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# INTERLUDE I.

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THE AULD MAN AND HIS WIFE.

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#### PERSONS

Nuntrus, or the Messenger.
The Cotter.
Fynlaw of the fute band.
The Full.
The Auld Man.
Bessy his wife.
The Courteour.
The Merchant.
The Clerk.

HEIR BEGYNIS THE PROCLAMATIOUN OF THE FLAY, MAID BE DAULD LYNSAY OF THE MONTH KNIGHT, IN THE PLAYFEILD, IN THE MONETH OF THE YEIR OF GOD 155 YEIRIS.

# PROLOGUE.

R Icht famous pepill, ye fall undirstand
How that ane Prince, richt wyis and wigilent,
Is schortly for to cum into this land;
And purpossis to hald ane Parliament
(His thre Estaitis thairto hes done consent)
In Cowpar toun, into thair best array
With support of the Lord Omnipotent,
And thairto hes affixt ane certane day.

With help of HIM, that rowlis all abone,

That day fall be within ane littll space.

Our purpose is on the SEVINT day of June,

Gif weddir serve, and we haif rest and pece,

We sall be sene intill owr playing place,

In gude array, abowt the hour of SEVEN.

Off thristiness that day I pray yow ceise,

Bot ordane us gude drink agains awevin.

Faill nocht to be upon the Coffell bill,

Befyd the place quhair we purpoifs to play;

With gude stark wyne your stacconis see ye fill,

And hald yourself the mytreast that ye may.

Be

Be not displeifit, quhat evir we sing or say;
Amang sad mater howbeid we suntyme relyie.
We sall begin at SEVIN houris of the day:
So ye keip tryist, forsith we sall nocht selvie.

## SCENEI.

COTTER, NUNTIUS.

#### COTTER.

I fall be thair, with Goddis Grace, Thocht thair ware nevir fo grit ane prese: And foremest in the fair. And drink ane quart in Cowpar toun, With my Goffep Johne Willamsoun, Thocht all the nolt fowld rair. I haif ane quick Divill to my Wyfe, That haldis me evir in furt and ftryfe; That warlo, and sche wist That I wald cum to this gud toun, they at the wall Sche wald call me fals ladrone loun, the state of the sta And ding me in the dust. We men that hes fic wickit wyvis In grit langour we leid our lyvis, Ay dreifland in difeis. Ye Preistis hes gret prerogatyvis, That may depairt ay fra your wyvis, dos dos dos And cheiss thame that ye pleis! Wald God I had that liberty, That I might pairt, as weill as ye,

Without the couftly law! Nor I be slickit with a knyfe, For to wad ony uder wyfe That day fawld nevir daw.

NUNTIUS. Dend work and wake O

War thy wyfe deid I fee thow wald be fane.

COTTER.

Ye, that I wald, fweit Sir, be Sanct Fillane.

NUNTIUS.

Wald thow nocht mary fre hand ane uder wyfe?

COTTER.

Na, than the dum Divill stik me with ane knyfe! Quha evir did mary agane, the feind mot fang thame Bot, as the Preistis dois, ay stryk in amang thame.

NUNTIUS.

Than thow mon keip thy chestety, as effeiris.

COTTER.

I fall leif chest as Abbottis, Monkis, and Freiris. Maister, quhairto sowld I myself miskary, Quhan I, as Preistis, may swyve, and nevir mary? Exit Nuntius.

And thou the byd as hame, and telephone work but

a day of he close which

#### THE AULD MAN

# S C E N E II.

COTTER, WIFE.

WIFE and That blood web and I

Quhair hes thow bene, fals ladrone lown } Doyttand, and drinkand, in the toun? Quha gaif the leif to cum fra hame?

COTTER.

Ye gaif me leif, fair lucky Dame.

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WYFE

Quhy hes thow taryit heir fa lang?

COTTER.

I might not thrift ow throw the thrang, men the rive and Till that youe mon the play preclamit.

WIFE.

Trowis thow that day, fals Cairle defamit ! Than draw me To ging to Cowpar to fee the play?

Ye; that I will, Deme, gif I maye, criming registed

SCEVE

Quican I, as Preiftie, mar few, and povir mary?

B. C.

Na. I fall cum thairto fickerly : And thow falt byd at hame, and keip the ky.

Occur Liver.

#### COTTER.

Fair lucky Dame, that war grit schame, Gif I that day sowld byid at hame. Byid ye at hame; for cum ye heir, Ye will mak all the toun asteir. Quhen ye ar sow of barmy drink, Besyd yow nane may stand for stink. Thairsoir byid ye at hame that day, That I may cum and see the play.

#### WIFE.

Fals Cairle, be God that fall thow nocht,
And all thy crackis fall be deir coft.
Swyth Cairle speid the hame speidaly
Incontinent; and milk the ky,
And muk the Byre, er I cum hame.

#### COTTER.

All sall be done, fair lucky Dame.

I am fa dry, Dame, or I gae,

I mon ga drink ane penny, or twae.

#### Wyfe: A one stated water well

The Divill a drew full cum in thy throte,
Speid hame, or I fall paik thy cote.
And to begin, fals Cairle, tak thair ane plate.

#### COTTER.

The feind ressaif the handis that gaif me that!

I beseik yow for Goddis saik, luckly Dame,
Ding me na mair this day till I cum hame;
Than sall I put me evin into your wil'.

WYFE.

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#### WYFE.

Or evir I ftynt, thow fall haif straikis thy fill. [Heir fall the Wyfe ding the Carle, and be fall cry Goddis mercy. ford we at home or her commen new break

# COTTER,

Now wander and wa be to thame all thair lyvis, The quhilk ar maryit with fic unhappy wyvis! WYFE.

I ken foure wyvis, fals ladrone loun, Baldar nor I, dwelland in Cowpar toun.

#### 

Gif thay be war, ga thow and they togidder, mania and I pray God nor the feind ressaif the fidder.

[Excunt.

Quincin ve at tem el

#### S C E N E III. FYNLAW. The Fule.

#### FYNLAW of the Fute band.

Now mary heir is ane fellone rowt! Speik, Schyr, quhat gait may I get owt? I rew that I come heir. My name, Schyr, wald ye undirstand, it aimed or but Thay call me FINDLAW of the Fute band : A nobill man of weir. The found remain the Thair is na fyifty in this land Bot I dar ding thame hand for hand: Se fit ane brand I beir, "> 1 Ho wie Britam in an Auf U

. In mor cont ar, sar ma I lle Noch

WYES

Nocht lang fenfyne, befyd ane fyik, a lland siyd all Upoun the fonny fyd of ane dyk, I flew with my richt hand Ane thowfand, ye and ane thowfand to, My fingaris yit ar bledy lo! And nane durst me ganestand. Wit ye it dois me mekill ill, That can nocht get fechting my fill, Noudir in peace, nor weir. Will ne man, for thair ladyis fakis, With me ftryk twenty markit ftraikis, With halbart, fword, or fpeir? Quhen Inglismen come into this land, Had I bene thair with my bricht brand, Withowttvn ony help, Bot myne allane, on Pynky Craiggis, I fowld haif revin thame all in raggis, And laid on skelp for skelp. Sen nane will fecht, I think it best, To ly down heir and tak me rest; Than will I think nane ill. I pray the Great God of his Grace way had bout wang I To fend us weir, and nevir peace, That I may fecht my fill.

[Heir fall be by down.

THE FULE.

My Lord, he him that ware the Crown of thorne, A mair Cowart was nevir fen God was borne.

#### HTHE AULD MANA

He lovis himfelf, and other men he lakkis,

I ken him weill for all his boits and Crakks.

Howbeid he now be lyk ane Captane cled,

At Pynky Cleweb he was the first that sled.

I tak on hand, or I steir of this steid,

This crakkand Carle to she with ane scheipheid.

#### S C E N E IV.

The Auld Man, Bessy his wife, Courteour, Merchant, Clerk, Fuil, Fynlaw.

[Heir fall the Auld Man cum in leidand bis Wyfe in ane dance.

### AULD MAN.

Beffy, my hairt, I mon ly doun and fleip, And in myne arme see quyetly throw keip.

#### Bessy.

My gud husband \* \* \* \* \* \*

I pray God fend yow grit honor and eis.

[Heir fail be \* \* \* \* \* \*

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fleip, and fche fall fit befyd bim.

† Some passages in these interludes vye with the Lysistrata of Aristophanes in obscenity, and we have been obliged to castrate David Lindsay.

#### THE COURTEOUR.

Lusty Lady, I pray yow hairtfully, Gif me licence to beir yow campany. Ye sie I am ane cumly courteour, Quhilk nevir yit did woman dishonour.

#### MARCHAND.

My fair Maistres, sweitar than the lammer, Gif me licence to luge into your chammer. I am the richest Marchand in this toun: Ye sall of silk haif kirtill, hude, and goun-

#### CLERK.

I yow befeik, my lufly lady bricht,
To gif me leif to ly with yow all nicht.
And of your gouwan lat me schut the lokking
And of fyne gold ye fall ressaif ane box.

#### Fule.

Fair Damessell, how pleis ye me?
I haif na mair geir nor ye sie.
Swa lang as this may steir, or stand,
It sall be ay at your command.
Na it is the best yat ever ye saw.

#### BESSY-

Now welcome to me aboif thame aw.

Was nevir wyfe fa straitly rokkit.

FULE.

Thinkis he nocht schame; that Brybor

BESSY.

Bot se gif ye can mak remeid, To steill the key fra under his heid.

FULE

That fall I do, withowttin dowt, Lat fe gif I can get it owte. Lo heir the key! do quhat ye will.

BESSY.

Na than lat us ga play our fill.

[Heir fall they go to sum quiet place.

#### SCENE V.

FYNLAW, CLERK.

FYNLAW of the Futeband.

Will nane with me in France go to the weiris,

Quhair I am Captane of ane hundreth speiris?

I am sa hardy, sturdy, strang, and stout,

That owt of hell the Divill I dar ding owt.

#### CLERK.

Gif thow be gude, or evill, I cannot tell,
Thay ar not fonfy that fo dois rufe thame fell.
At Pyncky Cleweb, I knew richt woundir weill,
Thow gat na Creddence for to beir a Creill.
Sen fic as thow began to brawll and boift,
The Commoun weill of Scotland hes bene loift.
Thow cryis for weir, bot I think peice war beft.
I pray to God till fend us piece and reft,
On that condition, that thow, and all thy Fallowis,
War be the Craiggis heich hangit on the Gallowis.
Quha of this weir hes bene the foundament,
I pray to the grit God omnipotent,
That all the warld, and mae, mot on thame wounder,
Or ding thame deid with awfull fyre of thunder.

#### FYNLAW.

Domine Doctor, quhair will ye preich to morne? We will haif weir and all the warld had fworne. Want we weir heir, I will ga pass in France, Quhair I will get ane Lordly governance.

#### CLERK.

Sa quhat ye will, I think sewre peice is best, Quha wald haif weir God send thame little rest! Adew Crakkar, I will na langer tary; I trest to see the in ane firy sary. I trest to God to see the, and thy Fallowis, Within sew days hingand in Covepar Gallowis.

[Exit.

FYNDLAW.

Now art thow gane, the dum Divill be thy Gyd!
Yone Brybour was fa fleit, he durst not byid.
Be woundis and passionis had he spokkin mare ane word,
I sowld haif hackat his heid as with my sword.

[Exit

### S C E N E VI.

AULD MAN, BESSY, FUIL.

Heir fall the Gudman walkin, and cry for Beffy:

My bony Bessy, quhair art thow now?

My wyse is fallin on sleip I trow;

Quhair art thow, Bessy, my awin sweit thing,

My hony, my hairt, my dayis darling?

Is thair na man that saw my Bess,

I trow sche be gane to the mess.

Bessy, my hairt, heiris thou not me?

My joy cry peip! quhair evir thow be.

Allace for evir now am I fey,

Sche may call me in infeane lok

BESSY.

Quhat now; Gudman? quhat wald ye haiff?

AULD MAN.

No thing, my hairt, bot yow I craif. Ye haif bene doand fum bufy wark.

BESSY.

Cubra field istant

I wow your locate for

Allace for call I how

BESSY.

My hairt evin fewand you ane fark,

Of Holland claith, baith quhyt and tewch.

Lat pruve gif it be wyid anewch.

[Heir fall sebe put the Sark over his heid; and the Fuil fall stell in the key agane.

AULDMAN.

It is richt verry weill, my hairt, O me, Lady, lat us nevir depairt. Ye ar the farest of all the flok, Quhair is the key, Bess, of my lok?

BESSY.

Ye reve, Gudman, be Goddis breid, I faw yow lay it undir your heid.

AULDMAN.

Be my gude faith, Bess, that is trew,
That I suspectit yow fair I rew.
I trew thair be na man in Fysse,
That evir had sa gude and wysse,
My awin sweit hairt I had it best,
That we sit down, and tak us rest.

#### S C E N E VII.

FYNLAW, FUIL.

FYNLAW.

Now is nocht this ane grit dispyte, That nane with me will fecht, or flyte? War Golias into this steid,
I dowt nocht to stryk off his heid.
This is the sword that slew Gray Steill,
Nocht half a myle beyond Kynneill.
I was that nobill Campioun,
That slew Schyr Bewas of Sowth-Hamtoun.
Hector of Trey, Gawyne, or Golias,
Had nevir half sa mekill hardiness.

[Heir fall the FUILL cum in with ane scheip heid on ane staff, and FYNLAW sall be sleit.

Now, now, braid Benedicite! Ouhat ficht is yone, Schyrs, that I fee. In nomine Patris et Filii, I trow yone be the spreit of Gy. Na. faith it is the spreit of MARLING. Or fum sche gaist or gyrgarling. Allace for evir! how fall I gyd me? God fen I had ane hoill till hyd me! But dowt my deid yone man hes fworne. I trow yone be grit Gow MAK MORNE. He gaippis, he glowris, howt welloway Tak all my geir, and lat me gay! Quhat fay ye, Sir, wald ye haif my fwerd? Ye mary fall ye, at the first word. My gluvis of plaite, and knafpskaw to: Yowr pressonar I yeild me, lo. Tak thair my purfs, my belt, and knyfe For Goddis faike, maister, save my lyfe. Na now he cumis for to fla me; For Gods saik Sirs now keip him fre me!

#### AND HIS WYFE

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I fee nocht ellis bot tak and flae, Now mak me rowme and lat me gae.

[Excunt].

#### NUNTIUS.

As for this day I haif na mair to fay yow:

On Witione tyfday cum fee our play 1 prey yow.

That famyne day is the SEVINT day of JUNE,

Thairfoir get up richt airly and difsjuine.

And ye Ladyis, that hes na skant of ledder,

Or ye cum thair faill nocht to teme yowr bledder.

I dreid, or we haif half done with our wark,

That fum of yow fall mak ane richt wait fark.

I fee medit ellis bot tak and flat, ! Wow mak me towere and in me gas.

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#### durante

As for this day I hair an mair to the rows:

On Without tythe cam fee or , my I prev yow.

That mayon day is the earther day of Junes.

That of per up right hairly and difficience.

And per I blish that the measure of tedelor,

Or you a thair failt nother a wear own bledder.

I died the working that done with our warks.

I died the working hair last done with our warks.

# INTERLUDE II.

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HUMANITIE and SENSUALITIE.

#### PERSONS.

KING HUMANITIE, or Human Nature. NUNTIUS or the Messenger. WANTONES PLACEBO SOLLACE Lady SENSUALITIE. Female. HATMLINES

DANGER Frind JONAT

DILIGENCE.

GUDE COUNSAL DE BILLIAME

In Act II. or rather a little Interlude. CHASTITIE. SOWTAR. TAILOUR. Their Wives. JENNY the Tailour's dochters

HEIR begynnis Schyr David Lindfay's play; maid in the Grenesyd besyd Edinburgh: qubilk I writtin bot schortly be Interludis, levand the grave mater tharof, becaws the samyne abuse is weill resormit in Scotland, praysit be God. Qubarthrow I omittit that principal mater, and writtin only sertane merry Interludis thareof, verry plesand, begynning at the first part of the play.

# PROLOGUE.

The Fader, foundar of faith, and felicitie,
That your fassione formit to his similitude,
And his Sone your Saviour, scheild in necessitie,
That both yow frome bailis, ransonit on the rude,
Replegeing his prissonaris with his pretious blude;
The Haly Gaist, governour and grandar of Grace,
Of wyssome and weilfaire baith fountane and flude;
Save yow all that I se seist in this place!
And scheild yow from syn;
And with his spreit yow enspyre,
Till I haif schawin my desyre.
Sylence Soverains, I requyre,
For now I begyn.

[pausa.

Pepill tak tent to me, and hald yow coy.

Heir am I fent to yow, ane meffengeir

From ane nobill and richt redowttit Rox,

The quhilk hes bene absent this mony ane yeir.

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HUMA-

HUMANITIE gif ye his'name wald speir:

Quha bad me schaw to yow, but variance,

That he intendis amang yow to compeir,

With ane triumphant awfull ordinance;

With crown, and sword, and sceptour, in his hand,

Temperit with mercy, quhen penitence appeiris,

Howbeid that he hes bene brocht upoun thair beiris.

Thocht yung Oppressouris, at the gleeris leiris,

Be now weill sour of reformation.

Se no misdoaris be so bawld, As to remane into this hawld. For guhy, be him that Judas fawld, Thay will be heich hangit. Faithfull folk now may fing. For guhy it is the bidding, Of my Soverane the King, That na man be wrangit. Thocht he ane quhile now in his flowris Be governit be trumpowris; And fumtyme to live paramouris Hald him excusyt. For quhen he meitis with Correctioun, With VERETY, and DISCRETIOUN, Thay will be baneist of the toun Quhilk hes him abusyt.

And heir be oppen proclamatioun

I warne, in name of his magnificence,

The Thre Estatts of this natioun,

That thay compeir with detfull diligence,

And till his grace mak thair obedience.

And first I warne the Spiritualitie; And see the Burgis spair nocht for expence, Bot speid thame heir with Temporalitie.

Als I bespeik yow, famous auditouris
Convenit into this congregatioun,
To be patient, the space of certane houris,
Till ye haif hard owr schort narratioun.
And als we mak yow supplicatioun.
Thai no man tak our wordis in distane,
Howbeid ye heir be lamentatioun
The Commoun weill richt peteously complane.
Bieht so the virteous Lady, Verenzen.

Richt fo the virteous Lady VERETYE
Will mak an peteous lamentatioun;
And for the trewth sche will imprissonit be,
And baniseit a tyme owt of the toun.
And CHESTETY will mak hir narratioun,
How sche can get na luging in this land,
Till that the hevinly kincht CORRECTIOUN
Meit with our king, and commoun hand till hand.

Prudent Pepill, I pray yow all,
Tak no man greif in speciall;
For we sall speik in generall
For pastyme and for play.
Thairsoir till that our rymes be rung,
And our missonit songis be sung,
Lat every man keip weill his tung,
And every woman tway.

#### SCENE I.

#### KING HUMANITIE.

#### KING.

O Lord of Lordis, and King of Kingis all, Omnipotent off power, Prince but peir, Eterne rignand in gloir celestiall: Unmaid makar, quhilk havand no mateir Maid hevin, erth, fyre, air, and watter cleir: Send me the grace, with peice perpetuall, Sen thow hes gevin me dominatioun, And rewill of pepill subject to my ceur. Be I nocht rewlit be counfale and ressoun, In dignitie I may nocht lang endeur. I grant my flait myself may nought affeur. Nor yit conserve my lyfe in fickernes: Haif pety, Lord, of me thy createur Supportand me in all my buffines! I the requeift, quhilk rent was on the rude, Me till defend from deidis of defame : That my pepill report of me bot gude, And be my faifgaird, baith fra fyn and schame. I knaw my dayis indeuris but a drame: Thairfoir, O Lord, hairtly I the exhort Till gif me Grace till use my diadame To thy plefour, and to my grit confort!

#### S C E N E II.

KING HUMANITIE, WANTONES, PLACEBO.

Heir fall the King \* pass to Royall sait, and sit with one grave countenance, till WANTONES cum.

#### WANTONES.

My Soverane Lord, and Prince but peir,
Quhat garris yow mak fa dreiry cheir?
Be glaid fa lang as ye ar heir,
And pass tyme with plesour.
For als lang leivis the mirry man,
As the sory, for ocht he can.
His banis bitterly fall I ban
That dois yow displesour.
Sa lang as your Grace hes us in ceure,
Your prudence sall want na pleseur.
War Sollace heir, I yow asseure
He wald rejois this rowt.

#### PLACEBO.

Gude bruder, quhair is SOLLACE,
The Mirrour of all mirrenes?
I haif mervill, be the mess,
He tarryis sa lang.
Byd he away, we ar bot schent.
I ferly how he fra us went.
I trow he hes impediment
That lattis him to gang.

\* That is HUMANITIE, OF HUMAN NATURE.

#### WANTONES.

I left SOLLACE, that idil loun,
Drinkand down into the town.

It will coift him half ane crown,
Thocht he had na mair.

And als he faid he wald gang fee
Fair Lady SENSUALITIE,
The beriall of bewtie,
And portratour preclair.

#### PLACEBO.

Be God I se him at the last,
As he war chessit rynnand sast,
He glowris evin as he war agast,
Or sleid for ane gaist.
Na, he is drunkin I trow,
I persaive him weilt sow,
I ken be his creishy mow
He hes bene at ane seist.

#### S C E N E III.

THE FORMER PERSONS. SOLLACE.

#### SOLACE.

Now quba fa evir fic ane thrang?

Me thocht fum faid I had gane wrang.

Had I help I wald fing ane fang.

With ane mirry noyis.

I haif fic plefour at my hairt, That garris me fing the tribill pairt; Wald fum gude fallow fill the quairt, That wald my hairt rejoyfs. Howbeid my coit be schort and nippit, Thankit be God I am weill hippit, Thocht all my gold may fone be grippit Intill ane penny purfe. Thocht I ane fervand lang hes bene, My purchess is nocht worth ane prene: I may fing Peblis on the Grene, For ocht that I may turfs. Quhat is my name, can ye nocht gess? Ken ye nocht SANDY SOLLACE; Thay callit my mider bony BESS That duelt betuene the Bowis. Off twelf yeir awld sche leird to swyve. Thankit be the Grit God of lyve, Sche maid me faderis four or fyve. But dowt this is na mowis. Quhen ane wes deid I gat ane uder, Wes nevir man had fa gud ane moder. For sche hes maid me freindis ane fudder, Off lawit and leirit. Sche is baith wyis, worthy, and wicht, For sche spairis nowdir cuik now knicht: e four and twenty upour ane nicht Thair ene sche bleirit. And gif I ley, schyrs ye ma speir. Bat faw ye nocht the KING cum heir? I am ane sportour and playfeir

To that yung Kine.

He faid he wald, within schort space,

To pass his tyme cum to this place.

I pray to God to gif him grace

And lang to ring!

PLACEBO.

Sollace, quhy tareit thow fo lang?

SOLLACE.

The feind a faster I micht gang.

I micht not thrist owt throw the thrang,
Off wyvis fystene suder.

Than for to ryn I tuik an rink:
Bot I selt-nevir sic ane slink.
For our Lordis luve gif me ane drink.
PLACEEO my Bruder.

[Heir fall Placebo gif Sollace ane drink.

KING.

My fervand Sollace, quhat gart yow tary?

SOLLACE.

I wait nocht, Schyr, be sweit sant Mary.
I haif bene in ane fery sary,
Or ellis intill ane trans.
Schyr, I haif sene, I yow asseur,
The farest erdly createure,
That evir weis formit be nateur
And moist till advance.

To luik on hir is grit delyte, With lippis reid, and checkis quhyte. I wald gif all this warld quyte To stand in hir grace. Sche is wantone, and sche is wyis; And cled upoun the new gyiss. It wald gar all your flesche arryis To luik on hir face. Wer I ane king it fowld be kend. I fowld not spair on hir to spend. And this same night for hir till fend For my plefour. Quhat raik of yowr prosperetie," Gif ye want SENSUALITIE? I wald not gif ane flane fle For your trefour.

## King.

Forfuth, my freind, I think ye ar nocht wyifs

Till counsale me to brek commandiment,
Directit be the Prince of parradyis.

Considering ye knaw that myne entent
Is for till be to God obedient;

Quha dois forbid men to be licherous.

Do I nocht so perchance I fall repent.

Thairfoir I think your counsale odius,
The quhilk ye gif me till.

Becauss I haif bene, to this dae,

Tanquam tabula rasa;

Quhilk is als mekle for till sae

Rady for gud and ill.

## WANTONES.

To luik on his it

Beleif ye that we will begyle yow

Or from your vertew for till wyle yow?

Or with evill counsale for till fyle yow.

Bot, into gude and evill,

To tak your gratis pairt we grant,

In all your deids participant,

So ye be nocht ane ouir yung fantt,

And fyne ane awld Divill.

Beleif ye, Schyr, that lichery be fyn? Na trow nocht that: this is my reasone quhy. First at the Romane court will ye begyn, Quhilk is the lemand lamp of Lichery : - - - -Quhair Cardinallis and Byschoppis generaly To luve Ladyis thay think ane plefand sport, And owt of Rome hes baneist CHESTETY. Quha with our Prellattis can get na refort. Schyr, quhill ye get ane prudent quene, I think your majesty ferene Suld haif ane lusty concubene, which was an internal To play yow with all. and want want or going in the Is for till be to God obelient; For I ken be your qualitie Ye want the gift of Chestetie, when the subject of the No I needs to perchance I full Fall to in nomine Domini, Phairfoir I think your crunt For this is my counfall.

# PLACEBO.

Schyr, fend furth SANDY SOLACE,
Or ellis your mynycoun WANTONNESS,
And pray my Lady Pryores

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Behald my held, beh

The futh till declair. Gif it be fyn to tak ane eaty, Or to leif lyk ane bummill baty. The buik fays, Schyr, omne probate, And nocht for to spair. Their full they find I'd

#### SOLLACE.

Behald my bala luffu I speik Schyr undir protestatioun, That none at me haif indignatioun, For all the prellattis of this natioun, Lo luck on me L. For the maift pairt, Thay think no schame to keip ane heuir. And fum hes thre undir thair cuier. How this bene trow, I yow affeuir, Ye fall wit eftirwart. Schyr, knew yow all the mater thruch And yit I am of nateur lo to To play ye wald begyn: Speir at the monkis of Balmirrynoch, Gif lichery be fyn.

I Exeunt.

SENSUALITIE, HAMELINES, DANGER, JONAT.

Heir fall entir Dame SENSUALITIE, with ber Madynis HAMELINES and DENGER.

#### SENSUALITIE.

O Lovaris walk, behald the fyrie speir! Behald the natural dochter of VENUS! Vot. II.

Behald.

Cam on titler DA

Behald, Luvaris, this lufty lady cleir, The fresche fontane of knichtis amorous. Ouhat thay defyre in laitis delitius, Or guha wald mak to VENUS observance, In my mirthfull chalmer mellodiouss Thair fall thay find all pastyme & plesance. Behald my heid, behald my gay intyre ; Behald my hals lufffum, and lilly quhyte; Behald my vifage, flammand as the fyre; Behald my palpis of portratour perfyte. To luck on me Luvaris hes gret dellyte: Richt fo hes all the kingis of Christindome, To thaim I haif done plesouris infinyte; And specialy unto the Court of Rome. Ane kifs of me war worth in ane morrowing Ane mylyeoun of fine gold to Knicht or King; And yit I am of nateur fo towart, I latt no Luvaris pass with forry hairt. Of my name wald ye witt the verretye, Forfuth thay call me SENSUALITYE. I hald it best now, or we furder gang, To Dame VENUS latt us go fing ane fang.

## HAMELINES.

O Lorarie walk, behead she foric spein!

Madame, but tayrring to the Samuel and the Madame, but tayrring to the Samuel and the Madame of the Samuel and the Samuel and

#### DANGER-

FRIND

Sister, I was nevir sweir when ! vt . TANNO [ bened To VENUS' observance. Howbeid I mak dangeir, Yit be continowance Men may haif thair plefance. That levis jaging als well a Thairfoir lat na man fray: We will tak it perchance Howbeid that we fay nay.

#### HAMELYNES.

Sister, cnm on ouir way, And lat us not think lang, In all the haift we may, To fing VENUs ane fang.

#### DANGER.

Sifter, to fing this fang we mannot, Without the help of gud frind JONNET. Frind JONET how! cum tak a pairt.

#### FRIND JONNAT.

That fall I do with all my hairt. Sister, howbeid that I am hess, I am content to beir ane bess. Ye twa fowld luf me as your lyif. Ye knaw I leird yow baith to swyif: In my chalmer, ye wait weill quhair. Senfyne the feind a man I spair.

Cabat was thinks.

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#### HAMELINES.

Frind JONNAT, fy! yow ar to blame.

To fpeik fowill wordis think ye na fchame?

### FRIND JONAT.

Thair is ane hunder heir fittand by
That luvis japing als weill as I,
Micht thay get it in prevetie.
But quha begynnis the sang lat sie.

[ Excunt

#### SCENE V.

KING, WANTONNES, SOLACE, PLACEBO.

#### WANTONNES.

I trow, Sir, be the Trinitie,
Yone same is SENSUALITIE.
Gif it be sche, sone sall I see,
That soverane serene.

[Heir fall Wantonnes ga fpy thame, and cum agane

#### KING.

Quhat war thay youe to me declair.

#### WANTONNES.

Dame SENSUALITIE baith gude & fair.

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binew and bindward.

#### PLACEBO.

Schir, sche is mekill till advance, For sche can baith sing and dance, That patrone of plefance, The perle of pulchritude. Soft as filk is hir lyre; Hir hair lyk the gold wyre. My hairt birnys in ane fyre, Schir, be the rude. I think that fre sa woundir fair, I wait weill sche has na compair. War ye weill lernit at luvis lair And fyne had hir fene, I wate, be cokkis paffioun, Ye wald mak supplicatioun; And fpend on hir ane milyeoun Her luve till obtene. will be distributed to the f

## SOLLACE.

Quhat fay ye, Sir, ar ye content That sche cum heir incontinent? Quhat waillis your kingdome and your rent, And all your gret treffour, Without ye haif ane mirry lyfe; And cast assyd all sturt and stryfe? And so lang as ye want ane wyfe, Schyr, tak your plefour.

#### KING

Gif it be true that ye me tell, I will na langer tary; I will gang preif that play mysell, Howbeid the warld me wary. Als fast as ye may cary Speid yow with diligence, Bring SENSUALITIE Fra hand to my presence. Forfuth I wait not how it standis. Bot sen I heird of your tythandis, My body trymblis feit and handis, And fumtyme hot as fyre. I trow Curipo, with his dart, Hes woundit me owt thruche the hart. My spreit will fra my body part, Get I nocht my desyre. Pass on away with diligence, And bring hir heir to my prefence; Spair nocht for travell nor expence; I cair for na coift. Pass your way, WANTONNESS. And tak with yow SOLLACE, And bring that lady to this place, show begins to be a bas Or ellis I am loift. Commend me to that fweit thing, And hir present this riche ring; And fay I ly in languisting, Bot sche mak remeid.

With fiching fair I am bot schent,
Without sche cum incontinent,
My grit langour for to relent,
And saif me fra deid.

## WANTONNES.

Or ye tuik scaith, he Goddis croun,
I leir thair war not up and doun,
\* \* \* in all this town,
Nor ten mylis about.
Dowt not, Sir, bot ye will get hir.
We sal be sery for to set hir,
Bot we wald speid far the better
To gar our purs rowt.

#### · SOLLACE.

Schyr, lat na forrow in yow fink,
Bot giff us ducattis for to drink,
And we fall nevir fleip a wink
Till it be bak or age.
Ye knaw weill, Schyr, we haif na cunyie.

## KING.

Sollace, that fall be na funyie:
Beir thow that bag upoun thy lunyie,
And win weill thy wage.
I pray yow speid yow sone agane.

WANTONES, The Made's Reserving

#### WANTONNES.

Ye of this fang, Schyr, we ar fane,
We fall nowdir spair for wind na rane,
Till our day wark be done.
Fair weill, for we ar at the flicht.
PLACEBO rewill our ROY at richt;
We fall be heir, man, or midnicht
Thocht we merche with the mone.

[Heir fall thay depairt fing and mirrelly.

### S C E N E VI.

WANTONNES, SENSUALITIE, SOLACE.

WANTONNES.

Pastyme with plesour, and grit prosperitie,
Be to yow, soverane SENSUALITIE!

SENSUALITIE.

Syrs, ye ar welcum, quhair go ye, eift or west?

WANTONNES.

In faith I traw we be at the farrest.

SENSUALITIE.

Quhat is your name? I pray yow, that declair.

WANTONNES.

Mary, Wantonnes, the King's secretair.

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#### SENSUALITIE.

Quhat king is that quhilk hes fa gay ane boy?

#### WANTONNES.

HUMANITIE, that richt redowtit Rov,
Quha does commend him to yow hairtfully;
And fendis yow heir ane ring with ane ruby,
In takin that, abufe all creatour,
He hes chosin yow to be his paramour.
He bad us fay that he will be bot deid,
Without that ye mak hestilly remeid.

#### SENSUALITIE.

Quhat can I help howbeid he sowld forfair, Ye ken richt weill I am na medcynnar.

#### SOLLACE.

Yis lufty laidy, thocht he war nevir so seik,

Ane kifs of yow, into ane morrowing, Till his foikness micht be grit conforting, And als he makkis yow supplicatioun. This nicht with him to mak collatioun,

#### SENSUALITIE.

I thank his Grace of his benivolence.

Gude Syrs, I fall be reddy evin fra hand;

In me thair fall be fund na negligence,

Both nicht and day quhen his Grace will demand.

Pafs

That fa for

Pass ye befoir, and say I am cummand, And thinkis richt lang to haif of him ane sicht. And I to Venus makis ane saythfull band, That in his armes I think to ly all nicht.

#### WANTONNES.

That fall be done, bot yit or I hine pass, Heir I protest for HAMELINES your lass.

#### SENSUALITIE.

Sche fall be at cumand, Schyr, quhen ye will.

I treft sche fall synd yow flynging your fill.

#### WANTONNES.

Hay for joy! now I dance!

Tak thair ane gawmond of France!

Am I not wirdy till avance

And ane gud page?

That fa fpeidely can rin,

To tyift my maifter to fin.

The diuill ane groit he will win

Off this marrage.

I rew be fweit Santt Michaell,

Nor I had previt hir myfell

For quhy yone king, be Brydis Bell,

\* \* \* \* \* \*

Nor dois the noveis of ane freir.

It war almoufs to pull my eir,

That wald not preive yone gayis geir.

Fy that I am fa \* \* \*

I think

Thuirfair at leath

Wife life, and clay his

Haw to brooms

Sche will needs

And wif ve fo fcb

And I follows

I think this day to win thank. Hay as ane brydlit catt I brank! I haif wreistit my schank, Be Santt Michaell.

Quhilk of my leggis as ye trow Was it that I hurt now?

Quhairto sowld I speir at yow?

Me think thame baith haill.

Sentialized byd and completed

#### S C E N E VIL

KING, WANTONNES.

Gude morrow, maister, be the mess.

King. Clary two has word?

Wylcum, my Mynyeoun WANTONNESS.
How hes thow fairin in thy travell?

WANTONNES.

Richt weill, be him that herreit hell.

KING.

Than, WANTONNES, full weill is me, For thow hes faird beth meit and fee, Be him that maid the mone. Thair is an thing that I wald speir,

#### HUMANITIE AND

How fall I do quhen sche commis heir, For I knaw nocht the crast perqueir Off luvis gyn. Thairsoir at lenth ye mon me leir How to begyn.

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#### WANTONNES.

Kiss hir, and clap hir, and be nocht affeird
Sche will nocht hurt, thocht ye hir kiss \* \*
And gif ye se sche thinkis schame, than hyd the Bairnies

\* \* \* \* \* ye wat qubat I mene.
Will ye gif me leif, Sir, first till go to?
And I sall ken you the kewis how ye sall do.

#### KING.

God forbid, WANTONNES, that I gif you leif.

Thow art ovir perellows ane pege fic practikkis to preif.

#### WANTONNES.

Now, Sir, preve as ye pleiss: I see hir cummand. Ordour you with gravety, and we sall be yow stand,

#### SCENE VIII.

King, Sensualitie.

Heir fall Senfualitie cum to the KING and fay,

O VENUS, Goddes! unto thy celfitude I gif lawid, gloir, honour, and reverence, Quhilk grantit me fic perfyte pulchritude, That princes of my persone hes plesance. I mak ane yow, with humill observance, Richt reverently thy tempill to visie With facrifice unto the Deitie. To every flait I am fo agreable. That few or nane refusis me at all. Paipis, patriarkis, nor prellattis venerable. Commoun pepill, nor princis temporall, Bot subject all to me Dame SENSUALL. So fall it be ay quhill the warld enduris, And specially quhair yowtheid hes the curis. Quha knawis the contrair? I treft few in this cumpany, Wald that declair the verety. Unthrald to SENSUALITY. Bot with me makis repair. Bot now my way I mon advance Till ane prince of puissance,

Quhilk yung men hes in governance,
Rowand in his rage.
I am richt glaid, I yow affeuir,
That potent prince to get in ceuir,
Quha is of luftines the luir,
And moift of curage.

[Heir fall sche mak reverence, and say,

O potent prince, of pulchritude preclair!
God Curido preserve your cessitude!
And Dame Venus mot your coss fra care,
As I wald sche did keip my awin hairt blude!

#### KING.

Wylcum to me, perles of pulchritude;
Wylcum, to me thow sweittar nor the lammar;
Quhilk hes me maid of all dollour denude.
SOLLACE, convey this lady to my chalmer.

[Heir fall fiche pass to the chalmer and say,
I ga this gait with richt gude will;
Schyr Wantonnes, tary ye still;
Lat Hamelines the cop fill,
And beir yow cumpany.

HAMELINES.

That fall I do, withowttyn dowt, For he and I fall play cop owt.

WANTONNES.

Now, Lady, len me thy batty towt,
Fill in, for I am dry.

this of war it at I

And be your gracious

And is for coucle from

Your Dame be this trewly Hes gottin upon the goums. Calcon previous patients fro Quhat raick thocht ye and I To jone our justing lumes?

#### HAMELINES

I am content with richt gud will, Quhenevir ye ar reddy. All your plefour to fulfill. Without my squidouse in

#### WANTONNES.

Now weill faid be our Leddy. I will beir my maistir cumpany Till that I may endeur; Gife he be wiskand wantonly, We fall fling on the fleuir.

> [Heir fall thay pass all to the chalmer; and GUDE COUNSALE Sall Say.

#### SCENE IX.

#### GUDE COUNSALE.

Immortall God, moist of magnificence! And dy lar Quhois Majesty no clerk can comprehend, Saif yow my fenyeours, that givis fic awdience; And grant yow grace nevir till him offend, Quhilk on the croce did wilfully ascend,

And

And sched his pretious blude on every syde: Quhois pretious passioun from feinds you defend. And be your gracious governour and gyd. Confidder my foverains I yow befeik, The causs moist principal of my heir cumming Princis, nor Potestattis, ar not worth a leik, Be thay nocht gyddit be grace and governing. Thair was nevir empirour, conquerour, or king, Without my wisdome micht availl their weill to awance. My name is GUDE CUNSALE without fenveing: Lordis for lack of my law ar brocht till mischance. And fo for conclusioun Quho gydis thame not be GUD CUNSALE, All in vane is thair travell: And fynally fortoun fall thaim faill; And bring thame to confusioun. And this I understand For I haif maid residence With princis of puissance, In England, Italy, and France, And mony uthir land. Bot owt of Scotland, Allace! I haif bene baneist lang space. That gart ouir gydars want grace, And dy lang or thair day. Because thay lichtlyit GUDE COUNSALE, Fortoun turnyit on thame hir faill, Quhilk brocht this realme to mekill bail. 1 (50 3 1) Quha can the contrair fay?

My Lordis we cum not heir to lye. Wavis me for King HUMANITIE, Quirfett with SENSUALITIE In his fyrst begynning; Thruche vicious Counsale infolent. So thai may get riches or rent, Of his weillfair thay tak na tent, Nor quhat fall be the ending. Yit in this realme I wald mak fum repair, Gif I belevit my name fowld not forfair; For wald this king be yit gyddit with reffoun, And of misdoaris mak punissoun, Howbeid that I lang tyme hes bene exylit, I trest in God my name sowld yit be stylit. So till I fee God fend mair of his grace, I purpoifs till repoifs me in this place.

Heir I omitt the nixt mater following, because it is awrittin heirestre in the left quhair FLATTERY enterris \*. Now enterris Dame CHESTETIE.

Welquin be him t

And planely sale your paires

This is more properly continued interlucing allocated

We fell mend beith your hous and febone

<sup>\*</sup> Beginning of Interlude V.

## ACT II\*.

Ways no bed golden and significant

## S C E N E I.

CHESTETIE, SOUTAR, TAILOUR.

Heir fall Dame CHESTETIE pass and seik luging athort all the Sprituall Estait, and Temporall Estait, qubill sche cum to the Sowetar, and Teilyeour, and say:

#### CHESTETIE.

Ye men of craft, of grit ingyne,
Gif me harbry for Chrystis pyne,
And win God's bennysone and myne,
And help my hungry hairt.

#### SOWTTAR.

Welcum be him that made the mone Till dwell with us till it be June, We fall mend baith your hoifs and schone, And planely tak your pairt.

TAILYEOUR.

<sup>\*</sup> This is more properly another interlude, did not the MS. exprefs at the end of it, that it belongs to this.

#### TAILYFOUR.

Is this fair Ledy CHESTETY?

Now welcum be the trinitie!

I think it war a grit pitie

That ye fowld be thairowt.

Your grit difplefour we forthink.

Sit doun, Madame, and tak a drink;

And lat na forrow in yow fink,

Bot lat us play cop owt.

#### SOWTTAR.

Fill in and drink about, when the good of the lam wounder dry.

The devill fnyp off thair fnowt, the devill fnyp off thair fnowt, the lambda of the lambda o

[Heir Sall thay gar CHESTETE fit down and drink.

For to reflain fic and cowylynk.

## SCENE II.

JENNY, TAILOUR'S WIFE, SOUTAR'S WIFE.

JENNY.

Mynny, how! Mynny, Mynny!

TAILYEOURIS WYFE.

Quhat wald thow, my deir dochter Jenny?

Jenny my joe, quhat dois thy daddy?

Englished and the Jenny.

JENNY.

Mary, drinkand with a luftly laiddy,
Ane fair yung madin clad in quhyt,
Of quhome my daddy takkis delyte.
I trest, gif I can raken richt,
Sche schaipis to luge with thame all nicht.

SOWTTARIS WYFE.

Quhat dois the Sowttar, my gudman? tale washied

JENNY.

Mary fills the cop, and teims the can.

Or ye cum hame be God I trow

He fall be drucken as a fow.

TAILYEOURIS WYFE.

This is ane grit dispyt I think, For to ressaiff sic ane cowclynk.

SOWTTARIS WYFE.

Cummar, this is my counfall lo: Ding ye the ane, and I the uder.

TA. WYFE.

I am content, be Goddis moder.

To think for me thay hurfoun smaikis,

Thay serve richt weill to get their paikis.

Quhat maister seind neidis all this haist?

For it is half a yeir almaist

Sen evir that loun laborit my leddir.

Bot new gudman,

#### SOWTTARIS WYFE

God nor my Cruevin meuss a tedder, Garrist me feet Che For it is mair nor fourty dayis, Sen evir he cleikit up my clavis. And last quhen I got chalmer glew, And all I year com That fowill Sowttar began to fpew. And now thay will fit down to drink In cumpany with ane yung cowclinc. Gif thay haif done fic dispyte, Lat us ga ding thame quhill thay dryte.

## SCENE

The fame, TAILOUR, SOUTAR, CHESTIT

#### TAIL WYRE.

Go hence, Harlot; how durft thow be fo bawld To luge with our gudmen, bot our licence? I mak ane vow to him that Judas fawld. This rok of myne fall be thy recompence. Schaw me thy name, Duddroun, with diligence.

#### CHAISTETY.

Mary, CHESTETIE is my name by Sant Blayis.

#### TAIL. WYFE.

I pray God nor he wirk on the vengence. For I luvit never Chestetie all my dayis.

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SOWT.

#### SOWTTARIS WYFE.

Bot my gudman, the trewith I say the till,

Garris me keip Chestitie sair aganis my will.

Because that monstour he hes maid sic ane mynt,

With my bedstaff that dastard beiris ane dynt.

And als I vow cum thow this gait agane,

Thy buttokkis sal be beltit, be sant Blane.

#### TAI. WYFE.

Fals hursone Cairle, bot dowt thou sall forthink Thar evir thou eit or drank with yone cowclink.

#### SOWT. WYFE.

I mak ane vow to Santt Crifpynane, I fall be wrockin on thy graceles gane. And to begin the play tak thair a platt.

#### SOWTAR.

The feind resaiff the handis that gaif me that!

## SOWTTARIS WYFE.

What now, hursone, begynnis thow for to ban? Tak thair ane uddir upoun thy peild harne-pan. Quhat now, Cummer, will thou not tak a pairt?

#### TAI. WYFE.

vid never Chefictic all my dayur.

That fall I do, Cummer, be Goddis halrt.

[Heir thay fall ding thair Gudmen.

TAI-

#### TAILYEOUR.

Allace, goffop, allace! how flandis it with yow? Yone cankert carling, allace, hes brokin my brow. Now weilis yow, prieftis, weilis yow, in all your lyvis, That ar nocht waddit with fie wicket wyvis.

#### SOWTTAR.

Bischopis ar blist, howbeit that we be wareit,

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* and nocht be mareit.

Gossop, allace, that blak band we may wary,

That ordanit sic pure men as we to mary.

Quhat may be done bot tak in patience,

And on all wyvis to cry ane lowid vengence?

#### S C E N E IV.

[Heir fall the wyvis stand be the waterfed, and A;

#### SOWTTARIS WYFE.

Sen of our Cairlis, we haif the victory,

Quhat is your counfale, Cummar, that be done?

#### TA. WYFE.

Send for gude wyne, and hald us blyth and mirry: I hald that best gude Cummar be Santt Clone.

SCAME.

Sow. Wyre.

Cummar, will ye draw off my hoiss and schone;
To fill the quart I fall rin to the toun.

TA. W.YFE.

That fall I do, be him that maid the mone, with all my hairt; thairfoir, Cummar, fit doun.

Kilt up your clais abone your waift,

And fpeid yow hame agane in haift,

And I fall provyd for a paift,

Our corffis to confort.

Sowr. Wyfe.

Than help me for till kilt my clais;

Quhat and the paddois nipt my tais?

I dreid to droun heir, be Santt Blais,

Without I get support.

Cummar, I will nocht droun mysell.

I will go be the Castill bill.

TA. WYFE.

I am content, be Bryddis Bell,
Sa ye haift yow go quhair ye will.

[Heir fall thay depairt : and DILIGENCE fall fay.

Send for gode wyne, and hald of Myth and mirror

#### SCENE V.

### DILIGENCE, CHASTITIE.

Madame, quhat garris yow gang sa lait? Tell me how ye haif done debait With the temporall and spirituall stait? Quha did ye maist kyndnes?

#### CHESTETIE.

In faith I fand bot ill and war.

That gart me stand frome thame afar,
Even lyk a beggar at the bar,
And stemit me moir and less.

Finis of this first Interlude; and followis the Peurman and the Pardonar.

# S C E N R V.

With the temporali and contrast flair? CHESTERIE.

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# INTERLUDE III.

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THE PUIRMAN AND THE PARDONAR.

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#### PERSONS

The Puirman.

Diligence.
The Pardonour.
The Soutar.
The Soutar's Wife.
Wilkin the Pardonar's Boy.

Heir followis certane mirry and sportsum interludis, contenit in the play maid he Schyr David Lindsay of the Month Knicht, in the playseild of Edinburgh, to the mocking of abustounis use in the Cantré he divers sortie of Estait.

#### SCENE I.

#### PUIRMAN, DILIGENCE.

Heir fall enter the Peurman.

Off your almons, gude folkis, for Goddis luve of heving. For I haif moderles bairnis sex or sevin.

Gif ye will gif na gude, for luve of sweit Jesus,

Wis me the richt way to Santt Andreus.

## DILIGENCE Sayis.

Quhair haife we gottin this gudly companyeoun?
Swyth furth of the feild, thow fals raggit loun.
God wait gif heir be ane weill keipit place,
Quhen sic ane wyld beggar kerle may get entres.
Fy on yow officiaris that mendis not thir failyies!
I gif yow all to the Divill baith provost and baillies!
Without ye cum sone, and chace this Carle away,
The Divill a word ye get of sport or plny.
Fals huirsone raggit Carle, quhat is that thow ruggis?

#### PEURMAN.

Quhae Devill maid yow a gentillman wald not flow your luggis.

DILIGENCE!

#### DILIGENCE.

Quhat now? me think this cullroun Carle begynnis to crak-Swyth Carle away, or be this day I fall brak your bak.

[Heir fall the Carle clym up and fit in the Kings ells.

Com doun; or, be goddis croun, theif loun, I fall play

#### PEURMAN.

Now fiveir be thy brunt shinnis the Divil ding thame

Quhat say he be thir court knavis? be thay get haill claiss Sa sone thay leir to ban, to sweir; and trip on thair tails.

#### DILIGENCE.

Methocht the Carle me callit knave evin in my face, Be fantt Fillane, thow falt be flane, bot gif thow afk grace.

Loup; or be the gud Lord thow falt loifs thy heid.

#### PEURMAN.

Yit fall I drink, or I ga, thocht thow had fworne my deid.

#### DILIGENCE.

[Heir he takkis away the leddir.

Loup now, gif thow lift, for thow hes loift the leddir.

#### PEURMAN.

It is full weill thy kynd to lowp, and licht in a tedder.

Thow

#### AND THE PARDONAR.

Thow fal be fane to fetche agane the ledder, or I lowp: I fall fitt heir into this chyre, till I haif townit this stoup.

[ Heir fall the Carle loup off the caffald.

DILIGENCE.

Swyth, beggir Baggill, haift the away:

Thow art our prete to spill the process of our play.

#### PEURMAN.

I will not giff for your play nocht a fulis fart:
For thair is littill play this day at my hungry hart.

DILIGENCE.

Quhat divill allis the cowrd Carle?

PEURMAN.

Mary, mekill forrow!

I can not get, thocht I gasp, to beg nor to borrow.

DILIGENCE.

Quhair divell is thow dyvour, or quhat is thyne content?

PEURMAN.

I dwell into Lowthiane, a myle bot fra Tranent.

DILIGENCE.

Quhar wald thow be, Carle, the futh to me schaw?

PEURMAN.

Sir, evin at Sanct Andrus, evin to feik law.

DILIGENCE.

William man hard

# THEPUIRMAN

DILIGENCE.

To fyke law in Edinburgh is the narrest way.

#### Peurman.

Syt, I haif focht law thair this mony a deir day; Bot I cowld nevir find law at fessionn, or senyie. Thairsoir the mekill dum divell droun all that menyie!

#### DILIGENCE.

Schaw to me thy mater, man, with all circumstance; How thow hes happnit this unhappy chance.

#### PEURMAN.

Gud man, will ye gif me of your cheretie? And I fall declair to yow the blak veretie. My fadir was an auld man, and ane air; And was of aige fourscoir yeirs and mare: And MALD, my mudir, was fourfcoir and fyiftene : And with my labour I did thame baith fustene. We had a meir, that careit falt and coill; And evirilk yeir sche brocht us hame a foill. We had thre ky, that was baith fatt and fair, Nane tydiar hyne to the toun of Air. My fader was fa waik of blude and bane He dyit, quhair foir my moder maid grit mane; Than sche deit to, within ane olk or two; And than began my poverty and wo. Our gude gray meir was baitand on the feild. Our landis laird tuik hir for his here geild. Our vicar tuik the best kow be the heid,

Incontinent quhen my Fader was deid;
And quhen the vicar hard how that my moder
Was deid, fra hand he tuke fra me ane uder.
Than Mee, my wyfe, did murne baith evin and morrow,
Till at the last sche dyit for very forrow:
And quhen the vicar hard tell my wyfe was deid,
The third kow than he cleikit be the heid.
Thair \* \* \* clais, quhilk was of reploch gray,
The vicar gart his clark cleik thame away.
Quhen that was gan I micht mak no debait,
Bot with my bairnis part for to beg my mait.
Now haif I tald yow the blak veritie,
How I am brocht to this miseritie.

#### DILIGENCE.

Quhow did the persone, was he not thy gud freind?

## PEURMAN.

How? the divill stick him! he curst me for my teind;
And haldis me yit undir the same process,
That gart me want my sacrament at pess.
In gud faith, Syr, thocht ye wald cut my thrott,
I haif na geir, except an Inglis grott:
Quhilk I purposs to gif ane man of law,

#### DILIGENCE.

Thow art the daftist full that evir I saw. Trowis yow, man, be the law to get remeid Of men of kirk? na nevir till thow be deid.

#### PEURMAN.

Syr, be quhat law, tell me quhairfoir or quhy, That our vicar fould tak fra me three ky?

#### DILIGENCE.

Thay haif na law, except ane confuetude; Quhilk law to thame is sufficent and gude.

#### PEURMAN.

Ane conswetude, aganis the commoun weill, Sowld be no law, I think be sweit Santt Jeill. Quhair will ye find that law, tell gif ye can To tak threky fra ane peur husband man? Ane for my sader; and for my wyse ane uder; And the thrid kow he tuke for Meg my moder.

#### DILIGENCE.

It is thair law; all that thay haif in use; Thocht it be kow, sow, ganan, gryce, or guse.

#### PEURMAN.

Schyr, I wald fpeir at yow ane questioun.
Behald sum prellatis of this regionn,
Manifestly, during thair lusty lyuis,
Thay swyve ladeis, madinis, and menis wyves.

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

# Quhiddir fay ye that law is evill or gude?

Hald thy tongue, man; it semis that thow art mangit. Speik thow of preistis but dowt thow wilt be hangit.

PEURMAN.

PEURMAN.

Be him that beure the crewall crown of thorne,
I cair not to be hangit evin the morne.

DILIGENCE.

Be sewr of preistis thow will get na support.

PEURMAN.

Gif that be trew, the feind refaiff the fort! So fen I fe I get none udir grace, I will ly doun, and reft me in this place.

#### SCENE II.

#### The PARDONOUR.

[Heir sall the Peurman ly aoun in the field: and the Pardonnour sall cum in and say:

Devoitt Pepill, gud day I fay yow,
Now tarry a little quhill, I pray yow.
Till I be with yow knawin.
Wait ye not weill quhow I am namit?
A nobill man, and undefamit,
And all the futh war fchawn.
I am Syr ROBERT ROME RAKAR,
Ane publict perfyte Pardonar,
Admittit be the Paip.

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Schyr, I fall schaw yow for my wage, My pardonis, and my prevelege, Quhilk ye fall fe, and graip. I gif to the Divill, with gud entent, This wofull wickit New Testment. With thame that it translattit : Sen lawit men knew the veritie, Pardonaris gettis no cheretie, Withowt that we debait it. Amangis the wyvis with wrinkis and wylis, As all my mervellis men begylis Be our fair fals flattery: Ye all tha craftis I can perqueir Richt weill informit be a freir, Callit YPOCRASY. Bot now, allace! owr grit abufioun Is cleirly knawin to our confusioun, Quhilk I may fair repent: Off all creddence now am I quyt, Ilk man hes me now at dispyte. That reidis the New Testment. Wander be to thame that it wrocht. Swa fall thame that the buik hame brocht, Als I pray to the rude That MARTYNE LUTER, that fals loun

Had bene fmored in thair crode.

<sup>†</sup> Deleted in MS.

Be him that beir the croun of thorne,

I wald Santt Pawle had nevir bene borne;

And als I wald his buikis

War nevir red into the kirk,

Bot amang freirs into the mirk;

Or revin amang the ruikis.

[ Heir fall he lay down his waris upoun the burde. My potent Pardonnis ye may fe, Cum fra the CAN of Tartarie Weill feilit with efter fchellis. Thocht ye haif no discretioun, Ye fall haiff full remissioun, With help of buikis and bellis. Heir is a rellik, lang and braid, Of FYNMAKOWLL the richt chaft blade, With teith, and all togeddir. Of COLLINGIS kow heir is a horne. For eitting of MAKAMEILLIS corne Was flane into Bagubidder. Heir is the cordis, baith grit and lang, Quhilk hangit JOHNNIE ARMSTRANG. Of gud hempt, foft and found: Gud haly pepill, I fland ford, Quhavir beis hangir in this cord, Neidis nevir to be dround. The culum of St. BR YDDIS cow; The gruntill of Santt ANTONIS fow, Quhilk bure his haly bell:

Quha evir heiris this bell clink, Gife me a duccat to the drink, He fall nevir gang till Hell, Without he be with Belliall borne. Maisteris, trew ye that this be scorne? Cum, win this pardone, cum! Quha luvis thair wyvis not with thair hairt, I haif power thame to depairt: Me think yow deif and dum! Hes nane of yow curst wickett wyvis; That haldis you into flurt and ftryvis? Cum, tak my dispensatioun. Off that cummer I fall mak yow quyt, Howbeid your felf be in the wyte, And mak an fals narratioun. Cum wyn the pardone, now lat fee. For meill, for malt, or for money, For cok, hen, gufe, or gryfs, Off rellikkis heir I haif a hunder. Quhy cum ye not? this is a woundir: I trow ye be not wyfs.

#### SCENE III.

PARDONAR, SOWTTAR, and SOWTTAR'S WYFE.

SOWTTAR.

Welcum hame, ROBINE ROME RAKAR! Our haly patent Pardonnar, Gif ye haif dispensatioun
To pairt me, and my wickit wyse,
And me delyvir fra sturt, and stryse;
I mak yow supplicatioun.

PARDONAR.

I fall the pairt, bot mair demand, Sa I get money in my hand. Thairfoir lat fe thy cunyie.

SOWITAR.

I haif na fylvir, be my lyfe, Bot fyve schilling, and my schaping knyfe. That sall ye haif bot sunyie.

PARDONAR.

Quhat kin a woman is thy wyfe?

SOWTTAR.

A quick divill, Syr; a storme of stryfe.

A frog that fylis the wind.

A filland flagg; a styrie suff;

At ilka pant sche lattis a puff,

And hes no ho behind.

All the lang day sche me dispyttis;

And all the nicht sche flingis and styttys;

Thus sleip I nevir a wink.

That cokatrice, that commoun heure,

The mekle divill ma not endeure

Hir stubornes and stink.

SOWTTAR'S WYFE.

Theif, Cairle, thy words I hard full weill. In faith my friendschip thou salt seil, And I the sang.

SOWTTAR.

· Gif I said ocht, Dame, be the rude, Except ye war baith fair and gude, God nor I hang!

PARDONER.

Fair Dame, gif ye wald be a wowar, To pairt yow twa I haif a powar. Tell on, ar ye content?

SOWTTAR'S WYFE.

Ye, that I am, with all my hairt,
Fra that fals huresone to depairt,
Sa that theiss will consent.
Causs to pairt I haiss anew,
Becauss I get na chalmer glew,
I tell you verralie.
I marvell not, so mot I thryve,
Suppoiss that swingeour nevir swyve,
He is baith cawld and dry.

PARDONNAR.

Quhat wilt thow gif me for thy parte?

#### SOWITAR'S WYFE.

A cuppill of farkis, with all my hairt, The best claith in this land.

#### PARDONAR.

To pairt fen ye ar baith content, I fall pairt yow incontinent: Bot ye mon do cummand. My decreit and my finall fentence is,

Slip down thy hoifs, me think the carle is glaikit, Sett thow not by howbeid sche kist and slaikkit.

## SOWTTAR.

Here the Sowttar fall do the lyk.

#### PARDONAR.

Dame, pas ye to the eist end of the toun: And pas ye wast, even lyk a cukald loun. Go hence ye baith, with Baliall' braid blyfing! Schyris saw yow evir mair sorrowles departing?

#### SCENE IV.

PARDONOUR, WILKIN.

[Heir fall his Boy WILKIN cry off the hill, and fay: How, Maister, quhair ar ye now?

PARDONAR.

I am heir, WILKIN Widdifow.

WILKIN.

Schyr, I haif done your bidding,
For I haif fund a grit horfs-bane,
Ane farar faw ye nevir nane,
Upoun theme flesch and midding.
Schyr, ye may gar the wyffis trow,
It is ane bane of Santt BRYDIS cow,
Gude for the fevir tartane.
Schyr, will ye rewill this rick weill,
All haill the wyvis will kifs and kneill,
Betwix this and Dumbartane.

PARDONAR.

Quhat fay thay of me in the toun?

WILKIN. loun;

Sum fayis ye ar a very loun; Sum fayis legatus natus: Sum fayis a fals Sarafene;
And fum fayis yow ar for certane
Diabolus incarnatus.
Bot keip ye fra subjectioun
Of that curst King Correctioun;
For be ye with him fangit,
Because ye are ane Rome Rakar,
Bot dowt ye will be hangit.

PARDONAR.

Quhair fall I luge into the toun?

WILKYN.

With gude kind Christane Ardersoune,
Quhair ye will be weill treittit.
Gife ony limmir yow demandis,
Sche will defend yow with hir handis,
And womanly debaitt it.
BAWBURDE fayis, be the Trinitie,
That fche fall beir yow cumpany,
Quhobeid yow byd all yeir.

PARDONAR.

Thow hes done weill, be Goddis moder; Tak thow the ane, and I the uder, So fall we mak gud cheir.

WELKIN.

I pray yow speid yow heir, And mak na langer tarye;

## THE PUIRMAN

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Byd ye lang thair, but weir, I dreid your weid ye wary.

# SCENE V.

#### PARDONAR, PUIRMAN.

[Heir fall the BEGGER ryife, and rax him, and fay? Quhat thing was yone, that I hard crack and cry? I haif bene dronand, and dremand on my ky. With my richt hand my hale body I fane; Santt BRYD, Santt BRYD, fend me my ky agane! I fe standand yondar ane haly man, To mak me help, lat me se gif ye can. Haly Maistar, God speid yow, and gud merne!

#### PARDONAR.

Welcum to me, thocht thow wor at the horne. Cum, win the pardoun, and then I fall the fane.

#### PEURMAN.

Will that pardoun get me my kye agane?

#### PARDONAR.

Cairle, of the ky I haif na thing ado.

Cum, wyn my pardoun; and kifs my rellikkis to.

[Heir fal the Pardonar fane him with his rellikkis.

#### PARDONAR.

Now lowis thy purs, and lay doun thy offrand, Mand thow fall haif my pardoun, even fra hand.

With raipis and rellikis I fall the sane agane;

Gravel, nor gut, thow sall nevir haif bot pane.

Now wyn the pardoun, Lymmar, or thow art lost,

## PEURMAN.

Now, haly Maister, quhat fall that pardoun cost?

#### PARDONAR.

Lat fee quhat money thow beiris in thy bag,

## PEURMAN.

I haif ane groit heir, bundin in ane rag.

#### PARDONAR.

Hes thow nane uder filver bot ane grote?

#### PEURMAN.

Gif, I haif mair, Syr, cum and rype my cote.

#### PARDONAR.

Gif me that grote, man, fen thow hes na mair,

#### PEURMAN.

With all my hairt, Maistar; lo, tak it thair. Now lat me se your pardoun, with your leif,

#### PARDONAR.

A thowfand yeir! of pardoun I the gife.

#### PEURMAN.

A thowsand yeir I will not leif sa lang. Delyver me it, Maister; syne lat me gang.

#### PARDONAR.

A thowfand yeir I lay upoun thyne heid, With totiens quotiens; now mak me no moir pleid. Thow hes ressauti my pardoun now all reddy.

#### PEURMAN.

Bot I can se nothing, Schyr, be our Leddy. Forsuth, Maister, I trow I be not wyis, To pay, or I haif sene my merchandyis. That ye haiff gottyn my grote full fair I rew. Schyr, quhidder is your pardoun blak or blew? Maister, sen ye haiff tane fra me my cunyie, My merchandysse scham me withowttyn senyie, Or to the Bischop I sall pass, and planyie, In St. Andrus, and summond yow to thair senyie.

#### PARDONNAR.

Quhat cravis thow, Cairle? Me think thow art not wyifs.

#### PEURMAN.

I crave my grote, or ellis my merchandyiss.]

PARDONNAR.

I gaif the pardoun for a thowland yeir.

PEURMAN.

Quhair fall I get that pardoun, let me heir.

PARDONNAR.

Stand still, and I sall tell the all the story.

Quhen thow art deid, and gois to purgatory,

Beand condamnit to pane ane thowsand yeir;

Than sall thy pardoun the relief, but weir.

Now be content, thou art a marvellus man.

PEURMAN.

Sall I get na thing for my grote till than?

PARDONAR.

That fall thow not, I mak it to the plane.

PEURMAN.

Na than, Maister, gif me thy grote agane.

Quhat say ye, Maisters? Call ye this a gude ressoun,

That he suld promise me ane gud pardoun,

And heir ressaif my money in this steid,

Syne mak me na payment till I be deid?

Quhen I am deid, I wait sull seckerly

My silly sawl sall pass to purgatory;

Declair me that, now God nor Baliall bind the,

Quhen I am thair, curst carle, quhair sall I sind the?

Nocht into hevin, but rader into hell:

Quhan thou art thair, thow can not help thy fell.

Quhen wilt thow cum, my bailis for to beit?

Or I the find my hippis will get a heit.

Trowis thow, Bowchour, that I will by blude lammis?

Gif me my grote, the divill dryte on the gammis.

#### PARDONNAR.

Swyth, stand aback; I trow this man be mangit.

Thow gettis not this grote thocht thow fuld be hangit.

#### PEURMAN.

Gif me my grote, weill bund unto my clout; Or be Goddis breid Robene fall beir a rowt.

[Heir sall thay fecht togedder; and the Peurman sall cast down the burd; and cast the rellikkis in the water.

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# INTERLUDE IV.

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# INTERLUDE IV.

FOLLY.

THE SERMON OF FOLLY.

Gud man ga play yow smang your feirie,

# [Heir ends this interlud: and follows ane oyther interlud of the famyne play.

# Found fule, guhair hes thow bene fo lait?

Mary, contand dolin the **Four**, contand dolin the **Four** 

Bot that hes been ane grie detaits Feir enteris Four. . val.

Gude day, my Lordis, and God fane! The best woll and Will na man bid guday agane? To be the description

Quhan fulls ar fow, than ar thay fane. blim and at 10 %. Ken ye not me?

Quhow call thay me? Can ye not tell?

Now be him that herryit hell of significant and washing of the Now that the heart he

# I felt nevir en all bellavle.

As I way pudite theirs Colesiait on non work - at

Bot with my club I maid debait.

Folly, Diligence, sixth oat blaw I

DILIGENCE: Indied and wall sail

Quhat Brybour is yone, that makkis sie beitis?

FOLY. and word of boat Living

The feind ressaif that mowth that fpeiris!

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Gud man ga play yow amang your feiris,
With muk upoun your mow.

DILIGENCE Sugare) sals do

Found fule, quhair hes thow bene so lait?

FOLY.

Mary, cumand down thruch the bony gait: Bot thair hes ben ane grit debaitt Betwix me, and ane fow! Erroles The The fow cryd guff brand I to gay, sited ym , yah sha D Through speid of fute I gat away sbuy hid gam an 1177 Bot in the middis of the cawfway we as allow many I fell into ane midding. Son 100 59 05 A She lap upoun me, with a bend, Som yad: fine world! Quhaevir tha middingis fowld amendy rade and a wolf God fend thame ane mischevus end; yad wod ton taw I For that is Goddis bidding. Bot oil I cowd lie. As I war pudlie thair, God wait; Bot with my club I maid debait. I fall nevir cum agane that gaits 3 2 Schir, be all hallowis. I wald the officiaris of the toun, That fuffeirs fic confusioun. That thay war harberyt with MAHOUN : Or hangit on the gallowis, and annual and tade ? Fy! that sa fair a cuntré Sowld stand fa lang, but polletie. gif thaim to the divill hairtlie many sales have been

That has the wyte.

I wald the provost wald tak in heid
Of yone midding to mak remeid,
Quhilk patt me and the fow at feid.
Quhat man I do bot flyte?

Quhome on Foly ?

Mary of ass for,

Or clish her being the beginning fra me.

Giff ye be kin and hy a bu and 'O's's

Ye found do nutrice to fix man

Schyr, (che bes fworne that felte full flay me,

King, Folly, Dilleence. Walnut

I had thy that is can the vol mind I

Pass on my ferward DILIGENCE,
And bring yone fule to our presence.

DILIGENCE.

It fal be done, bot tareing. and : argain and drive ano! FOLLY thow mon go to the KING.

Now wall faw that we very wow!

The King? quhat kind a thing is that? Will it is yone hee with the goldin hatt?

Dilicence. Sham son like ov 110

Theo gif me your p, yow with no mus: end is amal ano.
Off all fwine to be skeitbled.
Fetwix this total, and swilly.

Gif ye be king, God gif yow gud day!

I haif ane plent to mak to yow.

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Quhome on Foly?

bir Porty and bes an asag MalaO

Mary of ane fow. Schyr, sche hes sworne that sche sall slay me, Or ellis hyt baith the bagstanis fra me. Giff ye be King, schyr, be Sanct Ann, Ye fowld do justice to ilk man, Had I nocht keipit me with my club. That fow had dround me in ane dub. I hair fay thair is cum to the toun Ane King callit CORRECTIOUN: I pray yow tell me quhilk is he?

#### DILIGENCE.

Yone with the wingis: ma thow not fe?

Folly, or on nom word yand?

Now waly faw that weill fard mow! Schyr, I pray you correct yone fow; I be King i Quhilk with hir teith, but fwerd or knyfe, Had maift heve reft me of my lyfe. Gif ye will not make correctioun, Than gif me your protectioun, Off all fwine to be skaithles, Betwix this toun, and Innernes.

Of his inucles to he

with water

Y t autout let

#### DILIGENCE.

Hes thow, Fory, ane wyfe at hame?

FOLLY.

of his paint terms Ye that I have: God fend hir schame! I trow be this sche is neir deid: I left ane wyfe bindand hir heid. To schaw hir seiknes I think grit schame, Sche hes fic rumbling in hir wame, That all the nycht hir bairt ourcastis With bokking, and with hinder blaftis.

DILIGENCE.

Paraventure sche be with bairne.

FOLLY.

Allace! I trow sche be forfairne, Sche fobbit, and fche fell in fouu, And than thai rowit hir up and doun. Scheriftit, ruckit, and maid fic stendis, Sche yeild, and that at baith the endis, Till sche had castin a cuppill of quarts; Syne all turnd till a rak of \* \* Sche blubbirt, bokkit, and braikit still; Hyr erss gaid evin lyk ane wind mill: Sche puft and yifkit with fic riftis, That verry dirt come furth with driftis: Sic dryfmell droggis fra hir sche schot, Quhill sche maid all the fleur on flot:

Of hir hurdes sche had na hauld, Quhill sche had teind hir monyfawld.

#### DILIGENCE.

Better bring hir to the leichis heir. Ye that I have: God faid his Ct.

Folly is this february and I

Trittell, trattell! sche ma not steir. whaid a www and stal I Hir verry buttokis makkis fic beir, I so aller ald weder of It skairris baith foill and filly. in a walldman on and ada? Sche bokkis fic baggage fra hir breift, a payor and lig und T Thay want na bubblis that fittis hir neift, and and

> DILIGENCE. Faraventure febe be with b

Recuverit not sche at the last?

With ilka quhilly billy.

FOLLY.

Allered I term fate: Ye, bot wat ye weill sche fartit fast, Yit quhen sche sichis my hairt is sairy.

Diligence, but the Diligence

Will sche nocht drink? ad shind an aud ban, birre sass

prievo to diagras a affine had add the

ashoo tele maid all the feet on for

FOLLY. Agy a His breat His save Ye be Sanct Mary: I six and how , willion stied all select A quart at anis it will not tarey, and over her are well And leif the divill a drop. It and dissiply bear than a lea? Than fic flobbage sche layis fra hir, About the wallis God wait fic waire, worth and the

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Oet up man with a

Or be Sand Day Thou fell want thy

In Schame mon to

Quhen all is drunken I get the to shaire The lykkingis of the cop.

Diligence.

Quhat is in that creill, I pray the tell?

Forry, sid mouton of mir word I

Mary, I haif foly hattis to fell.

DILIGENCE.

I pray the fell me ane, or tway.

FOLLY.

Wa vit aganc; now Na, tary quhill the markit day, I will fit down here be Santt CLUNE And gif my babies thair disjone. Cum heir gud GUKKIS, my dochter deir, Thow fall be marvit within ane veir Upoun ane frier of Tullielum: Na thow art nowther deif na dum. Cum heir STYLTY, my fone and air, Now, for all the My jo, thow art baith gude and fair; Had you intil a Now fall I feid yow as I mae: Cry lyke the gorbettis of ane kae. Thir bone weis,

DILIGENCE.

Get up, FOLLY, bot tareing, And speid yow haistelly to the King. Get up: me think the Carle is dum.

FOLLY.

Gzerás vow

Tok digit a

Ye wald not we

They ar als we

Suppose ye lift

War we or quell

FOLLY.

Now bumbalary; bum, bum.

DILIGENCE.

I trow the Fouttour lyis in ane transs.

Get up man with a mirry mischanss,

Or be Sanct Dennyss of Franss

Thow sall want thy wallatt,

Its schame man to se quhow thow lyis,

FOLLY.

Wa yit agane, now this is thryifs, The divill worry me, and I ryifs, Bot I fall brek thy pallat.

Hald doun your heid, ye ladroune loun! Yone fair lass, with the sating goun, Garris yow thus bek and bend.
Tak thair a neidill for your lace.
Now, for all the hyding of your face, Had ye it intill a quiet place,
Ye wald not wane to slend.
Thir bony anis, that ar cleid in fisk,
Thay ar als wantoun as ane wilk.
I wald forbeir baith breid and milk,
To kiss thy bony lippis.
Suppois ye luik, as ye war wreth,
War we at queit behind a claith,

Ye wald nocht spair to preve my graith

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Be God I ken ye weill annewch;
Ye are fane, thocht ye mak it twich.
Think ye nocht, as into the fewch,
Befyd the quarrell hoillis,
Ye wan fra me baith hoifs and fchone,
And gart me mak mowis to the mone,
And ay lap on your courfs abone——

# DILIGENCE.

Thow mon be dung with poillis.

Swyth, varlot! haift the to the King,

And lat alane thy cracling.

Lo heir is Folly, fehyr, all reddy.

A richt sweir swingeir, be our Leddy.

#### FOLLY.

Thow art not half so sweir thy sell.

Quhat meinis this pulpit I pray the tell?

#### DILIGENCE.

Our new bischoppis hes maid a preiching:
Bot thow hard nevir sa plesand teiching.

Yone bischop will preich thruch all the cost.

#### FOLLY.

Than stryk ane hay into the post;

For I hard nevir, in all my lyfe,

A bischoppe cum to preiche in Eff.

Gif bischoppis to be preichours leiris, and door bless at Wallaway! quhat fall werd of freirs? And prellatis preiche in bruch and land, and I bod all The filly freiris, I undirstand, and month send one of Thay will get na mair meill nor malt; John by zaid T So I dreid freiris fall dee forfalt. I for the ball Sen fwa is that yone nobill king and and an an an and are Will mak men bischoppis for preiching?m am may bak Quhat fay ye, fyr, hald ye not best mor no gel ye hall That I ga preiche amang the rest? Quhen I haif preichit, on my best wyis, Than will I fell my merchandyifs a grub so nom wou'l That dwellis amang the thre estaitis; a value and and For I haif heir gud chaffray have the warmen out Till ony fule, that liftis to by. stongaich nivel man A

[Heir fall FOLLY bing up his hattis upoun the pulpet.
God sen I had ane doctoris hude!

Cutar meins this pany, Cutar Miles

Quhy FOLLY: wald thow mak ane preiching?

Folly. and eigendalid wan 19()

Ye, that I wald, fchir, be the rude, were been work and Bot owder flattery, or fleiching.

KING.

Now, bruder, let us heir yone teiching, and from To pass our tyme, and heir hym raiff.

Jul in suble or muy begon Dili-

# Diligence.

He war far meitar in the kiching and of the day and Amang the pottis, fa Chryst me faiff, sich alut when and Fond Forry, I will be thy clark, a same alut to be of And answer ay with amone. And answer ay with amone and alut vidus again to be of And

#### Quha un morcht on that Yalogaird.

Now, at the beginning of my wark, well was a color must be find restaure that graceles game.

Heir fall FOLLY begin bis Sermoun.

#### Rydand on horfs, and innira Tulishin and

# Stultorum numerus infinitus.

SALOMONE, the moift fapient king, and sot vil book back In Ifraell quhen he did ring, and about quom had I worked Thir wordis in effect he did wryte, "The numbir of fulis ar infinyte." I think na schame, sa Chryst me saive, To be ane fule amang the laive; Heir I buil foly hattis Howbeid ane hundreth standis heirby Peranter ar as gauckit fulis as I. I haif of my genalogy Dwelland in every cuntry, Ar nochs content with fath Erlis, Duckis, Kingis, and Emperouris, With many gukkit conquerouris, Quilk dois in foly perfeveir; And hes done so this mony a yeir.

Sum feikis in warldly dignities,

And

And fum in fenfuall vaneties:

Quhat vailis all thair vane honouris,

Nocht beand feur to lyve twa houris?

Sum gredy fule dois fill the box;

Ane uder fule cumis, and brekis the lokkis,

And spends that uthir fulis hes spaird,

Quha nevir thocht on thame to waird.

Sum dois as thay sowld nevir dee.

Is not this foly, quhat say ye?

Sapientia bujus mundi eft stultitia apud Deum. Becauss thair is sa mony fulis, Rydand on horfs, and fum on mulis, Heir I haiff brocht gud chaffry Till ony fule that likkis to by. And specially for the thre staitis: Quhar I haif mony tendir maitis Quhilk gart thame gang, as ye ma fe. Backwart thruche all the cuntre. With my cramery gif ye lift mell; Heir I haif foly hattis to fell. Quhomfor is this hatt, wald ye ken? Mary for infaciable merchand men. Quhen God hes fend thame habundance, Ar nocht content with fufficeance. Bot failis into the stormy blastis In winter, to get gritrar castis, In mony terribil grit torment, Agains the acts of parliament.

Polly, is their or

How fall I leen then

Din keip tim clother

Ex featibles

And frides fixedic

It will be halden:

Speik on, Poll

Summ tynis their geir, and fum ar drownd; With this fic merchands fuld be cround.

#### DILIGENCE.

Quhom to myndis thow to fell that hude? I trow to fum grit man of gude. blad sid nacoli

#### FOLLY.

This hude to fell right fane I wald To him that is baith awld and cald, Reddy to pass till Hell or Heven; and which ail wolf And hes fair bairnis fex, or feven, And is of aige fourfcoir of yeir; And takkis a lass to be his peir, Quhilk is not fourtene yeirs of aige, And bindis with hir in marriage; Gifand hir treft that sche not wald Richt hestilly mak him cuckald. Quha mareis, beand fa neir deid, Sett on this hatt upoun his heid.

#### DILIGENCE.

Quhat hude is that, tell me I pray the?

#### FOLLY.

This is ane haly hude, I fay the. This hude is ordaind, I the affeur, For spirituall fulis that takkis in cure The fawlis of grit dioceis, And regiment of grit abbaffeis,

For greidynes of wardly pelf,

That can not justly gyd thaimself.

Uder sawllis to faive it settis thame weill,

Syne sendis thair ane sawl to the Deill.

Quhaever dois so, thus I conclude, and its most of went I

Upoun his heid set on this hude.

Diligence, dei lief or shud sidT

FOLLY, is thair ony fic mens blue dailed at and and of Now in the kirk, that thow can ken? The page of or dollars. How fall I ken thame?

And is of sige four cois of yellor And takkis a lafe to be his poir,

Na keip that closs: Some to more more and window and kindow And fules speik of the prellacie, and that the more like will be halden heresse. Make mid them to like his like will be halden heresse.

KING. al baged , eigem sale O

Speik on, Folly, I gif the leif.

FOLLY.

Than haif I remission in my sleif.
Will ye leif me to speik of Kingis?

KING.

Ye: hardelly speik of allkin thingis.

silladds my to tasmiforty.

This is and help hude

The fawin of grit died

#### FOLLY.

Conformand to my first narratioun, Ye ar all fulis, be Goddis paffioun.

DILIGENCE.

Thow leis! I trow the fule be mangit.

FOLLY.

Gif I be God nor thow be hangit. For I haif heir, I to the tell, Ane nobill kaip imperiell, Quhilk is not ordanit for dringis. Bot for Duikis, Empriouris, and Kingis; For princely, and imperial fulis. Thay fowld haif luggis als lang as mulis. The pryd of princis, withowttyn faill, Garris all the warld rin top our taill. To wyn thame warldly gloir and gude, Thay care not schedding Cristin blude. Quhat cummer haif we had in Scotland Be our awld ennemeis of England? Had not bene the support of France, We had bene brocht to grit myschance. Now I heir fay the empriour Schaipis for to be ane conquerour, And is movand his ordinance Agains the nobill King of FRANCE. Bot I knaw not his just querrell, That he hes for to mak battell; H

All the princis of Allmanyie, Spanvie, Flandeiris, and Italie, This present yeir ar all on flocht. Sum will thair wagis find deir bocht: The paip, with bombard, speir, and scheild, Hes fend his army to the feild. Sant Petir, St. Paule, nor St. Andrew, Rafit nevir fic ane oift I trow. Is this fraternall cheretie? Or furius foly? quhat fay yow? Thay leird not this at Chrystis sculis, Thairfoir I think thame verry fulis. I think it foly, be Goddis modder, Ilk Cristin prince to ding doun uder. Becaus that this hatt fowld belang thame, Ga thow and parte it richt amang thame. The profesy, withowttyn weir. Off MARLING beis compleit this yeir: For my guddame, the GYRECARLING Leird me this profesie of MARLING. Quhairof I shall schaw the sentence, Gif ye will gif me awdience.

Flan, fran, resurgent, simul ipsam viribus urgent.

Dani vassabunt: Vallances bella parabunt:

Sit tibi nomen in a,

Mulier caccavit in olla,

Hoc apulum comides.

DILIGENCE.

Mary, that is ane evill farrd mess!

#### FOLLY.

So be this profefy planely it appeiris,
That mortall weir fall be amang the freiris;
That thay fall not weill knaw into thair cloyisteris
To quhome that thay fall fay thair pater nosteris.
Wald thay fall to, and fecht with speir and scheild,
The divill mak cair quhilk of thame tynt the feild!
Now of my fermoun I haif maid an end:
To Gilly Moweand I you recommend.
And als I you beseik richt hairtfully,
Pray for the sawle of gud kae kappetie,
Quha lately dround himself into Lochlevin;
That his sweit sawle may be aboif in hevin.

Finis of this Interlude.

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Call of this Talefalls.

### INTERLUDE V.

FLATTERY, DECEIT, and FALSEHOOD, missead King Humanity.

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#### PERSONS.

FLATTERY.

FALSET. GUARATURE

DISSAIT.

KING HUMANITIE.

WANTONES.

HAMELINES.

DANGER.

SOLLACE.

How and Soldiele for well

#### AN UTHIR INTERLUDE.

Heir enteris FLATTRY, new landit owt of France; and formesteid at the May.

#### CENEI.

### FLATTERY.

Mak rowm, firs! heir that I may rin. Lo see how I am new com in, Begareit all in fundry hewis. Lat be your din, till I begin, And I fall tell you of my newis. Throw all realmes Christin I haif past; And am cum heir now at the last Stormesteid be feiny sen vule day. That we war fane till hew our mast, Not half a myle beyond the May. Bot now amang ye I will remanc; I purpois nevir till sail agane, To put myself in chance of watter: Was nevir fene fic wind and rane, Nor of schipmen sic clitter clatter. Sum bad haill; fum bad fland by; On steirburde! how! alluff! fy fy! Quhill all the raipis began to rattill: Was nevir wy fa fleid as I

Quhen all the failis plaid brittill brattill.

To se the wawis it was a wounder;
And wound that raif the sailis in schunder;
Bot I lay braikand lyk a brok,
And schot sa sail above and under,
The divill durst not can neir my dok.

Now am I chaipit fra that fray.

Quhat say you syr? am I not gay?

Ken ye not FLATTRY your awin sule?

That yeid to mak this new array.

Was I not heir with yow at yule?

Yis, be my faith, I think on weill.

Quhair ar my sailowis? that wald I feill:

We sowld haif cumin heir for a cast.

How! FALSAT, how!

#### SCENE II.

FLATTERY, FALSET.

FALSET.

Wa ferve the divill!

Quhas that cryis for me fa fast?

FLATTRY.

Quhy, brudir FALSET; knawis thow not me? I am thy brudir FLATTRIE.

#### FALSAT.

Now welcum, be the Trinitie.

This meiting cumis for gude.

Now lat me braifs the in myne armes;

Quhen freindis meitis, hairtis warmis,

Quod John te that frody fude.

How hapnit thow into this place?

#### FLATTRY.

Now, be my fawle, bot evin be cace

I come in fleipand at the port,

Or evir I wift amang this fort.

Quhair is DISSAIT, that lymmir loun?

#### PALSAT.

I left him drinkand in the toun:
He will be heir incontinent.

#### FLATTRY.

Now, be the haly Sacrament,
Tha tydanis comfortis all my hairt.
I wat Dissair will tak ane pairt;
He is richt crafty, as ye ken,
And counfouller to the merchand men.
Lat us ly still baith heir, and spy,
Gif we persaif him cumand by.

# S C E N E III.

Now let me besite the in myne armer i

FLATTERIE, FALSET, DISSAIT.

Heir fall DISSAIT entir.

Bon geur, bruder, with all my hairt!

Heir am I cum to take your pairt

Baith into gude and evill.

I met Gude Counsale be the way,

Quha pot me in ane felloune fray.

I gife him to the divill.

FALSATT.

How chappit yow, I pray the tell?

DISSAIT.

I flippit in ane fowll bordell,
And hid me in ane howbirdis bed:
Bot fuddenly hir fchankis I fched,
With hochurhudy amang hir howis:
God wait giff we maid mony mowis.
How cum ye heir, I pray yow tell me?

FALLSETT.

Mary seikand King HUMANITIE.

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#### DISSAIT.

Now, be the gud lady that did me beir, That samyne horss is my awin meir. Now till our purpoifs lat us ga. Quhat is your counfale, I pray yow fa? Sen we thre feikis yone nobill KING, Lat us devviss sum subtell thing: And als I pray yow, as your brudir, That we be ilk ane trew till uder. I mak ane vow, with all my hairt, In evill and gude till tak your pairt; I pray to God nor I be hangit, Bot I fall dye or ye be wrangit.

#### FALSAT.

Quhat is your counfale that we do?

#### DISSAIT.

Mary this is my counfale, lo. Till tak owr tyme quhill we may get it, For now thair is na man to let it: Fra tyme the King begin to steir him, GUDE COUNSALE than I dreid cum neir him. And be we knawin with CORRECTIOUN. It will be our confusioun. Thairfor now brether devyifs To find fum toy of the new gyiss.

#### FLATTRY.

Mary, I fall find ane thowfand wylis.

We mon turne our claithis, and change our stylis,

And disagyis us that na man ken us.

Hes na man clerkis cleithing to lend us?

And lat us keip grave countenance,

As we war new cummin owt of France.

#### DISSAIT.

Be my fawle that is weill davyifit, Ye fall fe me fone disflagyifit.

#### FALSET.

So fall I be, man, be the rude.

Now fum gude fallow len me ane hude.

[Heir fall FLATTRY belp bis twa marrowis.

#### DISSALT.

Now am I buskit quba can spy?
The divill stik me gif this be I!
Is this I, or nocht, I can yow not say;
Or hes the seind, or fairfolk, borne me away?

#### FALSETT.

And war my hair up in ane how,
The feind a man wald ken me now.
Quhat fayis thow of my gay garmoun?

#### DISSAIT.

I fay thow lukis evin lyk a loun.

Now, bruder FLATTRY, quhat do ye?

Quhat kind a man schaip ye to be?

#### FLATTRY.

Now be my faith, my bruder deir,

I will ga counterfeite the freir.

#### DISSAITT.

A freir! quhairto? thow cannot preiche.

#### FLATTRY.

Quhat rak? bot I can flatter and fleiche: Peraventur cum to that honour To be the King's Confessour. Peur freirs ar fre at every fest. And merchellit ay amang the best. Als God has lent to thame fic gracis, That bischoppis puttis thame in their places, Owt-thruche thair dyeceis to preiche, Bot farly not howbeid they fleiche; For schaw thay all the veretie, Thaill want the bischoppis cheretie. Yit thocht the corn be nevir fa fcant, Gud wyvis will nevir lat freirs want: For guhy, thay ar thair confessouris, Thair prudent hevenly counfallouris. Thairfoir wyvis planely takkis thair pairtis. And schawis the secretis of thair hairtis To freirs with better will, I trow, Nor thay do to thair bedfallow.

#### DISSAIT.

And I reft anis a freiris cowll, Betwixt St. Johnstoune and Kynnowll. I fall ga fetche it, gif thou wilt tary.

#### FLATTRY.

Now play me that of cumpanary: Ye faw him nocht this hundre h yeir, That bettir can cuntirfeit the freir,

#### DISSAIT.

Heir is thy ganenyng, all and fum: This is the could of Cullielum.

#### FLATTRY.

Quha hes an porteris to len me?

The feind a fawle I trew will ken me.

#### FALSET.

Brnder, pass on quhairevir thow will; Thow may be fallow to freir GILL. Bot with CORRECTIONN and we be kend, I dreid we mak a schamefull end.

#### FLATTRY.

For that mater I dreid na thing. Freiris ar exemit fra the king, For freirs will reddy entress get.

#### FALSAT.

We mon do mair yit, be Santt James;
For we mon chenge all thre our names,
Cristin me, and I sall bapteiss the.

#### DISSALT.

Be God and thairabout mot it be. How will thow call me I pray the tell? FALSETT.

Mary, I wat not how to call myfell.

DISSAIT.

Bot yit anis name the bairnis name.

FALSET.

Discretioun, Discretioun, a Goddis name.

DISSAIT.

I neid not now to cair for thrift. Bot quhat fall be my Godbairne gift?

FALSET.

I gif the all the divillis of hell.

DISSAIT.

Na, bruder, hald that to thy fell. Now fit doun, lat me baptyifs the: Bot yit I wat not quhat to call the.

FALSAT.

I pray the name the bairnis name.

DISSAIT.

SAPIENCE, SAPIENCE, a goddis name.

FLATTRY.

Bruder Dyssait, cum bapteis me.

DISSAIT.

Than fit down lawly on thy knee.

FLAT-

FLATTRY.

Now, bruder, name the bairnis name.

DISSAIT.

DEVOTIOUN, in the divills name.

FLATTRY.

The divill restaif the ladroune loun!

Thow hes wet all my new schevin croun.

#### DYSSAIT.

DEVOTIOUN, SAPIENCE, and DISCRETIOUN, We thre may rewill a haill regioun.
We fall find meny crafty thingis
For to begyle ane hundreth kingis.
For thow falt crak; and thow falt clatter:
And I fall fenyie: and thow fall flattir.

### FLATTRY.

Bot I wald haiff, or we depairtit, A drink to mak us bettir heartit.

#### DISSAIT.

Weill said, be him that heryit hell: I was evin thinkand that mysell.

[Heir fall they drink; and the King fall cum forth of his Chalmer, and call for WANTONNES.

Now till we get the kingis presence, We will fit doun, and keip fylence. I se ane yunder, quhatevir he be. I trow sull weill yone same is he. Steir nocht, bruder, bot hald us fill,
Till we haif hard quhat be his will,

#### SCENE IV.

I se fyillene moins into the lift.

Lacid of the course my lake

King, Wantones, Hamlines, Danger, Solace.

[Heir the king has bene swith his Cunculyne, and thairester returns to his yung Cumpany.

#### KING.

Now quhair is Placebo, and Sollace?

Quhair is my menyeoun Wantonnes?

Wantones, how! cum to me fonc.

WANTONES.

Quhy cryd ye, fchyr, till I had done?

KING

Quhat was thow doand, tell me that ?

WANTONES.

Mary, leirand how my fader me gat.

I wait not how it flandis, bot dowt,

Methink the warld rynnis round abowt.

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#### KING

And so think I man, be my thrist. I se syistene moins into the list.

WANTONES.

Lat HAMELINES my lass allane; Sche bendyt up aye twa for ane.

#### HAMELINES:

Howbeid ye gat quhat ye defyrit, Or I was temprit, ye was tyrit.

DENGER.

And as for Placebo and Sollace, I hald thame baith in mirrenes; Howbeid I maid it fumething tewch, I fand thame chalmer glew aneweh.

SOLLACE.

Mary thow wald gar ane hundreth tyre,

#### DENGER.

Now fowll fall yow! it is na bourdis Befoir the King to fpeik fouell wordis. Or evir ye cum that gate agane, To kis my class ye fall be fane.

Oublit at your mittals

#### SOLLACE.

Now schaw me, syr, I yow exhort How ar ye of your luve content? Think ye not this ane mirry sport?

#### KING.

Ye that I do in verement.

Quhat bairnis ar yone upon the bent?

I did not se thame all this day.

## WANTONES.

Thay will be heir incontinent.

Stand still; and heir quhat thay will fay.

#### S CENEV.

KING, &c. FLATTERY, FALSET, DISSAIT.

[Heir fall the thre VYC19 cum, and mak thair falutatioun to the King, and fay;

Laud, honor, gloir, triumph, and victorie, Be to your most excellent Majestie.

I 2 King.

#### KING.

Ye ar welcum, gud freindis, be the rude.

Apperendly ye seme grit men of gude.

Quhat ar your namis tell me withowt dellay?

#### DISSAIT.

Discretioun, fyr, that is my name perfay.

#### KING. IN THE PROPERTY OF THE LAND

Quhat is your name, fyr, with the clippit croun?

## FLATTRY.

But dowt my name is callit DEVOTIOUN.

#### KING.

Welcum DEVOTIOUN, be Sanct Jame. Now Sirrah tell quhat is your name?

#### FALSETT.

Mary, thay call me, quhat call thay me? I wat not weill, but gif I lie.

#### Kine. Alma . .....

Can thow not tell quhat is thy name?

#### FALSET.

I kend it, or I cam fra hame.

KING.

### MISLEAD KING HUMANITIE.

#### KING.

Quhat aillis the can not schaw it now? And I fall fehaw the verrotie;

#### I am fa fall of SapienceTASLAT

Mary, thay call me Thyn Drink I trow. My forcit was reft fra my b

#### King, i'l' ods enode fried wo'l

Thyn Drink! quhat kin a name is that?

#### Dissair and of blwol managed

SAPIENCE thow fervis to beir a platt; Me think thow fchawis the not weill wittit. Sir ye may knuy that

#### FALSAT.

SYPYNS, Syr, SYPYNIS; mary thair ye hit it.

#### S avoir FLATTRYPI or Hint I one worde And DEVOTIOUS to be my co

Syr, gif ye pleiss to lat me fa, Forfuth his name is SAPIENTIA.

### FALSET.

That fame is it by St. Michaell. ad or algains the strict at

#### King.

Quhy cowld thow not tell thy name thy fell? Ye met never with an wyfar man; we he year of see.

FAL.

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And thou falt be my Co.

#### FALSET.

I pray your grace to pardone me, And I fall schaw the verretie;
I am sa full of Sapience,
That sumtyme I will tak a trance;
My spreit was rest fra my body
Now heich abone the Trinitie.

Stade si King. und traing 'sain Co wall

SAPIENCE fowld be ane man of gude.

the FALSET . I could wont mountain

Sir ye may knaw that be my hude.

#### KING.

Now haife I SAPIENCE and DISCRETIOUN,
Quhow can I faill to rewill this regioun?
And DEVOTIOUN to be my confessour.
I trow thir thre cum in a happy hour.
Heir I mak the my Secretar;
And thow fall be my Thesawrar;
And thou falt be my Counsallour,
In spiritual thing is to be Confessour.

#### FLATTRY.

Soverane, I fweir yow be Santt Ann, would blue wide O Ye met nevir with an wyfar man;

Mony

Mony a craft, Syr, I can,
War thay weill knawn.
I haiff na feill of Flattry,
Bot festerit with philosophy,
A strange man in Astronomy,
Quhilk shall be sone schawn.

#### FALSAT.

And I haif grit intelligence
In quelling of the quyntacence;
Bot to preve my experience
Syr lend me fourty crownis,
To mak multiplication;
And tak my obligatioun.
Gif we mak fals narratioun,
Hald us for very lownis.

#### DISSAIT.

Schyr, I ken be your phisnomye,
Ye sall conqueis, or ellis I lye,
Drunken Denmark, and all Allmane,
Spittelseild, and the realme of Spane.
Ye sall haif at your governance
Rensserw, and the Realme of France;
Ye Engling, and the town of Rome;
Constropbine, and all Christindome.
Quhairto, Syr, be the Trinitie,
Ye ar an very A per se.

#### FLATTRY . T . TO C . THE WORLD

Syr, quhen I dwelt in Italy
I leirit the craft of palmeflry.
Schaw me the luffe, Syr, of your hand,
And I fall gar yow undirstand
Gif your grace be unfortunat,
Or gif ye be predestonat.
I see ye will haif syistene quenis,
And syistene scoir of cuncubynis.
Now the Virgin Mary saif your grace,
Saw evir man sa quhyt a face?
Swa grit ane arme, sa fair ane hand?
Thair is not sic ane leg in all this land.
War ye in harness I think na wonder,
Howbeid ye dang doun twenty hunder.

#### DISSAIT.

Be my fawle that is trew thow fayis, Was nevir man fet fa weill his clais; Thair is na man in Christianitie So meit to be ane King as ye.

#### FALSET.

Syr, thank the Haly Trinitie
That fend us to your cumpany;
For God nor I gaip in ane gallowis,
Gif evir ye fand thre bettar fallowis.

KING.

Ye ar all welcum, be the rude, Ye seme to be thre men of gude.

Finis of this Interlude, and pairt of play: beirefitr fall GUDE COUNSALL appeir, and fall be bostit away; and Lady Chestetle and Veretie fall be put in stokkis: and Sensuallitie fall gyd the yung king for a time.

Ye ar all welcom, be the sude, of at 22 to 17 to 12

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## INTERLUDE VI.

THE THREE VICES OVERCOME TRUTH AND CHASTITY.

#### Persons.

KING HUMANITIE.

DISSAIT.

FLATTERY.

FALSET.

GUDE COUNSAL.

VERETIE.

SPIRITUALITIE.

DILIGENCE.

SOLLACE.

SENSUALITIE.

#### INTERLUDE VI.

#### S C E N E I.

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Kine, Dissait, Flattery, Falsat, Gude Counsal.

### KING.

Bot quha is yone that standis sa still? Go spy, and speir quhat is his will; And gif he yairnis my presence, Bring him to me with diligence.

#### DYSSAIT.

That fall be done, be Goddis breid! We fall him bring, owder quick or deid.

#### FLATTRY.

I dreid full foir, be God himsell, That yone awld Carle be Gud Counsall. Get he anis to the kingis presence, We thre will get na audience.

#### DISSAIT.

That mater fall I tak in hand, And fay it is the kingis cummand, That he anone devoyd this place, And cum not neir the kingis grace; And that undir the pane of treffoune.

#### FLATTRY.

Bruder, I think that counfall reffone. Now lat us heir quhat he will fay. Awld berdit mowch! gude day! gude day!

#### GUDE COUNSALL.

Gude day agane, Syr, be the rude; I pray God mak yow men of gude.

#### DISSAIT.

Pray not for that to Lord, or Leddy.

For we ar men of gude allreddy.

Schyr, schaw till us quhat is your name?

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#### GUD COUNSALE.

GUD COUNSALL thay call me at hame.

#### FALSETT.

Quhat fayis thow Carle? art thow Gud Counsall? Swyth pass the hence, unhappy unfale!

#### GUD COUNSALE.

I pray yow, Syr, gif me licence To cum anis to the kingis prefence, To speik bot thre words with his grace.

#### FLATTRY.

Swyth, hursone Carle, devoid this place.

### Gud Counsall.

Broder, I ken yow weill enewch,
Howbeid ye mak it never fa tewch:
FLATTRY, DISSAIT, and FALS REPORT,
Thay, will not fuffer to refort
GUD COUNSALE to the Kingis prefence.

#### DISSAIT.

Swyth, hursone Carle, ga pak the hence.
[Heir sall thay burle away Gude Counsalle.

#### GUDE COUNSAL.

Sen at this tyme I can get na presence,

Is no remeid bot tak in pacience.

Howbeid

Howbeid Gude Counsall hestely be not hard, With yung Princis yit sowld thay not be skard; Bot quhen yowthheid hes blawn his wantoun blast, Than sall Gud Counsall rewill him at the last.

#### SCENE II.

#### FLATTRY, FALSAT, DISSAIT.

Heir fall the thre VYCIS pass to ane Counsall.

#### FLATTRY.

Now quhill Gud Counsall is abfent,
Bredir, we mon be diligent;
And mak betwix us four bandis,
Quhen vacains follis in ony landis,
That every man fall help his fallow.

#### DISSAIT.

I hald, deir bruder, be all hallow:
So thow fische not within our boundis.

#### FLATTRY.

That fall I not, be cokkis woundis, Bot I fall planely tak your pairtis.

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#### FALSET.

So fall we thyne, with all our hairtis. Bot haift us quhill the King is yung, And lat ilk man keip weill a tung, And in ilk quarter haif a fpy, Us till adwertyis hestelly Quhen ony cawfualities Sall happin in our cuntries: And lat us mak provisioun, Or he cum to discretioun, No moir he wat now, nor ane Santt, Quhat thing it is to haife of want. Or he cum to his perfect aige, We fall be fekir of our waige, And than lat ilk ane carle travel uthir.

### DISSAIT.

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Their is specificate on their Hame Verivin, be builtinged bellis,

That mowth speik mair, my awin deir bruthir.

#### S C E N E III.

VERETIE, DISSAIT, FLATTRY, FALSET.

[Heir fall VERETIE entir, and pass to hir place; quhair FLATTRY fall spy hir with feir.

#### VERITIE.

Gif men of me wald haif intilligence,
Or knaw my name, thay call me Veritie.
Off Chrystis law I haif experience;
And hes oursalit mony stormy sec.
Now am I seikand King Humanitie,
For of his grace I haif gud experance,
Fra tyme that he acquantit be with me;
His heich honour and gloir I sall avance.

DISSAIT.

Sande Pater! quhair haif ye bene? Declair to us of yowr novellis.

FLATTRY.

Thair is new licht on the grene
Dame Veritie, be buikis and bellis.
Bot cum sche to the Kings presence,
Thair is na bute for us to byde,
Thairsoir I rid us all ga hence.

FALSET.

#### FALSET.

That will we not yit, be Santt Bryde.

Bot we fall owdir gang, or ryde,

To Lordis of Spiritualitie,

And gar thame trow yone bag of pryde

Hea spokin manifest heresse.

[Heir the VYCIS gais to the Spiritual Estait, and lyis upon VERETIE, destring hir to be put in captivitie, qubilk is done with diligence.

#### FLATTRY.

Quhat buik is that, harlot, into thy hand? Owt Walloway! this is the New Testament In *Inglis* tung, and printit in *Ingland*. Herefy, Herefy, fyre, fyre, incontinent!

#### VERETIE.

Furfuth, freind, ye haif ane wrang jugement,
For in that buik thair is ha herefie,
Bot Christis word, richt dulce and redolent,
And spreingand weill of sincere veretie.

#### DISSAIT.

Cum on your way, for all your yallow lokkis,
Your wantone wordis but dowt ye fall repent.
This nicht ye fall bedryt ane pair of stokkis,
And syne the morne be brocht to judgement.

#### VERETIE.

For Christis saik I am richt weill content To suffeir all thing that sall pleis his grace; Howbeid ye put a thowsand to torment, A hundreth thowsand sall ryiss in their place.

[Heir fall VERETIB sit down on hir kneis, and say ?
Get up, thow sleipis all to lang, O Lord!
And mak ane ressonable reformatioun
On thame quhilk dois tramp down thyne hevenly word;
And hes ane deidly indignatioun
At thame quhilk makis trew narratioun.
Suffer thame not moir to be mollest.
O Lord! I mak the supplicatioun,
With thyne unfreindis lat me not be opprest.
I haif no moir to say.

#### FLATTRY.

Sit down, and tak yow rest All nicht, till it be day.

DISSAIT-

My Lordis, we haif with diligence
Bucklit weill up yone bladdrand baird.

SPRITUALITIE.

I think ye farve fum recompense;

Tak thair ten crownis for your rewaird.

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#### S C E N E IV.

#### CHESTITIE, DILIGENCE.

[Heir fall entir CHESTITIE, and fay;

Quhow long fall this inconstant warld endure,
That I sould baneist be sa lang! Allace!
Few cewratouris or none tak of me ceure,
Quhilk garris me mony nichtis ly hairteles.
Thocht I haif past all nicht from place to place
Amang the TEMPORALL, and SPRITUALL, ESTAITIS,
Nor amang Princis, I can get na grace;
Bot bousteously am haldin at thair yaittis.

#### DILIGENCE.

Lady, I pray yow fchaw to me your name;
It dois me noy your lamentatioun.

#### CHAISTETIE.

My friend, quharof I neid not think na schame,
Dame CHESTETIE, baneist frame toun to toun.

## DILIGENCE.

Than pass to ladies of religioun,

Quha makkis thair vow to observe Chestetie.

Lo quhar thair sittis ane Priores of renoun,

Amang the rest of Spritualitie.

Pate of Homanists

[Heir fall sche pass to the haill SPRITUAL ESTAIT: and sche fall not be ressawit, but put away.

#### DILIGENCE.

Madame, quhat garris yow gang fa lait, Tell me how ye haif done debait, With TEMPORALL and SPRITUALL STAIT, Quha did yow maift kyndnes?

#### CHESTETIE.

In faith I fand bot ill, and war;
That gart me fland from thame afar,
Evin lyk a beggar at the barr,
And flemit me moir and lefs.

## Diligence.

I counsale yow, bot tareing,
Pass till HUMANITIE the king,
Perchance he of his Grace benyng,
Will mak to yow support.

#### CHESTETIE.

Of your counfale I am content

To pass to him incontinent;

And my service till him present,

In hop of sum confort,

## SCENE V.

King, Sensualitie, Solace, Dissait, &c.
Chestitie, Veretie.

#### SOLLACE.

Soverane, get up, and se ane hevenly sicht, A fair lady in quhyt abilyement. Sche may be peir to ony king or knycht, Moist lik ane angell be my jugement.

#### SENSUALITIE.

Now lat me se, quhat this matter may mene; Perchance that I may ken hir be hir face. Bot dowt this is Dame CHESTETIE I wene. Shyr, sche and I ma not byd in a place: Bot gif it be the plesour of your grace That I remane into your cumpany, Than this woman richt hestelly gar chace, That sche be no moir sene in this cuntré.

#### KING. LES STO LINES TO MENT AL

As evir ye pleiss, sweithairt, so fall it be.

Dispone hir as ye think expedient;

Evin as ye list to lat hir leis or de;

I will referr to yow that judgement.

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#### SENSUALITIE.

Pass on than, SAPIENCE and DISCRETIOUN, And baneifs hir out of the kings presence.

#### DISSATT.

Madame, that fall we do, be Goddis passioun, We fall do your cummand with diligence, And at your hand ferve gudly recompence. Dame CHESTETIE, cum on, be nocht agast; We fall richt fone upour your awn expence Into the stokkis your bony feit mak fast.

[Heir fall thay barle CHESTETIE to the flokkis; and Sche Sall fay,

I pray you, Syr, be patient, For I fall be obedient Till do quhat ye cumand, Sen I se thair is no remeid; Howbeid it war to suffer deid, Or flemd out of the land. I wyt the Empriour Constantyne That I am put to fic rewyne, And banefit from the Kirk. For fen ye maid the Paip a king In Rome I cowld get na lugeing Bot hyde me in the mirke. Bot Lady Sensualitie printed the sensual sangist Sensyne hes gydit that cuntré And mekle of the rest.

And now sche rewllis all this land
And hes derectit hir cummand
That I sowld be opprest.
Bot all cumms for the best
To thame that lovis the Lord;
Thocht I be now opprest
I treist to be restord.

[Heir fall thay put hir in the flokkis: and febe fall fay to VERETIE,

Syster, allace this is a tairfull cace, That we with Princis sa sowld be abhord.

VERETIE.

Be blyth, Syster, I treist within schort space That we sal be richt honorablie restord; And with the King we sall be at concord. For I heir tell Divyne CORRECTION Is now landid, thankit be God our Lord. I wait he will be our protections.

Finis of this Interlude.

Ane proclamatioun to be tane in eftirwart of the Parliament.

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## [PART II. OF THE PLAY \*.]

## INTERLUDE VII.

THE PARLIAMENT OF CGRECTION.

<sup>\*</sup> See the Prologue next following.

#### PERSONS

KING CORRECTION.
KING HUMANITIE.
GUDE COUNSAL.
DILIGENCE.
KING CORRECTION'S SERVANT.
FALSET.
FLATTRY.
DISSAIT.
WANTONES.
VERITIE.
CHESTETIE.
THE THREE ESTAITS.
JOHNIE ibe Common Weil.
SARJANTES.

POVERTIE, or the Puirman.

### INTERLUDE VII.

#### PROLOGUE.

Heir fall Meffengir DILIGENCE fay:

At the cumand of King HUMANITIE
I warne and charge all Memberis of Parliament,
Baith Sprituall Stait, and Temporalitie,
That to his Grace thay be obedient;
And speid thame to the Court incontinent,
In gud order arrayit ryally.
Quho beis absent, or inobedient,
The kingis displesour thay fall underly.

And als I mak yow exortatioun,
Sen ye haif haird the first pairt of our play,
To tak ane drink, and mak collatioun:
Ilk man drink to his marrow I yow pray.
Tary nocht lang; it is lait of the day:
Lat sum drink aill: and sum the cleret wyne.
Be grit Doctouris of Phesick I heir say
That michty drink consortis a dull ingyne.

This ver's eikit qubilk is in the first proclamations.

Prudent Pepill, I pray yow all,

Tak na man grief in speciall,

For we fall speik in general,
For pastyme, be my fay.
Thairsoir till that owr rymes be rung
And owr missonat sangis be sung
Lat every man keip weill a tung
And every woman tway.

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\* \* I pray yow,

For that is even answer to flay yow;

Because thair is to cum I say yow

The best pairt of our play.

#### SCENEL

King Correction's Boy.

[Heir fall Entir Correction is Varlet, for Reformatioun, and fay:

Syrs, fland abak, and hald yow coy;
I am the King CORRECTION'S Boy,
Cum heir to dreifs his place.
Se that ye mak obedience
Unto his nobilt Excellence,
Fra time ye fe his face.

For he makkis reformationnis Owt thruch all Cristin nationis, Quhair he findis grit debaitis, And, sa far as I undirstand, He fall reforme into this land All the THRE ESTAITIS. God furth of hevin he hes him fend, To puneiss all that dois offend Unto his Majestie: As evir him lift to tak vengeance, Sumtyme with fwerd and pestilence, With derth and powertie. Bot guhen the Pepill dois repent, And beis to God obedient, Than will he gif thame grace: Bot thay that will not be correctit, Richt feddanly will be directit, And flemid far from his face. For fylence I protest Off Lord, Laird, and Leddy; Now will I run but reft, And tell that all is reddy.

#### S C E N E IL

#### DISSAIT, FLATTRY, FALSET.

## DISSAIT.

Bruder, hard ye yone Proclamatioun?
I dreid full fair for REFORMATIOUN,
Yone message makis me mangit.
Quhat is your Counsale to me tell?
Remane we heir, be God him fell,
We will all thre be hangit.

## FLATTRY.

I will ga to SPIRTUALITIE,
And preiche owt thruche his Dyocie,
Quhar I will be unknawin.
Or keip me cloife into fum clofter,
With many petious pater nofter,
Till all the boift be blawin.

## DISSAIT.

I will be tretitt as ye ken
With all my maisters the Marchand Men,
Quhilk can mak small debait.
Ye ken rycht sew of thame that thryves,
Or can begyle the landwart wyves,
Bot me thair man Dissait.
Now Falsat quhat sall be thy chift?

#### FALSAT.

Na cair thou not, man, for my thrift;
Trow thou that I be daft?
Na I will leif a lufty lyfe,
Withowttyn ony flurt or ftryfe,
Amang the Men of Craft.

#### FLATTRY.

I will remane na mair befyd yow.
I counfal yow richt weill to gyd yow:
Byd nocht upoun Corrections.
Fairweill! I will na langar tary.
I pray the alreche Quene of Fary
To be your protections.

#### DISSAIT.

FALSAT, I wald we maid ane Band,
Now quhill the King is found sleipand
Quhat rax to steill his Box.

#### FALSAT.

Na weill said, be the Sacrament, That I I do incontinent, Thocht it had twenty lokkis.

[Heir fall thay feill the Kingis box.

Lo heir the Box! now lat us ga: This may suffyce for our rewardis. DISSAIT.

Ye, that it may, man, be this day It may weill mak us landward Lairdis. Now latt us cast away thir Clayis, In dreid sum sollow on the Chace.

FALSAT.

Richt weill devyfit, be St. BLAIS.

Wald God we war out of this place!

[Heir fall they cast away their Counterseit Claise.

#### DISSAIT.

Now fen thair is no man to wrang us, I pray yow, Bruder, with all my hairt, Latt us now pairt this pelf amang us; Syne hestelly lat us depairt.

FALSAT.

Trowis thow to get as mekill as I? That fall thow not: I stall the box. Thow did nothing but luik it by, And lurkit lik a wily fox.

DISSAIT.

Thy heid fall beir a cuppill of knokkis, Pelour, withowt I get my pairt. Swyth, hursone smaik, ryve up the lokkis, Or I sall slik the thruche the hairt.

[Heir Sall thay fecht with Sylence.

FALSAT.

#### FALSAT.

Allace for evir, myne Ee is owt! Wallouway will no man red the men?

#### DISSAIT.

Upoun thy cloff tak thair a clowt!
To be cowrtace I fall the ken.
Fairweill, for I am at the flycht,
I will not byd on na demandis;
And we tway meit agane this nycht,
Tuay feit fall be worth fourty handis.

#### SCENE III.

CORRECTIOUN, GUDE COUNSALL.

#### CORRECTIOUN enterris.

Itak beir bot certane schort pairtis owt of the speichis; becaus of the lang Processe of the Play.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

I am ane Juge, richt potent and severe,
Cum, to do Justice, mony thowsand myle.
I am sa constant, baith in pease and weir,
Na bud nor favour ma my sace oursyle.
Thair is thairsoir richt mony in this Yle
Of my repair, but dowt, quhilk dois repent:
Bot vertows men, I trest, fall on me smyle;
And of my cuming be richt weill content.

#### GUDE COUNSALL.

Welcum, my Lord, welcum ten thowsand tymie Till all faithfull and trew men of this regioun! Welcum for till correct all faltis and crymis, Amang this cankart Congregatioun! Lowis Chestetie, I mak ye supplicatioun, And put till fredome fair Lady Veretie, Quhilk be unfaithfull folk of this regioun Lies bind ful fast into captivitie.

#### CORRECTIONN.

I mervel, Gud Counsall, quhow that may be; Ar ye not with the King familiar?

#### GUD COUNSALL.

That am I not, my lord, full wais me!
Bot lyk ane brybour halden at the Bar;
Thay play Bokcik, even as I war a star.
Thair come thre knavis, in cleithing counterfeit,
And fra the King thay gart me stand afar;
Quhois names war FALSAT, FLATTRY, and DISSAIT.
Bot quhen the knavis hard tell of your coming
Thay stall away, ilk ane ane fundry gait,
And kest fra thame thair counterfeit clothing:
For thair loving full weill thay can debait;
The MARCHAND MEN thay haife restet DISSAIT;
And for FALSET full weill, my Lord, I ken
He will be richt weill trettet, air and late,
Amang the maist pairt of the CRAFTISMEN.

FLATTRY

FLATTRY hes tane the hebit of a Freir, Purpoising to begyle the SPIRITUALL ESTAIT.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

But dowt, my freinds, and I life half a yeir;
I fall dryve fer owt thair Iniquitie.
Quhair lyis yone Laddies in captivitie?
Quhow now Systeris quho hes yow so disgyst?

#### S C E N E IV.

CORRECTIOUN, GUDE COUNSALL, VERITIE,

#### VERETIE.

Unmerciful Memberis of Iniquitie Dispytfully hes us, my Lord, supprysit.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

Ga put yone Ladies to thair libertie
Incontinent, and brek down all the Stokkis.
Bot dowt they ar full deir welcum to me.
Mak diligence; me think ye do bot mokkis;
Speid hand, and spair not for to brek the lokkis,
And tendirly tak thame up be the hand.
Had I thame heir the knavis sowld ken my knokkis,
That thame opprest, and baneisit this land.

[Heir sall they be tane out of the Stokkis: and they sall say: We thank you, Syr, of your benignitie;

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Bot I beseik your Majestie Royall,
That ye wald pass to King Humanitie;
And steme fra hym yone Lady Sensuall,
And entir in his Service Gud Counsale,
For ye will find him very counsaled.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

Cum on, Sisteris; as ye haif said I sall.

And gar hym stand at yow thre sirme and stable,

#### SCENE V.

Correctioun, Gud Counsal, Veritie, Chestitie, King Humanitie.

[Heir fall Gud Counsall, Veretie, and Chestetie, cum to the King, with Correctioun.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

Get up, Syr King! ye haif sleipit anewch Into the armes of Lady Sensuall.

Be seme that moir belangis to the pleuch, As afterwart perchans rehers I fall.

Remember how the King Sardanpall Amang fair Ladys tuk his lust sa lang, So that the maist part of his Leigis all Rebeld, and syne hym dulfully down thrange Remember how, into the tyme of Noy, For the sowlle slink and sin of Lechery, God, be my wand, did all the warld destroy.

Sodom and Gomer richt fo full tigouroufly For that felf fyn war brunt richt crewally. Thairfoir I the cummand incontinent To ceife from that huir SENSUALITIE, Or ellis bot dowt rudly thow falt repent.

#### King:

Be quhome haif ye sa grit awtoritie, Quhilk dois presome for till correct a King? Knaw ye not me the King HUMANITIE, That in my regioun royally did ring?

#### CORRECTIOUN.

I haif power grit Princis to doun thring,
That leivis contrar the Majessie Devyne;
Agane the trewth quhilk planely dois maling;
But thay repent: and put thame to REWINE.
I will begin at the, quhilk is the heid,
And mak on the first Reformationn.
Thy Leigis than will follow the but pleid.
Swyth, Harlott, hence without dellatioun!

#### SENSUALITIE.

My Lord, I mak yow fupplication

Gif me licence to pass agane to Rome;

Amang the Princis of that nation

I lat you wit my bewty thair will blome.

[Heir fall SENSUALITIE depairt fra the KING.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

My Lord, sen ye'ar quyt of Sensualitie, Ressaif into your Service Gud Counsale, And richt so this fair Ledy Chestetie, Till ye mary sum Quene of blude royall. Observe than Chestetie matrimonials. Richt so ressaif heir Veretie be the hand. Use thair Cunsale, your same sall never fall; Thairsoir with thame mak ane perpetuall band.

[Heir fall the King reffaiff the thre Vertues,

#### KING.

I am content your cunsall till inclyne;
Ye beand of sa gud conditioun.
At your cummand sall be all that is myne.
And heir I gif you full Commissioun
To punish saultis, and gif remissioun.
To all vertew I shall be consonable:
With you I sall consistent an unioun;
And at your counsall stand ay firme and stable.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

I counsale yow, incontinent,
Agane proclame the Parliament
Of all the THRE ESTAITIS.
That thay be heir with diligence,
To mak to yow obedience,
And fone dress all debaites,

#### KING.

That fall be done, but mair demand. How Diligence! cum heir fra hand, And tak your informatioun.\*

Ga warne the Spritualitie, Richt fo the Temporalitie,
To gif us their Counfallis.

Quho fo beis abfent, to thame schaw
That thay fall underly our Law,
And puncift be that failis.

#### DILIGENCE.

Schyr, I fall baith in Bruch and Land, With diligence do your cumand, Upon my awin expense.
Schyr, I haif serwitt all this yeir,
Bot I gat nevir ane dynneir
Yet for my recompense.

#### KING.

Pass on; for thou sall be regairdit,
And for thy service weill rewardit.
For quhy, with my consent,
Thou sall haif yeirly for thy hyre,
The teind mussells of the Ferry myre,
Conformand to Parliament.

<sup>\*</sup> Here half a stanza seems wanting.

#### DILIGENCE.

I will get riches with that rent,

Eftir the day of Dome,

Quhen in the coillpitts of Tranent

Butter will grow on brome.

All nicht I had fa mekill drewth,

I micht not fleip a wink.

Or I proclame ocht with my mowth,

But dowt I mon have drink.

#### S C E N E VI.

King, Humanitie, Correctioun, Wantones, Veritie, Chastitie.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

Cum heir, PLACEBO, and SOLLACE, With your Cumpanyeoun WANTONES; I ken weill your conditioun.
For tysting of HUMANITIE,
To restair Sensualitie,
Ye mon suffer punitioun.

#### WANTONES.

We grant, my Lord, we haif done ill:
Thairfoir we put us in your will.
Bot we have bene abufit.
For in gud faith, Syr, we beleivit

That Lichery cowld na man haiff greivit,
Becaus it is fo usit.
Schyr, we fall mend our conditioun,
So ye gif us ane free remissioun;
Bot gif us leif to sing,
To dance, and play at Chess, and Tabblis;
To reid Storyis, and mirry Fabilis,
For plesour of the King.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

So that ye do nott udyr Cryme,
Ye sal bepardon'd at this tyme.
For quhy, as I supposse,
Princis sumtyme mon seik sollace
With mirth, and lefull mirrenes,
Their spreitis to rejoyis.

## King.

Quhair is Sapience, and Discretioun?
And quhy cumis not Devotioun nat?

#### VERETIE.

SAPIENCE, Syr, was ane verry Loun,
And DESCRETIOUN was nyne tymes war.
The futh, Syr, gif I wald report,
Thay did begyle your Excellence;
And wald not fuffer to refort
Npn of us thre to your prefence.

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#### CHAISTETIE.

Thay thre was FLATTRY, and DISSAIT,
And FALSAT, that unhappy loun.
Agains us thre quhilk maid debait,
And baneift us fra toun to toun.
Thay gart us tway fall into foun,
Quhen thay us lokkit in the stokkis,
That dastard quhilk ye calld DISCRETIOUN
Full thistously he stall your box.

#### KING.

The Divill tak thame, for thay ar gane! Me thocht thame ay thre very smaikis. I mak ane vow to sweit fanct FILANE Get I thame, thay fall beir thair paikis. I se thay playd with me the glaikkis. Gud Counsall now schew me the best; Sen I six on you thre my staikis, How sall I keep my realme in rest?

#### S C E N E VII.

KING HUMANITIE, CORRECTION, DILIGENCE,
JOHNIE THE COMMON WEIL, THE THREE
ESTAITIS, FLATTRY, FALSET.

[Heir fall the THRE ESTAITIS compeir to the Parliament; And the KING fall fay:

My prudent Lordis of the thre Estaitis,
It is our will, aboif all oydir thing,
For to reforme all thay that makkis debaitis;
Contrair the richt quhilk daylie dois maling.
And thay that dois the commoun weill down thring.
With help and counfall of king CORRECTIOUN,
It is our will for to mak punissing,
And plane Oppressouris put to subjectioun.

#### DILIGENCE.

All mener of men I warne, that bene oppress, Cum and complene, and thay fall be redrest; For quhy it is yone nobill Princis willis, That all Compleneris sall giff in thair billis.

JOHNIE THE COMMOUN WEILL.

Owt of my gait, for Goddis saik lat me gae. Tell me agane, gud maister, quhat ye sae?

#### DILIGENCE.

I warne all that bene wrangusly affendit, Cum and complene, and they fall be amendit.

#### COMMON WEILL.

Thanket be Christ, that ware the Croun of Thorne! For I was never so blyth sen I war borne.

#### DILIGENCE.

Quhat is thy name, Fallow, that wald I feill?

#### JOHNIE.

Forfuth they call me JOHNIE the COMMOUN WEILL. Gude maister, I wald speir at you ane thing, Quhar trest ye fall I find yone new maid king?

#### DILIGENCE.

Cum our, and I shall schaw the till his grace.

#### TOHNIE.

Now Goddis braid bennieson licht upon that face! Stand by the gait: lat se gif I can loup. I mon run sast in dreid I get a cowp.

> [Heir fall JOHNIE run to lowp over the watter, and be fall fall in the middis of it.

#### DILIGENCE.

Speid the away, thou tarreis all to lang.

JOHNIE.

#### JOHNIE.

Syr, be this day I micht not faster gang. Gud day! Gud day! God saif baith your Gracis! Waly, Waly, sa tha twa weill sard sacis!

#### KING.

Schaw me thy name, Gud man, I the command.

#### JOHNIE.

Mary, Johnie the Commoun weill of Fair Scot-

#### KING.

The Common weill has bene amang his Fais,

#### JOHNIE.

Ye, that, fyr, garris the Commoun weill want Clais.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

Quhome upoun complene ye, or quho maks yow debaitis?

#### JOHNIE.

SyrI complene upoun the Kinc, and all the THRE Es-TAITIS.

As for our reverend Faders of Spritualitie
Ar led be covetyce this Carle, and Temporalitie.
And, als ye fe, Temporalitie hes need of correctious.
Quhilk hes lang tyme bene led be publick Oppressoun,
Lo se quhair the loun lyis lurkand at his bak!
Get up, I think to se thy Craig gar a raip crak.

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How, fenzeit FLATTRY! the feind fart on that face;

Quhen ye war gyddar of the Court we gat littill grace.

Ryis up FALSAT, and DISSAIT, withouttyn ony fenyie,

I pray God nor the Divills Dam dryt on that grunyie.

Behald as the loin luikis even lyk a Thieff.

Mony wicht workmen ye haif brocht to mischeiff.

My Soverane Lord CORRECTIOUN, I mak yow supplication,

Put thir tryit tratouris from Christis Congregatioun.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

As ye haif devysit, but dowt it sall be done. Cum heir annone, my Serjandis, and do your det sone. Put first the three pilouris into the prison strang: Howbeid ye hang thame hestelly ye do thame na wrang.

#### FIRST SARJAND.

Soverane Lord, we fall obey all your commandis. Bruder, upoun thay Harlottis lay your handis. Ryifs up, Lowry, ye luik even lyk a lurdane, Your mowth war meit even to drink owt a jurdane.

#### 2d SARIAND.

Cum heir, Gossop, cum heir, cum heir. Your rakles lyss ye sall repent: Quhen had ye wont to be sa sweir? Stand still, and be obedient.

#### Ift SARJAND.

Thair is not ane in all this toun, (Bot I wald nocht this tale was told) Bot I wald hang him for his goun, Quhidder he war Lord or Laird. I trow this pylour be spurgawd, Thow art ane sliff knaise I stand ford. Howbeid I se thy scalp, Syr, skawd; Put in thyne handis into this cord.

Heir ar thay led, and put in the flokkis.

#### GUD COUNSALL.

My werdy Lordis, fen that ye haif on hand Sum reformation to mak into this land, And als ye knaw it is the Kingis mynd, which was a Quhilk to the COMMOUN WEILL hes ay bene kind, Thocht reiff and thift war flanchit weill anewch, Yit fumthing mair belangis to the plewch. Now into peas ye fowld provyd for weiris, And be feur off how mony thowfand speiris The king man be, quhen he hes ocht ado: Forguhy, my Lordis, this is my ressounce lo, The husbandmen and commonis thay war wownt. Go in the battell, formast in the brount. Bot I haif tynt all my experience, Without ye mak fum better diligence, The Common Weill mon othir wayis be ftylit. Or be my faith the realme will be begylit. Thir peur Commounis, daylie as ye máy fie, Declynes doun till extreme povertie; For some ar heichtit so into thair maill, Thair wynning will nocht find thame water caill.

How Kirkmen heicht thair teindis it is weill knawin,
That husbandmen noways may hald thair awin.
And now begynnis a plaig upoun thame new,
That Gentellmen their steadings takkis in few.
Thus mon thay pay grit fairm, or leiff the stad;
And sum ar planely hurlit owt be the had,
That ar destroyit, without God on thame rew.

#### POVERTIE.

Syr, be Goddis breid, that taill is very trew. It is weill kend I had baith nolt and horfs; Now all my geir ye fe upoun my corfs.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

Or I depairt I think to mak gud ordour.

#### COMMOUN WEILL.

I pray yow, Syr, begyn then at the bordour.
For quhow fowld we defend us agane Ingland,
Quhen we can not, within our native land,
Diftroy our awin Scottis, tratour Thewis,
That to leill labouriris daily dois myscheivis.
War I ane king, my Lord, be cokkis woundis
Quhaevir held commoun theivis within their boundis,
Quhairthruch that leill men daily micht be wrangit,
Without remeid thair chestanis sowld be hangit,
Quhidder he war a knycht, Lord, or Laird;
The Divill beir me till Hell, and he war spaird!

#### TEMPORALITIE.

Quhat oydir ennemyis hes thow, lat us ken?

#### COMMOUN WEILL.

Schyr, I complene upoun all ydill men. Forquhy, Syr, it is Goddis awin bidding All Criftinmen to wirk for their leving.

Santt Pawle, the pillar of the kirk, Sayis to tha wrachis that will not wirk, And bene to vertowifs labour laith. Qui non laborat, non manduca!: This being in Inglis toung to treit, "Quho laboris nocht he fall not eit." This bene agane thir strang beggarris. Fidlaris, Pypparis, and Pardonnares, Thir Juglaris, Jestouris, and ydill senjouris, Thir Ballett Beraris, and thir Bairdis; Thir fweir fwengeouris with Lordis and Lairdis, Mo than thair rentis may sustene. Ar to thair profeit neidfull bene. Quhilk bene ay blythist of discordis, And deidly feid amang the Lordis. For than thay Tratouris mon be treittit, Or ellis thair quarrellis ar undebaitit. And Monkis, Preiftis, Channonis, and Freiris, Augustynes, Carmalytis, and Cordeleiris; And uthyrs that in Cowllis bene cled; Quhilk laboris not and bene weill fed.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

Quhome upoun, man, wilt thow complene?

#### JOHNIE.

Mary, Syr, ma and mae agane. For the peur pepill cryis with teiris The grit misusing of Justice Airs, Exercit mair for covetyce, Nor for puniffing of vyce. Ane pegrall theif, that steilis a cow, Is hangit; bot he that steilis a bow With als mekill geir as he may turfs, That theiff is hangit be the purss. So pykand peprall theivis ar hangit: Bot he that all the warld hes wrangit, A crewill tyrrand, a strang transgressour, Aue commoun public plane oppressour, By buddis will he obtene favouris: Off Thefaurar, and Compositouris, Thocht he serve grit punissioun, Gettis efy Compositioun; And thruche lawis Confiftoriall, Prolixt, corrupt, and pertiall, The Commoun pepill ar put at under: Thocht thay be peur it is na wonder.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

Gud Johnie, I grant all that is trew, Your infortune full fair I rewe to the state of the last Or I pairt off this natioun I fall mak reformatioun. And als my LORDIS TEMPORALITIE." I yow cummand in tyme that yee Cenciole ye not wh Expell oppression of your landis. And als I fay to you MARCHANDIS, and diputed has y And evir I fynd, be land or fee, DISSAIT into your cumpanie, Quhilk ar to commoun weill contrair. I wow to God I fall not spair, To put my fword to executioun, And mak on yow extreme punissioun. Mairattour, my LORD TEMPORALITIE, In gudly haift I will that yie Lett into few your temporall landis, To men that labourris with thair handis; Bot nocht to Jenkyne Gentill man, That nowdir will he work, or can; Quhairby that pollece may encress.

### TEMPORALITIE.

I am content, Syr, be the Mess,
Swa that the Spritualitie
Lett thairis in few, als weill as we.
My Sprituall Lordis ar ye content?

#### SPRITUALITIE.

Na, we man tak avyfiment. In fic materis for to conclude Our hestelly, I think nocht gude.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

Conclude ye not with the commoun weill,
Ye fal be puncift be fweit Sant Jaill.

# SRITUALITIE.

Syr, I can fchaw yow exemptioun

Fra yowr temporall punissioun,

The quhilk we purpois to debaitt.

#### CORRECTION.

Wa than ye think to stryve for Stait.

My Lordis, quhat say ye to this play?

#### TEMPORALITIE.

My Soverane Lord, we will obey,
And tak your pairt with hairt and hand,
Quhatevir ye pleis us to cummand.

[Heir fall thay fit down and ask Grace.

Bot we beseik yow our Soverane
Of all our crymes that ar bygane
To gif us twa ane sull remissions.

And

And heir we mak to yow condiffioun, The Commoun Weill for till defend, From hyneforth till our lyvis end.

### CORRECTIOUN.

On that condition I am content
Till pardoun yow, fen ye repent,
And Commoun Weill tak be the hand,
And mak with him perpetual band.
[Heir fall thay embrace the Commoun Weill.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

JOHNIE, haif ye ony mae debaitis Aganis my Lordis the SPRITUAL Estaitis?

# JOHNIE.

Na, Syr, we dar not speik a word. To plene on Preissis it is na bowrd.

## SPRITUALITIE.

Flyte on the fule, fule, I defy the, Sa thow schaw bot the veretie.

# JOHNIE.

Gramercy, than fall I not speir. First to complene to our Vicar; The peur cottar lyand to die, Havand small Bairnis twa or thre, And hes twa ky, withouttyn mo,

The Vicar must haif on of tho,

With the gray coit, that happis the bed,

Howbeid the wyse be peurly cled.

And gif the wyse de on the morne,

Thocht all the bairnis sowld be sorlorne,

The udir cow he cleikis away,

With hir peur coit of raplack gray.

Wald God this custome war put doun,

Quhilk nevir wes soundit be ressone.

## TEMPORALITIE.

Ar all thy tailis trew that thow tellis?

# POVERTIE.

Trew, Syr! the Divill stik me ellis.
For, be the holy Trinitic,
That same was practik upoun me.
For our Vicar, God gif him pyne,
Hes yit thre tydy ky of myne;
Ane for my sader, and for my wise ane uder,
The thrid kow he tuik for Meg my meder.

### JOHNIE.

Our persone heir he takkis no othyr pyne, Bot to ressaiff hys teindis, and spend thame syne. Howbeid that he be obless be ressoun To preiche the Evangill to his parichoun; And thocht thay want the preiching seventyne yeir, Our parsone will not want ane sheiff of beir.

#### TEMPORALITIE.

Furfuth, my Lordis, I think we fowld conclude,
Towching this cow ye haif ane confwetude,
We will decerne heir that the kingis grace
Sall wryte unto the Paipis halynefs,
With his confent, be proclamatioun,
Baith cors prefent, and cow, we fall cry doun.

### SPRITUALITIE.

To that, my Lordis, planely we disconsent. Notar, thairof I tak an instrument.

#### SCRYBE.

Ye gar me wryt mony fundry act, And to me ye nevir cast in a plach.

# POVERTY.

Ha, my Lordis, for the holy Trinitie, Remember for to reforme the Confistory; It hes mair need of reformationn, Nor Plutois Court, be cokkis passionn.

### PERSONE.

Quhat causs hes thow, pylour, for to plenyie? Quhair wes thow evir summond to thair senyie?

#### POVERTIE.

Mary, I lent my gossop my meir to fetche in coillis, And he hir drownit into the quarrell hoillis; And I ran to the Constry for to plenyie, And thair I hapnit amang ane gredy menyie. Thay gaif me first ane thing thay call citandum, Within aucht dayis I got bot lybellandum, Within ane month I gat, ad opponendum, In half a yeir I gat ad interloquendum, And fyn I gat, quhow call ye it, ad replicandum. Bot I cowld nevir ane word yet understand him. And than thay gart me cast owt mony plakkis; And gart me pay for four and twenty actis; Bot or thay cum half gait ad concludendum, The fiend a plack was left for to defend him. Thus thay postponit me twa yeir with thair traine; Syne bodie ad octo bad me cum agane. And than thay ruikis thay rowpit woundir fast; For fentence-fylver thay cryit at the last. Off pronunciandum thay maid me wounder fane But I gat never my gud grey meir agane.

#### TEMPORALITIE.

My Lordis, we mon reforme thir confistory lawis, Quhois grit desame abone the Hevin blawis. I wist ane man in persewing a cow, Or he had done he spendit half a bow; So that the Kingis honour we may advance
We will conclude as thay haif done in France.
Lat spirituall maters pass to Spritualitie;
And temporall maters to Temporalitie.
Quho failis in this sall coist thame of thair gude.
Scryb, mak an Act for so we will conclude.

#### SPRITUALITIE.

That act, my Lordis, planely I yow declair, It is aganis our profeitt fingular.

Till all your actis planely I discontent.

Notar, thairof I tak an instrument.

So that the Kingle baseds we may advance
We will constout as they build long to freeze.
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# INTERLUDE VIII.

THE PUNISHMENT OF THE VICES.

# PERSONS.

CORRECTION.
KING HUMANITIE.
GUDE COUNSAL.
COMMON WEIL.
SARJANTS.
POVERTIE.
COMMOUN THIFT.
THA HEADER SHIT.
OPPRESSIOUN.
FLATTRY.
FALSET.
DISSAIT.

# INTERLUDE VIII.

# S C E N E I.

COMMOUN THIFT, POVERTIE.

Heir fall entir COMMOUN THIFT.

Ga by the gair, man, lat me gang.

How Divill come I into this thrang?

With forrow I may fing my fang,

And I be tane.

I haif run, baith nicht and day:

Thruch fpeid of fute I gat away.

Bot be I kend heir, walloway,

I will be flane.

POVERTIE.

Quhat is thy name, man, be thy thrift?

THIFT.

Hursone, thay call me Commoun Thift, For I had nevir na udir chift, Sen I was borne.

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In Equisdale was my dwelland place. Mony wyf gart I cry allace! At my hand thay gat nevir grace, Bot ay forlorne. Sum fayis ane king is cum amang us, That purpoiffis to heid and hang us; Thair is na grace and he may fang us, Bot on ane pin. Ring he, we thieves will get na gude. I pray God, and the holy rude, Sen he had fmord untill his cude, And all his kyn. Get this curft king men in his grippis, My craig will wit quhat weyis my hippis \*. The Divill I gif thair tung and lippis, That off me tellis. Adew! I dar nocht langar tary, For be I kend thay will me kary, And put me in ane fery fary, I fee nocht ellis. I raif, be him that herreit hell, I had almaift forget myfell. Will na gud fallow to me tell Quhair I may find The Erle of ROTHES' best haikney? That wes my eirand heir away.

<sup>\*</sup> This feems a translation of the noted line of Villon the French poet, who wrote about 1450,

Scauroit mon col que mon cul poife,

He is richt stark, as I heir say, And fwift as wind. Heir is my bryddill, and my fpurris, To gar him lanss our feild and furris. Might I him gett now owir the durris I tak na cure.

Off that hors micht I get ane ficht, I haif na dowt vit or midnicht, That he and I fowld tak the flicht Thruich Dylart muira Off cumpanary tell me, bruder, I wald me welcum to my moder

Quhilk is the richt way to the Stouder; Gif I micht speid.

I wald gif baith my hat and bonnat, To gett my Lord; and fayis Broun Jon AT War we beyond the watter of Annat We fowld not dreid.

Quhat now OPPRESSOUN, my bruder deir, Quhat mekill Divill hes brocht the heir? Maister tell me the causs perquier Quhat ye haiff done?

Then Maider dair, gift me you'r bland,

# SCENE II.

The is stood first, as I out to

COMMOUN THIFT, OFFRESSIOUN.

### OPPRESSOUN.

Forfuth the Kingis Majestie
Hes set me heir as ye may se.
Micht I speik with TEMPORALITIE,
He wald releiff me sone.
Bot half an hour for to sit heir \*
Ye know that I was nevir sweir
Yow till defend.
Put in your leg into my place;
And heir I sweir be Goddis Grace
Yow to releiff within schort space,
Syne latt yow wend.

THIFT.

Than Maister deir, gif me your hand, And mak to me ane sewir band, That ye fall cum agane fra hand Withowttyn faill.

# OPPRESSOUN.

Tak thair my hand richt hairtfully;
Als I promit the verealy
To giff to the ane cuppill of ký,
In Liddisdale.

Heir fall COMMOUN THIFT put bis feit in the flokkis; and OPPRESSOUN fall fliel away and betray bim.

Bruder, tak patience in thy pane,
For I fweir the be Sanct Fillians
We twa fall nevir meit agane,
In land nor toun.

# THIFT.

Cobin ruck of bield?

Maister, will ye not keip conditioun?

And put me furth of this suspicioun?

#### OPPRESSOUN.

Na, nevir quhill I get remiffioun.

Adew my cumpanyeoun.

I fall cummand the to thy dame.

## THIFT.

Adew than, in the Divillis name.

For to be fals thinkis thow na schame?

To leif me in this pane

Thow art ane loun, and that ane lidder.

#### OPPRESSOUN.

Roman, I will go to Baqubidder.

It fall be pasche, be Goddis moder,

Or evir we meit agane. Haif I nocht maid ane honest chift That hes betrafit COMMOUNE THIFT? For thair is nocht under the lift A curstar corfs. I am richt feur that he and I. Within this half yeir, craftelly Hes stowin ane thowsand sheip and ky. By meiris and horfs. War God that I war found and haill Now liftit into Liddifdaill, The Merss sowld fynd me beiff and cails, Ouhat rack of breid? War I thair lyftit with my lyfe, The Divill fowld flyk me with a knyffe, And evir I'cum agane in Fyfe. Quhill I wer deid. Adew! I leif the Divill amang yow, That in his fingaris he may fang yow, With all leill men that dois belang yow. For I may rew That ever I cum into this land. A down than, in the D For quhy ye may weill understand I gat na geir to turn my hand. Yit anis adew !

Exit.

Tour out anothern and there

Roman, I will go to Knamidian.

Consection

Polo one I am rion well convent.

# S C E N E III.

Correction, King Humanitie, Flattry, Falset, Dissait, Gude Counsal,
Sarjants, Povertie.

# CORRECTIOUN.

I Counfall yow, Syr, now fra hand,
Gar baneis yone frier owt of this land,
And that incontinent.
Do ye not so, withouttyn weir,
He will mak all this toun on steir,
I knaw his fals intent.
Yone statiand knavis, withouttyn fable,
I think thay are nocht profitable
For Christis Regioun.
To begin reformatioun
Mak of thame deprivatioun,
This is my opinion.

# FIRST SARJAND.

Come, Syr, pleis ye that we twa inbind thame?

And ye sall se us sone degrade thame

Of rewle, and skaiplarie.

# CORRECTION.

Pass on, I am richt weill content.

Syne baneis thame incontinent

Out of this countré.

# FIRST SARJAND.

Cum on, Syr Freir, and be nocht fleit;
The king our maisser mon be obeyit,
Bot ye sall haif na harme.
Gif ye wald travaill fra town to town,
I think this hude, and haly gown,
Will hawld your wante our warme.

# FLATTRY.

Now quhat is this, yone monftouris menis?

I am exemit fra kingis and quenis,
And fra all human law.

# 2D SARJAND.

Tak ye the hud, and I the gown.

This lymmar luikis als lyk a loun, and the distribution of the same o

# IST SERJAND.

Thir Freirs to escaip punission,
Haldis thame at thair exemption,
And no man will obey.
Thay ar exemit, I yow assert;

Fra Paipis, Kingis, and Empreour, And that makkis all the play.

## 2D SARJAND.

On Domesday, quhen Chryst fall fay Venite, Benedicti; The Freiris will fay, without delay, Nos fuimus exempti.

[Heir fall thay Spulyie FLATTRY of the Kings babite.

# GUD COUNSAL.

Syr, be the Haly Trinitie, This famen is fenyeit FLATTERIE, I ken hym be his face. Belevand for to get promotioun, He faid that hys name was DEVOTIOUN ; Wood Carried Wool And so begyld your Grace.

# ist Sarjand.

Cum on, Syr FLATTRY, be the mefs We fall leir yow to daunce, Within any bonny littill space, Ane new paven of Fraunce.

#### FLATTRY.

Now, my Lord, for Goddis faik lat nocht hang me, Howbeid thir widdy fowis wald wrang me; I can mak no debait. To win my meit at plewch or harrowis.

sended be liet

Post and Smit

Bot I fall help to hang my marrowis,
Both Falsat, and Dissair.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

Than pass thy way, and graith the gallowis,

Syne help for to hang up thy fallowis,

Thow gettis na udder grace.

#### FLATTRY.

Off that office I am content.

Bot our Prellattis I dreid repent

Be I fleand from thair face.

Heir fall FLATTRY pass to the flokkis, and sit besyd bis marrowis.

#### DISSAIT.

Now FLATTRY, my awld cumpanyeoun Quhat dois yone King Correctionn? Knawis thow not his entent? Declair till us of thy novellis.

#### FLATTRY.

Yeill all be hangit, I fe nocht ellis, And that incontinent.

#### DISSAIT.

Now Walloway! will he gar hang us? The Divill brocht yone curst king amang us, For mekill sturt and stryfe.

West of Children

#### FLATTRY.

I had bene put to deid amang yow,

Had nocht I tuik on hand to hang yow,

And fo I favit my lyf.

I heir thame fay thay will cry doun

All freiris and preifis of this regioun,

Sa far as I can feill;

Becaus thay ar not neceffar.

And als thay ar all haill contrar

To Johnie the Common Weill.

# Povertie.

Now I befeik yow, for all hallowis,
Gar hang Dissair, and all his fallowis;
And baneis FLATTRY off the town,
For thair was nevir sie ane loun.
That beand done I hald it best
That every man go tak his rest.

# Correctioun.

As thow hes faid, it fall be done.

Swyth Sarjands hang yone (wingeours fone.

Heir fall the Sarjands lowifs thame first of the stokkis; and leid thame to the Gallowis.

#### IST SARIAND.

Cum heir, Sir Theif; cum heir, cum heir. Quhen war ye wont to be sa sweir?

THE MOST WOLLD'S

To hunt cattell ye war ay speidy; Thairsor ye sall wais in a widdy.

WO THIFT.

Man I be hangit ? Allace! Allace! Is thair nane heir may get me grace?

Yit or I de gif me a drink.

IST SARJAND.

Fy hursone Cairle, I feill a stink.

THIFT.

Thocht I wald not that it war wittin
Schyr, in gud faith \* \* \*
To wit the veretie gif ye pleifs,

IST SARJAND.

Thow art ane lymmar, I stand ford. Slip in thy heid into this cord, For thow had never ane metar tippit.

THIFT.

Allace! this is ane fallone rippat!
The widdifow wardannis tuik my geir,
And left me nowdir horfs nor meir,
Nor crdly gud that me belangit:
Now Walloway I mon be hangit!

Repent

To institute of the

Repent your lyvis, all plane oppressowris, Or ellis ga chuse yow gude confessouris; And mak yow ford. For, and ye tary in this land, And cum undir Correctionis band, Your grace fall be, I undirstand, Ane gud shairp cord. Adew my bruthir Annan theivis, That holpit me in my mischeivis; Adew Groffars, Niksonis, and Bellis, Oft haif we fairne owthruch the fellis. Adew Robson, Howis, and Pylis, That in our craft hes mony wylis. Littles, Trumblis, and Amefirangis; Adew all theivis that me belangis! Tailycouris, Erewynis, and Elwandis, Speidy of flicht, and flicht of handis; The Scottis of Eifdaill, and the Gramis. I haif na tyme to tell your namis. With King Correctious be ye fangit. Beleif richt seur ye will be hangit.

IST SARJAND.

Speid hand man with thy clitter clattar.

THIFT.

For Goddis saik, man, lat me mak wattar. Howbeid I haif bene catt ll gredy, It is schame to pische in a widdy.

Heir fall FLATTRY bang THIFT.

2 SARIAND.

O ellis de chu

And mak year lon

Cum heir, Dissair, my companyeoun. Saw evir man lykar ane loun To hing upoun ane Gallowis?

DISSALT.

This is anewcht to mak me mangit. De'ill fell me, sen I mon be hangit, Lat me speik with my fallowis. I trow, man, Fortoun brocht me heir. Quhat mekill fiend maid me fa speidy? Sen it was faid, it was fevin yeir, That I fowld waif into a widdy. I leird, my maisteris, to be greidy: Adew for I fe na remeid. Se quhat it is to be evyll deidy.

2D SARJAND.

Now in this helter put in thyne heid. Stand still, me think ye draw abak.

. DISSALT

Allace, maister, ye hurt my crag.

2D SARIAND.

It will hurt bettir, I wid ane plak, Richt now, quhen ye hing on ane knag.

Mir John PLASURY SARE THINKS.

· SAGE

Beleif richt fan yn

Mowheld from the

### DISSAIT.

Adew my maisteris MARCHAND MEN. I haif ye ferwit, as ye ken, Trewly, baith air and lait. I say to yow, for conclusioun, I dreid ve gang to confusioun. Fra tyme ye want Dissair. I leird you, Merchandis, mony a wyle, Upaalands wyves for to begyle, Upoun the marcat day. And gart thame trew your fuff was gude, Quhen it wes rottin be the rude : And fweir it was not fway. I was ay roundand in your eir; And levid yow for to ban and fweir, Quhat your geir coift in France, Howbeid the Divill a werd was trew. Your craftines gif CORRECTIOUN knew Wald turne yow to myschance. I lerid yow wylis mony fawld. To mix the new wyne with the awld. That fassone was na folly. To fell richt deir, and by gud chaip; And mix ry meill amang the faip. And faffrone with ayldolly. Forget not okar, I counfall yow, Mair nor the Vicar dois the cow. Or Lordis thair dowbill maill

Howbeid your elwand be to fcant, Or your pound nocht twa uncis want. Think that bot littill faill. Adew the grit clan Jamefoun, died where The blude royall of Cowpar toun, I was ay to yow trew. Baith Andersone, and Patersone; Abone thaim all Thome Williamsone My absens sair will rew. Thome Williamsone, it is your pairt To pray for me with all your hairt, And think upon my werkis; How I leird you ane gud lessoun, For to begyle, in Edinburch toun, The bischop and his clerkis. Ye young Marchands may cry Allace, Lucklaw, Welands, Carnerofs, Douglace, You curft king ye may ban. Had I levit bot half an yeir, I fould haif leird yow craftis perqueir To begyle wyffe and man. How may ye Marchandis mak debaitt, Fra ye want me your man Dissait, For yow I mak grit cair. Withowt I ryiss fra deid to lyve, I wat weill ye will nevir thryve, Fardar nor the fourt air.

Heir fall DISSAIT be bangit.

IST SAR-

#### IST SARIAND.

Cum heir, Falsat, and menss this gallowis
Ye mon hing up amang your sallowis,
For your cancart conditioun.
Mony ane wicht man haif ye wrangit;
Thairsoir but dowt ye sall be hangit,
But mercy or remission.

# FALSET.

Allace! mon I be hangit to? Quhat mekill Divill is this ado? How cum I to this cummer? My gud maisteris, ye CRAFTISMEN, Want ye Falsat full weill I ken You will die all for hunger. Ye men of craft may cry Allace; Quhen ye want me ye want your Grace. Thairfoir put into wryte My lessonis that I did yow leir. Howbeid the commounis ene ye bleir, Count ye not that a myte. Find me ane wobstar that is leill, Or ane wakar that will not steill, (Thair craftines I ken;) Or ane millar that hes na falt, That will steill nowder meill, nor malt, Hald thame for hely men. At our fleschouris tak ye na greif, Thocht ye blaw lene muttone and beif,

To gard seme fatt and fair: Thay think that practik but a mow. Howbeid the Divill a thing it dow, To thame I leird that lair. I leird Talyouris, in every toun. To schaip fyve quarteris fra a goun In Angula and in Fife. and as I all the result and should be To Upalandis Taylyeouris I gaif gud leive To steil a filly slump, or sleive, To Kittok his awin wyff. My gud maister Andro Fortoun, was and asset A Off talyeouris that may weir the croun, For me he will be hangit; the world of I mus world Talyeour Beverege, my fon and air, I wait for me will rudly rair, TABLAT BY SERW Fra tyme he fe me hangit. . Togod will be she If w no Y The bairfit dekin Jamie Raff, Wallen 19 19 19 19 19 Quha nevir yit bocht kow nor caff. Thairfoir purious or yet Becaus he cannot ffeill; Willy Caidyeich will mak na pleid, which is the limit will Howbeid hys wyff want beif and breid, Yet he gud mat and meill. To the browstaris of Gowpar toun I leif tham my blak malefoun, Als hairtelly as I may. To mak thin aill thay think na falt Off mekill barme, and littill malt, Agane the mercat day. And thay can mak withowityn dowe A kind of aill thay call barnis over;

Wait ye how thay mak that? A coubroun quene, a laichly lurdane, Off strang wesche sheilt tak a jurdane And fettis in the pylefat. Quha drinkis of that aill, man or page, It will gar all thair harnis rage. That jurdane I may rew It gart my heid rin hiddy giddy. Schyrs, God nor I de in a widdy Gif this taill be not trew. Speir at the Sowttar Geordy Fellie, From tyme that he hes filld my belly, and a little and the With this unbelfum aill. Than all the baxtaris will he ban, That mixt breid with dust and bran, And fyne flour with beir meill. Adew, my maisteris, wrichtis and masonis, I neid not leir yow ony lessonis; Yow knaw my craft perqueir. Adew blaksmiths, and beremeris, Adew the stinkind cordenowris, That fellis the schone and eir. Goldsmyths fairweill, abone thame all, Remember my memorial With many ane crafty cast. To mix set ye not by twa prenis Fyne ducat gold with hard gudlynis, Lyk as I leird yow last. Quhen I was lugit upaland, The shipherdis maid to me ane band Richt craftelly to steill.

Than did I gif ane confirmatioun
Till all the schipherdis of this natioun,
That thay sowld nevir be leill;
And ilk ane to resset ane uder;
I knaw fals shipherdis sisty suder
War all thair cairteleis kend.
Quhow thay mak thair conventiounis
On mountains far fra any townis;
God lat thame nevir mend.
Amang crastismen it is ane wounder
To find ten leill amang ane hunder;
The trewth I to yow tell.
Adew I man na langar tary:
I mon pass to the king of Fary,
Or ellis straicht way till hell.

[Heir fall be luik up to his marrowis, that ar hangand and fay:

Waes me for the gud Commoun thift;
Was nevir man maid mar honest chift.
His levin for to win.
Thair wes nocht in all Liddifdaill
That ky mair craftelly could steill,
Quhar thow hingis on that pin.
Sawthan ressaiff thy sawle Dissait,
Thow was to me ane faithfull mait,
And als my fadar' bruder.
Duill fell the filly marchand men!
To mak thame service weill I ken
Sall nevir get an uder.

[Heir fall FLATTRY fasten the cord about his nek; and thairestir FALSAT sall say:

Gif ony man list for to be my mait, Cum follow me, for I am at the gait. Cum follow me all cative covetous kingis, Revaris but richt of uther menis realmis and ringis. Together with all wrangous conquerouris; And bring with yow all publick oppressouris; With PHARO, King of the Egyptiens; With him in hell fall be your recompence. All crewll scheddaris of blude innocent, Cum follow me, or ellis rin and repent ". And will not preiche nor teiche the veretie : Without at God in tyme thay cry for graces, In hidouss hell I sall prepair thair places. Cum follow me all fals corruptit juges, With PONCE PYLAT I fall prepair your luggis. All the officiallis that partis men with thair wyvis. Cum follow me, or ellis ga mend your lyvis; With all fals ledaris of the constry law: With wantone fcrybis, and clarkis all in ane raw, That to the peur maks mony partiall trane, Syne bodie ad octo, gars thame cum agane. And ye that takkis rewaird at baith the handis. Ye fall with me be bund in Bellialls bandis. Cum follow me all curst unhappy wyvis, That with your gudmen dayly flyttis and stryvis,

<sup>\*</sup> Here a line wanting.

And quyetly wirh rebaldis makkis repair,
And takkis na cair to mak ane wrangus air.
Ye fall in hell rewardit be, I wene,
With JESABELL of Ifraell the quene.
I haif ane curst unhappy wyf mysell,
Wald God sche war besoir me intill hell.
That bismair war sche thair, withowttyn dowt,
Owt of hell the divill sche wald ding owt.
Ye mareit men evin as ye luif your wyvis \*
My wysse with priestis sche did me grit unricht;
And maid me nyne tymes cukald in ane night.
Fairweill, for I mon to the widdy wend;
For quhy Falsar maid nevir ane bettir end.

[Heir fall FLATTRY bing bim up; and a kae fall be castin up, as it were bis sawk.

## FLATTRY.

Haif I nocht schaippit the widdy weill?
Ye that I haif be sweit St. Jeill;
For I had nocht bene wrangit,
(Becauss I servit, be all hallowis,)
To haif bene merchillit with my fallowis,
And heich abone thame hangit.
I maid far ma falis than my maitis;
I begyle all the three estaitis,
With my ypocresse.
Quhen I haid on the freiris hude,
All men beleivyt that I wes gude;

Another line wanting

Now juge ye gif I lie. Tak ane rakles rubratour. Ane theiff, ane tirrand, or ane tratour, Off every vyce the plant, Gif him the habit of ane frier; The wyvis will trew withowttyn weir He be ane very fantt. I knaw the cowill and skaiplary Generis moir hait nor cheretie: Thocht thay be blak or blew, Quhat halenes is thair within? Ane woulf cled in ane lambis skin! Juge ye gif this be trew. Since I half schaipit this fery fary. Adew! I will na langar tary To cummer yow with my clatter. Bot I will with ane humill fpreit Ga ferve the Hermeit of Lawreit. And leir him for to flatter.

[Exit.

#### GUDE COUNSALL.

Or ye depairt, Syr, off this regioun,
Gif Johnie the Commoun weill are gay garmoun
Becaus the Commoun Weill hes bene our luikit;
That is the causs that Common Weill is cruickit.
With singular profeit hes his bene suppresslyt.

#### CORRECTIOUN.

Als ye haif faid, fader, I am content.

Sarwands gif JOHNIE ane new habilyiement,

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Off fattyne, damass, or of velvuyt fine, And gif him ples into our parliament syne.

#### COMMOUN WEILL.

All wirtous pepill, yow may be rejosit,
Sen Commoun Weill hes gottyn ane gay garmoun.
And ignorantis owt of the kirk deposyt.
Devoit doctorris, and clarks of renoun,
And Gud Counsall, with Ledy Veretie,
Ar profest with our Kingis Majestie.
Blist be that realme, that hes ane prudent king,
Quihilk does delyt to heir the veritie,
Punissing thame quhilk planely dois maling
Contrar the Commoun Weill, and Equetie!
Thair may na pepill haif prosperetie,
Quhar ignorance hes the dominioun,
And Commoun Weill be tirrandis strampit doun.

All ye had head, faller of market of the

THE preceding pages were printed before any copy of David Lindfay's Satyre, or Play, came to the hands of the editor, that piece being extremely scarce. Having at length been so fortunate as to procure the loan of the edition printed at Edinburgh in 1602, 4to \*, the following variations have appeared between the Play and the Interludes here published.

The Play presents one continued succession of action, undivided into Interludes. The order is also different, as will appear by the following statement.

Interlude I. is wanting; but, from the Prologue, it palpably forms a part of the Play. It feems that this

\* The copy before me bears at the end to have been printed by R. Charteris at Edinburgh, 1602; but there is a false title prefixt, printed at London, bearing "The Works of Sir David Lindfay, &c. Imprinted at Edinburgh by Robert Charteris, printer to the King's most excellent majestie, and are to be solde in London by Nathaniel Butter, &c. 1604." This title was apparently intended for the edition of Lindfay's Works by Charteris 1602, 4to, in which the "fundrie works never before imprinted" feem to refer to the Play only, for of all Lindfay's other works preceding editions are known. The book is in Roman letter of 155 pages, (really only 151, for p. 77 is put by mistake for 73, and the error is continued:) the pages are of 32 lines. The fecond title is, " Ane pleafant Satyre of the Thrie Estaitis, in commendatioun of vertue, and vituperatioun of vyce, as followis:" the running title, " S. D. LIND. SATYRE." A peculiarity is, that the obscene or objectionable passages are marked, by the printer, at the beginning of the line thus [ ].

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Inter ule

Interlude was acted on the first representation of the Play at Coupar in Fife; but was omitted on the more solemn representation at Edinburgh, on account of its local circumstances, and gross obscenity.

Interlude II. begins the Play (p. 1—20) as here: but Act II. is, in the Play, deferred to p. 42, correfooding to Interlude VI. Scene 4.

Interlude V. follows Int. II. (p. 20-30).

Interlude VI. succeeds: in which is inserted Int. II. Act II. as just mentioned, followed by Scene 5, Int. VI. (p. 30—49).

Interlude VII. next appears, beginning at Scene 1. the Prologue being rightly put as the Epilogue to Part I. of the Play (49-63)

After Scene 6. of Int. VII. and fome additions, occurs the Epilogue mentioned; and the end of Part I. of the Play.

Interlude III. begins the Second Part of the Play, p. 64—80.

Scene 7. Int. VII. follows (Play, p. 83—109, but with numerous paffages here omitted).

Interlude VIII. is next given (Play, p. 109-143, but with fill larger infertions).

Interlude IV. concludes the Play (p. 144-155.)

Having thus stated the progress of the play, the various passages omitted in the MS. shall be given with exact references; and afterwards such minute corrections, and various readings, as appeared worthy of attention: so that the present may be a complete edition, both of the MS. Interludes, and of the Play.

P. 36. Rex. Up Wantonnes, thou sleipis to lang.

Methocht I hard ane mirrie sang:

I the command in haift to gang,

Se quhat you mirth may mene.

Wantones. I trow Sir, &c.

P. 80. These four lines are wanting at the end of this Interlude, Play p. 79.

Diligence. Quhat kind of daffing is this al day?
Suyith smakes, out of the feild, away!
Into ane presonn put them sone,
Sym hang them quhen the play is done.

Then follows Interlude VII. Scene 7.

P. 56. The mention of King Correction feems to imply that the arrangement of the Play is right.

P. 91. Eight lines beginning at l. 2, are not in the Play.

P. 99. At the close of this Interlude, the Play concludes with this address, p. 154, 155.

Diligence. Famous peopil, hartlie I yow requyre,
This lytil fport to tak in patience:
We traift to God, and we leif ane uther yeir,
Quhair we have failit, we fall do diligence
With mair pleasure to mak yow recompence.
Becaus we have bene sum part tedious,
With mater rude, denude of eloquence;
Likewyse perchance to sum men odious.
Now let ilk man his way avance;
Let sum ga drink, and sum ga dance.
Menstrel blaw up ane brawl of France,
Let se quha hobbils best.
For I will rin incontinent

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To the tavern, or ever I stent, And pray to God omnipotent To send you all gude rest.

P. 106. Scene 3. The following stanzas occur in the commencement of this scene, P. p. 22.

Diffait. Stand by the gait, that I may steir. Aifay Koks bons how cam I heir? I can not mis to take fum feir, Into fa greit ane thrang. Marie, heir ane cumlie congregatioun! Quhat ar ye firs all of ane nation? Maisters, I speik be protestatioun, In dreid ye tak me wrang. Ken ye not, Sirs, quhat is my name? Gude faith I dar not schaw it for shame: Sen I was clekit of my dame, Yet was I never leil. For Katie Unfel was my mother, And Common Thief my father-brother: Of fic freindship I had ane fither, Howbeit I cannot steil. Bot yit I will borrow and len; As be my cleathing ye may ken, That I am cum of nobill men, And als I will debait, and the same and the same and the That quarrel with my feit and hands; And I dwell amang the merchands. My name gif onie man demands, They call me Diffait, a rest alriden mino serve i Bon geur broder, &c.

P. 125. We fall bim bring, &c.

Rex. I will fit fill heir, and repois,

Speid you again to me, my jois.

Falfat. Ye hardlie, Sir, keip yow in clois,

And quyer, till we cum again:

Brother, I trow be coke toes

You hairdit havill cums for ain t

You bairdit bogill cums for ain twaine.

Distance Gif he dois sa, he sal be slaine; I doubt him nocht, nor yit ane uther: Trowit I that he cum for ane train; Of my freinds I suld rais ane suther.

Flattie. I dreid full fair, &c, (Play, p. 31.)

P. 155. Their sperittis to rejoyis.
And richt sa hauking, and hunting,
Ar honest pastimes for ane king,
Into the tyme of peace;
And leirne to rin ane heavie spear,
That he, into the tyme of wear,

May follow at the cheace.

Rex. Quhair is Sapience, &c. (Play, p. 61.).

P. 129. Large omissions now appear. At the end of this Scene (Play, p. 33), about two pages are found in the Play which are omitted in the MS.

That mowth speik mair my awin deir brother, For God nor I rax in ane raip,

Thou may gif counfal to the Paip.

[ Now they return to the King.

Rex. Quhat gart yow bid fa lang fra my presence? I think it lang fince ye depairtit thence.

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Quhat man was yon, with an greit bostous beird? Methocht he maid yow all thrie very feard.

Distait. It was ane laidlie lurdan loun, Cumde to break buithis into this toun. Wee have gart bind him with ane poill, And send him to the thesis hoill.

Rex. Let him fit thair, with ane mischance:

And let us go to our pastance.

Wantonnes. Better go revell at the rackat, Or ellis go to the hurlie hackat: Or then, to schaw our curtlie corsses, Ga se quha best can rin thair horses.

Solace. Na, Soveraine, or we farther gang, Gar Sensualitie fing ane sang.

[Heir fall the Ladies fing ane fang; the King fall ly down amang the Ladies; and then Veritie fall enter.

Veritie. Diligite justiciam qui judicatis terram.
Luif Justice, ye quha hes ane Judges cure,
In earth, and dreid the awfull judgement
Of him, that fall cum judge baith rich and puir,
Rycht terribilly, with bludy wounds rent.
That dreidful day into your harts imprent:
Belevand weill how, and quhat maner, ye
Use Justice heir til uthers, thair at lenth
That day, but doubt, sa sall ye judgit be.

Wo than, and duill, be to yow Princes all, Sufferand the puir anes for till be opprest! In everlassing burnand fyre ye fall, With Lucifer, richt dulfullie be drest. Thairfoir in tyme, for till eschaip that nest, Feir God, do law, and justice equally
Till every man: se that no puir opprest
Up to the hevin on yow ane vengeance cry.

Be just judges, without favour or fead, And hauld the ballance enin till everie wicht. Let not the fault be left into the head. Then shall the members reulit be at right. For guhy, subjects do follow, day and nicht, Thair governours in vertew and in vyce. Ye ar the lamps that fould schaw them the licht: Lo leid them on this fliddrie rone of yee. Mobile mutatur semper cum principe vulgus. And gif ye wald your fubiects war weil gevin. Then verteouslie begin the dance your fell, Going befoir; then they anone, I wein, Sall follow yow, either till hevin or hell. Kings fould of gude exempills be the well: Bot gif that your strands be intoxicate, Instead of wyne, they drink the poyson fell. Thus pepill follows ay thair principate.

Sic luceat lux vestra coram hominibus, ut videant opera

And speciallie, ye princes of the Preists,
That of peopill has spiritual cuir,
Dayly ye sould revolve into your breistis,
How that thir haly words ar still maist sure;
In verteous lyf gyf that ye do indure,
The pepill will tak mair tent to your deids,
Than to your words: and als baith rich and puir
Will follow yow, baith in your works and words.

[Heir fal Flattrie spy Veritie with ane dum countenance.

Gif men of me, &c. Play, p. 35.
P. 131. Hes spoken manifest heresie. P. p. 36.

[Heir thay cum to the Spiritualitie.

Flattrie. O reverent fatheris of the spritual stait!

We counfaill yow be wyse and vigilant.

Dame Veritie hes lichtit now of lait,

And in hir hand beirand the New Testament.

Be scho restavit, but doubt wee ar bot scheat:

Let hir nocht ludge thairfoir into this land.

And this wee reid yow do incontinent,

Now quhill the King is with his luif fleipand.

Spritualitie. Wee thank yow, freinds, of your bene-

It fall be done, evin as ye have devyfit.

We think ye ferve ane gudlie recompence,
Defendand us, that we be nocht supprysit.

In this mater we man be weil advysit:
Now quhill the King misknawis the veritie,
Be scho resfavir, then we will be deprysit.

Quhat is your counsell, brother, now let se?

Quhat is your counfell, brother, now let fe?

Abbet. I hauld it best, that we incontinent

Gar hauld hip fast into captivitie,

Unto the thrid day of the Parliament,

And then accuse hir of hir heristie;

Or than banish hir out of this cuntrie.

For with the King gif Verice be knawin,

Of our greit gloire we will degradit be;

And all our secretis to the Commouns schawin.

Persone.

Perfone. Ye se the King is yit esseminate, And gydit be dame Sensualitie, Rycht sa with young counsal intoxicate; Swa at this tyme ye haif your libertie. To tak your tyme I hauld it best, for me, And go distroy all thir Lutherians, In special you lady Veritie.

Spiritual. Schir Perfone, ye fall be my commissiar,
To put this mater till executioun;
And ye, Sir Freir, becaus ye can declair
The haill processe, pass with him in commissioun.
Pas all togidder with my braid bennisoun;
And gif scho speiks against our libertie,
Then put hir in perpetuell prisoun,
That sche cum nocht to King Humanitie.

[Heir fall thay pas to Veritie.

Persone. Lustie Ladie, we wald faine understand, Quhat earand ye haif in this regioun?

To preich, or teich, quha gaif to you command?

To counsal Kings how gat ye commissioun?

I dreid, without ye git ane remissioun.

And syne renunce your new opiniones,

The spritual stait sall put you to perditioun,

And in the syre will burne yow, stesche and bones.

Veritie. I will recant nathing that I have schawin;
I have said nathing bot the veritie.
Bot with the King fra tyme that I be knawin,
I dreid ye spaiks of Spiritualitie
Sall rew that ever I came in this cuntrie;
For gif the veritie plainlie war proclamit,
And speciallie to the King's Maiestie,
For your traditions ye will be all defamit.

Flattrie. Quhat buik, &c. P. p. 38. P. 132. bottom.

Tak thir ten crownis for your rewaird.

Veritie. The prophesie of the Propheit Esay Is practickit, alace, on mee this day, Quha faid the veritie fould be trampit doun Amid the streit, and put in strang presoun; His fyve and fyftie chapter quha lift luik Sall find thir words writtin in his buik. Richt fa Sanct Paul wrytis to Timothie, That men fall turne thair earis from veritie. Bot in my Lord God I have esperance, He will provide for my deliverance. Bot ye, princes of Spiritualitie, Quha fould defend the finceir veritie, I dreid the plagues of Johnes Revelatioun Sall fall upon your generatioun; I counsal yow this misse t' amend Sa that ye may eschaip that fatal end.

Chast. Zwhou lang sall, &c. Play, p. 39. P. 133. bottom. Play, p. 40.

Amang the rest of Spritualitie.

Chastitie. I grant you ladie hes vowit chastitie,
For hir professioun thairto sould accord.
Scho maid that vow for ane Abesse,
Bot nocht for Christ Jesus our Lord.
Fra tyme that thay get thair vows, I sland ford,
They banish hir out of their cumpanie:
With Chastitie thay can mak na concord,
Bot leids thair lysis in sensualitie.
I sall observe your counsal, gif I may,
Cum on, and heir quhat you ladie will say.

[Chaftitie pass to the Ladie Priores, and sayis
My prudent lustie, Ladie Priores,
Remember how ye did vow chastitie,
Madame, I pray yow of your gentilnes,
That ye wald pleis to haif of me piale;
And this ane nicht to gif me harberie.
For this I mak you supplication.
Do ye nocht sa, Madame, I dreid perdie,
It will be caus of depravatioun.

Prioces. Pas hynd, Madame, be Christ you cum nocht heir,

Ye ar contrair to my complexioun.
Gang feik ludging at fum auld Monk or Freir,
Perchance thay will be your protectioun;
Or to Prelats mak your progreffioun,
Quhilks ar obleift to yow, als weil as I.
Dame Senfuall hes gevin directioun
You till exclude out of my cumpany.

Chal. Gif we would wit rais of the varieties.

Chaft. Gif ye wald wit mair of the veritie,

I fall schaw yow be sure experience,

How that the lords of Spritualitie

Hes baneist me, alace, fra thair presence.

[Chastitie passes to the Lords of Spritualitie.

My lords, laud, gloir, triumph, and reverence, Mot be unto your halie spritual stait! I yow beseik, of your benevoleuce, To harbry mee that am so desolait. Lords, I have past throw mony uncouth schyre, Bot in this land I can get na ludging. Of my name gif ye wald haif knawledging,

Forfuith,

Forsuith, my lords, thay call me Chastitie. I you befeik, of your graces bening.

Gif me ludging this nicht for charitie.

Spritualitie. Pas on, Madame, we knaw you nocht; Or be him that the warld wrocht Your cumming fall be richt deir coft,

Gif ye mak langer tarie. Abbot. But doubt we will baith leif and die

With our luif Senfualitie;

Wee will haif na mair deall with the

Then with the Oucene of Farie.

Parsone. Pas hame amang the Nunnis, and dwell. Quhilks ar of chastitie the well : I traist thay will, with buik and bell,

Ressave you in thair closter.

Chastitie. Sir, guhen I was the Nunnis amang, Out of their dortour they mee dang, And wald nocht let me bid fa lang

To fay my Paternoster. I fee na grace thairfoir to get. I hauld it best, or it be lait, For till go prove the Temporal stait,

Gif thay will mee refaif.

Gud day my lord Temporalitie, And yow merchant of gravitie,

Ful faine wald I have harberie

To ludge amang the laif.

Temporal. Forsuith we wald be weil content To harbrie yow with gude intent, War nocht we haif impediment,

For quhy, we twa ar maryit.

Bot wist our wysis that ye war heir,

Thay wold mak all this town on steir.

Thairsoir we reid yow rin areir

In dreid ye be miscaryit.

Chast. Ye men of craft of greit ingyne, &c. as Interlude II. Act ii.

P. 134. The fame stanzas occur p. 57.

P. 135. A stanza wanting.

Diligence. Hoaw Solace! gentil Solace, declair unto

How thair is heir ane ladie fair of face,
That in this cuntrie can get na ludging,
Bot pitifullie flemit from place to place,
Without the king, of his especiall grace,
As ane servand hir in his court resais.
Brother Solace, tell the King all the cace,
That scho may be resavit among the laif.

Solace. Soveraine get up, &c. Play, p. 47.

P. 141. This prologue in the Play, p. 62, more properly forms the epilogue to part I. of the Play.

P. 142. Scene 1. immediately follows the former interlude.

P. 147. Correct. Beati qui esuriunt et sitiunt justitiam.
Thir ar the words of the redoutit Roy,
The Prince of Peace, above all Kings King,
Quhilk hes me sent all cuntries to convoye,
And all misdoars doursie to down thring.
I will do nocht without the conveining
Ane Parliament of the estaites all:

In their prefence I fall, but feinyeing, Iniquitie under my fword down thrall.

Thair may no Prince do acts honorabill,

Bot gif his counfall thairto will affift.

How may he knaw the thing maift profitabill,

To follow vertew, and vycis to refift,

Without he be inftructit and folift?

And quhen the King stands at his counfell found,

Then welth fall wax, and plentie as he list,

And policie fall in his realm abound.

Gif ony lift my name for till inquyre,
I am callit Divine Correctioun.
I fled throuch mony uncouth land and fehyre,
To the greit profit of ilk natioun.
Now am I cum into this regioun,
To teill the ground that hes bene lang unfawin;
To punishe tyrants for their transgressioun;
And to caus leill men live upon thair awin.

Na realme, nor land, but my support may stand,
For I gar Kings live into royaltie:
To rich and puir I beir an equal band,
That thay may live into their awin degrie.
Quhair I am nocht is no tranquillitie:
Be me tratours and tyrants ar put doun,
Quha thinks na schame of their iniquitie
Till thay be punished be mee Correctioun.

Ouhat is ane King? Nocht bot an officiar,
To caus his leiges live in equitie;
And under God to be ane punischer
Of trespassours against his Maiestie.

Bot quhen the King dois live in tyrannie,
Breakand justice for fear or affectioun,
Then is his realme in weir and povertie,
With schamefull slauchter, but correction.

I am ane judge, &c. (Play, p. 52, 53.)

P. 150. end of Scene 4.

[Correctioun passis towards the King with Verilie, Chastitie, and Gude Counsell.

Wantonnes. Solace, knawis thou not quhat I fe?

Ane knicht, or ellis ane king, thinks me,

With wantoun wings as he wald fle.

Brother, quhat may this mein?

I understand nocht be this day

Quhidder that he be freind er fay?

Stand still and heare quhat he will say;

Sic ane I haif nocht sene.

Solace. You is ane stranger, I stand fordet.

He semes to be ane lustic lord.

Be his heir-cumming for concord,

And be kinde till our King,

He sall be welcome to this place,

And treatit with the Kingis grace.

Be it nocht sa we sall him chace,

And to the divell him ding.

Placebo. I reid us put upon the King, And walkin him of his sleiping. Sir, rise and se an uncouth thing. Get up, ye ly too lang.

Sensualitie. Put on your huide, John Fule, ye raif. How dar ye be so pert, Sir Knaif,

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To tuich the King? Sa Christ me saif Fals huirsone thow sall hing.

Correct. Get up, Syr King, &c. (Play, p. 55, 56.) P. 151. bottom, I lat you wit, &c.

Adew Sir King, I may na langer tary.

I cair nocht that als gude luife cums as gais.

I recommend yow to the Queene of Farie; I fe ye will be gydit with my fais.

As for this Vine I care him noch

As for this King, I cure him nocht twa strais. War I amang Bischops and Cardinals,

I wald get gould, filver, and precious

I wald get gould, filver, and precious clais:

Na earthlie joy but my presence avails.

[Heir fall sche pass to Spiritualite.

My Lords of the Spirituall stait,
Venus preserve yow air and lait!
For I can mak na mair debait,
I am partit with your king;
And am baneischt this regioun,
By counsell of Correctioun.
Be ye nocht my protectioun
I may seik my ludging.

Welcome our dayis darling;
Welcome with all our hart;
We all, but feinyeing,
Sall plainlie tak your part.

[Heir fall the Bishops, Abbots, and Parsons kis the

Correct. Sen ye are quyt, &c. (Play, p. 57.)
P. 152. Correct. Now Sir tak tent quhat I will fay,
Observe thir same baith nicht and day,
And let them never part yow fray;

Or els, withoutin doubt,
Turne ye to Senfualitie,
To vicious lyfe, and rebaldrie,
Out of your realme richt schamefullie
Ye fall be ruttit out.
As was Tarquin, the Roman King,
Quha was for his vicious living,
And for the schameful ravisching
Of the sair chaist Lucres.
He was degraidit of his crown,
And baneist of his regioun:
I maid on him correctioun,
As stories dois expres.

Rex. I am content, &cc. (Play, p. 58.)
P. 153. The stanza deficient is thus to be supplied:
Gang warne the Spiritualitie,
Rycht sa the Temporalitie,
Be oppin proclamatioun,
In gudlie haist for to compeir,
In thair maist honorabill maneir,
To gif us, &cc.

P. 156. How fall I keep my realme in reft?
Gude Counf. Initium fapientiæ est timor Domini.
Sir, gif your hienes yeatnis lang to ring,
First dread your God abuif all uther thing,
For ye ar bot ane mortal instrument
To that great God and King Omnipotent,
Preordinat to his divine Maiestie
To reull his peopili intill unitie.
The principali point, Sir, of ane Kings office
Is for to do to everilk man justice;

And

And for to mix his justice with mercie, But rigour, favour, or partialitie. Forsuith it is na little observance Great regions to have in observance.

Quhaever taks on him that Kinglie cuir,
To get ane of thir twa he fuld be fuir:
Great paine and labour and that continuall;
Or ellis to have defame perpetuall.
Quha guydis weill, they win immortal fame;
Quha the contrair, they get perpetuall fchame.
Efter quhais death, but dout, ane thousand yeir
Thair life at lenth rehearst sall be perqueir.
The Chroniklis to knaw I yow exhort;
Thair sall ye finde baith gude and euill report:
For everie Prince. ester his qualitie,
Thocht he be deid his deids sall neuer die.
Sir, gif ye please for to use my counsall,
Your same and name sall be perpetuall.

[Heir fall the messinger Diligence return, and cry & Hoyyes, a Hoyyes, a Hoyyes, and say,
At the command of King Humanitie, &c. as here, p.
141, 142. (Play, p. 62, 62.) to the line

The best pairt of our Play: then follows,

"The End of the first part of the Satyre. Now fall the pepill mak collation, then beginnis the Interlude, the Kings, Bischops, and principal players, being out of their seats."

## Part II.

The Puirman and the Pardoner, as Int. III. Play, p. 64—80. After this occurs Scene 7. p. 157. but the following pages are previously inserted.

[Heir fall Diligence mak his preclamatioun.

Diligence. Famous peopill tak tent, and ye fall fe
The thrie estaits of this natioun
Cum to the court, with ane strange gravitie;
Thairfoir I mak yow supplicatioun,
Till ye have heard our haile narratioun,
To keip silence, and be patient I pray yow:
Howbeit we speik bot adulatioun,
We fall say nathing bot the suith I say yow.

Gude verteous men, that luifis the veritie, I wait thay will excuse our negligence; Bot vicious men, denude of charitie, As seinyeit sals stattrand Saracens, Howbeit they cry on us ane loud vengence, And of our pastyme make ane sals report; Quhat may wee do bot tak in patience, And us refer unto the faithful fort?

Our Lord Jesus, Peter, nor Paull, Culd not compleis the peopill all, But sum were miscontent; Howbeit thay schew the veritie, Sum said that it war heresie Be thair maist sals judgement.

[Heir fall the Thrie Estaits cum fra the palycoun, gangand backwart, led be thair vyces.

Wantonnes. Now braid benedicite!

Quhat thing is you that I fe!

Luke Solace, my hart.

Solace. Brother Wantonnes, quhat thinks thow? You are the Thrie Estaits I trow, Gangand backwart.

Wanton. Backwart, Backwart! Out wallaway! It is greit schame for them, I say, Backwart to gang. I trow the King Correctioun Man mak ane reformatioun, Or it be lang. Now let us go, and tell the King. [paufa. Sir, we have fene ane mervelous thing

Be our judgement. Survey of the same of the State The Thrie Estaits of this regioun Ar cummand backwart throw this toun To the Parliament.

Rex. Backwart, backwart! How may that be? Gar speid them haistelie to me, In dreid that thay ga wrang,

Placebo. Sir, I se them yonder cummand, Thay will be heir evin fra hand.

Als fast as thay may gang. Gude Counf. Sir, hald you still and skar them nocht, Till ye persave quhat be thair thocht, And se guhat men them leids. And let the King Correctioun Mak ane scharp inquisitioun, And mark them be the heids, Quhen ye ken the occasioun That maks them fic perfuafioun, Ye may expell the caus:

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Wee hill work fair

Syne them reform, as ye think best, Sua that the realme may live in rest According to Gods laws.

[Heir fall the Thrie Estaits cum, and turne their faces to the King:

Spir. Gloir, honour, laud, triumph, and victorie,
Be to your michtie prudent excellence!
Heir ar we cum, all the Estaits Thrie,
Readie to mak our dew obedience,
At your command with humbile observance,
As may pertene to Spiritualitie,
With counsel of the Temporalitie.

Temp. Sir, we, with michtie curage at command, Of your super-excellent Majeslie
Sall mak service, baith with our hart and hand,
And sall not dreid in thy defence to die.
Wee ar content, but doubt, that we may see
That nobile heavenlie King Correctioun,
Sa he with mercie mak punitioun.

Marchand. Sir we ar heir your burgeffis and merchands,

Thanks be to God that we may fe your face,
Traistand we may now into divers lands
Convey our geir, with support of your grace.
For now I traist wee sall get rest and peace;
Quhen missoars are with your sword ore-thrawin,
Then may leil m rehands live upon their awin.

Rex. Welcum to me my prudent lords all; Ye ar my members, suppois I be your heid. Sit down, that we may with your just counsall Aganis misdoars find soveraine remeid.

Wee sall nocht si air, for savour nor sor feid,
With your avice to mak punitioun,
And put my sword to execution.

Corr. My tender friends, I pray you with my hare Declair to me the thing that I wald speir, Quhat is the caus that ye gang all backwart? The veritie thairof saine wald I heir.

Spirit. Soveraine, we have gane sa this mony a yeir. Howbeit ye think we go undecently, Wee think we gang right wonder pleasantly.

Dilig. Sit down my lords into your proper places; Syne let the King confider all fic caces. Sit down, Sir Scribe: and fit down, Dempster, to, And sence the Court as ye were wont to do.

[Thay ar fet down, and Guid Counfell fall pas to his feat.

Rex. My prudent lords, &c. (Play, p. 83.)
P. 157. And plane oppressouris, &c. Ibid.
Spirit. Quhat thing is this, Sir, that ye have devysit?
Schirs, ye have neid for till be weill advysit.
Be nocht haistie into your executioun;
And be nocht our extreime in your punitioun.

And be nocht our extreme in your punitioun.

And gif ye please to do, Sir, as wee say,

Postpone this Parlament till ane uther day.

For quhy? The peopill of this regionn

May nocht endure extreme correctioun.

Correct. Is this the part, my lords, that ye will tak, To mak no supportation to correct?

It dois appeir that ye ar culpabill,

That ar nocht to Correctioun applyabill.

Suyith,

Suyith, Diligence, ga schaw it is our will, That everilk man opprest geif in his bill.

Dilig. All manner of men, &c. (Play, p. 83.)

P. 159. Ye that, Sir, garris, &c.

Rex. Quhat is the caus the Common Weil is crukit? Johne. Becaus the Common-Weil has bene overlukit. Rex. Quhat gars the luke fa with ane dreirie hart? Johne. Becaus the Thrie Estaits gangs all backwart. Rex. Sir Common-Weill, knaw ye the limmers that them leids?

Johne, Thair canker cullours I ken them be the heads.
As for our reverend faders, &c.

Play, p. 85.

Ibid. Get up I think to se thy Craig, &c.

Loe heir is Fassir, and Dissair, weill I ken,

Leiders of the merchants and fillie crafts-men,

Quhat mervel thocht the Thrie Estaits backwart gang,

Quhen sic ane vyle cumpanie dwels them amang?

Quhilk hes reulit this rout monie deir dayis;

Quhilk gars John the Common Weil want his warme clais.

Sir, call them befoir yow, and put them in ordour, Or els John the Common Weil man beg on the bordour. How feinyeit Flatry! &cc. p. 160. P. p. 85.

P. 161. [Heir ar thay led, &cc. (Play, p. 86, 87.)

Howbeir I se thy skap skyre skoird, Thou art ane stuvat I stand foird.

(transposed)

2d Serj. Put in your leggis into the stocks, For ye had never ane meiter hois. Thir stewats slink as thay war broks;

Now

Now ar ye fikker I suppois. My Lords wee have done your commands.

Sall we put Covetice in captivitie?

Correct. Yea, hardlie lay on him your hands, Rycht fa upon Senfualitie.

Spirit. This is my Grainter and my Chalmerlaine, And hes my gould, and geir, under hir cuiris. I mak ane vow to God, I fall complaine

Unto the Paip how ye do me injuris.

Covet. My Reverent Fathers tak in patience, I fall nocht lang remaine from your presence; Thocht for ane quhyll I man from your depairt, I wait my spreit fall remaine in your hart. And quhen this King Correctious beis abfent, Then fall we twa returne incontinent. Thairfoir adew.

Spirit. Adew: be Sanct Mavene. Pas quhair ye will, we ar twa naturall men. Senfual. Adew, my lord.

Adew, my awin fweit hart. Spirit.

Now duill fell me that wee twa man depart! Senfual. My Lord howbeit this parting dois me paine, I traist in God we fall meit sone againe.

Spirit. To cum againe I pray you do your cure;

Want I yow twa, I may nocht lang indure. [ Heir fal the Sergeants chase them away, and they fall gang to the feat of Senfuglitie.

Tempor. My Lords, ye knaw the Thrie Estaits For Common-weil fuld mak debaits; Let now amang us be devyfit

Sic actis, that with gude men be pryfit,

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Conforming

[Paufa.

Conforming to the common law;
For of na man we fould fland aw.
And, for till faif us fra murmell,
Schone Diligence fetch us Gude Counfell.
For quhy he is ane man that knawis
Baith the Cannon and Civill Lawis.

Dilig. Father, ye man incontinent Paffe to the Lords of Parliament; For quhy thay ar determinat all To do na thing bye your counfall.

Gude Counf. That fall I do within schort space;
Praying the Lord to send us grace
For till conclude, or wee depart,
That thay may profeit efterwart
Bath to the Kirk, and to the King:
I sall desyre na uther thing.

[Panse.]

My Lords, God glaid the cumpanie. Quhat is the cause ye send for me?

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Merchand. Sit doun, and gif us your counsell,
How we sall slaik the great murmell
Of pure peopill, that is weill knawin;
And as the Common-weill hes schawin,
And als wee knaw it is the Kings will,
That gude remeid be put thairtill,
Sir Common-weill, keep ye the bar,
Let nane except yourself cum nar.

Johne. That fall I do, as I best can, I sall hauld out baith wyse and man. Ye man let this puir creature
Support me for till keip the dure.

I knaw his name full fickerly, He will complain als weill as I.

Gude Counf. My werdy lordis, &c. p. 161. (Play, p. 88.)

P. 163. Thir juglars, &c. Thir carriers and thir quintacenfouris. Ibid. Qubilk laboris not, &c. I mein, nocht laborand spirituallie, Nor for thair living corporallie, Lyand in dennis, like idill doggis; I them compair to weil-fed hoggis. I think thay do themselfis abuse, Seeing that thay the warld refuse, Haifing profest fic povertie, Syne fleis fast fra necessitie. Quhat gif thay povertie wald professe? And do as did Diogenes, That great famous philosophour, Seing in earth bot vaine labour, Al utterlie the warld refusit And in ane tumbe himfelf inclusit: And leifit on herbs, and water cauld; Of corporal fude na mair he wald. He trottit nocht from toun to toun, Beggand to feid his carioun: Fra tyme that lyfe he did profes The warld of him was cummerles. Rycht fa of Marie Magdalene, And of Mary th' Egyptiane, And of auld Paull the first Hermeit:

All thir had povertie compleit.

Ane hundreth ma I micht declair; Bot to my purpois I will fair, Concluding fleuthful idilnes Against the Common-weil expresse.

Correct. Zuhom upon ma, &c. p. 164. (Play, p. 90.)
P. 169. Our parsone will not, &c. (Play, p. 94.)

Pauper. Our bishops, with their lustie rokats quhyte, Thay flow in riches royallie, and delyte. Lyke paradice bene thair palices and places; And wants na pleafour of the fairest faces. Als thir Prelates hes great prerogatyves; For quhy? Thay may depairt ay with thair wyves, Without ony correctioun or damnage; Syne tak ane uther wantoner but marriage. But doubt I wald think it ane pleafant lyfe, Ay on, guhen I lift, to part with my wyfe, Syne tak an uther of far greater beutie : Bot ever, alace, My Lords, that may not be! For I am bund alace in marriage; Bot thay lyke rams, rudlie in thair rage, Unpyfalt rinnis amang the fillie yowis, Sa lang as kynde of nature in them growis.

Person. Thou lies, fals huirfun raggit loun,
Thair is na Preists in all this toun
That ever usit sic vicious crasts.

Johne. The fiend ressay thay flattrand chasts! Sir Domine, I trowit ye had be dum. Quhair devil gat we this ill-sairde blaitie bum?

Person. To speik of Preists be sure it is na bourds; Thay will burn men now for rakles words:

And all thay words are herifie in deid.

Johne. The mekil feind refave the faul that leid!

All that I fay is trew, thocht thou be greifit;

And that I offer on thy pallet to preifit.

Spr. My lords, why do ye thoil that lurdun loun Of Kirkmen to fpeik fic detractionn? I let yow wit, My Lords, it is na bourds Of Prelats for till speik fic wantoun words. You villaine puttis me out of charitie.

Temp. Quhy, my lord, fayis he ocht bot verity? Ye can nocht stop ane puir man for till pleinyie, Gif he hes faltit summond him to your seinyie.

Spr. Yea that I fall, I mak greit God a vow, He fall repent that he fpak of the kow. I will not suffer sic words of yon villaine.

Pauper. Than gar gif me my thrie fat ky againe.

Spr. Fals carle, to speik to me stands thou not aw?

Pauper. The seind resave them that first devysit that
law!

Within an hour after my dade was deid, The Vickar had my kow hard be the heid.

Person. Fals huirsun carle, I say that law is gude, Becaus it hes bene lang our consuetude.

Becaus it hes bene lang our confuetude.

Pauper. Quhen I am Paip that law I fall put down;

It is ane fair law for the pure commoun.

Spr. I mak ane vow thay words thou fal repent.

Counf. I yow require, my lords, be patient.

Wee came nocht here for disputatiouns;

Wee came to make gude reformatiouns.

Heirfoir

Heirfoir of this your propositioun Conclude, and put to executioun.

Merchand. My Lords, conclude that all the temporal

Be fet in few to laboreris with their hands,
With fic restrictiouns as sall be devysit,
That thay may live, and nocht to be supprysit,
With ane ressonabill augmentatioun;
And quhen thay heir ane proclamatioun
That the Kings grace does mak him for the weir,
That thay be reddie with harnis, bow, and speir;
As for myself, my lord, this I conclude.

Counsal. Sa say we all, your ressoun be so gude.

To mak an Act on this we ar content.

Johne. On that, Sir Scribe, I tak an instrument.

Quhat do ye of the corf-present and kow?

Counfal. I wil conclude nathing of that as now, Without my lord of Spiritualitie Thairto confent, with all this haill cleargie.

My lord Bischop, will ye thairto consent?

Sprit. Na, na, never till the day of Judgment.

Wee will want nathing that wee have in use; Kirtil, nor kow, teind lambe, teind gryse, nor guse.

Temp. Forfuth my lordis, &c. (Play, p. 97.) P. 169. Seven pages omitted.

Notar thairof I tak an instrument, (P. p. 97.)

Temp. My lord, be him that al the world has wrocht, We fet nocht by quhider ye confent or nocht;

Ye ar bot an estait and we ar twa;

Et ubi major pars ibi tota.

Quha taks office, and fyne than can nocht us it,
Giver and taker I fay ar baith abufit.

Ane Bischops office is for to be ane preichour,
And of the law of God ane publick teachour;
Richt sa the Person, unto his parochon,
Of the Evangell sould leir them ane lessoun.

Thair sould na man desire sic dignities,
Without he be abill for that office.
And for that caus I say, without leising,
Thay have thair teinds, and for na uther thing.

Sprit. Freind, quhair find ye that we suld prechou

Sprit. Freind, quhair find ye that we fuld prechours be?

Counf. Luik quhat Sanct Paul writes unto Timothie; Tak thair the buik, let se gif ye can spell

Sprit. I never red that, thairfoir reid it your fel.
[Counfall fall read thir wordis on ane buik.

Fidelis fermo, si quis Episcopatum desiderat, bonum opus desiderat, oportet eum irreprebensibilem esse, unius uxoris virum, sobrium, prudentem, ornasum, pudicum, hospitalem, doctorem, non vinolentum non percussorem, sed modestum. That is, This is a true saying, If any man desire the office of a Bishop, he desireth a worthie worke: A Bishop therefore must be unreproveable, the husband of one wise, &c.

Spir. Ye temporal men, be him that heryit hell, Ye ar ovir peart with fic maters to mell. Temp. Sit fill, my lord, ye neid not for ril braull;

Thir ar the verie words of th' Apostill Paull.

Spir. Sum fayis, be him that woare the crowne of thorne,

It had bene gude that Paull had neir bene borne.

Counf. Bot ye may knaw, my lord, Sanct Paul's intent. Schir, red ye never the New Testament?

Spir. Na, fir, be him that our lord Jesus sauld, I red never the New Testament, nor Auld.

Nor ever thinks to do, Sir, be the Rude:

I heir freiris say that reiding dois na gude.

Counf. Till you to reid them I think it is na lack;
For anis I faw them baith bund on your back.
That famin day that ye was confecrat.
Sir quhat meinis that?

Spir. The feind stick them that wat.

Merch. Then, befoir God how can ye be excusit,
To haif an office, and waits not how to us it?

Quhairfoir was gifin you all the temporal lands,
And all thir teinds ye haif among your hands?

Thay war givin yow for uther causes, I weine,
Nor mummil matins, and hald your clayis cleine.
Ye say, to the Apostills that ye succeed,
Bot ye schaw nocht that, into word nor deid.

The law is plaine; our teinds suld furnisch teichours.

Couns. Yea, that it fould; or fusteine prudent prei-

Pauper. Sir, God nor I be slickit with ane knyfe, Gif ever our Persoun preichit in all his lyfe.

Person. Quhat devil raks the of our preiching, undocht?

Paup. Think ye that ye fuld have the teinds for nocht?

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Perf.

Perf. Trowis thou to get remeid, carle, of that thing?

Paup. Yea be Gods breid richt fone—war 1 ane

King.

Perf. Wald thou of Prelats mak deprivation?

Paup. Na: I fuld gar them keip thair fundation.

Quhat devill is this, quhom of fould Kings stand aw

To do the thing that they fould be the law?

War I ane king, be coks deir passion,

I fould richt sone mak reformation;

Failyeand thairof your grace sould richt sone finde

That Preists sall leid yow, lyke ane bellie blinde.

Johne. Quhat gif King David war leivand in this dayis?

The quhilk did found sa mony gay Abayis,
Or out of heavin quhat gif he luikit doun,
And saw the great abominatioun
Amang thir Abesses, and thir Nunries,
Thair publick huirdomes, and thair harlotries?
He wald repent he narrowit sa his bounds,
Of yeirlie rent thriescoir of thowsand pounds.
His successours maks little ruisse,
Of his devotioun, or of his holines.

Abbase. How dar you, carle, presume for to declair? Or for to mell the with sa heich a mater? For in Scotland thair did yit never ring, I let the wit, ane mair excellent king.

Of holines he was the verie plant,
And now in heavin he is ane michtfull Sanct;
Becaus that fystein Abbases he did sound;
Quhair throw great riches hes ay done abound

Into our Kirk, aud daylie yet abounds. Bot Kings now I trow few Abbasies founds. I dar weill say thou ar condempnit in hell, That dois presume with sic maters to mell. Fals huirsun carle, thou art ovir arrogant To judge the deids of sic ane halie sanct.

Johne. King James the First, roy of this regionn, Said that he was ane sair Sanct to the crown.

I heir men say that he was sumthing blind,
That gave away mair nor he lest behind.
His successours that holines did repent,
Quhilk gart them do great inconvenient.

Abbas. My lord Bischop, I mervel how that ye Suffer this carle for to speik herefie? For be my faith, my lord, will ye tak tent He servis for to be brunt incontinent. Ye can nocht say bot it is heresie To speik against our law and libertie.

Spir. Sancte pater, I mak yow supplicationn, Exame you carle, syne mak his dilatioun; I mak ane vow to God Omnipotent
That bystour sal be brunt incontinent.

[Flat.] Venerabile father, I fall do your command; Gif he fervis deid I fall fune understand. [Paufa. Fals huirfun carle, schaw furth thy faith.

Johne. Methink ye fpeik as ye war wraith.

To yow I will na thing declair, For ye ar nocht my Ordinair.

Flat. Quhom in trowis thou, fals monsier mangit?
Johne. I trow to God to se the hangit.

War I ane King, be coks paffioun,
I fould gar mak ane congregatioun
Of all the freirs of the four ordouris,
And mak yow vagers on the bordouris.
Sir, will ye give me audience,
And I fall schaw your excellence,
Sa that your grace will give me leife,
How into God that I beleife.

Correct. Schaw furth your faith, and feinye nocht. Johne. I beliefe in God that all hes wrocht;
And creat every thing of nocht;
And in his son our Lord Jesu,
Incarnat of the Virgin trew,
Quha under Pilat tholit passion,
And deit for our falvatioun,
And on the thrid day rais againe,
As halie scriptour schawis plane.
And als, my lord, it is weill kend
How he did to the heavin ascend,
And set him doun at the richt hand
Of God the father, I understand;
And sall cum Judge on Dumisday.
Quhat will ye mair, fir, that I say?

Corred. Schaw furth the rest; this is na game.

Johne. I trow Sanctam Ecclefiam;
Bot nocht in thir Bischops nor freirs,
Quhilk will, for purging of thir neirs,
Sard up the ta raw and down the uther.
The mekill Devill resave the sidder!

Correct. Say quhat ye will, firs, be Sanct Tan, Methink Johne ane gude Christian man. Temp. My lords, let be your disputatioun;

Conclude with firm deliberatioun. How Prelats fra thyne fall be disponit.

Merch. I think for me evin as ye first proponit, That the King's grace fall gif na benefice, Bot till ane preichour that can use that office. The fillie fauls, that bene Christis sheip, Sould nocht be givin to gormand wolfis to keip. Quhat bene the caus of all the herefies, Bot the abulioun of the prelacies? Thay will correct, and will nocht be correctit. Thinkand to na prince thay will be subjectit. Quhairfoir I can find na better remeid. Bot that thir kings man take in thair heid, That thair be given to na man bishopries, Except they preich out throch thair diofies; And ilk persone preich in his parochon. And this I fay for finall conclusion.

Temp. Wee think your counsall is verie gude: As ye have faid wee all conclude.

Of this conclusioun No er wee mak an Act.

Scrybe. I write all day bot gets never ane plack. Pauper. Ha my lordis for the Holy Trinitie, &c. p. 169. Play, p. 104.

P. 171. It is aganis our profeitt fingular.

Wee will nocht want our profeit, be Sanct Geill. Temp. Your profeit is against the Common-weil; It fall be done, my lords, as ye have wrocht, We care nocht quhidder ye confent or nocht. Quhairfoir fervis then all thir Temporal Judges, Gif temporal matters fould feik at yow refuges? My lord, ye fay that ye ar fprituall, Quhairfoir mell ye than with things temporall? As we have done conclude, fo fall it stand. Scribe put our Acts in ordour evin fra hand.

Sprit. Till all your Actis, &c. p, 171. Play, p, 106, Ibid. Three pages wanting at the end of Interlude VII. Play, p. 106—109.

[Heir fall Veritie and Chaftitie mak thair plaint at the bar.

Veritie. My Soverane, I befeik your excellence Use justice on Spiritualite;
The quhilk to us hes done great violence,
Becaus we did rehers the veritie.
Thay put us close into captivitie,
And sa remanit into subjectioun,
Into great langour and calamitie,
Till we were fred be King Correctioun.

Chaft. My lord, I haif great caus for to complaine, I could get na ludging intill this land;
The Spiritual Stait had me sa at disdane,
With Dame Sensuall thay have maid sic ane band.
Amang them all na friendship, Sirs, I sand;
And quhen I cam the nobill nunnis amang,
My lustic Ladie Priores fra hand
Out of hir dortour durlie sche me dang.

Veritie.

Veritie. With the advyse, Sir, of the Parliament Hairtlie we mak yow supplicatioun, Caufe King Correctioun tak incontinent Of all this fort examinatioun. Gif they be digne of deprivatioun, Ye have power for to correct fic cases. Chease the maist cunning Clerks of this natioun. And put mair prudent passours in thair places. My prudent lordis, I fay that pure craftsmen Abufe fum Prelats ar mair for to commend: Gar exame them, and fa ye fall fune ken . How thay in vertew Bischops dois transcend Scribe. Thy life, and craft, mak to thir Kings kend. Quhat craft hes thou, declair that to me plaine? Tailyeour. Ane Tailyeour, Sir, that can baith mak and mend: I wait nane better into Dumbartane. Scr. Quhairfoir of tailyeours beirs thou the flyl? Tail. Becaus I wait is nane within ane myl Can better use that craft, as I suppois: For I can mak baith doublit, coat, and hois, Scr. How call thay you, Sir, with the schaiping knife? Sowtar. Ane fowtar, fir, nane better into Fyfe. Scr. Tell me quhairfoir ane fowtar ye ar namit.

Sowt. Of that furname I need nocht be ashamite. For I can mak schone, brotekins, and buittis. Gif me the coppie of the King's cuittis, And ye sall se richt sune quhat I can do; Heir is my lasts, and weill wrocht ledder, so.

Counf. O Lord my God! this is ane mervelous thing How fic mifordour in this realme fould ring!
Sowtars and tailycours thay ar far mair expert
In thair puir craft, and in thair handie art,
Nor ar Prelatis in thair vocatioun.
I pray yow, firs, mak informatioun.

Veritie. Alace, Alace, quhat gars thir temporal Kings Into the Kirk of Christ admit sic doings? My Lordis, for lufe of Christ's passioun, Of thir ignorants mak deprivatioun, Quhilk in the court can do bot flatter and fleich. And put into thair places that can preich. Send furth, and seik sum devoit cunning Clarks, That can stir up the peopill to gude warks.

Correct. As ye have done, Madame, I am content. Hoaw Diligence! pas hynd incontinent, And seik out throw all towns and cities, And wist all the universities; Bring us sum Doctours of Divinitie, With Licents in the Law and Theologie, With the maist cunning Clarks in all this land. Speid sune your way, and bring them heir fra hand.

Dilig. Quhat gif I find fum halie Provincial,
Or minister of the gray freiris all?
Or ony freir that can preich prudentlie,
Sall I bring them with me in cumpanie?

Correct. Cair thou nocht quhat estait sa ever he be, Sa thay can teich and preich the veritie. Maist cunning Clarks with us is best beluist: To dignitie thay sall be first promuist.

Quhidder

Quhidder thay be Munk, Channon, Preist, or Freir, Sa thay can preich, faill nocht to bring them heir.

Dilig. Than fair-weil, Sir, for I am at the flicht. I pray the Lord to fend yow all gude nicht.

[ Heir fall Diligence pas to the palyeoun.

Temp. Sir. we beseik your soverane celsitude Of our dochtours to have compaffioun, Quhom wee may na way marie, be the Rude, Without wee mak fum alienatioun Of our land, for thair supportatioun. For guhy? the markit raisit bene sa hie, That Prelats dochtours of this natioun Ar maryit with fic fuperfluitie; Thay will nocht spair to gif two thousand pound With thair dochtours to ane nobill man: In riches fa thay do superabound. Bot we may nocht do fa, be Sanct Allane. Thir proud Prelats our dochters fair may ban, That thay remaine at hame fa lang unmarvit. Schir let your Barrouns do the best they can. Sum of our dochtours I dred fal be miscarvit.

Correct. My Lord, your complaint is richt reasonabill. And richt sa to your dochtours profitabill. I think, or I pas aff this natioun, Of this mater till mak reformationn.

[ Heir Sall enter Common Thift. p. 175. Play, p. 109. P. 179. Wanting in the Play.

P. 180. At the end of this scene not less than ten pages are omitted. Play, p. 112.

Heir Sall Diligence convoy the Thrie Clarks.

Dilig. Sir, I have brocht unto your excellence Thir famous Clarks of greit intelligence; For to the common peopill thay can preich, And in the scuillis in Latine tourig can teich. This is ane Doctour of Divinitie; And thir twa Licents, men of gravitie. I heir men say thair conversatioun. Is maist in divine contemplations.

Doctour. Grace, peace, and rest from the hie Trinitie Mot rest among this godlie cumpanie!

Heir ar we cumde, as your obedients,

For to fulfill your just commandements;

Quhatever it please your grace us to command,

Sir, it fall be obeyit evin fra hand.

Rex. Gud freinds, ye ar richt welcome to us all. Sit doun all thrie, and geif us your counfall.

Correct. Sir, I give yow baith counfal and command. In your office use exercitioun.

First, that ye gar search out, throch all your land, Quha can nocht put to executioun

Thair office, after the institutioun

Of godlie lawis, conforme to thair vacatioun;

Put in thair placis men of gude conditioun.

And this ye do without dilatioun.

Ye ar the head, fir, of this congregatioun, Preordinat be God omnipotent, Quhilk hes me fend to mak yow supportatioun; Into the quhilk I sal be diligent.

And quhasaevir beis inobedient,

And will nocht suffer for to be correctit,

Thay sal be all desposit incontinent, And from your presence they sall be dejectit.

Counfall. Begin first at the Spritualitie,
And tak of them examinatioun,
Gif they can use thair divyne dewetie.
And als I mak yow supplicatioun,
All thay that hes thair offices misus,
Of them mak haistie deprivatioun.
Sa that the peopill be na mair abust.

Correct. Ye are ane Prince of Spritualitie, How have ye usit your office now let se.

Spi. My lords, guhen was thair ony Prelats wont Of thair office till ony King mak count? Bot of my office gif ye wald have the feill, I let yow wit I have it ufit weill. For I tak in my count twyfe in the yeir, Wanting nocht of my teind ane boll of beir: I gat gude payment of my temporal lands, My buttock-mail, my coattis, and my offrands; With all that dois perteine my benefice. Confider now, my lord, gyf I be wyfe. I dare nocht marye contrair the common law, Ane thing thair is, my lord, that ye may knaw, Howbeit I dar nocht plainlie spouse ane wyse, Yit Concubeins I have had four or fyfe. And to my fons I have given rich rewairds; And all my dochters maryit upon lairds. I let yow wit my lord I am na fuill, For guhy? I ryde upon ane amland muill.

Thair is no temporal lord in all the land
That maks fic cheir, I let you understand.
And als, my lord, I gif with gude intentioun
To divers Temporal Lords ane yeirlie pensioun,
To that intent that thay, with all thair hart,
In richt and wrang fal plainlie tak my part.
Now have I tould you, sir, on my best ways
How that I have exercit my office.

Correct. I weind your office had bene for til preich, And God's law to the peoplil teich. Quhairfoir weir ye that mytour ye me tell?

Spir. I wat nocht, man, be him that herryit hell.

Corr. That dois betakin that ye, with gude intent,
Sould teich and preich the Auld and New Testament.

Spir. I have ane freir to preich into my place.

Of my office ye heir na mair quhill pasche.

Chastitie, My lords, this Abbot and this Priores
Thay feorne thair gods; this is my reason quhy,
Thay beare ane habite of seinyiet halines,
And in thair deid thay do the contrary.
For to live chaist thay vow solemnitly;
Bot tra that thay be sikker of their bowis,
Thay live in hoirdome and in harlotry.
Examine them, Sir, how thay observe their vowis.

Correct. Sir Scribe, ye fall at Chastitie's requeist, Pas and exame you thrie in gudlie haist.

Scribe. Father Abbot, this Counfal bids me speir How ye have usit your Abbay thay wald heir? And als thir Kings hes given to me commissioun Or your office for to mak inquisitioun. Abbot. Tuiching my office I say to yow plainlie, My monks and I we leif richt easilie; Thair is na monks, from Carrick to Carraill, That sairs better, and drinks mair helsum ails. My Prior is ane man of great devotioun, Thairsoir daylie he gets ane double portioun.

Scribe. My lord, how have ye keipt your thrie vows?

Abbat. Indeid richt weill, till I gat hame my bows;
In my abbey when I was fane professor.

Than did I leife as did my predecessor.

My paramour is baith als fat and fair
As ony wench into the toun of Air.

I send my sons to Pareis to the scuillis;
I traist in God that they sal be na fuillis.

And all my dochters I have weill providit.

Now judge ye gif my office be weill gydit.

Scribe. Maister Persone, schaw us gif ye can preich? Pers. Thocht I preich necht I can play at the caiche. I wait thair is nocht ane among you all Mair serilie can play at the sure ball; And for the earts, the tabils, and the dyse, Above all Persons I may beir the pryce. Our round bonats we mak them now four nuickit, Of richt syne stuff, gif yow list cum and luik it. Of my office I have declarit to the:

Scribe. Quhat fay ye now, my lady Priores, How have ye ufit your office can ye ges? Quhat was the caus ye refulit harbrie To this young lustic ladie, Chastitie?

Speir quhat ye pleis, ye get na mair of me.

Priores. I wald have harborit hir with gude intent, Bot my complexion thairto wald not affent. I do my office after auld use and wount. To your Parliament I will mak na mair count.

Veritie. Now caus fum of your cunning Clarks, Quhilk ar expert in heavenlie warks.
And men fulfillit with charitie,
That can weill preiche the veritie;
And gif to fum of them command
Ane fermon for to mak fra hand.

Correct. As ye have faid I am content,
To gar fum preich incontinent.

Magister noster, I ken how ye can teiche
Into the scuillis, and that richt ornatile;
I pray yow now that ye wald please to preiche
In Inglisch toung, land folk to edifie.

Doctour. Soverane I fall obey yow humbillie With ane schort sermon, presentile in this place; And schaw the word of God unseinyeitlie, And sinceirlie, as God will give me grace.

[Heir fall the Doctour pas to the pulpit, and fay, Si vis ad vitam ingredi, ferva mandata.

Devoit peopill, Sanct Paull the preichour fayis,
The fervent luife, and fatherlie pitie,
Qunilk God Almichtie hes schawin mony wayis
To man in his corrupt fragilitie,
Exceeds all luise in earth, sa far that we
May never to God mak recompence conding;
As quha sa lists to reid the veritie,
In halie scripture he may find this thing.

Sic Deus dilexit mundum.

Tuiching nathing the great prerogative

Quhilk God to man in his creation lent,

How man of nocht creat fuperlative

Was to the image of God Omnipotent,

Let us confider that special luif ingent

God had to man, quhen our foir father fell,

Drawing us all, in his loynis immanent,

Captive from gloir in thirlage to the hell.

Quhen Angels fell, thair miserabill ruyne
Was never restorit: bot for our miserie
The sun of God, secund person divyne,
In ane pure Virgin tuke humanitie;
Syne for our sake great harmis suffered he,
In fasting, walking, in preiching, cauld and heit;
And at the last ane schameful death deit he,
Betwix twa theiss on croce he yeild the spreit.

And quhair an drop of his maist precious blude Was recompence sufficient and conding Ane thousand warlds to ransom fra that wod Infernal seind, Satan; notwithstanding He luist us sa, that for our ransoning He sched furth all the blude of his bodie; Riven, rent, and sair wondit, quhair he did hing, Naild on the croce on the Mont Calvary.

Et copiosa apud eum redemptio.

O cruel death, be the the venemous
Dragon, the Devill infernal lost his pray;
Be the the stinkand, mirk, contageous,
Deip pit of hell mankynd escaipit fray.
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Be the the port of Paradice alway
Was patent maid unto the heavin fa hie,
Opinnit to man, and maid ane reddie way
To gloir eternal with the Trinitie.

And yit for all this luife incomparabill
God askis no rewaird fra us againe,
Bot luife for luife: in this command bot sabill
Conteinit ar allhalie the lawis ten,
Baith all and new, and commandiments everilkane.
Luife bene the ledder, quhilk hes bot steppis twa,
Be quhilk we may clime up to lyse againe,
Out of this vaill of miserie and wa.

Diliges Dominum tuum, Deum tuum, ex toto corde tuo, et proximum tuum ficut teipfum; in his duobus mandatis, &cc.

The first step suithlie of this ledder is
To luise thy God, as the sountaine and well
Of luise and grace: and the secund, I wis,
To luise thy nichtbour as thou luiss thi sell.
Quba tynis ane step of thir twa gais to hell,
Bot he repents, and turne to Christ anone,
Hauld this na fabill, the halie Evangell
Bears in effect this wordis everie one.

Si wis ad vitam ingredi, ferva mandata, &c.
Thay tyne thir steps, all thay quhaevir did sin
In pryde, invy, in ire, and lecherie;
In covetice, or ony extreme win,
Into sweirnes, or into gluttanie;
Or quha dois nocht the deids of mercie,
Gif hungrie meit, and gif the naikit clayis.—

Perf. Now walloway, thinks thou na schame to lie? I trow the devill a word is trew thou sayis.

Thou fayis thair is bot twa steppis to the heavin,

Quha failyies them man backwart fall in hell.

I wait it is ten thousand mylis, and sevin,

Gif it be na mair I do it upon thy sell.

Schort leggit men I se, be Bryds bell,

Will nevir cum thair, thay steppis bene sa wyde;

Gif thay be the words of the Evangell

The Spirituall men hes mister of ane gyde.

Abbat. And I belief that cruikit men and blinde
Sall never get up upon fa hich ane ledder.
By my gude faith I dreid to ly behinde,
Without God draw me up into ane tedder.
Quhat and I fall, than I will break my bledder.
And I cum thair this day the devill fpeid me,
Except God make me lichter nor ane fedder,
Or fend me doun gude widcok wingis to flie.

Perf. Cum doun dastart, and gang fell draiss, I understand nocht quhat thow said;
Thy words war nather corne nor caiss, I wald thy toung againe war laide.
Quhair thou sayis pryde is deidlie sin, I say pryde is bot honestie;
And covetice of warldlie win
Is bot wisdome, I say for me.
Ire, hardiness, and gluttonie,
Is nathing ellis but lysis sude;
The natural sin of lecherie
Is but trew luise; all thir ar gude.

Doctor. God and the Kirk has given command. That all gude Christian men refuse them.

Perf. Bot war thay fin I understand We men of Kirk wald never use them.

Doct. Brother, I pray the Trinitie
Your faith and charitie to support,
Causand you knaw the veritie,
That ye your subjects may comfort.
To your prayers, peopill, I recommend
The rewlars of this nobill regioun,
That our Lord God his grace mot to them send
On trespassours to mak punitioun;
Prayand to God from seinds yow defend,
And of your sins to gif yow full remissioun.
I say na mair to God I you commend.

[Heir Diligence Spyis the Freir roundand to the

Dilig. My lords, I persave that the Spiritual stait Be way of deid purpois to mak dehait; For be the counsall of you flattrand freir Thay purpois to mak all this toun on steir.

1st Licent. Traist ye that thay will be inobedient To that quhilk is decreitit in Parliament?

Dilig. Thay se the Paip with awfull ordinance Makis weir against the michtie King of France; Richt sa thay think that Prelats suld nocht sunyie Be way of deid defend thair patrimonie.

Ist Lic. I pray the, brother, gar me understand Quhair ever Christ possessit ane fut of land.

Dilig. Yea that he did, father, withouttin faill, For Christ Jesus Was King of Israell.

1st Lic. I grant that Christ was king abuse all kings,
Bot he mellit never with temporal things;

As he hes plainlie done declair himsell,

As thou may reid in his halie Evangell;

" Birds hes thair nests, and tods hes thair den,

" Bot Christ Jesus, the Saviour of men,

"In all this warld hes nocht ane penny braid,

Ouhairon he may repois his heavenlie head.

Dilig. And is that trew?

Lic. Yes, brother, be Allhallows,

Christ Jesus had na propertie, bot the gallows. And lest not, quhen he yeildit up the spreit, To by himself ane simpill winding scheit.

Dilig. Christ's successours, I understand,
Thinks na schame to have temporal land.
Father, thay have na will, I you assure,
In this warld be indigent and puir.
Bot, sir, sen ye are callit sapient,
Declair to me the caus with trew intent
Quhy that my lustie ladie Veritie
Hes nocht bene weill treatie in this cuntrie?

Batchelor. Forfuith quhair Prelats uses the counsall
Of beggand freirs, in mony regioun,
And thay Prelats with Princis principal,
The veritie but doubt is trampit doun;
And Common weil put to consussoun.

Gif this be trew to yow I me report,

Thairfoir, my lords, mak reformation.

Or ye depairt, hairtlie, I yow exhort.

Sirs, Freirs wald never yit, I yow affure,
That ony Prelats ufit preiching;
And prelats take on them that cure
Freirs wald get nathing for thair fleiching.

I counfall yow, Sir, &c. p. 181. (Play, p. 122.)

About eight pages omitted. (Play, p. 123.)

The speech of the First Sarjand stands thus in the Play.

Cum on my Ladie Priores,
We fall leir yow to dance,
And that within ane lytill fpace,
Ane new pavin of France.

[Heir fall thay spoilye the Priores, and sche fall have ane kirtil of filk under hir habit.

Now, brother, be the masse Be my judgement I think This halie Priores Is turnit in one cowclink.

Priores. I gif my freinds my malifoun,
That me compellit to be ane Nun,
And wald nocht let me marie;
It was my freinds greadines
That gart me be ane Priores.
Now hartlie then I warie.
Houbeit that Nunnis fing nichts and days,
Thair hart waits nocht quhat thair mouth fays,
The fuith I yow declair.
Makand yow intimatioun,
To Christis congregatioun
Nunnis ar nocht necessar.

Bot I fall do the best I can,
And marie sum gude houest man,
And brew gude aill and tun.
Mariage, be my opinioun,
It is better Religioun
As to be Freir or Nun.

Flat. Freir. My Lordis for Gods saik let nocht hang me. &c. here, p. 183 to 185.

To Johnie the Common-weill. (P. p. 125.)

[Heir sal the Kings and the Temporal Stait round togider.

Correct. With the advice of King Humanitie
Heir I determine with rype advysement,
That all thir Prelats fall deprivit be;
And be decreit of this present Parliament
That thir thre cunning Clarkis sapient
Immediatlie thair places sall posses,
Becaus that thay have bene sa negligent,
Suffring the word of God for till decres.

Rex Hum. As ye have faid but doubt it fall be done; Pas to and mak this interchainging fone.

[The Kings fervants lay hands on the thrie Prelats, and fays.

Wantonn. My lords, we pray you to be patient, For we will do the Kings commandement.

Spirit. I mak ane vow to God and ye us handill, Ye fall be curst and graggit with buik and candil; Syne we fall pas unto the Paip, and pleinyie, And to the devill of hell condemne this meinyie. For quhy? Sic reformation, as I weine, Into Scotland was never hard nor feine.

[Heir fall they spuiltye them with silence, and put thair habits on the thrie Clarks.

Merchant. We marvell of yow, paintit sepulturis, That was sa bauld for to accept sic curis, With glorious habite rydand upon your muillis; Now men may se ye are bot verie suillis.

Spir. We say the Kings war greiter fuillis nor we, That us promovit to sa greit dignitie.

Abbot. Thair is ane thousand in the Kirk, but doubt, Sic fuillis as we, gif thay war weill socht out:
Now, brother, sen it may na better be,
Let us ga soup with Sensualitie.

[Heir fall thay pas to Senfualitie.

Spir. Madame, I pray yow mak us thrie gude cheir, We cure nocht to remaine with yow all yeir.

Senfual. Pas fra us fuillis; be him that has us wrocht Ye ludge nocht heir, becaus I knaw yow nocht.

Spir. Sir Covetice, will ye also misten me? I wait richt weill ye wil baith gif and lend me. Speid hand my freind, spair nocht to break the lockis, Gif me ane thousand crouns out of my box.

Covet. Quhairfoir, Sir fuill, gif you ane thousand

Ga hence, ye feime to be thrie very louns.

Spir. I fe nocht els, brother, withouttin faillBot this fals world is turnit top ouir taill.

Son all is vaine that is under the lift,

To win our meat we man make uther schift;

With our labour except we mak debait, I dreid full fair we want baith drink and meat.

Perf. Gif with our labour we man us defend,

Then let us gang quhair we war never kend.

Sprit. I wyte thir freirs that I am thus abusit,
For by thair counsal I have bene consust;
Thay gart me trow it suffysit, alace,
To gar them plainlie preich into my place.

Abbot. Alace, this reformation I may warie,
For I have yit twa dochtirs for till marie;
And they are baith contractit, be the rude,
And waits nocht how to pay thair tocher gude.

Perf. The devill mak cair for this unhappie chance,
For I am young, and thinks to pas to France,
And tak wages amang the men of weir,
And win my living with my fword and fpeir.

[The Bischop, Abbot, Persone, and Priores, depairts altogeder.

Gude Couns. Or ye depairt, fir, of this regioun, &c. here p. 197, 198. (Play, p. 127, 128.)

And Commoun Weill be tirrandis firampit downe.

[Pausa.

The Speech of Common Weal, p. 198. is given in the Play to Correction, and is thus continued.

Now Maisters, ye fall heir incontinent,
At great leyfour, in your presence proclamit
The Nobill Actis of our Parliament,
Of quhilks we neid nocht to be aschamit.
Cum heir, Trumpet, and sound your warning tone
That every man may knaw quhat we have done.

[Heir fall Diligence, with the Scribe, and the Trumpet, pas to the pulpit, and proclame the Actis.

The First Act.

It is devyfit be thir prudent Kings,
Correctioun, and King Humanitie,
That thair Leigis, induring all their ringis,
With the avyce of the Estaitis Thrie,
Sall manfullie desend and fortiste
The Kirk of Christ, and his religioun,
Without dissimulance or hypocrisse,
Under the pain of their punitioun.

2. Als thay will that the Actis honorabil!, Maid be our Prince in the last Parliament, Becaus thay ar baith gude and profitabill, Thay will that everie man be diligent Them till observe, with unseinyeit intent. Quha disobeyis inobedientlie Be thair lawis, but doubt they fall repent, And painis conteinit thairin sall underly.

3. And als, the Common-weil for til advance, It is statute that all the temporal lands Be set in sew, ester the forme of France, "Till verteous men, that labours with thair hands, Resonabillie restrictit with sic bands, That thay do service nevertheles.

And to be subject ay under the wands; That riches may with policie incres.

4. Item, this prudent Parliament hes devysit, Gif lords hold under thair dominioun Theisis, quhairthroch puir peopil bene supprisit, For them thay sail make answeir to the croun, And to the puir mak restitution,
Without thay put them in the judges hands,
For thair default to suffer punitionn;
Sa that na theisis remaine within thair lands.

5. To that intent that justice fould incres,
It is concludit in this parliament,
That into Elgin, or into Innernesse,
Sall be ane sute of Clarks sapient,
Togidder with ane prudent President,
To do justice in all the Norther Airtis
Sa equallie without impediment,
That thay neid nocht seik justice in thir pairtis.

6. With licence of the Kirks halines,
That justice may be done continuallie,
All the maters of Scotland, mair and les,
To thir twa famous faits perpetuallie
Sal be directit, becaus men seis plainlie \*
Thir wantoun Nunnis ar na way necessar,
Till common-weil nor yit to the glorie
Of Christs Kirk, thocht thay be fat and fair.

And als that fragill ardour feminine
Will nocht be missit in Christs Religioun,
Thair wits use till ane better fyne,
For common-weill of all this regioun,
Ilk Senature for that erectioun,
For the uphalding of thair gravitie,
Sall have fyve hundreth mark of pensioun,
And also bot twa † fall their nummer be.

<sup>\*</sup> Here seems a defect.

<sup>+</sup> Of Edinburgh, and of the North.

Into the North faxteine fall thair remaine;
Saxtein richt fa in our maist famous toun
Of Edinburgh, to serve our Soveraine,
Chosen without partiall afflictioun
Of the maist cunning Clarks of this Regioun;
Thair Chancellar chosen of ane famous Clark,
Ane cunning man of great perfectioun,
And for his pensioun have ane thousand marks

- 7. It is devyfit in this Parliament,
  From this day furth na mater Temporall,
  (Our new Prelats thairto hes done confent,)
  Cum befoir Judges Confiftoriall,
  Quhilk hes bene sa prolixt and partiall
  To the great hurt of the communities
  Let Temporall men seik Judges Temporall,
  And Spiritual men to Spritualitie.
- 8. Na benefice beis giffin, in tyme cumming,
  Bot to men of gude eruditioun,
  Expert in the Halie Scripture, and cunning,
  And that thay be of gude conditioun,
  Of publick vices but fuspitioun;
  And qualefiet nicht prudentlie to preich
  To thair awin folk, baith into land and toun,
  Or ellis in famous scuillis for to teich.
- 9. Als becaus of the great pluralitie
  Of ignorant preifts, ma than ane legioun,
  Quhair-throon of reichours the heich dignitis
  Is vilipendit in ilk regioun,
  Thairfoir our Court has made provisioun
  That na Bischops mak teichours in tyme cumming,

Except men of gude eruditioun,
And for Preiftheid qualefeit and cunning.

And for Preitheid qualefeit and cunning.

Siclyke as ye fe, in the borrows rown,
Ane tailyeour is nocht fufferit to remaine,
Without he can mak doublet, coat, and gown;
He man gang till his prenteifchip againe.
Bifchops fould nocht reffave (methink certaine)
Into the Kirk, except ane cunning Clark:
Ane idiot preist Esay compaireth plaine
Till ane dum dogge, that can nocht byte nor bark.

- 10. From this day furth fe na Prelats pretend,
  Under the paine of inobedience,
  At Prince or Paip to purchase ane commend,
  Againe the kow \* becaus it dois offence:
  Till ony Priest we think sufficience
  Ane benefice, far to serve God withall.
  Twa Prelacies sall na man have from thence,
  Without that he be of the blude Royall.
- ri. Item this prudent Counfall has concludit,
  Sa that our haly Vickars be nocht wraith,
  From this day furth thay fal be cleane denudit
  Baith of corf-prefent, cow, and umest claith;
  To puir commons becaus it hath done skaith.
  And mairover we think it lytill force,
  Howbeit the Barrouns thairto will be laith,
  From thence futth thay fall want thair hyrald-hors.
- 12. It is decreit that in this Parliament Ilk Bischop, Minister, Priour, and Persoun,

To the effect thay may tak better tent
To faulis under their dominioun,
Efter the forme of thair fundatioun,
Ilk Bischop in his Diose fall remaine;
And everilk Persone in his parachoun,
Teiching thair folk from vices to refraine.

- 13. Becaus that clarks our substance dois consume
  For bils and proces of thair prelacies,
  Thairfoir thair sall na money ga to Rome,
  From this day furth for any benefice,
  Bot gif it be for greit Archbischopries.
  As for the rest na money gais at all,
  For the incressing of thair dignities,
  Na mair nor did to Peter nor to Panll.
- 14. Confidering that our Preists, for the maist part, Thay want the gift of Chastitie we se, Cupido hes sa perst them throch the hart, We grant them licence and frie libertie \* That thay may have fair Virgins to thair wysis, And sa keip matrimoniall chastitie, And nocht in huirdome for to leid thair lysis.
- 15. This Parliament richt fa hes done conclude
  From this day forth our Barrouns temporall
  Sall na mair mix thair nobil ancient blude
  With baftard bairns of Stait Spirituall.
  Ilk flait amang thair awin felfis marie fall.
  Gif Nobils marie with the Spiritualitie,
  From thyne subject thay sal be, and all
  Sal be degraithit of thair Nobilitie;

And from amang the Nobils cancellate, Unto the tyme thay by thair libertie, Rehabilit be the civill magistrate. And sa fall marie the Spiritualitie; Bischops with Bischops sall mak affinitie, Abbots and Priors with the Priores, As Bischop Annas in Scripture we may se, Maryit his dochter on Bischop Caiphas.

Now have ye heard the Actis honorabill
Devyfit in this present Parliament;
To Common-weill we think agreabill
All faithfull folk fould heirof be content,
Them till observe with hartlie trew intent,
I wait nane will against our Acts rebell,
Nor till our law be inobedient,
Bot Plutois band, the potent prince of hell.

[Heir fall Pauper cum befoir the King and fay.

Pauper. I gif yow my braid bennesoun, That has givin Common Weill a gown; I wald nocht for ane pair of plackis Ye had nocht maid thir nobill Actis. I pray to God, and sweit Sainct Geill, To gif yow grace to use them weill; Wer thay weill keipit I understand It war great honour to Scotland; It had bene als gude ye had sleipir, As to mak acts and be nocht keipit.

Now I befeik yow for all-hallowis, &c. p. 185. Play, p. 133.

## Minute Corrections, and Variations.

Pag. Lin.

23. NUNTIUS-Play, DILIGENCE.

24. 8. for gleeris, read elder.

46. 9. for mot, read mot keip.

52. 5. for thame, read him.

53. 1. for Cruevin meus, read trewker mens.

56. 14. Go east about the nether mill; probably a variation betweene the representations at Coupar and at Edinburgh.

57. The Same Stanzas occur p. 134.

61. line last, wald not-that wald not cut.

62. 3. for elly read chyre.

- 5. for fiveir, read sweir.

63. 3. for caffald, read scaffald.

- 4. Baggil-boggil.

- 5. prete-pert,

65. 8. the word wanting is umest.

66. 12. ganan-ganar.

68. I. pen. The line wanting is,
Black Bullinger, and Melancthoun.

- 1. laft, crode-cude.

69. 17 Makameillis-Makconnals.

74. 6. read Upoun Dame Fleschers midding.

78. 15. for fenyie, read senyie.

80. 5 for blude, read blinde.

- 6. for the gammis read thy gammis.

104. It. / perral ;

Page. Line.

84. 3. Found read Fond.

86. 4. hyt-byte.

91. l. antepen. for hay read hag.

98. 23. for fran read Fran; for ipsam, Hispan.

- 24. for Vallances read Vallones.

- 25. for apulum read epulum.

99. 10. Kae Kappitie-Cacaphatie.

103. 8. Stormesteid be feiny-Cottit on sea ay sen.

104. 3. for wound, read wind.

105. 5. frody-frelie.

106. 9 for howbirdis read bawbirdis.

107. l. en. for now, read my deir.
108. 14. fairfolk—fariefolk.

110. 5. read, This is ane coull of Tullielum.

- 6. porteris - portouns. A MS note explains it "portaffle or mass-book," portitorium.

- after line 14 insert,

Quhen lords ar heldin at the yet.

119. 1. For mony a craft, Sir, do I can.

- 17. Drunken-Danskin, (Dantzic.)

- 21. for Engling read Rugland.

126. 12. berdit mowch-lyart beard.

133. 3. for cewratouris read creatouris.

145. 14. rax-rack.

- 16. fl, read fal:

147. 12. face-ficht.

250. 7. for at, read with.

62. 8. POVERTIE—PAUPER; and fo on being the Puir MAN of Int. III.

163. 13. fenjouris-cuitchours.

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164. 11. for peprall, read peggral.

165. 19. Jenkyne-gearking.

167. 12. CORRECTION. Flyte on thy fowfill, I defyre the.

177. 5. read Micht I him get to Ewis durris.

- 12. Stouder-Strother.

- 16. read, To get my Lord Lindfay's brown Jonet.

178. 4. The line wanting is

I befeik yow my brother deir,

Bot half, &c.

181. 1. antepen. inbind-invaird.

- line last, for rewle, read cowle.

183. 7. for Kings babite, read Freirs babite.

184. 8. fleand-fleimde.

187. After line 1. insert,

All ye misdoars and transgressouris.

- 16. Erewynis-Curwings.

- 18. Eifdaill-Ewifdaill.

190. 5. for Cowpar toun, read Clappertoun.

- 17. This line deleted, probably to avoid offence, and is thus supplied,

For wanting of your wonted grace.

191. line last, for ye, read thay.

192. 14. Beverege-Baberage.

- 20. Caidyeich-Caidyeoch,

22. for yet, read get.

- 12. for my, read his.

- 20. for beremeris, read loremeris.

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193. 22. for and eir, read our deir.

- 27. gudlynis-gudlingis.

194. 6. cairteleis-canteleinis.

195. After line 10. infert,

Prelats that hes ma benefeits nor thrie.

196. 9. for wyvis read lyvis, and infert,

Let never priests be hamlie with your wyvis.

197. 2. rubratour-rubyatour.

- 24. for his hes bene, read he hes bene fa; and add,

That he is baith cauld, naikit, and difgyfit.

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196. 9. Ar wyritered trie, and agent.

The electric news profit be hands with our wyris.

107. 2. raharoar—morestor.

107. 2. rubinout—rebenden.

24. for his has bene, read he has bete fag dat

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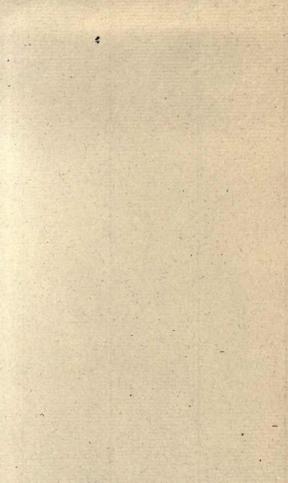
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