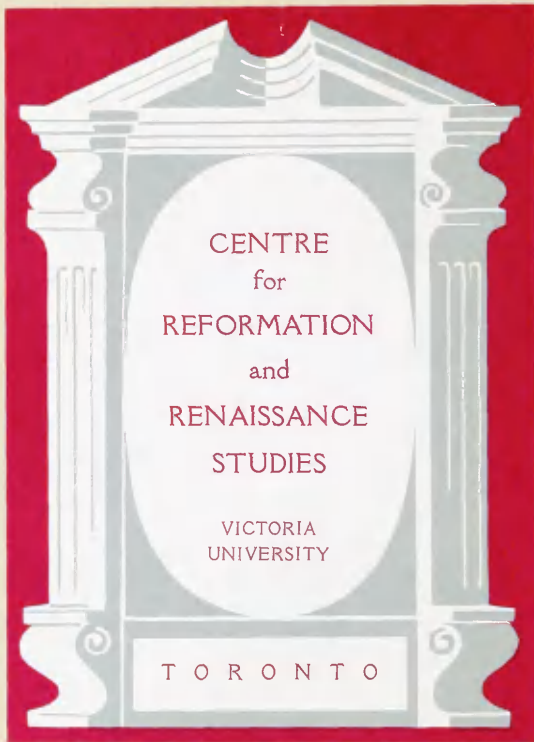


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EARLY in the craft year which began on 19 July 1557, and was the first of the chartered existence of the Stationers' Company, John Waley, or Wally, entered what was no doubt the present play on the Register along with several other works. The entry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

To master John wally these bokes Called Welth and helthe/the treatise of the
ffrere and the boye/stans puer ad mensam another of youghte charyte and
humylte an a b c for cheldren in engleshe with syllabes also a boke called
an hundreth mery tayles ij^s

[Arber's Transcript, I. 75.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IRREGULAR AND DOUBTFUL READINGS.

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

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

- bebolde (be holde)
 322. **Thyrfoze**
 324. **lybrtpe**
 328. **ano**
 337. **pas (past)**
 364. **ther**
 367. **jet hym (hem)**
 373. **Wytte (Will)**
 379. **felfe**
 383. **caa**
 386. **thought (fought)**
 391. **trhon (?)**
 397. **be gins**
 398. **fleminge**
 400. **flemminges**
 wilmar (?)
 405. **icvell**
 408. **lonck**
 410. **ic compta hore**
 414. **Daē**
 424. **faunders**
 425. **fleminges**
 426. **theris**
 433. **deuofe**
 440. **ftyll (?)**
 443. **thred wet**
 445. **Wpyll...cun**
 447. **thing**
 450. **geeat actoztpe**
 452. **hach**
 453. **luft (iust)...indifference**
 460. **halbe (the 'f' doubtful)**
 470. **berter**
 473. **mayay (or? nayay, read-
 ing very doubtful;
 may say ?)**
 475. **fozfoth...brother**
 479. **in (the 'n' doubtful)**
 485. **wel...fpe (fyt ?)**
 498. **you**
 501. **vegyled**
 502. **councell**
 507. **Wyl II (?)**
 508. **the (?)**
 509. **chat...alw ay**
 511. **meaneth (the 't' doubt-
 ful)**
 520. **[Liberty ?]**
 531. **oardon**
 534. **am be (?)...well**
 545. **England**
 547. **renlmes**
 548. **thy (they)**
 551. **rm**
 553. **apart...aceozitie**
 554. **R[e]md[i]**
 558. **foz (the 'f' doubtful)**
 561. **prefering (?)**
 567. **ehis**
 568. **percelue**
 596. **b e (?)**
 600. **poor (?)**
 601. **together**
 605. **erchewe...III**

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

796. **pe t**
798. **people** (the second 'e'
doubtful)...**Detelt**
799. **theroffoz** (?)
801. **A mendes**
(catchword cropt)
803. **doone** (the 'd' doubtful)
804. **helfe a mendes**
807. **necessitie** (?)
820. **thinketh** (the second 't'
doubtful)
821. **herc**
822. **ve**
823. **eafe ano**
826. **waræ**
828. **boyde**
830. **weae...what hrlth**
831. **saw saw**
833. **tste**
834. (catchword cropt)
836. **liuingl**
838. **about** (?)
841. **blam**
842. **Co staunder**
undesrrued
843. **drpart**
846. **spynardo**
847. **folse chese...heapth**
849. **wiltel**
850. **ia**
851. **peca** (the 'e' doubtful)
853. **meae**
856. **these**
861. **contra**
863. **ihree**
864. **I Jpfo...tham**
(there is no lead between
Wyll. and **Wytte.**;
the speakers' names to
ll. 862-3 are half a
line too low, those to
ll. 865-7 half a line
too high)
866. **Remd**[i]
867. **abd ...** (signature and
catchword cut off?)
868. **ful**
871. **speake**
873. **season**
881. **Remdt**
882. **thete** (?)
887. **in continent**
888. **wif**
889. **lake**
891. **behanged**
893. **hall**
901. **hzew de**
903. **althze**
907. **haibe...warding**
alonge
909. **wel**
912. **remābze...a nother**
917. **dispyetur**
918. **ungrocious**

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|---|----------------------|
| 919. diffulation | 940. pyfe (?) |
| 923. debyl | 941. rectore |
| 924. liberty : (the 's' doubtful; opposite l. 923) | 954. Char (?) |
| 925. ymanginacien | 955. remdy |
| 927. wyſcef | 956. deuer |
| 928. pyſon | 958. riagne |
| 933. (catchword cropt) | 960. rontinue |
| | 961. w (w) |

An enterlude of

Welth, and Helth, very merry and full of
Pastyme, newly set his tune
Imprinted.

(:)

The Names of the players.

Welth,
Helth,
Cyberste.

Itoril.
Shyotobtopt.

Dance.
Remedy

Four may easily play this playe.

Song

of
for joy

There entreteth Welch, and Welth spung together
a balat of two partes, and after speaketh

Welch.

Why is there no curtesyties I am come
I knowe that all the people be dume

Oz els so god helpe me and halp dnm

They were almost a sleepe

No wordes I harde, nor yet no talking

No instrument went noz ballattes spung

What ayles you all thus to sit dreaming

Of whom take ye care

Of my coming ye may be glad

Therefore I pray you be not sad

For all your despayre shall be had

I can amende your chease

By God I thinke ye haue forgotten me

I am welth of this realme looke hpon me

For I am to euery man louing and frendly

For welth hath no pece

Brother welch haue ye not yet doone

ye prayse your selfe aboute the moone

Euery man may perceyue therby soone

That you lacke discreyve

Wherfore, by god I cannot say so much

I am so welth of substance and rych

In all the worlde where is one such

As I am of comparison.

Welth is good I cannot deny

Yet prayse your selfe so muche ye may

For welth oftentimes doth decay

And welth is nothing sure.

A. S.

welth

Welch.

Welth.

Welth.

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♫ An enterlude of

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

(. .)

¶ The Names of the players.

Welth.

Ilwyl.

Hance.

Helth,

Shrowdwyt.

Remedy

Lybertie.

Foure may easely play this Playe.

C Here entreteth Welth, and Helth synging together
a balet of two partes, and after speaketh
Welth.

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

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

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

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

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

Helth.

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

Welth.

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

Helth.

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

Health Therin ye speake full louingle
For in this realme welth should be
yeth no displeasure I pray you hartely
But in the way of communicacion.
And for passyme I would speake some wayes
Of no comparison, nor to you no dyspayre,
I doo not intende that maner alwayes,
But for a recreation,

40

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

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

50

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

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

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

60

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

As I, mary ther in deede ye do compare.

Welth.

Such wordes myght bynge you soone in care

70 Lewde parson, thouart not ware

Of what substaunce I am

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

Health.

What sayst thou, am I a sargetpue

wealth

I was neuer so taken vp in my lyfe
Nor called vnure, well I wyll make no stryfe
yet where as thou dost say,

80 That I should show my commodities alwayes

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

Nor halfe the benefites that commeth of me
yt cannot be tolde nor resyted shortly
Welth is the floure of althing earthly
That you cannot denye.

Feyste god saue, our soueraine Ladye the Queene
With all the countel and all that with them bene

90 Am not I welth with them euer at ene

Who should be there but I?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Health I denye that, your sayng is nought
Grace, heauen, nor cunning, cannot be bought
without great paine, ad good dedes wrought
Els man cannot them haue.

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

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

Health

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

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

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

Health

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

With his neighboures he wyl go to lawe
And a weke his mayce for valedw of strawe
150 welth is fykle and out of awe
wylfull in wronge or ryght

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

Wealth.

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

Helth. So I wold ye should, and I shall do the same
Helth I am called, and that is my name
If I would not abyde heare I were to blame
Foz here I am well cherished
Yet say your selfe, nhtw indifferenily
And if euery man doo not loue me
Helth as well as welth, yes verely
Cherof I dare be reported

160

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

170

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

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

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

180

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

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

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I will forgiue or els I were to blame Health
 And I pray you to forgiue me the same
 I loue you hartly, and wyll prayse your name
 yf it please you to keepe my company.
 ¶ Here entreteth lyberty with a song & after speaketh libert
 Why tary syxs whether are ye going
 I see well ye looked not for my comming
 Loe, out of syght out of remembryng
 200 Absence is cause of straungnes,
 What looke ye on wertwhy are ye so straunge
 From your fellow liberty, doth your minds chaūge
 In your company I was wont to range
 What nedes all this busines,
 By liberty now I doo not set wealth
 Seyng that helth and I am met
 As feloweh together no man shall let
 Age for to loue hym best.
 Let me heare what ye do say liberty.
 210 Then ye are about to cast me away
 How happes this? mary then I may
 Goe pyke strawes and take me rest.
 I pray you tell me whom I haue offended
 yf I haue made a faute it shalde amended
 with so shorthe warning let me not be voyded
 I crow yet ye do but iest.
 Why do ye make this cauelacion Helth.
 we entende to make no alteracyon
 welth and I haue had communication
 220 He is my freende of olde. liberty
 What was the matter, I pray you tell
 Age thinkes I ought to be of counsel
 Or els I promyse you ye doo not well
with
B.i.

With you I should beholde.

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

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

230

Health Why be you angry that we doo agree
Then are ye not wyle, for if ye loue me
I will loue hym agayne, so it should be
Or els I were myfaduised

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

240

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

liberti. What were ye both two, were not I.
Wretches and captyfes, looke not so hye
Thinke no scozne hardly
For I may be your peare
yf welth haue neuer so much lubstaunce
Lacking Libertye and werr in duraunce
Within a whyte, I am in assurance
ye woulde pray me come nere.

250

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

yt would abate your cheare.

Spe of welth which lacketh lybertye

Spe of helth and be in captiuitie

Spe of riches and lack good company

260 Lyberty hath no pere,

Wyll ye heare how he doth clatter?

Helth.

What neede ye to rehearse all this matter.

ye know that we twayne afoze any other.

Lyberty must nedes haue spyll.

Lybertie on vs is glade to wayte

ye stande to farre in your owne concepte

I wys lybertye ye ran make no bayte

To catche vs at your will.

Now there ye lye, I can suffer no longer

liberty.

270 Welth for Lybertye doth loboure euer

And helth for Libertye is a great stoz

Therfoze set me not so lyght

Libertye I pray the reason no moze

wealth

ye are welcome to vs as ye were before

In dede ofliberty it is great suter

Therfoze welcome by this lyght

Now I thanke you both full kindly

liberty,

your strange wordes alytle did greue me

And now at your comaundement I am redy

280 And at your owne wyll.

¶ Here entreth with some iest yllwyll

Gary I am come at the first call

Wyll.

Wyll, your owne man haue me who shall

For I am will seruaunt to you al

He shall not neede to sende for me.

Who is acquainted with this man

Welth.

B. ii.

He

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

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

290

health Whose wyll, or what wyll, doth he meane
Thou art not my wyl, I forlake thee cleane
My wyl and their wylls is often sene
Our wylls can none yll

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

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

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

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

310

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

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

wyll

Wyl and lybertyeis, of aunciterie olde
320 with out lybertye, wili dare not beholde
And where wyl lacketh, lybertye is full colde
Thyrfoze wyl and lybertye must nedes be of kyn.

Wyll.

liberti.

In dede as he saythe it may well be
Foz wyl euer longeth vnto lybrtye
Therfoze good freende welcome to me
I praye you al be good to him And goeth out

Welth.

Foz your sake he is welcome to vs all
Let him come to our place ano than he shall
Haue succoure of vs and helpe withal
330 & now we wil depart. And welth & helth goth out.

Wyll.

Wyl ye go hence. I thanke ye masters with al my
I wyl seke you out I warrant you feare not (hert
Now they be gone I am glad by saint mary
A lyttel while heare I purpose to tary
How to deceyue welth, helth, and libertie
Now must I deuyse.

Foz I am a chylde that is pas grace
I wyl I am called that in euery place
Doth much mischiefe this is a playne case
340 Vertue I doo vtterly dispise,

But if they wylt what I were
Then of my purpose I should be neuer & nere
I wyl kepe my tonge lesse that I mar
My whole intent and wyl.

But now I meruayle by this day
Where shrewd wit is gone a stray
Some crafty touche is in his way
I here him, peace, stand styll.

¶ Entreth shrewd wyt with a songe.

350 ¶ Dieu vous garde playsaunce

B.iii.

On

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

Loe heare I haue in stoze
Two or threer grottes and no moze
I take great thought therfoze
Foz to kepe it, it is much payne
I come now out of a place
where is a company of small grace
Cheues and hozes that spendes a pace
They were dronken all the fozte.

360

One of their purces I did aspy
Out of his sleue where it dyd lye
And one wynked on me with his eye
But ther began the spozte

Their false falsehode, and I crafty wpyt
got the purse loe, heare I haue it
I ran my way and let hym fyt
Smoke and shitten arse together.

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

370

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

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

380

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

yll

yllwyl and thewodwit who caa hyde
For they will be together.

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

wytte.

¶ Entreth Hance with a dutche songe.

390 Out nynen scone rutters by the moder got

It heist owne schon, for skaue ye nete
De qusteker mau iche bie do do
Uau the groate bnbarde well ic wete
Dartyck dowlant van enheb it mete
Jc best de mauikin van de koining dangliler
De grot keyser kind ic bene his busketer

Here ye not dronkē hance how he be gins to prate Wyl.
The malowperte Fleming is a little to cheke mate
Let the knaue alone, for his name is war. wytte

400 Such dronken Flemminges your company wil mar

Jc best nen emond, ic best in soche Hance.
ye secte nete vell ic forskaue ye in doche

Cumt hore leyf with your gound stand nere Wyl.
yt becummex you better to handle a potte of beare

Dat maght icvell dan, ic can skynke frelyck Hance

Tab bers frow, ic hziuges hzoze, begotts nemerick

The hozten knaue by the masse is dronke wytte.

A winking for depe his eyen be cleane lonck

Jc forzaue ye vell ye seg dac ic flope Hance

410 Nénike, nénike, ic compte hore for an andoz cope.

Wel coppin I pray the hartly tell vs trew Wyl.

Wherfoze comest thou hether for any thing to sew Hance
yeicke feger, en hūbardere vā de koyning wei it be

Heb twe skelling de dagh ic con scote de culueryn

Maē

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

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

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

wytte.

So am I to this maketh me very sadde
Yet oftentymes I haue bene harde bestadde
Now þ I am warned of him I am very glad
460 Sum crafty wyle for him shalbe hade

Wyll.

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

Liberty and helth returneth back with welth

Wealth

Spys you shall haue both gods blessing
So are ye worth for your praying
ye are wel disposed and of good liuing
470 I wyll loue you the berter alway

Wyll.

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

wytte.

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

C.i.

To

Health To haue you both in seruyce I am content
How say you libertie wil you therto consent
Wyll and wit, god hath vs lent
We may be glade of them

480

liberti. If we sholde refuse wyl and wyt
we were to blame for they be fyt
Therfoze by my wel they shal not slye
They be welcome to me,

Wyll. God thanke you maisters all thzee
ye shal finde vs poze but true we cannot be
My tonge stombles, I cry you mercy
We wyll be true I should say,

490

wealth Syr go your way home vnto one place
And we wyl hye vs after apace
And when we come we shall set you in case
To haue a lyuing alway.

Health Then loke ye do both truely and iust
For we must put you in great trust
All our houlshoulde guide ye must
Behaue you selfe well.

wytte Maisters feare not for I haue wit inough
To beguple my selfe, and to beguple you
I haue begyled many one I may say to you
I pray you kepe that in councell

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liberty. Beware of that, what doth he say?
Beguple vs all, yet I charge ye nay
He shall not beguile vs yf I may
I wyl beware betyme.

Wyll. Syr be not angry I you praye
the foole woteth not he doth say
He meneth chat he wil be profitable alw ay
And saue you many thinges.

510

what

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

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

Syr I pray you sing and ye can

Now wil I begin like a lusty bloud thā. thei sing wyll.

520 Syrs now go your way of you I am glad (& go out

As of any seruauntes that euer I had

Foz these can do both good and bad

We must needes haue such men

What were we yf we lacked wyll :

And without wyt we shoulde lyue yll

Therfore wyll and wit I wyll kepe styll.

I promise you I loue them

¶ Here commeth remedy in and to him saith

Syr your maysterhip is hartely welcome

530 Take your place here aboue as it is reason.

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

Syr to know wherfore ye come we are desyrous

I am he that ought foz to be well knownen

Of you thye specially, and of duetie

Great payne and busines as foz mine owne

Foz you I haue taken because I loue you hartely

To maintaine you is all my desyre and faculty

yet hard it is to doo, the people be so variable

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

Syr I pray you pardon vs of our ignoraunce now

I se well ye know vs better than we do you

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

Health Sir ye be welcom, I besech you show vs your name 550
remedi Good remedy forlouth I am the same.
liberti. yf I durst be so bolde I wolde pray you hartely
 To shewe vs apart of your great aceozitie,
R md My actozitie is geuen to me most speciall
 To maintaine you thre, in this realme to be
 What mine intent is. I wyl tel, but not all
 For that were to longe to reherse of a surety
 And I desyre you all for to be louing to me
 For your owne ease, come welth and profyt

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

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

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

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

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

If there be any that wyll grudge, surmyce or doo
Againe welth, helth & libertie, then must I for þ same
Shew mine auctozitie and power, for to remedy it so
That none of you shall diminishe, nor amisse be tane
I good remedy therfore may & will speake wout blāe
590 For the comen welth, & helth both of the soule & body
þ is mi office & power, & therfore I haue my actozitie

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Remdi May good fellowe I dwel not heare
Wherefoze doeſt thou chat inquire:
Woldeſt thou ought with any heare
Speake be not aſryde

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

Wyttē. Hew lookeſt thou one him halfe a ſcozne
I p-omiſe you he is a ſcant gentylman bozne
What ſtyleſt thou in his face

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

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

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

640 In good fayth the same thinke I
That ye be both lyke, full vnthrift
Syz how do ye lye, shew me quickly
Or I shall put you in duraunce

Remdi

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

wytte.

What doſt thou ayle canſt thou tell?
Haſt thou any thing with vs to mell?
650 By the maſſe thy handes doth tykell
Thou ſhalt beare me a blowe.

Wyll.

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

remedi

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

wytte.

660 Syz farewell here I wil no longer abide
For you both ſhortly I wyll prouide
That all your falſe craft ſhalbe out tryed
And our ſubtillicie known

Remdi

and goeth out.
To go ſo ſoone the horſon was wyſe
therfoze ſome now I muſt deuile
that each man may welth, helth and libertideſpiſe
Or els he wyll marre all our mateer.

wytte.

Brother wet, let me alone
When they come you ſhal ſee me a none

Com

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

670

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

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

680

Helth turneth hym.

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

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

Liberty turneth him

690

With that nother I am not content
I wolde there should be liberalitie competēt
And wlt hōnesti it is conoient
That our neighbour fare the better

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

Welth. Why wil ye begone toz a worde
Peraduenture we did but boozde
We thinke ye should your mayster foozde

700

For

For to speake my minde.

Nay nay, I can tel what was the matter
Remedy was here, and he dyd flatter
ye trust he more than vs and better

Wytte

But marke the ende, what ye shal find

With good remedy we spake in dede

Health

To solow his counsel we had neede

He warned vs that we should take hede

710 Of excesse and prodigalitie.

I meruayle ye speake so of good remedy

Wytte

It is I that can do more than he

Wyt can make shyft at necessity

When Remedi cannot be hearde

I know some that hath this thousand yere

Sought god remedy and yet neuer the nere

wit can put remedy by, yea this is cleare

For wit is a crafty lad.

And wyl is an vngacious stay

Wyll.

720 Wyl hath doone many thinges men say

And yf ye let wit and wil goe his way

ye wil repent it soone.

Why what cause haue you to go your way

liberty

ye shall abyde wih vs though you say nay

I wyl solow wyl, and wit allway

And so I haue euer done

yf I wist al my masters wolde so do

Wytte.

Then from your serupce I wolde not goo

Speake now whether ye wyl or no

730 And let vs know your minde

Syzs ye be welco me to me playne

Health

And for your company I am full fayne

I had leuer suffer great payne

Then to leue my wit and wyl,

D.i.

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

and goeth out

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

74^o

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

75^o

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

76^o

Hance What segt ye by gots drowse, dai is de quade man
Be de mozo goi, ic my selfe loue de scone Englishman.

Remdi Fie on þ̄ flattering knaue, fie on you aliaūts al I say
ye can w craft & subtel tiget englishmēs welth away

Hance O skon mester, ic heb hoze bin, this darten peoze
ic canskote de coluerin, & ic can be dr beare hzoer,

- trust see to prouide that welth from you haue I shall
 77° Ic seg to you dat welth is lopen in an ander contry Hance
 wat hebegy dar brough, forstan ye net, segt me
 Ic vnderstand the wel, yet thou liest lyke a knaue Remdi
 welth is here i Englād, & welth stil i trust we shal haue
 Ic ment no quad ic loue de english man by min here Hance
 Cūp vp sent Katrin and ic shal ye geue twe scope here,
 Get h̄ hence Džokē Fleming ȳ halt tary no lenger here Remdi
 Gor it net mare herebin, woder sal ic gewest kiskin Hance
 Ic wil to de Kaizer gan, dar fall ic wal skinkin (& goth
 Is he gon? I pray god the deuyll go with him (out Remdi
 78° wher is welth, helth & tiberty. I wold see thē come in
 Helth commeth in with a kercher on his head.
 ¶ A good lorde helpe me, by your licence my souerain Health
 I am homely to com her in your presēce thus diseased
 Rede constraineth me, for remedy I wold haue faine
 I am ifect both body & soul, I prai you be not displeted
 Why what aile you shew me, yet you I do not know Remdi
 Glad I am to remedy any man, that is affirmity
 I perceiue by your philnamy, ȳ ye ar veri weke feble &
 yet how me your griefe, & I wil help you gladly. (low
 79° Gracio⁹ remedi I thank you, yet I am half ashamed Health
 to shew you mi maladi & mi name, I was called helth
 Therfoze I am wel worzhi to be punished & blamed
 Because I haue not folowed your coūsel, but al thing
 may be suffered saue welth.
 Are you helth, this maketh me very penfise and sad Remdy
 ye t be of good chere, & how how you were infect
 To remedy you and succour you I wold be very glad
 For god wyl punish the people when they be detelt
 Syr I thanke god therof for wel worzhy I am Health
 80° My conscience doth iudge, some trouble haue I must
 A mendes I wyl make to god and if I can

Remdi Wil ad wit hath deceiued me in them I put my trust.
 yf thou haue doone amisse, and be soyr therfore
 Then helpe a mendes is made, for that is contrission
 Let that passe, now wil I are you one thyng moze
Health Wher be welth ad Libertie, be they of good disposicio
 As for welth is fallen in decay, and necessitie
 By wast & war, thozow yll wpll, and shrewdwit
 And lybertie is kept in duraunce and captiuite
 God helpe vs all, and sende vs good remedy for it 810

Remdi For to heare this tale it maketh my hart heauie
 yet be of good cofort, god is ful of grace, & I am good

Health Sir, the I besech you help vs in the way of charity

Remdi I would sayne but I cannot tel which way to begin
 Except I might catch wil & wit, then I trow I could
 Tye the shorter, for they destroy welth, helth & liberty
 yf I had h theues, punish the extremly I wole. (bi sin

Health You may soone catch them, if ye wil stande a tyde
 From this place they two, wyl not longe abide.

Remdi He thinketh I here them com, helpe to holde the fast 820

Wyll. Cum in wit for herc is no body (will turneth
 We may ve holde and talke largely
 Dur hartes to ease ano shew plainly
 What we haue doone.

wytte I must nedes laugh I cannot forbeare
 To remember warre that knaue wil ye heare
 The hozton Fleming was belhitten for feare
 Because he should boyde to soone.

Wyll. Herke now do I meruayle by this bread
 For I weae surely uhat hrlth be dead
 I saw saw him go with a kercher on his head
 As he should go to hangyng. 830

wytte Harke in thine Care, yf the hozton hap
 To complayne to him that weres the red cap

I feare then shortly he wyl vs clap
 By the heles from our liuingl
 Nay nay, there is no doubt Wyll.
 By hym I haue reported all about
 That he doth not wel, his good name to put out
 840 plwyl cannot say wel,
 frende therin thou art the moze to blam remedi.
 Co staunder me wrongfully, and vnderued
 But oz thou drpart thou shalt answere for the same.
 wher is Welth & liberty, how hast thou thē ordred?
 Dury cicis quest is vn malt ombze Wyll
 He is vn spygnardo compoco parlauere.
 Thou folse chese is thine English tonge gone Health
 as mischeuo⁹ il wil & hrewdwit, ye haue destroyd ma
 Sir hurt not me, & I wiltel you trouth anone (ni on Wytte.
 850 This same ia as false a knaue as euer cam win saint
 Per amor de my as peca vn poco Johēs wyll.
 Co queris and ar pour lagraunt creae to
 I can not tel what thou dost meae blabblor Remdy
 But ȳ shalt speake English & confesse an other mater,
 Syr I besech your lordship, in the way of charity Health
 Let not these theses escape your hands they haue de-
 stroyed vs vtterly.
 Syr, beleue hym not he speakes but of malice onely wytte:
 we be true men, therof we shall fetch good witnes
 860 An honest man that shalbe bound for him and me
 The law sayth plaine, nulla fides contra testes
 that is trouth, but who wilbe witnes oz bouid for the Remdi
 There is thre amonge you in this howse Wyll.
 I Ipfgo to fetch them quickly
 They wil come vnted for I warant you if they wyll Wytte.
 what be theyz names, tel me what they be, Remd
 That on is John Fritche abd John Holer Wyll.

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

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

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

Forsoth syr ye sai trouthe, they did vs great displeur health.
Full hard it is to vanquish the vngrociuous yllwyl
He is so croked, by flattery, dissulation & such other
920 Hannes mynd is so variable, & glad to report yll
I feare many one yet wolde haue him raine styl
For some vnto their owne wyl hath so much affection
yet the devyl and yll wyl is both of one complexion

yll wyl is nought, but worse is shrewdwyt liberty=
For he contryueth al subtil ymanginacion
yt were vnpossyble for a man els to doo it
shrewdwyt breweth myscefe, & false conspyracion
He hath put me lyberty in priton, ad great tribulacion
if it had not bene for your good remedi & fortheraunce

930 I & other þ hath libertie, shold haue be in duraunce.

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

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

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

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

wealth

Now let vs al thāke god ꝑ good remedy hath sende
Trust to hym only for his grace and goodnes
we are forgiuenes of our trespas I trust we wil amēd
And cleane forsake syn, foly, and vnthriftines
th^o we wil here cōclude, soueraine of your graciousnes
we besetch you to remyt our negligence, & misbehauor 950
There we haue sayd amis, we cōmit al to your fauor

Health

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

Remedi

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

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