

Nothing so heauy as these woes of mine.

Enter Richard, and Somerset to fight.

Rich. So lye thou there:
For vnderneath an Ale-houfe paltry signe,
The Castle in S. Albons, Somerset
Hath made the Wizard famous in his death:
Sword, hold thy temper; Heart, be wrachfull still:
Priests pray for enemies, but Princes kill.

fight. Excursions.

Enter King, Quene, and others.

Qu. Away my Lord, you are slow, for shame away.
King. Can we outrun the Heauens? Good Margaret stay.

Qu. What are you made of? You'l not fight nor fly:
Now is it manhood, wisdom, and defence,
To giue the enemy way, and to secure vs
By what we can, which can no more but flye.

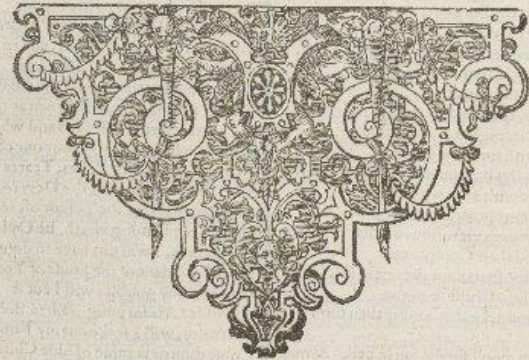
Alarm a farre off.
If you be tane, we then should see the botome
Of all our Fortunes: but if we haply scape,
(As well we may, if not through your neglect)
We shall to London get, where you are lou'd,
And where this breach now in our Fortunes made
May readily be stopt.

Enter Clifford.

Clif. But that my hearts on future mischief set,
I would speake blaspemy ere bid you flye:
But flye you must: Vncurable disconforte
Reignes in the hearts of all our present parts.
Away for your releefe, and we will liue
To see their day, and them our Fortune giue.
Away my Lord, away.

Exeunt

FINIS.



Alarm. Retreat. Enter York, Richard, Warwick,
and Soldiers, with Drum & Colours.

York. Of Salisbury, who can report of him,
That Winter Lyon, who in rage forgets
Aged contusions, and all brush of Time:
And like a Gallant, in the brow of youth,
Repales him with Occasion. This happy day
Is not it selfe, nor haue we wonne one foot,
If Salisbury be lost.

Rich. My Noble Father:
Three times to day I holpe him to his horie,
Three times bestrid him: Thrice I led him off,
Perswaded him from any further act:
But still where danger was, still there I met him,
And like rich hangings in a homely house,
So was his Will, in his old feeble body,
But Noble as he is, looke where he comes.

Enter Salisbury.

Sal. Now by my Sword, well hast thou fought to day,
By th' Masse so did we all. I thanke you Richard,
God knowes how long it is I haue to liue:
And it hath pleas'd him that three times to day
You haue defended me from imminent death.
Well Lords, we haue not got that which we haue,
'Tis not enough our foes are thus time led,
Being opposites of such repaying Nature.

York. I know our safety is to follow them,
For (as I heare) the King is fled to London,
To call a present Court of Parliament:
Let vs pursue him ere the Writs go forth,
What sayes Lord Warwicke shall we after them?

War. After them: nay before them if we can:
Now by my hand (Lords) 'twas a glorious day,
Saint Albons battell wonne by famous Yorke,
Shall be eterniz'd in all Age to come.
Sound Drumme and Trumpets, and to London all,
And more such dayes as these, to vs befall.

Exeunt

The third Part of Henry the Sixt,
with the death of the Duke of
YORKE.

Actus Primus. Scena Prima.

Alarm.

Enter Plantagenet, Edward, Richard, Norfolk, Alcon-
tagne, Warwick, and Soldiers.

Warwicke.

Wonder how the King escap'd our hands?
Pl. While we pursu'd the Horsemen of North,
He flyly stole away, and left his men:
Whereat the great Lord of Northumberland,
Whose Warlike eares could neuer brooke rettar,
Chard' up the drooping Army, and himselfe,
Lord Clifford and Lord Stafford all a-breast
Charg'd our maine Battailles Front: and breaking in,
Were by the Swords of common Souldiers slaine.

Edu. Lord Staffords Father, Duke of Buckingham,
Is either slaine or wounded dangerous.
I sent his Beauer with a down-right blow:
That this is true (Father) behold his blood.

Alcont. And Brother, here's the Earle of Wilshires
Whom I encountred as the Battell toy'd. (blood)

Rich. Speake thou for me, and tell them what I did.
Flou. Richard hath best deseru'd of all my sounes:
But is your Grace dead, my Lord of Somerset?

Nor. Such hope haue all the line of Iohn of Gaunt.
Rich. Thus do I hope to snake King Henries head.
Warw. And so doe I, victorious Prince of Yorke,

Before I see thee seated in that Throne,
Which now the Houle of Lancaster vsurpes,
I vow by Heauen, these eyes shall neuer close.
This is the Pallace of the fearefull King,
And this the Regall seat: possesse it Yorke,
For this is thine, and not King Henries Heires.

Plant. Assist me then, sweet Warwick, and I will,
For hither we haue broken in by force.

Nor. Wee'le all assist you: he that flies, shall dye;
Plant. Thanks gentle Norfolk, stay by me my Lords,
And Souldiers stay and lodge by me this Night.

They goe vp.

Warw. And when the King comes, offer him no violence,
Vnlesse he seeke to thrust you out perforce.

Plant. The Quene this day here holds her Parliament,
But little thinks we shall be of her counsaile,
By words or blowes here let vs winne our right.

Rich. Arm'd as we are, let's stay within this House.
Warw. The bloody Parliament shall this be call'd,
Vnlesse Plantagenet, Duke of Yorke, be King.

And bathfull Henry depos'd, whose Cowardize
Hath made vs by-words to our enemies.

Plant. Then leave me not, my Lords be resolute,
I meane to take possession of my Right.

Warw. Neither the King, nor he that loues him best,
The proudlest hee that holds vp Lancaster,
Dares flitte a Wing, if Warwick shake his Bells.
He plant Plantagenet, root him vp who dares:
Resolue thee Richard, clayne the English Crowne.

Flourish. Enter King Henry, Clifford, Northumberland,
Westmerland, Exeter, and the rest.

Henry. My Lords, looke where the sturdie Rebell sits,
Euen in the Chayre of State: belike he meanes,
Backt by the power of Warwick, that false Peere,
To aspire vnto the Crowne, and reigne as King.
Earle of Northumberland, he slew thy Father,
And thine, Lord Clifford, & you both haue vow'd reuenge
On him, his sounes, his fauorites, and his friends.

Northumb. If I be not, Heauens be reueng'd on me.
Clifford. The hope thereof, makes Clifford mourne in
Steele.

Westm. What, shall we suffer this? lets pluck him downe,
My heart for anger buyes, I cannot brooke it.

Henry. Be patient, gentle Earle of Westmerland,
Clifford. Patience is for Poultrones, such as he:
He durst not sit there, had your Father liu'd.

My gracious Lord, here in the Parliament
Let vs allye the Family of Yorke.

Nor. Well hast thou spoken, Cousin be it so.
Henry. Ah, know you not the Citie fauours them,
And they haue troupes of Souldiers at their beck?

Westm. But when the Duke is slaine, they le quickly
flye.

Henry. Farre be the thought of this from Henries heart,
To make a Shambles of the Parliament Houle,
Cousin of Exeter, strownes, words, and threats,
Shall be the Warre that Henry meanes to vse.

Thou factious Duke of Yorke descend my Throne,
And kneele for grace and mercie at my feet,
I am thy Soueraigne.

York. I am thine.
Exet. For shame come downe, he made thee Duke of
Yorke.
York. It was my Inheritance, as the Earledome was.
Exet. I by

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