


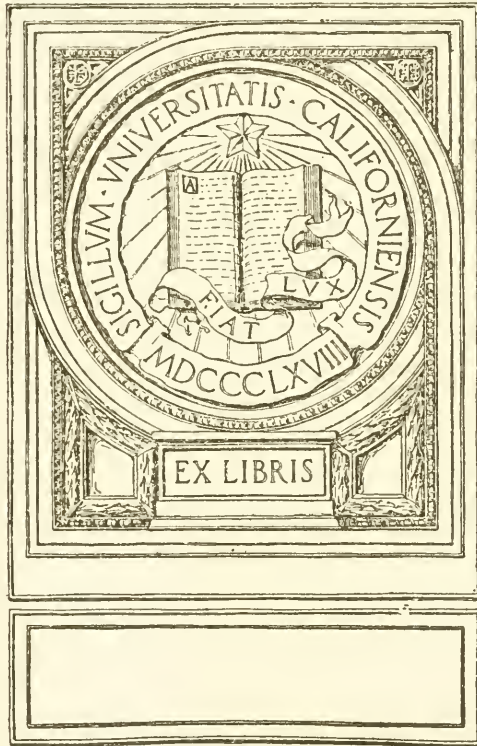
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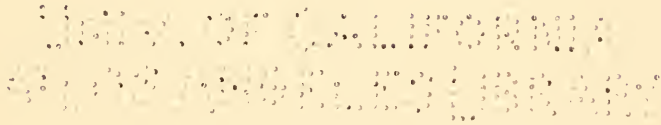




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EARLY in the craft year which began on 19 July 1557, and was the first of the chartered existence of the Stationers' Company, John Waley, or Wally, entered what was no doubt the present play on the Register along with several other works. The entry runs as follows:

To master John wally these bokes Called Welth and helthe/the treatise of the ffrere and the boye/stans puer ad mensam another of youghte charyte and humylyte an a b c for cheldren in englesse with syllabes also a boke called an hundreth mery tayles . . . . . ij<sup>a</sup>  
[Arber's Transcript, I. 75.]

That Waley printed an edition is therefore to be presumed, but it does not necessarily follow that the extant copy, which though perfect bears neither date nor printer's name, ever belonged to it. Indeed, a comparison with a number of works to which he did affix his name suggests grave doubts on the subject. Though not a high-class printer, there seems no reason to ascribe to him a piece of work which for badness alike of composition and press-work appears to be unique among the dramatic productions of the sixteenth century.

'Wealth and health' appears among the titles in the list of plays appended to the edition of Goffe's *Careless Shepherdess*, printed for Rogers and Ley in 1656. The entry was repeated with the designation 'C[omedy].' in Archer's list of the same year, and, without the addition, in those of Kirkman in 1661 and 1671. In 1691 Langbaine wrote '*Wealth and Health*, a Play of which I can give no Account.' Gildon has no further information to offer, nor have any of his immediate followers. Chetwood, in 1752, classes it among 'Plays Wrote by Anonymous Authors in the 16th [by which he means the seventeenth] Century,' calls it 'an Interlude' and dates it 1602. This invention was only copied in those lists which depended directly on Chetwood's, such

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as the *Playhouse Pocket-Companion* of 1779. Meanwhile, in his *Companion to the Play-House* of 1764, D. E. Baker, relying upon Coxeter's notes, gave an essentially accurate description of the piece, except that he asserted it to be 'full of Sport and mery Pastyme,' and described it as an octavo. This entry has been copied by subsequent bibliographers, none of whom have seen the original.

The play was among those discovered in Ireland in the spring of 1906 and sold at Sotheby's on 30 June, when it was purchased for the British Museum at the price of one hundred and ninety-five pounds. Its press-mark is C. 34. i. 25.

The extremely careless typography of the original makes the task of reprinting a difficult one. Ordinary misprints abound, and these have been scrupulously retained, a list of irregularities being added below. It has, however, proved impossible to arrive at any satisfactory method of distinguishing between 'n' and 'u.' In the first hundred lines, which are by no means the worst printed, there are thirty-two cases in which the letter is indistinguishable, eighteen cases of an apparent 'u' which should be 'n,' and seven cases of an apparent 'n' which should be 'u.' When it is further remembered that there are few cases in which it is possible to say for certain that a letter really is what it appears to be, and none in which it may not be turned, some idea of the difficulty in the way of reprinting will be obtained. To have followed the original in this matter would have been to introduce another misprint into at least every fourth line, while even so several hundred cases would have remained which could only have been decided according to the apparent sense of the passage. The only rational course was to treat the letters as indistinguishable throughout, and to

print in each instance whichever the sense seemed to require. Again, as the superscript letters 'c,' 'e,' 't,' are seldom distinguishable, the printer has been given the benefit of the doubt. Another difficulty arose in connection with the speakers' names. In the original these have often dropt from their proper places, which can now only be ascertained from the sense and the not very regular indentation. With some hesitation it has been decided to restore them to the positions they should apparently occupy, noting all cases in which they are a line or more out in the original. Lastly it may be remarked that in the speeches which aim at imitating foreign languages the apparent readings of the very indistinct original have been scrupulously reproduced, and no attempt has been made, even in the subjoined list, to suggest any corrections.

In the last sheet some of the pages are cropt at the foot. In most cases nothing more than the catchword has disappeared, and although between lines 768 and 769 something seems to be lost, it is doubtful whether this is due to the cropping, since DI<sup>v</sup> has already one line too many.

The original is printed in the ordinary black letter of the period, of the body known as English (20 ll. = 94 mm.).

#### IRREGULAR AND DOUBTFUL READINGS.

Tit. att his	29. so (too ?)
5. tcowe	38. yeth
7. fleepe (?)	41. dyspayre (dysprayte)
13. nof	50. marualudy
24. Weith	52. iu
25. Jam	54. ts
27. ofcomparifon	57. stander...noæe

58. selte  
 62. Inlykewise  
 63. Wh en (?)  
 (no catchword)  
 66. despyed  
 70. thouart  
 74. answerrd  
 75. wellh  
 76. thou'  
 fagetpue (or ?tagetpue)  
 80. Thai  
 84. henefites  
 95. walth hatg...treasure  
 98. stands (the 'f' doubtful)  
 100. cempotent  
 105. Be  
 107. otherwelth  
 109. Euerywise  
 110. dtspoficions  
 127. faue (the 'e' doubtful)  
 134. woth  
 137. stealeth  
 144. hit  
 149. a wreke  
 150. nf  
 159. (no catchword)  
 164. nhw indifferenily  
 165. we  
 168. Weith  
 177. trespure  
 178. ysthey  
 191. (no catchword)  
 195. please youto  
 197. libert  
 201. werwhy (me, why?)  
 207. feloweh  
 214. shalde  
 216. crow  
 224. beholde (he bolde)  
 234. wyse (the 'f' doubtful)  
 ifye (if he?)  
 237. alybert  
 238. notfoze  
 249. lubstaunce  
 250. wer  
 251. whyte  
 253. lust (lusty)  
 257. ybertye  
 258. H elth (?)  
 267. ran  
 270. loboure  
 275. ofliberty...futer  
 278. alytle  
 286. acquanted  
 289. Dryue (the 'y' doubtful)  
 290. Wy II (?)...C (I)  
 294. [H]ealth  
 306. Chyft  
 312. kindes  
 315. Arquaintance  
 318. fo  
 319. ybertyeis  
 320. ybertye, wili



- bebolde (be bolde)  
 322. **Chyrfoze**  
 324. **lybrtpe**  
 328. **ano**  
 337. **pas (paſt)**  
 364. **ther**  
 367. **jet hym (hem)**  
 373. **Wytte (Will)**  
 379. **ſeſe**  
 383. **caa**  
 386. **thought (tought)**  
 391. **ſchon (?)**  
 397. **be gins**  
 398. **fleminge**  
 400. **flemminges**  
     **wilmar (?)**  
 405. **icvell**  
 408. **lonck**  
 410. **ic compta hoze**  
 414. **Rae**  
 424. **ſaunders**  
 425. **fleminges**  
 426. **theris**  
 433. **deuole**  
 440. **ſtyll (?)**  
 443. **ghed wet**  
 445. **Wyll...cun**  
 447. **thing**  
 450. **geeat actoztpe**  
 452. **hach**  
 453. **luſt (iult)...indifference**  
 460. **halbe (the 'f' doubtful)**  
 470. **better**  
 473. **mayay (or? nayay, read-  
     ing very doubtful;  
     may ſay ?)**  
 475. **fozfoth...vzother**  
 479. **in (the 'n' doubtful)**  
 485. **wel...ſtpe (ſtpe ?)**  
 498. **you**  
 501. **vegyled**  
 502. **councell**  
 507. **Wyl ll (?)**  
 508. **ſhe (?)**  
 509. **chat...alw ay**  
 511. **meaneth (the 't' doubt-  
     ful)**  
 520. **[Liberty ?]**  
 531. **oardon**  
 534. **am be (?)...well**  
 545. **England**  
 547. **renlmes**  
 548. **thy (they)**  
 551. **rm**  
 553. **apart...aceozitie**  
 554. **R[e]md[i]**  
 558. **foz (the 'f' doubtful)**  
 561. **prefercing (?)**  
 567. **ehis**  
 568. **percelue**  
 596. **b e (?)**  
 600. **poor (?)**  
 601. **together**  
 605. **erchewe...Ill**

607. tēp  
 609. sach  
 613. [( )]wil  
 616. apare  
 618. large  
 622. chat  
 624. afryde  
 629. Hew  
 630. p=omise (the 's' doubtful)  
 631. ffyest (sppest ?)  
 632. lok e  
 633. crooke (the 'e' doubtful)  
 636. Wyl. (below l. 637)  
     toꝝ  
 653. euey  
 654. ofhell (?)  
 662. false  
 666. libertidespife  
 667. mateer  
 668. wat, ler... [Will.]  
 669. a none  
 675. thiag  
 676. Afirr (After)  
 685. J tis  
 686. ihe  
 693. wltth... conoient  
 695. Wyl. (opposite l. 696)  
     angep  
 699. toꝝ  
 705. he  
 711. Wytte (opposite l. 712)  
 716. rhe  
 719. Wyl. (opposite l. 718)  
 724. wich  
 731. welco me  
     Health (opposite l. 730)  
 734. (no catchword)  
 735. her (bert ?)  
 736. v s (?)  
 740. .aboꝝ  
 742. sha me (?)  
 753. H ance (?)  
 755. hance (the 'e' doubtful)  
 756. nothin  
 757. H ance (?)  
 760. allaunts...reale  
 764. selfeloue (?)  
     Descone (?)  
 766. subtel tiget  
 768. (catchword cut off ?)  
 769. [Remedy.] (but a whole  
     line probably missing)  
 772. Ic ... Remdi (the 'i'  
     doubtful)  
 773. i (I or i)  
 776. Fleming (the 'f' doubt-  
     ful)...lenger  
 780. tiberty  
 782. Health (opposite l. 781)  
 785. nos (?)  
 787. affirmity  
 790. Health (opposite l. 791)  
 791. maladi (the 'l' doubt-  
     ful)

796. **ye t**  
798. **people** (the second 'e'  
doubtful)...**detelt**  
799. **theroffoz(?)**  
801. **A mendes**  
(catchword cropt)  
803. **doone** (the 'd' doubtful)  
804. **helse a mendes**  
807. **necessitie(?)**  
820. **thinketh** (the second 't'  
doubtful)  
821. **herc**  
822. **be**  
823. **eafe ano**  
826. **waræ**  
828. **boyde**  
830. **weae...what hrlth**  
831. **saw saw**  
833. **tfe**  
834. (catchword cropt)  
836. **liuingl**  
838. **about(?)**  
841. **blam**  
842. **To staunder**  
**vndestruded**  
843. **drpart**  
846. **spynardo**  
847. **folse chefe...Heaith**  
849. **wiltel**  
850. **ia**  
851. **peca** (the 'e' doubtful)  
853. **meae**
856. **fhese**  
861. **contra**  
863. **three**  
864. **I Iyfto...tham**  
(there is no lead between  
**Wyll.** and **Wytte.**;  
the speakers' names to  
ll. 862-3 are half a  
line too low, those to  
ll. 865-7 half a line  
too high)  
866. **Remd[i]**  
867. **abd ...** (signature and  
catchword cut off?)  
868. **ful**  
871. **speake**  
873. **feason**  
881. **Remdt**  
882. **thete(?)**  
887. **in continent**  
888. **wif**  
889. **lake**  
891. **behanged**  
893. **halt**  
901. **shew de**  
903. **althye**  
907. **shaike...warding**  
**alonge**  
909. **wel**  
912. **remābze...a nother**  
917. **dispyesur**  
918. **vngrocious**

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|---|----------------------|
| 919. <b>diffulation</b>                                       | 940. <b>pfye (?)</b> |
| 923. <b>deuyl</b>   | 941. <b>rcfoze</b>   |
| 924. <b>libertyz</b> (the 'z' doubt-<br>ful; opposite l. 923) | 954. <b>Char (?)</b> |
| 925. <b>ymanginacien</b>                                      | 955. <b>remdy</b>    |
| 927. <b>uyscef</b>  | 956. <b>deuer</b>    |
| 928. <b>pyson</b>   | 958. <b>riagne</b>   |
| 933. (catchword crompt)                                       | 960. <b>rontinue</b> |
|   | 961. <b>w (w)</b>    |

# An enterlude of

Welth, and Helth, very mery and full of  
Pastyme, newly set his tyme  
Imprinted.

(.)

The Names of the players.

Welth.

Itopp.

Dance.

Helth,

Shrowtopp.

Remedy

Apbertle.

Four may easely play this Playe.

*and*  
*of*  
*the*  
*for said*



There entreth Welth, and Welth synging together  
a balet of two partes, and after speaketh

Welth.

**W**hy is there no curtesy, now I am come  
I toowe that all the people be dumme

O yet so god helpe me and halydum

They were alnott a sleepe

No wordes I harde, nor yet no talking

No instrument went nor ballattes synging

What ayles you all thus to spt dreaming

Of whom take ye care

Of my couing ye may be glad

Therefore I pray you be not sad

for all your desyre shall be had

I can amende your chease

By God I thiuke ye haue forgotten me

I am welth of this realme looke bpon me

for I am to euery man louing and frendly

for welth hath no pete.

Brother welth haue ye not yet doone  
ye prayse your selfe aboute the moone

Euery man may perceiue therby soone

That you lacke discrecyon

Wherfore, by god I cannot say to much

I am so welth of substance and rych

In all the worlde where is one such

As I am of comparison.

Welth is good I cannot deny

Yet prayse your selfe so uniche ye may

for welth oftentimes doth decay

And welth is nothing sure.

Welth.

Welth.

Welth.

A. H.

Welth





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Welth, and Helth, very mery and full of  
Pastyme, newly att his tyme  
Imprinted.  
(.:)

## ¶ The Names of the players.

Welth.

Ilwyl.

Hance.

Helth,

Shrowdwyt.

Remedy

Lybertie.

Foure may easely play this Playe.



¶ Here entreth Welth, and Helth synging together  
a balet of two partes, and after speaketh  
Welth.

**W**hy is there no curtesy, now I am come  
I trowe that all the people be dume  
Or els so god helpe me and halydum  
They were almost a sleepe.

No wordes I harde, nor yet no talking  
No instrument went nor ballattes synging  
10 What ayles you all thus to syt dreaming  
Of whom take ye care?

Of my coming ye may be glad  
Therefore I pray you be not sad  
For all your desyre shall be had  
I can amende your cheare

By God I thinke ye haue forgotten me  
I am welth of this realme looke vpon me  
For I am to euery man louing and freendly  
For welth hath no pere.

20 Brother welth haue ye not yet doone?  
ye prayse your selfe aboue the moone  
Euery man may perceyue therby soone  
That you lacke discrecyon

Helth.

Wherefore, by god I cannot say to much  
I am so welthy of substaunce and ryche  
In all the worlde where is one such  
As I am ofcomparison.

Welth.

30 Welth is good I cannot deny  
Yet prayse your selfe so muche ye may  
For welth oftentimes doth decay  
And welth is nothing sure.

Helth.

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welth

Welth. Welth hath ben euer in this countrey  
And here I purpose styll foꝛ to be  
Foꝛ this is the lande most mete foꝛ me  
And here I wyll endure.

Health Therin ye speake full louingle  
Foꝛ in this realme welth should be  
yeth no displeasure I pray you hartely  
But in the way of communicacion.

And foꝛ pastyme I would speake some wayes  
Of no comparison, noꝛ to you no dyspayre,  
I doo not intende that maner alwayes,  
But foꝛ a recreation,

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wealth Brother what soeuer ye say to me.  
I wyll heare you paciently  
I am content and I thanke you hartely  
Begyn and say your pleasure

Health I thanke you hartely then wyll I  
Some what vnto my purpose apply  
Though welth be praised marualusy  
yet to myne vnderstanding.

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Welth is mutable, and that iu shame  
And welth is hauty and proude of name  
Welth ts cruell, and in great blame  
Foꝛ welth is euer wauerynge.

wealth. To whom haue I doone any harme can ye say,  
ye stander me nowe, yet I trust I may  
Aunswere foꝛ my selte in euery maner way  
ye wyl not deny that?

Health God foꝛbyd but ye should do so  
And ye may doo it whether I wyl oꝛ no  
Inlykewise, I must answer you also  
When ye say not true.

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Though I be but to you a pooze man  
yet helth I height, the same I am  
That is despyred vniuertally than  
Some calles me as good as you

As I, mary ther in deede ye do compare.

Welth.

Such wordes myght byynge you soone in care

70 Lewde parson, thouart not ware

Of what substaunce I am

Pes I can tell what you are, be not dyspleased  
welth is of great substaunce, that cannot be denyed  
yet shew your comodities, and ye shalbe answered  
I prompse you welth is fugitiue.

Health.

What sayst thou, am I a fagetpue

wealth

I was neuer so taken vp in my lyfe  
Noz called vn Timer, well I wyll make no stryfe  
yet where as thou dost say,

80 Thai I should how my commodityes alwayes

The best for my selfe wherof I aske prayse  
yf I shoulde stand her all my lyfe dayes  
yet I coulde not say.

Noz halfe the henefites that commeth of me  
yt cannot be tolde noz respyted thortly  
Welth is the floure of althing earthly  
That you cannot denye.

Fezke god saue, our soueraine Ladye the Queene  
With all the counsel and all that with them bene

90 Am not I welth with them euer at ene

Who should be there but I?

Men of the lawe, and ioly ry ch marchauntes  
There be welthy both of goodes and lands,  
Without comparyson is in their handes  
I welth hatg all freasure.

Health. O good syr, of whom commeth all this  
Of god only, to you no thanke I wys  
And yet mans welth stands not all in ryches  
I dare saye that boldly,

Whan a man hath a competent liuing  
with the grace of god that passeth all thyng  
Loue of his neyghbour, and good reportyng  
Then is he welthy,

Welth of goodes is but a fame  
He is welthy that hath a good name  
Euery wyse man wyll coueyte the same  
Foz otherwelth I not reche

Yf a man haue neuer so much good name  
Euerywise man wyll coueyte the same  
if his dtsposicions be nought and wood  
Then he is but a wretch,

Welth. Nay thou art a wretch, and a foole vnwyse  
welth of ryches thus to despyse  
Doest thou not se all the worlde aryse  
By goodes and substaunce

He that hath plenty of syluer and golde  
May haue all thyng whatsoeuer he woulde  
whan can welth lacke, seing all thing is solde  
And welth is of assuraunce.

Health I denye that, your sayyng is nought  
Grace, heauen, noꝝ cunning, cannot be bought  
without great paine, and good dedes wrought  
Els man cannot them haue.

wealth Stop thereat, and hold thy peace  
May not men by heauen with richesse  
As to bylde churches and make bye wayes  
Such deedes mans soule doth saue

¶ Hea, but yet ye must marke one thyng  
yf these goodes came with wronge doyng  
130 Shall ye haue heauen for so spendyng  
Or yet any mede.

Health

¶ Nay nay except that man himselfe doo meeke  
And make resystance the ryght honour to seeke  
Els all such good dedes is not woth a leeke  
welth hereof take heede.

¶ Why thinkest thou that all men which hath welth wealth.  
Getteth they goodes with byby and stealeth  
Thy reporte is nought therfore Helthe  
I counsell thee to say the best.

140 So I wyll, but yet I must say true  
And now a lyttle more I wyll say to you  
Such sorowe and care welth doth byewe  
He is seldome in rest.

Health

¶ When a man is a lyttle hit and welthy  
And hath in his chesse treasures plente  
Then wyl he wrangle, and do shredly  
By his power and might.

¶ With his neighbour he wyl go to lawe

150 And a wreke his malyce for valew of strawe  
welth is fykle and out of awe  
wylfull in wronge or ryght

¶ Thou speakest with a slaunderous tonge  
All of euyl wyll, and yet it is wronge  
welth in this realme hath bin longe  
Of me comimeth great honour.

Welth.

¶ Because that I welth hath great porte  
All the woylde, hyther doth resoite  
Therfore I welth, am this realmes comfort,  
And here I wyll indure.

Helth. So I wold ye should, and I shall do the same  
Helth I am called, and that is my name  
If I would not abyde heere I were to blame  
Foz here I am well cherished

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Yet say your selfe, how indifferently  
And if euery man doo not loue me  
Helth as well as welth, yes verely  
Therof I dare be reported

Welth. Why should they loue thee? that woulde I knowe  
As wel as me, I pray you howe  
I am the superiour of hie and lowe  
No man may compare with me.

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Helth. To shew why I wyll not be afraied  
Foz I can bide by that I haue sayde  
Of welthy men be very well apayd  
Or mucche they set you by.

But of welth, if they haue neuer so much  
Goodes, tryasure and golde, and be called ryche  
Yet yfthey lacke helth, there payne is suche  
That they were better dye.

A man to were golde, and be in payne  
What ioy hath he? none, but would be fayne  
To giue all his treasure for helth playne  
Or els he were very mad:

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Foz if a man be neuer so poure  
Yet if he haue helth, that is a treasure,  
Then for his liuing, he may labour  
And in his harte be glad,

Welth. I neuer marked thus mucche, nor vnderstood  
That helth was such a treasure, and to man so good  
Wherfore I am sorry, and I wil chaunge my moode  
Now I pray you forgiue me.

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I will forgiue oz els I were to blame  
And I pray you to forgiue me the same  
I loue you hartly, and wyll prayse your name  
yf it please you to keepe my company.

Health

¶ Here entreth lyberty with a song & after speaketh  
Why tary syz whether are ye going  
I see well ye looked not for my comming  
Loe, out of syght out of remembryng

libert

200 Absence is cause of straungnes,

What looke ye on werwhy are ye so straunge  
From your fellow liberty, doth your minds chaunge  
In your company I was wont to range  
What nedes all this busines,

By liberty now I doo not set  
Seyng that helth and I am met  
As feloweh together no man shall let  
Me for to loue hym best.

wealth

Let me heare what ye do say

liberty.

210 Then ye are about to cast me away  
How happes this? mary then I may  
Goe pyke strawes and take me rest.

I pray you tell me whom I haue offended  
yf I haue made a faute it shalde amended  
with so thozte warning let me not be voyded  
I crow yet ye do but iest.

Why do ye make this cauelacion  
we entende to make no alteracyon  
welth and I haue had communication

Helth.

220 He is my freende of olde.

What was the matter, I pray you tell  
He thinkes I ought to be of counsel  
Or els I promyse you ye doo not well

liberty

B.i.

with

With you I should beholde.

Welth. The matter is doone we are agreed  
To reason it moze it shall not neede  
D bzoother helth, thou art in deede  
Moze precioufer then golde.

liberty. Gods bodi how commeth this gere to pas  
I am cast out at the cartes arse  
The woꝝde is nothing as it was  
Foz I am here refused

230

Health Why be you angry that we doo agree  
Then are ye not wyse, foz ifye loue me  
I will loue hym agayne, so it should be  
Or els I were mysaduised

yllibert Then of my loue ye set no store  
My company I see well ye looked notfoze  
Farewell I wyll get me out of the dooze  
yet I am your betters and so am I called.

240

wealth Such presumptuouse woꝝdes wyll haue a fall  
your comparyson is but feble and small  
What can ye do nothyng at all  
As you haue reputed.

liberti. What were ye both two, were not I.  
Wretches and captyfes, looke not so hye  
Thinke no scoꝝne hardly  
Foz I may be your peare

yf welth haue neuer so much lubstaunce  
Lacking Libertye and werr in duraunce  
Within a whyte, I am in assurance  
ye woulde pray me come nere.

250

yf Helth be neuer so lust and stronge  
yet if Lyberty were kept from him longe  
Then soꝝow and care wolde be his songe.

yt

yt would abate your cheare.

Spe of welth which lacketh lybertye  
Spe of Helth and be in captiuitie  
Spe of riches and lack good company

260 Lyberty hath no pere,

Wyll ye heare how he doth clatter?  
What neede ye to rehearse all this matter.  
ye know that we twayne afoze any other.  
Lyberty must nedes haue still.

Helth.

Lybertie on vs is glade to wayte  
ye stande to farre in your owne conceyte  
I wys lybertye ye ran make no bayte  
To catche vs at your will.

Now there ye lye, I can suffer no longer

liberty.

270 Welth for Lybertye doth loboure euer  
And helth for Libertye is a great store  
Therfoze set me not so lyght

Libertye I pray the reason no moze  
ye are welcome to vs as ye were before  
In dede ofliberty it is great suter  
Therfoze welcome by this lyght

wealth

Now I thanke you both full kindly  
your strange wordes alytle did greue me  
And now at your comaundement I am redy

liberty,

280 And at your owne wyll.

¶ Here entreth with some iest pllwyll

Gary I am come at the first call  
Wyll, your owne man haue me who shall  
For I am will seruaunt to you al  
Ye shall not neede to sende for me.

Wyll. .

Who is acquainted with this man

Welth.

He is very homely and lytle good he can  
To come in here so boldly, then  
Dryue him away quickly,

Wyll. Why, I cam not tyll I was called  
your owne wyll openly ye named  
Then I came a pace lest I should be blamed  
Therfore I pray you let me hyde styl,

290

wealth Whose wyll, oz what wyll, doth he meane  
Thou art not my wyl, I forsake thee cleane  
My wyl and their wylles is often sene  
Dur wylles can none yll

Wyll. Alas good masters I can none yll  
yet by my trowth I am your euyl wyll  
your wil, & your will, & your will, therfore keepe me 300  
I loue ye by goddes mother,

liberty. This is a straunge saying vnto me  
My wyl, your wyll, and his wyll, this cannot be  
For in our wyles is great diuersitie  
For one is not lyke another,

Wyll. Yet by Christ your owne wyl I am  
The maddest wyl, and the meriest, than  
For goddes sake now, let me be your man  
Tyl ye haue better acquaintaunce.

wealth I perceyue this felow is kynde  
And oweth to vs good wyl and mynde  
Some kindes agayne then let hym finde  
Let him haue some surderaunce

310

Wyll. By god sir and I durst be so bolde  
Arquaintance of this man clayme I would  
and kynred to, yf the trowth were tolde  
we be of one consanguynitie

health How so? let me here that I pray thee hartly

wyll

Wyl and lybertyeis, of aunciterie olde Wyll.  
 32° with out lybertye, wili dare not bebolde  
 And where wyl lacketh, lybertye is full colde  
 Thyrfoze wyl and lybertye must nedes be of kyn.  
 In dede as he saythe it may well be liberti.  
 For wyl euer longeth vnto lybrtye  
 Therfoze good freende welcome to me  
 I praye you al be good to him And goeth out  
 For your sake he is welcome to vs all Welth.  
 Let him come to our place ano than he shall  
 Haue succoure of vs and helpe withal  
 33° & now we wil depart. And welth & helth goth out.  
 Wyl ye go hence. I thanke ye masters with al my Wyll.  
 I wyl seke you out I warrant you feare not (hert  
 Now they be gone I am glad by saint mary  
 A lyttel while heare I purpose to tary  
 How to deceyue welth, helth, and libertie  
 Now must I deuyse.  
 For I am a chylde that is pas grace  
 Itwyl I am called that in euery place  
 Doth much mischiefe this is a playne case  
 34° Vertue I doo vtterly dispise,  
 But if they wylt what I were  
 Then of my purpose I should be neuer & nere  
 I wyl kepe my tonge lest that I mar  
 My whole intent and wyl.  
 But now I meruayle by this day  
 Where shrewd wit is gone a stray  
 Some crafty touche is in his way  
 I here him, peace, stand still.  
 ¶ Entreth shrewd wylt with a songe.  
 35° ¶ Dieu vous garde playsaunce

On seuen or no mumchaunce, what yonkers dare  
To playe a grote or twaine. (auaunce

Loe heare I haue in stoze  
Two or thzee grottes and no moze  
I take great thought therfoze  
Foz to kepe it, it is much payne  
I come now out of a place  
where is a company of small grace  
Cheues and hozes that spendes a pace  
They were dronken all the sozte.  
One of their purces I did aspy  
Out of his sleue where it dyd lye  
And one wynked on me with his eye  
But ther began the spozte

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Their false falsehode, and I crafty wpt  
got the purse loe, heare I haue it  
I ran my way and let hym spt  
Smoke and hitten arse together.

And yf that I had yll wyll here  
with this money we wolde make good chere  
Gentle brother wyll, I pray the apeare  
Foz thou art in some cozner.

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Wyttte I woulde come in but I am a fearde  
Least that I be taken by the bearde  
Wyth some catchepol, I haue heard  
How thou haste stollen a purse

wyttte Thou hozson art thou mad, cum in I say  
This is not the fyrste hazard that I haue scaped  
yf I make an hand to decke my felfe gay  
what am I the worse.

380

wyll From thy company I cannot abyde  
I must nedes holde vpon thy syde

yll

yllwyll and shrewd wit who caa hyde  
foz they will be together.

Now welcome wyll and what cheare:  
By god I thought foz thee a thousand yere  
Peace foz gods body who cummeth there  
Hance here pot Ascon router.

wytte.

¶ Entreth Hance with a dutche songe.

390 Gut nynnen scone rutters by the moder got

It heist owne schon, foz staue ye nete  
De qusteker mau iche bie do do  
Uau the groate bnmbarde well ic wete  
Dartyck dowfant van enheb it mete  
Ic best de mauikin van de koining dangliler  
De grot keyter kind ic bene his busketer

Here ye not dzonkē hance how he be gins to prate Wyll.

The malowperte Fleming is a little to cheke mate

Let the knaue alone, foz his name is war. wytte

400 Such dzonken Flemminges your company wil mar

Ic best nen emond, ic best in soche Hance.  
ye secte nete vell ic fozstaue ye in doche

Cumt hoze leyf with your gound stand nere Wyll.

yt becummes you better to handle a potte of beare

Dat maght icvell dan, ic can skynke frelyck Hance

Tab bers frow, ic bziuges bzoze, begotts nemerick

The hozlen knaue by the masse is dzonke wytte.

A winking foz depe his eyen be cleane lonck

Ic fozauē ye vell ye seg dac ic slope Hance

410 Nénike, nénike, ic compte hoze foz an andoz cope.

Wel coppin I pray the hartly tell vs trew Wyll.

Wherfoze comest thou hether foz any thing to setw  
yeicke feger, en būbardere vā de koyning wei it be Hance

heb twe skelling de dagh ic con scote de culueryn

¶ Rae

wytte. Nay ye shall walke a Fleming knaue, wyl ye not see  
 We haue English gunners ynow, there is no rome  
 Hance Ic best en bomberde mot ye to me spreken (empty  
 what segge ye bones, it sal ye yode slaen  
 Wyl. We speake not to thee thou art a scone man  
 But goe thy way they be not here that promot y cā 420  
 Hance Caut ye me a de house dragen van degrot here.  
 wytte. Hance ye must go to y court & for welth inquire  
 Hance What segge ye welth nenyke he is net hoze  
 welth best in slaunders, it my self brought him doze  
 Wyl. Beshrew your hozson Fleminges hert therfore.  
 in dede as he saith, by war in slaunders theris welth  
 Hance Segt ye dat brower, by the moder got dan (hoze  
 Out naught it mot wast, to sent castrin to mi lanmā  
 wyt. Is he gone, farewell hanykin bowse (& goeth out  
 Ic pray god giue him a hounded drouse 430  
 For Ic trow a knaue brought hym to house  
 But now brother wyt.  
 We must deuose how that we may  
 Be in seruice with welth alwaye  
 Let me here what thou canst do oz say  
 To helpe for to contryue it.  
 wytte. For thy pleasure that Ic shall  
 This wyl Ic doo first of all  
 Flatter and lye, and euermore call  
 Them my good maysters wyl. 440  
 Then with swering, lying and powlinge  
 Byby, theft, and preuy pyking  
 Thus Ic shred wet, wyl euer be doinge  
 Ic warrant ther yllwyl.  
 Wyl. Ic cun thee thanke, this is well deuyted  
 And Ic yll wil, wolde haue euery man dispited  
 But



But now another thing must be contrived  
Or els al wilbe nought

There is one they call good remedy  
450 In this realme, he hath geat actozty  
He is a noble man and much worthy  
Many thinges he hath wrought  
He is called lust, discrete and indifferene  
Willing to fulfil his soueraines commaundement  
He is not fraide to do right punishment  
Therfore of him I am afrayde

So am I to this maketh me very sadde  
Yet oftentymes I haue bene harde bestadde  
Now y I am warned of him I am very glad

460 Sum crafty wyle for him shalbe hade

Peace no mo wordes but mum  
My think I heare mast welth cum  
Knele downe and say sum deuout orison  
That they may heare vs pray  
Now Jesu saue Welth, helth, and Lybertie.

Liberty and helth returneth back with welth  
Syzs you shall haue both gods blessing  
So are ye worth for your praying  
ye are wel disposed and of good liuing

470 I wpll loue you the berter alway

Sir this do we vse euery day  
For welth helth and liberty to pray  
This same is my brother, to you I mayay  
He is an hard honest man.

Forsoth mayster I am his brother  
To be your seruant, was my cūming hether  
As longe as we two be to gether  
ye shall not peryshe than

- Health To haue you both in serupce I am content  
 How say you libertie wil you therto consent 480  
 Wyl and wit, god hath vs lent  
 We may be glade of them
- liberti. If we holde refuse wyl and wyt  
 we were to blame for they be fyt  
 Therfore by my wel they shal not slye  
 They be welcome to me,
- Wyll. God thanke you maisters all thzee  
 ye shal finde vs poze but true we cannot be  
 My tonge stombles, I cry you mercy  
 We wyl be true I should say, 490
- wealth Syr go your way home vnto one place  
 And we wyl hye vs after apace  
 And when we come we shall set you in case  
 To haue a lpying alway.
- Health Then loke ye do both truely and iust  
 For we must put you in great trust  
 All our houshoulde guide ye must  
 Behaue you selfe well.
- wytte Maisters feare not for I haue wit inough  
 To beguple my selfe, and to beguple you 500  
 I haue begyled many one I may say to you  
 I pray you kepe that in councell
- liberty. Beware of that, what doth he say?  
 Beguple vs all, yet I charge ye nay  
 He shall not beguile vs yf I may  
 I wyl beware betyme.
- Wyll. Syr be not angry I you praye  
 the foole woteth not he doth say  
 He meneth chat he wil be profitable alwo ay  
 And saue you many thinges. 510
- what

What he meaneth I cannot tell  
But his saying is not well  
Depart hence syz by my counsell  
And tary vs at our lodging.

¶ Now and it please ye, wyll ye here any synging  
Therein I tell you I am somewhat connyng  
ye shall heare and ye list.

Syz I pray you sing and ye can  
Now wil I begin like a lusty bloud thā. thei sing wyll.

520 Sirs now go your way of you I am glad (& go out  
As of any seruauntes that euer I had  
Foz these can do both good and bad  
We must needes haue such men

What were we yf we lacked wyll:  
And without wyt we shoulde lyue yll  
Therfore wyll and wit I wyll kepe styll.

I promise you I loue them

¶ Here commeth remedy in and to him saith  
Syz your maysterhip is hartely welcome

530 Take your place here aboue as it is reason.

I pray you oardon vs, we know not what ye be  
ye seme a man of honour, and of great auctority

Syz to know wherfore ye come we are desyrous  
I am he that ought foz to be well knowen

Of you thze specially, and of duetie  
Great payne and busines as foz mine owne  
Foz you I haue taken because I loue you hartely  
To maintaine you is all my desyre and faculty  
yet hard it is to doo, the people be so variable

540 And many be so wilfull, they will not be refoznable.

Syz I pray you pardon vs of our ignoraunce now  
I se well ye know vs better than we do you

**Remdi** I pardon you, for I doo know you wel both  
 welth, and helth, is your right names  
 The which England to forbere were very loth  
 For by welth and helth commeth great fames  
 Many other renlmes for our great welth shames  
 That they dare not presume, nor thy dare not be bold  
 To stryue againe England, or any right with holde.

**Health** Sir ye be welcom, I besech you show vs your name 550  
**remedi** Good remedy forsooth I am the same.  
**liberti.** yf I durst be so bolde I wolde pray you hartely  
 To shewe vs apart of your great aceozitie,

**R md** My actozitie is geuen to me most speciall  
 To maintaine you thzee, in this realme to be  
 What mine intent is. I wyl tel, but not all  
 For that were to longe to reherse of a surety  
 And I desyre you all for to be louing to me  
 For your owne ease, come welth and profyt

**Wealth** Good remedy, then we must desyre your apdyng 560  
 For by good remedy cometh all our preferring.

**Remdi** All that I doo intende, if ye wil therto agree  
 And to be refozmable for your owne ease  
 It is not the thynge that lieth only in me  
 But my good wyl, therfore I wyl not cease  
 To haue your loue and fauour, and thereby to please  
 Al the woylde ouer, and to promote ehis realme  
 That you thze may prosper, ye percelue what I mene  
 The chiefe parte of all welth lyeth in great estates  
 Theyr substance and landes. is right commendable 570  
 Prelates of the churche is welthy of ryches  
 Merchautes hath marchaũdise & goods incõperable  
 Mē of law & franklins is welthy which is laudable  
 thus

Thus welth of riches is deuided diuerse wayes  
And to these many charges, come now a dayes

My hert reioyseth to here your good reporting **Health**  
Such are we bound to god, which prouideth althing  
Forsooth here is not halfe that I could reherse **Remedi**

580 The benefiits of god that he sheweth to you welth  
Consider Englyshmen, how valiant they be & ferce  
Of al nacions none such, when they haue their helth  
No land can do vs harme, but wyth falsehod or felth  
remēbze what nōbze of mē, or artilerie & good ordināce  
Specially y grace of god, which is our chief forderāce

If there be any that wyll grudge, surmyce or doo  
Againe welth, helth & libertie, then must I for y same  
Shew mine auctozitie and power, for to remedy it so  
That none of you shall diminishe, nor amisse be tane

I good remedy therfore may & will speake wout blāe  
590 For the comen welth, & helth both of the soule & body  
y is mi office & power, & therfore I haue my actozitie

Our lorde continue ye, & we thanke you hartly **wealth**  
Both for your good instruction, and for your kindnes  
That you intende so wel for vs good remedy

When we haue nede we will desyre your goodnes  
When we be infect in the soule or body **Health**

Then will I seke good remedy for succour  
As yet I thanke god I haue no nede greatly  
yf I haue then wyll I seke to haue your fauour

600 Syr now we wyl departe hence with your licence **liberty**  
For other diuers busines that we must haue tohether  
Sirs I am content, now when ye wyll depart **Remedi**

To god I commyt you I wyll not make you tary  
But yet I pray with all my minde and heart  
Take hede in any wise exchewe yl & shrewd compani

yf a mā be neuer soo good & vse w̄ thē ȳ be vnthrifti  
He shal lese his name, & to some vice they wil him tēp  
therfoze beware of such people, & from thē be exempt

Health      yes yes I warrant you of sach I wyll beware.  
Farewel good remedy & wel to fare.      & goth out 610

Remdi      I pray god be your spede & preserue you frō paine  
it is mi mind ye shold prosper I wold haue it so fain.

Wyll.      Here is none of our acquaintaūce wil retourneth  
we haue made to longe tariaunce  
that wyll ye say perchaunce  
And they begone home come away apare

Wyttte.      Nay by god not so hastie  
A lytle whyle we wyll larye  
Good euen syz to you mary  
Dwell ye in this place?

Remdi      Nay good fellowe I dwel not heare  
Wherfoze doest thou chat inquire:  
Woldest thou ought with any heare  
Speake be not afryde

Wyll.      By God I would I had your gotwne  
And were a myle without the towne  
Cheron A woulde borowe a crowne  
It is I that so sayde

Wyttte.      Hew lookest thou one him halfe a scozne  
I p-omise you he is a scant gentylman borne  
What sayest thou in his face

Remdi      For somwhat in his face I lok e  
In dede his masterhip standes a crooke  
For false shrewes both of you I tooke  
And chyl dren that be past grace.

Wyll.      I wyll swere for hym, as toz this yeares twenty  
that he hath ben euer as true as I

yet sometyme he will steale and make a lye  
He is of my alypounce.

640 In good sayth the same thinke I  
That ye be both lyke, full vnthristy  
Syzs how do ye lyue, shew me quickly  
Or I shall put you in duraunce

Remdi

How liue we? mary our meate  
Cummeſt thou hether for to threte:  
So lordly syz wittam doth speake  
From whence doth he come can ye shewe

wytte.

What dost thou ayle canst thou tell?  
Hast thou any thing with vs to mell?

Wyll.

650 By the masse thy handes doth tykell  
Thou shalt beare me a blowe.

you false theues I know ye well  
I shall let your purpose euey deale  
yllwyl, and shewd wit, the deuyll of hell  
Take ye both for me.

remedi

Mary thou lyeſt, our names be not so  
Call vs but wit, and wyll, adde no moze thereto,  
yf thou doest thou were as good no  
We shall handle you shewdly

wytte.

660 Syzs farewell here I wil no longer abide  
For you both shortly I wyll prouide  
That all your false craft shall be out tryed  
And our subtitillie knowen

Remdi

and goeth out.  
To go so soone the hozson was wyse  
therfoze some now I must deuise  
that each man may welth, helth and libertidespise  
Or els he wyll marre all our mateer.  
Brother wet, ler me alone  
When they come you shall see me a none

wytte.

Com

Complayne of him, vnto them echone  
And put him out of fauour

670

Wytte      Peace no mo wordes, for they come yonder  
wealth      Syys I am glade that you be heare  
How doth all our houshold, with them what chere?  
Is euery thiag in order there  
Asirr our intente?

wyll.      ye syz they be all mery and glad  
With reuell and rout somtime they be mad  
Pipe whoze hop theef, euery knaue and drabe  
Is at our commaundement.

680

Helth turneth hym.

What do ye say, then ye are to blame  
And we put you in trust for the same  
To kepe such rule, it is a shame  
I tis not for our honour.

wytte.      By the masse ihe hozson doth lye  
There is no such rule by gods body  
A man may bzeke his neck as lyghtly  
As his fast in your kechin, or seller truly.

Liberty turneth him

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With that nother I am not content  
I wolde there should be liberalitie competēt  
And wltth honesti it is conoenient  
That our neighbour fare the better

wyll.      you be angey with all that we haue done  
Cum away bzoother let vs go hens soone  
I know a new maister wher we halbe welcome  
God be with you gentyl maister

Welth.      Why wil ye begone toz a worde  
Peraduenture we did but boorde  
Oe thinke ye should your mayster foorde

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For to speake my minde.

Nay nay, I can tel what was the matter  
Remedy was here, and he dyd flatter  
ye trust he moze than vs and better  
But marke the ende, what ye shal find

wytte

With good remedy we spake in dede  
To folow his counsel we had neede  
He warned vs that we should take hede

Health

710 Of excesse and prodigalitie.

I meruayle ye speake so of good remedy  
It is I that can do moze than he  
Wyt can make shyft at necessity  
When Remedi cannot be hearde

Wytte

I know some that hath this thousand yere  
Sought god remedy and yet neuer the nere  
wit can put remedy by, yea this is cleare  
For wit is a crafty lad.

And wyl is an vnggracious stay

Wyll.

720 Wyl hath doone many thinges men say  
And yf ye let wit and wil goe his way  
ye wil repent it soone.

Why what cause haue you to go your way  
ye shall abyde wich vs though you say nay  
I wyl folow wyl, and wit alway  
And so I haue euer done

liberty

yf I wist al my masters wolde so do  
Then from your serupce I wolde not goo  
Speake now whether ye wyl oz no

wytte.

730 And let vs know your minde

Syz ye be welco me to me playne  
And for your company I am full fayne  
I had leuer suffer great payne  
Then to leue my wit and wyl,

Health

D.i.

Wyll. Then let vs go hence, with kindnes my her ye do kyll  
Health I pray you let vs go, wherfoze do we byde kyll.

and goeth out

Remdi As touching my first purpose hither I am com again  
I trow ye know me, good remedy is my name  
That euery day doth take great .aborz oz payne  
To amende all faultes, I am chossen to the same  
yf any mans conscience here doth grudge oz shame  
Hauing in him self remorse, & mendes in tyme & space  
I am good remedy, and god is ful of mercy and grace  
Therfoze I wyl stand asyde, & a lyttel whyle remaine  
Of welth, Helth and Lybertye, for to inquire  
How they be ordred, and yf any man complayne  
I wil be glad to shew me remedy, my think I se one a  
peare.

740

Hance Begots drowse ic my selfe bin cūpt heye scō lantmā  
Ic mot in ander land lopen, al is quade dan

750

Remdi Thou Fleming frō whēce comest þ̄ & what dost þ̄ here.

Hance Ic my self cumt frō sent Katryns doze mot ic skyne

Remdi Get þ̄ thether againe, & tary here no lōger (de cā beer

Hance Syr ic mot mid ye spreken ic my self be en scomaker

Remdi What and thou be therwith I haue nothin a doo.

Hance Ic dest al forloze, copin is dod, ic maght aot do therto

Remdi I pray thee go hence, for thou dost trouble me yll.

Hance Men ic seker, ic wyl not gon, ic wold fain liue hoze stil

Remdi There is to mainy allaunts in this reale, but now I  
good remedy haue so prouided that English men shall  
lyue the better dayly.

760

Hance What segt ye by gots drowse, dai is de quade man

Be de mozo goi, ic my selfe loue de scone Englishman.

Remdi Fie on þ̄ flattering knaue, fie on you aliaunts al I say

ye can w craft & subtel tiget englishmēs welth away

Hance D skon mester, ic heb hoze bin, this darten peoze

ic cantkote de coluerin, & ic can be dr beare bzoer,

- trust see to prouide that welth from you haue I shall
- 77<sup>o</sup> It seg to you dat welth is lopen in an ander contry Hance  
 wat hebegy dar brough, forstan ye net, segt me
- It vnderstand the wel, yet thou liest lyke a knaue Remdi  
 welth is here i Englād, & welth stil i trust we shal haue
- It ment no quad ic loue de english man by min here Hance  
 Cūp vp sent Katrin and ic shal ye geuē twe stope here,
- Get y hence dyōkē Fleming y shall tary no lenger here Remdi  
 Mor it net mare herebin, woder sal ic gewest kiskin Hance  
 It wil to de Kaizer gan, dar fall ic wal skinkin (& goth
- Is he gon? I pray god the deuyll go with him (out Remdi  
 78<sup>o</sup> wher is welth, helth & tiberty. I wold see thē come in  
 Helth commeth in with a kercher on his head.
- ¶ A good lozde helpe me, by your licence my souerain Health  
 I am homely to com her in your presēce thus diseased  
 Nede constraineth me, for remedy I wold haue faine  
 I am isect both body & soul, I prai you be not displeasēd
- Why what aile you shew me, yet you I do not know Remdi  
 Glad I am to remedy any man, that is affirmity  
 I perceiue by your phisnamy, y ye ar veri weke feble &  
 yet show me your grieve, & I wil help you gladly. (low
- 79<sup>o</sup> Gracio<sup>9</sup> remedi I thank you, yet I am half ashamed Health  
 to shew you mi maladi & mi name, I was called helth  
 Therfoze I am wel worzthi to be punished & blamed  
 Because I haue not folowed your couēsel, but al thing  
 may be suffered saue welth.
- Are you helth, this maketh me very pensife and sad Remdy  
 ye t be of good chere, & show how you were isect  
 To remedy you and succour you I wold be very glad  
 For god wyl punish the people when they be detelt
- Syz I thanke god therof for wel worthy I am Health  
 80<sup>o</sup> My conscience doth iudge, some trouble haue I must  
 A mendes I wyl make to god and if I can

**W**il ad wit hath deceiued me in them I put my trust.  
**Remdi** yf thou haue doone amisse, and be sozy therfore  
**T**hen helpe a mendes is made, for that is contrission  
**L**et that passe, now wil I are you one thyng moze  
**W**her be welth ad Libertie, be they of good disposicio  
**Health** As for welth is fallen in decay, and necessitie  
**B**y wast & war, thozow yll wyl, and shrewdwit  
**A**nd lybertie is kept in duraunce and captiuite  
**G**od helpe vs all, and sende vs good remedy for it 810  
**Remdi** For to heare this tale it maketh my hart heauie  
**y**et be of good cofort, god is ful of grace, & I am good  
**Health** **I** Sir, the I besech you help vs in the way of charity  
**Remdi** I would sayne but I cannot tel which way to begin  
**E**xcept I might catch wil & wit, then I trow I could  
**T**ye the hoxter, for they destroy welth, helth & liberty  
**y**f I had y theues, punish the extremly I wole. (bi sin  
**Health** You may soone catch them, if ye wil stande a syde  
**F**rom this place they two, wyl not longe abide.  
**Remdi** He thinketh I here them com, helpe to holde the fast 820  
**Wyll.** Cum in wit for here is no body (will turneth  
**W**e may be holde and talke largely  
**D**ur hartes to ease and shew plainly  
**W**hat we haue doone.  
**wytte** I must nedes laugh I cannot forbeare  
**T**o remember warre that knaue wil ye heare  
**T**he hoxson Fleming was beshitten for feare  
**B**ecause he should boyde so soone.  
**Wyll.** Herke now do I meruayle by this bread  
**F**or I weae surely uhat hrlth be dead 830  
**I** saw saw him go with a kercher on his head  
**A**s he should go to hangyng.  
**wytte** Harke in thine Care, yf tise hoxson hap  
**T**o complayne to him that weres the red cap

I feare then thortly he wyl vs clap  
 By the heles from our liuingl  
 Nay nay, there is no doubt  
 By hym I haue reported all about  
 That he doth not wel, his good name to put out  
 840 p[w]yl cannot say wel,  
 Frende therin thou art the moze to blam  
 Co skaunder me wozngfully, and vndestrued  
 But oz thou drpart thou shalt answeze foꝛ the same.  
 wher is Welth & liberty, how hast thou thē ozdꝛed?  
 Dury cicis quest is vn malt ombꝛe  
 He is vn spyenardo compoco parlauere.  
 Thou folse chefe is thine English tonge gone  
 as mischeuo<sup>9</sup> il wil & shrewdwit, ye haue destruyd ma  
 Sir hurt not me, & I wiltel you trowth anone (ni on  
 850 This same ia as false a knaue as euer cam win saint  
 Per amoz de my as peca vn poco  
 Eo queris and ar pour lagraunt creae so  
 I can not tel what thou dost meae blabbler  
 But y<sup>e</sup> shalt speake English & confesse an other mater,  
 Syr I besech your lordship, in the way of charity  
 Let not these theses escape your hands they haue de-  
 stroyed vs vtterly.  
 Syr, beleue hym not he speakes but of malice onely  
 we be true men, therof we shall fetch good witnes  
 860 An honest man that shalbe bound foꝛ him and me  
 The law sayth plaine, nulla fides contra testes  
 that is trowth, but who wilbe witnes oz bouđ foꝛ the  
 There is thꝛee amonge you in this howse  
 I Iyfgo to fetch them quickly  
 They wil come vnfēd foꝛ I warant you if they wyll  
 what be theyꝛ names, tel me what they be,  
 That on is John Friche abd John tholer

Wyll.

remedi.

Wyll

Health

Wytte.

Johēs wyll.

Remdy

Health

wytte:

Remdi

Wyll.

Wytte.

Remd

Wyll.

But ful these be honest men all thre  
 Health Trust not their wordes they wyll dessemble styl  
 They are so false and crafty, all theyr intent is yll. 870  
 Wyl. ye lye falsely I speake but right and reason  
 And by the law of armes ye must nedes be tane  
 you are called good remedy which at al feason  
 Sholde leaue to mans lyfe, and maintaine the fame  
 we be here both your prisioners wrongfully accused bi  
 Kepe one of vs fast let him lye for all (defame  
 That other for frendes and wytnes goo shall.  
 wytte, Syr let hym not goo and leue me behynde  
 He wyl euer be a false knaue, for I know his mynde  
 Wyl. holde thy tonge foolish knaue I do not meane so 880  
 Remdt I here now ye cannot agre, which of you should go  
 Wyl. No by gods body there shall none go but I  
 Wytte. Thou playest the knaue it must nedes be I  
 Health Kepe them safe I pray you for yf they scap againe  
 Many men shal repent it, it shalbe to our payne  
 Remdi They be here yet, to kepe them fast is myne intent,  
 Haue them away both to prison in continent.  
 wyl. Lo false knaue this is for thy crafty wif.  
 Now fast by the heeles we are lake to syt.  
 Wytte. I am content so that I may haue compeny 890  
 yf I shold behanged, I wold be haged honest (& goth  
 Remdi So hence with them & bring welth & liberty. (out  
 helth, Com away ye theues, now I shall kepe you surely,  
 Wyl. Lock vs vp & kepe vs as fast as ye can (& goth out  
 yet yll wyl and shrewdwit shalbe with many a man.  
 Remdi I am halfe ashamed, that long it hath ben sayd  
 That noble men by such wretches hath ben deceiued  
 they did reioyce and iest, and were very well apaide  
 Crusting to scape cleare, and styl for to haue rained  
 But now they shall not so, let them be wel assured 900  
 that

That yllwyl and shrewde wyt shal haue but yll rest  
For wherefoeuer they be I wyll breake theyr nest  
In the honour of god we aske you forgeuenes althye wealth  
we ought to be ashamed to looke you in the face  
By our foly & negligence, we haue done so vniwisely  
we were fowle deceyued, we put vs to your grace  
Thys shai be a good warding for vs alonge space  
whan man is wel punished then he wyl beware  
who that knoweth what nede is, wel after dzedede care

910 I may not blame you gretly for by mine owne reaso Remdi  
I know yllwyl and shrewdwyt deceiueth great & smal  
yf ye can remaibe thys. and beware a nother season  
This is a good example and lerning to you all  
Now serue god and loue him, & for grace euer call  
And yllwyl and shrewdewyt, from you I shall abstaine  
ye haue vled them to longe to your domage and pain.

Forsoth syr ye sai trouth, they did vs great displeur health.  
Full hard it is to vanquish the vngrocious yllwyl  
he is so croked, by flattery, dissulation & such other

920 Gannes mynd is so variable, & glad to report yll  
I feare many one yet wolde haue him raine styll  
For some vnto their owne wyl hath so much affection  
yet the devyl and yll wyl is both of one complexion

yll wyll is nought, but worse is shrewdwyt liberty=  
For he contryueth al subtil ymanginacien  
yt were vnposyble for a man els to doo it  
shrewdwyt breweeth myscef, & false conspyracion  
he hath put me lyberty in prison, ad great tribulacion  
if it had not bene for your good remedi & fortheraũce

930 I & other h̄ hath libertie, shold haue bē in duraunce.

We al of good chere, and haue no mistrust Remdi  
The ende of yll wyl and shrewd wyt is but shame  
Though they reygne a while, wrongfully and vniust  
yet

yet truth wyll appeare and their misdedes blame  
Then wronge is subdued, and good remedy tane  
Though falsehod cloke, and hide his matters all  
Craft wyll out and disceite wyll haue a fall

Whereas ye are now, in distresse all thre  
Deare were ye brought in case lyke to marre  
Now haue ye no doubt, yf ye wyll be ruled after me 940

I shal restore ye agayne as well as euer ye were  
Welth kepe styll this realme, looke ye stray not farre  
And helth be of good chere, your disease I can soone  
Liberty now ye be released do no moze offend, (mēde

wealth Now let vs al thāke god y good remedy hath sende  
Trust to hym only for his grace and goodnes  
we are forgiuenes of our trespas I trust we wil amēd  
And cleane forlake syn, foly, and vnthriftines  
th<sup>o</sup> we wil here cōclude, soueraine of your graciousnes  
we besech you to remyt our negligence, & misbehauoꝝ 950  
There we haue sayd amis, we cōmit al to your fauoꝝ

Health And for your preseruacion hartely we wyl pray  
your realme to increase, with ioy and tranquility  
That welth, helth & liberty, may continue here alway  
By the ouersight and aide of him that is good remdy  
which willingly doth his deuer, vnder your actoꝝitye  
As parte here apereth your purpose to maintaine

Remedi God continue his goodnes, that longe he may riagne  
Jesu preserue quene Elizabeth y noble pꝛicis woꝝthy  
Jesu continue her helth long for to endure 960  
Jesu indue her w vertue grace & honour (remedi euer  
Jesu maintaine the loꝝds of y cōusel to execute good  
Jesu spede and helpe al them gods honour to further  
Jesu increase the comunaltie to prosper and doo wel.

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