Is powerful, but false; and falsehood confident.  
*Oxford* Remember (Lady) who you are; come from  
That impudent Imposter! *Katherine* You abuse us:  
For when the holy *Churchman* joined our hands,  
Our Vows were real then; the Ceremony  
Was not in apparition, but in act.  
Be what these people term *Thee*, I am certain  
Thou art *my husband*, no Divorce in Heaven  
Has been sued out between us; 'tis injustice  
For any earthly power to divide us.  
Or we will live, or let us die together.  
*There is a cruel mercy.*  
*Warbeck* Spite of tyranny  
We reign in our affections, (*blessed Woman*)  
Read in my destiny, the wrack of honor;  
Point out in my contempt of death, to memory  
Some miserable happiness: since, herein,  
Even when I fell, I stood, enthroned a Monarch

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Of one chaste wife's troth, pure, and uncorrupted.  
*Fair Angel of perfection*; immortality  
Shall raise thy name up to an adoration;  
Court every rich opinion of true merit;  
And Saint it in the *Calendar of virtue*,  
When I am turned into the self-same dust  
Of which I was first formed. *Oxford* The Lord Ambassador,  
*Huntly*, your Father (Madam) should 'a look on  
Your strange subjection, in a gaze so public,  
Would blush on your behalf, and wish his Country  
Unleft, for entertainment to such sorrow.

*Katherine* Why art thou angry *Oxford*? I must be  
More peremptory in my duty; — (Sir)  
Impute it not unto immodesty,  
That I presume to press you to a Legacy,  
Before we part forever! *Warbeck* Let it be then  
My heart, the rich remains, of all my fortunes.

*Katherine* Confirm it with a kiss pray! *Warbeck* Oh, with that  
I wish to breathe my last upon thy lips,  
Those equal twins of comeliness, I seal  
The testament of honorable Vows:  
Whoever be that man, that shall unkiss

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This sacred print next, may he prove more thrifty  
In this world's just applause, not more desertful.

*Katherine* By this sweet pledge of both our souls, I swear  
To die a faithful widow to thy bed:  
Not to be **forced**, or won. ô, never, never.

*Enter Surrey, Daubeney, Huntly, and Crawford.*

*Daubeney* Free the condemned person, quickly free him.  
What has 'a yet confessed? *Urswick* Nothing to purpose;  
But still 'a will be King. *Surrey* Prepare your journey  
To a new Kingdom then, (unhappy Madam)  
Wilfully foolish! See my *Lord Ambassador*,  
Your Lady Daughter will not leave the Counterfeit  
In this disgrace of fate. *Huntly* I never pointed

Thy marriage (girl) but yet being married,  
Enjoy thy duty to a husband, freely:  
The griefs are mine. I glory in thy constancy;  
And must not say, I wish, that I had missed  
Some partage in these trials of a patience.

*Katherine* You will forgive me noble Sir? *Huntly* Yes, yes;  
In every duty of a wife, and daughter,  
I dare not disavow thee, — to your husband  
(For such you are Sir) I impart a farewell  
Of manly pity; what your life has passed through,  
The dangers of your end will make apparent?  
And I can add, for comfort to your sufferance,  
No Cordial, but the wonder of your frailty,  
Which keeps so firm a station. — We are parted.

*Warbeck* We are a crown of peace, renew thy age  
Most honorable *Huntly*: worthy *Crawford*?  
We may embrace, I never thought thee injury.

*Crawford* Nor was I ever guilty of neglect  
Which might procure such thought. I take my leave (Sir.)

*Warbeck* To you Lord *Daliell*: what? accept a sigh,  
'Tis hearty, and in earnest. *Daliell*. I want utterance:  
My silence is my farewell. *Katherine* Oh — oh, —

*Jane*. Sweet Madam,  
What do you mean! — my Lord, your hand.

*Daliell* Dear Lady,  
Be pleased that I may wait 'ee to your lodging.

*Exeunt Daliell, Katherine, Jane.*

*Enter Sheriff, and Officers, Skelton, Astley, Heron,  
and Mayor with halters about their necks.*

*Oxford* Look 'ee, behold your followers, appointed  
To wait on 'ee in death. *Warbeck* Why Peers of *England*,

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We'll lead 'em on courageously. I read  
A triumph over tyranny upon  
Their several foreheads. Faint not in the moment  
Of Victory! our ends, and *Warwick's* head,

Innocent *Warwick's* head, (for we are Prologue  
But to his tragedy) conclude the wonder  
Of *Henry's* fears; and then the glorious race  
Of *fourteen Kings* Plantagenets, determines  
In this *last issue male*, Heaven be obeyed.  
Impoverish time of its amazement (friends)  
And we will prove, as trusty in our payments,  
As prodigal to *nature* in our debts.  
Death? pish, 'tis but a sound; a name of air;  
A minute's storm; or not so much, to tumble  
From bed to bed, be massacred alive  
By some *Physicians*, for a month, or two,  
In hope of freedom from a Fever's torments,  
Might stagger manhood; here, the pain is past  
Ere sensibly 'tis felt. Be men of spirit!  
Spurn coward passion! so illustrious mention,  
Shall blaze *our names*, and style us KINGS O'ER DEATH.

*Daubene* Away—Imposter beyond precedent: *Exeunt all Officers*  
No Chronicle records his fellow. *and Prisoners.*

*Hun* I have  
Not thoughts left, 'tis sufficient in such cases  
Just Laws ought to proceed.

*Enter King Henry, Durham, and Halias.*

*King Henry* We are resolved:  
Your business (noble Lords) shall find success,  
Such as your King importunes. *Hun* You are gracious.

*King Henry* *Perkin*, we are informed, is armed to die:  
In that we'll honor him. Our Lords shall follow  
To see the execution; and from hence  
We gather this fit use: that public States,  
"As our particular bodies, taste most good  
"In health, when purged of corrupted blood.

*Exeunt omnes.*

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*FINIS.*

Epilogue.

*HEre has appeared, though in a several fashion,  
The Threats of Majesty; the strength of passion;  
Hopes of an Empire; change of fortunes; All*

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*What can to Theaters or Greatness fall;  
Proving their weak foundations: who will please  
Amongst such several Sights, to censure These  
No birth's abortive nor a bastard-brood  
(Shame to a parentage, or fosterhood)  
May warrant by their loves, all just excuses,  
And often find a welcome to the Muses.*

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## Textual Notes

1. **14 (4-b)**: The regularized reading *eclipse* is amended from the original *ecclipfe*.
2. **27 (5-a)**: The regularized reading *TRUTH* is amended from the original *TTVTH*.
3. **856 (17-a)**: The regularized reading *Phaeton* is amended from the original *Phueton*.
4. **1102 (20-b)**: The regularized reading *Dertford* comes from the original *Dertford*, though possible variants include *Deptford*.
5. **1764 (29-b)**: The regularized reading *Combination* is supplied for the original *Combinati[\*]n*.
6. **2082 (34-a)**: Both Huntington (base copy) and Folger shelfmark STC 11157 have faint printing on this page. Regularizations in this section are taken from the Folger copy.
7. **2082 (34-a)**: The regularized reading *confidence* is supplied for the original *c[◊]*.
8. **2083 (34-a)**: The regularized reading *danger* is supplied for the original *[◊]*.
9. **2086 (34-a)**: The regularized reading *have* is supplied for the original *ha[\*]e*.
10. **2265 (36-b)**: The regularized reading *Lovely* is supplied for the original *L[\*]uely*.
11. **2458 (39-a)**: The regularized reading *Earl* is amended from the original *Eare*.
12. **2579 (40-b)**: The regularized reading *forced* is amended from the original *fore't*.