

Shaw, Byam. King Henry VI, part 2, a set of seven original drawings. ca. 1900. Folger ART Box S534 no.13 part 7.

In this illustration of Act 5, Scene 1, Henry VI prepares to view the head of the slain Jack Cade. In the play, Richard, Duke of York, persuades Cade to stage a rebellion against Henry in London. Though Cade takes London and declares himself Mayor, his regime is quickly toppled and Cade killed. In 1450, the historical Jack Cade did indeed lead a rebellion against Henry VI in London; as in the play, he was beheaded after its quashing.