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PREFACE.

THE present volume contains a trilogy of dramas which, although known to have once existed, has lain *perdu* to the world from the time of its composition, except with regard to the third part. That third part was twice printed in 1606, rather more than four years after the date of its first representation; was reprinted in the last century; was included a few years ago in Mr. W. Carew Hazlitt's edition of Dodsley's *Select Plays* ; and in 1879 obtained a place in Prof. Arber's *English Scholar's Library*. But why this third part should alone have been published by its author does not dearly appear; it was described by its eighteenth-century editor, Thos. Hawkins, in somewhat exaggerated terms, as being 'perhaps the most singular composition in our language,' but its singularity of design and character is shared equally by the earlier parts, which display also as much humour and are fuller of illustrations of the academic life of the period. They have, unhappily, as much too of that coarseness which is such a blot on the popular literature of the time, but they have no such pages of repulsive rant as are assigned at the close of the third part to the extravagant characters *Furor Poeticus* and *Phantasma*. Probably the secret of the greater popularity of the third part may be found in the personal satire expressed in the character of the *Recorder*. In him is personified Francis Brackyn, who in his office as Recorder of Cambridge incurred extreme unpopularity in the

University by maintaining the right of the Mayor to precedence over the Vice-Chancellor in certain cases.¹ He had already been satirized in *Club-Law*, a play acted at Clare Hall in 1597-8; and it is possible that he may also be the lawyer who at a later date figures as *Ignoramus* in Ruggles' famous comedy. It may well be that it was on this account that the last part of our trilogy won the greater popularity amongst the academic auditors to whose sympathies it appealed; and the prominence given through-its second title, *The Scourge of Simony*, to that portion of the play which represents the lawyer's co-operation with a patron in the sale of an ecclesiastical benefice, makes it also probable that the latter greedy reprobate, called by the different names of Sir Frederick, Sir Raderick, and Sir Randall, may have been some other easily recognised and notorious character of the time. It was only some twenty-five years before that a statute had been passed (13 Eliz. *cap.* 6) forbidding the taking money for presentation to a vacant benefice, and making that an offence by civil law which had before been only cognizable under canon law, but no doubt unscrupulous patrons and lawyers had already begun to find ways for driving the proverbial coach and horses through the technicalities of the enactment.

The first two comedies are now printed from a MS. preserved in one of Thomas Hearne's volumes of miscellaneous collections in the Bodleian Library. With a true sense of the possible value to others, if not to himself, of all remnants of earlier times, of the very rags of writings, Hearne (who, in the words of his self-written epitaph, 'studied and preserved antiquities' in a way for which we of the later generations can never be too grateful) stored up

¹ See Mr. James Bass Mullinger's *University of Cambridge 1535-1625*, published in 1884, p. 526. AD abstract of the third play is there given at pp. 522-526

all kinds of papers, binding them together just as they came to his hands, in most admired confusion. His MSS. now form part of Dr. Richard Rawlinson's vast collection; and there, in one of his mixed volumes numbered Rawlinson D 398, I met with these lost plays. The MS. consists of twenty folio leaves (besides one outside leaf) written evidently by a copyist, who, as evidently, has sometimes been unable to read, or too careless to read, his original correctly. The stage directions are written in pale red ink. There is a curious peculiarity in the scribe's spelling, which may perhaps help to determine his provincial locality; words ending in *ce*[^] such as 'once ' fence,' ' hence' are written without the final *c*, ' one,' ' fenc' ' henc' And 'they' is frequently used for ' the.' On the outside leaf is written, as an owner's name, 'Edmunde Rishton, Lancastrensis.' It is possible that, as the plays were acted at St. John's College, this person was a member of the College; but as unfortunately the registers there only reach back to the year 1634 (as I am informed by Mr. J. B. Mullinger), there are no means of tracing him through College records. Nor has Mr. J. Eglington Bailey, whose knowledge with respect to the families and worthies of Lancashire is extensive and well known, been able to identify him by this his short local description of himself. And while this mark of ownership connects this MS. with a northern county, it is worthy of notice that the second MS., to be described further on, came to its present possessor's hands from a library in the north.' We should be prepared therefore to look thither for the author,- and in the prologue to the second play we seem to find some evidence that he was a native of Cheshire. The two lines in the professed description of the author,

'Hee never since durst name a peece of cheese,
Though Chessire seems to priviledge his name'

' The provincial philologist will, I believe, find woids of northern use not infrequent; e.g. 'sooping.'

appear to connect him with that county, although the allusion is one which, in our ignorance of the author, defies explanation. If the lines preceding these are to be taken *au sérieux* and not simply as jocular, he was one who had failed to secure his B.A. hood at Cambridge, and had migrated thence to Germany, where he had at last obtained some 'silie poore degree'; and then, it would seem, had returned to his Alma Mater.

The plays were all of them 'Christmas toys.' The date of the third has been proved from internal evidence (see Prof. Arber's Introduction to his reprint) to be December, 1601. The fresh readings in the prologue to that play, which have been gained from Mr. Halliwell-Phillipps' MS., show us that the first part (which was written in three days) was acted four years before, *i.e.* in December, 1597, and that the third was the final conclusion of the series. That prologue tells us also that the author and a friend, described as the *Phllomusus* and *Studioso* of the comedies, had meanwhile been to Italy, which we learn also from the fourth scene of the first act. The two friends represent themselves as having contemplated, in the mercenary hope of profitable preferment, secession abroad to that Roman Faith for which many others had at that time abandoned both Cambridge and Oxford, but finding that 'discontented clerks' could not get a cardinal's cap as easily as they expected, they preferred want at home to mendicancy at Rome or Rheims; in this, no doubt, satirizing the supposed motives of some of the Roman converts. We learn too that the earlier plays had been acted more than once at Cambridge, although some of the allusions which appear to imply this, *viz.* those to the 'sophisters' knocks; and the 'butler's box' are by no means clear.

In the former printed texts of the third play there are frequent passages which are unintelligible from errors of the press. These are now rendered clear by readings

gained from a MS. in the possession of Mr. Haliwell-PhillippSj for the use of which I am greatly indebted to that gentleman. The new readings show how fair a field is really open to conjecture in the attempted correction of old texts for which no MS. authority exists, and justify much of the conjectural criticism which is applied to Shakespearean difficulties.' They prove also the critical acumen and ingenuity of Edm. Malone, since several of the corrections are found to correspond with emendations noted by him, as apparently his own guesses, in the margins of one of his printed copies.' The MS. in question forms a small quarto volume, in a parchment cover, and is written by a contemporary hand. There is no trace of authorship or ownership; but it came to its present possessor's hands from an old family library, where it may well have been from the days of James I.

It has already been mentioned that this third play was twice printed in the year 1606. Both the editions were printed at London by G. Eld for John Wright, and are exactly similar in title-page and appearance. But there are frequent verbal variations in their texts. The one which is here designated in the foot-notes as 'B' is that which was used by Mr. Arber for his reprint. Unfortunately this is by far (as the notes show) the less correct of the two. The other, designated as 'A,' has been adopted in the main for the text here given, with the corrections of the MS. (enclosed in brackets) and occasionally a few corrections also from ¹ B.' Of both these editions there are copies in Malone's collection in the Bodleian Library.

For illustrations of University life and scholars' struggles

¹ It is needless here to point out to those who will examine text and notes the many corrections which are gained from the MS. It is enough to refer to p. 87 for the important correction in the first of the lines upon Shakespeare, and to p. 139 for the reading of 'size que' for 'sice kne.'

¹ These places are pointed out in the footnotes of the various readings.

the newly-recovered plays will be found very curious and interesting. Very witty and amusing, too, and full of real life-like character, are the pictures of the carrier Leonard and the tapster Simson, and the village churchwarden Perceval. But the chief interest lies in the fresh notices afforded of Shakespeare, of so early a date as 1600. The quotations with which interlards his discourse, and which he appropriates as his own, the respect with which he speaks of the poet as 'Mr. Shakspeare' his declaration that he will have his picture in his study and keep his *Venus and Adonis* under his pillow, and the preference which he gives at once to lines that profess to imitate Shakespeare before those which imitate Chaucer and Spenser, are all signs of the popularity which had already been won. But it is popularity only with a certain class. The notices in the third play seem (as Mr. Mullinger has remarked, *Univ. of Cambr.* p. 534 n.) 'to convey the notion that Shakespeare is the favourite of the rude half-educated strolling players, as distinguished from the refined geniuses of the University.¹ And those in the second play, which all come from the mouth of Gullio, the arrant braggart, the empty pretender to knowledge, and the avowed libertine, and from his page, tend to show that while the *Venus and Adonis* was the best known of the already published writings, this in the esteem of Cambridge scholars made Shakespeare to be regarded as specially being the favourite of the class which that character represents. Certainly the popularity assigned to him is not of a sort to be desired; but the popularity itself is indisputable.

A comparison with Bishop Hall's *Satires* brings to view a great similarity alike in subjects and in language. The second book of the *Satires* deals, in fact, with many of the abuses of which our unknown author treats. The second satire in that book is a complaint of the poverty of scholars;

the third deals with lawyers ; the fourth with doctors
' the fifth with the growing sin of simony, in relation to which
we meet with the same term of ' steeple-fair' which is used
infra at p. 137 ; the sixth is respecting the engagement of
a tutor, in which the conditions are very nearly identical,
and the payment wholly so, ' five marks and winter livery."
The *Satires* were first printed in 1597; and the coincidences
are so many and striking that it is plain that the writer of
the plays had them at least freshly in remembrance, and
may even have been consciously borrowing ideas from
them.

It may be well to mention that in the first two plays I
have supplied the punctuation, the MS. itself being but
scantily pointed. In regard to the third I have followed the
example of previous editors, and have left the punctuation
as it is found in the edition of 1606 noted as A, bad and
irregular as that often is, and have also retained capital
letters as there given, in order that the text of that edition
may be correctly represented.

" By both writers the medical consultation-fee is said **to** be a groat; to which
in the play the patient of his bounty adds eight pence.

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THE PILGRIMAGE TO PARNASSUS.

actors,

CONSILIODORUS.
PHILOMUSUS.
STUDIOSO.
MADIDO.
STUPIDO.

AMORETTO.
INGENIOSO.
CLOWNE.
DROMO.

PROLOGUE.

SPECTATORS, take youe noe severe accounte
Of our twoo pilgrims to Parnassus' mount.
If youle take three daies studie in good cheare,
Our muse is blest that ever shee came here.
If not, wele eare noe more the barren sande, 5
But let our pen seeke a more fertile lande.

ACTUS I^{us}.

Enter CONSILIODORUS with PHILOMUSUS and STUDIOSO.

Consil. Now, Philomusus, doe youre beardless years,
Youre faire yonge spring time, and youre budded youth,
Urge mee to advise youre younge untutord thoughte,
And give gray-bearded counsell to youre age, 10
Unto an ould man's speache one minute give,
Who manie years have schooled how to live;

To an advising tounge one halfe houre tende ;
 Whatsoere I speake experience hath pend.
 Perhaps this tounge, this minde-interpretor, 15
 Shall never more borrowe youre lisninge eare;
 Eare youe returne from greene Parnassus' hill
 My corps shall lie within some senceless urne,
 Some litel grave my ashes shall inclose.
 My winged soul 'gins scorne this slimie jayle 20
 And thinke upon a purer mansion.
 Elde summons mee to appeare at Pluto's courte,
 Amonge the shadie troupes of aerie ghostes.
 lie therefore counsell youe while I have time,
 For feare youre faire youth wither in her prime. 25
 Take good advise from him who lovs youe well;
 Plaine dealing needs not Retoricks tinklinge bell.

Philo. Father, what ere youre lovinge tounge shall utter,
 He drinke youre words with an attentive eare.
 Age in his speach a majestic doth beare. 30

Stud. I love to heare love play the oratoure.
 Younge men's advise can bcare but litell swaye,
 Counsell comes kindlie from a heade thats graye.

Consil. What wisdom manie winters hath begott
 Tyme's midwifrey at length shall bringe to light. 35
 Youe twoo are pilgrims to Parnassus' hill,
 Where with sweet nectar you youre vaines may fill ;
 Wheare youe maye bath youre drye and withered quills
 And teache them write some sweeter poetrie
 That may heereafter live a longer daye. 40
 There may youe bath youre lipps in Hellicon,
 And wash youre tounge in Aganippe's well,
 And teache them warble out some sweet sonnete
 To ravishe all the filde and neighbour-groves;
 That aged Collin, leaninge on his stafife, 45
 Feedingc his milkie flocke upon the downs

May wonder at youre sweete melodious pips,
And be attentive to youre harmonic.
There may youre templs be adornd with bays ;
There may youe slumber in sweet extasies; 50
There may you sit in softe greene lauriate shade,
And heare the Muses warble out a laye,
And mountinge singe like larke in somer's daye.
There may youe scorne each Mydas of this age,
Eache earthlie peasant and each drossie clowne, 55
That knoweth not howe to weigh youre worthiness,
But feedeth on beste corne, like a stall fed ass,
Whose statclie mouth in scorne by wheate doth pass.
I doe comende youre studious intent
In that youe make soe faire a pilgrimage. 60
If I were younge who nowe am waxen oulde,
Whose yonts youe see are dryde, benumd and collide,
Though I foreknewe that gold runns to the boore
He be a scholler, though I live but poore.
If youe will have a joyfull pilgrimage 65
Youe muste be warie pilgrims in the waye,
Youe muste not truste cache glozinge flatteringe vaine;
Ofte when the sunn shins bright it straight will raine.
Consorte not in the waye with graceless boys,
That feede the taverne with their idle coyne 70
Till their leane purses starve at last for foode.
O why shoulde schollers by unthriftiness
Secke to weaken their owne poore estate I
Let schollers be as thriftie as, they maye,
They will be poore ere their last dyinge daye; 75
Learninge and povertie will ever kiss.
Each carter caries fortune by his side,
But fortune will with schollers nere abide.
Eschew all lozell, lazie, loiteringe gromes,
AH foggie sleepers and all idle lumps, 80

¹ joints?

That doe burne out their base inglorious days
 Without or frute or joye of their loste time.
 Let lazie grill snorte till the midst of the day,
 Be you industrious pilgrims in the way.
 There is another sorte of smooth-faced youthcs, 85
 Those Amorettoes that doe spend their time
 In comminge of their smother-dangled heyre,
 The¹ court a lookinge glass from mornc till nighte.
 These would entise youe to some curtezan,
 And tell youe talcs of itchinge venerie; 90
 But let not their entisemente cause youre falls,
 Esteeme them as faire, rotten, painted walls.
 Nore will I have you truste each rugged browe,
 Each simple-sccminge mate, cache hearie chin;
 Crafte ofte in suchc plaine cottages doth in[n]. 95
 Associate yourselvs with studious youthcs,
 That, as Catullus saith, devours the waye
 That leads to Parnassus where content doth dwell.
 Happie I wish maye be youre pilgrimage!
 Joyfull maye youe returne from that faire hill, 100
 And make the vallies heare with admiration
 Those songs which youre refined tounge shall singe.
 But what? doc I prolong my studious spcache,
 Hindringe the forwarde hastninge of youre steps?
 Goe happilie with a swifte swallowes winge 105
 To Hellicon faire, that pure and happie springe!
 Returne triumphant with your laurell boughcs,
 With Phoebus' trees decke youre dcservinge brows !
 Haste, haste with speed unto that hallowed well!
 Soe take from mee a lovinge, longe farewell. no

Philom. Farewell, good father! and youre counsell sage
 Be my safe guide in this my pilgrimage!

Stud. Farewell, good uncle! and youre wise-said says
 Keepe mee from devious and by-wandringe wayes!

Consil. Farewell! Farewell! to parte with youe is paine,
But haste! let not the sunn-lighte burne in vain! 116

Philom. Come, Studioso, shall wee gett us gone?
Thinks thou oure softe and tender feet canne bide
To trace this roughe, this harsh, this craggie waye .
That leadeth unto faire Parnassus' hill? 120

Stud. Why, man ! each lazie groomewill take the paine
To drawe his slowe feete ore the clayie lande,
Soe he maye reste upon a faire greene banke.
These pilgrims feete, which nowe take wearie toile,
Maie one day on a bedd of roses rest 125
Amidst Parnassus' shadie laurell greene.

Philom. But cann we hit this narowe curious wayc,
Where are such by wayes and erronious paths?
Saye, whate the firstc ile wee muste travell in? 129

Stud. The firste lande that wee muste travell in (as that
oulde Hermite touldc me) is *Logiqnc*. I have gotten Jack
Scton's mapp to directe us through this cuntrie. This
island is, accordinge to his discription, muche like Wales,
full of craggic mountaines and thornie vallies. There arc
twoo robbers in this cuntrie caled *genus* and *specries*, that take
captive evcrie true mans invention that come by them ;
Pacius in his returne from Parnassus hadd beene robt
by these twoo forresters, but for one Carterus a lustie club-
man, muchc like the Finder of Wakfield, that defended him.

Plulom. Come let us journey on with winged pace ; 140
Rough way shall not dismay our studious mindes.
Let us then hasten to our wished port,
Longe is our journey and the way¹ is short.
Then, Phoebus, guide us to thy Hellicon,
And when our ruder pipes arc taught to singe 145
The eccoinge wood with thy praise shall ringe.

¹ Read 'day'?

Actus IIus

Enter MADIDO alone, reading *Horace Epistles*.

Madi. O poeet Horace! if thou were alive I woulde bestowe a cupp of sacke on thee for theise liquid verses; theise are not drie rimes like Cato's, *Si dens est animus*, but the true moist issue of a poetically soule. O if the tapsters and drawers knewe what thou sayest in the commendacon of takinge of liquoure, they would score up thy prayes upon everie but and barrell; and, in faith, I care not if I doc for the benefite of the unlearned bestowe some of my English poetrie uppon thy Latin rimes, that this Romane tonge maye noe longer outface our poore Englshe skinkers, He onlie rouse up my muse out of her den with this liquid sacrifice, and then, have
he drinks amongste youe, poets and rimers! The common people will now thinke I did drinke, and did nothinge but conferr with the ghostes of Homer, Ennius, Virgill, and they¹ rest that dwell in this wattcrie region. Marke, markc! here
he reads
Horaces
verses
again springs a poeticall partridge! Zouns! I want a worde miserably! I must looke for another worde in my dictionarie; I shall noe sooner open this pintc pott but the
he drinks worde like a knave tapster will crie, *Anon, Anon, Sir!* Ey marye Sir! nowe I am fitt to write a book! Woulde anie leaden Mydas, anic mossie patron, have his asses ears deified, let him but come and give mce some prettie sprinkling to maintaine the expences of my throatc, and He dropp out suche an encomium on him that shall imortalize him as long as there is ever a booke-bincler in
he translates Englande. But I had forgotten my frind Horace. Take not in snuffe (my prettie verses!) if I turne you out of youre Romane coate into an Englishe gaberdine. 175

¹ Sic.

[Enter PHILOMUSUS and STUDIOSO.]

Philom. In faith, Madido, thy poetrie is good;
Some gallant Genius doth possess thy corps.

Stud. I think a furie ravisheth thy braine,
Thou art in such a sweet phantasticke vaine.
But tell mee, shall wee have thy companie 180
Throughe this craggie ile, this harsh rough waye?
Wilt thou be pilgrime to Parnassus' hill?

Madi. I had rather be a horse to grinde in mill.
Zouns! I travell to Parnassus? I tell thee its not a pilgrim-
age for good wits. Let slowe-brainde Athenians travell
thither, those drie sober youths which can away to reede
dull lives, fustic philosophers, dustie logicians. Ile turne
home, and write that that others shall reade; posteritie
shall make them large note books out of my writings.
Naye, there is another thinge that makes mee out of love
with this jorney; there is scarce a good taverne or ale
house betwixte this and Parnassus; why, a poetically spirit
muste needs starve I

Philom. Naye, when thou comes to high Parnassus' hill
Of Hellicons pure stream drincke thou thy fill. 195

Stud. There Madido may quaff the poets boule,
And satisfie his thirstie dried soule.

Madi. Nay, if I drinke of that pudled water of Hellicon
in the companie of leane Lenten shadowcs, let mee for a
punishment converse with single beare soe long as I live!
This Parnassus and Helliron are but the fables of the
poets: there is noe true Parnassus but the third lofte in a
wine taverne, noe true Hellicon but a cup of browne bastard.
Will youe travell quicklie to Parnassus? doe but carie
youe drie feet into some drie taverne, and straight the
drawer will bid youe to goe into the Halfe Moone or the
Rose, that is into Parnassus; then call for a cup of pure
Hellicon, and he will bringe youe a cup of pure hypocrise,

that will make youe speake leaping lines and dauncinge periodes. Why, give mee but a quart of burnt sacke by tnee, and if I doe not with a pennie worth of candles make a better poeme then Kinsaders *Satyrs Lodge's Fig for Momusy Bastard's Epigrams* Leichfield's *Trimming of Nash*, lie give my heade to anie good felowe to make a *memento mori* of! O the genius of xij^d! A quart will indite manie livelie lines in an houre, while an ould drousie Academicke, an old Stigmatlcke, an ould sober Dromeder, toiles a whole month and often scratcheth his witts' head for the bringinge of one miserable period into the worlde I If therefore you be good felowes or wise felowes, travell noe farther in the craggie way to the fained Parnassus ; returne whome with mee, and wee will hire our studies in a taverne, and ere longe not a poste in Paul's churchyarde but shall be acquainted with our writings. 224

Philom. Nay then, I see thy wit in drinke is drounde ; Wine doth the beste parte of thy soule confounde.

Stud. Let Farnass be a fond phantasticke place,
Yet to Parnassus He hould on my pace.
But tell mee, Madido, how earnest thou to this ile? 229

Madi. Well, Ile tell youe ; and then see if the phisicke of good counsel will worke upon youre bodies. I tooke shippinge at *Qui mihi discipulus*, and sailed to *Propria quae maribus* ; then came to *As inpraesenti*, but with great danger, for there are certaine people in this cuntrie caled schoolmaisters, that take passingers and sit all day whippinge pence out of there tayls ; these men tooke mee prisoner, and put to death at leaste three hundred rodes upon my backe. Henc traveled I into the land of *Sintaxis*, a land full of joyners, and from thenc came I to *Prosodia*, a litell iland, where are men of 6 feete longe, which were never mentioned in Sir John Mandefilde's cronicle. Hence did I set up my unluckie feete in this ile *Dialectica* where I can

see nothinge but idees and phantasmes; as soone as I came hither I began to reade Ramus his mapp, *Dialectic a est* &c. then the slovenlie knave presented mee with such an unsavorie worde that I dare not name it unless I had some frankensence readie to perfume youre noses with after. Upon this I threw away the mapp in a chafe, and came home, cursing my witless head that woulde suffer my headless feete to take such a tedious journey. 250

Philom. The harder and the craggier is the waye
The joy will be more full another day.
Ofte pleasure got with paine wee dearlie deeme;
Things dearlie boughte are had in great esteeme.

Modi. Come on, Come on, Tullie's sentences I Leave
youre pulinge of prouerbs, and hearken to him that knowes
whats good for youe. If you have anie care of youre eyes,
blinde them not with goinge to Parnassus; if you love youre
feete, blister them not in this craggie waye. Staie with
mee, and one pinte of wine shall inspire youe with more
witt than all they nine muses. Come on I He lead you
to a merie companie!

Stud. Fie, Philomusus! 'gin thy loitringe feet
To faint and tire in this so faire a waie?
Each marchant for a base inglorious prize 265
Fears not with ship to plowe the ocean;
And shall not wee for learnings glorious meede
To Parnass hast with swallowe-winged speede?

ACTUS 3^{us}.

PHILOM. STUDIO. STUPIDO.

Philont. I'faithe, Studioso, I was almost wonne
To cleave unto yonder wett phantasticke crewe! 270
I see the pinte pott is an oratoure!
The burnt sackc made a sweet oration

Againste Appollo and his followers;
Discourste howe schollers unregarded walke,
Like threedbare impecunious animals, 175
Whiles servinge men doe swagger it in silks,
And each earth-creepinge peasant russet-coate
Is in requeste for his well-lined pouche:
Tolde us howe this laborious pilgrimage
Is wonte to eate mens marrowes, drye there bloude, 280
And make them seem leane shadowles pale ghostes.
This counsell made mee have a staggering minde,
Untill I sawe there beastlie bezolinge,
There drowned soules, there idle meriment,
Voyde of sounde solace and true hartes content: 285
And now I love my pilgrimage the more,
I love the Muses better than before.
But tell mee, what lande do wee travell in?
Mee thinks it is a pleasante fertile soile.

Stud. Let idle tongues talke of our tedious waye, 290
I never sawe a more delicious earth,
A smother pathwaye, or a sweeter ayre,
Then here is in this lande of *Rhetorique*.
Hearke howe the birds delight the moving ayre
With prettie tunefull notes and artless lays I 295
Harke shrill Don Cicero, how sweete he sings I
See how the groves wonder at his. sweet note,
And listen unto their sweet nightingale!
Harken how Muretus, Bembus, Sadolet,
Haddon and Ascham, chirpe their prettie notes, 300
And too good ears make tunefull melodie I
Their chirping doth delight each mounte, each dale,
Thoughe not so sweet as Tullie's nightingale.

P/iilom. Indeed I like their sugred harmonic;
I like this grassie diapred greene earth. 305
Heare tender feete maye travell a whole daye,
And heare with joy the aerye people's laye,

Enter STUPIDO.

But who is yonder? Stupido I seel
The earth hath ten times binne disrobbed quite
Of her greene gowne and flowrie coveringe, 310
Since Stupido began his pilgrimage
Unto the place where those nine Muses dwell;
And now our swifter feet have overtooke him !

Stud. It is not our swifte feet but his slowe pace,
That makes us overtake him in this race. 315
He interrupt his graver meditations,
Kindlie salutinge my friende Stupido.
Well overtaken, M^r Stupido I
I hope wee shall have youre good companie
To travell, and directe us in the waye 310
That leads us to that laureat twoo-topt mounte.

Stup. Welcome, my welbeloved brethren I trulie (I
thank God for it!) I have spent this day to my great
comfort. I have (I pray God prosper my labours!)
analised a peece of an hommellie according to Ramus,
and surelie in my minde and simple opinion M^r Peter
maketh all things verie plaine and easie. As for Setons
Logique trulie I never looke on it but it makes my head
ache! And now not having anie serious business to goe
about, least the bad-disposed people shoulde corrupte and
contaminate my pure thoughts by there ungodlie con-
versations, I am goinge abroad to take the benefite of the
aire, and contemplate, whiles they play the reprobate at
home, some persecuting poore creators, cattles, others
spendinge theire moste precious time in card plaie. But
whither are you going? to Parnassus? 336

Stud. Eye! and wee hope to have youre companie.

Stup. You speake like a younge man indeede! I have
beene to vaine and forward this way, but now that I am
come into this *Rhetorique* and see the follie of theisc

vaine artes, I will not travell a foot further. I have a good man to my uncle, that never wore capp nor surples in his life, nor anie suche popishe ornament, who sent mee yesterday a letter and this mandition, and a frize coatc for a token, and the same counsell that he gave mee I, as I am bounde in charitie, will give you. ' Studie not these vaine arts of Rhctorique, Poetrie and Philosophic ; there'is noe sounde edifying knowledg in them.¹ Why, they are more vaine than a paire of organs or a morrice daunce ! If you Will be good men indeede, goc no further in this way; follow noe longer these profane artcs that are the raggs and parings of learning; sell all these books, and by a good Martin, and twoo or three hundreth of chatechismes of Jeneva's printe, and I warrant you will have learning enoughe. M^r Martin and other good men tooke this course. 356

Philom. Are then the artes foolish, profane and vaine, That gotten are with studie, toile and painc?

Stud. Artistes belike then are phantastique fools, That learne these artes in the laborious schools. 360

Stnp. Artistes, fools; and that you may knowe by there undecent apparell. Why, you shall not sec a Rhetorician, a rimer (as¹ poet as you call it) but he wears such diabolicall ruffs and wicked great breeches full of sin, that it would make a zelous professor's harte bleed for grife. Well, M^r Wigginton and M^r Penorie never wore such profane hose, but such plaine apparcll as I doe. Goe with mee, and you shall heare a good man exercise. I will get him to handle for youre better direction this pointe by the way ; I would gladlie doe some good of you if I coude. 371

Philom. F faith, etc,

Stup. O sweare not, swcare not!

¹ Read ' or '

Stud. With thee, my loving Stupido, wee le wende,
And to thy counsell listning ears will lende. 375

Stnp. Folowe mee; He bringe youe into a sober
companie.

ACTUS 4 ^{us.}

Enter AMORETTO alone, reading these 2 verses out of Ovid.

Amor. *Oscula qui sumpsit, qui non et coetera siimpst,*
Oscula qiae sumpsit perdere dignus erat;
Who takes a kiss and leaves to doe the rest, 380
Doth take the worse and doth neglect the best.
Zouns! What an honest animal was I
To part with my Corinna with a kiss!
Yet doc I wronge her devine tempting lipps
To name her kiss with noe more reverence. 385
One touch of her swcete nectar-breathing mouth
Would ravishe sencless Cinicks with delight,
And make them homage doe at Venus' shrine.
All books are dull which speake not of her praise;
Hange ploddinge doultes, and all there dulled race! 390
True learninge dwels in her faire beauteous face.
I love thee, Ovid, for Corinna's sake,
Thou loves, Corinna, as turtle loves her make.
Of my Corinnaes haire love makes his nett
To captivate poore mortall wandring hartes. 395
Love keeps his revels in Corinna's browes,
Daunces levaltoes in her speaking eye,
Dyes and is buried in her dimpled cheeke,
Revives and quickens in her cherie lipps,
Keeps watch and warde in her faire snowie chin 400
That noe roughc swaine approach or enter in.
Loves cradle is bctwixte her rising brest,
Her[e] sucking Cupid feedes and takes his rest.

Touch not her mount of joy! it is devine;
 There Cupid grazes or els he would pine. 405
 Expect, the world, my poesie ere longe,
 Where He commende her daintie quivering thighe,
 Sing of her foot in my sweet minstralsie.

Enter PHIL, and STUDIOSO.

But who comes yonder? Philomusus and Studioso I
 I saw them latelie in the companie 410
 Of stricte Stupido, that pulinge puritane,
 A moving peece of clay, a speaking ass,
 A walking image and a senceless stone!
 If they be of his humor I care not, I,
 For such pure honest-seeming companie. 415

*Philom** Fye, Studioso! what nowe almost caught
 By Stupido, that plodding puritane,
 That artless ass, and that earth-creeping dolt,
 Who, for he cannot reach unto the artes,
 Makes shoue as though he would neglect the artes, 420
 And cared not for the springe of Hellicon?

Stud, Who can resist seeming devotion,
 Or them that are of the reformed world?
 A flintie harte muste needes relent to see
 A puritane up-twinckling of his eye, 425
 Muche like a man newlie cast in a traunce,
 Or like a cuntrie fellowe in a daunce.

Pkilom. Eye I these doe norishe a neglected bearde,
 Much like a grunting keeper of a hearde;
 Speake but a fewe wordes, because the[y] would seeme
 wise;

Weare but a plaine coate after the wonted guise, 430
 Thou owest mee thanks, for but for mee I wis
 Thou hadest beene a plaine puritane ere this!

Stud. I kept thee, Philomusus, from moiste Madido;
 Thou savest mee latelie from dull Stupido. 435

Amor. And are they parted from strict Stupido?
Then are they fit for my societiel
What, Philomusus and Studioso I well met in faith in the
land of poetrie! how doe you away with this aire?

Philom. Well met, Amoretto! I did longe 440
To meet some poet of a pleasante tounge.

Stud. It argueth the goodnes of the aire
Because here breathes full manie a cruell fairel

Philom. Indeeде this lande hath manie a wanton nymphe
That knowes alwayes all sportfull dalliance. 445
Here are soe manie pure brighte shininge starrs,
That Cynthiaes want theire faire Endimions
Wherewith to pass away the loittring nighte;
Here are Corinnaes, but here Ovids wante.
Saye, will you staye with mee in poetrie? 450
Why shoulde you vainelie spende your bloominge age
In sadd dull plodding on philosophers,
Which was ordained for wantone merrimentes?

Stud. Yea, but our springe is shorte and winter longe:
Our youth by travelling to Hellicon 455
Must gett provision for our latter years.

Amor. Who thinks on winter before winter come
Maks winter come in sommers fairest shine.
There is noe golden minte at Hellicon!
Cropp you the joyes of youth while that you maye, 460
Sorowe and grife will come another daye.

Philom. I alwayes was sworne Venus' servitoure;
I have a wantone eye for a faire wenche.
Hee is noe man but a rude senceless ass
That doth not for refined beautie pass. 465
Perswade thou Studioso if thou can,
And He be Cupides loyall duteous man.

Stud. I am not suche a peece of Cinicke earthe
That I neglect sweete beauties deitie.

I reverence Venus, and her carpet knights 470
 That in that wanton warfarre weare their lipps :
 Yet loth I am our pilgrimage to staye
 In wanton dalliance and in looser playe.

Amor, Tushe ! talk not of your purposed pilgrimage,
 Nor doe forsake this poets' pleasant lande 475
 To treade upon philosophers' harshe grounde.
 Taste but the joyes that poetrie affordes,
 And youle all crabbed solaceis forswear,
 He bringe you to sweet wantoninge yonge maides
 Wheare you shall all your hungrie senses feaste, 480
 That they, grow[n]e proude with this felicitie,
 Shall afterwarde all maner object scorne-
 Nor are they puling maides, or curious nuns
 That strictlie stande upon virginities ;
 Theile freelie give what ere your luste shall crave, 485
 And make you melte in Venus' surquerie.
 These joyes, and more, sweete poetrie affordes:
 Let not your headless fecte forsake this lande
 Till you have tasted of this joyisance.
 Come to my sweet Corinna ! He you bringe, 490
 And bless you with a touch of her soft lipps.
 Then shall you have the choice of earthlie starrs
 That shine on earth as Cynthia in her skye ;
 There maye you melte with soiled sweet delighe,
 And taste the joyes of the darke gloomie night. 495

Stud. Well said the poet that a wantone speache
 Like dallyinge fingers tickles up the luste.
 Chast thoughtes can lodge no longer in that soule
 That lendes an eare to wantone pocsie.
 Well, He staye somewhat longer in this lande 500
 To cropp those joyes that Amoretto speakes of.
 If in them anie sounde contente I finde,
 He leave Parnassus waye that is behinde.

Philom. Let not thenvious time hinder that joye
That wee shall tast in this thy poetrie; 505
Luste is impatient of all slack delaye.

Come, Amoretto, lette's noe longer staye:
Phoebus hath laid his golden tressed locks
In the moist cabinet of Thetis' lapp;
Now shadie night hath dispossest the daye, 510
Providing time for maides to sporte and playe.

Amor. Come haste with mee unto faire beauties
beddes,
On Venus' pillow shall you laye youre heades.

Philom. Luste's wonte to ride on a faire winged steede.

Stud. Noe marvell, when he lookes for suche a meede.

ACTUS 5^{us}

PHILOMUSUS. STUDIOSO.

Stud. Howe sourelie sweete is meltinge venerie! 516
It yealdeth honie, but it straighte doth stinge.
I'le nere hereafter counsell chaster thoughtes
To travell through this lande of poetrie.

Here are entisinge pandars, subtile baudes, 520
Catullus, Ovid, wantone Martiall.

Heare them whilest a lascivious tale they tell,
Theile make thee fitt in Shorditche for to dwell,
Here had wee nighe made shipwracke of our youthe,
And nipte the blossomes of our buddinge springe! 525
Yet are wee scaped frome poetrie's faire baites,
And sett our footinge in philosophic.

Philom. Noe soure reforminge enimye of arte
Coulde doe delightfull poetrie more wronge
Than thy unwarie sliperie tongue hath done. 530

Are these the thanks thou givest for her mirth
 Wherewith shee did make shorte thy pilgrim's waye,
 Made monthes seeme minutes spent in her faire soile?
 O doe not wronge this musicke of the soule,
 The fairest childe that ere the soule broughte forth,
 Which none contemn but some rude foggie squires 536
 That knowe not to esteeme of witt or artel
 Noe epitaphe adorne his baser hearse
 That in his lifetime cares not for a verse I
 Nor thinke Catullus, Ovid, Martiall, 540
 Doe teache a chaste minde lewder luxuries.
 Indeede if leachers reade a wantone clause,
 It tickles up each lustfull impure vaine;
 But who reades poets with a chaster minde
 Shall nere infected be by poesie. 545
 An honest man that nere did stande in sheete
 Maye chastlie dwell in unchaste Shordiche streete.
 Take this from mee ; a well disposed minde
 Shall noe potato rootes in poets finde.

Stud. I doe not whet my tongue againste poetrie,
 Yet maye youe give a looser leave to talke. 551
 Longe have wee loitred idle in [t]his lande,
 Her joyes made us unmindfull of our waie.
 Our feet are growne too tender and unapte
 To travell in the roughe philosophic. 555
 Nowe cheare thyselfe in this laborious facte,
 Nor like a sluggarde fainte in the laste acte.

Philom. Indeede, the pleasure poetrie did yelde
 Made further harshncs to philosophic;
 Yet havinge skilfull Aristotle our guide 560
 I hope wee soone shall end our pilgrimage.

Enter INGENIOSO.

Ingen. A plague on youe, Javel, Toilet, Tartare I
 they have poysned mee with there breathes!

Philom. Why, how nowe, Ingenioso, shewinge philosophic a faire paire of hecles ? 565

Stud. Why, whiter nowe in a chafe, Ingenioso ?

Ingen. What, Philomusus and Studioso ? well met, ould schoolefelowes I I have beene guiltie of mispending some time in philosophic, and nowe, growinge wiser, I begin to forsake this cuntrie as faste as I can ; and can youe blame mee? whie, I have bcne almoste stifled with the breath of three Barbarians, Toilet, Javel, Tartarett. They stande fearefullie gapinge, and everye one of them a fustic, moulie worde in his mouthe that's able to breede a plague in a pure aire; they breede suche an ayre as is wonte to proceede from an evaporatinge dunghill in a summer's daye. But what doe youe twoo here, in this griggie barbarous cuntrie?

Philom. Wee pilgrims arc unto Parnassus hill,
At Hellicon wee meane to dnnkc our fill. 580

Ingen. What, goe soe farr to fetch water? goe to Parnassus to converse with ragged innocentes ? If youe be wise and mcane to live, come not there ; Parnassus is out of silver pitifullie, pitifullie. I talked with a frende of mine that latelie gave his horse a bottell of haye at the bottome of the hill, who toulde mee that Apollo had sente to Pluto to borowe twentie nobles to paye his commons : he added further, that hee met comming downe from the hill a companicof ragged vicars and forlorne schoolcmaisters, who as they walked scrached there unthriftie elbowes, and often putt there handes into there unpeopled pockets, that had not beene possessed with faces this manie a day. There, one stoode digginge for golde in a standishe; another looking for cockpence in the bottome of a pue; the third towling for silver in a belfree : but they were never soe happie as Esope's cocke, to finde a precious stone : nay, they coulde scarce get enoughe to apparell there heade in

an unlined hatt, there bodie in a frize jerkin, and there feet in clouted paire of shoes. Come not there, seeke for povertie noe further; it's too farr to goe to Parnassus to fetch repentance. 601

Philom, Though I foreknowe that doults possess the goulde,

Yet my intended pilgrimage Tie houlde.

Stud. Within Parnassus dwells all sweete contente, Nor care I for those excrements of earthe. 605

Ingen. Call youe gold and silver the excrements of earthe? If those be excrements, I am the cleanest man upon the earth, for I seldome sweate goulde.

Philom, Yes, they are excrements; and henc a man that wants money is caled a cleane gentleman. 610

Ingen. If that be to be cleane, then the water of Hellicon will quicklie make youe cleane: it is an excellent good thinge to make a man impecunious.

Stud. Come, shall wee have youre companie on the waye? 614

Ingen What, I travell to Parnassus? why, I have burnt my bookes, splitted my pen, rent my papers, and curste the cooseninge harts that brought mee up to noe better fortune. I, after manie years studie, havinge almoste brought my braine into a consumption, looking still when I shoulde meete with some good Maecenas that liberallie would rewarde my deserts, I fed soe long upon hope, till I had almoste starved. Why, our emptie-handed sattine sutes doe make more account of some foggie faulkner than of a wittie senailer, had rather rewarde a man for setting of a hayre than a man of wit for makinge of a poeme; cache long-eared ass rides on his trappings, and thinkes it sufficiente to give a scholler a majesticke nodd with his rude noddle. Goe to Parnassus? Alas, Apollo is banckroute, there is nothing but silver words and golden phrases for a man;

his followers wante the goulde, while tapsters, ostlers, carters and coblers have a fominge pauch, a belching bagg, that serves for a cheare of est[ate] for *regina pecunia*. Seest thou not my hoste Johns of the Crowne; who latelie lived like a moule 6 years under the grounde in a cellar, and cried *Anon, Anon, Sir*, now is mounted upon a horse of twentie marke, and thinkes the earth too base to beare the waighte of his refined bodie. Why, woulde it not greeve a man of a good spirit to see Hobson finde more money in the tayles of 12 jades than a scholler in 200 bookes? Why, Newman the cobbler will leave large legacies to his hairees while the posteritie of *humanissimi auditores*, and *esse fosse videaturs* must be faine to be kept by the parishel Turne home againe, unless youe meane to be *vacui viatores*, and to curse youre wittless heades in youre ould age for takinge themselves to no better trades in there youthe.

Stud. Cease to spende more of thy id[l]e breathe,
Effecting to divert us from our waye. 647
I knowe that schollers commonlie be poore,
And that the dull worlde there good parts neglecte.
A scholler's coate is plaine, lowlie his gate; 650
Contente consists not in the highest degree.

Philom. I thinke not worse of faire Parnassus' hill
For that it wants that sommer's golden clay,
The idol of the foxfur'd usurer.
Though it wants coyne it wants not true contente, 655
True solace, or true happie merrimente.
If thou will weende with us, plucke up thy feete;
If not, farewell, till next time wee doe meete.

Ingen. Farewell, and take heede I take youe not napping twentie years henc in a viccar's seate, asking for the white cowe with' the blacke foote, or els interpretinge *pueriles confabulationss* to a companie of seaven-yeare-olde apes. 663

Philom. Farewell, Ingenioso, and take heede I finde not
a ballet or a pamphlet of thy makinge. 665

Stud. Come, Philomusus, chearfullie let's warke;
Our toiling day will have a night to rest,
Where wee shall thinke with joy on labors past.
Leade on apace; Parnassus is at hande;
Nowe wee have almost paste this wearie lande. 670

Enter DROMO, drawing a downe in with a rope.

Cfowne. What now? thrust a man into the common-
wealth whether hee will or noe? what the devill should
I doe here?

Dromo. Why, what an ass nrt thou! dost thou not
knowe a playe cannot be without a clownc? Clowncs have
bene thrust into playes by head and shoulders ever since
Kempe could make a scurvy face; and therefore reason
thou shouldst be drawne in with a cart-rope. 678

Clowne. But what must I doe nowc?

Dromo. Why, if thou canst but drawe thy mouth awrye,
laye thy legg over thy stafife, sawe a peece of cheese
asunder with thy dagger, lapc up drinkc on the earth, I
warrant thee thcile Jaughe mightilie. Well, Tie turne thee
loose to them; ether saic somewhat for thy scife, or hang
and be *non plus*. *[Exit.*

Clowne. This is fine, y-faith! nowc, when they have noc-
bodie to leave on the stage, they bringe mee up, and, which
is worse, tell mce not what I shouldc saye! Gentles, I dare
saie youe looke for a fitt of mirthe. I'll therefore present
unto you a proper newe love-letter of mine to the tune of
Put on the smock o' Mundaye, which in the hcate of my
charitie I pendc; and thus it begins:— 692

¹ O my lovely Nigra, pittie the paine of my liver I That
littell gallowes Cupid hath latelie prickt mee in the breech

with his great pin, and almoste kilde mee thy woodcocke
with his birdbolte. Thou hast a prettie furrowed forheade,
a fine leacherous eyr.; methinks I see the bawde Venus
keeping a bawdie house in thy lookcs, Cupid standing like
a pandar at the doore of thy lipps.¹ 699

How like you, maisters ? has anie yonge man a desire to
copie this, that he may have *formam epistolae conscribendae* ?
Now if I could but make a fine scurvey face, I were a
kinge I O nature, why didest thou give mee soe good a
looke ? 704

Dromo Give us a voyder here for the foole I Sirra, you
muste begone; here are other men that will supplie the
roome.

Clowne. Why, shall I not whistle out my whistle? Then
farewell, gentle auditors, and the next time you see mee
I'll make you better sporte. 710

Philom. Nowe ends the travell of one tedious daye.
In 4 years have wee paste this wearie waye.
Nowe are wee at the foote of this stecpe hill,
Where straght our tired feet shall rest there fill.

Stud, Seest thou how yonder laurell shadie grove
Is greene in spite of frostie Boreas, 716
Scorningc his roughe blasts and ungentle breath
That makes all trees mourne in a mossye ragge?
Nere let the pilgrims to this laurell mounte
Fainte, or retire in this theire pilgrimage, 720
Through the misleading of some amorous boye,
Some swcaringe unthrifte, or some blockishe dolte,
Or throughe the counsell of some wilie knave.
Nowe let us boldlie rushe amonge theese trees,
And heare the Muses¹ tunefull harmonie. 725

Nere since he laughte to see a mimick playe.

Sirra, begone! you play noe prologue here,

Call noe rude hearer *gentle debonaire*.

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We'le spende no flatteringe on this carpinge croude,

Nor with gold tearmes make each rude dullard proude.

A Christmas toy thou haste; carpe till thy deathel

Our Muse's praise depends not on thy breathe I

ACTUS PRIMUS. SCOENA PRIMA.

CONSILIODORUS. LEONARDE.

Consil. Leonarde, I have made thee stayer somewhat longe for my letters, but here they be at laste. I pray thee, deliver them to Studioso and Philomusus; give them some good counsell, I pray thee.

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Leon. Mass, Mr., and soe I will! Tie tell them what's fit for men of there 'haviour! by that time they have scene as manie winters as I and youe have done, the'Ie be a litel wiser.

Consil Eye, well said, Leonarde! manie frosts indeed have made thee wise.

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Leon. I thanke God, Mr., none of my kinred were fooles. My father (God rest his soule I) was wonte to tell mee (God rest his soule! he was as honest a carier as ever whip horse)—he tolde mee, I saye (I remember at that time he sate upon a stoole by the fire warminge his boots) that these yonge schollers woulde spend God's abbies, if they had them, and then woulde sende there fathers home false notaries. He would tell our neighbour Jenkin that he enquired after his sonn's breeches, and tooke them nappinge but with one pointe, and tooke him to the next shopp and bought him a dozen of good substantiall lether points. He woulde counsell them, yea (—and which is more; marke you

mee Sir?—) he woulde advise them, to turne there ould jerkings, and keepe a good housholde loafe in there cheste, to save charges; nay, and which is more, he woulde have rounded them in the eare, and wished them to provide a nail, and he woulde bring them some hempe from home, to the good husbaning of there shoes. Oh I he was a wise man I he coulde give such fine rules concerning the liquoring of boots for the houlding out of water (nay, list you Sir?); he coulde have tolde by a cowe's water how manie gallons of milke shee woulde have given, foretolde by the motion of his dun horse his taile the change of the weather, insomuche that he was supposed amonge his neighboures to have gathered up some art in the Universitie. Well, this bagg was his, and I meane for his sake to leave it to my sonne. But I thinke by this time, Tib and Cutt have eaten the provender I gave them ; Tie sadle them, and be jogging forward.

Consil. He was a good man, and thou foilowes his steps, Leonarde. Tie holde thee noe longer ; farewell, good Leonarde. [Exit.

Seaven times the earth in wantone liverie
Hath deckt herselfe to meete her blushing love,
Since I twoo schollers to Parnassus sent,
The place of solace and true merimente. 65
There tender yeare, much like a frutefull springe,
Promised a plenteous harvest shoulde ensue,
Where I mighte gather store of golden frute.
But nowe, when I shoulde reape what I had sowne,
Ther's nought but thornes and thistles to be mowne. 70
My poore smale farme, my litell, litell, store,
Hath yealded fuell for so longe expence;
Whatever nowe is left muste serve to warme
My live's December, age's chillie froste.
Sufficeth it I cared for there springe, 75
In hope ther somer woulde a harvest bringe.

If they have lived by a watchinge lampe,
 Prysinge each minute of a flyinge houre,
 If they have spent there oyle, there strength, there store,
 In art's quicke subtelties and learninge's lore, 80
 Then will god Cynthius (if a god he be)
 Keepe these his sonns from baser povertie.
 But if they have burnt out the sun's faire torch
 In foolish ,i'iot and regardless plaie,
 Then lett them live in want perpetuallie ; 85
 As they have sownc soe let them reape for mee.
 Noe care for them shall rouse mee out of bedde ;
 I knowe this well, arts seldome beg there breade. [*Exit.*

Enter STUDIOSO, reading a letter.

Stud. Fie coosninge arts I is this the meede you yelde
 To youre leane followers, youre palied ghosts? 90
 Hencfoorth youre shrines be worshipt by noe knee,
 Noe foolish tonge adore youre deitie !
 Wee, foolish wee, have sacrificed our youth
 At youre coulde altars everie winter's morne.
 Our barckingc stomacks have had slender fare, 95
 Our eyes have bene deluded of there sleepe;
 Yet all this while noughte els to us doth gaine
 But onlie helps our fortunes to there waine.

Philom. What I I leave Parnassus and these sisters Nine,
 These murmuringe springes, this pleasant grove, this ayre ?
 What greater ill's hath fortune then in store 101
 Then to expose my state to miserye?
 The partiall heavens doe favoure eche rude boore,
 Mackes droviers riche, and makes each scholler poore.
 Well may my face weare sorowe's liverie 105
 Whiles angry I do chide this luckless ayre,
 Where I am learninge's outcast, fortun's scorne.
 Nowe, wandring, I muste seeke my destinie,
 And spende the remnante of my wretched life

'Mongst russet coates and mossy idiots. 110
Nere shall I heare the Muses sing againe,
Whose musicke was like nectar to my soule.

Stud. How now, Philomusus? what, singinge *Fortune*
my foe?

Philom. If sorowe laye on mee her worst disgrace,
Give sorowe leave sadd passions to embrace. 115

Stud. Fortune and vertue jarred longe agoe,
Foule fortune ever was faire vertue's foe.

Philom. Th'arts are unkinde that doe their sonns
neglect.

Stud. Unkinder frendes, that schollers doe rejecte.

Philom. Dissemblinge arts lookt smoothlie on our
youth. 120

Stud. But loade our age with discontent and ruthe.

Philom. Friends foolishlie us to this woe doe traine.

Stud. Fick[l]e Appollo promised future gaine.

Philom. Wee want the prating coyne, the speaking
golde.

Stud. Yea, frends are gained by that yellow mould.

Philom. Adew, Parnassus I I must pack away. 126

Stud. Fountaines, farewell! where beautes nimphe
do plaie.

Philom. In Hellicon noe more Tie dipp my quill.

Stud. I'll ding noe more upon Parnassus' hill.

Philom. Let's talke noe more, since noe relie wee finde.

Stud. In vaine to skore our losses on the winde. 131

Philom. Let us resolve to wander in the worlde,
And reape our fortunes whersoe're they growe.

Some thacked cottage or some cuntrie hall,

Some porche, some belfry, or some scrivener's stall, 135
Will yealde some harbour to our wandring heades.

Stud. Be merie then in spite of Fortun's change!
We'le finde some lucke, or throughe the worlde we'le range.
But, Philomusus, I here that Ingenioso is in towne follow-
inge a goutie patron by the smell, hoping to wringe some
water from a flinte. 141

Philom. Faith, coulde wee meete that ladd of jollitie
This duller discontent woulde quicklie die.
And here he comes!

Stud. What? Ingenioso come to Parnassus to fetch water? or to looke for a ragged coate? I thought thou hadest forsworne this starved aire! How goes the worlde with youe? 148

Philom. Give mee that hand of thine that's not acquainted with the corrupting mettall! say, how hath thy pocket fared since our laste partinge?

Ingen. What? Philomusus and Studioso? have no hungry schools swallowde youe up before this time? yt's merie y-faith when *vacni viatores* meete! As for my state, I am not put to my shiftes, for I wante shiftes of shirtes, bandes, and all thinges els; yet I remaine thrise humblie and most affectionatelie bounde to the right honourable printing house for my poore shiftes of apparell.

Stud. But, I pray thee, how haste thou fared since I
sawe thee laste? 160

Ingen. In faith, I have bene posted to everie poste in Paules churchyarde *cum gratia et privilegio*, and like Dicke Pinner have put out *newe books of the maker new books of the maker.*

Philom. I am glad, y-faith, thy father hath lefte thee
suche a good stocke of witt to set up withall! Why,
thou cariest store of landes and livinges in thy heade! 167

Ingen. But the'le scarce pay for the cariagel I had rather have more in my purse and less in my heade ! I see

wit is but a phantasms and idea, a quareling shadowe that will seldome dwell in the same roome with a full purse, but commonly is the idle folower of a forlorne creature. Nay, it is a devill, that will never leave a man till it hath brought him to beggerie ; a malicious spirit, that delights in a close libell or an open satyre. Besides, it is an unfortunate thinge ; I have observed that that heade where it dwelleth hath seldome a good hatt, or the back it belonges unto a good sute of apparell. 178

Stud. Soe thou wilt make an ass the most fortunate creature that lives I Indeede, the time was when long ears and Gould dwelt together, and so they doe still : but if nature had given thee noe more wit than wealth, thou might[st] betake thyselfe in *forma pauperis* to a boxe and a passportc. But husbände thy witt, if thou beest wise ; it's all the goods and cattels thy father left thee. Nourishe it with oyles and waters ; if that be gone one, ther's noe waye but thou muste either plaie the counterfeit criples or else beare a parte in the consort of *Three blinde beggars.* iflfl

Ingen. That I may doe nowe, for my purse wants these gray silver eyes that stande idlye in the face of a citizen's daughter, and those silver noses that stande out daringe mee in the face of everie base broker. And yet I was even with one of them verie latelie ; for I tell youe what, it was my chance in a taverne to light on the companie of a knave seargaunt with a silver nose ; the villaine woulde not parte with a denaire ; the drawer came making of curtesies, and had an eye to my worships purse, litell knowing what solitarines was there ; my companions were as impecunious as myselfe ; I had noe devise therfore but to call for more wine ; while, wee had drunke him deade, and then I tooke his nose, and paide the reckoninge. How he did, when he wakt, to purg the rheume, I know not, but I thinke if ever he purchase a new nose againe, he were best entertaine

some caste boy to wach his fugitive nose while he sleepe!
But to the pointe; for the husbanding of my witt I put
it out to interest, and make it returne twoo phamphlets
a weeke. 207

Philom. If thou haste stuft thy pocket with ere a pamphlet, lett's see one, to make our worships laughe!

Stud. Indeede, Ingenioso, thou was wonte to carie some dissolute papers in thy bosome, that a man which hadd not knowne thy witt would have thought they had bene licences that the constables of sundrye townes had subscribed unto. But if thou haste ere an *omne tulit punctum*, ere a *magister artium utriusque academiae* ere an *opus* and *itsus*, ere a needie pamphlet, drincke of a sentence to us, to the healthe of mirth and the confusion of mclancholye. 218

Ingen. I have indeede a pamphlet here that none is privie unto but a pinte of wine and a pipe of tobacco. It pleased my witt yesternighte to make water, and to use this goutie patron instead of an urinall, whome I make the subject and content of my whole speache. 223

Stud. What patron is that youe speak of? Art thou traveling towarde a Maecenas?

Ingen. In faith, laying a snare to catche a dottrell ! Why, her's Midas his grandchilde, one that will put him downe in a paire of long eares and a rude witt, braggs, when he comes abroade, of his liberalitie to schollers and what a rewarderhe is of wittie devises : but indeed he is a meere man of strawe, a great lumpe of drousie earth. Yet I have better hope of him now that he is sicke, that the divell and his conscience betwixt them will let him bloude in the liberall vaine ; however it happeneth, Tie to him, and trie if there be ere a dropp of Mzcnas his bloude in his whole bodie. 336

Stud. Well, Ingenioso, we will trouble youe noe longer.

Wee shall meete anon at the signe of the Sunn, and make some good jestc of it. *[Exeunt.]*

Ingen. Crowes flie to carion, and good witts to dyeng churles. The carle lyeth here, att the house of this *Pharmacopola*, this seller of dreggs and potions. Tie marche on with a light purse and a nimble tonge, and picke a quarell with his doore. *[He knocks.]*

Enter SERVING-MAN.

Serving-man. Fellowe, youre too saucye! youre rude knockinge hath wakened my maister out of a napp, that he prisde at an hundret pounce ! 247

Ingen. Saucie? no, my good frende, unless thou takest hunger to be a sauce, as wee schollers say, *optimum condimentum famis*. I would thy father had brought thee up to learninge, then woulde I make thee mends for my knockinge with an hundreth Latin sentences, which thou migh[t]est make use of in the elevation of the serving-man's blacke Jacke or the confusion of a mess of brewes ; but, frend, for thy better instruction, answeerr not a man of art so churlishlye againe while thou livest. Why, tnan, I am able to make a pamphlet of thy blew coate. and the button in thy capp, to rime thy bearde of thy face, to make thee a ridiculous blcw-slecvd creature while thou livest. I have immortalitie in my pen, and bcstowc it on whome I will. Well, helpe mceto the speache of thy maister quicklie, and I'll make that obscure name of thyne, which is knowne amongst none but hindes and milkmaidcs, ere longe to florishe in the press and the printer's stall! 264

Serving-man. Faith, thou seems a mad Greeke, and I have lovd such ladds of mettall as thou seems to be from mine infancie; and wheras thou proferest such favours, I will but demande this onlie, that thou wylte make mee a love letter in elegant tearmes to our chambermaide. 269

Ingen. Give mee but a taste of thy love, and Tie so fitt thy fancie that the litell god Cupid shall put on his pumps, and caper it on a paper stage to please thy lovinge wenche I
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Serving-man. Give mee thy hande ! faith, I am sorie I shewed my selfe so unmanered, but I hope we shall be better acquainted hereafter! well, I'l c bringe my maister downe to youe presentlie. *[Exit.*

Ingen. O fustic worlde ! were there anie commendable passage to Styx and Acharon I would go live with Tarleton, and never more [b]less this dull age with a good line. Why, what an unmanerlie microcosme was this swine-faced clowne ! But that the vassall is not capable of anie infamie, I would bepainte him ; but a vcrie goose quill scornes such a base subject, and there is no inke fitt to write his servill name but a scholeboye's, that hath bene made by the mixture of urin and water. Yet must I forsooth sooth upp this bearded point-trusser, this cursie creator, this ingrosser of cringers, this *ante-ambulo* of a clokbagge, this great hilted dagger! But 'st ! I heare his worshipp's fleamc stirringe.
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Enter PATRON.

Patron. How nowe, felowe? have you anie thinge to saye to mee?

Ingen. Pardon, Sir, the presumption of a poore scholler, whose humble devoted ears being familiar with the commendacions that unpartiall fame bestoweth upon youre worship, reporting what a free-harted Mæcnas you are unto poore artists, that other favorers of learninge in comparison of youre worship are unworthie to untie youre worship's purse-strings, that it hath beene youre ancient desire to get wittie subjects for youre liberalitie, that you coulde never endure the seven liberall sciences to carie there fardles on

there backes like footemen, but have animated there poore
dyinge pens, and put life to there decayed purses; here-
uppon I, unfurnished of all thinges but learninge, caste
myselfe downe at your worship's toose, resolving that
liberalise sojourneth here with you or else it hath cleane
lefte our untoward cuntrie. Take in good part, I beseech
youe, youre owne eternitie, my pains, wherein in the ages
to come men shall reade youre prases and give a shrewde
gess at youre vertues. 310

Patron reading in (he epistle dedicatorie this sentence,

'Desolat eloquence and forlorne poetrie, youre moste
humble suppliant[s] *in forma pauperum*, laye prostrate at
youre daintie feete and adore yourc excellencic,' &c.

I doc in some sorte like this sentence, for in my dayes ^{*He nod.*}
I have bcne a great favorer, of schollers, but surelie of ^{*hishead*}
late the *utensilia* of potions and purges have bene verie
costlie unto mce. For my owne part I had not cared for
dying, but when I am dcade I know not what will become
of schollers ; hitherto I have bespringled them pritilie with
the drops of my bountie. 320

Ingcn. O youre worshippc may be bolde with youre
selfe! Noe other tong will be soc nigarde as to call those
dropes which indeede are plentuous showres, that so often
have refreshed thirstic brains and sunburnt witts; and
might it nowe please the cloudc of youre bountie to breake,
it never founde a drier soile to worke upon, or a groundc
that will yealde a more plenteous rcquittall. 327

Patron. Indeed these lines are pritie, and in time thou
maist doe well. I have not leasure as yet to reade over
this booke, yet, howsoever, I doe accept of thy dutie, and
will doe somthinge if occasion serve; in the meane time, ^{*He giv*}
houldc, take a rewarde. I tell thee Homer had scarce soe ^{*him tw*}
much bestowed upon him in all his lifetime; indeede, our ^{*groats.*}
countinace is enough for a schoiler, and the sunshine of

our favoure yealdes good heate of itselfe ; howesoever, I am somewhat prodigall that waye, in joyninge gifts to my countenance; yet it is fitt that all suche younge men as you are should knowe that all dutie is farr inferiour to our deserts, that in great humilitie doe vouchsake to reade your labours. Well, my phisicke workes ; I cannot stay to take a full sight of youre pamphlet ; hereafter I will look on it, and at my better leasure, and in my good discretion, favoure you accordinglie. [Exit.

Ingen. Goe in a poxe and necre returne againe, 344
 Thou lave-ear'd ass, that loves dross more than arts!
 Thinkest thyselfe liberall, if thy mule's dull heade
 Give a poore scholler a ungratious nodd?
 Our lives are bounde unto thy churlishe eyes,
 If thou bestowest on them a squinting glanse,
 If thou givest three dayes housroomc to a booke, 350
 Rcprivinge it from thy unsavorie stoole.
 Yet afterwarde, in Mounsier's Ajax vainc,
 With poesie thou doest a coursie straine.
 Foole I, to angell in a miser's mudd ! 354
 But hope of goulde did make mee guilde this woode.
 Farewell, gross pecce of earth, base braginge dunge ;
 Soone maist thou grovell in the lowlie duste,
 And nere be spoken of but in obloquie :
 And if I live, Tie make a poesie
 Shall loade thy future's yeares with infamie. 360

Enter PHILOMUSUS and STUDIOSO.

Philo, Howe now, Ingenioso? what, well relived?

Ingen. Slender relife I can assure youe in the predicament of privation ! yonder's a churle thinkes it enough for his favoure like a sunn to shine on the dunghill of learning I I came to the apothecarie's dore by the smell ; his worshipp perfumde through five dores ; voutsteps the yeoman of his privie chamber, and with the face of an Iseland curr grind

upon mee. I was faine to take paines to washe his doges face with a few good tearmes, and then he steps, and bringes out signiour Barbarisme in a case of nightcapps, in a case of headpeeces all-to-be wrought, like a blocke in a seamster-shopp, who, with a camelion's gape an a verie emphaticall nodd of the heade, solemlyc strokinge his lousie bearde, asked my errand; and when I had pronounced my litell speach, with a hundred damnable lies, of his liberalise, he puts his hande into the pocket of a paire of breeches that were made in William the Conquerour's dayes, groping in his pocket with greate deliberation, and while I stode by dreaminge of the goulde of India, he drew mee out twoo leane faces, gave mee fidler's wages, and dismissed mee. 381

Stud. Well, Ingenioso, the worlde is badd, and wee schollers arc ordayned to be beggars.

Philom. But, Ingenioso, how doest thou mcanc to shifte for thy livinge ?

Ingen. To London Tie go; Tie live by the printinge house, as I have done hitherto.

Stud Nay then, take us with thee; for wee muste provide us a poore capp of mantenance. 389

Ingen. Well then, let's launch forward ; if wee can get noe livinge wee'le dye learned beggars.

Philom. Naye, staye awhile; wee'le take Luxurio with us, for he is in the same predicament.

Enter LUXURIOSO.

Lux. O brave witts of mine acquaintance, howe doe yee? howe doe yec? what, Ingenioso? how haste thou helde out rubbers ere since thou wentest from Parnassus ?

Ingen. What, oulde pipe of Tobacco! why, what's to paye? give mee thy liquid hande! How haste thou mantained thy nose in that redd sute of apparell ere since

I lefte thee? as for my holdinge out rubbers, I have ruled so longe in apparell that my clothes cannot be taken nappinge 402

Lux. Why, youe whoreson *Opus* and *nsus*, you I Be it knowne unto all people that the bearer hereof, you tattered prodigall, thou enviest that a man's nose shouldc be better apparelled than thy backel Were thy disapointed selfe possest with such a spirit as inhabitcth my face, thou wouldest never goe fidlinge thy pamphlets from doore to dore, like a blinde harper, for breade and cheasc, prcsenting thy poems like oulde broomes to everie farmer. 410

Ingen. Spirit calcst thou it? it shoulde secme by the fier ther's a divell ! ISut I pray thee, *Luxurio*, how meanest thou to bestowe thy waterie witt?

Lux. My waterie wit shall dwell in a waterie region. And yet thou doest abuse my witt to call it waterie : much have I spente in rare *Alcamie*, in brewinge of wine and burninge sackes to make my witt a philosophers stone, when I shoulde make use of it. And now the time is come, I hope, whatcre I make will bearc marmelett and sacket in the mouthe, and savore of witts that have bene familiar with the other quart and a rckkoninge. 421

Ingen. Let it be a French wit for mce I Tell me howe thou meanest to bestowe it.

Lux. To London Tie goc, for there is a great nosde balletmaker deceaste, and I am promised to be the rimer of the citie. He fit them for a wittie in Creete when *Daedalus*. I have alwaics more than naturallie affected that pocticall vocation.

Ingen. Wilt thou leave *Parnassus* then? 429

Lux, Is it not time thinkest thou? I have served here an apprentishood of some seaven yeares, and have lived with the *Pythagorean* and *Platonickall Atakas*, as they call

it; why, a good horse woulde not have endured it! Adew single beare and three qus of breadel if I converse with you anie longer, some sexton must toll the bell for the death of my witt. Here is nothing but levelinge of colons, squaringe of periods, by the monthe. My sanguin scorns all such base premeditation; I'le have my pen run like a spigot, and my invention answeerr it as quick as a drawer. Mclancholick art, put downe thy hose; here is a suddaine wit that will lashc thee in the time to come! 441

Stud. Luxurio, wee are not disposed to laugh anie longer; we'ele make more use of youre merrie vaine in our jorney.

Philom. Thy mirth helps to drowne that mclancholicke that our departure from Parnassus doth create. Longe for a rewardc may youre witts be warmde with the Indian hcrbe ! Nowe it's time for us to provide for our jorney, and closly convey ourselves away, least *aes alicmtm* be knock-inge at our doores. 450

Lux. Marryc, all my debts stande chaukt upon the poste for liquor ! Mine hostis may cross it if shee will, for I have done my devotion ! Farewell, mine alone hostis, thou shalt heare newes of thy ale-knighte!

Stud. Muses, adcwe! longc may youre groves growe grccne, 455
Though you to us too too unkinde have becne !

Philom. Farewell, Apollo! e're will I adore thec, Though thy poore hande's not able to relive mee!

Ingen. Youe beaultuous nimphes of Hellicon, adew! However poofe, yet I will worship youe I 460

Lux. Farewell, the Sisters nine! the truth for to saye, Luxurio will youre goodchilde be, and love youe cverie daye!

Why, here's poetrie hath a foot of the twelves! why, I cannot abide these scipjake blanke verses! 464

Ing-en. Peace! what musicke is this ? . Marrye, I thinke the Muses bestowe a fitt of mirth upon there poore attendants at our departure! *[The Muses playe.*

Lux. Good wenches! y-faith, the'le scrape where ther's no hops of silver! This is for the love of there loving Luxurio. 470

Stud. Thanks, gentle nimphes, for this swcete harmonie! Soe musick yealdes some ease to miserie.

Philom. Thanks, sweet Apollo, for this smother strayne!
To dwell with thee is joy, to part is paine. 474

Ingen. Thanks, Muses, that a part in sorrowe beare! Longe may youre musick bless ech listninge earel

Lux. Thanks to the Muses majestic of Parnass propertie!
For they have eased my carefull hart that I may tell no lie.

Ingen. Why, thou bcginest to practise alreadie! but let's begone? 480

Stud. Fairewell, Parnassus! farwell, faire content!

Philom. Welcome, good sorowe ! farewell, meriment!

Lux. Hange sorow! care will kill a catt!

ACTUS 2^{DUS} SCAENA I .

Enter DRAPER and TAYLER.

Draper. Neighbour Birde, wee townsmen have such kinde harts that it will goe neare to undoe us I Why, who woulde thinke that men in such grave gowncs and capps, and that can say soe bravlye, woulde use honest men soe badlic? Philomusus and Studioso hath not beene ashamed to run 20 nobles in my debt for apparell, and after their departure abuse mce with a letter, and also my neighbour

Giles, recantinge in the colde of his feare for preachinge on his shopborde againste organs, in the heat of his chollcr, was laught at by them, though he spake verie wiselie, as became a man of his clothe. 494

Tayler. Fye, neighbourel if they had our wisdome joyned to their learninge they woulde prove grave men. Well, God forgive them! They shoulde shewe good examples to others, as our towne clarke shewed verie learnedly in an oration he made, and they are the worste themselves. They came to mee, and were as curteous as passeth; I doe not like they shoulde put of their hatts so much to mee; well, they needs upon ould acquaintance woulde borowe 40s for three dayes; I (as I had alwayes bene a kinde man to schollcrs) lent it them, and delivered them their breeches new turned and there stockings new footed, even as thoughe I had bene privie to there runninge awayc. 507

Draper. Well, whersoever they be they are a couple of my men, they weare my clothe; for there sakes Fie truste but few, unless I knowe them well, and those shall be none of these fine youthes that have their apparell in printe, there treble cypresses, double ruffs, silke stockings. I have gotten thus much by my owne experience that the more willinge¹ he is that trustes, the slower he'le be to paye; a note, neighboure, worthy thy retention, for (marke you mee!) if wee will needs be trustinge, let us truste honest, simple, plaine felowes, such as ourselves, that weare foure-pennie garters, and winter shoos that have kept the cobbler's companie; but as for those neat youths they are out of my books; and yet I lie, for they are more in them than the'le pay in haste. 521

Tayler. Nay, that grives mee moste of all. When I came to enquire for them, out steps a Icane-faced scholler

¹ willninge MS.

(surlie I thinke he was well learned, for he was redinge a great booke with a smale printe), he stept out, I saye, and told mee they were not within ; which answeerr when I woulde not take (for it urged my conscience somewhat when I remembered my money) he cald me ' Pagan, Tartarian, heathen man, base plebeian and (which grived mee most of all) he caled mee 'simple animal.' Well, saide I, simple may I be, but animal was I never; and I added that Philomusus and Studioso were rather animals, to use an honest, simple, plaine man so as they have not bene ashamed to doe. 534

Draper Why, I thinke it was the same scipjacke that when I knockt at the dore asked what clothwritt was there? and said he was makinge an oration which evcrie scurvey vulgar felowe, everie measuringe pesante, must not interrupt; he said he was about a sentence that was worth all the cloth in my shopp. So tkesc schollcrs use as long as they have anie cloths on there backs; and when the knaves begin to be ragged, then they scrape acquaintance to be trusted, and give us an *Ita cst*, with a scurvey coozcninge name, and ther's all the paiment wee can gett. 544

Enter SIMSON the Tapster speaking alone.

Simson, O my frozen balderkine of stronge ale I well might I have foretold by the burninge of a pot of youre liquor that some dry lucke hunge over my moiste head ! And is Luxurio gone ? the answer is, he is gone ! Ey, but one will say, Will not Luxurio returne againe? I answer, I knowe not. Ey, but some will object and saye, Did not Luxurio strike of the score before he wente ? I answer, he did not. 552

Draper. Good morow, good man Simson ! how goes the world with youe ?

Taylcr. Good morow, neighbour, good morowe ! 555

Simson. O, good morowe, my good neighbours ! by

cocke, the worlde squints upon meel it hath not lookt straight upon mee this good while, but nowe it hath given mee a bob will stick by mee ! Wott yee what? Luxurio, as they say, a man of God's makeinge, as they saye, came to my house, as they saye, and was trusted by my wife, a kinde woman, as they saye, for a dozen of ale, as they saye, and he a naughtie felowe, as they saye, is run away, as they saye ; for even as an emptie barrell soundcth moste, as they saye, even so Luxurio came to my house and was wclcom, as they saye, and even as a pot of ale and a puddinge are good in a frostie morninge, even soe Luxurio hath betaken himselfc to his heels, and hath overrune the reckoninge. My wife and I, twoo honest folcks, as they saye, ment no harme, but even as the ape wanteth a tale, as they saye, even so wee wanted all malice, as they saye ; but nowe I finde, I finde at length t[h]roughe much experience, that, even as wishers and woulders are never good housholders, soe trusters and lenders are never good housholders. Well, neighbours, I have it here in white, as they saye; my ale had alwayes a verie good name, and Luxurio was a good drinker, for even as a changlinge the more lice eats the more he maye, even soe Luxurio the more he drancke the more he mighte, which I founde, as they saye. 580

Draper. Well, for all this, good man Simson, you have it in yourc cellar that will kill care and hange sorowe.

Taykr. Nay then, let's in and be merie.

Simson. Neighbours, I have as good a cupp of ale as ere was turnde over tonge, as they saye ; it's it will do the deede, as they saye. [Exeunt.

Enter PHILOMUSUS *with* a blacke frise coafe, solus.

Philom. Come, black frisc coat I become my sable minde! Helpe me to painte forth blackefaced discontente !

Come, keyes and spade! the ensigns of my state,
 That treads the ragged stepps of fortun's race. 590
 My fortune, that whileome did seeme to floate,
 Is now at length brought to the lowest ebb,
 And I that lately in Parnassus sunge,
 And consort kept in Muses¹ melodye,
 Doe live moste baselie now 'mongst russet coats 595
 And earns my livingc here moste painfullie.
 Thus am I nipt by winter's chillie froste
 That seemd of late to florish in my Maye.
 I mighte have Icarnde to see by risinge morne
 This cloudie daye that threatens now to poure 600
 Both storms and tempests on my beaten barke,
 That faine woulde a[n]chor upon vertue's shore,
 Where I might staye untill some warblinge winds
 Might drive my shipp unto my wished porte.
 But why doe I prolonge my tedious speeche? 605
 Studioso promisd to be here ere longe
 To beare a parte in this our mournfull songe.
 And here he comes.

Enter STUDIOSO.

Stud. What, Philomusus? thou art well mett!
 I have oft heard that to have companie 610
 Hath alwayes bene an ease to miserie.
 Thus farr hath fortune plagued us equallie,
 And caused us both to weare her servile yoke;
 And now mee thinks shee 'gins to leade the chase,
 And here hath given to us a baitingc place. 615

Philom. True, Studioso, she needs to doe noe more,
 For wee have yealded to her conqueringe hande,
 And wilninglie goe captives in her bande.
 But saye, canste thou endure this servile life?
 What shall wee doe in this adversitie? 620

Stud. We muste make profit of necessitie.

Philom. When thinkest thou better fortune will begin?

Stud. I nere sawe winter but a springe came in.

Philom. Get I my pence by digginge of the earthe?

Stud. Eyl so the planets raigned at thy birthe. 625

Philom. Banisht am I from Phoebus lovely bowrs?

Stud. The Muses dwell as oft in woods as towres.

Philom. The cuntrie moss noe true contente here yelds.

Stud. Apollo once did dwell in cuntrie fildes.

Philom. Noe fairies dance upon this ruder greene.

Stud. By ruder springes oft beaoutous nymphes are
seene. 631

Philom. I'faith, Studioso, this dull patience of thine
angers mee 1 Why, can a man be galde by povertie, free
spirits subjected to base fortune, and put it up like a
Stoick? But saye, I pray thee, upon what condition art
thou intertayned to thy ould master and ould mistris? to
thy yonge master and yonge mistris? 637

Stud. Marrie, I had like have missed of this preferment
for wante of one to be bounde for my truthe! Mistris
Mincks, with a tonge as swifte as a swalowe, cride, 'The
world's nought, the worlde's noughte !' whiles her husbände
like a phisiognomer put on his spectacles, and gasde me in
the face as thoughe he woulde have tolde my fortune.
Well, the conclusion was this; they indented with mee;
ether I muste set my hande to the conditions followinge, or
els I muste take up my staffe and be packinge. The
conditions were these:— 647

i. That I shoulde faire no worse than there owne hous-
holde servants did; have breade and beare and bacon
enoughe, whils my mistris, mincinge Avaritia, sayde, 'there
was not such a house within fortie miles.'

2. I shoulde lye cleane in hempen sheets and a good
mattress, to keepe mee from growinge pursie. 653

3. That I shoulde waite at meals.

4. That I shoulde worke all harvest time. And upon this pointe the olde churle gave a signe with a 'hemml' to the whole householde of silence, and began a solem senc[e]less oration againste Idlenes, noddunge his head, knockinge his hande on his fatt breste, shakinge the hayrie attire of his chin, usinge the verie grace of Dametas. 660

5. That I shoulde never teache my yonge master his lesson without doinge my dutie as becometh mee to the offspringe of such a scholler.

6. That I shoulde complane to his mother when he coulde not say his lesson. And lastlie, for all this, my wages muste be five marke a yeare, and some caste out of his forlorne wardropp that his ploughmen woulde scarce accept of. And now let mee heare of thy promotion, what thy rents are that come in by thy spade and thy church dore keyes. 670

Pkilom. I am double benefisde with my sextonshipp and my clearkeshippe! a faire age when a scholler must come to live upon canons, and a voice that was made to pronounce a poet or an oratour be employed, like a beiman, in the inquirie of a strayed bcaste ; yet the beste is, I meete now and then with a clown's heade that is as good to one as the poesie '*ut hora sic vita*' ready to putt mee in minde of the end of this my miserie. For my conditions, the hoydons, for want of further rhetorique, made them but few, and contained them in these twoo, '*Digg well and Ring well*,' and in soe doinge quoth our churchwarden, 'thou shall gaine not onlie our praise but also our commendations.' 682

Stud. Well, Philo, we'le meete once a weeke and laughe at our fortunes I Fortie" pounce to a pennie, ere this th'ould churle hath swore manie an othe, and asked for the knave scholler!

Philom. Then wee may fitlie parte, for here comes a rusticke knave will interrupte us. 6S8

Stud, Farewell, Phil.

[*Exit.*

Percev. Nowe good man Sexton, I sende our maide Johnne to youe even now to bid you toll for my good ould father, that God hath taken full sore againste my will, and I pray you, good man Sexton, make him a good large grave, that he may lie easilie; he coulde never abide to be crouded in his life time, and therfore he was wonte to chide with a good ould woman my mother for takinge soe muche roome in the bed, more than was fit for a woman of her condition and place. I will see him as well as I can brought to his grave honestlie; he shall have a faire coverlet over him, and lie in a good flaxon sheete, and youe and the reste of my good neighbours shall have breade and cheese enoughe. And I pray youe, good man Sexton, laye twoo or three good thick clods under his heade, for Tie tell youe, of a cuntrie felowe he was as sqemish in his bed as ye woulde wonder at, he coulde not abide to lie lowe, insomuche that he was wonte to put his lether breeches and his cotton dublet under his boulder. 707

Philo. Surelie, good man Percevall, the towne shall have a great miss of him; he was as honeste a cunstable as ever put beggar in stocks. But saye, good man Percevale, where will youe have youre father lie?

Pcrce, Marrie, I coulde be contente to be at coste to burie him in the churche, but that I will not bringe up newe customs; he shall lie with his posteritie in the churchyarde, and I that am the aire of the house may about twoo hundred years henc lie by him. But harke you, Sexton, I pray you burie him quicklie; for he was a good man, and I knowe he is in a better place, that's fitter for him than this scurvey worlde, and I woulde not have him alive againe to his hindrance: it will be better for him and mee too, for ther's a greate change with mee within this two hours, for the ignorant¹ people that before calde mee *Will* nowe

¹ ingorant MS.

call mee *William*, aiuky you of the finer sorte call mee *good man Percevall*. 724

Philom. Well, good man Percevall, you speake like a wise yonge man. Why, if death shoulde repente him, and give youre father his life againe, then were youe but plaine *Will*. Dispache him, man, dispache him quicklie ; bringe him to the grave, and for thy sake I'll make him sure. 729

Perce. Goodlie *Lorde*, howe sen youe ? howe sen youe ? Nay, I woulde not wish my father soe muche hurte as to live againe ! But harke you, good man Sexton, they saie you can write and reade; I'll please youe for youre paines if youe will write out my father's will : ther's as good matter in it as ere youe sawe, howe he is well in minde and sicke in bodie,, and a hundreth such prettie thinges. He gave all to mee but the lambs that 2 or 3 ewes will ayne at the nexte ayninge time, and a drye cowe shall be 7 years oulde at the nexte roode daye, and a pann, all which he gave to his base daughter. O good man Sexton 1 that was a foule facte, to be soe wilde ; if he remember it in the other worlde it will goe harde with him.

Philom. I'll doe a greater matter for youe than this comes too, good man Percevalle. 745

Perce. Marrie, I thanke youe and you shall have my carte to carrie home a jagg of haye when you wonn. I pray let the grave be readie quicklie ; its time my father were takinge his reste.

Philom. It shall, good man Percevall. 750

Perce. I'll goe home to get my neighbours carrye him to churche. Fare well. [Exit.

Philom. Woulde I were laide upon a balefull beare, Toste longe enoughe with fortun's mockeries I Yet this the comforth for all miserie, 755 Who findes not where to live findes where to dye.

Enter STUDIOSO with his scholler.

Stud. Ey, her's a true Pedantius, and yet no truculent Orsilius¹, one that can heare a boy speake false Lattin without stampinge of his feete, can looke on a false verse without wrincklinge of his browe, one that will give his scholler leave to prove as verie a dunce as his father and nere commaunde the untrussinge of his points. My hands are bounde to the peace, and his wit is bounde to the good bearinge, for it will not beare. I have in the bottom of my dutie broughte my yonge master a stoole and a boss, a boss for his worship's feete and a stoole for the yonge foole to speake false Lattin on. Well, here comes the dandipratt!

Boy. Schoolmaister, cross or pile nowe for 4 counters ?

Stud. Why cross, my wagg! for thinges goe cross with mee,

Els woulde I whipp this childishe vanitie. 770

Boy. Scholmaster, it's pile.

Stud. Well may it pile in suche a pilled age,
When schollers serve in such base vassalage.

Boy. I muste have 4 counters of youe.

Stud. Full manie a time Fortune encounters mec;
More happie they that in the Counter be. 776

Boy. You'le paye them, I hope?

Stud. Fortune hath paide mee home, that I may pay;
And yet, sweet wagg, I hope you'lc give mee daye.

Boy. What day will you take to paye them? 780

Stud. That day Tie take when learninge florisheth,
When schollers are esteemde by cuntrie churles,
When ragged pedants have there pasports sealde
To whip fonde waggas for all there knaverie,
When schollers weare noc baser livorie 785
Nor spend there dayes in servile slaverie.

Boy. But when will this be, scholmaister?

Sn Read Orbilius.

Stud. When silie shrubs th'ambitious cedars beate,
Or when hard oakes softe honie 'gins to sweate.

But wilt please you to goe to youre booke a litell?

Boy. What will you give mee then? 791

Stud. A resin, or an aple ; or a rod if I had authoritie.
Wilt please you, Sir, to sit downe and repeate youre lecture?

Boy. *Quamquam te Marce fili*, etc.

Stud. *Quae pars orationis, Athenisf* 795

Boy. Tie speake English todaye.

Stud. What parte of speache is it then?

Boy. A nowne adjective.

Stud. Noe; it's a nowne substantive.

Boy. I saye it's a nowne adjective, and if I feche my
mother to youe Tie make you confess as muche. 801

Stud. I woulde thy mother coulde stande as well by
herselfe as this worde doth I
Then shoulde thy sire have a more naked heade,
And less shame waitinge on his jaded bedd. 805

Boy. I am wearie of learninge : Tie goe bowle awhile,
and then I will goe to my booke againe. [Exit.

Stud. Doe what thou wilt, starve thou thy minde for
me,

Tie never frett to see thy vanitie.
If thou prove sottish in the after time 810
Thy parents beare the shame; their's is the crime.
Fonde they to thinke that this child's waxen daye
Will be well spent when maister bearc's no swaye.
That tender sprig must timely bended be
Which will hereafter prove a stately tree. 815
For my base usage this is tolde by mee,
The sire a clowne, the sonne a foole shall bee,

Enter LUXURIO and his BOY.

Lux. Come boy, if thou chante it finely at the fayre wee'll make a good markitt of it. I will put thee into a new sute of apparell, and thy nose into that sanguin complexion which it hath loste for wante of good companie and good dyct. I am sure I have done my parte, for I am sure my pen hath sweated through a quire of paper this laste weeke ; and they are noe small verses like '*Captaine couragions whome death coulde not dauntel* but verses full of a poetickall spirit, such that if Elderton were alive to heare (happic is he that is not alive to heare them, els !) his blacke potts shoulde put on mourninge apparell, and his nose for verie envie departe out of the worlde.

Boy, I warrante youe Tie purchase suche an audiorie of clowns that shall gape, nodd and laughe ! one shall crye 'a goodlie matter another 'bravely wanton and a thirde 'commende the sweet master.' I'll make every hoydon bestowe a fairinge on his dore, his wall, his windowe.

Lux. Then *ficus pro diabolo*—Kinge Harrie loved a man I Take heede youe clowns ! here comes a juggling rimester that will pull you by the rude ears with a ballet! my father's sonne might have had a better trade if it had pleased Fortune ; but shee is a drab, and Luxurio will drinke to her confusion ! Exercise thy voice, boy, in some of my prettie sonnets, while wee go on. 841

Boy. 'Nowe listen all good people
Unto a strange event
That did befall to two yonge men
As they to market went. 845
The one of them height Richarde,
The truthe for to aaye,
The other they cal'd him Robert,
Upon a holiday.

And are not the Spaniards knaves 850
 To put us to this paine ?
 They woulde have conquered Englande once,
 But nowe we'le conquer Spaine!

ACTUS 3. SCOENA 1.

INGENIOSO. GULLIO.

Ingen. Nowe, gentlemen, youe may laughe if you will,
 for here comes a gull. 855

GuL This rapier I boughte when I sojourned in the
 universitie of Padua. By the heavens, its a pure Tollcdo ; it
 was the death of a Pollonian, a Germaine and a Ducheman,
 because the[y] woulde not pledge the health of Englande.

Ingen. (He was never anie further than Flushing, and then
 he came home sicke of the scurveys.) Surely, Sir, a notable
 exploite worthy to be cronicled! but had you anie witness
 of youre valiancie ? 863

Gul. Why, I coulde never abide to fighte privatelie, by-
 cause I woulde not have obscuritie soe familiar with my
 vertues. Since my arrivall in Englande (which is nowe 6
 months, I take, sithens) I had bene the death of one of our
 pulinge Liteltomans¹ for passinge by mec in the Moore
 Fildes unsaluted, but that there was noe historiographer by
 to have recorded it. 870

Ingen. Please you now, Sir, to lay the rayns on the necke
 of youre vertuous disposition ; you have gotten a suppliant
 poet that will teach mossy posteritie to know howe that
 this earthe in such a raigne was blest with a yonge Jupiter.

Gul. I'faith I care not for fame, but valoure and vertue
 will be spoken of in spite of oblivion. Had I cared for that
 pratinge eccho, fame, my exploits at Cosmopolis, at Cals,
 at Portingall voyage, and nowe verie latelie in Irelande,
 had bene gettinge ere this throughe everie by-streete, and

¹ Qu. ' Liteltonians ?

talk[ed] of as well at the wheele of a cuntrie maide as the tilts and turnaments of the courte. 881

Ingen. I dare sweare youre worship scapt knightinge verie hardly.

Gull. That's but a pettie requitall to good deserts! He that esteems mee of less worth than a knight is peasande and a gull. Give mee a new knight of them all, in fenc-schoole, att a Nimbrocado or at a Stocado! Sir Oliver, Sir Randal, base, base chamber-tearmes ! I am saluted every morninge by the name of 'Good morow, Captaine, my sworde is at youre service !' 890

Ingen. Good faith, an honorable title! Why, this is the life of a man, to commande quick rapier in a taverne, to blowe two or three simple felowes out of a roome with a valiant othe, to bestowe more smoke on the worlde with the draught of a pipe of tobacco than proceeds from the chimnie of a solitarie hall I But say, Sir, you were tellinge me a tale even nowe of youre Hellen, youre Venus, that better parte of youre amorous soule. 898

Gull. Well remembred. *Etas prima canit venerem postrema tumultus.* Since souldierye is not regarded, Tie make the ladies happie with enjoyinge my yputh, and hange up my sworde and buckler to the behoulders, Amonge manie daintie court nymphes that with petitioninge looks have sued for my love, it pleased mee to bebtowe love, this pleasinge fire, upon Lady Lesbia: manie a health have I drunke to her upon my native knees, eating that happie glass in honour of my mistris ! 907

Ingen. Valiantlie done I admirable, admirable !

Gull. And for matters of witt oft have I sonnetted it in the commendacons of her squirill; and verie latelie (I remember) that time I had a muske jerkin layde all with golde lace, and the rest of my furniture answerable, pretty sleightie apparell, stood mee not paste in twoo hundred

pounds, they frowarde fates cut her munkey's threed asunder, and I in the abundance of poetrie bestowed an Epitaphe upon the deceased litell creature. 916

Ingen I 'faith, an excellent witt that can poetize upon such meane subjects! everie John Dringle can make a booke in the commendacions of temperance, againste the seven deadlie sinns, but that's a rare wit that can make somthinke of nothings, that can make an Epigram of a Mouse and an Epitaphe on a Munkey. But love is very costlie, for I have hearde that you were wonte to weare seven sundry sutes of apparell in a weeke, and them no meane ones. 925

Gull. Tushe, man I at the courte I thinke I shoulde growe lousie if I wore less than two a daye.

Ingen. The divell of the sute hath he but this, and that's not payd for yet (*aside*).

GnLL I am never scene at the courte twice in one sute of apparell; that's base ! as for boots, I never wore one paire above two hours ; as for bands, stockings, and handcherchiefs, myne hostes, where my trunks lye, nere the courte, hath inoughe to make her sheets for her housholde.

Ingen. I wonder such a gallante as you are scaps the marriage of some Countess. 936

*Gull** Nay, I cannot abide to be tide to Cleopatra, if shee were alive. It's enough for me to crop virginities, and to take heed that noe ladies dye vestalls and leade aps in hell. But seest thou this? O touche it not! it is divine I why, man, it was a humble retainer to her buske. And here is another favoure, which I snached from her as I was in a gentleman-like curtesie tyeing of her shooe stringes. It is my nature to be debonaire with faire ladies, and vouchsake to employ this happie hande in anie service ether doniesticall or private. 946

Ingen Amonge other of youre vertues I doe observe

youre stile to be most pure; youre English tonge comes as neere Tullie's as anie man's livinge.

Gull. Oh, Sir, that was my care to prove a complet gentleman, to be *tarn Marte quam Mercurio*; insomuche that I am pointed at for a poet in Paul's church yarde, and in the tilte-yarde for a champion; nay, every man enquires after my abode. 954

Gnats are unnoted where soe ere they flie,
But Eagles waited on with every eye.

I had in my daycs not unfitly bene likned to Sir Phillip Sidney, only with this difference, that I had the better legg, are* more amiable face: his Arcadia was prettie, soe are my sonnets: he had bene at Paris, I at Padua: he fought, and so dare I: he dyed in the Lowe Cuntries, and soe I thinke shall I: he loved a scholler, I mantaine them, witness thyselfe now. Because I sawe thee haue the wit to acknowledge those vertus to be mine which indeede are, I have restored thy dylaniatcd back and ruinous estate to those prittie clothes wherin thou now walkest. 966

Ingen. (Oh! it is a moste lousie caste sute of his that he before bought of an Irish souldier!) Durste envie otherwise reporte of youre excellencie than I have done, I would bob him on the pate, and make forlorne malice recante. If I live, I will lim[n]e out your vertues in such rude colours as I have, that youre late nephcwes may knowe what good witts were youre worshipp's most bounden! 973

Gull. Nay, I have not onlie recreated thy could state with the warmth of my bountie, but also mantaine other poetical spirits, that live upon my trenchers, insomuche that I cannot come to my inn in Oxforde without a dozen congratatorie orations, made *by genus* and *species* and his ragged companions. I reward the poore *ergoes* most bountifullie, and send them away. I am verie latelie

registered in the roubles of fame in an Epigram made by a Cambridge man, one weaver fellow I warrant him, els coulde he never have had such a quick sight" into my vertues; however, I merit his praise: if I meet with him I will vouchsafe to give him condigne thankses. 985

Ingen. Great reason the Muses shoulde flutter about youre immortall heade, since youre bodye is nothinge but a faire inne of fairer guests that dwell therin. But you have digrest from your mistris, for whose sake you and I began this parley. 990

Gull Marrie, well remembred ! Fie repeat unto you an enthusiasticall oration wherwith my new mistris' ears were verie lately made happie. The carriage of my body, by the reporte of my mistriss, was excellent: I stood stroking up my haire, which became me very admirably, gave a low congey at the beginning of each period, made every sentence end sweetly with an othe. It is the part of an Oratoure to perswade, and I know not how better than to conclude with such earnest protestations. Suppose also that thou wert my mistris, as sometime wooden statues represent the goddesses; thus I woulde looke amorously, thus I would pace, thus I would salute thee. 1002

Ingen. (It will be my lucke to dye noe other death than by hearinge of his follies! I feare this speach that's a comminge will breede a deadly disease in my ears.) 1005

Gull. Pardon, faire lady, thoughe sicke-thoughted Gullio maks amaine unto thee, and like a bould-faced sutore 'gins to woo thee¹.

Ingen. (We shall have nothinge but pure Shakspeare and shreds of poetrie that he hath gathered at the theaters!)

¹ ' Sick-thpughted Venus makes amaine unto him,
And like a bold-faced suitor 'gins to woo him.'

Venus and Adonis st. I.

Gull. Pardon mee, moy mittressa, ast am a gentleman,
the moone in comparison of thy bright hue a meere slutt,
Anthonie's Cleopatra a blacke browde milkmaide, Hellen a
dowdie. 1014

Ingen. (Marke, Romeo and Juliet! O monstrous theft¹!
I thinke he will runn throughe a whole booke of Samuell
Daniell's I)

Gull. Thrise fairer than myselfe (—thus I began—)
The gods faire riches, sweete above compare,
Staine to all nimphes, [m]ore lovely the[n] a man,
More white and red than doves and roses are! 1021
Nature that made thee with herselfe had² strife,
Saith that the worlde hath ending with thy life³.

Ingen. Sweete Mr. Shakspeare!

Gull As I am a scholler, these arms of mine are long
and strong withall, 1025
Thus elms by vines are compast ere they falle.

Ingen. Faith, gentleman I youre reading is wonderfull
in our English poetts!

Gull Sweet Mistris, I vouchsafe to take some of there
wordes, and applie them to mine owne matters by a
scholasticall invitation. 1031

Report thou, upon thy credit; is not my vayne in courtinge
gallant and honorable?

Ingen. Admirable, *sanes* compare, never was so melli-
fluous a witt joynet to so pure a phrase, such comly gesture,
suche gentlemanlike behaviour. 1036

Gull But stay! it's verie true good witts have badd
memories. I had almoste forgotten the cheife pointe. I
cal'd thee out for new year's day approacheth, and wheras

¹ Cf. Romeo and Juliet, ii. 4:

²

sic: for at.

³ Venus and Adonis st. 2.

other gallants bestowe Jewells upon there mistrisses (as I have done whflome) I now count it base to do as the common people doe ; I will bestowe upon them the precious stons of my witt, a diamonde of invention, that shall be above all value and esteeme ; therfore, sithens I am employed in some weightie affayrs of the courte, I will have thee, Ingenioso, to make them, and when thou hast done I will peruse, pollish, and correcte them. 1047

Ingen. My pen is youre bounden vassall to commande. But what wayne woulde it please you to have them in?

GidL Not in a vaine veine (prettie, i'faith!) : make mee them in two or three divers vayns, in Chaucer's, Gower's and Spencer's and Mr. Shakspeare's. Marry, I thinke I shall entertaine those verses which run like these;

Even as the sunn with purple coloured face

Had tane his laste leave on¹ the weeping morne, &c.
O sweet Mr. Shakspeare! Tie have his picture in my study at the courte. 1055

Ingen. (Take heed, my maisters! he'le kill you with tediousness ere I can ridd him of the stage I)

GidL Come, let us in ! Tie eate a bit of phesaunte, and drincke a cupp of wine in my cellar, and straight to the courte I'le goe. A Countess and twoo lordes expect mee to day at dinner ; they are my very honorable frendes ; I muste not disapointe them. {Exeunt.

Enter LEONARDS and CONSILIODORUS.

Leon. Mr. Consiliodorus, are you within? God be here!

Consil. What, Leonarde? fill us a cupp of beare for Leonard ! what good news, Leonarde ? 1065

Leon. Oh, I have had great affliction since I sawe you laste. Tib is fallen sore sicke of the glanders, and Dun, poore jade, I thinke he hath eaten a feather. But I have

¹ 'of: *Venus and Adonis* 1. 2.

letters for youe, and as manie commendations as there are greene grass betwixt you and them, I told them of there 'havioure, I warrant youe ; I tolde them howe costlie there nutreringe was, and they might by this time if they had bene good boyes have learned all there bookes. I chid them roundlie, without hawking, for blowing at tabecca; I toulde them plainly it was nothing but a docke leafe stept in a chamber pott; and by cocke! Mr. Consiliodoru.s, I did such good upon them, that I thinke by this time they are gone into the cuntrie to teache. I warrant Mr. Philomusus will prove a greate clarke, he is such a ready man of his tongue; yet I thinke Mr. Studioso is as well book-learned as he is. 1081

ConsiL I pray thee, Leonarde, goe in, and eate a bit of meate. I'll followe thee straighte.

Leon. God thanke youe, Mr., wee that are stirringe betimes have good stomackes ; but Tie firste leade my horses to the hay racke ; they, poore jades, are as shallowe as a cloakbagg. *[Exit.*

ConsiL Hencforthe let none be sent by carefull syres,
Nor sonns nor kinred, to Parnassus hill,
Since waywarde fortune thus rewardes our coste 1090
With discontent, their paines with povertie.
Mechanicke arts may smile, there followers laughe,
But liberall arts bewaile there destinie,
Since noe Mscenas in this niggard age
Guerdons they sonns of Muses and of skill, 1095
My joyless minde foretells this sad event,
That learning needs muste leave this duller clirne
To be possest by rude simplicitie,
And thither hasten with a nimble winge
Where arts doe florish like the gaudy springe. 1100
Too longe sweet birds have carrolde in our woodes,
Too longe they nightingales have jo[y]de our groves,

If thus they be rewarded with disdayne.
 Hencfoorth night-ravens nessel in our trees,
 And scrichinge owles dwell in those leavie cages 1105
 Where erst did chaunt they springtime's prettie pages !
 Never dare anie boulder attemptinge pen
 Seeke to expell the Tyrant of the northe,
 Rough Barbarisme, that in those ackhorns¹ times
 Commanded our whole ilande as his pwne. 1110
 But stay, my tounge ! too lavish of her tearmes !
 Pray God the times be faultie of this ill !
 I feare mee, I, the times be innocent,
 While guile doth cleave to their unstayed youthc,
 In trewantinge there time, wastinge whole years, 1115
 Without or feedinge time or harvest hope,
 Howe ere it be, blameworthy am not I,
 That cared for them with a wakefull eye.
 Litell I have ; that litell muste maintaine
 That litell scene of life which doth remaine. 1123
 My soule ere longe will leave this house of clay,
 Death's nighte will come, and ende my livinge daye.

Exit.

ACTUS 4. SCOENA 1.

GULLIO. INGENIOSO.

Gull. The Countess and my lordc entertayned mee verie
 honorably. Indeede they used my advise in some state
 matters, and I perceyved the Earle woulde faine have
 thruste one of his daughters upon mee ; but I will have noe
 knave priste to medle with my ringe. I bestowed 20 angells
 upon the officers of the house att my departure, kist the
 Countess, tooke my leave of mylorde, and came awaye. 1129

Ingen. (I thinkes he mcancs to poyson mee with a lie I
 Why he is acquainted with nere a lorde except my lorde

¹ *Qu.* Acheron's?

Coulton, and for Countesses, he never came in the cuntrie where a Countess dwells !) Faith, Sir, I must needs com-mende youre generous high spirit that cannot endure to be stinted to one, though shee were a goddess, consideringe that there are soe manie ladies that sue for youre favoure.

Gull. I thinke there is such a sayinge in Homer—*ut ameris amabilis esto*, that is, be a complet gentleman, and they ladies will love thee; howsoever prating Tullie in his poem saith, *Cum amarem eram miser*, when I loved I was a drivell; yet he was well taunted by another poet in this goulden sayinge, *vir sapit qui parum loquitur*, that is, Tullie might have houlde his peace with more honestie. True it is that Ronzarde spake—*Thipecora sipha illupola mangia*, which I thus translated—*Quisquis amat ranam, ranam putat esse Dianaw*, and thus extempore into Eng-lishe, 1147

What man soever loves a crane

The same he thinkes to be Diane.

A dull universitie's heade woulde have bene a mo-
aboute thus muche!

Ingen. Is it possible you should utter such highe-
spirited poettrie without premeditation? 1153

Gull. As I am a gentleman and a scholler, it was but a suddaine flash of my invention. It is my custome in my common talke to make use of my readinge in the Greeke, Latin, French, Italian, Spanishe poetts, and to adorne my oratorye with some prettie choice extraordinarie sayinges. But have youe finished those verses in an ambrosiall veyne that must kiss my mistris¹ daintie hande? Tie nowe steale some time from my weightie affayres to peruse them. 1161

Ingen. Yes, Sir, I have made them in there severall waynes. Lett them be judged by youre elegante eares, and soe acquitted or condemned.

Gull. Lett mee heare Chaucer's vaine firste. I love antiquitie, if it be not harshe.

Ingen. Even as the flowers in the coulede of night
Yclosed slepen in there stalkes lowc,
Red ressen them the sunne brighte 1170
And spreaden in theire kinde course by rowe,
Right soe mine eyne, when I up to thee throwe
They bene yclear'd ; therfore, O Venus deare,
Thy might, thy grace, yhericd be it here.

Nor scrivener nor craftilie I write, 1175
Blott I a litell the paper with my tears,
Nought might mee gladden while I endite
But this poore scroule that thy name ybcars.
Go, blessed scroule ! a blisfull dcstinie
Is shapcn thee,—my lady shalt thou see. 1180

Nought fitteth mee in this sad thinge I feare
To usen jolly tearmes of meriment ;
My Solemne tearmes better fitten this mattcre
D Then to uscn tearmes of good content.
For if a painter a pike woulde painte 1185
With asse's feet and headed like an ape,
It cordcth not; soe were it but a jape.

Gull. Noe more! nowe, in my discreet judgment, this
I judge of them, that they are dull, harshe and spiritless ;
my mistris will soone finde them not to savoure of my
sweet vayne. Besides, thers a worde in the laste canto
which my chaste Ladye will never endure the readinge of.
Thou shouldest have insinuated soe much, and not toulde
it plainlye. What is becomene of arte ? Well, dye when I
will, I shall leave but litell learninge behinde mee upon the
earthe ! Well, those verses have purchast my implacable
anger ; lett mee heare youre other vayns. 1197

Ingen. Sir, the worde as Chaucer useth it hath noe
unhonest meaninge in it, for it signifieth a jeste.

Gull Tush ! ehau eer is a foole, and you are another for defendinge of him.

Ingen. Then you shall heare Speneers veyne.

A gentle pen rides prieking on the plaine,
This paper plaine, to resalute my love. 1204

Gull. Stay, man! thou haste a very leeherous witt; what wordes are these? Though thou eomes somewhat neare my meaniige yet it doth not beecome my gentle witt to sett it downe soe plainlye Youe sehollers are simple felowes, men that never eame where ladies growe ; I that have spent my life amonge them knowes best what becometh my pen and theire ladishippes ears. Let mee heare Mr. Shakspear's veyne. 1212

Ingen. Faire Venus, queene of beutie and of love,
Thy red doth stayne the blushing of the morne,
Thy snowie neeke shameth the milkwhite dove,
Thy presenee doth this naked worlde adoine;
Gazing on thee all other nymphes I seorne.
When ere thou dyest slowe shine that Satterday,
Beutie and graee muste sleepe with thee for aye [1219

Gull. Noe more! I am one that ean judge aeeordinge to the proverbe, *bovem ex ungnibus*. Ey marry, Sir, these have some life in them ! Let this duneified worlde esteeme of Speneer and ehau eer, I'll worshipp sweet Mr. Shakspeare, and to honoure him will lay his Venus and Adonis under my pillowe, as wee reade of one (I doe not well remember his name, but I am sure he was a kinge) slept with Homer under his bed's heade. Well, Fie bestowe a Frenehe erowne in the faire writinge of them out, and then I'll instructe thee about the delivery of them. Meanewhile I'll have thee make an elegant deseription of my mistris ; liken the worste part of her to eynthia; make also a familiar dialogue betwixt her and myselfe. I'll now in, and eorreet these verses, [Exit.

Ingen. Why, who eoulde endure this post put into a sattin sute, this haberdasher of lyes, this braeehidoehio, this ladyemunger, this meere rapier and dagger, this eringer, this foretopp, but a man that's ordayned to miserie ! Well, madame *Pecunia* one more for thy sake will I waite on this truncke, and with soothinge him upp in time will leave him a greater foole than I founde him. [Exit.

Enter WARDEN.

Warden. Mass, maisters! the ease is alterd with mee since I was here laste. They eall mee noe more plaine 'Will,' nor 'William nor 'goodman Pereevall,' but 'Mr. Warden,' at everye worde. Well, if yee please mee well you may happ make the bells speake sometime for this. But stay, I seeke our Sexton, and yonder he is. Now good Sexton, I am tirde as anie of my plage jades with enquireinge you. You shoulde have 'pearde 'fore Mr. Maior his maistershipp, for, wott you what ? The parish have put up a subligation against you, and say you are the moste unnegligent Sexton that ever eame these forty years and upwarde, for in Jenkin's dayes (well may the bons rest of the good ould Sexton !) the ehauneell was kept in order, the ehureh swept, and the bords rubde that thou mightest have seene youre faee in them, and for my parte I never used other lookinge glass ; well he woulde have gott our prelate hadle up serviee ! Moreover they saye the bells are never tunge¹, and they eomplaine youe are too proude to whipp they doggs out, as youre predeeessours have done. Thus much ean I saye of mine owne knowledge, that since you were Sexton, the parish doggs have not been ashamed to beraye mine owne pue. 1262

Philo. But I pray youe, in breefe, what did they magistrats eonelude of Philomusus ?

Warden. Faith, Philomusus, ways mee for yee, gud ladd I ther's sorowfull tydings ; you are out of offee, and I was readie to eryl to heare the sentene pronouned. Yet thus much of frenshipp, I bespoke you a pasport, least the elarigols att some town's ende eatehe you. Well, give mee upp youre keys, for I must begone. \Exit.

Philom. Take them, for the[y] are better lost than founde !

That day I tooke them dyd my fortune frowne,
Yet may I see fortunes ineonstaneye
As well in this as in some dignitie.
Longe since I gave a farewell to good haps, 1275
And bade them eozen whom they woulde for mee ;
I longe had bene there faithfull follower,
Yet reapt noe guerdon but disgracee of them.
eome, eolde and seareitie! for youe have bene
My faithfull bedfelowes this manie a yeare, 1280
And kept mee eompanie in sorrowe's bedd,
Where eare hath ehased slumbers quite away
That would have e eas'd upon my watehfull eyes.
Longe since my fortun's sunshine's bene eelypst
With foggie elouds and made as blaek as piehe; 1285
Soe that I see my mournfull funerall
Of all good happs and faire felicitie.
My thoughts like mourners follow this my hearse,
My sobbs resounde like to a passinge bell,
And drearie sighes ring out my dolefull knell. 1290

EnterSTUDIOSO.

Stud. And is it soe? will fortune here have done?
Longe since I thought that shee had left mee quite
When shee had brought mee to this slauerie,
But nowe I see shee hath more whippes in store
To seourge my corps and lash my galled sides. 1295
My bloominge flowers, which did daylic waite

To be refreshed with an Aprill shower,
 And promised some frutes in latter years,
 Are nowe quite nipt with the chillie froste,
 And blasted by the breath of Boreas. 1300

Thus, thus, alas ! my winter now is eome
 Ere I had thought the springe time had bene done I
 But who is this? Philomusus I see? he earries the ould
 eharaeters of Melaneholie in his faee ; I'le put him out of
 his dumps ! howe now, Philomusus, howe goes the worlde
 with youe? 1306

Philo. Nere worse, and seldome better ; one againe
 I muste goe wander nowe from plaee to plaee,
 Till it please Fortune take mee to her graee.

Stud. Art thou to seeke thy fortunes new againe?
 And soe am I ; He keepe thee companie, 1311
 Till Fortune give us one a restinge plaee.
 I thinke it is ordayned by destinie
 That wee shoulde still match in.adversitie.
 But I pray thee, Philomusus, how did the parish fall out
 with thee? 1316

Philom. I was put out by a stuttringe ehurehwarden
 beecause I woulde not be a dogg whipper. The elowne
 toulde mee suehe an absurde tale, howe sincee I was Sexton
 they doggs have not bene ashamed to bewray his seate.
 But why shoulde I reeite this drivell's speehes? To
 eonelude, I am put out, and am sent away with a pasporte.
 But tell mee, art thou put away nowe for whippinge thy
 yonge M^r ? 1324

Stud. Noe, not soe. I am putt out for a matter of less
 importanee ; marry, beecause I would not suffer one of the
 blew eoates to peareh above mee at the latter dinner. My
 yonge maister whome I taughte was verie forwarde to have
 mee gone, and toulde his mother he never learned in a
 greate booke sincee I came ; my mistris with a shrill voiee

cride, 'These schollers are proude, these schollers are proude,' and sent mee packinge awaye.

Philom. Yea, every tawnye trull, each mincinge "dame,
 Each ambling minion, may commande the arts,
 Kill a poore scholler with a suddaine frowne, 1335
 Place or displace him as her humor goes.
 Minerva, see! and shame to see thy sonns
 Made servile drugcs to the female sex,
 Of less repute than is each whislunge groome,
 Each unrefined hinde, each start-upp clownc. 1340

Stud. It heats thy bloude, endeared Philomusus
 To see the happs of thy unhappie frendcs.
 It grives my sp'rits to see thy great deserts
 Soe litell guerdon'd by this thankless age.
 The gapinge grave, they could dead carcasses 1345
 Of more humanitie than livinge men,
 Seemed alate to paye to thy poore stale
 Some tribute pence for meaner maintenance.
 Soe learning is of senseless things regarded,
 Thoughe scarce of anie living wight rewarded. 1350

Philom. Well, Studioso, better happ befall thee
 In whatsoever ayrc thou livest or breathest.
 I mcanc to change this heaven for another,
 And finde or better happ or kinder grave.
 Alter I will my soyle, but not my minde; 1355
 That lives with thee; soe soulcs live where they love.
 When as I treade upon a stranger carthe
 Tie thinke on thee, and with a deepe brcath'd sighe,
 Recounte our springtime's hapless destinies:
 Then straight a smile shall smooth my clouded browe,
 Whiles hope perswads mce of thy happiness.¹ 1361

Stud. Nay, where thy happs be nipt my hopes must
 wither!

¹ 'pappmess' MS '

Noe less than a million of times have I participated unto her both mercuriall and martiall discourses in the active and chivalrous vaunt of Don Bellcrephon! How often of yore have I sunge my sonnets under her windowe to a consort of musicke, I myselfe playinge upon my ivorie lute moste enchantinglie! 1395

Ingen. (The divell of the musition is he acquainted with, but onely Jacke fidler!)

Gull. Whenc shoulde this chaunge of hers proceede? canst thou gess?

Ingen. I cannot imagine, except that younge gallant that stooode dallyinge with her be some rivall in youre love.

Gull. Have I a rivall? by Bellona my goddess, he shoulde dye, coulde I meete with anie such audacious puny longe cloke! I woulde make him not refuse the humblest vassalage to the soalc of my boots! But I warrant my mistris mistooke! Indeede, I use not to sende on such messages suche unmanerlye knaves as thyselfe. Thou shouldstj accordinge to thy portion of witt, have described unto her the perfections of my minde and bodie. 1409

Ingen. I gave you as sweet a recorte as was possible; I sayde there is not a more compleat gentleman on the earth; but all woulde not serve the turne: she gave youe a *nescio*, and youre letter a scornefull smile. 1415

Gull. True it is that Virgill saithe,

Quid pluma levius? Flamen. Quid flamine? Ventus.

Quid vento? Mulier. Quid muliere? Nihil. 1416

These pulinge minions had rather have a carpett knighte a capringc page, than a man of warr and a scholler! Ha, Ha, see thee nowe! I smell it I It was youre duncerie wrought mee this disgrace, and yet I adorn'd thy secly invention with a prettie wittie Latinn sentence. Hencforthe I will not norishc any such unlearned pedants. These universities send not foorth a good witt in an age! Tie travell to Paris

myselfe, and there commence *filius nobilis*, and converse noe more with anie of our base English witts, which have somewhat corrupted the generous spirit of my poetrie, As for the sute, thy wittie lines have thus dishonoured mee, thy Maecenas here casscceres thec, and dothe bequeath thee to the travellinge trade. 1429

Ingen. Sir, it was not my lines but youre Lattin that spoyled youre love markt. To say the truthe, I deliver'dd youre letter, and was rewarded with the tearmes of 'What, youe saucyc groome, are you bringinge mee such paper wisps? from what sattin sute I pray you comes this? what foretopp bewrayed this, this paper?' and when I named you, 'What, Gullio, that knowne foole?' sayde slice.

Gull. Why, that's verie true, my fame is spread farr and neare, but why saide shee that shee knew mee not? 1438

Ingen. Belike she was ashamed of you before her gallant; but interrupt mee not. 'If it be his' (snyd shee) I am sure not a worde of it proceeds from his pen but a sentence of Lattin (which I was toulde is false): well, warne him that hee looke to his rheumaticke witt, that he bespitt paper pages noe more to mee; if he doe, I'll have some porter or bearewoode to cudgell thevayne braggadochio.'

Gull. Peace, youc impecunious peasant! As I am asouldier, I was never so abus'd since I firste bore arms! What, you vassall, if a lunaticke bawdie trull, a pocketinge queane, detracte from my vertues, will thy audacious selfe dare to repeate them in the presence of this blade? Were it not that I will not file my handes upon suche a contemptible rascalde, and that I will not have my name in the time to come, where myselfe shall be cronicled, disgraced with the base victorie of such an earth worme, I woulde prove it upon that carrion of thy witt, that my Lattin was pure Lattin, and such as they speake in Rhems and Padua. Why, it is not the custome in Padua to observe such base

nils as Lilie, Priscian, and such base companions have sett
downe ; wee of the better sorte have a priveledge to create
Lattin like knights, and to saye, Rise up, Sir Phrase. But,
Sirra, begone ! thou haste moved my chollar; report of my
clemencie that in mine anger, contrarie to my customc,
[I] suffer thy contemptible carcass to possess thy cowardly
ghoste. 1464

Ingen. What, youe whorsonn *tintunabnlum*, thou that
art the scorne of all good witts, the ague of all souldiers,
that never spokcst wittie thinge but out of a play, never
hardest the reporte of a gun without tremblinge, why,
Mounsicr Mingo, is youre asse's heade growne proude with
scratchinge? thinkest thou a man of art can endure thy
base usage? 1471

Gull. Terrence, thou art a gentleman of thy worde :
familiaritas parit contemptum I Sirra, Alexander did never
strive with anic but kinges, and Gullio will fight with none
but gallants. Farewell, base peasante, and thanke God thy
fathers were noe gentlemen; els thou shouldest not live an
houre longer. Ease, base, base peasant, peasant! Soe hares
may pull deade lions by the bearde I [Exit

Ingen, Farewell, base carle clothed in a sattin sute,
Farewell, guilte ass, farewell, base broker's postc! 1480
Too ofte have I rub'd over thy mule's dull head,
Fedd like a flic on thy corruption.
Nowc had I rather live in povertic
Than be tormented with the tedious talks
Of Gullio's wench and of his luxuries, 1485
To heare a thousand lies in one short day
Of his false warrs at Portingale or Calls.
My freer spirit did lie in tedious woe
Whiles it applauded bragging Gullio,
Applide my veyne to sottishe Gullio, 1490
Made wanton lines to please lewd Gullio.

cuntries strove about him when he was deade, and I doubt not when I am made tapster of the lower cuntries, and the workes of my witt left behinde mee here upon earthe, manic a towne will chalcnge unto itselfe the creditt of my birthe. Howsoever now I am a plaine *Si nihill attuleris, ibis, Homere foras*; noe pennie, noe pott of ale. 1527

Boy, Indeed, Sir, noe doubt but that cuntries will miss youe when youe arc gone ; when they shall have a calfe with 5 feet, sec a hare at a crosslande, here a pye chatter or a raven sitt uppon the top of a new kitchen, they shall want there oulde poet to emparte it to the worlde, and there younge Ismenias to singe it at a stall. They maidens shall want sonnets at there pales, and they cuntric striplings ditties to sing at the maydes windowcs ; the cart-horses will goe discontented for want of there wonted musickc, and the cowes lowc for the want of there Luxurio. But as for youre tapstershipp in hell, it were a good office in soe whott a place ; and unless youe provide youe some such place, youre drye sonic will quicklie will¹ be out of drincke.

Lux. I' faith, well saide! I meane to drincke the worlde dryc before I leave it, and not leave soe mucche as the element of water for generation. Let us loiter noe longer, leaste the clarigoles catche us, but travell towards our frends, to "be kept like honeste oulde beggars by the parishe. Farewell, daintie poetrie, I kiss my handc, and humblie take my leave of thee; thou art but a ragged patroness, and soe I leave thee. 1548

Boy. Shec makes her followers ragged, and soe shec leavs them. But lett us marchc fonvarde to the confusion of these cellars, which our thristie¹ soules shall besiege.

Lux. Farewell, thou mustie worlde I I meane to bcare no coals, 1553
And therefore will I straight drincke out these sceinge holes.

Boy. Farewell, thou impecunious clyme I Luxurio and
 his page
 Will beggars prove elsewheare, and run from thee in rage.
[Exeunt.]

SCÆNA 3.

INGENIOSO. STUDIOSO. PHILOMUSUS.

Ingm. Nay, sighe not, men! laughe at the foolish
 worldc;
 They have the shame, though wee the miserie.
 Strange regions well may scoff at our rude clyme,
 And other schools laugh at Parnassus' hill, 1560
 That better doe rewardc each scrivener's pen,
 Kach tapster's cringe, each rubbinge ostler,
 Than those that live like anchors in a muc
 And spend there youthe in contemplation,
 Bycause they woulde refine the ruder woride, 1565
 And rouse the souls in clayie cottages.

Stud. Schollars cride longe agoe, the worlde was
 naught I
 And yet, like Marius' mules, they laboure still
 To get these arts, these poore contemned arts,
 As though they studied with a wakefull eye 1570
 To goe the nearest way to povertic.

Philom. Tie spende noe trcuan breath in this stale
 theame!
 Full ofte have I chid this unkindcr worlde,
 Tould groves and murmuring brooks of this sad talc,
 Rated my luck, my thwartinge destinie,
 That train'd mee upp in learningc's vanitie. 1576

Ingen. Rayle wee for eare, asses will folowc kinde,
 A fox may change his heyre but not his mindc.

Stud. Yea, Midas' brood fore eare must honoured be,
 While Phcebus followers live in miserie. 1580

Philom. Nor envie I each painted dunghill store:
A scholler is alwayes better than a bore.

Ingn. Well, fawne the worlde or frowne, my wit
mantaine mee ;
The press shall keepe me from base beggarie.

Stud. To Rome or Rhems Tie hye, led on by fate,
Where I will ende my dayes or mende my state. 1586

Philom. And soe will I; heard-heartcd clyme, farewell I
In regions farr I'le thy unkindness tell.

Ingen. If schollers' wants would end with our short
scene,
Than should our littl scene end more content. 1590

Stud. But schollers still must live in discontent;
What reason than our scene shoulde end content?

Philom. Till then our acts some happier fortunes see,
We'll banish from our stage all mirth and glee.

Ingen. Whatever schollers

<i>Stud.</i>	discontented be	1595
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Philom. Let none but them

All. give us a *Plaudite*.

PLAUDITE.

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PHILOMUSUS.	'	STERCUTIO, his father.
STUDIOS.	'	Sir FREDERICK ² .
FUROR POETICUS.	'	Recorder.
PHANTASMA.		Page.
Patient.	'	PRODIGO.
RICHARDETTO ¹		BURBAGE.
THEODORE, phisition.	'	KEMPE.
Burgesse, patient.	'	Fidlers.
IAQUES, STUDIOSO.	'	Patients man.
ACADEMICO.		

¹ Rhicardetto, A

² In the printed text this name is always after wards given as *Raderuk*.
"Sir Randall," MS.

THE PROLOGUE.

Boy Stagekeeper, Momus, Defensor.

Boy. Spectators we will act a Comedy (*non plus*).

Stage. A pox on't this booke hath it not in it, you would be whipt, [you¹] raskall²: [you] must be sitting vp all night at cardes, when [you] should be conning your³ part. 5

Boy. Its all long [of⁴] you, I could not get my part a night or two before that I might sleepe on it.

Stagekeeper carrieth the boy away wilder his arme.

Mo. It's euen well done, here is such a stirre about a scuruie English show. 9

Defend Scuruy in thy face, thou scuruie Jack, if this company were not, you paultry Crittick,⁶ [Gentlemen,⁷] you that knowc what it is to play at primero, or passage, you that haue beene dcepe students at post and paire, saint⁸ and Loadam. You that haue spent all your quarters reuencues in riding post one night in⁹ Christmas beare with the weake memory of a gamster. 16

Mo. Gentlemen you that can play at noddie, or rather play vpon nodies : you that can set vp a icast, at primero¹⁰ instead of a rest, laugh at the prologue that was taken away in a voydcr. 20

Dcfcn. What we present I must needes confesse is but slubbered inuention : [but] if your wisdomc [observe]¹¹ the circumstance, your kindcncsse will pardon the substance. 24

Mo. What is presented here, is an old musty show, that hath lainc this twelue moneth in the bottome of a

¹ 'them,' edits ² 'rakehele,' MS. ³ 'thy,' B ⁴ 'on' edits.
⁵ 'Defender of the Play was non phu] MS' ⁶ 'crickhett, MS ⁷ Gentle-
man,' edits ⁸ 'sanul,' MS. ⁹ The last line is lost in the MS
¹⁰ 'pnemero B, 'pinmero or passage,' MS ¹¹ 'obscure' edits.

coalehouse amongst broomes and old shooes, an inuension that we are ashamed of, and therefore we haue promised the Copies to the Chandlers to wrappe his candles in. 29

Defen. It's but a Christenmas¹ toy, and [so] may it please your curtisies to let it passe.

Mom. Its a Christmas toy indeede, as good a conceit as [stanging²] hotcockles, or blinde-man buffe.

Defen. Some humors you shall see aymed at, if not well resembled. 35

Mom. Humors indeede: is it not a pretty humor to stand hammering vpon two *indiuidium vagum*³ 2. schollers some whole⁴ ycare. These same *Phil* and *Studio*. haue becne followed with a whip, and a verse like a Couple of Vagabonds through *England* and *Italy*. The Pilgrimage to *Pernassus*, and the returne from *Pernassus* haue stood the honest *Stagckepers* in many a Crowncs expence for linckes⁵ and vizards: purchased [many] a Sophister a knock [with⁶] a clubbe: hindred the buttlers box, and emptied the Colledge barrells; and now vnlesse you know the subiect well⁷ you may returne home as wise as you came, for this last is the [last⁸] part of the returne from *Pernassus*, that is⁹ the last time that the Authors wit wil turne vpon the toe in this vaine, and at this time the scene is not at *Pernassus*) that is, lookes not good ihuention in the face. 51

Defeu. If the Catastrophe please you not, impute it to the vnpleasing fortunes of discontented schollers.

Mom. For Catastrophe ther's ncuer a tale in sir *lohn Mandeuil* or *Beuis of Southampton* but hath a better turning. 56

¹ Christmas, 'B' ² 'slanging' edits. ³ *ind vag.* omitted in MS.
⁴ 'fuure,' MS ⁵ 'torches' 'MS' ⁶ 'which ; edits.. ⁷ 'unless
 you have heard the former/ MS' ⁸ 'least,' edits' ⁹ 'both the first
 and inserted in edits.

Stagekeeper. What you ieering asse, be gon with a pox.

Mom. You may doe better to busy your selfe in prouiding beere, for the shew will be pittifull drie, pittifull dric. [Exit.

[Defen]. No more of this ; I heard the spectators aske for a blanks verse¹.

What[ear] we shew, is but a Christmas iest,
 Conceiue of this and guesse of² all the rest : 65
 Full like a schollers haplesse fortunes pen'd,
 Whose former griefes seldome haue happy end,
 Frame[n] aswell, we might with easic straine,
 With far more praise, and with as little paine.
 Storyes of loue, where forne the wondring bench, 70
 The lispig gallant might inioy his wench.
 Or make some Sire acknowledge his lost sonne³
 Found when the weary act is almost done.
 Nor vnto this, nor [that is our scene] bent,⁴
 We oncly shew a schollers discontent. 75
 In Scholcrs fortunes twice forlorne and dead
 Twice hath our weary pen carst laboured.
 Making- them Pilgrims [to⁵] *Pernassu-s* hill,
 Then penning their retorne with ruder quill.
 Now we present vnto each pittying eye, 80
 The schollers progrcsse in their misery.
 Refined wits⁶ your patience is our blisc,
 Too weake our scene : too great your⁷ iudgment is.
 To you we seeke to shew a schollers state,
 His scorned fortunes, his vnpytyed fate. 85
 To you : for if you did not schollers blesse,
 Their case (poore case) were too too pittillesse.

¹ The first twelve lines of this speech are in the MS transposed to the end

² 'at; MS. ³ 'Perhaps alluding to *Patient Grissill* a comedy, 1603,"
 Malone' ⁴ 'nor unto that our scene is bent,' edits. ⁵ 'in,' edits.

⁶ 'spirnts,' MS ⁷ 'our,' B. " 'made,' B.

You shade the muses vnder fostering,
And make¹ them leaue to sigh, and learne to sing.

ACTUS 1. SCENA 1.

INGENIOSO, with hiuenall in his hand.

Difficile est, Satyram non scribere, nam quis iniquæ 90
Tain patiens vrbis, tarn[ferrcus]² vñ tencat sc?

I, luuenall: thy icrking hand is good,
Not gently laying on, but fetching bloud,
So surgean-like thou dost with cutting hcale,
Where nought but lanching can the wound auayle. 95

O suffer me, among so many men,
To tread aright the traces of thy³ pen.
And light my linke at thy cternall flame,
Till with it I brand eucrlasting shame
On the worlds forhead, and with thine owne spirit, 100
Pay home the world according to his merit.

Thy purer soulc could not endure to see,
Euen smallest spots of base impurity :
Nor⁴ could small faults escape thy cleaner hands.
Then foule faced Vice was in his swadling bands, 105

Now like *Antcus* growne a monster is,
A match for none but mighty *Hercules*.
Now can the world practise in playner guise,
Both sinnes of old and new borne villanycs.
Stale sinnes arc [stalc⁵]: now doth the world begin 110
To take sole pleasure in a witty sinne.

Vnpleasant is⁶ the lawlcse sinne has bin,
At midnight rest, when darknesse couers sinne.
It's Clownish vnbeseeing a young Knight,
Vnlesse it dare out-face the [glaring⁷] light. 115

¹ 'made,'B. MS, incorrectly' ² 'furens' edits. ³ 'my,'MS' ⁴ 'For,'
⁵ 'stole/edits' ⁶ qu. 'as' ⁷ 'gluring,' edits

Nor can it ['mongst¹] our gallants praises reape,
 Vnlesse it be [y]donc in staring Cheape
 In a sinne-guilty Coach not cloascly pent,
 logging along the harder pauement.
 Did not feare check my repining sprit,
 Soonc should my angry ghost a story write,
 In which I would new fostred sinnes combine,
 Not knowne carst by truth telling *Aretine*.

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SCENA 2.

*Enter*² INGENIOSO, IUDICIO.

Ind. What, *Ingcnioso*. carrying a Vinegar bottle about
 thce, like a great schole-boy giuing theworld a bloody nose ?

Ing. Faith, *ludicio*, if I carry [a³] vinegrc bottle, it's
 great reason I should confer it vpon the bald pated world :
 and againe, if my kitchen want the vtensilics of viands, it's
 great reason other men should haue the sauce of vineger,
 and for the bloody nose, *Indicio* I may chance indeed
 giue the world a bloody nose, but it shall hardly giue me
 a crakt crowne, though it giucs other Poets French crownes.

Iud. I would wish thee, *Ingenioso*, to sheath thy pen, for
 thou canst not be succsscfull in the fray, considering thy
 enemies haue the aduantage of the ground. 135

Ing. Or rather, *Indicia* they haue the grounds with
 aduantagc, and the French crowncs with a pox, and I would
 they had them with a plague too: but hang them swadds,
 the basest corner in my thoughts is too gallant a roomc to
 lodge them in ; but say, *Inclicio*, what newcs in your presse,
 did you keepe any late corrections vpon any tardy pam-
 phlets ? 142

Iud. *Veteran inbcsc renouarc dolorem Ingenioso* what ere

¹ 'nought,' edits' ² lud ' inserted wrongly in bolh editions ³ 'the,' edits

[befall¹] thee, keepe thee from the trade of the corrector of the presse. 145

Ing. Mary so I will, I warrant thee, if pouerty presse not too much, He correct no presse but the presse of the people.

Ind. Would it not grieue any good [spiritt²] to sit a whole moneth nitting [over³] a lousie beggarly Pamphlet, and like a needy Phisitian to stand whole yeares, tossing⁴ and tumbling the filth that falleth⁵ from so many draughty inucntions as daily swarme in our printing house? 152

Ing. Come (I thinke) we shall haue you put finger in the eye and cry, *O friends, no friends*⁶, say man, what new paper hobby horses⁵ what rattle babies are come out in your late May morrice daunce?⁷ 156

lud. Slymy rimes⁸ as thick as flies in the sunne, I thinke there be neuer an [ale⁹]-house in England, not any so base a maypole on a country greene, but sets forth some poets petternels or demilances to the paper warres in Paules Church-yard. 161

Ing. And well too may the issue of a strong hop learne to hop all ouer England, when as better wittes sit like lame coblers in their studies. Such barmy heads wil alwaies be working, when as sad vinegr wittes sit souring at the bottome of a barrell: plaine Meteors, bred of the exhalation of Tobacco, and the vapors of a moyst pot, that [scare¹⁰] vp into the open ayre, when as sounder wit kceps¹¹ belowe.

hid. Considering the furies of the times, I could better endure to sec those young Can quaffing hucksters shoot of [f] their pellets so they would keepe them from these *Englist flores-poetarum*, but now the world is come to that passe, that there starts vp euery day an old goose that sits hatching

¹ 'befalls,' edits. ² 'spirits,' edits. ³ 'out' edits ⁴ 'tooting,' MS.
⁵ 'which hath fallen' MS ⁶ 'A parody on "O eyes, no eyes"; *Span Trag* Malone. ⁷ 'late morrice edition,' MS ⁸ 'rimers' MS; 'Flye my rimes' B. ⁹ 'All' A. ¹⁰ 'soure' edits ¹¹ 'witts keepe' MS.

vp those eggs which haue ben filcht from the nest[s] of Crowes and Kestrcells : here is a booke *Ing*; why to con-demne it to [*Cloaca*¹] the vsuall Tiburne of all misliuing papers, were too faire a death for so foule an offender. 177

Ing. What's the name of it, I pray thee *lud*. ?

lud, Looke [hecre, its cald] *Beluedere*².

Ing. What a bel-wether in Paules Church-yeard, so cald because it keeps a bleating, or because it hath the tinckling bel of so many Poets about the neck of it ? what is the rest of the title?

lud. *The garden of the Muses.*

Ing. ["What have we here? The Poctt garish 185 Gayly bedcckt like forehorse³ of the Parish."] what followes?

lud. *Quern referent musa, vinet dum robora tellus,
Dum cesium stellas, dum ve/ut amnis aquas.*

[*Ing*] Who blurfes fayer paper with foule bastard rimes, Shall Hue full many an age in latter⁴ times: 191 Who makes a ballet for an ale-house doore, Shall liue in future times for cuer more.

Then [ISodenham⁵] thy muse shall live so⁰ long.

As drafty ballats to [the paile⁷] are song. 195

But what's his dcuise? Parnassus with the sunne and the lawrel: I wonder this owle dares lookc on the sunne, and I maruailc this go[o]se flies not; the laurell?⁸ his dcuise might haue bene better a foole going into the market place to be scene, with this motto, *scribimus indocti* or a poore beggar gleaning of eares in the end of haruest, with this word, *sua cuique gloria*. 202

lud. Turnc ouer the leafc, *Ing*: and thou shalt sec the

¹ ' cleare edits ² ' Looke, its here Belvedere,' edits ³ 'horses, edits. The arrangement of the lines is from the MS ⁴ ' after,' MS.

⁵ "Antony," i e. Antimy Mundy, the eulogist of *Belydere* "; Malone, incor-rectly, as the MS. shows ⁵ ' as,' MS. ⁷ ' thy praise edits

⁸ The punctuation is from the MS

paynes of this worthy gentleman, Sentences gathered out of
all kind of Poetts, referred to certaine methodicall heads,
profitable for the vse of these times¹, to rime vpon any
occasion at a little warning: Read the names, 207

Ing. So I will, if thou wilt helpe me to censure them.

Edmund Spencer,

Henry Constable.

Thomas Lodge.

Samuel Daniell

Thomas Watson.

Michael Drayton.

Iohn Danis.

Iohn Marston.

Kit: Marlowe.

Good men and true, stand together: heare your censure,
what's thy Judgement of *Spencer*'? 215

hid. A sweeter² Swan then euer song in Foe,
A shriller Nightingale then cuer blest
The prouder groues of selfe admiring Rome.
Blith was each vally, and each sheapcard proud,
While he did chaunt his rurall minstralsic. 220
Attentue was full many a dainty earc.
Nay, hearers hong vpon his melting tong,
While sweetly of his Faiery Queenc he song,
While to the waters fall he tun'd [her³] fame,
And in each barke cngrau'd⁴ Elizaes name. 225
And yet for all this, vnregarding soile
Vnlac't the line of his desired life,
Denying mayntnancc for his dcare relcife.
Carelcse [ere⁵] to prcuent his exequy,
Scarce deigning to shut vp his dying eye. 230

Ing. Pity it is that gentler witts should breed,
Where thick skin chuffes laugh at a schollers need.
But softly may our [Homer's⁶] ashes rest,
That lie by mery *Chaucers* noble chest.

But I pray thee proceed breclfly in thy censure, that I

¹ 'this time,'MS. ² 'swifter,' B. ³ 'for,' edits' ⁴ 'endure' MS'
⁵ 'care, edits' ⁶ 'honours' edits.

may be proud of my selfe, [if] as in the first, so in the last, my censure may¹ iumpc with thine. *Henry Constable, Samuel Daniell* ² *Thomas Lodg Thomas Watson.*

Ind. Sweete *Constable* doth take the [wandring³] eare,
And laycs it vp in willing prisonment: 240
Sweete hony dropping *Daniell* ⁴ doth⁵ wage
Warre with the proudest big Italian,
That melts his heart in sugred sonneting.
Onely let him more sparingly make vse
Of others wit, and vse his owne the more: 245
That well may scorne base imitation.
For *Lodge* and *Watson*, men of some desert,
Yet subiect to a Critticks marginall.
Lodge for his oare in eucry paper boatc,
He that turnes ouer *Galen* cucry day, 250
To sit and simper *Enphncs* legacy.

Ing. Michael Drayton.

IiuL ^{6]} *Draytons* swccte muse is like⁷ a sanguine dy,
Able to rauish the rash gazers eye. 254

How⁸ cuer he wants one true note of a Poet of our times, and that is this, lice cannot swagger it well in a Taucrne, nor dominere in a hot house.

[*Ing* ^{9]} *lohn Dams.*

[*Iud*] Acute *lohn Dams*, I affect thy rymes,
That ierck¹⁰ in hidden charmes these looser times: 260
Thy plainer verse, thy vnaffccted vainc,
Is grac'd with a faire [end and sooping traine¹¹.]

Ing. Locke and Hudson.

¹ 'may' omitted in the MS, where the names that follow arc given as the beginning of *Judicio's* speech² ' S D,' B ³ 'wondnng,' edits.

⁴ 'D' B. ⁵ 'may,' MS ⁶ Correctly inserted in MS ⁷ 'of,' MS.

⁸ Incorrectly in the edits., assigned to *Ingemoso* ⁹ 'lud.' edits.

¹⁰ 'jerckt' MS. ¹¹ 'Is grac't with a faire and a sooping trayne,' edits. ;
'Martiall and he may silt upon one bench, Either wrote well, and either lov'd his wench' added in MS

Iud. *Locke* and *Hudson* sleepe you quiet shaucrs, among
the shauings of the pressc, and let your bookes lye in some
old nookes amongst old bootcs and shoocs, so you may
auoidc¹ my censure

Ing. Why then clap a lock on their feetc, and turne them
to commons.

Iohn Marston. 270

Iud. What *Monsicr Kynsadcr* lifting vp your legge and
pissing against the world, put vp man, put vp for shame.

² Me thinks he is a Ruffian in his stile,
Withouten bands or garters ornament,
He quaffes a cup of Frenchmans Helicon. 275
Then royster doyster in his oylie tearmes,
Cutts, thrusts, and foins at whomcsocucr he meets,
And strewes about Ram-ally meditations.
Tut, what cares he for modest close coucht termes,
Cleanly to gird our looser libertines. 280
Giue him plaine naked words stript from their shirts
That might beseeme plaine dealing *Arctine* :
I, there is one³ that backes a paper steed
And manageth a pen-knife gallantly.
Strikes his poinado at a buttons breadth, 285
Brings the great battering ram of tearmes to towns
And at first volly of his Cannon shot,
Batters the walles of the old fustic world.

Ing. *Christopher Marlowe.*

Iud. *Marlowe* was happy in his buskind¹ muse, 290
Alas vnhappy in his life and end.
Pitty it is that wit so ill should dwell,
Wit lent from hcauen, but vices sent from hell,

¹ 'may happ to avoytl,' MS ² Assigned to 'Ingen' in the MS.
' This is a description of Marlowe ', Malone But *quare* ? The lines beginning
here are assigned in the MS to Jurhcio, and appear to express his opinion of
Marston, as in sequence to Ingenioso's' ⁴ 'buskine,' 13

Ing. Our *Theater* hath lost, *Pluto* hath got,
A Tragick penman for a driery plot. 295

Beniamin Iohnson^{1.}

Iud. The wittiest fellow of a Bricklayer in England.

Ing. A meere Empyrick, one that getts what he hath
by obseruation, and makes onely nature priuy to what he
indites, so slow an Inucntor that he were better betake
himselfe to his old trade of Bricklaying, a bould whorson,
as confident now in making a² booke, as he was in times
past in laying of a brick. 303

William Shakespeare^{3.}

hid. Who loucs [not *Adons* loue, or *Lucrece* rape?⁴]
His sweeter verse contaynes hart [throbbing line⁵],
Could but a grauer subiect him content,
Without loucs foolish lazy⁶ languishment.

Ing. Churchyard.

Hath not *Shors* wife, although a light skirts she, 310
Giuen him a, chast long lasting memory ?

Iud. No, all light pamphlets [one day⁷] finden shall,
A Churchyard and a. graue to bury all.

Inge. *Thomas [Nash]*^{8.}

I, hcarc is a fellow, *Iitdicio*, that carryed the deadly stock-
[ado] in his pen, whose muse was armed with a gagtooth
and his pen possest with *Hercules* furies^{9.}

Iud. Let all his faultcs sleepe with his mournfull chest,
And [there¹⁰] for cuer with his ashes rest.
His style was wittie, though [it¹¹ had some gal[l], 320
Somcthing[s] he might haue mended, so may all.
Yet this I say, that for a mother witt,
Few men haue cuer scene the like of it

¹ 'BI', B

² 'of a,' MS

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Mis-spelt 'Shatespeare' in A.

⁴ 'WholoveesAdonis love or Lucre's rape' edits

⁵ 'robbing life,' edits.

⁶ 'lazy' omitted in B

⁷ 'once I,' edits

⁸ 'Nashdo' edits.

⁸ 'the spiritte of Hercules furens,' MS

¹⁰ 'then'

¹¹ 'he,' edits

Ing. Reades the rest,

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hid. As for these, they haue some of them beene the old hedgstakes of the presse, and some of them arc at this instant the botts and glanders of the printing house. Fellowes that stande only vpon tearmcs to serue the tearme ¹ with their blotted papers, write as men go to stoole, for needes, and when they write, they write as a [boare ²] pisses, now and then drop a pamphlet. 331

Ing. Durum telum nccessitas, Good fayth they do as I do, exchange words for mony. I haue some traffique this day with *Danter*, about a little booke ³ which I haue made, the name of it is a Catalogue of *Cambrige* Cuckolds, but ⁴this Beluedere, this methodicall asse, hath made me almost forget my time : He now to Paulcs Churchyard ; meete me an houre hence, at the signe of the Pegasus in Cheap-side, and lie moyst thy temples with a cuppe of Claret, as hard as the world goes, *Ex. ludicio.* 340

ACTUS J. SCENA 3.

Enter BANTER the Printer.

Ing. Danter thou art deeciued, wit is dearer then thou takest it to bee. I tell thee this libel of Cambridge has much [salt⁵] and pepper in the nose : it will sell sliereely vnderhand, when all⁶ these bookcs of exhortations and Catechismes, lie moulding on thy shopboard. 345

Dan. It's true, but good fayth M. *Ingenioso*, I lost by your last booke ; and you knowe there is many a one that payes me largely for the printing of their inuentions, but for all this you shall haue 40 shillings and an odde pottle of wine. 350

¹ 'turne,' B ² 'beare,' edits ' 'a libell,' MS
of this speech is assigned in the MS to Judicio' ⁵

⁶ 'when as,' MS.

⁴ The rest
'fal,' edits.

Inge. 40 Shillings ? a fit reward for one of your rcuma-tick poets, that bcslaucrs all the paper he comes by, and furnishes the Chaundlers with wast papers to wrap candles in : but as for me, He be paid deare euen for the dreggs of my wit: little knowes the world what belongs] to the keeping of a good wit in waters, dictts, drinekcsc, Tobacco, &c. it is a dainty and costly creature, and therefore I must be payd sweetly: furnish mec with mony, that I may put my sclfe in a new sutc of clothes, and lie sute thy shop with a new suite of tearmes: it's the gallantest Child my inucntion was euer deliuercd off. The title is, a Chronicle of Cambrige Cuckolds : here a man may see, what day of the moneth such a mans commons were in-closed, and when throwne open, and when any entayled some odde crownes vpon the heires of their bodies vnlaw-fully begotten : spcake quickly, ells I am gone. 366

Dan. Oh this will sell gallantly: He haue it whatsoeuer it cost, will you walk on, M. *Ingenioso* weelee sit ouer a cup of wine and agree on it.

Ing. A cup of wine is as good a Constable as can be, to take vp the quarrell betwixt vs. [Exeunt.

ACTUS 1. SCENA 4.

PHILOMUSUS in a *Filiations habile* : STUDIOSO that is I AQUES man¹, Andpatient.

Plul. Tit tit tit, non poynte non debet fieri phlebetomotio¹ in coitu lunæ: here is a Recipe.

Pat. A Recipe.

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Phil. Nos [*Gallici*³] nou cnrainns quantitatcm syllabarum: Let me heare how many stooles you doe make. Adeiu mounscir, adeiu good mounscir, what⁴ laqnscs, *Una personne apres icy ?*

¹ 'Studioso like his man,' MS. ² phlebotomalio MS ³ Gallia," edits. ⁴ 'what how' MS.

Stud. Non.

Phil Then let vs steale time [from¹] this borrowed
shape, 380

Recounting our vnequall haps of late.

Late did the Ocean graspe vs in his armes,

Late did we Hue within a stranger ayre :

Late did we sec the cinders of great Rome.

We thought that English fugitiues there eate 385

Gold, for restoratiue, if gold were mcate,

Yet now we find by bought experience,

That where so ere we wander vp and downe,

On the rounde shoulders of this massy world,

Or our ill fortunes, or the worlds ill eye, 390

Forspeake our good, procures our misery.

Stud. So oft the Northc[r]n winde with frozen wings,

Hath beate the flowers that in our² garden grcwe :

Throwne downe the stalkes of our aspiring youth,

So oft hath winter nipt our trees fairc rinde, 395

That now we seeme nought but two bared boughes,

Scorned by the basest bird that chirps in groauc-

Nor Rome, nor Rhemes, that wonted are to giue

A Cardinall[']s cap, to discontented clarkcs,

That haue forsooke the[ir] home-bred [thatched³] roofes,

Yeelded vs any equall maintenance : 401

And it's as good to starue mongst English swine,

As in a forraine land to beg and pine :

Phil ⁴. He scorne the world that scorneth me againe.

Stud. He vex the world that workes me so much paine.

Phil. [Thy lame reuenging power ⁵ the world well
weenes. 406

¹ 'for,' edits ² 'one,' A ³ 'thanked,' edits ⁴ This line
is given in the MS. to Studioso, antl the names are consequently changed in all
the following lines, and apparently, from the subsequent reference to the
¹ capping of rimes ' correctly. ⁵ ' Fly lame revenging's power ' edits.

Stud. Flyes haue their spleene, each sylly ant his teenes.

Phil. We haue the words, they the possession haue.

Stud. We all arc equall in our latest graue. 409

Phil. Soon then: O soone may we both graued be.

Stud. Who wishes death, doth wrong wise destinie.

Phil. It's wrong to force life loathing men to breath.

Stud. It's sinnc for[e] doomed day to wish thy death.

Phil. Too late our soules flit to their resting place.

Stud. Why mans whole life is but a breathing space.

Phil. A painefull minute secmes a tedious yeare.

Stud. A constant minde cternall woes will beare.

Phil. When shall our soules their weaned lodge forgoe?

Stud. When we haue tyred misery and woe.

Phil. Soone [then may fates this gayle deliuey¹] send vs. 420

² Small woes vex long, great woes [will] quickly end vs.

But letts leaue this capping of rimes, *Studioso*, and follow our late deuisc, that wee may maintaine our heads in cappes, our bellyes in prouender, and our [hacks³] in sadle and bridle: hetherto wee haue sought all the honest meanes wee could to liue, and now let vs dare⁴, *aliquid brcuibus [giaris⁵] cf] carcere dignum*: let vs run through all the lewd formes of lime-twig purloyning villanyes: let vs proue Cony-catchers, Baudcs, or any thing, so we may rub out; and first my plot for playing the French Doctor, that shall hold: our lodging stand[s] here [fitly⁶] in shooe lane, for if our commings in be not the better, London may shortely

¹ 'may then fates this gale deliuer,' edits Malone rightlly conjectured what the reading should be. ² Assigned to 'Thil.' in MS. ³ 'backs' edits.

⁴ 'letts auderc, MS. ⁵ 'gratis, and edits. The correct reading was conjectured by Malone' ⁶ 'filthy' edits. Malone again conjectured rightly what the reading should be.

throw an old shooe after vs, and with those shreds of French, that we gathered vp in our hostes house in *Paris*, wee'l gull the world, that hath in estimation forraine Phisitians, and if any of the hidebound brithercn of Cambridge and Oxforde, or any of those Stigmatick maisters of arte, that abused vs in times past, Icaue their owne Phisitians, and become our patients, wee'l alter quite the stile of them, for they shall ncuer hereafter write, your Lordships most bounden: but your Lordships most laxatiue. 442

Stud. It shalbe so, see [how¹] a little verminc pouerty altereth a whole milkie disposition.

Phil So then my scife straight with reuenge He [sate²]

Stud. Prouoked patience growes intemperate.

ACTUS 1. SCENA 5.

Enter RICHARDETTO, IAQUES Scholler learning French.

laq. How now my little knaue, *qnelle nondle monnseir.*

Richaid. Ther's a fellow with a night cap on his head, an vrinal in his hand, would faine spcake with master *Theodore.* 450

laq. *Parle Francoyes inoun petit garsoun.*

[³ *Richard.* *Il y a un home avec le bonnet de la teste ct un iirinell en la main qui vcult parler Theodore.*

laq. *For bien.*

Theod. *laques alonns.*

Exeunt]

¹ 'what,' edits.

² seate,' edits. Correctly altered by Malone.

³ *Richard,* *Hy a vn homme aue le bonnet de et vn vnnell in la mens, put veut parler.*

laq. *For bien.* ('Foe bcieu A)

La teste.

Theod. *Iagues a*

bonus.

Exeunt THEODORE,' edits.

ACTUS 1. SCENA 6.

FUROR POETICUS : *and presently after enters PHANTASMA.*

FUROR POETICUS *rapt within contemplation.*

Fur. Why how now *Pedant Phæbus* are you smoutching
Thalia on her tender lips? There hoic: *pesant avant:*
come Pretty short-nosd nimph; oh sweet *Thalia*, I do
kisse thy foote. What *Cleio*? O sweet *Cleio*, nay pray
thee do not weepe *Melpomene*. What *Vrania Polimnia*,
and *Calliope*', let me doe rcuerence to your deities. 461

PHANTASMA *puls him by the sleeue.*

*Fur*¹ I am your holy swayne, that night and day,
Sit for your sakes rubbing my wrinkled browe,
Studying a moneth for on[c] [fitt] Epithete.
Nay siluer *Cinthia*, do not trouble me: 465
Straight will I thy *Endimions* storye write,
To which thou hastcst me on [both] day and night.
You light² skirt starrcs, this is your wonted guise,
By glomy light perke out your doutfull heads:
Hut when *Don Phoebus* shoves his flashing snout, 470
You are sky puppies, straight your light is out.

Phan. So ho, *Furor*.
Nay precthee good *Furor* in sober sadnes.

Furor. *Odi profanum vulgus et arceo*

Pliant. Nay sweet *Furor*; *ipste te Tytire pinus*, 475
Ipsi te fontes, ipsa hæc arbusta vocarunt.

*Furor*³. Who's that runs headlong on my quills sharpe
point,
That wcarycd of his life and baser breath,
Offers himselfe to an latnbicke verse.⁴

¹ In the MS the three first lines are given (apparently more correctly) to *Phant*, and *Furors* sperch recommences at 'Nay'¹ ² 'like,' MS.
³ Wrongly placed on the preceding line in the editions' ⁴ 'death sug-
gested by Maione; but the MS has 'verse'

Phant. *Si quoties peccant homines sua fulmina mittat
lupiter exiguo tempore inermis crit.* 481

Fur. What slimie bold presumtious groome is he,
Dares with his rude audacious hardye chatt,
Thus seucr me from [skybredd¹] contemplation ?

Phant. *Carmina vel cælo possunt deducere lunam.* 485

Furor, Oh *Phantasma*: what my indiuiduall mate ?

[*Phant.*] O mihi post nullos *Furor* memorande sodales.

Furor. Say whence comest thou? sent from what
deytye ?

From great *Apollo* or sly *Mercury*?

Phan. I come from [that²] litle *Mercury*, *Ingenioso*. For,
Ingenio pollet cui vim natura negauit. 491

Furor. *Ingenioso* ?

He is a pretty inuenter of slight prose³ :

But there's no spirit in his groaueling speach.

Hang him whose verse cannot out-belch the wind : 495

That cannot beard and braue *Don Eolus*,

That when the cloud of his inuention breakes,

Cannot out-cracke the scarr-crow thunderbolt.

Pkan. Hang him I say⁴, *Pendo pependi, tendo tetendi,
pedo pepcdi.* Will it please you maister *Furor* to walke
with me ? I promised to bring you to a drinking⁵ in
Chcapside, at the signe of the naggcs head, For, 502
Tempore lenta pati fræna docentnr cqui.

Furor. Passe the[c] before, He come incontinent.

Phan. Nay faith maister *Furor*, letts go together,
Quoniam Conuenimus ambo. 506

Furor. [Let us⁶] march on vnto the house of fame :

¹ skibbered,' edits. ³ 'the,' edits. ³ 'slight inventor of base
prose.' MS. ⁴ These four words arc the end of *Furors* speech in the MS.
⁶ 'drinking Inne,' edits. ⁶ 'Lett's.edits

There quaffing bowles of Bacchus bloud ful nimble,
Endite a Tiptoe, strouting poesy.

They offer the way one to the other.

Phan Quo me Bacche rapis tui plenum, 510

[Furor.] Tu maior: tibi me est cequum parere Menalca.

ACT. SECUNDUS. SCENA 3¹.

*Enter PHILOM. THEOD. his patient the Burgesse, and his man
with his staffe².*

THEOD. puts on his spectacles.

Mounsciur here arc *atomi Natantes*, which doc make shew
your worship to be as leacherous as a bull.

Burg. Truly maister Doctor we are all men, [all men].

Theod. This vater is intention³ of heate, are you not
perturbed with an ake in [your vace]⁴ or in your occiput.
I meanc your head peece, let me feeles the pulse of your
little finger. 518

Burg. lie assure you [sir] M. *Theodour*, the pulse of
my head beates exceedingly, and I thinke I haue disturbed
my selfe by studying the penall statutes.

Theod. Tit, tit, your worship takes cares of⁵ your
speeches. *O, conrce leiics loquuntur, ingentes⁶ stoupent* it is
an Aphorisme in Galen.

Burg. And what is the exposition of that ? 525

Thcod. That your worship must take a *gland*, vt *cmit-
tatur sanguis*; the signe is for[t] excellent, for excellent.

Burg. Good maister Doctor vse mec gently, for marke
you Sir, there is a double consideration to be had of me :
first as I am a publike magistrate, secondly as I am a
priuatc butcher: and but for the worshipfull credit of the

¹ Sic ² 'state.'A ³ 'intation,'MS ⁴ 'you race,' edits.
⁵ 'for,' MS ⁶ 'ingantes MS, apparently continuing to represent the
foreign pronunciation

place, and office wherein I now stand and Hue, I would not [so] hazard my worshipfull apparell, with a suppositor or a glister: but for the countenancing of the place, I must go oftener to stoole, for as a great gentleman told me of good experience¹ that it was the chiefe note of a magistrate, not to go to the stoole without a phisition. 537

Theo. ² *A, vous ettes vn gentell home vraincmt what ho laques) laques dou e vous ? vn fort gentel purgation for monsicr Bnrgesse.*

Jaq. *Vostre tres humble serniture a vostre commandc- incnt.*

Theod. *Donne voits vn gentellpurge a Monsier Burgesse.* I haue considered of the crasis, and syntoma of your disease, and here is *vn fort gentell pnrgation per cuacuationcm exc?*'*excrementorum*, as we Phisitions vse to parlce. 546

Burg. I hope maister Doctor you hauc a care of the cuntryes officer. I tell you I durst not hauc trusted my selfe with euery phisition, and yet I am not afraide for my selfe, but I would not depruie the towne of so carefull a magistrate. 551

Theod. O monsier, I haue a singular care of your valetudo, it is requisite that the French Phisitions be learned and carefull, your English vcluct cap is malignant and cnuious. 555

Bnrg. Here is maister Doctor fourc pence your due, and eight pence my bounty, you shall heare from me good maister Doctor, farewell farewell, good maister Doctor. 559

Theod. Adieu, good Mounsier, adieu good Sir mounsier. Then burst with teares³ vnhappy graduate : Thy fortunes [wayward still⁴] and backward bin: Nor canst thou thriue by vctue, nor by sinne.

¹ 'a gentleman of good experience told me.' MS. ² This line is given in the MS. 'donnee vous un gentill purge a mounsieur Burgesse.'¹ 'teene,' MS. 'still wayward,' edits.

Stud. O how it greeues my vexed soule to sec,
Each painted asse in chayre of dignitie : 565
And yet we grouell on the ground alone,
Running through euery trade, yet¹ thriue by none.
More we must act in this liues Tragedy.

Phi. Sad is the plott, sad the Catastrophe.

Stud. Sighs are the Chorus in our Tragedy. 570

Phi. And rented thoughts continuall actors be.

Stud. Woe is the subiect : *Phil*, earth the loathed stage,
Whereon we act this faincd personage.
Mossy² barbarians the spectators be,
That sit and laugh at our calamity. 575

Phil. Band be those houres when mongst the learned
throng,
By Grantacs muddy bancke we whilome song,

Stud. Band be that hill which learned witts adore,
Where earst we spent our stock and little store.

Phil. Band be those musty mewes, where we haue
spent 580
Our youthfull dayes in paled langu[i]shment.

Stud. Band be those coscning arts that wrought our
woe,
Making vs wandring *Pilgrimcs* too and fro.

Phil. And *Pilgrimcs* must we be without reliefe,
And where soeuer we run there meets vs greefe. 585

Stud. Where eucr we tosse vpon this crabbed³ stage
Gricfe's our companion, patience be our page.

Phil. Ah but this patience is a page of ruth,
A tyred Lacky to our wandering youth. 589

¹ 'but.' MS² In the margin is printed in italics 'most like'
as apparently a 'various reading' but the MS has 'mossy'
³ 'troubled' MS

ACTUS 2. SCENA 2.

ACADEMICO *solus*.

Acad. Faine would I haue a liuing, if I could tel how
to come by it. *Eccho.* Buy it. 591

Acad. Buy it fond *Ecc[ho]* ? why thou dost greatly
mistake it. *Ecc.* stake it.

Stake it ? what should I stake at this game of simony ?

Ecc. mony. 595

What is the world a game, are liuings gotten by playing ?

Eccho. Paying.

Paying ? but say what's the nearest way to come by
a liuing ?

Eccho. Giuing.¹ 600

Must his worships fists bee needs then oyled with Angells ?

Eccho. Angels.

Ought his gowty fists then first with gold to be greased ?

Eccho. Eased.

And it is then such an ease for his asses backe to carry
mony ? 606

Eccho. I.

Will then this golden asse bestowe a vicarige guilded ?

Eccho. Gelded.

What shall I say to good sir *Roderick*, that haue [no²]
gold here ? 611

Eccho. Cold chearc.

He make it my lone request, that he wold be good
to a scholler.

Eccho. Choller. 615

Yea, will hee be cholerike, to heare of an art or a science ?

Eccho. hence.

¹ The MS. omits the rest of this scene, adding here ' &c. Sec. &c'

² Correctly inserted in B.

Hence with liberal arts, what then wil he do with his
chancel?

Eccho. sell. 620

Sell it? and must a simple clarke be fayne to compound
then?

Eccho. pounds then.

What if I haue no pounds, must then my sute be
proroagued? 625

Eccho. Roagued.

Yea? giuen to a Roague? shall an asse this vicaridge
compasse?

Eccho. Asse.

What is the reason that I should not be as fortunate
as he? 631

Eccho. Asse he.

Yet for al this, with a penillesse purse wil I trudg to
his worship.

Eccho. words cheape. 635

Wcl, if he giue me good words, it's more then I haue
from an *Eeeho*.

Eicho. goe.

ACTUS 2. SCEN4 3.

AMORETTO *with an Quid in his hand.* IMMERITO.

Amor. Take it on the word of a gentleman thou cannot
haue it a penny vnder, thinke out, thinke ont, while I
meditate on my fayre mistres. 641

Nune sequor imperium magne Cupido tuum.

What ere become of this dull¹ thredbare clearke,

I must be costly in my mistresse's eye :

Ladyes regard not ragged company. 645

I will with the reuenewes of my chafred church,

¹ • bare,' MS.

First buy an ambling hobby for my fayre:
 Whose measured pace may teach the world to dance,
 Proud of his burden when he gins to prounce :
 Then must I buy a iewell for her eare, 650
 A Kirtle of some hundred crownes or more :
 With these fayre giftes when I accompanied goe,
 Sheele giue *lotics* breakfast: *Sidny* tearmcs it so.
 I am her needle, she is my Adamant:
 [Shee's a¹] fayre Rose, I her vnworthy pricke. 655

Acad. Is there no body hecre will take the paines to
 geld his mouth?

Amor. Sh[e]'s Cleopatra, I Marke Anthony,

Acad. No thou art a meerc marke for good witts² to
 shoote at: and in that suite thou wilt make a fine man
 to dashe poore [clownes³] out of countenance. 661

Amor. She is my Moone, I her Endimion,

Acad. No she is thy shoulder of mutton, thou her
 onyon: or she may be thy Luna [well], and thou her
 Lunaticke. 665

Amor. I her *Æncas*, she my *Dido* is.

Acad. She is thy Io,⁴ thou her brazen asse,
 Or she Dame *Phantasy* and thou her gull:
 She thy *Pasiphae* and thou her louing bull.

ACTUS 2. SCENA 4.

Enter IMMERITO, and STERCUTIO *his father.*

Ster. Sonnc, is this the gentleman that sells vs the
 liuing? 671

Im. Fy father, thou must not call it selling, thou must
 say is this the gentleman that must hauc the gratuito?

¹ 'She is my,' edita

² 'judgments,' MS

³ 'crowes,' edits.

⁴ 'heyho,,' MS.

Acad. What haue we heere, old trupenny come to towne, to fetch away the liuing in his old greasy slops ? then He none: the time hath beene when such a fellowe medled with nothing but his plowshare, his spade, and his hobnayles, and so to a peccc of bread and cheese, and went his way : but now these [scurvy] fellowes are growne the onely factors for preferment. 680

Ster. O is this the grating gentleman, and howe many pounds must I pay ?

Im. O thou must not call them pounds, but thanks, and harkc thou father, thou must tell of nothing that is done: for I must sceme to come cleerc¹ to it. 685

Acad. Not pounds but thanks : see whether this simple fellow that hath nothing of a scholler, but that the draper hath blackt him oucr, hath not gotten the stile of the time. 689

Str. By my fayth, sonne, looke for no more portion.

I m. Well father, I will not, vppon this condition, that when thou haue gotten me the gratuito of the liuing, thou wilt likewise disburse a little mony to the bishops poser, for there are certaine questions I make scruple to be posed in.

Acad. He meanes any question in Latin, which he counts a scruple; oh this honest man could neuer abide this popish tounc of Latine, oh he is as true an English man as lines.

Ster. He take the gentleman now, he is in a good vayne, for he smiles. 700

Amor. Swcete Quid, I do honour euery page.

Acad. Good *Onid* that in his life time, liued with- the *Gctcs*, and now after his death conuerseth with a Barbarian.

¹ 'cleerely,' MS., which has 'you' for 'thou' in Immento'ss speeches

² 'among,' MS.

Ster. God bee at your worke Sir: my Sonhe told me you were the grating gentleman, I am *Stercutio* his father Sir, simple as I stand here. 707

Amory Fellow, I had rather giuen thee an hundred pounds, then thou should[st] haue put me out of my excellent meditation[;] by the faith of a gentleman I was [even] rapt in contemplation. 711

Im. Sir you must pardon my father, he wants bringing vp.

Acad. Marry it seemes he hath good bringing vp, when he brings vp so much mony, 715

Ster. Indeed Sir, you must pardon me, I did not knowe you were a gentleman of the Temple before.

Amor. Well I am content in a generous disposition to beare with country education, but fellow whats thy name?

Ster. My name Sir, *Stercutio* Sir. 720

Amor. Why then *Stercutio*, I would be very willing to be the instrument to my father, that this liuing might be conferred vpon your sonne: mary I would haue you know, that I haue bene importuned by two or three seuerall Lordes, my Kinde cozins, in the behalfe of some Cambridge man²: and haue almost engaged my word. Mary if I shall see your disposition to be more thankfull then other men, I shalbe very ready to respect kind natur'd men: for as the Italian prouerbe speaketh wel, *Chi ha haura?*

Acad. Why here is a gallant young drouer of liuings.

Ster. I beseech you sir speake English, for that is naturall to me & to my sonne, and all our kindred, to vnderstand but one language.

Amor. Why [then] thus in plaine english: I must be respected with thanks. 735

¹ 'Acad.¹ edits., but evidently a misprint' ² 'schollers,' MS. ³ The last three words omitted in the MS.

Acad. This is a. subtle tractiue¹, when thanks may be felt and scene.

Ster. And I pray you Sir, what is the lowest thanks that you will take?

Acad. The verye same Method that he vseth at the buying² of an oxe. 741

Amor. I must haue some odd sprinckling of an hundred pounds [or³]so, so I shall thinke you thankfull, and commend your sonne as a man of good giftes to my father.

Acad. A sweete world, giue an hundred poundes, and this is but counted thankfullnesse. 746

Stcr. Harkc thou Sir, you shall haue 80. thanks.

Amor. I tell thee fellow, I neucr opened my mouth in this kind so cheape before in my life. I tel thee, few young gentlemen are found, that would deale so kindly with thee as I doc. 751

Stcr. Well Sir, because I knowe my sonne to be a [good] toward thing, and one that hath taken all his learning⁴ on his owne head, without sending to the vniuersitye, I am content to giue you as many thanks as you aske, so you will promise me to bring it to passe. 756

Amor. I warrant you for that: if I say it once, repayre you to the place, and stay there, for my father, he is walked abroad [into the parke] to take the benefit of the ayre. He meete him as he returnes, and make way for your suite. [Exeunt STER. IM.

ACT. 2. SCEN. 5.

Enter ACADEMICO, AMORETTO.

Amor. Gallant, I faith. 762

Acad. I see we schollcrs fish for a liuing in these shallow foardes without a siluer hooch. Why, wold it

¹ 'tactive,'MS' ² 'in buying,'MS' ³ if,'edits' ⁴ 'taken all he hath,'MS.

not gal a man to see a spruse gartered youth, of our Colledge a while ago, be a broker for a liuing, & an old Baude for a benefice? This sweet Sir profercd me much kindenesse when hee was of our Colledge, and now He try what winde remaynes in [t]his bladder. God saue you Sir. 770

Amor. By the masse I feare me I [have scene¹] this Genus fit Species in Cambridge before now : He take no notice of him now : by the faith of a gentleman this is [a] pretty Ellegy². Of what age is the day fellow? Syrrha boy, hath the groomc saddled my hunting hobby? can Robin hunter tel where a hare sits. 776

Acad. [Sir³] a poore old friend of yours, [sir] of S. [John's] Colledge in Cambridge.

Am. Good fayth Sir you must pardon me. I haue forgotten you. 780

Acad. My name is *Acadcmico* Sir, one that made an oration for you once on the Queenes day, and a show that you got some credit by.

Amor. It may be so, it may bee so, but I haue forgotten it: marry yet I remember there was such a fellow that I was very beneficiall vnto in my time. But how-socuer Sir, I haue the curtesie of the towne for you. I am sory you did not take me at my fathers house : but now I am in exccding great hast, for I haue vowed the death of a hare that wee found this morning musing on her mcaze. 791

Acad. Sir I am imboldned, by that great acquaintance that heretofore I had with you, as likewise it hath pleased you heretofore—

Amor. Looke syrrha, if you see my Hobby come hitherward as yet.⁴ 796

¹ 'saw,' edits. ² 'prety pretye clegie,' MS.

³ 'See,' edits.

⁴ The last three words omitted in the MS.

Acad. To make me some promises, I am to request your good mediation¹ to the Worshipfull your father, in my behalfe : and I will dedicate to your selfe in the way of thanks, those dayes I haue to Hue. 800

Amor. O good sir, if I had knowne your minde before, for my father hath already giuen the induction to a Chaplaine of his owne, to a proper man, I know not of what Vniucrsitie he is.

Acad. Signior *Immerito*, they say, hath bidden fayrest for it. 806

Amor. I know not his name, but hee is a graue discreet man I warrant him, indeede hee wants vtterancc in some measure.

Acad. Nay, me thinkes he hath very good vtterance, for his grauitie, for hee came hether very graue, but I thinkc he will returne light enough, when he is ridde of the heauy element he carries about him. 813

Amor. Faith Sir, you must pardon mcc, it is my ordinarie custome to be too studious, my Mistresse hath toldii me of it often, and I finde it to hurt my ordinary discourse: but say swecte Sir, do yee affect the most gentile-man-like game of hunting. 818

Acad. How say you to the crafty gull, hee would faine get mee abroad to make sport with mee in their Hunters termcs, which we schollers are not acquainted with : sir I haue loucd this kinde of sporte [well], but now I begin to hate it, for it hath beene my luck alwayes to beat the bush, while another kild the Hare.

Amor. Hunters luck, Hunters luck Sir, but there was a fault in your Hounds that did [not] spend well. 826

Acad. Sir, I haue had worse luck alwayes at hunting [of] the Fox.

¹ 'meditation,' B

Am [or]. What sir, do you meane at the vnkennelling, vntapezing ¹, or earthing of the Fox ? 830

Acad. I meane earthing, if you terme it so, for I ncuer found yellow earth enough to couer the old Fox your father [in].

Amor. Good faith sir, there is an excellent skill in blowing for the terriers, it is a word that we hunters vse when the Fox is earthed, you must blow one long, two short, the second winde one long two short : now sir in blowing, euery long containeth 7- quauers [one mimim and one quaver, one mimim contcyneth 4 quauers], one short containeth 3. quauers. 840

Acad. Sir might I finde any fauour in my sute, I would wind the home wherein your boone deserts ² should bee sounded with so many minims, so many quauers. 844

Amor. Sweet sir, I would I could conferre this or any kindnessc vpon you : I wonder the boy comes not away with my Hobby. Now sir, as I was proceeding : when you blow the death of your Fox in the field or couert, then must you sound 3. notes, with 3. windes, and recheat : marke you sir, vpon the same with 3. windes.

Acad. I pray you sir — 851

Amor. Now sir, when you come to your stately gate, as you sounded the recheat before, so now you must sound the rcleefe three times.

Acad. Releefe call you it? it were good euery patron would [wind that home.]³ 856

Amor. O sir, but your reliefe is your [cheifest and] sweetest note, that is sir, when your hounds hunt after a game vnknowne, and then you must sound one long

¹ untapering, 'MS.
home,' edits.

² 'beau deserle,' MS.

³ 'finde the

and six short, the second wind, two short and one long,
the third wind, one long and two short. 361

Acad. True sir, it is a very good trade now adayes
to be a villaine, I am the hound that hunts after a game
vnknowne, and [hee] blowes the villaine. 864

Amor. Sir, I will blesse your eares with a very pretty
story, my father out of his owne cost and charges keeps
an open table for all kinde of dogges.

Acad. And he keepes one more by thee. 868

Amor. He hath your Grey-hound, your Mungrell,
your Mastife, your Leurier, your Spaniell, your Kennets,
Terriers, Butchers dogs, Bloud-hounds, Dunghill dogges,
trindlc tailes, prick-eard cures, small Ladies puppies,
[raches¹] and Bastards. 873

Acad. What a bawdy knaue hath he to his father,
that keepes his *Rachell*, hath² his bastards, and lets his
[sonne³] be plaine Ladies [puppye⁴] to beray a Ladies
Chamber. 877

Amor. It was my pleasure two dayes ago, to take a
gallant leash of Grey-hounds, and into my fathers Parke
I went, accompanied with two or three Noblemen of
my neere acquaintance, desiring to show them some of
the sport: I causd the Keeper to seuer the rascall
Deere, from the Buckes of the first head: now sir, a
Bucke the first yeare is a Fawne, the second yeare a
pricket, the third yeare a Sorell, the fourth yeare a Soare,
the fift a Buck of the first head, the sixt yeare a compleat
Buck: as likewise your Hart is the first yeare a Calfe,
the second yeare a Brochet, the third yeare a Spade, the
fourth yeare a Stagge, the fift yeare a great Stag, the
sixt yeare a Hart: as likewise the Roa-bucke is the first

¹ 'Caches,' edits ² 'getts,' MS ³ 'Sonnes,' edits ⁴ 'puppets,'
edits

yeare a Kid, the second yeare a Girle, the third yeare a Hemuse: and these arc your speciall beasts for chase, or as wee Huntsmen call¹ it, for venery.

Acad. If chaste be taken for venery, thou art a more speciall beast then any in thy fathers forrest. Sir I am sorry I hauc been so troublesome to you. 896

Am. I [knewe²] this was the readiest way to chase away the Schollcr, by getting him into a subiect he cannot talke of, for his life. Sir I will borrow so much time of you as to finish this my begun storie. Now sir, after much trauell we singled a Buck, I rode that same time vpon a Roane gelding, and stood to intercept [him] from the thicket: the Buck broke gallantly: my great Swift being disaduantaged in his slip was at the first bchinde, marry presently [hee] cotcd and out-stript them, when as the Hart³ presently discended to the Riucr, and being in the water, profcrd, and reprofcrd, and profcrd againe: and at last he vpstarted at the other side of the water which we call [the] soyle of the Hart, and there other huntsmen met him with an adauntrcley⁴, we followed in hard chase for the space of eight hours, thrisc our hounds were at default, and then we crycd a slainc, straight⁵ so ho: through good reclaiming my faulty hounds found their game againe, and so went through the wood with gallant noice⁶ of musicke, resembling so many Violls Dcgambo: at last the Hart laid him downe, and [whilst] the Hounds seized vpon him, he groncd and wept, and dyed. In good faith it made me weepe too, to think of *Actcons* fortune, which my *Quid* speakes of. *He rcades Quid.*

Militat omnis amaus, et hdbet sua castra Cupido.

Acad. Sir, can you put me in any hope of obtayning my sute. 922

¹ 'terme,'MS.
treilley,' MS.

² 'know,,,' edits.
⁵ 'streare,'MS.

³ 'bucke,'MS
⁶ 'notice,'B.

advan-

Amor. In good faith Sir, if I did not loue you as my soule, I would not make you acquainted with the mysteries of my¹ art. 925

Acad. Naye, I will not dye of a discourse yet, if I can choose.

Amor. So sir, when we had rewarded our Doggcs with the small guttes and the lights, and the bloud: the Huntsmen hallowed, so ho, [*Venus decoupler*²] and so coupled the Dogges, and then [returning³] homeward, another company of Houndes that lay at aduantage, had their couples cast off and we might heare the Huntsmen cry, horse, *decouple Auant* but streight we hearde him cry, *Ic Amond*, and by that I knewe that they had the hare and on footc, and by and by I might see [him] sore and resore, prick and re prick: what is he gone? ha ha ha ha, these schollcrs are the simplest creatures. 938

ACTUS 2. SCEN. 6.

Enter AMORETTO and his Page.

Page, I wonder what is become of that *Quid de arte amandi*, my maister he that for the practise of his discourse is wontc to court his hobby abroad and at home, in his chamber makes a sett speech to his greyhound, desiring that most fayre and amiable dog to grace his company in a stately galliard, and if the dog, seeing him practise his [lofty⁴] pointes, as his crosпойnt [and his] backcaper, chance to beray the roome, he presently doffes his Cap, most solemnly makes a low-leg to [her]⁵ Lady Ship, taking it for the greatest fauour in the world, that shee would vouchsafe tolcaue her Ciuert box, or her sweetc gloue behind her. 950

¹ 'our,' MS

²

'Venue a coupler/ edits'

³

'returned,' edits.

⁴ 'lusty,'¹ edits

⁵

'his,' edits.

Amor. He opens Quid and reads if.¹

Page, Not a word more Sir, an't please you, your Hobby will meete you at the lanes end.

Am. What *lack*², faith I cannot but vent vnto thee a most witty iest of mine. 955

Page. I hope my maister will not breake winde : wilt please you sir to blesse mine eargs with the discourse of it.

Am. Good faith, the boy begins to haue an elegant smack of my stile: why then thus it was *lack*: a scuruiē meere *Cambridge* scholler, I know not how to define him. 962

Page. Nay maister, let mee define a meere Scholler. I heard a Courtier once define a meere scholler, to bee *animall scabiosum*, that is, a liuing creature that is troubled with the itch : or a meere scholler, is a creature that can strike fire in the morning at his Tinder-box, put on a pair of lined slippers, sit rewming till dinner, and then go to his meate when the Bell rings, one that hath a peculiar gift in a cough, and a licence to spit : or if you will³ haue him defined by negatiues, He is one that cannot make a good legge, one that cannot eat a messe of broth cleanly, one that cannot ride a horse without spur-galling: one that cannot salute a wonan, and looke on her directly, one that cannot— 975

Am. Inough *lacke*, I can stay no longer, I am so great in child-birth with this iest : Sirrha, this pnedicable, this saucy groome, because when I was in *Cambridge*⁴ and lay in a Trundlebed vnder my Tutor, I was content in discreet humilitie, to giue him some place at [my⁴] Table, and because I inuited the hungrie slaue sometimes to my

¹ This line is eironeously printed in Roman type in both editions:

² 'Jackey,' MS ³ 'would,' MS ⁴ 'the,' edits.

Chamber, to the canuasing of a Turkey Pye, or a piece of Venison, which my Lady Grand-mother sent me, he thought himselfe therefore eternally possest of my loue, and came hither to take acquaintance of me, and thought his old familiaritie did continue, and would beare him out in a matter of weight. I could not tell how to rid my selfe better of the troublesome Burre, then by getting him into the discourse of Hunting, and then tormenting him awhile with our wordes of Arte, the poore Scorpion became speechelessej and suddenly rauished. These Clearkes are simple fellowes, simple fellowes. *He reads Quid.*

Page. Simple indeede they are, for they want your courtly composition of a foole and of a knaue. Good faith sir a most absolute iest, but me thinkes it might haue beene followed a little farther. 996

Am. As how my little knaue.

Page. Why thus Sir, had you inuited him [home] to dinner at your table, and haue put the earning of a Capon vpon him, you should haue scene him handle the knife so foolishly, then run through a iury of faces, then wagging his head, & shewing his teeth in familiaritie, venter vpon it with the same method that he was wont to vntrusse an apple pie or tyrannise [over] an Egge and Butter; then would I haue [plied¹] him all dinner time with cleane trenchers, cleane trenchers, and still when he had a good bit of mcate, I would haue taken it from him, by giuing him a cleane trencher, and so haue [starv'd²] him in kindnesse. 1009

Am. Well said subtle lack, put me in minde when I returne againe, that I may make my Lady Mother laugh at the Scholler. He to my game: for you lacke, I would haue you imploy your time till my comming³, in watching what houre⁴ of the day my Hawke mutes. *Exit.*

¹ 'applied,' edits. ² 'serv'd,'¹ edits. ³ 'returne,' MS. ⁴ 'the time,' MS.

Page. Is not this an excellent office to be Apothecarie to his worships hawke, to sit [skoring¹] on the wall, how the Phisicke workes, and is not my maister an absolute villaine, that loues his Hawke, his Hobby, and his Greyhound, more then any mortall creature: do but dispraise a feather of his hawkes traine, and he writhes his mouth, and sweares, for he can do that onely with a good grace, that you are the most shallow braind fellow that Hues: do but say his horse stales with a good presence, and hee's your bond-slaue: when he returnes He tell twentie admirable lyes of his hawke, and then I shall be his little rogue, and his white villaine for a whole week after. Well let others complaine, but I thinke there is no felieitie to the seruing of a foole.

1028

ACT. 3. SCEN. 1.

*Sir RAD.*² *Recorder.* *Page.* *Sig.* IMMERITO.

S. Rad. Signior *Immcrito*, you remember my caution, for the³ tithes, and my promise for farming my tithes at such a rate.

1031

Im. I, and please your worship Sir.

5". *Rad.* You must put in security for the performance of it in such sorte as I and maister Recorder shall like⁴ of.

1035

Im. I will an't please your worship.

5 *Rad.* And because I will be sure that I haue conferred this kindenesse vpon a sufficient man, I haue desired maister Recorder to take examination of you.

1039

Pag. My maister (it seemes) tak's him for a thiefe, but he hath small reason for it, as for learning it's plainc he neuer stole any, and for the liuing he knowes himselfe how he comes by it, for lett him but eate a measse of fur-

¹ Scouting,'edits' ² 'Randoll,' MS ³ your,' MS ⁴ 'thinke,'MS

menty this seauen yeare, and yet he shall neuer be able to recouer himselfe : alas poore sheepe that hath fallen into the hands of such a fox. 1046

Sir Rad Good maister Recorder take your place by me, and make tryall of his gifts, is the clcrke there to recorde his examination, [oh¹] the Page shall serue the turne.

Pag. Tryal of his gifts, neuer had any gifts a better trial, why *Immento* his gifts haue appeared in as many coloures, as the Rayn-bowe, first to maister *Amoretto* in colour of the sattine suite he weares : to my Lady in the similitude of a loose gowne: to my maister, in the likenesse² of a siluer basen, and ewer : to vs Pages in the semblance of new suites and poyntcs. So [that] maister *Amoretto* playes the gul in a piece of a parsonage: my maister adornes his cuppoord with a piece of a parsonage, my mistres vpon good dayes, puts on a piece of a parsonage³, and we Pages playe at blowe pointe for a piece of a parsonage, I thinke heer's tryall inough for one mans gifts. 1062

Rcco. For as much as nature hath done her part in making you a hansomely likely man.

Pag. He is a hansome⁴ young man indeed, and hath a proper gelded parsonage, 1066

Rcco. In the next place, some art is requisite for the perfection of nature : for the tryall whereof, at the request of my worshipfull friend, I will in some sort propound questions fitt to be resolved by one of your profession, say what is a [parson⁵ '] that was neuer at the vniuersity? 1072

Im. A [parson⁵] that was neuer in the vniuersity, is a liuing creature that can eate a tithe pigge.

¹ ' or,' MS ² similitude MS ³ ' my misters . . . parsonage ' omitted in the MS ⁴ ' proper MS ⁵ ' person,' edits.

Rec. Very well answerd, but you should haue added, and must be officious to his patrone: write downe that answer to shew his learning in logick. 1077

Sir Rad. Yea boy write that downe. Very learnedly in good faith, I pray now let me aske you one question that I remember, whether is the Masculine gender or the feminine more worthy? 1081

Im. The Feminine sir.

5th. Rad. The right answer, the right answer. In good faith I haue beene of that mind alwayes ; write boy that, to shew hee is a Grammarian. 1085

Pag. No maruell my maister be against the Grammer, for he hath alwayes made false latine in the Genders.

Ree. What Vniuersity are you of ?

Im. Of none [sir]. 1089

Sir Rad. He tells trueth, to tell trueth is an excellent vertue. Boy make two heads, one for his learning, another for his vrtucs, and referre this to the head of his vertues, not of his learning.

Pag. What, halfe a messe of good qualities referred to an asse head? 1095

Sir Rad. Nowe maister Recorder, if it please you I will examine him in an author, that will sound him to the depth, a booke of Astronomy otherwise called an Almanacke. 1099

Rec. Very good, *Sir Radcrike*¹, it were to be wished that there were no other booke of humanity, then there would not bee such busie state-prying fellowes as are now a dayes, proceede good sir.

Sir Rad. What is the Dominicall letter ?

Im. C, sir, and please your worship. 1105

S".Rad. A very good answer, a very good answer, the very answer of the booke, write downe that, and referre it to his skill in philosophy.

Pag: C, the Dominicall letter: it is true, craft and cunning do so dominere: yet rather C and D, are dominicall letters, that is crafty Duncry. 1111

S. Rad, How many daies hath September ?

Int. [Thirty dayes hath September] Aprill, lune and Nouembcr, February hath 28. alone and all the rest hath 30 and one. 1115

S. Rad. Very learnedly in good faith, he hath also a smacke in poetry, write downe that boy, to shew his learning in poetry.

How many miles from Waltham to London?

Int. Twelue Sir. 1120

S. Rad. How many from Newmarket to Grantham ?

Im. Ten Sir.

Pag. Without doubt [in his dayes] he hath beene some Carriers horse.

S Rad. How call you him that is cunning in 1.2. 3.4.5. and the CIPHER? 1126

Im. A good Arithmatician.

S.Rad. Write downe that answeare of his, to show his learning¹ in Arithmetick.

Pag. He must nedes be a good Arithmetician that counted money so lately. 1131

S. Rad, When is the new moone ?

Im. The last quarter the 5. day, at a. of the cloke and 38. minuts in the morning.

S Rad.- Write him downe, how cal you him, that is weather-wise? 1136

¹ 'cunning,' MS.

Recor, A good Ast[r]onomer.

S. .SW. Sirrha boy, write him downe for a good Astronomer.

Page. As *Colit astra*, 1140

S. *Rad.* What day of the month lights the Quecnes day on?

Im. The 17. of Nouember.

S. *Rad,* Boy refeere this to his vertues, and write him down a good subiect. 1145

Pag, Faith he were an excellent subiect for 2. or 3. good wits, he would make a fine Asse for an ape to ride vpon.

S *Rad,* And these shall suffice for the paitis of his learning, now it remaincs to try whether you bee a man of good vtterance, that is, whether you can aske for the strayed Heifer with the white face, as also chide the boyes in the belfrie, and bid the Sexton whippe out the dogges : let mee heare your voyce. 1154

Im. If any man or woman.

S *Rad.* Thats too high.

Im. If any man or woman.

.S'. *Rad.* Thats too lowe.

Im. If any man or woman, can tell any tydings of a Horse with fowre fcete, two cares, that did straye about the seucnth howre, three minutes in the forenoone the fift day. 1162

Pag, [He talks ¹] of a horse iust as it were the Ecclipse of the Moone.

5. *Rad.* Boy wryte him downe for a good vtterance : Maister Recorder, I thinke he hath beene examined sufficiently.

¹I tooke,'. edits.; 'A talks,' conjectured by Malonc.

Rec. I, *Sir Radericke*¹ tis so, wee haue tride him very throughly.

Pag. I, we haue taken an inucntory of his good parts and prized them accordingly. 1171

S. Rad. Signior *Immrito*, forasmuch as we haue made a double tryall of thee, the one of your learning, the other of your erudition : it is expedient also in the next place to giue you a fewe exhortations, considering [that] the² greatest Clarkes are not the wisest men: this is therefore first to exhort you to abstaine from Controuersies. Secondly not to gird at men of worship, such as my selfe, but to vsc your [witt³] discreetly. Thirdly not to speake when any man or woman coughs: doe so, and in so doing I will perseuer to bee your worshipfull friend and louing patron. 1182

I m. I thanke your worship, you haue beene the deficient cause of my preferment.

Sir Rad. Lead *Immrito* in to my sonne, and let him dispatch him, and remember my tithes to bee reserued, paying twelue pence a yeare. I am going to Moore-fieldes, to speake with an vnthrift I should meete at the middle Temple about a purchase, when you haue done follow vs.

Exeunt IMMERITO and the Page.

ACT. 3. SCEN. 2,

SIR RAD,¹ and Recorder.

Sir Rad. Harke you Maister Recorder, I haue flesht my prodigall boy notably, notablie in letting him deale for this liuing, that hath done him much, much good I assure you. 1193

¹ 'Randall,' MS

²

'this,' B.

³ 'selfe,' edits.

Rec. You doe well Sir *Raderick* ¹ to bestowe your liuing vpon such an one as will be content to share, and on Sunday to say nothing, whereas your proud uniuersity princox thinkes he is a man of such merit the world cannot sufficiently endow him with preferment, an vnthankfull viper, an vnthankefull Viper that will sting the man that reuiued² him. 1200

Why ist not strange to see a ragged clarke,
 Some [start upp³] weauer or some butchers sonne :
 That scrubd [of⁴] late within a sleeucles gowne,
 When the commencement, like a morice dance,
 Hath put a bell or two about his legges, 1205
 Created him a sweet cleane gentleman :
 How then he gins to follow fashions.
 He whose thin sire dwell[sj in a smokye route.
 Must take Tobacco and must weare a locke.
 His thirsty Dad drinkes in a wooden bowle, 1210
 But his sweet selfe is seru'd in siluer plate.
 His hungry sire will scrape you twenty legges,
 For one good Christmas meale on New-yeares day.
 But his mawe must be Capon crambd each day,
 He must ere long be triple beneficed, 1215
 Els with his tongue hee'l thunderbolt the world,
 And shake each pesant by his deafe-mans care.
 But had the world no wiser men then I,
 Weede pen the prating parates in a cage,
 A chayrc, a candle and a Tinderbox. 1220
 A thacked chamber and a ragged gowne,
 Should be their landes and whole possessions,
 Knights, Lords, and lawyers⁶ should be log'd & dwel
 Within those ouer stately heapes of stone.
 Which doting syres in old age did erect. 1225

¹ 'Randall,' MS.³ 'relieved,' MS⁴ 'stamell,' edits⁵ 'a,' edits.⁶ 'ladies,' MS.

Well it were to be wished that neuer a scholler in England might haue aboue fortie pound a yeare.

S *Rad.* Faith maister Recorder, if it went by wishing, there should neucr a one of them all haue aboue twentie a yeare : a good stipend, a good stipend, maister Recorder. I in the meanc time, howsoeuer I hate them all deadly, yet I am faync to giue them good words. Oh they are pestilent fellowcs, they speake nothing but bodkins, and pisse vinegar. Well, do what I can in outward kindnesse to them, yet they doe nothing but beray¹ my house: as there was one that made a couple of knauish verses on my country Chimney now in the time of my soiourning here at London : and it was thus.

1238

*Sir Radcrick*² keepes no Chimney Caelere,

That takes Tobacco aboue once a yeare.

And an other made a couple of verses on my Daughter that learncs to play on the viall *de gambo*.

Her vyall *de gambo* is her best content,

For twixt her legges she holds her instrument. 1244

Very knauish, very knauish, if you looke [intoo't³] maister Recorder. Nay they haue playd many a knauish tricke beside with me. Well, tis a shame indeede there should be any such priuilege for proud beggars as Cambridge, and Oxford are. But let them go, and if euer they light in my handcs, if I do not plague them, let me neuer returne home againe to sec my wifes wayting mayde.

1251

Rccor. This scorne of knights is too egregious. But how should⁴ these young coltes proue amblers, When the old heauy galled iades do trot : There shall you see a puny boy start vp, And make a theame against common lawyers : Then the old vnweldy Camels gin to dance,

1255

¹ 'berime,' MS.

² 'Randall MS.

³ 'unto it,' edits.

⁴ 'should' omitted in the MS.

This fiddling boy playing ¹ a fit of mirth:
 The gray bearde scrubbe, and laugh and cry good, good,
 To them againe, boy ²scurdge the barbarians: 1260
 But we may giue the losers leaue to talke,
 We haue the coyne, then tel them laugh for mec.
 Yet knights and lawyers hope to see the day.
 When we may share here there possessions ³,
 And make Indentures of their chaffred skins: 1265
 Dice of their bones to throw in meriment.

Sir Rad. O good fayth maister Recorder, if I could see
 that day once.

Rcc. Well, remember another day, what I say: schollers
 arc pryed into of late, and are found to bee busye fellowes,
 disturbers of the peace. He say no more, gesse at my
 meaning, I smel a ratt. 1272

Sir Rad. I hope at length England will be wise enough,
 I hope so, I faith, then an old knight may haue his wench
 in a corner without any Satyres or Epigrams. But the day
 is farre spent, Maist. Recorder, & I fearc by this time the
 vnthrif is arriued at the place appointed in Moore fields,
 let vs hasten to him. *He lookcs'on his watch.*

Rceor. Indeed this dayes ⁴ subiect transported vs too late,
 I thinke we shall not come much too late. *Exeunt.*

ACT. 3. SCEN. 3.

Enter AMORETTO, his page, IMMERITO booted.

Amor. Maister *Immcrito* dcliucr this letter to the poser
 in my fathers name: marry withall some sprinkling, some
 sprinkling, *verbum sapienti sat est*, farwell maister *Im-*
merito. 1284

¹ 'paying,' B ² 'boy' omitted in the MS.
³ 'share their large
 possessions,' MS ⁴ 'this eager,' MS.

³ 'share their large

Inter. I thanke your worship most hartely. 1285

Pag. Is it not a shame to see this old dunce learning his Induction at these yeares: but let him go, I loose nothing by him, for He be swornc but for the bootye of selling the parsonage I should haue gone in mine old cloathes this Christmas. A dunce I sec is a neighbourlike¹ brute beast, a man may line by him. AMOR, seemes to make -verse.

Amor. A pox on it, my muse is not so witty as shee was wonte to be; *her nose is like*—not yet², plague on these mathcmatikes, they haue spoyled my brayne in making a verse³. 1295

Page. Hang me if he hath any more mathcmatikes then wil serue to count the clocke, or tell the meridian howre by rumbling of his panch.

Am. Her nose is like—

Page. A coblcrs shooinghorne. 1300

Am. Her nose is like a bcautious maribone.

Pag. Marry a sweetc snotty mistres.

Amor. Fayth I do not like it yet: nssc as I was to reade a peece of *Aristotle* in grecke yesternight, it hath put mee out of my English vaine quite. 1305

Pag. O monstrous lye⁴, let me be a pointtrusser while I Hue if he vnderstands any tongue but English.

Amor. Sirrha boy remember me when I come in[to] Paules Churchyard to by a Ronzard, and *Dunbartas* in french and Aretine in Italian, and our hardest writers in Spanish, they wil sharpen my witts gallantly. I doe relish these tongues in some sort. Oh now I do remember I

¹ 'is a good neighbourly,' MS. ² The punctuation here is taken from the MS., and was also suggested by Malone. ³ 'veyne in a verse,' MS.

⁴ 'lyar,' MS.

hear[d] a report of a Poet newly come out in hebrew, it is a pretty harsh tongue, and [doth] relish a gentleman traueeller, but come letts haste after my father, the fields are fitter [for]¹ heauenly meditations. [Exit]²

Page. My maisters, I could wish your presence at an admirable iest, why presently this great linguist my master will march through Paulcs Church-yard. Come to a booke binders shop, and with a big Italian looke and a Spanish face aske for these bookes in Spanish and Italian, then turning, through his ignorance, the wrong end of the booke vppward vse action, on³ this vnknowne tong after⁴ this sort, first looke on the title and wrinkle his browe, next make as though he red the first page and bites a lip, then with his nayle score the margent as though there were some notable conceit, and lastly when he thinkes hee hath guild the standers by sufficiently, throwes the booke away in a rage, swearing that hee could neuer finde bookes of a true printe since he was last in [Padua⁵], enquire[s] after the next marte, and so departes. And so must I, for by this time his contemplation is ariued at his mistres nose end, [and] he is as [bragg⁶] as if he had taken Ostend: by [t]his time he begins to spit, and cry boy, carry my cloake: and now I go to attend on his worship. 1335

ACT. 3.⁷ SCEN. 4.

Enter INGENIOSO, FUROR, PHANTASMA.

Ing. Come ladds, this wine whetts your resolution in our designe : it's a needy world with subtill spirits, and there's a gentlemanlike kinde of begging, that may besecme Poets in this age. 1339

¹¹ to edits' ² 'Exeunt,' edits. "' over,' MS. ⁴ 'on,' MS.
⁵ ' Joadna,' edits' ⁶ ' glad,' edits. ⁷ ' 2' in A.

sc.4-] from pernassus, 133

Fur. Now by the wing of nimble Mercury, 1340
By my Thalias siluer sounding harpe:
By that cælestiall fier within my brayne,
That giues a liuing genius to my lines :
How ere my dulled¹ intellectuall.
Capres lesse nimblly then it did a fore², 1345
Yet will I play a hunt's vp to my muse:
And make her mount from out her sluggish nest³,
As high as is the highest spheere in heauen :
Awake you paltry trulles of *Helicon*,
Or by this light, He Swagger with you streight : 1350
You grandsyre *Phæbus* with your louely eye,
The firmaments eternall vagabond,
The heauens [prompter⁴] that doth peepe and pry,
Into the actes of mortall tennis balls.
Inspire me streight with some rare delicies, 1355
Or He dismount thee from thy radiant coach :
And make thec [a] poore Cutchy here on earth.

Phan. *Currus aurigapaterni.*

Ing. Nay prethee good *Furor*, doe not [roare⁵] in rimes
before thy time: thou hast a very terrible roaring 'muse,
nothing but squibs and [fire woorks⁶], quiet thy selfe a while,
and heare thy charge. 1362

Phan. *Hue ades hæc ; animo concipic dicta tuo.*

Ingeni. Let vs on to our deuise, our plot, our proiect.
That old Sir *Raderick*⁷, that new printed *comipcndnm* of all
in[i]quitye, that hath not ayred his countrey Chimney once
in 3. winters⁸: he that loues to liue in an od corner here at
London, and effect⁹ an odde wench in a nooke, one that
loues to liue in a narrow roome, that he may with more
facility in the darke, light vpon his wifes waiting maide, one

¹ 'dullard,' MS. ² 'of yore,' MS. ³ 'forth her sluggard's nest,,' MS.

⁴ 'promoter,' edits. ³ 'roaue,' edits. ⁵ 'fine ierks,' edits.

⁷ 'Randall,' MS. ^B 'yeeres,' MS. ⁹ 'affect,' MS.

that loues alive a short sermon and a long play, one that goes to a play, to a whore, to his bedde in [a] Circle, good for nothing in the world but to swcate night caps, and foule faire lawne shirtes, feed a few foggy seruing men, and preferre dunces to liuings. This old Sir *Raderick*¹ (*Furor*) it shall be thy taske to cudgell with thy thick [thwack²] tearmes, [mary at the first give him some sugar candy tcarms,] and then if he will not vnty [the] purse stringes, of his liberality, sting him with tearmes layd in *aquafortis* and gunpowder. 1380

Furor. *In noua fert animus mitt at as dicer e for mas,*
The Seruile current of my slyding verse,
[Gently]³ shal runne into his thick skind cares:
Where it shall dwell like a magnifico,
Command his slymie spright to honour me: 1385
For my high tiptoe strouting pocsye.
But if his Starrs hath fauour'd him so ill,
As to debarre him by his dunghil thoughts,
Justly to esteeme my verses [towing⁴] pitch:
If his earth [rooting⁵] snout shal gin to scorne, 1390
My verse that giueth immortality:
Then, *Bella per Emathios.*

Phan. *Furor arma miuistrat.*

Furor. He shake his heart vpon my verses poyntc,
Rip out his gutts with [riming⁶] poinard; 1395
Quarter his credit with a bloody quill.

Phan. [*Scalpellum*] *Calami Atramcntum, charta, libelli,*
*Sunt*⁷ *semper studys arma parata tuis.*

Ing. Inough *Furor*, wee know thou art a nimble swaggerer with a goose quill: now for you *Phantasma* leaue trussing your pointes, and listen. 1401

¹ 'Randall,' MS. ² 'thwart,' edits. ³ Gentle,' edits. ⁴ 'lowting,' edits. ⁵ 'wroting,' edits. ⁶ rilling,' edits. ⁷ 'Sint,' MS.

Phan. Omne tulit punctum

1402

Ing. Marke you *Amoretto* Sir *Radericks*¹ sonne, to him shall thy piping poetry and sugar endes of verses be directed, he is one, that wil draw out his pocket glasse thrise in a walke, one that dreames in a night of nothing, but muske and ciuet, and talke[s] of nothing all day long but his haukcj his hound, and his mistres, one that more admires the good wrinckle of a boote, [or] the curious crinkling of a silke stocking, then all the witt in the world : one that loues no scholler but him whose tyred eares can endure halfe a day together, his fliblowne sonnettes of his mistres, and her louing pretty creatures, her munckey and her puppet: it shal be thy task (*Phantasina*) to cut this guiles throate with faire tearmes, and if he hold fast for al thy iuggling rettoricke, fal at defyancc with him, and the poking sticke he weares.

P/iau. Simitl cxtulit enscm.

1417

Ing. Come braue mips², gather vp your spiritts, and let vs march on like aduenturous knights, and discharge a hundredth poetically spiritts vpon them.

Phan. Est deus in nobis, agitante calescimus illo.

Exeunt.

ACT. 3. SCEN. 5.

Enter PHILOMUSUS, STUDIOSO,

Stud. Well *P/iilomusus*, we neuer scaped so faire a scouring: why yonder are purseuantcs out for the french Doctor, and a lodging bespoken for him and his man in newgate. It was a terrible feare that made vs cast our hayre.

1426

Phil. And canst thou sport at our calamityes?
And countest vs happy to scape prisonment?

¹ 'Randall's,' MS

²

'nymphs,' B.

Why the wide world that blesseth some with wayle,¹
Is to our chayned thoughts a darkesome gayle: 1430

Stud. Nay prethee friend these wonted tearmes forgo,
He doubles grieve that comments on a wo.

Phil. Why do fond men tcarme it impiety,
To send a wearisome sadde grudging Ghost,
Vnto his home, his long, long, lasting home? 1435
Or let them make our life lesse greuous be,
Or suffer vs to end our misery.

Stud. Oh no the sentinell his watch must keepe,
Vntill his Lord do lycence him to sleepe :

Phil. It's time to sleepe within our hollowe graues,
And rest vs in the darkesome wombe of earth : 1441
Dead things are graued, and bodies are no lesse
Pined and forlorne like Ghostly carcasses.

Stud. Not long this tappe of loathed life can runne,
Soone commeth death, and then our woe is done.
Mean time good *Philomusus* be content, 1445
Letts spend our dayes in hopefull mcrrymment.

Phil. Curst be our thoughts when ere they dreame
of hope:
Band be those happs that henceforth flatter vs,
When mischiefe doggs vs still and still for aye,
From our first byrth vntill our burying day. 1450
In our first gamesome age, our doting sires
Carked and cared to haue vs lettered :
Sent vs to Cambridge where our oyle is spent ²:
Vs our kinde Colledge from the³ teate did teare:
And for't vs walke before we weaned weare, 1455
From that time since [y]wandcred haue we still:
In the wide world, vrg'd by our forced will,
Nor euer haue we happy fortune tryed :

¹ 'wealth,' MS² 'yspent,' MS³ 'her,' MS.

Then why should hope with our [rent¹] state abide?
 Nay let vs run vnto the [balefull²] caue, 1460
 Pight in the hollow ribbs of craggy³ cliffe,
 Where dreary owles do shrike the liue-long night,
 Chasing away the byrdes of chearefull light:
 Where yawning Ghosts do howle in ghastly wise,
 Where that dull hollow ey'd, that staring, syre, 1465
 Yclept *Dispaire* hath his sad mansion.
 Him let vs firide, and by his counsell we,
 Will end our too much yrked misery.⁴

Stud. To wayle thy happs argues a dastard minde.

Phil, To heare⁵ too long argues an asses kinde.

Stud ⁶ Long since the worst chance of the die was
 cast, 1471

Phil. But why should that word *worst* so long time
 last?

Stud. Why doth⁷ *thoii* now these sleepe⁸ plaints com-
 mence?

Phil. Why should I ere be duld with patience?

Stud. Wise folke do beare [what¹ ⁹ strugling cannot
 mend. 1475

Phil, Good spirits must with thwarting fates contend.

Stud, Some hope is left our fortunes to redresse,

Phil. No hope but this, ere¹⁰ to be comfortlesse,

Stud, Our Hues remainder gentler hearts may finde.

Phil, The gentlest harts to vs will proue vnkind.

¹ 'tent' edits ² 'basefull,' edits ³ 'crabby,' MS ⁴ These
 two lines form one in the MS., 'And by his counsell end our miserye'
⁵ Corrected to 'beare' in B ⁶ This and the following line are omitted
 in the MS ⁷ Corrected to 'dost' in B ⁸ 'thy sleeping,' MS.
⁹ 'with,' edits ¹⁰ 'still,' MS.

ACT. 4. SCEN. 1.

Sir RADERICKE and PRODIGO, *at one corner of the Stage. Record[er] and AMORETTO at the other. Two Pages scouring of Tobacco pipes.*

Sir Rad. *M. Prodigio*, *M. Recorder* hath told you lawe, your land is forfeited : and for me not to take the forfeiture, were to breake the Quecncs law, for marke you, its law to take the forfeiture : therfore not to [take¹] it is to breake the Queenes law, and to breake the Queenes law is not to be a good subiect, and I meane to bee a good subiect. Besides, I am a lusticc of the peace, and being Justice of the peace I must do iustice, that is law, that is to take the forfeiture, especially hauing taken notice of it. Marrie Maister *Prodigo*, here are a few shillings, ouer and besides the bargaine. 1491

Prod. Pox on your shillings, sblood a while agoe, before he had me in the lurch, who but my coozen *Prodigo*, you are welcome my coozen *Prodigo*, take my coozen *Prodigocs* horse, a cup of Wine for my coozen *Prodigo*, good faith you shall sit here good coozen *Prodigo*, a cleane trencher for my coozen *Prodigo*, haue a speciall care of my coozen *Prodigocs* lodging : now maister *Prodigo* with a pox, and a few shillings for a vantage, a plague on your shillings, pox on your shillings, if it were not for the Sergeant which dogges me at my heeles, a plague on your shillings, pox on your shillings, pox on your selfe and your shillings, pox on your worship, if I catch thee at *Ostcnd*: I dare not staye for the Sergeant.² \Exit.

S. Rad. Pag. Good faith Maister *Prodigo* is an -excellent fellow, he takes the [Cuban ebullition³] so excellently.

Amor. Page. He is a good liberall Gentleman, he hath bestowed an ounce of Tobacco vpon vs, and as long as it

¹ ' breake,' edits.

² This speech is somewhat shortened in the MS.

³ ' *Gulan ebull* ' ^F *Gulamebullilio* edits.

lasts, come cut and long-taile, wee le spend it as liberally
for his sake.¹ 1510

S Rad. Page. Come fill the Pipe quickly, while my
maister is in his melancholie humour, it's iust the melancholy
of a Colliers horse.

Amor. Page. If you cough *lacke* after your Tobacco,
for a punishment you shall kisse the Pantofle. 1515

S. Rad. It's a foule oucr-sight, that a man of worship
cannot keepe a wench in his house, but there must be
muttering and surmising : it was the wisest saying that my
father euer vttered, that a wife was the- name of neccssitie,
not of pleasure : for what do men marry for, but to stocke
their ground, and to haue one to looke to the linnen, sit at
the vpper end of the table, and carue vp a Capon : one that
can weare a hood like a Hawke, and coucr her foule face
with a Fanne : but there's no pleasure alwayes to be tyed
to a piece of Mutton, sometimes a messe of stewd broth
will do well, and an vnac'd Rabbet is best of all: well for
mine owne part, I haue no great cause to complaine, for I
am well prouided of three bousing wenches, that are mine
owne fee-simple : one of them I am presently to visit, if I can
rid my selfe cleanly of this company [without beraycing].
Let me see how the day goes : (*hee pids his Watch out.*)
precious coalcs, the time is at hand, I must meditate on an
excuse to be gone. 1533

Record. The³ which I say, is grounded on the Statute
I spake of before, enacted in the raigene of *Henry* the 6.

Amor. It is a plaine case, whereon I mooted in our
Temple, and that was this : put case there be three
bretheren, *lohn a Nokes*, *lohn a Nash* and *lohn a Stile*:
lohn a Nokcs the elder, *lohn a Nash* the younger, *lohn a*
Stile the youngest of all, *lohn a Nash* the yonger dyeth

¹ their sakes MS

² 'a,' MS.

³ 'That,' B.

without issue of his body lawfully begotten: whether shall his lands ascend to *lohn a Noakes* the elder, or discend to *lohn a Stile* the youngest of all? The answer is: The lands do collaterally descend, not ascend. 1544

Recor. Very true, and for a prooffe hereof I will shew you a place in *Littleton*, which is verye pregnant in this point.

ACTUS 4. SCENA 2.

Enter INGENIOSO, FUROR, PHANTASMA.

Ing. He pawne my wittes, that is, myreuenues, my land, my money, and whatsoeuer I haue, for I haue nothing but my wit, that they are at hand: why any sensible snout may winde [out] Maister *Amoretto* and his Pomander, Maister *Recorder* and his two neates feete that weare no sockes, Sir *Radericke*¹ by his rammish complexion. *Olet Gorgoinus hyrcum*, *S't. Lupus in fabula*. *Furor* fire the Touch-box of your² witte: *Phantasma* let your inuention play tricks like an Ape: begin thou *Furor*, and open like a phlapmouthed hound: follow thou *Phantasma* like a Ladies Puppie: and as for me, let me alone, He come after like a [good] Water-dogge that will shake them off, when I haue no vse of them. My maisters, the watch-word is giuen. *Furor* discharge. 1561

Furor to S. Rad. The great projector of the Thunderbolts,
He that is wont to pisse whole cloudes of raine,
Into the earth vast gaping vrinall,
Which that one ey'd subsicer of the skie, 1565
Don Phæbus empties by caliditie:
He and his Townesmen *Planets* [bring³] to thee,
Most fatty lumpes of earths [felicitie⁴].

¹ • Randall, 'MS'

²

'thy cannon—' MS.

³ 'brings.' edits.

⁴ 'facilitie,' edits.

S. Rad. Why will this fellowes English breake the
Queenes peace, I will not seeme to regard him. 1570

Phan. to Am. *Meccenas atavis edite regibus,
O et prasiditiw,) et dulce decus meum.,
Dij faciant votis vela secunda tuis.*

Inge. God saue you good maister *Recorder*, and good
fortunes follow your deserts. I thinke I haue curst him
sufficiently in few words. 1576

S'. Rad. What haue we here, three begging Souldiers,
come you from *Ostend*, or from *Ireland*?

Pag. *Cuium fecus, an Mælibeit* I haue vented all the
Latin one man had. 1580

Phan. *Quid dicam amplius? domini similis os.*

Amor. pag. Let him alone I pray thee, to him againe,
tickle him there.

Phan. *Qnam dispari domino dominaris ?* 1584

Rec. Nay that's plaine in *Littleton*, for if that fee-simple
and the fee taile be put together, it is called potch potch :
now this word hotch potch in English is a Pudding, for in
such a pudding is not commonly one thing onely, but one
thing with another. 1589

Amor. I thinke I do remember this also at a mooting
in our Temple: so then this hotch potch seemes a terme of
similitude.

Furor to S. Rad. Great *Capricormis*, of thy ¹ head
take keepe,
Good *Virgo* watch, while that thy worship sleepe,
And when thy swelling [bladder] vents amaine, 1595
Then *Pisces* be thy sporting Chamberlaine.

5. Rad. I thinke the deuill hath sent some of his family
to torment me.

¹ 'the,' B.

Amor. There is taile generall and taile speciall, and *Littleton* is very copious in that theame : for taile generall is, when lands are giuen to a man, and his heyres of his body begotten : Taile speciall, is when lands are giuen to a man, and to his wife, and to the heires of their two bodyes lawfully begotten, and that is called Taile speciall. 1605

[*Rec.*¹] Very well, and for his oath I will giue a distinction: there is a materiall oath, and a formall oath: the formall oath may be broken, the materiall may not be broken: for marke you sir, the law is to take place before the conscience, and therfore you may, vsing me your counseller, cast him in the suit: there wants nothing to the full meaning of this place, 1612

Phan. *Nihil hie nisi Carmina desunt.*

Ing. An excellent obscuriation in good faith, see how the old Fox teacheth the yong Cub to wurry a sheepe, or rather sits himselfe like an old Goose, hatching the addle brainc of maister *Amoretto*: there is no foole to the Sattin foole, the Veluet foole, the perfumde foole, and therefore the witty Taylors of this age, put them vnder colour of kindnesse into a paire of cloath-bags, [breeches and so the 'fooles are taken away in a cloak-bagg] where a voyder will not serue the turne : and there is no knaue to the barbarous knaue, the [mooting²] knaue, the pleading knaue : what ho maister *Recorder*? Maister *Noucrint vniucrsi per prescntes*, not a word he,vnlesse he feele it in his fist. 1625

Phan. *Mitto tibi metulas, cancros imitare legendo.*

S. Rad. to Furor. Fellow what art thou that art so bold?

Fur. I am the bastard of great *Mercurie*,
Got on *Thalia* when she was a sleepe :

¹ 'S. Rad,' edits

'moulting,'

edits.

My Gawdie Grandsire great *Apollo* high, 1630
 Borne was I heare, but that¹ my luck was ill,
 To all the land vpon the forked hill.

Phant. *O crudelis Alexi nil mea carmina curas!*
*Nil nostri miserere mori me deinceps coges?*²

S. Rad. Pag. If you vse them thus, my maister is a
 Justice of peace, and will send you all to the gallows.

Phant. *Hei mihi quod domino non licet ire tuo.*

Ing. Good maistqr *Recorder*, let me retaine you this
 terme for my cause, for my cause good maister *Recorder*.

Recor. I am retained already on³ the contrary part, I
 haue taken my fee, be gon, be gon. 1641

Ing. It's his meaning I should come off: why here is
 the true stile⁴ of a villainc, the true faith of a Lawyer: it is
 vsuall with them to be bribed on the one side, and then to
 take a fee of the other : to plead wcakely, and to be bribed
 and rebribed on the one side, then to be feed and refeed of
 the other, till at length, *per varios casus*, by putting the case
 so often, they make their client so lanke, that they may case
 them⁵ vp in a combe case, and pack them home from the
 tearme, as though he had trauelled to London to sell his
 horse onely, and hauing lost their fleeces, liue afterward
 like poore shorne sheepe.

Furor. The Gods aboue that know great *Furors* fame,
 And do adore grand poet *Furors* name :
 Granted long since at heauens high parliament, 1655
 That who so *Furor* shal immortalize,
 No yawning goblins shall frequent his graue,
 Nor any bold presumptuous curr shall dare
 To lifte his legge against his sacred dust.
 Where ere I [leave⁶] my rymes, thence vermin fly 1660

¹ 'all,' MS. ² 'cogis,' MS. ³ 'by,' MS. ⁴ 'slight,' MS.
⁵ 'might case him,' MS. ⁶ 'haue,'¹ edits.

AH, sailing that foule fac'd vermin pouerty.
 This sucks the eggs of my inuention:
 Euacuates my witts full pigeon house.
 Now may it please thy generous dignity,
 To take this vermin napping as he lyes, 1665
 In the true trappe of liberallity:
 He cause the Pleiades to giue thee thanks,
 He write thy name within the sixteenth speare:
 lie make the Antartickc pole to kisse thy toa,
 And *Cinthia* to do homage to thy tayle. 1670

Sir, Rad. Pretious coles, thou a man of worship and
 lustice too? It's euen so, he is ether a madde man or a
 coniurer: it were well if his words were examined, to see if
 they be the Queenes [frendes] or no.

Phant. *Nunc si nos audis vt qui es diuinus Apollo,*
Dic mihi, qui nummos non habet unde petat? 1676

Amor. I am stil haunted with these needy [Lattinists;
 fellow,¹] the best counsell I can giue, is to be gone.

Phan. *Quod peto da Caie, non peto consilium.*

Am. Fellow looke to your braines; you are mad; you
 are mad. 1681

Phan. *Semel insaniuimus omnes.*

Am. Maister Recorder, is it not a shame that a gallant
 cannot walke the streete for [these] needy fcllowes, and
 that, after there is a statute come out against begging?

He strikes his brest,

Phant. *Pectora percussit, pccclus quoque robora fiunt.*

Recor. I warrant you, they are some needy *graduates*:
 the Vniuersity breakes winde twice a yearc, and lets flie
 such as these are. 1699

Ing. So ho-maister Recorder, you that arc one of the

¹ 'Lattmist fellowes,' edits.

Diuels fellow commoners, one that sizeth [in] the Deuils butteries, sinnes and periuries very lauishly : one that art so deare to *Lucifer*, that he neuer puts you out of commons for non paiment : you that Hue like a sumner vpon the sinnes of the people : you whose vocation scrues to enlarge the territories of Hell, that (but for you) had beene no bigger then a pairc of Stockes or a Pillorie : you that hate a scholler, because he descries your Asses eares : you that are a plague¹ stuffed Cloake-bagge of all iniquitie, which the grand Seruing-man of Hell will one day trusse vp behind him, and carry to his smokic Wardc-robe. 1701

Rccor. What frantick fellow art thou, that art possest with the spirit of malediction ?

Furor. Vile muddy clod of base vnhalloved clay,
Thou slimic sprighted vnkinde Saracen : 1705
When thou wcrst borne dame *Nature* cast her Calfe,
Forrage and time [hath²] made thee a great Oxe,
And now thy grinding iawes deuoure quite,
The fodder due to vs of heauenly spight.

Phant. *Nefasto te posuit die quicunque primum et sacri-*
Icga manu 1710
*Produxit arbos in nepotum perniciem obpropriumque pagi*³.

Ingeni. I pray you *Monsciur Ploidon*, of what Vniuersitie was the first Lawyer of, none forsooth, for your Lawe is ruled by reason, and not by Arte : great reason indeed that a Ploydenist should bee mounted on a trapt Palfrey, with a round Veluet dish on his head, to keepe warme the broth of his witte, and a long Gowne, that makes him looke like a *Ccdant anna togæ*, whitest the poore *Aristotelians* walke in a shorte cloake and a close *Venetian* hoase, hard by the Oyster-wife : and the silly Poet goes muffled in his Cloake to escape the Counter. And you Maister *Amoretto*, that art the chicfe Carpenter of Sonets, a priuileged Vicar for the

¹ 'plaine,' MS.

² 'had,' edits.

³ 'pugi,' edits.

lawlesse marriage of Inke and Paper, you that are good for nothing but to commend in a sette speach, [the colour and quantitie¹] of your Mistresses stooles, and swcare it is most sweete Ciuety: it's fine when that Puppet-player *Fortune*[^] must put such a Birchen-lane post in so good a suite, [and suite] such an Asse in so goode fortune.

Amor. Father shall I draw? 1729

5. *Rad.* No sonne, keepe thy peace, and hold the peace.

Inge. Nay do not draw, least you chance to bcpissc your credit.

Furor. *Fleeter e si nequeo superos, Cheronto, mouebo.*
 Fearefull *Megicra* with her snakie twine, 1735
 Was cursed dam vnto thy damned selfe :
 And *Hircan tigers* in the desert Rockcs,
 Did foster vp thy loathed hatcfull life,
 Base *Ignorance* the² wicked cradle rockt,
 Vile *Barbarisme* was wont to dandle thee : 1740
 Some wicked hell-hound tutored thy youth,
 And all the grisly sprights of griping hell,
 With mumming [lookes haue^a] dogd thee since thy birth :
 See how the spirits do houer ore thy head,
 As thick as gnattes in summer euening tide, 1745
 Balefull *AIecto*, preethe stay a while,
 Till with my verses I haue rackt his soule:
 And when thy soule departs a Cock [may't⁴] be,
 No blankc at all in hells great Lotterie.
 Shame [sit and howle⁵] vpon thy loathed graue, 1750
 And howling vomit vp in filthy guise,
 The hidden stories of thy villanies.

5'. *Rad.* The Deuill my maisters, the deuill in the likenesse of a Poet, away my maisters, away. [Exit.

¹ 'to colour the quantity/ edits' ² 'thy suggested by Malone.
³ 'lookehath/ edits, ⁴ 'may,' edits. ⁵ 'sits and howles', edits.

Phan. *Arma virumque cano,* 1755
Quern fugis ah demcns ?

Amor. Base dog, it is not the custome in Italy to draw vpon euery idle cur that barkes, and did it stand with my reputation : oh, well go too, thanke my Father for your liues. 1760

Ing. Fond gul, whom I would vndertake to bastinado quickly, though there were a musket planted in thy mouth, are not you the yong droucr of liuings *Acadcmico* told me of, that ha[u]nts steeple faircs. Base wormc must thou needcs discharge thy craboun¹ to batter downe the walles of learning. 1766

Amor. I thinke I haue committed some great sinne against my Mistris, that I am thus tormented with notable villaines : bold pcsants I scornc [them], I scorne them.

Furor to Rccor. Nay pray thee good sweet diuell do not thou part, 1770

I like an honest deuill that will shew
Himselfe in a true hellish smoky hew :
How like thy snowt is to great Lucifers !
Such tallents had he, such a glaring² eye,
And such a cunning slight in villanie. 1775

Recor. Oh the impudencie of this age, and if I take you in my quarters.

Furor. Base slaue ile hang thee on a crossed rime,
And quarter [—]

Ing. He is gone, *Furor*, stay thy fury. 1780

S Rad. Pag. I pray you gentlemen giue 3. groats for a shilling.

Amo. Pag. What wil you giue me for a good old sute of apparell ?

Phan, *Habct et musca splncm, etformica sua bilis inest,*

¹ crabbyanne MS

²

¹ gleerrig,' B.

Ing. Gramercie good lads : this is our share in hap-
pinesse, to torment the happy: lets walke a long and laugh
at the iest, its no staying here long, least *Sir Radericks*¹
army of baylifes and clownes be sent to apprehend vs.

Phan. *Procul hine procul ite prophani.* 1790
He lash [*Apolles*²] selfe with ierking hand,
Vnlesse he pawne his wit to buy me land :

ACT. 4. SCEN. 3.

BURBAGE". KEMPE.

Bur. Now *Will Kempc*, if we can intertaine these
schollers at a low rate, it wil be well, they haue often-
times a good conceite in a part. 1795

Kempe. Its true indeede, honest *Dick*, but the slaues are
somewhat proud, and besides, it is a good sport in a
part, to see them neuer speake in their walke, but at the
end of the stage, iust as though in walking with a fellow
we should neuer speake but at a stile, a gate, or a ditch,
where a man can go no further. I was once at a Comedie
in Cambridge, and there I saw a parasite make faces and
mouths of all sorts on this fashion.

Bur. A little teaching will mend these faults, and it may
bee besides they will be able to pen a part. 1805

Kemp. Few of the vniuersity [men] pen plaies well, they
smell too much of that writer *Quid*, and that writer *Meta-*
morphosis, and talke too much of *Proserpina* & *Inppiter*.
Why heres our fellow *Shakespeare* puts them all downe, I
and *Ben lonson* too. O that *Ben lonson* is a pestilent fellow,
he brought vp *Horace* giuing the Poets a pill, but our fellow
Shakespeare hath giuen him a purge that made him beray
his credit: 1813

¹ Randall's, MS ² 'Apollon,' edits' ³ 'Burbidge,' MS.

Bur. Its a shrewd fellow indeed : I wonder these schollers stay so long, they appointed to be here presently that we might try them : oh here they come.

Stud. Take heart, these lets our clouded thoughts refine,
The sun shines brightest when it gins decline.

Bur. M. *Phil.* and M. *Stud.* God saue you.

Kemp. M. *Phil.* and M. *Otioso*¹ well met. 1820

Phil. The same to you good M. *Burbage*. What M. *Kempe* how doth the Emperour of Germany?

Stud. God saue you M. *Kempe*: welcome M. *Kempe* from dancing the morrice ouer the Alpes, 1824

Kemp. Well you merry knaues you may come to the honor of it one day, is it not better to make a foole of the world as I haue done, then to be fooled of the world, as you schollers are? But be merry my lads, you haue happened vpon the most excellent vocation in the world for money : they come North and South to bring it to our playhouse, and for honours, who of more report, then *Dick Burbage & Will: Kempe*, he is not counted a Gentleman, that knowes not *Dick Burbage & Wil Kemp*, there's not a country wench tha[t]² can dance Sellengers Round but can talke of *Dick Burbage* and *Will Kempe*. 1835

Phil. Indeed M. *Kempe* you are very famous, but that is as well for [your] workes in print as your part in [que³].

Kcmpc. You are at Cambridge still with [size que⁴] and be lusty humorous poets, you must vntrusse, I [made⁵,] this my last circuit, purposely because I would be iudge of your actions. 1841

Bur. M. *Stud.* I pray you take some part in this booke and act it, that I may see what will fit you best, I thinke

¹ 'Studioso,' MS.

² 'than,'¹ edits

³ 'kne,' edils., for 'kue.'

⁴ 'sice kne,' edits

⁵

'road,' edits.

your voice would serue for *Hieronimo* obserue how I act it
and then imitate mee. 1845

Stud. Who call[s] *Hieronimo* from his naked bed ?
And, &c.

Bur. You will do well after a while.

'Kemp. Now for you, [Mr. Philo] me thinkes you should
belong to my tuition, and your face me thinkes would be
good for a foolish Mayre or a foolish iustice of peace:
marke me.—Forasmuch as there be two states of a
common wealth, the one of peace, the other of tranquility:
two states of warre, the one of discord, the other of dissen-
tion: two states of an incorporation, the one of the
Aldermen, the other of the Brethren: two states of magis-
trates, the one of gouerning, the other of bearing rule, now,
as I said euen now, for a good thing, thing cannot be said
too often : Vertue is the shooinghorne of iustice, that
is, vertue is the shooinghorne of doing well, that is,
vertue is the shooinghorne of doing iustly, it bchooueth
mee and is my part to commend this shooinghorne vnto
you. I hope this word shooinghorne doth not offend any
of you my worshipfull brethren, for you bceing the worship-
full headsmen of the towne, know well what the horne
meaneth. Now therefore I am determined not onely to teach
but also to instruct, not onely the ignorant, but also the
simple, not onely what is their duty towards their betters,
but also what is their duty towards their supcriours : come
let mee see how¹ you can doe, sit downe in the chaire. 1870

Phil Forasmuch as there be. &c.

Kemp. Thou wilt do well in time, if thou wilt be ruled by
thy betters, that is by my selfe, and such graue Aldermen of
the playhouse as I am.

Bur. I like your face, and the proportion of your body

¹ 'what,'MS.

for *Richard* the 3. I pray *M. Phil*, let me see you act a little of it. 1877

Phil. Now is the winter of our discontent,
Made glorious summer by the sonne of Yorke,

Bur. Very well I assure you, well *M. Phil*, and *M. Stud.*
wee see what ability you are of: I pray walke with vs to our fellows, and weelee agree presently.

Phil. We will follow you straight *M. Burbage*.

Kempe. Its good manners to follow vs, Maister *Phil*, and Maister *Otioso* ¹. 1885

Phil. And must the basest trade yeeld vs reliefe?
Must we be practis'd to those leaden spouts,
That nought [doe²] vent but what they do rcceiuc?
Some fatall fire hath scorcht our fortunes wing,
And still we fall, as we do vpward spring: 1890
As we striue vpward to the vaulted skie,
We fall and feelee our hatefull destiny.

Stud. Wonder it is sweet friend thy pleading breath,
So like the sweet blast of the southwest wind,
Melts not those rockcs of yee, those mounts of woe,
Congcald in frozen hearts of men below. 1896

Phil. Wonder as well thou maist why mongst the waues,
Mongst the tempestuous [surges of the³] sea,
The [waiting⁴] Marchant can no pitty craue.
What cares the wind and weather for their paines? 1900
One strikes⁵ the sayle, another turnes the same,
He [slacks⁶] the maine, an other takes the Ore,
An other laboureth and taketh painc,
To pumpc the sea into the sea againe.
Still they take paines, still the loud windes do blowe,
Till the ships prouder mast be layd below: 1906

¹ 'Studioso,' MS ² 'downe' edits. ³ 'waves on raging' edits.
¹ 'waiting' edits. ⁵ 'striks,' A ⁵ 'shakts,' edits.

Stu. Fond world that nere thinkes on that aged man,
 That *Ariostoes* old swift paced man,
 Whose name is Tyme, who neuer lins to run,
 Loaden with bundles of decayed names, 1910
 The which in Lethes lake he doth intombe,
 Saue onely those which swanlike schollers take,
 And doe deliuer from that greedy lake.
 Inglorious may they Hue, inglorious die,
 That suffer learning Hue in misery. 1915

Phil. What caren they, what fame¹ their ashes haue,
 When once thei'r coopt vp in silent graue?

Stud. If for faire fame they hope not when they dye,
 Yet let them feare graues stayning Infamy.

Phil. Their spendthrift hcires will [all] those firebrands
 quench 1920
 Swaggering full moistly on a tauernes bench.

Stitd. No shamed sire for all his glosing heire,
 Must long be talkt of in the empty ayre.

Stud. Beleeue me thou that art my second selfe,
 My vexed soule is not disquieted, 1925
 For that I misse [th]is gaudy painted state,
 Whereat my fortunes fairely aim'd of late.
 For what am I, the meanest of many mo,
 That earning profit are rcpaide with wo?
 But this it is that doth my soule torment, 1930
 To thinke so many actiueable wits,
 That might contend with proudest birds of *Po*,
 Sits now immur'd within their priuate cells,
 Drinking a long lank watching candles smoake,
 Spending the marrow of their flowring age, 1935
 In fruitelesse poring on some worme eate leafe :
 When their deserts shall seeme of due to claime,
 A cheerfull crop of fruitfull swelling sheafe,

¹ 'forme MS.

Cockle their haruest is, and weeds their graine¹,
Contempt their portion their possession paine: 1940

Stud. Schollers must frame to Hue at a low sayle,

Phil. Ill sayling where there blowes no happy gale.

Stud. Our ship is ruin'd, all her² tackling rent.

Phil. And all her gaudy furniture is spent.

Stud. Teares be the waues whereon her ruines bide.

Phil. And sighes the windes that wastes her broken
side. 1946

Stud. Mischiefe the Pilot is the ship to steare.

Phil. And Wo the passenger this ship doth beare.

Stud. Come *Philomusus*, let vs breake this chat,

Phil. And breake my heart, oh would I could breake
that. 1950

Stud. Lets learne to act that Tragick part we haue.

Phil. Would I were silent actor in my graue.

ACTUS 5. SCENA 1.

PHIL, and STUD, become Fidlers with their consort.

Phil. And tune fellow Fiddlers, *Studioso* & I are
ready. [*Tkey* tune.

Stud, (going aside sayeth.) Fayre fell³ good *Orpheus*, that
would rather be

King of a mole hill, then a Keysars slaue: 1955

Better it is mongst fidlers to be chiefe,

Then at [a] plaiers trencher beg reliefe.

But ist not strange [these⁴] mimick apes should prize

Vnhappy Schollers at a hireling rate.

¹ 'gaine,' MS. ² 'and our,' MS. ³ 'fall MS. this,' edits.

Vile world, that lifts them vp to hye degree, 1960
 And treades vs downe in groueling misery.
England affbrdes those glorious vagabonds,
 That carried earst their fardels on their backes,
 Coursers to ride on through the gazing streetes,
 Scoping it in their glaring Satten sutes, 1965
 And Pages to attend their maisterships:
 With mouthing words that better wits haue framed,
 They purchase lands, and now Esquiers are [namde¹].

Phil. What ere they sceme being cuen at the best,
 They are but sporting fortunes scornfull [jest²]. 1970

Stud. So merry fortune is wont from ragges to take,
 [A³] ragged grome, and him [a³] gallant make.

Phil. The world and fortune hath playd on vs too long.

Stud. Now to the world we fiddle must a song.

Phil. Our life is a playne song with cunning pend,
 Whose highest pitch in lowest base doth end. 1976
 But see our fcllowes vnto play are bent:
 If not our mindes, letts tune our instruments⁴.

Stud. Letts in a priuate song our cunning try,
 Before we sing to stranger company. 1980

PHIL,*sings.*

*The*⁵ *tune.*

How can he sing whose voyee is hoarse with care?
 How can he play whose heart stringes broken are?
 How can he kecpc his rest that ncre found rest?
 How can he kcepe his time whomc time nere blest?
 Onely he can in sorrow beare a parte, 1985
 With vntaught hand, and with vntuned hart.
 Fond arts farewell, that swallowed haue my youth.
 Adew vayne muses, that haue wrought my ruth.

" 'made,' edits² 'jests,'¹ edits³ 'some—some,' edits⁴ 'instrument,' B⁵ 'They,' B.

Repent fond syre that traynd'st thy happlesse sonne,
 In learnings loare since bounteous almes are done. 1990
 Cease, cease harsh tongue, vntuned musicke rest:
 Intombe thy sorrowes in thy hollow breast.

Stud. Thankes *Phil*, for thy pleasant song:
 Oh had this world a tutch of iuster grieve,
 Hard rockcs would wcepe for want of our releife. 1995

Phil. The cold of wo hath quite vntun'd my voyce,
 And made it too too harsh for listining eare:
 Time was in time of my young fortunes spring,
 I was a gamesome boy and learned to sing.

But say fellow musitians, you know best whether we go
 at what dore must we imperiously beg. 2001

lack. fid. Here dwells Sir *Raderick*¹ and his sonne: it
 may be now at this good time of Newyeare he will be
 liberall, let vs stand neere and drawe.

Phil. Draw callst thou it, indeed it is the most desperate
 kindc of seruice that euer I aduentured on. 2006

ACT. 5. SCENA 2.

Enter the two Pages.

Sir Rad. pa. My maister bids me tell you that he is
 but newly fallen a sleepe, and you [forsooth] base slaues
 must come and disquiet him: what neuer a basket of
 Capons? masse, and if he comes, heele commit you all.

Amor. Pag. Sirra *lack*, shall you and I play Sir
Raderick[^] and *Amoretto*, and reward these fiddlers. He
 [play] my maister *Amoretto*, and giue them as much as he
 vscth. 2014

Sir Rad. [page] And I my old maister Sir *Raderick*¹:
 fiddlers play: He reward you, fayth I will.

¹ 'Randall,¹ MS.

Amor.pag. Good fayth this pleaseth my sweete mistres admirably: cannot you play twytty twatty foole, or to be at her, to be at her. 2019

Rad. pag. Haue you neuer a song of maister *Dowlands* making?

Am. fag. Or *Hos ego versiculos feci* &c. A pox on it, my maister *Am.* vseth it very often. I haue forgotten the verse. 2024

Rad. pag. [Sirrha Amoretto¹]: here are a couple of fellowes brought before me, and I know not how to decide the cause, looke in my Christmas booke [which of them²] brought me a present.

Am. pag. On New-yeares day goodman Foolc brought you a present, but goodman Clowne brought you none.

Rad. pag. Then the right is on goodman fooles side.

Am. pag. My mistres is so sweete, that al the Phisitions in the towne cannot make her stinck, she neuer goes to the stoole, oh she is a most sweete little munkey. Please your worship good father yonder are some would speake with you. 2036

Rad. pag. What haue they brought me any thing, if they haue not, say I take Phisick.

Forasmuch fiddlers, as I am of the peace, I must needs loue all weapons and instruments, that arc for the peace, among which I account your fiddles, because they can neither bite nor scratch, marry now finding your fiddles to iarre, and knowing that iarring is a cause of breaking the peace, I am by the vertue of my office and place to commit your quarelling fiddles to close prisonment in their cases.

They call within.

[What]³ ho Richard, lack. 2046

Am. Page. The foole within, marres our play without.

¹ 'Sir Theon,' edits

² 'who,' edits,

³ 'sha,' edits.

Fiddlers set it on my head, I vse to size my musicke, or go on the score for it, He pay it at the quarters end.

Rod. Page. Farewell good *Pan* sweete [*Ismenias*¹] adieu,
Don Orpheus a thousand times farewell. 2051

lack Fid. You swore you would pay vs for our musick.

Rad. page. For that He giue Maister *Records* law, and that is this, there is a double oath, a formall oath, and a material! oath: a materiall oath cannot be broken, the formall oath may be broken, I swore formally: farewell Fidlers. 2057

Phil. Farewell good wags, whose wits praise worth I deeme,
Though somewhat waggish, so we all haue beene.

Stud. Faith fellow Fidlers, heres no siluer found in this place, no not so much as the vsuall Christmas entertainment of Musitians, a black lack of Beare, and a Christmas Pye.
They walke asidfrom theirfellowes.

Phil. Where ere we in the wide world playing be, Misfortune bearcas a part², and marres our melody, Impossible to please with Musickes strainc, 2066
Our hearts strings [broke will nere be³] tun'd againe.

Stud. Then let vs leaue this baser fidling trade,
For though our purse should mend, our credit fades.

Phil. Full glad I am to see thy mindes free course,
Declining from this trencher waiting trade.
Well may I now disclose in plainer guise,
What earst I meant to worke in secret wise:
My busie conscience checkt my guilty soule,
For seeking maintenance by base vassallage, 2075

¹ 'Iremas edits ² 'misfortune howles,' MS ³ 'broken arc nere to be,' edits.

And then suggested to my searching¹ thought,
 A shepherds poore secure contented life,
 On which since then I doted euery houre,
 And meant this same houre² in sadder plight,
 To haue stolne from thee in screcie³ of night. 2080

[*Stud*⁴] Deare friend thou seem'st to wrong my soule⁵
 too much,

Thinking that *Studioso* would account,
 That fortune sowre, which thou accomptest sweete,
 Nor any life to me can sweeter be,
 Then happy swaines in plaine of *Arcady*. 2085

Phil. Why then lets both go spend our little store,
 In the prouision of due furniture:
 A shepherds hooke, a tarbox and a scrippe.
 And hast vnto those sheepe adorned hills,
 Where if not blesse our fortunes we may blesse our
 wills. 2090

Stud? True mirth we may enioy in thacked stall,
 Nor hoping higher rise, nor fearing lower fall.

Phil? Weele therefore discharge these fidlers. Fellow
 musitions, wee are sory that it hath beene your ill happe to
 haue had vs in your company, that are nothing but scritch-
 owles, and night Rauens, able to marre the purest melody:
 and besids, our company is so ominous, that where we are,
 thence liberality is packing, our resolution is therefore to
 wish you well, and to bidde you farewell.

⁸ Come *Stud*: let vs hast away, 2100
 Returning neare to this accursed place⁹.

¹ 'secret,' MS. ² 'the same how ere,' MS. ³ 'in secret time,' MS.

⁴ Inserted correctly in B and in MS. ⁵ 'love,' MS. ⁶ Part of
 Philomusus' speech in the MS. ⁷ 'Stud.' MS. ⁸ 'Philo,' MS.

⁹ 'this unhappy baye,' MS.

ACTUS 5. SCENA 3.

Enter INGENIOSO, ACADEMICO.

Inge. Faith *Academico*, it's the feare of that fellow, I meanc the signe of the scargcants head, that makes me to be so hasty¹ to be gone: to be briefe *Acadcmico*, writts are out for me, to apprehend me for my playes, and now I am bound for the He of doggs. *Furor* and *Phantasma* comes after, remoouing the campe as fast as they can: farewell, *mea si quid vota valebunt.* 2108

Acad. Fayth *Ingcnioso*: I thinke the Vniuersity is a melancholik life, for there a good fellow cannot sit two howres in his chamber, but he shall be troubled with the bill of a [Draper ² or a Vintner: but the point is, I know not how to better my selfe, and so I am fayne to take it.

ACT. 5. 5CEN. 4.

PHIL. STUD. FUROR, PHANT.

Phil. Who haue we there, *Ingcnioso*, and *Academical Stud.* The verye same, who arc those, *Furor* and *Phantasmal* FUROR takes a louse off his sleeue.

Furor. And art thou there six footed Mercury?

Phan. (with his hand in his bosome.) Arc rymes become such creepers now a dayes?

Presumptuous louse, that doth good manners lack,
Daring to creepc vpon Poet *Furors* back:

Multum ³ *refert quibuscum vixens.* 2120

Nou videmus Mantica quod in tergo cst.

¹ 'hastely,' MS.² Drawer,' edits.³ 'Multi,' MS,

Phil. What *Furor* and *Phan.* too, our old colledge fellowes, let vs incounter them all. *Ing:* *Acad. Furor. Phantasma.* God saue you all.

Stud. What *Ingen. Acad. Furor. Phantasma:* howe do you braue lads. 2026

Ing. What our deere friends *Phil* and *Stud.* ?

Acad. What our old friends *Phil*, and *Stud.* ?

Fur. What my supernaturall friends ?

Phant. What my good phantasticall frends ?]

Iug. What newes with you in this quarter of the Citty ?

Phil. We haue run through many trades, yet thriue by none

Poore in content, and onely rich in moane,

A shephards life thou knowst I wont to admire,

Turning a Cambridge apple by the fire. 2135

To Hue in humble dale we now are bent.

Spending our dayes in fearelesse merriment.

Stud. Weel teach each tree euen of the hardest¹ kind,
To keepe our woefull name within their rinde:

Weel watch our flock, and yet weelee sleepe withall.

Weele tune our sorrowes to the waters fall, 2141

The woods and rockes with our shrill songs weelee blesse,

Let them proue kind since men proue pittillesse.

But say whether are you and your company logging: it seemes by your apparell you are about to wander. 2145

Ing. Faith we are fully bent to be Lords of misrule in the worlds wide [hall²]; our voyage is to the He of Dogges, there where the blattant³ beast doth rule and raigne Renting the credit of whom it please⁴.

Where serpents tongs the pen men are to write, 2150

Where cats⁵ do waule by day, dogges [barke] by night:

¹ 'knottiest/ MS.
ere he please,' MS.

² 'heath edits.
⁵ 'goates,' MS.

³ 'barcking,' MS

⁴ 'whom

There shall engoared venom be my inke,
 My pen a sharper quill of porcupine,
 My stayned paper, this sin loaden earth:
 There will I write in lines shall neuer die, 2155
 Our feared Lordings crying villany.

Phil. A gentle wit thou hadst, nor is it blame,
 To turne so tart for time hath wronged the same,

Stu. And well thou dost from this fond earth to flit,
 Where most mens pens are hired parasites. 2160

Aca. Go happily, I wish thee store of gal,
 Sharpely to wound the guilty world withall:

Phil. But say, what shall become of *Furor* and *Pkan-
 tasma*?

Ing. These my companions still with mee must wend,

Aca. Fury and Fansie on good wits attend. 2165

Fur. When I arriuc within the ile of Doggs,
 Don Phoebus I will make thce kisse the pumpe.
 Thy one eye pries in euey Drapers stall,
 Yet neuer thinkes on poet *Furors* necde:
Furor is lowsie, great *Furor* lowsie is, 2170
 Ile make thee run this lowsie case I wis.
 And thou my [sluttish¹] landrcssc Cinthia,
 Nere thinkes on *Furors* linnen, *Furors* shirt:
 Thou and thy squirting boy *Endimion*,
 Lies slauering still vpon a lawlesse couch. 2175
Furor will haue thee carted through the dirt,
 That makest great poet *Furor* want his shirt.

Inge. Is not here a [true³] dogge that dare barke so
 boldly at the Mooone³.

Phil. Exclayming want and needy care and carke,
 Would make the mildest spright to bite and barke.

¹ 'cluttish,' edits

²

'trus,' edits

³

Sic.

Phan. *Canes timidi vekementius latrant.* There are certaine burrs in the He of doggs called in our English tongue, men of worship, certaine briars as the *Indians* call them, as we say certayne lawyers, certayne great lumps of earth, as the *Ar[a]bians* call them, certayne grosers as wee tearme them, *quos ego sed motosprastat componere flitctits.*

Inge. We three vnto the¹ snarling Hand hast,
And there our vexed breath in snarling wast. 2189

Phil. We will be gone vnto the downes of Kent,
Sure footing we shall find in humble dale :
Our fleecy flocke weel learne to watch and warde,
In lulyes heate and cold of January:
Weel chant our woes vpon an oaten reede,
Whiles bleating flock vpon their supper feede: 2195

Stud. So shall we shun the company of men,
That growes more hatefull, as the world growes old,
Weel teach the murmuring brookes in tears to flow:
And steepy rocke to wayle our passed wo.

Acad. Adew you gentle spirits, long adew : 2200
Your witts I loue and your ill fortunes rue:
He hast me to my Cambridge cell againe,
My fortunes cannot wax but they may waine.

Ing*. Adew good sheppards, happy may you Hue,
And if heereafter in some secret shade, 2205
You shall recount poore schollers miseries,
Vouchsafe to mention with [teare²] swelling eyes,
Ingeniosoes thwarting destinyes,
And thou still happy *Academico*,
That still maist rest vpon the muses bed, 2210
Inioying there a quiet slumbering,
When thou repay[r]est vnto thy Grantaes streame,
Wonder at thine owne blisse, pittty dur case,

¹ • We thereunto that,' MS

²

'teares,'¹ edits.

That still [doe¹] tread ill fortunes endless maze.
 Wish them that are preferments Almoners, 2215
 To cherish gentle wits in their greene bud:
 For had not Cambridge bin to me vnkinde,
 I had not turn'd to gall a milkye minde.

Phil. I wish thee of good hap a plentious store,
 Thy wit deserucs no lesse, my louc can wish no more.
 Farewell, farewell good *Academico*. 2221
 Ncuer maist thou tast of our forepasscd woe.
 Wee wish thy fortunes may attaine their due :
Furor and you *Phantasma* both adue.

Acad. Farewell, farewell, farewell, o long farewell,
 The rest my tongue conceales, let sorrow tell, 2226

Phan. *Et longum vah, inquit Tola.*

Furor's Farewell my masters, *Furor's* a masty dogge,
 Nor can with a smooth glozing farewell cog.
 Nought can great *Furor* do, but barke and howle,
 And snarle and grin, and [lowre, and lugge²] the world,
 Like a great swine by his long Icanecard³ lugges.
 Farewell musty, dusty, rusty, fusty London,
 Thou art not worthy of great *Furors* wit,
 That cheatest vertue of her due desert, 2235
 And sufferest great *Apollocs* sonne to want.

Inge, Nay stay a while and helpe me to content:
 So many gentle witts attention,
 Who [kenne⁴] the lawes of euery comick stage,
 And [wonder⁵] that our scene ends discontent. 2240
 Ye ayrie witts subtile,
 Since that few schollers fortunes are content,
 Wonder not if our scene ends⁶ discontent.
 When that our⁷ fortunes reach their due⁸ content,
 Then shall our scene end in her¹ merriment. 2245

¹ 'doth' edits: ² 'caile, and towze,' edits: ³ 'leverd.' MS: ⁴ 'kenncs,'
 edits: ⁵ 'wondere' edits: ⁶ 'end,' B. ⁷ B. your,' A. and MS.
¹ 'owne' MS: ² 'herein/ B.

154 The Returne from **Pernassus**.

Phil. Perhaps some happy wit with feeling hand,
 Hereafter may recorde the pastorall
 Of the two schollers of¹ *Pernassus* hill,
 And then our scene may end and haue content.

Inge. Meane time if there be any spightfull Ghost,
 That smiles to see poore schollers misery² 3351
 Cold is his charity, his wit too dull,
 We scorne his censure, he is a ieering gull.
 But whatsoere refined sprites there be,
 That deeply grone at our Calamity: 2255
 Whose breath is turned to sighes, whose eyes are wet,
 To see bright arts bent to their latest set:
 Whence³ neuer they againe their heads shall reere,
 To blesse our art disgracing hemisphcre.

Ing. Let them. (
Fur. Let them. (All giue vs a
Pkan. Let them. (plaudite.

Acad. And none but them.

Phil. And none but them.

Stud. And none but them.

¹ 'to,' MS ² 'miseries,' B and MS. •³'where/ MS.

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NOTES.

Page 5.1.131. *Jack Set on*. John Seton, a Fellow of St. John's College, Chaplain to Bishop Gardiner, and Canon of Winchester, but one who was deprived of his preferments as a recusant on the accession of Queen Elizabeth, wrote a treatise on Logic, on Aristotelian lines, which was for some years the recognised text-book at Cambridge. While the treatise of Ramus, the anti-Aristotelian (whose system was eagerly adopted by Calvinistic Protestants, partly because its author was a Calvinist), was the favourite book with the New School, the men of the Old School adhered to Seton.

'Thomas Dranta,' in prefixing encomiastic verses to an edition of Seton by P. Carter in 1577, is careful at the same time to give special praise to Ramus as the popular teacher at that time.

5. 137. *Panus*. Julius Pacius (born at Vicenza in 1550, died in 1635) wrote a treatise on Logic 'in usum Scholae Sedanensis.'

G. 138. *Cartcrns*. Peter Carter, Fellow of St. John's College (living in 1577) wrote annotations on the *Dialectica* of his brother collegian Seton, which were often printed with it; but to understand the allusion in the text to his vindication of Pacius would probably require such an acquaintance with their respective treatises as *ne vaut pas la chandelle*, at least to the present Editor.

8. 212-3. John Marbton published one of his volumes of *Satyræ* in 1598 under the name of W. Kinsayder. Thomas Lodge's *Fig for Mounts* was published in 1595; Thomas Laslard's *Chrestoleros : seven bookes of Epigrams* in 1598; and Richard Lichfield's *Trimming of Thomas Nashe* in 1597.

8. 223; 30. 141. Posts were used as hoardings for the exhibition of placards of all kinds, play-bills, &c, in the Elizabethan time as in the nineteenth century.

9. 244; 11. 325. *Ramus*. Peter Ramus first published his system of logic in 1543. See the note to Seton, *supra*. Ramus was murdered in the massacre on St. Bartholomew's day, 1572.

10. 299. *Murctus*. The reference is to the well-known commentaries of Marc. Ant. Fr. Muretus on the Rhetoric of Aristotle. Muretus died in 1585.

10. 299, 300. *Bembus*, *Ascham*. The *Epistolæ* of Peter Bembo, a cardinal, and secretary (with Sadoleto) to Pope Leo X, who died in 1547, are the prettish notes which he is said to chirp, together with the like 'notes' of Roger Ascham, the Latin secretary to three sovereigns, Edward VI, Mary, and Elizabeth, and Greek tutor to the last.

Sadoleto. Jac. Sadoleto, a cardinal, who died in 1547, wrote a treatise *De laudibus philosophiæ*, which was highly praised by Bembo.

Haddon. Walter Haddon, Professor of Law at Cambridge, who died in 1571, wrote *Orationes* which were greatly esteemed for their style.

12. 366. Giles Wiggington, of Trinity College, was several times prosecuted and imprisoned for non-conformity, and was accused of being engaged with John Penry (the 'Mr. Martin' of 1. 355) in writing the *Martin Marprelate* tracts.

18. 549. *Potato rootes*. See *Merry Wives of Windsor*, v. 5.

18.562; 19. 572. *Javcl*. Chrysost. Javel, a Dominican, who died about or after 1540, wrote a *Compendium Logicæ* and several commentaries on Aristotle.

Peter Tartoret, or Tataret, was a lecturer at Paris on Aristotle at the end of the fifteenth century, and his commentaries were several times printed.

Toilet, Francis Tolet, a cardinal, born at Cordova in 1532, died in 1596. He wrote *Introductio ad Logicam*.

21. As the reference to 'Hobson' in 1. 638 is to a real person, the well-known Cambridge carrier, so no doubt 'hoste Johns of the Crowne'¹ and 'Newman the cobbler'¹ were real Cambridge characters equally well known in their time. The carrier 'Leonarde' of p. 26 and 'Simson the Tapster' of p. 42 could also, we may believe, have answered to their names.

22. 691. *rut on the smock on Mimdaye*. A country dance tune. It is printed in Chappell's *Popular Music of the Olden Time*, I. 193 It appears from that valuable and interesting work that it was a tune of great popularity, and that for upwards of two hundred years it was the tune to which dying lamentations of criminals were usually chanted.

25. 6. *lambskins weare*; the lambskin hood of the Bachelor of Arts.

25 8, 9. Plucked at Cambridge, the poor poet had to betake himself to Germany. Were some German degrees supposed then to be as easily attainable as sometimes and in some places in more recent years, only not *in absentia*?

29. 113. *Fortune my foe*. This ballad is alluded to by Shakespeare, *Merry Wives of Windsor*, II. 3. The air is printed in Chappell's *Popular Music of the Olden Time*, i. 162.

30. 142. *Dick Pinner*. No such name of a publisher occurs in the Stationers' Hall Registers in the time of Queen Elizabeth or James I, as I am informed by the Editor of the Registers, Professor Arber. May Pinner have been only some well-known vendor at Cambridge of popular ballads and booklets?

31. iSS. *Three blinde beggars*. This ballad is not mentioned in Chappell's *Popular Music*. There is one called *The Blind Beggar's Daughter*, otherwise *The Cripple*, of which Mr. Chappell gives the history and the music at pp. 158-9 of his first volume.

38. 425. *Balletmaker dec caste*. Probably William Elderton, the 'drunken rhymers' satirized by Bishop Hall, the date of whose death, however, is not known.

42. 543. *Ita est*. The words used sometimes as the commencing words of the condition of a bond; hence used in the text for the bond itself.

49. 757. *Pedantius*, one of the principal characters in the Latin comedy so entitled, which was acted at Trinity College before 1591, but was not printed until 1631, and of which the authorship is assigned to Matth. or Anth. Wingfield.

51. 825. *Captaine couragtous*, & c. This is the first line in the earliest version of the famous ballad of *Mary Ambree*, as given in Bp. Percy's Folio MS. The common version begins—'When capteins courageous whom death could not daunt.'

Elderton, who is mentioned in the next line in the text, was certainly dead before this ballad was written.

56. 981. *Epigram made by a Cambridge man one weaver fellow*. This is no doubt an allusion to an epigram 'in obiturn sepnlcrum (*sic*) Gullionia' in John Weaver's *Epigrammes* (li. 21) 12°. Lond. 1599. It begins 'Here lies fat Gullio,' and describes him as one who had been hanged at Tyburn in 1598. That Weaver was a Cambridge man appears from references to 'Granta' in commendatory verses prefixed to his Epigrams. In Hall's *Satires* also there are lines (111. 6) in ridicule of a 'thirstie Gullion' beginning 'When Gullion dy'd (who knuws not Gullion?)'

61. 1133. *lorde Coulton*. I cannot explain this allusion. May Coulton have been some keeper of a debtors' prison, who was jocularly styled 'lord'?

61. 1144. The gibberish put as a pretended quotation from Ronsard in the mouth of the pretentious braggart appears to represent a proverbial saying—

Qui phore se fa

II loup la mangera.

A prose version of the proverb is. *Qui sefait brebu le loup le mange.*

73. 1534. *sonnets at there pales*, *sul*, at their milkmg-pails. 'Sung to the whcelc and sung unto the payle,' says Bp. Hall of Elderton's ballads, *Sat* iv. 6.

83. 188-9. These lines (from Tibullus, i, 4) are the motto on the title-page of both editions (1600 and 1610) of Bodenham's *Bd-vcdert*: and on that of the first edition there was the engraved device of the sun shining on a laurel, which is unfairly ridiculed in lines 195-7-

98 The idea of this dialogue in question and answer with Echo is probably taken from a like dialogue in Book II of Sir P. Sidney's *Arcadia*. The quotation of 'Jove's breakfast' at p. 100, l. 653 is probably from the same work.

113. 1256. Probably the reference to a theme against common lawyers' is to some then well-known academical exercise at Cambridge, in which the form of learned disputation had been used as a vehicle for disguised satire.

GLOSSARIAL INDEX OF WORDS.

Alate, lately, 67. 1347.

All-to-be = ail-to ; altogether, very much, 37. 371.

Anchors, anchorites, 74. 1563. 'An anchor's cheer in prison/ *Hamlet*, iii. 2.

Aymng-time, yeaning-time, 48. 738.

Bastard, brown, a thick Spanish wine, 7. 203. 'Score a pint of bastard in the Half Moon,' *I Hen. IV*, iv. 2.

Bear coals, to, to submit to mean offices, to do dirty work, 73. 1553. 'We'll not carry coals,' *Borneo and Juliet*. I. i. 'The men would carry coals,' *Henry V III*. 2.

Bearwood, a bearward? or a wood-carrier' 70. 1445.

Beray or bewray, to, to soil, defile, 64. 1261 ; 68. 1320; 70. 1435; 107. 876; 109. 946; 119. 1235; 129. 1530; 138. 1812.

Bezoling; drinking to excess, guzzling, 10 203.

Blow-point, 'a childish game' [Nares ' *Gloss*, q. v], 113. 1060.

Boss, a hassock or foot-stool, 49. 765-

Brewis, bread soaked in pot-liquor, and made savoury, 33. 254.

Burr, one who sticks fast to you, of whom you cannot get rid, 111. 988 ; 152. 2183.

Cast-boy, cast-off, dismissed, boy; one without employment, 32 204.

Chuffs, miserly churls, 84. 232.

Clarigola, constables. Apparently a humorous application of the word used for an 'instrument of one string,' their instrument of one string

being a whip, 65. 1269; 73. 1544.

" Clan-cords' in John Weever's *Epigramtries*, Epig. i. 16.

Clothwritt, a clothwright, applied in contempt to a draper, 42. 536.

Cookpence, holy pence (q d. 'God's pence'), ecclesiastical dues and offerings, 19. 594.

Cog, to, to cheat, 153. 2229.

Counter, prisons in London so called, 49. 776.

Couraie, a race, 36. 353.

Craboun, a carbine, 137. 1765.

Cross and pile. The same as the modern game of *Heads and tails*, the coinage having then a cross on one side, 49. 766.

Cut and long-tail, a term used for all kinds of dogs; 'come cut and long-tail,' come who will, 129. 1509

Cutchy, qu. *coachee*, a mean coach-driver? 123. 1357.

Cypress, crape, 41. 512.

Dandiprat. used in contempt as equivalent to *little brat* or *little conceited fool*, 49. 767.

Dopping, dipping, 25. 2.

Dottrell, dotterel, a species of plover, said to be easily caught; hence, a silly fellow, easily deceived, 32. 226.

Drafty, worthless; 'draflty ballalts B3. 195.

Dromeder: 'an ould sober Dromeder.' Can this be put for *dromedary*, a patient, tolling beast of burden? If not, I am at a loss for explanation. 8. 217.

Eld, old age, 2. 22.

Faulkner, falconer, 20. 623.

Fiddler's wages, the smallest silver coins, 37. 380.

Pile, to, to defile, 70. 1451,

Foin, to, to push in fencing, 96. 377.

Fore top, the top of the periwig; used in contempt of a fool as having no head of his own, 64.1237; 70.1436.

Forspeak, to, to forbid, 90. 391.

Foxfurred, wrapped in a fox-skin, = crafty, 21. 654.

Gaberdine, a coarse common cloak,

6.175-

Bird, to, to strike at, or wound, with jeers and sarcasms, 86. aBo.

Griggy, heathery, wild and uncultivated, 19. 577.

Grill. A word omitted in glossaries, although used by Bishop Hall; apparently meaning a dull senseless clown or sot, 4. 83 'Let swinish grilldehghtin dunghill day,'¹ Hall's *Satires*, li. a, *last line*.

Grossers. Possibly used for 'engrossers'; in double allusion to the engrossing of legal documents and the engrossing of gain, 152. 2186.

Hippocraa, 'hypocrise' wine mixed with spices; a cordial, 7- 208.

Hoydon, a rude, rough man, a clown, 46.678; 51.833.

Jag, a load or bundle, 48. 747.

Jerk, to, to scourge or lash 80. 93; 85. 260; 138. 1791.

Lave-eared, lap-eared, long-eared, 36- 345-

Levaltoea, light dances, 13. 397.

Lin, to; to cease, 142. 1909.

Iiitoltomans, probably a mistake for *Liteltonians*, law-students, 52. 868.

Iioadam, a game with cards, 77. 14.

Lozel, an idle abandoned fellow; usually employed thus as a substantive, but at 3. 79 used as an adjective, 'lozel grooms.'

Make, mate, 13. 393.

Marmelett, marmalade, 38. 420.

Masty, a mastiff, 153. 2228.

Mease, a hare's form, 104. 791.

Mips, nymphs, 125. 1418.

Mossy. Apparently used in the sense of rude, uncultivated 'mossy patron' 6. 168; 'mossy idiots 29. no; 'mossy posteritie 52. 873. 'mossy barbarians' 97- 574.

Mue, Mew, a retired, enclosed place: mue 74. 1563; 'mewes 97. 580.

Null, 'a nail,' a colloquial mispronunciation of 'an awl,' 27. 46.

Napping, unawares, 26. 38; 38. 402 (with a double play on the word).

Nimbrocado, = embrocado, a pass in fencing, 53. 887.

Fantofle, a slipper, 129.1515.

Passage, a game with dice, 77. 12.

Passport, a licence to travel given to beggars, 49. 783; 65. 1268; 66. 1322. A box and a passport/ the licence, and the box for alms, 31. 183-

Fetternels, (petronels) small carbines, or large horse-pistols, 82. 160.

Phlapmouthed = flap-mouthed; having loose, hanging lips, 130. 1557.

Fight, pitched, 127. 1461.

Filled, plundered, peeled, 49. 772.

Points, the laces for fastening breeches, = braces, 26. 39, 40; 113. 1056, &c.

Post and pair, a game with cards, 77. 13.

Ploydenist, a lawyer, a student of Edm. Howden's text-book of *Commentaires on Reports*, 135. 1715.

Precious coals I a silly ejaculation, put here in the mouth of Sir Raderick as being, probably, a well-known expression of a well-known individual, 129. 1532; 134. 1561.

Frimero, a game with cards, 77. 12.

Prinoox, a coxcomb, 118. 1197
Romeo and Juliet, i. 5.

Qu or quo, a farthing ; a farthing'a-
worth, 39.434; 139, 1838.
Que, cue, the prompter's catch-word,
130. 1837.

Bam Alley. A notorious passage
leading from Fleet Street to the
Temple, 80.278.

Hood Day, Holy Rood Day, 14 Sept.
48. 739.

Bound, to, to whisper, 27. 45.

Boyater doyater, in a ruffianly
turbulent manner, 56. 276.

Bub Dors, contested decisive games ;
trials of skill, 37 396 ; 38. 401.
Probably in this second line ' ruled '
is a mistake in the MS. for ' rubbed

Bucket, *qu.* a contracted form of sack-
posset ? 38. 419.

Saint = *cent*, a game with cards, in
which 100 was the winning number,
77. 13-

Beely, simple, 69. 1420.

Ben, say, 48. 730.

Size, to, to take college commons, to
battell, 135. 1691 ; 'to size my mu-
sick,' to take it like college commons
on credit for the term, 147. 2048

Size qua, farthing allowances of food
and dnk; used at p. 131), 1838,
for the commons of poor scholars,
called sizers at Cambridge. Used as
late as 1670 in Eachard's *Contempt*
of the Clergy, p. 31-

Skinkers, tapsters, 6. 157.

Skipjack, an upstart, a conceited
puppy, 39.464; 42 535.

Bnuff, in, in anger or contempt, 6.
1 74. [To snuff at = to make a con-
temptuous anuffing sound]

Bo oping, sweeping, 85. 262 ; 144.
1965.

State, atrick, decoy, 67. 1347.

Stand! ah, an inkstand, 19. 593

Stooging, stinging, 78. 33.

Stigmatio, a ; one who it branded
and marked as a criminal ; used in
the text apparently with reference
to one marked with n University
dcgiee or distinction, 8, 217; U2.
437-

Btooado, acockado, a rapier-thrust,
53, 887; 87.315.

Suboiuer, a sub-sizar (used as of a
very poor scholar, who performed
all menial offices), 130. 15(15. •

Bubligation, used as a misprmmuniMa-
tion of ' supplication,' 04. 1249.

Sumner, a summoner or apparitor,
135. 1694.

Surquono, apparently intended for
jM'/jfirir, sugannuss, 16. 486

Bwadda, coarse rough bumpkins, 81.
138.

Tallents for talons, 137. 1774.

Teen, yrief, 91. 407 ; DO *not*,:.

Thucked, thatched, 29. 134; 118.
1221 ; 118 2019.

Thick thwack, fast and famous, 124.
1376. ' If love speak English in a
thund'ning cloud, Thwick thwack
and riff raff, mars he out aloud,'
Hall's *Satire*, I 6.

Trouan, truant, 74. **1572.**

Untapezing, uncovering, coining Out
of concealment, 10ri. 830.

Voider, a tray or basket for removing
dishes, &c., 23. 705 ; 132. 1621.

Vouchsake= vouchsafe, 36. 339; 54.
945-

Whott, hot, 73. 1239.

Wilningly, whether we will or no, of
necessity, 44.618.

Wonn, will ; 'when you wonn,' when
you will, 48. 747.

Yonts, joints, 3. 62.

