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THE RAGING T V R·K E, BAIAZET

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The Names of the Actors.

bis Sonnes.

Baiazet, Emperour.
Mahomates

Achomates

Corcutus

Selymus Selymus

Thrizham

Malaomet

Achmetes a Generall, Cherfeogles Vizeron of Greece.

Ifaack ...

Melithes

Mustapha

Solyman Selymus sonne.

Caiubus, Achmeres sonne.

Alexander Bishop of Rome.

Zemes, Baiazets brother.

Tartarian King. Armenian King.

Asmehemedes, Mahomets

followers.

Hamon Baiazets Physitian,

Tewish Monke.

Herauld.

Dwarfe.

Nemelis.

Bassas. Captaines. Ambassadours.

Ianizaries.

Souldiers.

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Nuncius.





THE RAGING TVRKE. Or the Tragedie of BAIAZBT, the second of that name.

Actus Primi, Scena Prima.

Enter, Baffaet Isaack with a Crowne in his hand, Mustapha with a Scepter, Mesithes with a Sword, they Crowne Corcutus younges Sonne to Baiazet.

Isaack.

Et the world feele thee, and those Demigods. Proud with the name of Kings, debase themselves To honour thee, this Crowne commands as much He crawss Wherewith I doe invest thy happy brow. him. Happy indeed if that succeeding times Shall set up vertue, so to lessen crimes. Thus from the ashes of dead Solyman Is raised another Phoenix, great Coromus; Liue equally adored, when Princes bend To better courses, all their subjects mend. Muft. Crowns make not Kings, nor can that glittering shew

Perfect thine honour, take another figne Of thy Imperiall dignity, 'tis thine. That addes a God-like grace vnto thy brow, This binds due honour, that prostrates every knee Before thy throne, then live, and may that arme Secure thy fubiects from all forraigne harme.

Mefish.

Gives bine the

Scepter.

Mefith. What seasoned knowledge, learnings prudent Queen Hath blest thee with, must now initiate thee In the pathes of warre, all studied Arts Are but degrees vnto some wished end, And steps of hope whereby we doe ascend Vnto the top; and levell of our thoughts. But Kings then proue most happy when they are Watchfull in peace, and prouident in warre. Those are their vimost ends, which that they may O're-take, Art, and the fword, make fairest way. The Muses nourc'd thee vp, and thou didst draw The pleasant juice of learning from their brests, In thy first non-age; here then we bestow The fecond helpe, to which good Princes owe Much of their welfare; swords are the first ground Of peace, and warre; they both defend and wound. Thus are we vow'd to thee, let thy dread fame Thunder amazement through the spatious world, That when thou lifts thine arme, thy foes may fay Showts 3.

Not Ione, but great Corcuim rules the day.

Corcue. Which that applause hath crowned, and with it

Will euer spight of traytors toying sit As now we doe; nor shall my watchfull care Be wanting to you, whilst this subtill ayre Feedes mine industrious spirits, I shall fill The good with ioy, by cutting of the ill Corrupted ragges of men; lone let me stand An object in thine eye, when thy swift hand Failes in the stroke of Iustice, vertue returne From thy fad exile, I will purge the walls From spotted vice, and make this Cittie free To entertaine so faire a Queene as shee. Then (Bassaes) I embrace what you have throwne Vpon me, and these signes of honour thus We re-bestow; their power still stayes with vs. Could this vast body of the Common-wealth Stand fast without a soule? each man should see I am not greedy of this dignity:

Gives them backe.

This burdenous waight which some must vidergoe,
The gods are busied with diviner things,
And put Earths care into the hands of Kings.

Actus Primi, Scena Secunda.

After some clamors of applause Enter Chorsogles, and Ashmetes at severall doores.

Achmet. And is Baiazetarriu'd? Cherf. So fame reports
Yet how he doth digest Coronem Raigne,
That cuerie Bird sings not; but sure with paine.
A Turkish Baiazet, and suffer wrong,
May for a time concease his griefe, not long.
Eagles soare high, and scorne that shorter Plumes
Should reach the cloudes, which their proud wings can touch.
Coronem must not raigne, to keepe his fathers right
Due to his father, nor will he if he might,
Hee's scarned, therefore just, Arts not allow
To were a Crowne due to anothers brow.

Already wrackt enough? have thy provd Towers
Reard vp their loftic spires? which steep'd in blood,
Threw a restex of red backe to the clouds,
And blush't at their owne ruines, are thy crude wounds
Already stopt, and is that day forgot,
In which the Turkish Mavors Ottoman,
Wielded a sword of death within thy Walles?
Charon grew weary with hurrying soules to hell,
When threescore thousand Greekes in one day fell.

Cherf. We know their force, and sad experience sayes, Moue not againe, Greece welters still in blood And every crackling thunder of the heavens

Speakes the shrill eccho of the Turkis drummes,

Then are we drawne by you, so let it bee, About these great affaires as you decree.

Ash.

Achm. This phrase becomes the Greekes, submissiue states

Must bend, the Conqueror must rule the fates.

Chers. And such are you, our vanquisht hearts must bend,

But bad beginnings have a fatall end. Me thinkes I fee great Baiazes in armes, Spreading his fearefull Enfignes in the ayre, Like some prodigious Comet, wee may feare Speedy revenge valeffe some quicke aduise Worke a prevention of his future hate, Tis he must sway the Scepter, or wee shall heare A dreadfull defiance ratled in our eare, Hees strong in friends, and power, vve must descend,

To our just dutie or our latest end.

Achm. Renowned Vice-roy, thy perswading thoughts Haue predeuin'd most truely these effects, And weappland thy Counsell, let vs three Ioyne our best strength, that these ensuing jarres May be composed without the stroke of Warres a Coronte is wife, and milde, and being fo, He hates the rumour of a publike foe.

Charf. Nobly resolu'd (Greece sings) if the event,

Proue but so happy, as honest the intent. But stand aside, Baiazet is come.

Enter Baiazet.

Baia. Am I not Emperor? hee that breaths a no. Damnes in that negative sillable his foule, Durst any god gain-say it, he should feele The strength of siercest Gyants in mine armes, Mine angers at the highest, and I could shake The firme foundation of the earthly Globe: Could I but graspe the Poles in these two handes, I'de plucke the world asunder; droppe thou bright Sunne, From thy transparant Spheare, thy course is done, Great Baiazet is wrong'd, nor shall thine eye Be witnesse to my hatefull misery. Madnesse and anger makes my tongue betrav. The Chaos of my thoughts: vnder this breft, An heape of indigested cares are prest. What is it that I doubt? through every joynt

Daunces

Daunces a trembling agve, this dull blood, That courses through my veines devines no good. Bonts of Ha. shoves of ioy, at dead mens obsequies? soy Within, I'me in a maze of woes, what thou wilt throw On me, lone, let it come, ile stand thy blow-

Chers. Live happy Baiazet. [Baia. Happy in my feare, That word founds sweet in my distracted eare. Happy in what? [Ach. In thy friends, He turnes aside to them That grieve to see thy wrongs. \[Ba. My wrongs, There sticks the string my thoughts did harpe vpon; But who hath wrong'd me in this high content? The fates doe fometime frowne, yet bleffe th'event, And sequell of our woes, it cannot be, I should be thwarted in my jollity. But if I can vnfold it—for the more, I know them not the greater is my fore.

Cherf. In that read all thy woes, take there a briefe, He gives Contract of all thine ills, sad lines of griefe. bim a paper

Baia. How's this? my yongest sonne advanced to my seatc. Corcutus Imperator, sure I dreame: These are but empty apparitions Fain'd by the god of sleepe to voxe my soule, Were they not so—ere this blacke night Had throwne her fable mantle ore the heavens To hide me from my shame; but is it so ? I doe but flatter vp my seife, they are true And reall griefes, my Passion sayes they are, Isaack, Achmetes, are they not? [Ach. Too true Great Baiazet: [Baia. Corcutus Imperator. Would I had seene thy name writ in the booke Of darke damnation, rather then these lines.

reades agains

Cracke normine eye-strings when I viewed this text? See how each letter spreads abroad in pompe, As if they fcorn'd my teares, how I could dwell On these two words, Corcutus Imperator. Hither repaire, the watchfull paper wormes That scan old recordes oues to a line: Here in two wordes imprinted shall you see, The modell of a dolefull historie:

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Vertue dishonoured, breach of silial love,
Right shouldered out by wrong, nor can you saine,
A crime, which these two words doe not containe,
But now I rayle, not grieve: O nimble ayre,
Let my plaints vanish as they spoken are,
Off with this womanish mildnesse, I will sinde
A shorter tricke then this to ease my mind,
Plato beware, I come to raigne in hell,
Fates bid me rule, and birth-right to excell.

about to kiž himselfe.

Cherf. Stay Baiazet, that arme can breake a path Vnto thy earthly Monarch, ere thou come To blesse the bankes of sweete Elysum, With thy wisht presence: Mahomet foresend That thou should'st seale a Kingdome to thy sonne, By this vntimely death, Corentus raignes, But at thy better pleasure; when he shall heare Thou art arrived, then hee'l twixt ioy and griese, Start from his throne, and nimbly runne to meete, Thy pompe, and throw his Scepter at thy seete: If hee but slacke that duty he seare by, Achmetes strong and bolde, Isaacke and I.

Devoted to your fervice, yet the world stands On wavering doubts, ready to clappe their hands.

Baia. My desires are crown'd, And from the gate of Limbo, where I sate,

I feele my spirits knocke against the heavens.

Achmetes? In that name I heare an ease
Of all my griefes pronounced, he shall suffices
To banish vsurpation from my throne,
Did suryes guard it round, hee's able well

To reach my Kingdomes from the gripes of hell.

Ach. My fword, and life, both which are vow'd to thee,

Are still at thy command: walke but along,

Corentus shall resigne, thou have no wrong.

Exenne Baiazet, Cherseogles, and Achmetes, Manent Isaack,
and Mustaphes

Actus Primi, Scena Tertia,

7 saack

Isaack. Death, and the furies plunge the obsequious slaves, Would he have joyn'd with vs? we would have kept Corcutus high, and honoured, where he sits In spight of a whole hoast of Baiazets.

Musta. Me thinkes your power might have bin greater farre

Ouer Achmetes, one adict to you
By no lesse bond of dutie, then the sonne
Is to the father: [Isa. Mastapha He tell you

Had not my daughter beene espoused to him,
I had nam'd his death, and by some plot

Work't him a quicke destruction long e'r this;

Now let vs temporize with Basazes; Yet keepe thy nature ever, and be true

To thine owne profit; Fortune may aduance Some other Prince, worth both thy loue and mine.

Musta. Weele stay her leasure.

Isaack See more Harpies gathered to catch a Crowne,
O tis a charming baite.

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Enter Mahomete, Achmetes, Selinus.

Mahom. Me thinks these City walles smile on our entrance, As if they knew great Baiazets three sonnes, Were come to grace their beautie.

Sel. But We should from ne

On them which harbor fuch blacke treasons, Well, Were I great Baiazet, I'de ring a noyse Of spightfull horrour, that should make the ground Tremble beneath their weight at such a sound: A younger sonne enthron'd an Emperour.

Achm. Brother containe your selfe, come lets away,

To fee the end that waits on this fad day.

As they goe Trizham and Mahomet, two other Sonnes of Baiazet goe to meete them.

Selin. What Mahomet? Achm. And Trizham? heers a fight Of one mans issue, Noble Baiazet.

Brothers we have impttogether? Sel. All save one, And hee's a great deale better so alone.

Triz. Corentus t'is you meane, who though he raigne, Aboue vs now, yet must fall backe againe.

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Exeuns

Into our rancke, t'is Balazes must rife. And hee descend, such a report there flyes.

Excune.

Actus Primi, Sccena Quarta. Enter Corentus, Cherseogles, Mesithes.

Coress. Did he not frowne, and storme? Chers. It mooued him much, And wrought strange passions in him, when he read Your name, and found your name so intituled.

Cores. Cling to my temples thou blest ornament,

Beever vnremoued, though all the gods Chide me in thunder for this insolence, Am I in heaven? in state placed on the spheare Of eminence, but barely to appeare, With faint, and borrowed luster, then descend, Rankt with the vulgar heads, first let me scele, The Tition vulture, or Ixions wheele; And the worst torture hell it selfe can bring, To scourge my soule, o let me dye a King; But stay, I must bethinke me at what rate, I purchase these faire trappings: ha? the curse Of him that got mee: start my daunted spirits, Shall I vsurpe a throne, and sit aboue my father, Whilest the gaping pit of hell, With wide stretcht lawes, yawnes for my fall, O I am strucke with horror, and the slaves of stix, Already sting my wounded soule.

Chers, Will you faire Prince reiect all future hopes

Of just succession, and afflict your Sire, By your vniust detainment of his Crowne.

Coren. I am distracted, and me thinkes I burne, Vnder these robes of state, a boyling heate, Runnes from them through my veines, loues hardy fonce, When he bewrapt himselfe in Neffer shirt, Felt not more bitter agonies, then I, Cloath'd in the trappings of my Maiestie. I am resolved; Baffaes, goe meete our father,

Allure

Exenne Mesiches Allure him home with this: I am begun and Charleogles To be no King. but a repentant sonne. Pallas I askethy pardon, I have fraied A gracelesse trewant from thy happy schooles, Whither I'le now returne; theres not a ranke, Place, or degree, can fort vs outtrue bliffe Without thy Temple, there my dwellin g is: Amongst the Sacred monuments of wit. Which Classique authors carefully have writ For our instruction, I will wast my time; So to wash out the spots of this sad crime. Court honors, and you shaddowes of true joy That shine like starres, till but a greater light Drowne your weake lufter, I adjure your fight, Even from my meditations, and my thoughts I banish your entifing vanities, And closely kept within my studie walles, As from a cave of rest, henceforth Ile see, And smile, but never tast your misery. I but as yet am floating on the waves, Of stormy daunger, nor am sure to scape The violent blaft of angry Baiazet.

Blow faire my hopes and when I touch the shoare, Ile venture forth on this rough surge no more.

Enter Baiazet, Cherseogles, Achmetes, Isaack, Mesithes, Musta pha, Mahomet, Achomates, Selymus, Trizham, Mahomet Zemes disguised.

See where he comes, oh how my guiltie blood Starts to my face, and proues my cause not good. Our dutie to our father, kneeles.

Baia. Ours to the Emperor. kneeles

Cor, Why kneeles great Baiazet? I am thyfonne
Thy flaue: and if thy wrath but frowne, vndone.
Why kneeles great Baiazet, heavens hide thy face,
From these preposterous doings. Ba. What, not assamed
To circle in thy brow with that bright Crowne,
Yet blush to see mee kneele? though filiall rites,
And morrall precepts say the sonne must bend

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Before

Before the Father, yet your high degree And powre bids you rife, commands my knee.

Core. Those ornaments be thine, Here Baiazet I Crowne thee Monarch of the spatious West, Afia, and Affrica: if ought be mine,

Greater then these I here proclaime it thine. Omnes. Liue Baiazet our mighty Prince,

Liue, rule, and flourish.

Baia. Is this your zeale? is it? did enery voyce Breath out a willing suffrage? I am crowned, My ioyes are fully perfect, and I feele My lightned spirits caper in my brest. Rise thou starre-bright mirrour of thine age. By thee our iron dayes proue full as good, As when old Saturne thundred in the clowds. Be an example to succeeding times,

How sonnes should vse their Parents: and I yow (When I shall faile) this honour to thy brow. Attend vs Bassaes, lie lead on to joy,

Neuer was Father bleft with such a Boy.

Corcu, Freed from a Princely burthen, I possels manet Corcut, A Kingly liberty, and am no heffe Princely; observance wayte on him, on me

Thoughts vndisturb'd, I shall then happy be. Actus Primi, Scena Quinta.

Enter Zemes the brother of Baiazet alone.

Zemes. Scarce had I fet my foote within these walls In expectation of a solemne hearse, Due to the wandring Ghost of Mahomet; But lowd alarmes of abundant ioy Ring in mine eares, and every feruile groome Congratulates the Coronation Of Baiazer: harke how they roare it out. A cold disturbance like a gelid frost Settles my blood within me, and I hate.

To Corentus kneeling.

Exis.

Exeuni omnes.

A Bowt within.

His cheerefull triumphes, more then mine owne Fate. 'Tis true indeede, I prou'd not the first fruites, An elder off-spring of my Fathers breede. Yet was it so that Baiazet and I Both tumbled in one wombe, perhaps the Queene Of womens labours doted at our birth, And fent him first abroad, or elfe I flept, And he before me Role into the world, Must I then loose my glory, and be hurl'd A slave beneath histeete? no, I must be Exit. An Emperour as full as great as he.

Actus Primi, Scena Sexta.

Enter Isaack alone.

laack. Deuore'd my Daughter? fond and insolent man, Ile cruth thee into nothing, if I can Endure the noyle of my difgrace I know How to returne it; I am a flame of fire. A chafing hear distempers all my blood. Achmetes thou must coole it, when thy limbes Are emptied of that moysture they sucke in, And thy stain'd blood inchanted from thy veines. Then shall I be appealed, meane while I line Thy mortall foe: But stay, let me containe Mine anger vndiscouered. Friend how is't? (Zemes

Enter Mesithes.

Mesith. Know you not Isaack? Isa. What? Mes. The flight of Hence to Armenia. Isa. Of Zemes? Mes. Yes he walkt About the Citie disguists, and vnscene Till his escape. If. I is strange and full of feare.

Mes. We meet him frequent in the vulgar mouth. Maack. Zemes is valiant, and Armenia strong,

Here's Baiazet, he must beware the wrong. Enter Baiaxet. Baia. Vyhat is it thou murmurst, Baiazes and wrongd?

Something it is thou knowest concerning vs: Take thee faire leave, and speake it. Isa. Yes I know Matter of weight, such as concerne thy life.

Basa.

Buia. Such as concerne my life? Speake out thy tale, VVe are so flesht in ioy, bad newes proues strange, And touch my sense too harshly. Isa. But you must heare. Your brother Zemes, when swift winged Fame Tolde him your father Mahomet was dead, Flew quickly hither first to celebrate His funerall pompe, then to assume his State, His Crowne, and Scepter: which he rightly knew, Vnto your hand, and head, both to be due. But when applausine ioyes, and peales of mirch, Sounded loud Musique in his troubled eares, Of you enthron'd; then he began too late To brawle at heaven, and wrangle with his Fate. So he went hence and cried; revenge be mine: Quake thou great Citie of proud Constanting At my fierce anger, when I next returne, VVith cloudes of misty powder, I shall choake Thy breath, and dull thy beauty with it's smoake. This posted he hence to Armenias King. There to implore his avde, which he will bring To front thy power: nor doth he yet dispaire. To dispossesse, and fright thee from thy chaire.

Baiacet. First from my body shall he fright my soule, And push me into dust. Isaack make hast
To muster up our forces, strike up our Drummes,
Let them proclaime destruction through the world.
Cleare up your dusty armour, let it cast
Such an amazing lustre on the Foe,
As if Bellona danc'd on every crest.
The bright sunne of my glory is eclipsed,
Till Zemes be extinct: he must not thine
To dull my beames, siece the whole heaven is mine.
Call forth Ackmetes, his unconquered arme,
Shall keepe us safe from this intended harme.

Is and, My Liege, you have forgot Archmetes oath, In which he vowed never to draw his sword In your defence. Baia. I had forgot it, But now I remember, such was the vaine-

Heat of my youth, but I recall againe VV har ever I protested, tell him so.

Exit. Rash words must be dispensed with. Isa. Then le goe.

Baja. My Father once in ordering of a Campe, Preferr'd me to be Captaine of a wing,

So when the Battailes ioyned, and life and death

VV here strugling who should winne power of our breath,

Our Armies prou'd the stronger; onely my guide

· Fail'd, and a base repulse fell on my side;

At which my Father storm'd, and in my place

Seated Achmetes, for which black difgrace,

I vow'd a swift revenge, even by his shame

That wore mine honour, to redeeme my fame;

V V hich when Achmetes heard, he deepely swore,

Neuer with wit and strength to guide me more.

Enter Achns. But now he must, see where he comes, and arm'd.

What strange deuice is plotting in his braine?

Honored Achmetes. Ach. Royall Emperor. Gines him asmord.

B aia. Thine arme must then vphold my Royalty.

Why lyes thy valour, prostrate at our feete,

When like fierce lightnings it should runne and meete

My harmes like a rocke vnmou'd? oppose

The course, and headlong torrent of my foes.

Achm. I am a man of peace, mistake me not. I made a vow, nor can it be forgot,

Till you reuoke your oath. Basa. Which here I doe,

Great Mahomet be witnesse, that I meane

Sincerely what I speake, Achmetes now

VVe're friends, and thus I nullifie my vow;

Heavens on this concord lend a gracious smile.

Achmetes I have plac'd thee in my bosome, Gaue thee an honour'd title in my loue:

And of as lasting constancie, as is

The funne which lookes so cheerefully on this.

Gue fit the Ianizaries to the warres.

Kindle new fire of valor in their breafts.

Thou art their Genius, even the breath they draw,

Rayle then thy plumes, and keepe thy foes in awe.

Achme.

Gines him his Sword againes

Achm. Stood there a Pluto at thylcitic walles, And with a band of furies had befieg'd. Thy people, I would coniure them away, And fend them backe to hell: fo thou shalt stand. As fast as in the skyes, under mine hand.

Baia, I am Crown'd in thee, nor can I fall, Whilest such a valour breathes within our wall, Zemes depose me? hee must be more strong, Then Mars, that can doe Baiazee that wrong.

Exeun

Actus Primi, Scena Septima. Enter Zemes, and the King of Armenia,

Arme. Wee hatethy brother, therefore lend thee ayde, 'Tis not our dutie to exposulate
Thy right vnto the Crowne, on to your warres,
Thriue in your projects, I shall joy to see
A quarrell fought twixt Baiazer and mee.
Ilesecond thy encounters, and we two
Likethe two Roman thunder-bolts of warre,
Will with the slashes of our fierie swordes
Keepe their composed rankes, that they shall stand
Agast, to see two Scipioes in one band,

Zemes. Thankes great Armenian King, and when I am Wheel'd to that height, which now my brother holdes, I shall requite these benefits, and yow

That kindnesse, which I can but promise now.

Arm. Come let's away, our armies are well fet, Ready to march, now tremble Baiazet.

Exeunt

Actus Primi, Scena Octaua.

Enter Achmetes in his Generalls coate, and Caignbus his

Achm. Caigubus, publike dangers call me forth, And I must leave thee now vnto thy selfe My sonne, thou seest vnto what height of same We are ascended, yet the sunne shines cleare, And not one dusky cloude of discontent Dimmes the vnspotted brightnesse of our loyes, Not Baiazet is more belou'd then I:

Such Arich observance is there shew'd to mee, By all that know my worth, and heare me nam'd, As if I grasp't loues thunder in my hands: By all my hopes, I feare some tragicke sceane Will trouble our calme fortune. Sonne beware. The top of honour is a narrow plot Of ground, whither we have already got, 'Iis brittle, and vncertaine, if thou tread One carelesse steppe aside, thou fall'st downe dead_ The shute from thence is deepe, and vnderneath, Ruine gapes wide, thy body to receive. Stand firme Caigubiu: though thou start'st not away Yet blasts of envie often force aside The weariest footsteppe: these where e'r they shall, Blow strong, will make them stagger if not fall. Caigu. I shall forget to sleepe, to breath, to line, Sooner then these thy precepts, they are fixt, And printed in my thoughts. Ach. Enough, no more,

Sooner then these thy precepts, they are fixt,
And printed in my thoughts. Ach. Enough, no mor
That Isaack Bassa trust him not too much:
I have divore'd his daughter from my bed,
For her adulterate loosentsse, hence, hee hides
A masse of fretting ranchor in his brest,
Which he hath varnish't yet, and gilded o're
With coloured shewes of love, but he is false,
And subtile as a Serpent, that will winde
Into thy brest, stinging thee ere thou sinde
Or ouce suspect his harred; I must away,
Hasty alarmes call me hence, thus, and farewell,
Envie growes greater, as our states excell:

Caigu. Father, adiew.

Exit.

Trumpers
Sound.
Exit.

Actus Secundi, Scena Prima.

A dumbe shew: Enter Zemes, and the Armenian King, Trumpets and Ensignes, Souldiers passe ouer the stage, and in a solemne march. Exeunt.

Actus Secundi, Scena Secunda.

Enter Baiazee and Trizham, and Mahomee his two sonnes. Baia. Alaready marcht so neere, Zemes make hast.

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To death, as if he long'd our wrath to tast.

Trizham, and Mahomet, it concernes you now,

To she hence nimbly to your Provinces,

Zemes is come too neere vs to escape,

He cannot slye the ground whereon he treads,

But through your countreys, hast then, if the wars

Cracke not his threed of life, his slight will bee

When you may intercept it; if we presume

Only on bold Achmetes, and our selues,

In beds of downe supinely, sleepe at home,

Zemes may scape the tempest of our wrath.

Then we hope best, when each event we see,

Thwarted with their preventing policie.

Trizham. Doubt not our hast and truth, he shall as soone Breake through the fiery fabrick of the skies,

As through my Provinces:

Exit.

Maho. Through hell as soone as mine. Existence Baia. Goe, I have done my part; Mars and my fate Give faire successes to my designed plot, And Zemes is intrapt, already dead:

That hand secures me that strikes off his head.

Actus Secundi, Scena Tertia.

Enter Achmetes, Cherseogles, Mustapha, Mestibes, drummes and

Trumpets.

Achm. The battell will prove great and dangerous, But were their number double more then ours, The justice of our cause bids vs goe on, And like a cheerefull drumme strikes panting seared From euery brest. Father, lead you the vangard, The reare-ward be your charge, the right wing yours, My selfe will guide the lest, this day shall crowne Your valour in full pride, Zemes must downe.

Enter Zemes, Armenia, two Captaines.

Zem. Time hath outstript our hast, our foes doe stand,
Wauing their golden plumes, as if the gods,
Were come to meete great Zemes in the field,

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Their armies planted, and a distilling cloud, Hovers aboue their heads, as if it wept, At their approaching fate. Armenia's King Leade you the vanguard, under your command The reareward first march on, the Phalance Be vour care braue Captaines, as we're inform'd. Achmetes rules the left wing of our foe. Ile rule the right wing of ours, so when I meete, Him in his pride lle prostrate at his feete.

Arme. Our men are ordered, Zemes leade the Way, The skies looke duskie blacke on this fad day.

Excuse

Trumpets sound to the battaile', dumbe shewes in skirmishes, one of Zemes Captames and Cherseogles meete, Zemes Captaine prenailes, vis second and Mesithes meete, Mesithes retires, she King of Armenia and Mustapha meete, Armenia prenailes, and pursues the battaile. Enter Achmetes with his sword.

Ach. Great Queen of chance; but do I call on this Vnconstant St pdame? be thou propitious Mars, Rough god of warre: fleele vp this wearie arme. And put a ten fold vigor in my bones; What shall Achmetes fall, and in his losse, Great Baiazer, be wrong'd? it cannot bee Death comes to wound thee Zerres, I am hee.

As he goes out, the King of Armenia meetes him, they fight, Achmetes makes him retire from the stage, and pursues him in his furie, enters againe at the one dore, Zemes at the other. they meete, drums and trumpets founding.

Ach. Zemes? Zem. Achmetes? Opportunelie met. Here staggers all the fortune of the field, This houre must blesse me, and a single fight Parchate thee honor, and to mee my right: Honour to thee, to die by Zemes hand, My right to me, an Empire to command. Achm. Braue Prince, I more lament thy case then can thy selfe

That runnest with such madnesse on the edge Of desperate ruine, thou art but young and weake,

Minhoods foft bloffomes are not fully spread

Vpon thy downy chinne; but riper yeeres. Haue fetled the compacture of my joynts, And they are strongly knit: 'twill vexe my soule In the cleare morne of thine vp-rifing hopes, To wrap thee in a fatall cloude of death. Submitthee to thy brother, thou shalt finde Me thy true friend, him mercifull and kinde.

Zem. Submit? had I a right to lones high Throne, And stood in opposition of his power, Should all the gods aduise me to submit, I would reject their counsell: much more thinc. Guard thee Achmetes, I thy stroke abide, I cannot gorethy Prince but throughthy fide.

They fight and breath: fight againe. Achmetes takes away

Zeines [word.

Zem. The day be thine, and Zemes stand thy Fate;

Strike home, l'uelost the day, and life I hate.

Offerstorun at him With Achm, Haue at thee then.

both fronds. Not stirre? now by my fword Thou shalt have fayrer play before thy death: Take backe thy fword, in that I recommit My forfeit to thy charge, thy life with it.

They fight againe and Achmetes Wounds him on the

head. Zemes falls.

Zem. Oh! hold thy conquering hand, and give my foule A quiet passage to her rest; my blood Beginnes to wast, and a benuming cold, Freezes my virallfpirits : Achmetes goe, Tell Baiazet that thou hast slaine his toe. Ach. Farewell, braue sonne of Mars, thy fame shall stay

With vs, although thy soule flit hence away.

Zemes I have not lyed, Achmetes thou hast flaine, My hopes, and therefore me, my woundes are shallow, But my state desperate, Ha? what shall I doe? Armenia's King is fledbacke to his home, Cold entertainment will attend me there: The field is emptie, every man retir'd, Onely a few dead carceffes, and I,

Then whither shall I bend my steps? to Rome?
To Rome then let it bee: Bishop I come,
Th'art a religious thing, and I will trust,
My life to one so innocently just.

Exit.

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Actus Secundi, Scena Quarta.

Enter Mahometes, Achomates, Selymus three of Baianess sonnes,

Sely. Indeed we may be thought vpon in time, When there be Countries more then there be men, We may get some preferment: sit at home And proue good boyes, and please our father well. My thoughts are two vnbridled, Baiazet, I neither can, nor will endure thy curbe, My comprest valor like a strangled fire. Breakes out in violent flames, and I must rule. Trizham and Mahomet are flipt in hast Each to their seuerall Prouince, we must stay, That are their Elders for another day: This Court will proue our scaffold where vve stand Plac't in the eye of angry Baiaset: Whothwarts him in his fury is but dead, And in that passions heate, off goes his head. I must not live thus. Maho. I could bee content. He feares not death, whose thoughts are innocent.

Sely. I thanke you brother, then belike some crimes
Lye heavy on my conscience, and I feare,
Vulesse I shift my station, 'twill be knowne;
You thinke well of me kind Mahometes.

Maho. As well as of a brother I can thinke. If by a rash applying to your selfe.

My words have beene distastfull, blame not me.

Sely. Can I applie them then vnto my selfe?

Am I so loose in manners? by heauen and earth,

Thou shalt repent this deepelie. Ach. Stop that oath,

Brothersagree, or walke hence but along

Into my garden, where each springing hearbe

Smiles on my faire content, there you shall see,

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How flowers of one stocke, so twisted are, One in the others twinings, that they shew, One stands by th'others helpe, both ioyntly grow; These shall suffice your quarrels to remoone, And dumbe examples teach a linely lone.

Maho. Comelet vs goe.

Exeunt Mahomates, and Achomates.

Sely. Straight I will follow you.

Away fond wretches ô that every breaft.

Were of fo dull a temper as you two.

But who come's heere?

Brother Corentus whither are you bent,

What from the Court fo foone? Coren. My father bids,

I goe to undertake the charge, his loue

Hath throwne upon me; That's rich fonia.

Sely. You goe to rule there? Cor. Yes:

Sel. Heanens speede you well.

Cor. Deare Selymus adiew. Sel. Brother farewel.

Revenge and you, three furious twinnes of night,

Ascend vp to our theater of ill,

Plunge my black soule twice in your Stygian flood,

That by it's vertue it may be congealed,

And harden'd against remorfe: Pluto enrich

My breast, with a diviner pollicie,

Then every trisling braine can reach vnto;

Ile fill the world with Treasons, and my wit

Shall put new tracts to death: Charon shall see,

His wastage still in vse by companie,

Sent thither by my care, o' 'twill doe well,

To blast the earth with want, and surnish hell,

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Actus Secundi, Scena Quinta,

If and the second of the tender fetters of remotie,

And hugge that chance that opens thee the way

To ruinate Achmeter: did he stand

On termes of conscience, neighbor-hood or loue, When he cashierd my daughter from his house, And to the worlds broad eye, opened her crime? No: he was swift and bitter in his hate, And fo will I, he is but now return'd In Triumph from the field, as full of pride As I of envy, hence Ile ground my hate. When fierce Bellona smil'd on Baiazet. Amidst the fiery tumults of the Warre. She offered Zemes to Achmetes hand. They fought, Achmetes conquered at his foote, Fell the proud rebell, wounded, but not flaine, There might Achmetes with a blow of death Cut offour feares, continued in his breath: This shall incense the angry Emperor, And crush Achmetes in his fairest hopes. True polititians worke by others hands, So I will by the Prince, my plot stands firme: See where he comes, now fly Mercurius, whet My tongue, to kindle hate in Baiazet,

Baia. Ifanck how thriu'd Achmetes in his Warres, Fame is of late growne dumbe of his renowne, Surely vnwelcome newes clogs her swift wings, Else had she now bin frequent in our Court;

And we had fully knowne the chance of all.

If a. We had, yet could not the event,
Lie so conceal'd, but I face found it out,
Which when I first discovered, straight it wrought
Tempests of passions in me, joy and griese

Raign'd at one instant in the selfe same breast.

Baiazet Ashow? Isa Asthus. Ijoy'd that Zemerfell, Was forry heescap'd. Baia, Fell and yet escap'd?

Isa. Beneath Achmetes feete the traytor fell.

Baia. And yet escaped, good lone how may this bee.

Isa. Thus it might be, and was so: when sad death
Was glutted with the ruine of each side,
When slaughtring Mars had stain'd the field with blood,
And cast a purple colour o'r the earth.

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Euter Baiazet

At length some milder providence desir'd,
An end of those hot tumults that were seene,
To last in Zemes breath; so that their fire
Would be extinct, when Zemes should expire.
Then from the middle skirmish forth were brought.
He and Achmetes, being met they sought,
Zemes was vanquish't by a violent blow,
Which strucke him trembling lower then his knees;
Now whither slattering, or present gifts
Redeem'd him from his sate I cannot show
Something they plotted, what, none yet can know.

Baia. Canfi thou advise me Isaack how to sound
The depth of all his mischiefe. Isa. Thus you may,
He being come from Zames ouerthrow,
And yet luke-warme in blood, and full of ioy,
You may in way of honour and free mind,
Call him this night to banquet, then being set,
When the hot spirits of carronsed healths,
Haue spoyl'd his wit of smooth and painted tales,
And wine vnlockt the passage for the truth,
Bid him relate the manner of his warre,
The chances and events; then when he comes
To Zemes, if he erre about his slight,
His ends are bad, his hosome blacke as night.

Baia. Thou art my good Angel, Maack I applaud Thy faithfull plot, Achmetes were thy foule As darke as hell, and thy enclosed thoughts, As subtill as a winding Laberinth, By such a guide as can remoue each doubt, And by a quill of threed the tracke them out. But Macke, if we trappe him in this wiles, How shall we kill the traytor? We have a tricke, Already strange to catch him in the nicke.

Isc. Easily thus: our lawes allow a custome, Not of late, yet firmestill in estect, And thus it is; when there doth breath a man, Direstilly hated of the Emperour, And he in strickt seueritie of right

Cannot proceed against him, then he may Orewhelme him in a robe of mourning blacke, Which we have cal'd deaths mantle, that thing done, The man thus vi'd, is forfetted to fate. And a devoted facrifice to him Whom he had er'lt offended, neither can Strength or intreatie, wrest him from his death, Both which are treason, and inexpiable. Thus then you may proceede, when banquets done, And all their comicke merriment runne on To the last sceane, and every man expects A solemne gift, due to Achmetes worth, Call for a robe therewith to decke your friend. And perfect all his glory, let that bee This robe of fate, in which ready at hand. You may intombe the traytor, and bewrappe His pampered body in a vaile of death. So let him dye, dreame not on the event. Vice is rewarded in it's punishment.

Baia. I will be fierce and sudden, Isaack invite Achmetes to a feast: he dies this night.

Exis Baia.

Is. I shall: voould not a private vvarning serue But open penance must correct my child, And a seuere divorcement quite degrade. Her of her honoured Matrimoniall rights? Were he as strong, as steele-like joynted Mars, As much applauded through our popular streetes, As ei'ft Distator Fabius was in Rome, Or great Angustus, yet the slaue should feele. The wrath of an inflamed father light Heavy vpon his soule, and that e'r the next sunne Appeare, Achmetes all thy glorie's done.

Exit.

Actus Secundi, Scena Sexta.

Enter Achmetes, and Caigubus his sonne

Caigu. I fear'd your safety and devoutly prayed

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The sword of justice, which your hand did swaye,
Might be of conquering force. Ach. Thy prayers were heard
And I am here as safe as I went forth,
Vatouch't by the rough hands of desperate warre,
Nor did I once spie danger in the field,
But when I fronted Zemes, then there met
Two streames of valor, sith on vs was set
The chance of the whole combat, others stood
Expecting which of vs should loose his blood:
But heaven was just, and to compose the strife,
This sword at one sad blow tooke thence his life.

Caig. The heavens were just indeed, but who comes heere,

Isaack, Mesithes, and Baiaxets three sonnes,

Enter Isaack, Mesithes, Mahometes, Achomates, Selymus.

Ach: They come to gratulate my late successe,

I see their errand soulded in their smiles,

How cheerefully they looke vpon my loyes,

Omnes., All happines attend Athmetes.

Ach. Thankes Noble friends, how fares the Emperor.

Isaack. Well by your guard, and he hath lent vs now, All to invite your presence to a feast,

We must be frolike, and this following night, Shall Crowne your joy with revels and delight,

Or else deprive thy soule of that good light.

Ach. We must be frolicke Captaines, thinke not then

Ach. We must be frolicke Captaines, thinke not then On my loud drummes, and staring trumpeters. Such whose strong lungs roare out a bellowing voyce, Would make a man daunce Antick in the fire, Weele haue a choicer musique, and my feete, Shall tread a neater march, then such harsh straines Can teach them, with more pleasure, and lesse paines. Since it hath pleas'd the Emperor to grace Our slender merries thus: we shall be there, To taste his bountie. Mes. Weele lead on before.

Ach. Ile follow you. Isa. Ne'r to returne more,

Exeunt omnes, Manent, Achmetes, and Caigabus.

Ach. I am happy aboue envie, and my flate,

Not to be thwarted with iniurious fate,

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I could disburden all my jealous thoughts,
And shake that currish vice supition, off
From my sincere affection, I have wrong'd
Sure I have wrong'd thee Isak thy chast love,
Cloakes not intended mischiete, blacke deceit
Cannot lie hid vnder so pure a white,
But it would cast a coloured shadow out,
Through such a stender vayle, thy generous thoughts,
Nourish no base detraction; thy free love
Thy profest actions, say t'were no just fate
That good mens deedes should die by ill mens hate.

Caig. Pray heaven they doe not. Ach. searenot, I am guek
To Baiazee, expected at the feast,

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Actus Secundi, Scena Septima.

Enter Baiazet, and Cherseogles.

Baia. The day's farre spent, is not Achmetes come?

Chers. Not yet great Emperor.

Baia. Vice-roy of Greece, say now there were a man Whom my mind honored, and I should command, To cloath his body in a suite of gold, Studded with gems, worth all the Indian shore, Durst any tongue gainsay it: Chers. Surely no.

Baia. What if I hated him, and should command
To wrappe him in a sable coloured blacke,
And sentence him to death? Chers. Then he must die.

Baia. My thoughts are troubled.

Cherf. What should these questions meane, Abrup: demands, one to confound the other? My liege, your guests are come.

Enter Achmetes , Isaack, Mahometes, Achomates, Selymus, Mesithes, Caigubus.

Baia lest be the houre in which I see Achmetes safe return'd Brin our banquet souldiers: boyes kneele round, Enter a banquet, all kneele.

A ing of brauer lads nere bleft the ground, of Supplie vs here with nectar, give it me,

takes the sup Achmetes

Achmetes, noble warriour, heer's to thee, A health to thy bleft fortunes, it shall runne A compleate circle ere the course be done.

Ach. My dutie bids me pledge it. I returne Good health to Maack, and in this wee'l drownd

All conceal'd enmities. drinkes

Isa. love split me with his thunder, if my brest Harbour one bad thought, when this draught is past.

And so I greet thy sonne? health to Caigubus. drinke

Caigu. Mahometes the turne lights next on you. dunkes Maho. Ile pledge it freely. Viceroy her's to you. drinkes

Chers. Achomates, to you I must commend

The welfare of Achmetes in this cup. drinks

Acho. To you Mesubes, thus I proue my loue. drinks
Mes. Yong Prince I doe commit this health to you. drinks

Sely. I am the last; be prodigallin wine, Fill vp my bowle with Nectar, let it rise Aboue the goblets side, and may it like A swelling Ocean flow aboue the banckes, I will exhaust it greedily, it my due.

vill exhaust it greedily, it is my due. drinkes
Omnes. Weele drinke with Bacchus and his roaring crew.

Baia. Already done, so quickly runne about, One health to me, faith sith you are set too't,

Heer's a carouse to all, Omnes. Weele pledge it round.

Asthey drinke round, Baiazet rifeth and speakes aside.

Baia. 'Tis the last draught to some, or I shall faile,
In mine intendments let a foe escape?

When he was trampled downe beneath his seete,
There must be treason in it; how my blood
Boyles in my breast, with anger, not the wine
Could workesuch strong essect; my soule is vext,
A chasing heat distempers all my blood,
Achmetes thou must coole it when thy limbes
Are emptied of that moissure they sucke in,
And thy stain'd blood vnchannel'd from thy veines,
Then shall I be secure, a quiet rest
Shall rocke my soule assece, 'tis thy last howre,
Must set a period to my restlesse feares.

What

What are you merry friends? drinke on your course, Then all arise: and now to consummate Our happy meeting, and shut vp our joyes, Discourse Achmetes of your finish't warres; After an age of woes it proues at last A sweete content to tell of dangers past. Let's know your whole events. Ach. Great Emperor Scarce had the rofie day-starre through the East. Ditplay'd her filver colours through the heauen, But all the watchfull fouldiers ready arm'd, Dim'd her pale cheekes, with their transparent steele, And added lustre to the dull fight morne, So kood we in full pride till the bright Sunne Climing the glassie pauement of the skies, Rouz's the flow spirits of the backward foe, and vrg'd them to the field; at length stept forth Zemes, in all the trappings of his late: And like a well-taught Heller, rang'd his troupes, Into their seuerall orders, all prepar'd Titas being fearefull stept behind a cloud, Lest when he saw our limbs bath'd all in blood, And purple streames gush't from our wounded breasts, Like vvater from their forings; he in a feare Should be eclipt'd, or startle from his spheare, The ayre was thicke and dimme, our armies joyn'd, The skirmishes grew hot, and angry Mars Inthron'd vpon the battlements of heaven, Left either side to tugge with their owne strength, Till their oppressing multitude bore downe, The justice of our cause, and our whole side, Not daring to withstand, scorning to flye, Stood trembling on the vimost brinke of hope, Then the propitious Gods singled me out Zemes, the life and spirit of our foes: We met and fought, such was my happy fate, That at the first encounter Zemes fell, And I disarm'd him, when in proud contempt, He spit defiance in the face of death,

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Open'd his brest, and dard me to the stroake,
Whereby I might have sent him hence to hell,
But I in admiration of his worth,
Arm'd his right hand once more and bad him sight,
Chance did direct my sword vpon his head,
He sell before me, and cry'd, Achmetes hold;
I'me wounded to the death, and Captaine goe
Tell Baiazet that thou hast slaine his soe.
I left the dying Prince, our warres were done
And ceas'd with him, by whom they were begunne.

Isaacke. The plot has tooke. Baia. Treason by Mahomet.

of death.

I left the dying Prince.

Isaack. Pursue the project. Baia. Worthy Achmetes, Well we may giue, but not reward by gifts, And thanke, but not require thee, I would hate That liberality which would abate The worth of the receiver, thy true fame, Outstrips the length of titles, and a name Of weightie honour, is a flender price, To grace thy merits with, as for a voice, To crowne thee after death, thou art the choice, Of euerlining glory, on thy crest, Is her abode, and when the latest rest Of nature, hath betrayd thee to thy graue, Then shall she pring in characters of gold How braue a man thou wast, how great, how bold & Though we be dumb, yet shall the world vplift, Thy name, and thou shalt line without our gift. Yet thy blest fates, have not created thee So clearely Godlike, but some other chance, May crosse thy greatnesse, and thy high renowne The envie of some God may shoulder downe, Then thus weele make thee happy, future events Ne'r shall oppresse thy worth: nor envious chance Blot thy enfuing fame, Achmetes know, Death an immortall gift, we thus bestow. He casts a gowne of blacke velues upon him, called the mantle

Caigub. Treason, treason. O my Father treason, Helpe lanizaries.

elpe lanizaries.

Basa. Stop the furious youth.

Excurris

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Excurris Bring in an Heads-man. Traytor, Zemes dead?

He lines to fee this hand vntwine thy thread.

Enter seuen or eight lanizaries with smords drawnes

What meanes this outrage? Ianiza. 1. Cruell homicide.

2. Vngratefull wretch.

3. Tyrant. I rad carrel of the world the appeal of

4. Meete hilts in's guts. Circle him.

5. Fir & let his owne hands take that Mantle off.

Baia. Helpe! Treason! I am slaine.

6. Helpe? why? From whom?

Is not thy Guard about thee.

Baia. Hemn'd in with death? My friends beset me round Notto preserue my life, but murder me. Blush you pale heavens at this abhorred fact. That they may see their crimes, and be asham'd Of this vnheard offence: Valiant Janizaries, the same of same Sheath up these weapons of rebellion, Print not that vgly sinne vpon your brow, Let my free pardon woe you to submit. Keepe your alleagiance firme.

Omnes. Ha, ha, ha, ha.

1 One word more damnes thee.

2. How pretily he began to talke

a Of sinne and pardon. Baiazet behold Here stands a man milde, honour'd, gracious, Valiant, and faithfull; gentle in command, it was a bed in the At home belou'd, and fear'd amongst our foes, Yet hath thy hand of cruelty affay'd The hated murder of so de re a friend: Bluth you pale heauens at this abhorred fact, ... That he may see his crimes, and be asham'd Of this new blondineffe. Wicked Barazet These admonitions fir the teacher well.

Baia. But heare me speake.

I was in a second

4 First set Achmetes free, then speake thy fill.

Baia. What shall I be compelled?

5 And quickly too.

6 We cannot brooke to seehim stand thus cloath'd.

Baia. Your anger will have way. Achmetes goe. Takes off the There take him. They have fau'd thee from this woe. Mantle.

Exennt showting and leaping.

Pernicious villaines, they have crost my plot,
'Twas intercepted eu'n in the last deede:
What should Achmetes meane thus to ingrosse
The best affections of my Ianizaries?
Will he defraud me of my Crowne and life?
My life I weigh not: but to loose my Crowne
Were to be sentenc'd to a hell of woes.
I am full stuft with choller. Slauish Peasants
Held Ta sword of power in mine hand,
I would disjoynt them peece-meale; can I not?
Am I not Emperour? men call me so:
A reuerend title, empty attributes,
And a long page of words follow my name,

And a long page of words follow my name,

But no substantial true prerogative.

Enter Isaack.

Isaack. Good health to Baiazet.

Baiaz. Indeed that's nothing, fince your counsell fail'd.

Isaack. Vseyour best patience it may be regain'd.

Affection in your flubborne multitude.

Is a prone torrent not to be withstood.

Were you as sacred as their houshold gods,
Yet when you thwart the current of their will,
They'le breake the bands of duty, and prophane with the line of their thoughts.

Mine eyes are witheffe with what linely ioy
They bore him through the streetes vpontheir necks.

Offering the vse of their best strength.

Baia. No more. 3 Mile & factor of the state of the land

I am already gone. Why did not them goe fetch
His proud ambitious tongue bid them goe fetch
My Crowne, and with quick speede disrobe a wretch?
Twas in his power: we are distracted IJanck.

Lend

Lend vs thy wholfome counsell to preuent My ruine, and their dangerous intent.

Isaack. Mine is a blunt aduice, and deepe in bloud To cut off those base Peasants that withstood

The force of your decree.

Baiaz. To cut them off? " to of the the Me thinkes I see my selfe yet circled in With their renengefull swords, ha? cut them off? Could I but curse the Traytors from the earth, Or were my doome pronounc'd but of effect, I'de rattle such new torments in their eares, Should stagger their high courage; but my scares Strangle my furies, and my enuious fate Forceth my tongue to flatter, where I hate.

Isaack. Here lyes the safest course, to rid these griefes Gine out, you'le goe to warre, so to enlarge your territories,

And to this end fetch home,

Those warlike Souldiers plac'd in Garrison. Let them remaine without the walls; at last, When things shall fit your purpose, leade them all By night into the Citie, and in one stroke Strike off so many thousand periur'd heads, As shall amaze posterity to heare, How many liues redeem'd thee from thy feare.

Baiaz. The waight of all mine honour leanes on thee That or some neerer course shall quell the pride

Of strong Achmetes, and confound his side.

Actus Secundi, Scena Octaua.

Enter Zemes and Alexander Bishop of Rome.

Bishop. If your intents be vertuous, and desire Of eminent place quite banisht from your thoughts, My house shall be your Castle: that I denie My men and Armes to ayde you in your broyles, Thinke it kinde vsage: should my Holinesse Feede your ambition, and make strong your hand

Against

Against your brother 'twere too light a brand Of flaming hot discention, and to set The world in a combustion: all would then Quarrell by my example: No sweet Prince Romes holy Bishop must not so transgresse. If you will dwell within my sacred roose Settle irregular Passions, and begin A quiet life, repentance wipes out sin.

Zemes. My waxen wings are melted, I will foare Against the sunne, through such thick cloudes no more. The middle Region shall containe my flight, Your counsaile swayes my wishes, my late deedes Were sull of sune; now let my brother know.

Were full of finne: now let my brother know Zemes repents; (and that's the greatest woc.)

Which makes them (like Camelions) live on ayre
And hugge their flender plots: till coole dispayre
Doth so benumme his thoughts, that he falls dead
From his sublime height, and his lofty head
Which leveld at the skies, doth drop below
His humble feete, this hath experience taught
In that mans head-long ruine, whose proud thoughts
Aym'd at the Turkish Diademe; but now crosse Fates
Have forc'd his stubborne Fates to bow.

Enter a Messenger.
What speakes your entrance?

Messen. Health to Romes Bishop.

And Peace from Baiazet, who commends his love With this his Letter, and expects from you Gives him a letter.

A gracious answere. He reades the Letter.

Bish. Let Zemes die by an untimely death,
Else for our lone you shall prouoke our hate.
Hee's not our brother, but our hated soe:
And in his death you shall preuent our woe.
Returne our service back: tell Baiazet
What he hath given in charge; shall by my hand
Be carefully dispatcht. Messen. Good peace attend you.

Bish. Imperious Turke, Am I not Gods Vize-gerent here on earth,

And

Exit.

Exit

And dar'st thou send thy letters of command? Or speake to me in threatning menaces? It grates my patience to obey this monster, Yet must I murder Zemes, what doe I know Whether my fathers soule did trans-migrate Into his breast or no? be dambe remorse, The Turke is great and powerfull, if I winne His loue by this, t'will proue a happy sinne.

Actus Terty, Scena Prima,

Enter Selymus alone,

Selym. Am I so poore in worth? still kept so low? Was I begot only to line and dye, To fill a place, mone idlely to and fro Like other naturalls? vnmanly life, The world shall take more notice of my fame, Els will I with the venom'd fting of warre, Deface the beauty, of the vniuerfe. Posteritie shall know, once there did breath A Selymus, a mortall diety. A man at whose blest birth the planets smil'd, And spent their influence to create a boy, As braue as Greece c'r hatcht, or Rome, or Troy. Heer's Isaack Baffa, hee's already mine, He courts my father; but intends for mee, And furthers all my counfells; Noble friend, How stand our hopes? I Isaacke Great Sir, most happily, The Baffaes murmute at Achmetes wrong: Seize on their wanering lone, their breatts are ope, To him that first will enter ther's free scope; Drop downe thy franke offection in their hands, To bribe is lawfull, and 'tis strongly prou'd By good examples, Otho ne'r was lou'd, Till he had bought the fouldiers, that once done,

Enter Hanck

Galba grew out of fashion; so must wee Addict them to vs by a gaine-full see:
Give freely, and speake fairely I'le be gone.

Stay here, the Bassaes will be here anon. Exit. Enter Messehes-

Sely. I shall observe thy precepts, Mesithes welcome,

How fare you in these dayes of discontent? My dutie bids me aske, and wish you well; I have beene long a barren debtor to you,

Atlength I may proue thankfull : weare my loue,

'Tis yours without refusal, a sleight gift, gines him aring Yet your lookes tels me, 'It will helpe out my drift. aside

Mest. This courteste exceeds my weake deserts Sweet Prince but when occasion calls me forth, To helpe you, I'me denoted to your worth.

Sely. Your kind acceptance of that recompence,

Binds me more strictly to you.

Mesirb. Sir, farewell, Exit. and enter Mustapha

Sely. So one hath tooke, see where another comes:

All health to Mustapha. Musta. Thankes gracious Prince,

Your gentle pardon for my boldnesse Sir.

Sely. Command my pardon, and commend my lone

To thy bright daughter: tell her I admire

Her vertuous perfection; let that chaine gines him a chaine

Make me remembred often in her mind.

Must. When my weak strength, or wealth shall stretch so far,

Sely. No Cynicke complement, good Mustapha.

Musta. Then I returne you thankes Exi

Sely. Health follow you,

And honour me, here is a third at hand.

Enter Asmehemides.

Selym. Continuance to your health Sir. A/me. Thankes gentle Prince,

Please you to vie my terusce?

Sely. Yes, thus farre

Spend me that purse of gold. gines him apurse.

A/me. What meanes your Highnesse?

Selym. But to deterue your kindnesse, and avoid

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The hated censure of ingratitude,

Asme. This is your liberall vertue not my deeds,

But you shall find me thankefull.

Selymus. So I hope;

Three steps are trod already to a Throne, And I am rich in friends, these profferd gifts Conjure observance from their servile breasts: Oh powerfull gold, whose in fluence doth winne Men with delire for to engender sinne.

Isaacke Bassa?

Isaacke Euen the man you wisht;

What did the golden lu e worke good effect? And make the Baffaes stoupe vnto your minde;

Sely. Words are but empty shaddowes, but if deeds Answere their words, we cannot donbt their faith, They stoupe beneath my feete, I feeme to be a serious As true as lone, but flye as Mercurie, Enter Mosthes

Here comes Mesithes muttering backe againe, But step aside and we shall know his mind.

Mesith. But he is cruell, bloody, and his pride

Vnfufferable great-Selymus Ha?

Mesithes Proud Baiazet, Thou hast vsup'd a title, thy descent

Could neuer reach vnto, thou wrongst the world Since thou detain'st the Crowne, which heavens decree

Due to a better brow, thou art defam'd With Tyranny and wrong, but Selymus Is voyd of ble mishes as trueth of lyes;

Bad stocks must be cut downe, the good must rife.

Sely. He davnted me at fir &, but now I find The golds bright lustre made his judgement blind, Mustapha comes. Enter Mustapha

Musta. Fortune hath wheel'd mevp aboue the starres, Vndera Monarch Ile not fell my hopes: Bold Selymus He second thy designes, And thou shalt Queene my daughter, that being done With mine owne splendor sle eclipse the Sunne.

Sely. I'st so? a while He feede thy ayrie hopes
Then dash thee into nothing.

Heer's a third. Enter Asmehemides

Asm. A purse of gold? I can untie the knot, The close angima say's, I would be King. Braue Selymus I like thy mounting thoughts, Worke out thy projects, thou can't neuer need Or aske my helpe, but thou art sure to speed.

Exit event

Sely. What we resolu'd, stands firme, but the euent Be scan'd when leasure scrues, weele now preuent My brothers hopes, and by a sudden sate Vnto their liues and dayes gine equal date, To compasse a blest end: now we beginne some hath offended if it be a sinne To throw a father downe: Saturne did dwell Once in the heavens, some threw him downe to hell.

Enter Baiazet and Achmetes, hand in hand, Cherseogles, Mesithes, Mustapha, Mahoretes, Achomates, Trizham, Mahomet, Asmehemides.

Sely. But stay. Achmetes, and our fathers friends?

Baia. Achmetes I have injur'd thy deferts,

Subbornd accusers, wrong'd my credulous eares,

And my rash censure undervalued much

Thy noble spirits, when it first condemnd

Then of intended treason, rense thy soule

In the dull river of oblinion,

We halt beneath the burthen of thy hate,

Thinke my mou'd anger made me hot and wild,

I cannot sleepe till we be reconcil'd.

Athm. The gods neglect my welfare here on earth, And when I shall put off this mortall load, Let me be out-law'd from the Court of heaven, If in this bosome there lye hid one thought

That doth not honour Baiazer.

Baia. Wee know—
Thy vertues makevs happy evaluant Sir,
Thy feete once more must tread a warlike march,
Vuder our fearefull banner, thou shalt pace

Euen to the walles of Rome, there dwels our foe, Where our halfe Moone rear'd in the middle camp, Like a distempred Meteor in the ayre, Shall strike amazement in the cloistred monkes And shake the prelates Miter from his head, Till he yeeld Zemes up aline or dead. When we have mou'd thee from thy Ianuzaries, Thou shalt not travell farre.

Isaack A subtile tricke

And well pretended, I admire thy wit.

Achm. Let me march hence, and Baiazet shall know.

Achm. Let me march hence, and Baiazet shall know How little I befriend my Princes foe, Ile cast a ring of souldiers round about The walles of Rome, if Zemes scape thence out, Cut of my breath he that's deepe in blame, Must hazard boldly to regaine his same.

Triz. What meanes our father, noble Baiazet,
To worke vntimely horrors through the world,
Defolate ruine, publike discontent
Haue printed deepe impressions in our path,
Danger and feare scarce emptied from our towne,
The shaken members of our common wealth,
Yet staggers with their wounds, when discord shall
Make but a second breach, they faint and fall.

Mah. Short peace hath charm'd your subjects all asleepe, And throwne a quiet slumber ore their eyes, Whilest with a sweete restorative she heales. Their Martyr'd joynts, and wipeth out their scarres. Writ on their bosomes by the hand of warres, Zemes is safely cloy stred vp at Rome, The prelate dares not ayde him, all the gods. Smile on the entrance of triumphant peace, War lies sast bound, nor can she worke our paines. Vnlesse we loose the sury from her chaines.

Baia. Our fonnes instructive? must your pregnant wits, Crosse my command? Basses prepare for warre, And since your grave discourse argues a will, To stay at home, you shall; weele lay you vp,

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Where no loud ecchoing drums shall breake your steepe, Euen in the bowels of your mother earth
I will intombe you: Put them both to death.

Omnes. What meanes great Baiazet?

Baia. To murder you, vnlesse you strangle them.

Ambo. But heare vs speake.

Baia. Stop vp the damned passage of their throat, Or you are all but ghosts, what; stare you friends?

Isaacke and Selymus, a garter;

Twist me that fatall string about his necke,

And either pull an end, frangle Trizham.

Mesthes come

Ioyne force with me, by heaven y'were best make hast. Or thou art shorter lin'd then is that bratte.

Tugge frongly at it. francis Mahomis.

So; let the bastard droppe,

We have out-lind our tutors: dung hill flues, Durst they breath out their Stoicke fentences

In opposition of our strickt command?

Selym. So: things run well along, and now I find lone heares my prayers, and the gods grow kind.

Baia. Did not I fend these to their Provinces
To hinder Zemes slight? and did not they
Dejected bastards give him open way?
Mine anger hath beene just.

Cherseo. None doth deny't;

You may proceed in your ed & for warres, And make Achmetes generall of the campe.

Baia. It is enough: Achmetes goe to hell,

The deuils have rung out thy passing bell, And looke for thine arrivall.

Shend me flaues. Exeunt omes.

They fly before my breath like mists of ayre,

And are of lesse resistance, lle pursue.

Achme. Oh! I am flaine, Tyrant thy violent hand, Hath done me pleasure, though against thy will, Had I as many lines as drops of blood,

I'de not outline this houre: flye hence vaine soule.

stabs him

Exit

Climbe

- Climbe yonder facred mount, striue vpwards, there, There where a guard of starres shall hemme thee round. Build thee a fafe tribunall-I am gone-Oh tragique cruelty—behold—the end Of two right Noble sonnes—one faithfull friend

moritur

Re-enter Baiazet in fury. Baia. Haue all forsaken me? and am I left A pray vnto my selfe; did all their breath Paffe through his organs? and in his fad death. Haue I abruptly crackt the vitall threed Of all my Bassacs? Achmetes groanes.

Ha? where am I now? In some Gehenna, or some hollow yault. Where dead mens ghosts sigh out their heavy groanes: Retolue me Mahomet, and ridde me hence, Or I will spoyle the fabricke of thy tombe. And beate away the title of a God. Do'st thou not moue? a trunke? a stocke? to die. Isto put on your nature, so wili I.

Offering to stab himselfe, Cherseogles, Mesithes, Mustapha, Mahomates, Achomates, Selymus, Asmehemides, in

terrupt him.

Omnes. Hold, hold, and liue. Baia. How come these bodies dead? Fili. Father, it was your selfe.

Basa. Let mereuoke

My wandring tence, Oh what a freame of blood Hath purg'd me of my blacke suspition, Two lonnes, one valiant Captaine hence are wrought By mine owne hand, to cure one lealous thought, As 'tis, they re the happier, lout-live, . Them whom I wisht to fall: onely to grave, Beare foorth their bodies.; Baffaes carry them out, We were curst in this. And shall incombe with them much of our bliffe, . .

Indeed wee had refolu'd to spend this day In things of more folomaitie, leffe woe. Now our more withed councell shall beginne

And bitter deedes waigh vp the scales of sinae-Amasia is a province rich and strong, Mahomates it is thine, keepe it as long As I have power to give it:go, provide For thy conveyance, at the next sayre tide.

Mahom. Farewell deare father.

Baia. Worthy sonne adiew.

The love my dead formes wanted, fals to you, As an hereditary good.

Selymus Then we aside

May vaile our heads in blacke, no mourners be.

Baia. Mahomates, thy worth
Deserves some trophies of our love,
Which to let slip vnmention'd, were to adde
To this blacke day, a fourth offence as bad;
Gouerne Manesia, now the people stand
Dissurnisht of an head, let thy command,
Be great amongst them, so; make speedy hast.
Honour sayes for thee.

Selym. Now the stormes are past. Mahom. Father adiew;

Exit.

Baia. Mahomates, farewell.

Selym. Now to my lot, I thought 'twould ne'r a fell.
Baia. Now Selymus, wee know thy hopes are great,

aside

And thine ambition gapes with open jawes, To swallow a whole Dukedome: but young Sir, We dare not trust the raines of gouernment Into the hands of *Phaeton*. Desire, Rashly sulfild, may set the world on fire; Greene youth, and raw experience are not fit, To shoulder up a Kingdomes heavie weight, Mixe wit with stay'd discretion, and spend Wild yeares in study, then we doe intend To settle more preferment on thy head Then thou can't hope for.

Selymus Wilt thou envious dotard
Strangle my greatnesse in a miching hole?
The world's my study Baiazet, my name,

Shall fill each angle of this round-built frame. Baiaz. I know he grumbled at it; but'tis good To calme the rebell hear of youthfull blood Enter a Me Jenger. With sharpe rebukes.

Messon. Health to the Emperour. Baiaz. What will your message? Messen. Duty first trom Rome,

Commended by the Bishop to your service, With a firme promise to dispatch your will What euer it imployd, and would but stay Till Times swift circle should bring forth a day

Secure for the performance.

Exit. Baiaz. 'Tis enough.

Thanks for your care. This was to murder Zemes. Warre with the Bishop? 'thad beene pretty sport, I knew my powerfull word was strong enough To make him doe my pleasure: simple Priest, Onely I vs'd it as a trick, to lend Achmetes from the Citie and his friends; But Fate so smil'd vpon me, that I found A shorter meanes his life and hopes to wound With my fententious sonnes, that when my foe Fled through their Prouince, finely let him goe; Which being wholy finish'd, straight to please

My friends, I play'd a raging Hercules; Then to shut vp the Scene, neatly put on A passionate humour, and the worst was done.

But who comes bere? A dumbe how.

Enter Mahometes with store of Turks, he as taking his leave, they as ceremoniously with great humblenesse, taking their leanes, depart at severall dores.

I like not this. Mahomatis belou'd So dearely of the Comminalty: ha? Hee's wise, faire-spoken, gently-qualified, Powerfull of tongue; why hee's the better some. Not to supplant his Father. I mislike The prodigall affection throwne on him By all my subjects. I belyed my hopes When I presum'd this day had freely rid

Me

Me of my worst vexation: I was born: To be a lade to Fate, and Fortunes scoffe, My cares grow double-great by cutting off.

Exit.

Actus Tertij, Scena Tertia.

Enter Caigubus Achmetes sonne. Caignb. If ever man lou'd forrow wisht to grieve Father I doe for thee. Could I deprine My senses of each object, but thy death, Then should I joy to sigh away my breath: Be Godhead to my griefe, then shall these eyes. With tributary teares bedeck thy shrine: And thus I doe invoke thee: nimble Ghost What euer orbe of Heauen, what euer coast Affords thee present mansion, quickly thence Flit hither, and present vnto my sense Thy selfe a feeling substance, let me see, Acknowledge and admire thy Maiesty. Put off that ayry thinnesse which denies Me to behold thee with these duller eyes. Then shall they sending downe a powerfull floud, Rence thy colde members from each drop of bloud, And so returne thee back, that thou may'st soare Vp to the skies, much purer then before. Had the just course of nature wrought thee hence, I would have made the gods know their offence. And backe restore thy soule: but thou art dead And 'twas a fiercer hand that clipt thy thread. Fiercer, and bolder, which did ever thrive By mischiefe, and once confinde thee alme Vp in deaths mantle, but then would not vie Such open violence, nor durst abuse One of such sacred worth, till fury struck His reason dead, and made his treacherous hand Creepingly stab thee, both vnseene and foule, As if he would have stolneaway thy soule. But oh!

Enter Isaack.

Isaack. But oh indeede!
Caigub. Why what?
Isaack. As bad

A ftroke attends thee as thy Father had a Princes suspition is a flame of fire, Exhal'd first from our manners, and by defire Of rule is nourssh'd, fed, and rores about

Till the whole matter dye, and then goes out.

Casgub. Vnfold a Scene of murders: Fates worke on, Wee'le make a path to Heauen, and being gone Downe from the lofty towers of the skies
Throw thunder at the Tyrant; will he presse
The earth with waight of slaught'red carcasses?
Let him grow up in mischiefe, still shall her wombe
Gaping, reserve for him an empty tombe.
We doe but tread his path; and Bassa since
It stands upon thee, now to cure thy Prince
Of his distemper'd lunacie, goe fetch
The instrument of death, whilst I a wretch
Expect thy sad returne.

Isaack. I goe; and could
It stand with mine alleageance, sure I should
Imploy my service to a better end,

Then to disrobe the Court of such a friend.

Caigab. He that is judg'd, downe from a steepy hill
To drop vnto his death, and trembling still
Expects one-thence to push him, such a slaue
Doth not deserue to liue, nor's worth a grane.
Then Lachesis, thou that deuid'st the threed
Of breath, since this dayes Sun must see me dead,
Thus I'le preuent thy paine, thus I'le out-runne
My Fate; and in this stroke thy worke is done.
Eternall mouer, thou that whirl'st about
The skies in circular motion heare me out
What I command, see that without controuse
Thou make Heauer cleare, to entertaine my soule;
And let the nimble spirits of the ayre
Print me a passage hence vp to thy chaire,

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There will I sit, and from the Azure sky. Laugh at obsequious base mortality. Vanish my soule, enjoy, embrace thy Fate Thus, thus thou mount'staboue a Tyrants hate. Enter Isaack with executioners.

Stabs himselfe. dyes.

Isaack. We are preuented; see the fates command Falle deedes, must dye though by the Actors hand. Returne to Baiazet, and beare that corpes. So now I am alone, nor need I feare To breath my thoughts out to the filent ayre; My conscience will not heare me, that being deafe I may joy freely: first thy hated breath Achmetes vanisht, next Caigubus fell, Thus we clime Thrones, whilst they drop downe to hell. The glorious eye of the all-feeing funne, Shall not behold (when all our plots are done) A greater Prince then Selymus; 'tis hee Must share with lone an equal Maiesty. But for my felfe his Enginer I'le stand Aboue mortality, and with a hand Of power, dash all beneath me into dust, If they but croffe the current of my lust. What I but speake, 'tis Oracle and Law, Thus I will rule and keepe the world in awe.

Selym. Noble affistant.

Enter Selymus, Mesithes, Isaack, Happy Selymus. Mustapha, Asmehemedes.

Selym. ' sis thou must make me so, for should I slay

Wayting my Fathers pleasure, I might stand Gazing with enuie at my Brothers pride, My selfe lying prostrate, even beneath their feete. Townes, Cities, Countries, and what ere so ever Can give high thoughts content, are freely theirs. I onely like a spend thrist of my yeares Idle my time away, as if some god Had raz'd my name out of the roule of Kings, Which if he have, then Isaack be thy hand As great as his, to print it in againe Though Baiazer lay nay.

Haack.

Isaack. No more: I will;
An Empire be our hopes; that to obtaine
Wee'le watch, plot, fight, sweat, and be colde againe. Exercise.

Actus Tertii, Scena Quarta.

Enter Zemes, and Alexander Bishop of Rome.

Bisop. Cannot my words add folace to your thoughts? Oh! you are gulft too deepe in a desire Of somersigne pompe, and your high thoughts aspire. All the vnshadowed plainenesse of my life Doth but contract thick wrinckles of mislike In your Majestick brow, and you distast Morall receipts, which I have ministred To coole Ambitions Feauer.

Zemes. Pardon Sir. Your Holinesse mistakes my malady, Another ficknesse grates my tender breast, And I am ill at heart: alas, I stand An abject now as well in Natures eye. As erst I did in Fortunes: is my health Fled with mine honour? and the common rest Of man, growne stranger to me in my griefe? Some vnknowne cause hath bred through all my bloud A colder operation, then the juice Of Hemlock can produce: O wretched man. Looke downe propitious Godheads on my woes: Phabus infuse into me the sweet breath Of cheerefull health, or else infectious death. If there an Angell be whom I have crost In my tormented boldnesse? and these griefes Are expiatory punishments of sinne? Now, now repentance strike quite through my heart; Enough of paines, enough or bitter smart Haue tyed me to't. I have already bin Bolted from ioy, content can enter in, Not at the open passage of my heart,

Inci-

I neither heare, nor see, nor feele, nor touch With pleasure; my vexation is so much. My graue can onely quit me of annoy;

That prevents milchiefe, which can bring no ioy. Exis.

Bif. Now I could curse what mine owne hand hath done.
And wish that he would vomit out the draught
Of direfull poyson, which infects his bloud.
Ambitious fire? why 'tis as cleane extinct,
As if his heart were set beneath his feet.
Griefe hath boil'd out the humours of vaine pride,
And he was meere contrition.

What's the newes? Enter & Messenger.

Messen. Zemes as now he left you, pale and wan, Dragging his weake legges after him, did fall Dead on the stony pauement of the Hall. Not by vnhappy chance, but as he walkt. Folding his armes vp in a pensiue knot, And rayling at his Fate, as if he staged The wounded Priam, or some falling King, So he, oft lifting vp his closing eye, Sunke faintly downe, groan dout, I dye, I dye.

Bish. It grieues my soule: let Baiazet know this Could our owne shortned life, but lengthen his By often sighes I would transtuse my breath Into his breast, and call him back from death.

Exit.

Actus Tertii, Scena Quinta.

Enter Selymus, Mesithes, Mustapha.

Selym. Let not my absence steale away my lone, Or locall distance weaken the respect Which you have ever borne me; I must sty To shake the yoake of bondage from my necke: My Fathers eyes shall not scan out my life In every action; then when I am gone, Our love like pretious mettall shall not cracke In the protraction, but be gently fram'd

Into a fubtler thinnesse, which shall reach From either part, not craz'd by any breach.

Messieh. Returne with ruine painted in thy brow,
Pale death triumphant in thy horrid cress,
Danger limm'd out vpon thy threatning sword,
The Turkish thradome pourtrai'd on thy shield,
Wee'le meete thee in thy horror, and vnfold
Our armes as wide as heaven to take thee in.

Selym. We trust you: if there lie vnspoken loue
Hid in your bosomes, we must bury it

In filent Farewells

Mustaph. Noble Prince adiew,
Since thy franke deeds have printed in our hearts.
So true a patterne of thee, we will feed
Our contemplation with thy memory.
VV hen thou art really departed, thus
A better part of thee shall stay with vs.

Exeums.

Selym. So the fwift wings of flight shall mount me vp.

About these walls into the open ayre,

And I will towre about thee Baiacet.

Farewell fost Court; I have beene kept too long

V Vithin thy narrow walls, and am new borne

To golden liberty; now stretch out you heavens, Spread forth the dewy mantle of the cloudes
Thou powerfull Sunne of Saturne, and remoue
The terminating Poles of the fixt earth

To entertaine me in my second birth. The warm to some and the second birth.

Isaack Not yet rid from our warrs? Faire Prince take heed,
Treason's a Race that must be runne with speed:
Eslus beckons, and the flattering windes

I oyne all to helpe our project: quickly hence:

All's full of danger. Did your Father know

Hee'd ftop your flight, and breath at one deaths blow.

Selym. Friend I am gone: thou hoary God of Seas, Smooth the rough bosome of thy wrinckled tide, who are That my wing'd Boat may gently on it glide.

Actus Quarti, Scena Prima.

Enter Bajazet folas.

Baia. How the obsequious duty of the world Hangs shivering on the skirts of Majestie, And imells out all her footsteps: I could yet Neuer steale leasure to reforme my thoughts, Since my pale brow was first hoop'd in with gold Till this blest houre : and now great Baiazer Empty thy breast of her imprison'd ioyes, Which like the fmothring windes, could with a blast Rip vp a passage. I am crown'd in blisse, Plac'd on the rockes of strong security, Without the reach of Fate. Envie shall gnash And pine at my full pleasures; the loft feete die le Of labouring Ambition, shall quite tire Ere touch the starry-height on which I stand. Achmetes and his sonne with my two boyes Are falne, to cleare the fun-shine of my joyes, Achomates I feare not, Selymus Liues cag'd within the compasse of mine eye, All that I doubt is of Mahomates, That blazing starre once darkned, I will throw The lustre of my pompe from me, as cleare As if three Sunnes were orbodall in one Spheare. What newes brings Ifanck? Enter Ifanck Baffa.

Isaack Vnwelcome newes.

Baia. Be quick in the delivery.

Isaack. Then thus. I have a more than the same of the

Young Selymus is field: The man a few and the field we meen fold of Europe. The voustailer draw

Baia. Fled?

Maack. Fled this night to the Tartarian King.

Baia. VVould he had funke

To the Tartarian deepe. Isaack, th'art false, And enery haire dependant from thy head Is a twin'd ferpent. Isaack I say th'art false,

I read

or Bajazer the second.

I read it in thy brow.

Isaack. By heaven I am not.

Baia. Come answere my demands, first what time

Isaack I know not.

Baia. Know he is fledde,

And know not when he fledde, how can this be?

Isaack After our strickt enquiry, twas our chance To light on one that saw him take a ship,

At the next hauen.

Bais. On one; bring foorth that one, Exit Issek. Ile found the depth of these villanies.

Enter Isaacke with a dwar fee

What's here?

A barrell rear'd an end vpon two feete?
Sirrah, you guts and garbage did you fee
Selymus leaue the Court?

Dwarffe So please it your

Baia. Please it? thou monster, are you now so pleasing.

Isaack My Liege hold in your fury: spend not one drop

Of your fierce anger, on so base a worme, Keepe it entire and whole, within your breast, That with it's vigor it may crush the bulke Of him whose treasons move it.

Baia. So it shall.

Neptune reine backe thy swelling Ocean,
Invert the current of thy guilty streames
Which further trecherous plots, mild Achu,
(That when a peevish goddesse did intreat,
Scattredst a Trojan Navy through the seas)
Now Baiazet a Turkish Emperor
Bids thee send forth thy jarring prisoners,
Into the seas deepe bowels, let them raise
Tempests shall dash against the firmament
Of the vast heavens, and in their stormy rage,
Either confound or force the vessell backe.
In which the traytor sayles; now, now beginne
Or I shall thinke thee conscious of this sinne.
What would this monker

Enter amenke

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Monke Only your bleffed aimes. Briazet I'me in a liberall vaine—

Monke shootes of a dange at Baiazet, Mesithes, and

Traiter I'me slaine, Isaack kilsthe Monke I feele the bullet run quite through my sides,

Isaack. Great Mahomes hath kept you lafe from harme,

It never toucht you.

Baia. Oh-Iam slaine,

Open the gates of sweet Elysium,
Take in my wounded soule: Bring foorth that Monke,
Ile make him my soules harbinger, he shall
Fore-runne my comming and provide a place
Amongst the gloomy banks of Acheron,
Then shall he dwell with me in those blacke shades
And it shall be my blisse to torture him.

Isa. Hee's gone already, I have fent him hence.

Baia. Fly then my soule, and nimbly follow him,

He must not scape my vengeance: Charon stay,

One wastage will serue both, I come, away.

Isa, Let not conceit thus steale away your lifea.

Baia. Me thinkes I feele no blood ebbe from my heare,

My spirits faint but slowly.

You are not wounded.

Baia. Ha? not wounded.

Isaack. Vntoucht as yet;

His quaking hand decein'd him of his aime, And he quite mist your body, here behold

The bullet yet vnstain'd with blood.

Baia. Now I beleeve thee; oh the balefull fate.

Of Princes, and each eminent estate?

How every precious jewell in a Crowne,
Charmes mad ambition, and makes envy doate
On the bewitching Beauty of it's shine;
Indeede proud Majesty is visher'd in
By superstitious awfull reverence,
But cursed mischiefs follow; and those are
Treasons in peace, blacke stratagems in warre.
But wher's the dwarsse? I saack goe send him in;

Bid bold Messeles, and sage Mustapha
Quickly attend vs; goe.

Lacke I shall.

Baiazes This houre,

Whose wisht event, shall strangle envies breath, And strike ambition dead in every breast.

Sirrah, draw hence the body to the ditch.

Whither the filth of the whole Citie runs,

There ouerwhelm't in blood; goe , quickly doo't;

What dooft thou grin thou visage of an ape? be frikes him

Dwarfe He rather hang my telfe then endure this.

Baia. Nay, come; be patient and He vie thee well,

Why—'twas a Scepter strooke thee, and 'twill worke

Diviner operation in thy blood

Then thou canst dreame of.

Dwar. I'de rather be strucke crosse the teeth with a pudding.

Then crosse the backe with a scepter.

Baia. A man would guesse so, that ouer-viewes the dimen-But to thy businesse. be carries aus the cearse

Enter Baffaes.

Baffaes stand yee round,

Stay: who comes here? sure I should know that stature, Obserue him neerely. Exter Mahomotes diffusioned

Bassaes. Tis no Courtier, on

Mahom, Mahometes 'tis time to looke about,

Selymus fledde? Achomates ador'd?

My name scarce heard of through the popular ? rects? Had that vnhappy arme of that dam'nd Monke, Not staggerd from the Marke at which he aym'd, Who cuer sent him hither, I had leapt Into the emptie throne, and cropt the fruit

Budding from treasons roote; but He returne

Backe to my Province, this vnknowne disguise,
Shall search my Fathers closest policies,

Isaack Mahometes disguistd.
Baia. By heauen 'twas he

He pryes snto my counsells: let it bee.
Wee'le forward in our businesse, which beeing done,

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Weele coole the hot ambition of each fonne. As mine alreadle is, matche mouing time Hath cast a snowy whitenesse on my haires, And frosty age bath quel'd the heate of youth. Mine intellectuall eves which ener vet Gaz'd on the worlds rich gilded vaniries, Are now turn'd inward and behold within, Difinal confusion of vapardoned finne. E'r fince I first was settled on this Throne. My cares have clog'd the fwittnesse of the houres. And wrought a tedious irkesomnesse of life. Murders have mask'd the forehead of the Same With purple-coloured clouds and he hath blusht At the blood fucking cruelty of flate. Ther's not one little angle of this Court, Whose guiltie walls have not conceal daknot Of traitors inviting out fome hideous plot, A inst my safety; now at left thie The dangers of perplexed Maiollio. And were it not for a religious feare Of after-harmes, which wrecolledly might teare And spoyle the body of this Monarchy, Here acrehis inflant would a firike the Tayle, And proud to parallene of mine eminence, Hurle vp my scepter, dis-inthrone my felfe, And let the greene heads for amble for the Crowne. Age hath taught me a stayder promidence Then my rath youth could reach to; I intend To place this glietering bable, on the head Of some succession; er Fyeram dead, So give it out; thereby Herry the love And favour of the people : whom they feeme Most to affect l'le raise to that este eme, How doe you like the countell? Cherf. As we could like the the state of the

A voice of health ient from the carefull gods. This newes will lay the fury of your formers, And breed low dutie in them all in hope en a tribu a legalita ate di baktito all'a 💕 💕 🕻

Of the reward propoly.

Exenne Basames, Cherleogles, Manene Muftapha, Ifanike, Mehinos, A foreberrides.

Macke Awake preventions eyes, we must not sleepe If we would see proud Bainzer diffolact. And Selymus elated to his height. Name him the people favours, thecaffects Achemates; and knowes the multitude Wrapt with his heavenly wisedome ery for him, We must be quicke and wary, here are keyes Left, and lay'd vp by Selymus, that fore Shall visit emptie purses, and inchaunt The needy fort of men, that the enes wealth, Shall weigh vp 'tothers wisedome in the scale -Of their light judgement; lend your, best endeavors Wee'te crosse thee Baiazer, and thy hopesshall dve By thine owne ill-contriued policy.

Actus Quarti Scona Secunda.

Enter Baiazes, takes Affinishemides by the hand a Courtier belonging to Makemeter

Baia. Leaue vs; Wee would be primate with our friend. Tis rhou must doo't sweet Musekemides, Mahemates and thou are two necrofriends; He will suspect in others close deceit, Thee for thy generous wertues he will fland With obujous embracements to receive Into his bosome; whither when thou art Wound in be fure to firike him through the heart. I am offended, 'tis juil prety To facrifice his body at the shripe Of my displeasure, doe it, I am thine: Asmehem. Were hear deare to mee, withe halfe pare

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Of mine owne bodies as the breath I draw

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When Gods command, and Emperors are they. Baia. So willing to be dama'd? had I adjoyn'd Some vertuous office, surely he would then Haue faid, that good deedes are not deedes of men-But let them goe; Mahometes must dye, And for my other boy fierce Selymus The boysterous hand of warre must snatch him hence, My other some Coreneus lives immur'd Within Minerua's cloister, thus I cleare, A path through which Achomates shall runne Vp to my throne when all their hopes are done.

Actus Quarti, Scena Terti

Enter Achomases.

Acho, The promise was direct and absolute, To bleffe my Temples with a facred Crowne, VVith protestations of a guicke dispatch, Ere his owneright were cancelled by fate, So to cut off all rivals in my joyes. V.Vhat intercedent chance hath made his care So slacke in the performance? by heaven I feare, Delayes willproue delusions of my hopes And that Homebred Mercurian Solymus, W. D. D. D. VVill iplit the expectation of my bliffe, which have Forefendir Mahomes, or I shall be A fad revenger of indignitie. How now? vy hat speakes this bold intrusion?

Enter a Moffen ger.

Meffen. Health to Achomates from Basazet. Acho. From Baiexet? vnfold thy welcome newes, How fares our Noble Father & and addres and side at the second

Mefen. In full health; minne ! in how anules que une And wils you thus by mee : to muster vp Your furest forces, and with moderate hast, Repaire vnto the Court, where you shall find Employments worthy of a valorous mind.

Lace ons.

Achom. To muster armes? can'st thou surmise the cause? Messen. VVith confidence I dare not; but tis sayde

Against that haughtie Noble Selymus, WW ho of the Tartar King implored and. To an vncertaine end : himselfe giues out To fight with Hungary, and stretch the bounds Of the old Turkish regiment & But fame With panting voice, bids Baiazes beware. And whispers in his eare, he is the foe, ..

Proud Selymus intends to overthrow.

Ache. Enough, regreet our Father with our love Tell him wee shall not sleepe to his command; Fly nimbly backerdares the audacious boy. Trouble the world with his tempestuous armes? He chastile him with yron whips of warre, If either strength or stratagems shall serve. To spoyle the gavvdy plumes of his high crest. I'le vie the strongest violence of both: I am swolne big with hate, and I could breake Vitimely passage with a wholesome stabbe To vent the monster strangled in my wombe-Father I come, he that detaines a Crowne Bequeath'd to me, must thunder-strike me downe. Enter Corcutus.

Corcu. Buzzing reports haue pier't my fluddy Walles. And clog'd my meditations ayry wings. By which I mount about the mouing spheares. And fearch the hidden closets of the heaven. I cannot live retir'd, but I must heare Mine owne wrongs founded in my troubled eare : VV hat 2 will my father fallifye that oath: In which he vowd fuccessions right to mee, VV hen Irefign'd my honors vp to him, He deepely swore; when the vprising Sunne Of his bright-shining royallty had runner It's compleat course through the whole heaven of state, And fainting dropt into the V.Vesternelapse: My brightnesse next should throw it's golden beames,

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Vpon the worlds wide face, and onor-peere The duskin clouds of hidden privacie. And shall Achomates succeed? Shall hee Shine in the spangled robes of Majesty. Then Baiazat is false, let it be so I am secur'd from a huge masse of woe. Yet sle toth' Court, that when Achomate Shall spie mee, and remember her my due. Twill staine his sufter with a blusting bue,

Enter Baisset , Cherseog!es.

Bais. My cares are growne to great to be comprized, Within the narrow compasse of my breast, Vice-roy of Greece, Ile powre into thy heart Part of my secrets; which being entred in, Locke them as close vp. as thou wouldst a sinne Committed, yet not knowne: I must impart Things worth thy faithfull silence.

Cherf. Worthy Sir,

By the inclosure of my soule I sweare—
Baia. He not heare out thine oth, in briefe 'tis thus
The Bassacs are all salse and loue not vs;
Nor doth my brain-sicke sury prompt me thus,
I read it in their gestures, conventicles,
Actions, and counsells, my suspitious eye
Hath found a great breach in their loyalty.
Chess. Surely this cannot bee.

Baiazet By heaven't is true,
Each man that guards mine honour is my foe,
Ile shake these splendant robes of Majesty
From my ore-burden'd shoulders, and to ease
My selfe, bequeath them to Achorman.

Cherfe. Achomates?

Baia. Euen he, volesse the voyce
Of the whole Citie interdict my choice.
Enter Isaache, Messhes, Mustapha.

Cherse. Heere comes the Bassas, Sure I see bad newes

Pourtrai'd on the Index of their fronts.

Baia, Bad newes? We have out-liu'd good dayes too long,

We can expect no other, come vnclaspe

Volumes of mischieses, and make dease my cares

With an infused multitude of cares.

Bassaes. Young Selymus hath crost Danubius floud,

And seiz'd vpon the Provinces of Thrace,

And with a Navie plow'd the Euxine Sea. (noise Baia. Peace bellowing night-rauens, with how cheerefull

Their puffing lungs croke out the balefull note,
Are these the warres 'gainst Hungary?' you powers
Of heauen, brush off your cloddy patience,
If you but winke at these notorious crimes,
I'le say you dare not check our stubborne times.
Well as yet, I'le make vie of his pretence
Vize-roy of Greece, beare you this Embassie
To that suspected Traytor Selymus,
Tell him the warres 'gainst th' Hungarian foe,
Are full of dangers and approued harmes,
Never attempted by our Ancestors,
Without repulse or damage bid him dismisse
His rough Tartarian youth, then if he stand

Cherse. I shall, 'twill be well done

Vnmou'd and stiffe, feigne vengeance is at hand.

To reconcile a Father and a Sonne.

Baia. Thought he tumultuous vprores could descrue The favour of his Prince: h'as troad awry, And mist the path that leades to Majestie.

These bright Imperious ornaments shall grace
No rebell-monster, nor base runne-away.

My resolution's firme, it shall not be;
Bassaes, this day an Herauld shall proclaime
In the worlds care, my great successours name.

Are you content?

Exit.

Musta

Bassaes. We are.

Make thy best speed.

Baiaz. Call forth an Herrauld.

Taack. As our alleageance bindes vs wee'le obey.

Mustapha calls in an Herauld.

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But

But what we graunt, the Souldiers will gaine-fay. Thou shalt not thriue in this: I dare be bold My golden hookes have ta'ne a faster hold.

Baia. Herauld.

Be my loud Eccho, ratifie my deede, An flay Achomates shall next succeede.

Herauld. Baiazet the second by the appointment of our great Prophet Mahomet, the onely Monarch of the World, a mighty God on earth, an inuincible Cafar, King of all Kings, from the East unto the West, Gouernour of Greece, Sultan of Babylon, Soueraigne Of Persuand Armenia, triumphant Tutor of lerusakm, Lord possessour of the Sepulcher of the Crucified God. subuerter and tworne enemie of the-Christians, and of all that call vpon Christ; proclaimeth Achomates his second sonne next and immediate successour.

An alarum of Trumpets.

Afide:

Within. None but Baiazet, none but Baiazet.

Baiaz. By heaven they are corrupted: none but 13

*Tis no loue borne to me that moues this cry.

Mesith. Great Barazet the cause why they deny This full proposall, rifeth from an vie And customary licence long obseru'd; To wit, when their crown'd Emperour is dead, The interpos'd vacation is a time Of lawlesse freedome: then they dare to spoile The Iewish Marchants of their traffick wares, And prey you all strangers : so that should Your Honour be conferr'd vpon your sonne Whilst you your selfe yet breath, then should they loose

The long expected gaines; therefore refuse

What you propos'd.

Baiaz. If that be all the cause, Wee'le giue them fuch a Kingly donatiue, As doubly shall buy out those ill-got spoiles Fine hundred thousand Duckets, if they please With my free choise to clowne Achomates, Proclaim'd to be their due.

A flourish of Trumpets.

Herauld. Baiazet the second by appointment of our great Prophet Mahomet, &c. proclaimeth that hee'le attribute 500.

Thousand Duckats if you yeeld alleageance

To Achomates his successour. Trumpets sound againe.

Within. None but Baiazet, none but Baiazet.
Baia. Achomates I fent for, how hee'le difgest
These grosse illusions, I may justly feare:
By this I had discourag'd Selymus,
And kill'd his hopes; by this I had cut off
The growth of hate, and choked discords seed.

Exit.

Enter Mustapha with a Messenger to the other Bassacs.

Mustaph. Beare this to Selymus with thy best care.

Mesith. And this.

Gine him Letters.

Isaack. And this: fly, let thy winged speed Returne a suddaine answere, esse we bleed.

Exempt.

Actus Quarti, Scena Quinta.

Enter Selymus, Tartarian King. Attendants.

Tartar. Goe on braue Prince; Lead on thy marshal'd troupes, Degrade the Turkish Monarch, let him faint At the deepe wounds, which thy reuengefull hand Shall print vpon the bosome of his land.

Goe on; Me thinks I see Victoria sit

Triumphant on thy Reely Burganet.

Exit Tartarian King.

With a careere as free as if Heauens love
Had bid me goe: beipeake the floutest gods
To take thy part; tell them that thou must meete
A Selymu, who when the warres are done,
Will scale the Forts and Castles of the Sunne,
Breake up the brazen gates of Acheron,
And bury Nature with the world together.
Captaines leade on; Now shall the sword and fire
By publique raines crowne my just desire.

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Sleepe Hangary, I'le not breake off thy rest
With the vnwelcome Musick of my Drummes;
I'le turne the edge of my reuengesul sword
Vpon the bosome of my natiue soyle;
There dwels the motiue of my Tragick warres,
Whose ruthlesse sad Catastrophe shall wound
Posterity in vs: Infants shall mourne
Ouer their Fathers tombs as yet vnborne.
But who comes here? I'le meete him.
Noble Vize-roy.

Enter Cherseogles.

Cherseo. Peace and health to Selymus.

Selym. Health, but not peace, whilst yonder light can see

Mortalls, whom Turkish force could ne're subdue.

Chersee. Yet what if Baiazet our honour'd Lord Bid you roule vp those flaxen signes of warre,

And sheath the sword drawne forth against his foe?

When duty layes obey, what shall say no.

Selym. My courage and a proud contempt of all Corriual! Nations, could fend back a no, Able to fright a Parliament of gods.

It could fo: but if Briazet gaine-fay

My plumy valour flags, my thoughts gaue way.

Cherseo. Then thus he wills you to discard your force, And send the black Tartarians to their home, Withall averring the Hungarian soe (Against whose power, you have summon'd Armes)

Is fail of strength and power, ne're oppos'd Without the pitter downefall of our side.

Nor would the worlds great Monarch Baiszet Empaire his fame so much, as to be sayd,

He tam'd a Foe by Tartars borrowed ayd.

Selym. Ha: I am vilely non-plust. Courteous Vize-toy Returns our duty back to Baiazet,

Euen in the humblest termes wit can inuent, Tell him he hath a sonne of that high spirit, As doth detest a cowardly retreat.

Were all the dead Heroës of our foes

All that are now, and all that are to come

Met in one age, I'deface them drum to drum.

Bid our deare Father be secure of me

And my proceedings: then true valour shines

Most bright, when busied in the great'st designes.

Is not this answere faire?

Cherseo. Mosttrue: and yet

'I will proue distastfull.

Selym. No, it cannot be:

If there be too much valour in this breaft, Blame him that plac'tit there, euen Balazer. My vertues and my bloud, are both deriu'd From his first influence, and I must either hate Disgracefull calumn's, or degenerate.

Cherseo. All this l'le tell your Father, yet hee'le rest

As much unsatisfied as at the first,

He will expect the head-strong pride of youth Should strike low sayle to his grave providence.

And reuerence his counsell more, then feare
An host of armed foes: tell him I'le come
To his Court gates with neither man nor drum.

Cherseo. Ple tellit him with toy; which when he heares,

Hee'le be disburden'd of a thousand feares.

Selym. Remember my just duty: 'tis no matter, I will retaine that till I come my selfe. I am not out reach'd yet by all these trickes, My hopes are farther strong, I'le to the Court With a close martch, in no submission tort, And steale vpon them: Instantly I goe
To meete my Father, but a subtill foe.

As he goes out, a Messenger meetes him, gives him the Letters.

Messen. Good health to Selymus.

Selym Good health: From whom?

Messen. Isaack. Messens, Mustapha salute you.

Selym. Those good Trinm viri. what is they speake?

Opens the Letters.

I (To feede on hopes is but a flender dyet)

Tis

Tis short, but full of weight: to seede on hope Is but a stender diet. Let it be.

Descants.

I'le mend my table though no feast with me.

Reades Second.

2 (Faire oportunity is bald behind)
Reade
Tis true indeede Messibes. Neuer seare
I'le twist my singers in her golden haire.
What speakes the third? This writes more at large,
And comments on the prefixt principalls.
(Your Father did proclaime who should succeede
Publique denialls nullissed his deede,
Your hast will be convenient; things concurre
To blesse your hopes, Fate bids you not demurre)
Yours Haack Bassa.

Reads.

Isaack I am thine, And come to finish vp our great defigne.

Exit

Actus Quarti, Scena Sexta.

Enter Achomates solm.

Achem. Vinquiet anguishments and lealous feare Fly from my thoughts, like night before the Sunne: I'me lifted to the highest Spheare of ioy, My top inuelopt in the azure cloud, And starry rich habiliments: my feete Set rampant on the face of Natures pride, The rarest worke weau'd by her handmayd Art Cloathes my foft pleasures, I'me as great as lone, Onely I rule below, he raignes aboue. Oh! the vnspoken beauty of a Crowne, Whose empty speculation mounts my soule Vp to an heauenly Paradife of thoughts. Father, I come that thou may'ft crowne my head, Whilst apprehensive reason stands amaz'd, Amidst the blisfull shades of sweet conceit. Then I'le call back my wandring intellect From dreames, and those imaginary ioyes, I'le teach my foule to twine about a Crowne

To fweat in raptures, to fill vp a Throne With the bigge-swelling lookes of Majestie, I'le amble through a pleasures Labyrinth, And wander in the path of happinesse, As the true object of that faculty.

Great Baiazet I come. Thou must descend From Honours high Throne, and put off thy right To build me vp an heaven of choyse delight.

Exit

Actus Quarti, Scena Septima.

Enter Mesithes, Mustapha, Isaack.

Mefich. The Emperour begins to smell deceit. I know by his ill lookes and sparkling eye.

That he affects vs not.

Musta. I doubt as much. Young Selymus ha's wrong'd our loyalty In his to flack proceedings; we were rash And indiscreetly-forward in consent,

When we ioyn'd on to raise his government.

Isaack. Peace, 'tis too late to chide at what is done,
We have so deepely waded in the streames
Of those procellous plots, nor can revoke
Repentant sootsteps, or securely creepe
Back to the Throne of safety, 'tis now good
To venture on, and swim quite through the flood.
Here comes the Emperour. Enter Bajazet and Asmehemedes.

Baia. Attend vs Bassaes.

Ar't sure hee's dead?

Asm. Mahometes is dead.

There's nothing mouing of him but his foule, And that robd of his body by this hand.

Baia. Enough. That foule reviues to fee him dead
That wrong'd the body; Oh! my bloudy heart,
Must in his frenzy act an horrid part.
Follow thy Prince to hell.

Stabs him.

Follow thy Prince to hell.

Associate To death! Oh denillish ingratitude:

J'me

I'me slaine. I dye. Moritur.

Baia. And instly: would each foe
And Traytor to my state were thwarted so.
Bassass contay this hated body hence,
The sight of that damn'd villaine moues offence:
Now paute a while my soule, and reckon vp
What obstacles are yet to be remou'd?
Achomates must stay the peoples leasure.
Corcums dally with Minarnaes Nimphes.
The last and worst, proud Selymus shall dye.
Thus I've compose a firme security.

They carry bim out.

Enter Bassaes with Cherseogles:

Baia. Arriu'd already noble Cherseogles?
You'r carefull in our cause: but speake the newes
From our pert Souldier. What meanes Selymus?

Cherseo. To track the path backward from whence he came,

To strip himselfe of martiall ornaments, And to fill up the duty of a Sonne, Come visite you in low submission.

Baia. These are too fairely promis'd, to be meant,

Ambition hath already chain'd his foule
Too furely in the captiue bonds of pride,
Then that he now should cloath his stately hopes
In the plaine fordid weedes of penitence,
He doth but varnish o're some treacherous plot
In this smooth answere: come, wee'le leade along
To our Imperiall seat of Constantine,
That strongly fortified, we need not seare
The weake attempts an home-bred soe can dare.

Exeunt Bajazet and Cherseogles.

Mesub. Ha! we are sweetly plung'd, if cold despaire Benum ne his youthfull courage, and he saint,

Mustaph. VV ould I were fairely rid of all these cares, Isaack. Dejected Cowards: are you not asham'd

Thus to give vp the goale of dignity

To heartlesse feare? Here comes the Messenger.

VV hat newes from Selymus?

Messen. Euen nothing certaine:

Ambitioufly

Ambiguously he promit'd to be here Messib. I'st euen so? The same and the same work to As soone as I.

Musta. We are quite dash't - vndone.

Isaacke Lift vp your downe-cast spirits-who comes here?

Mesith. Who? Selymus? Enter Selymus.

Musta. Where? sweete Isaack doe not tell him,

That we were fending forth faith's latest breath. Isaac, Enough, I will not - happy Selymus.

Baffaes Long liue great Selymus.

Sely. We thanke you friends:

Your care hath fostered vp our infant hopes

Beyond the pitch of expectation.

We heare that Baiazet is going now

From hence to Constantinople; my men

Lie closely ambusht in the middle way,

Close by a ruinous city, there expect

A fudden on-fet, but till then farewell.

When we meete next, our enfignes wau'd on high, Shall shine like Meteors blazing in the skie.

Isaac Fortunes best care goe with thee.

Mesith. Braue boy y'faith.

Musta. I shall adore him whilest I breath for this

Isaac Againe in heart?

Let's follow Baiazet, come lads away,

The sunne of all his glory sets this day.

Enter Selymus With souldiers.

Selym. Come on the honored youth of Tartary, My brothers and joynt sharers of my woe,

Draw forth the weapons of inflam'd reuenge.

Against this horrid monsters Tyranny;

I teeme like Romes great Cafar, when opprest With Pompeys gracing malice he led forth

His noble French-men through the snowy Alpes,

I have my Curio Isaacke in the Court,

And Cherseogles like grim Catoes ghost,

Soothes the rough humour of fierce Baiazet.

These mens examples, were we faint and loath

Would fet sharpe spurs vnto ourslow pac'd wrath, And whet our dull-eged anger : but I fee In your smooth brow perfect alacrity; We stand to thwart the passage of a feind, Through whose wide yawning throat hath coasted downe. The blood of Princes, in continuall streames, Ha's fed and pampered up his appetite With the abhor'd destruction of his owne, And glutted on the blood of innocents. Stood weelike marble statues in his way, And had no vie of policy and wit, Our Irefull Prophet Mahomet would send Sence, life, and valour through our stony joynts, That we might ruinate this gastly bore, Made by some hellish fury to confound The order of this wondred Vniuerse. Ile grapple with the monster, hee's at hand, If you stand firme, the Common Wealth may bee, A flaue to Bajazet, but He live free.

> Enter Baiazet, Cher seogles, Isaack, Wiesithes, Mustapha.

Baia. No Drumme nor Trumpet hath disturb'd the ayre, Within the reach of mine attention.

Isaac. And I admire it, twere a miracle

If that ambitious boy intend no harme.

Omnes. What noyfe is that

A confused noyse of exclamation within, arme, arme, arme. Soldiers Helpe Baiazet, the vaunt gard's almost slaine,

The Tartars lay in ambush.

Baia. What? so necre?

Set vp our standard, lle giue battell here,
Hang out desiance, scorne, and proud contempt,
Write in the blood-red colours of your plumes,
Summon our Army
Emera arum
From these skirmishes,
Speake out the traitors doome in thine alarmes.

Phought

Thought he to daunt our courage?

Drum sounds. Enter souldiers severally, dropping in

Valiant fouldiers;
When I behold the manner of this warre
Then treafon copes with awfull Majestie,
A gracelesse some, with his owne aged Sire,
Me thinks to bid you fight, were full as vaine
As to bid heany clouds fall downe in raine:
But when I view the Chaos of the field,
And wild confusion striking valour dead,
I cald you, not (as Captaines doe to boyes)
To read a lecture of encouragement,
But that your auncient vertue may be showne
In this my last defence: I wish to dye
Reueng'd, that death forts best with Majesty,

Drums sounding, A confused noyse, with classing of armour. Excurrunt Baiazet, and Selymus.

Baia. Selymus? Selym. Baiazet?

Bainz. Joue lend me but a minutes patience?

Vnnaturall sonne.

Selymus. Vncharitable Father.

Baia. Father? My (word shall hew that title off.)

And cat in twaine kindreds continued line,
By which thou canst derive thy blood from mine.
Abortive monster—thou first breath of sinne,
We had but slender shaddowes of offence,
Till thou creptst forth to the offended light,
The very masse, and stocke of villanie.
Crimes in all others, are but thy influence.
Nature ha's planted viprous crueltie,
In thy darke breast, the scaudall of her workes
Her error, and extract perfection
Of vices; the first well-head of bad things
From whence the world of ills draw their weake springs,

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No Father, but a fowre Pedanticke wretch,
One that with frosty precepts, striu'd to kill
The flaming heate of my ambitious youth,
As vainely as to strangle fire with straw:
You sit so dayly houering on your Throne,
As if you'd hatch new Monarchies to feed
The hungry gulfe of your vnbridled pride,
Y'aue surfetted on titles, y'aue ingrost
Honor, you are the moth of eminence,
And liberall fortunes answered your desires;
You had deslow'rd th'infinitie of Crownes,
With your adulterate ambition,
Y'are Soveraignties horse-leach, and have spild
The blood of State, to have your ownevenes fild.

Baia. Hold, hold thy venom'd tongue, if there be hid More of this kind vn-vttred, lle rip vp Thy full fraught bosome, and to saue mine eare Mine eyes shall ouerview what I'le not heare.

Darft thou fight Traitor?

Selym. Dare I be eal'd a King?

Dare I vnsheath my sword, or gather might?

If I dare ought of these, I dare to fight.

Baia. Guard thee, I'de not omit the sweete defire And pleasure of revenge, were heaven my hyre.

> They fight, Selymus is beaten off, Baziazet pursues, reenters at another doores

The flaue has scapt the power of my wrath, Midst the disseuer'd troups of scattered foes 1 soft him in a smoky cloud of dust, So thicke as if the tender Queene of love, Had wrapt her brat Eneas from my sight.

Enter Isaacke, Mesithes, Mustapha.

Isaack Ioy to my Liege, of his last victory.

Mesth. The bold Tartarians slew like seagefull Harts
Before the hunters rage.

Baia. So let them fly;

Heaven raine downe vengeance on their cursed heads;

It is our honour that the frighted slaves

Owe their lives deerest safeties to their heeles.

How now, whence come you?

Dwar. From yonder hayricke Sir.

Baia. Didst thou see Selymus when he fled the field?

Dwar. No indeed, I was two farre creptin.

Baia. O you are braue attendants. Let's forward in our journey; these affaires

Let's forward in our journey; these affaires
Achomates must know, his golden wish,
The people have delayd, per haps heele frowne,
And trample filiall duty under feete
As this hath done: but let them storme their fill
Vertu's not shipwrackt in a sea of ill.

Actus Quinti, Scena Prima.

Enter Achomates alone, with a bloody sword in his hand,

Achom. An honour'd Legate? an Ambassadour? As if that title like Medaas charme Could stay the vntam'd spirit of my wrath. Had he bin sent a messenger from heaven. And spoke in thunder to the slauish world; If he had roar'd one voice, one fillable Crosse to my humour, I'de a searcht the depth Of his vnhallowed bosome, and turne out His heart, the prophane feate of fawcy pride. Slaine an Ambassador? no lesse: 'tis done. And 'cwas a noble flaughter, I conceiue A joy ineffable to see my sword Bath'd in a blood fo rare, so precious, As an Ambassadour s; must we be tolde Of times delayes, and opportunities? That the base soldier hath gaine-sayd our bliffe? Thought Baiazet, his fon so cold, so dull, So innocently blockish, as to heare

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An Embassie most harsh and grossely bad. The people to deny me? we contemne With strange defiance Baiazet, and them.

Actus Quinti, Scena Secunda.

Enter Isaaske, Mestenes, Mustapha.

Mestib. Mischiefe on mischiefe, all our hopes are dead,

Slaine in the haplesse fall of Selymus.

Mustapha I thinke the denills fought for Baiaxet And all the infernall haggs; how could be else With a confused army, and halfe staine,

Breake the well-ordered rancks of a strong foe?

Mefith. And vnexpected to—now Ifaacke! what

Sadly repenting for thy last misdeeds.
Plots and conspiracies against thy Prince?

Faith we must hang together—

Isancke Good Mesithes
'Tis nothing so: they say Achomates
Disdaining to be mockt out of his hopes,
And most desired possession of the Crowne,
Ha's in contempt of Balazet and all,

Slaine the Ambassador, and vowes revenge

On every guilty agent in his wrong.

Mustaph. I lookt for that; and therefore first shranke back,

VV hen Baiazet made choyce of one to send On such a thankelesse errand as that was.

Mesith. Grant the report be true: what's that to vs? Isaack Fame in mine eare nere blab'da sweeter tale.

This shall redeeme our low dejected hopes, To their full height no more; be it my charge,

To chase out the event—what sthis comes here?

Mustagh, Vpon my life, the body of the staine

Enter the Ambassadors followers with the dead body Mesith. 'Tis so.

Isaacke VVe greet you friends, And your sad spectacle.

Follower

Followers Tis sad enough
To banish peace and patience, from each breast
That owes true loyalty to Baiazet.

Ifancke And so it shall; lay downe the iniur'd corps.
Achomates ha's wrong'd his Fathers loue,
To grofly, in the murder euen of him
That bore his facred person, and should stand
Inviolably honor'd by the law
Of men and nations,
But here comes Baiazet.

Enter Baiazet and Cherseogles.

Baia. A tragicke spectacle? whose trunke is this?

Follow. The body of your slaine Ambassador.

Baia. Slaine? by what curfed violence? what flaue

Durst touch the man that represented me?

Follow. Achomates.

Baia. Achomotes?

Follow. The fame

Highly displeased with the vnexpected newes
Of a denial from the peoples mouth,
His reason slipt in sury, and contempt
Hath thus abused your gracious Majesty.
Withall, he threatned to maintaine this sinne
With force of armes, and so resolued to winne
Your Crowne, without such tarriance—

Baia. Oh! no more,
I am vnfortunate in all my blood.
Hath he thus guerdon'd my faire promifes,
My dayly sweat and care, to further him,
And fix him in the paradife of joy?
Nations cry out for vengeance of this fact,
I'le scourge this blacke impicty to hell.
Muster our forces to the vtmost man,
Once more I'le bury this my aged corps.
In steely armour, and my coloured crest
Like a bright starre shall sparkle out revenge
Before the rebels faint amazed eyes.
Loose not a minute, Bassas hence, be gone

Muster our men, stay not; that from the tide Of our fierce wrath, no drop may ebbe away By canselesse lingering.

Musta. Whom speake you Generall?

Baia. Whom but my selfe? whom doth the cause concerne

More neerely then my selfe?

Beare your best care about you; it is a time
Of double danger, but remove the one,
The other straight cald for ward, Selymus
Great in the favour of Tartaria's King,
Is man'd afresh with souldiers; his affault
Threatnes as much as sierce Achomates,
And must be borne off with your ablest forces,
Then if you leave the Citie to subdue,
One of these two, expect c're you returne
Tother possess, and seated on your throne.

Baia. Distraction rends my soule: what shall I do?

Chuse him you most affect, and best dare trust,
Allure him fairely home, winke at his crimes,
And then create him your high Generall,
To leade against his brother, since your selfe
Cannot at once oppresse two foes so sout
Trie if one heate can drive another out.

Bain. Isaack we like thy counsell: but of these Which can we pardon reither so deboyst, So guiltie of rebellion, so dinorc'd From pious loyalty, that my soule even both

With bitter hatred equally may loath.

Of an Ambassador.

Jaack First weigh their faults, the one a brain-sick youth, Endeauor'd to supplant your Majestie,
The other in defiance; and contempt,
Of God and man prophan'd the holy rights

Mesi. For which dire fact, Should it slip vp vnpunished, the name, The fearefull name of Basaces would prove

The subject of each libell, and the scoffe

Of petty Princes.

Baia. Enough, we have decreed

Achomates shall quake beneath the stroke
Of our fierce anger. Isaack speed away
To Selymus, he shall confront the saue
The best of two so bad, goe—stay—yet goe,
'Tis hard when we begge succour of a foe:
Begge? stay againe—first will I drop before
The sword of proud Achomates—goe—tell him,
Vpon his low submission we will daigne
To make him Champion to his Soueraigne.

Enter Corcutus to his Father.

Exit I (sack)

My deare Corcutus welcome.

Corcu. Royall Father.

Kneeles.

Baia. Arife thou onely solace of mine age, It was a night of harmlesse innocence, Of peace and rest, in which kinde nature said. Thee in thy mothers wombe: Right vertuous boy, How hast thou sin'd virtualited with the breath

Of that infectious vice Rebellion,

Corcut. Right noble Father, tis a faithfull rule. In morall rites, that who defires a good, And most suspects his right to it, is bold. And turbulent, and eager in pursuit; Whereas the man to whom this good is due, Rests happily contented, till time fit. Crowne him in the possession of his wish.

Baia. VVell moraliz'd: I vnderstand thee Boy,
My grant shall melt thy prayers in full ioy.

Actus Quinti, Scena Tertia.

Enter Selymus and fouldiers.

Selym. Once more (in hope to gaine, and feare to lose A Crowne and Kingdome) we have march'd thus neere The sear of a dread Emperour, to try

The

The chance of warre, or resolutely die.
Feare no crosse blow, for with this hand I moue
The wheele of Fate: and each successe shall runne
Euen with our pleasures, till our hopes are spun
Vp to their full perfection, this dayes light
That lookes so cheerefully, shall see as bright
As it, my crowne and glory.

Makes a stand. As they march on, enter Isaack Bassa. What stranger's this? my blessed Genius haunts me.

Isaack I take thee in with open loue. What speakes thy Presence?

Maack. Good newes to Selymus.

Selym. From whom?

Isaack. From Baiazet. Selym. 'Tis strange if good.

Haack. And full as good as strange. March quickly hence.

I'le tell you as we walke; if constant Chance Smile on our project e're this Sunne goe downe, We may salute you with a glorious Crowne.

Selym. I follow even to death. Grand Mars to thee I'le build an Altar if thou prosper me. Exeum.

Actus quinti, Scena quarta.

Enter Achomates and Souldiers.

Achom. Revenge my black impiety; each brow Seemes with a scornfull laughter to deride Those empty Menaces of Baiazet.

And Baiazet is not our Father now, Sith he hath wrong'd the duty of a Sonne, But a scorn'd Enemy whose prostrate soule Shall make a step by which I will ascend Vp to the heavenly throne of heavenly state, If you but lend your helpe and free consent.

Souldiers. Leade vs along the misty bankes of hell Through Seas of danger, and the house of death,

We are resolu'd to follow, and by one

To second each step of Achomates.

Achom. This resolution is as great as just, Continue it braue spirits: he's a slaue That having finn'd, dares not defend his finne, The world shall know I dare: For though our cause Be wrong, yet we'le make good the breach of lawes.

EXCAMPLE.

Actus quinti, Scena quinta.

Enter Baiazet and Corcutus.

Corcue. Would I had slept with Trizham, and that hand That strangled Mahomet, had stopt my breath, Rather then live to fee my felfe thus wrong'd.

Baia. Despaire not sweet Corcutus, what I promis'd

I'le keepe most true, and here againe I vow When I am dead, this honour to thy brow. I have call'd home that rebell Selymus, Onely to tame a Traytor: And that done, We have no other heire, no other sonne Beside Corcutus, to whose free command

V.Ve doe bequeath the duty of this land. Enter Mesithes and Mustapha.

Is I aack not return'd?

Mesith. My Liege he is.

Mustaph. And Selymns with him. Enter Selymus and Isaack, Baia. Let them approach. as they enter speake.

Isa. Let your high spirit shrink below it selfe

In a diffembled the wof penitence.

Selym. Tush I can bow, as if my ioynts were old,

And tumble at his feet.

Isaack. Practise your skill. Selymus falls at Bajazets feet.

Baiaz Lesse shew, and more good meaning Selymus.

Arise: these crouching feates, give slender proofes,

Of inward loyalty.

Selym. Right noble Father, Mine expedition to avenge your cause Vpon the head of proud Achomates,



Be my iust triall.

Baia. Hast then: May thy arme
By breathlesse treason raise vp a full ioy,
And turne that monster back vnto the earth
From whence it leapt, a most prodigious birth.

Selym. VVe flie to the performance; who both dare And will correct his boldnesse: now we tread The path to honour, and me thinkes I heare The peoples Vinat, Eccho in mine eare.

Exit Selymus with the Baffaes.

Baia. New insolence: The Bassaes slipt away,

How the obsequious villaines. As if he were their Godhead.

Cherseo. I suspect

Some plotted mischiefe, else they durst not leave Your person thus vnguarded.

Baia. Plot and hang.

We weigh not all their treasons at a straw, One must not rule too long, 'tis subjects law.

Exent.

Passe over the stage Bassas and Souldiers carrying Selymus alost, and crying out Long line Salymus, Vinat Selymus,
Magnificent Emperour of the Turkes.

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Enter Bajazet and Cherseogles.

Baia. Hell and the suries vex their damned soules.

What people? Hah? what Nation is't we line in?

Is't our State and Monarchy? good gods

Two Emperours at once. Line Selymus?

Can slauish vassailes thus supplant their Prince?

What's this enshrines my head? a type for sooles

To fleare at a divided ornament:

Faile not my sense and courage, let me line

To finde my selse againe. Vize-roy of Greece,

Didst thou not see a Baiazet withdraw

And vanish hence? tell thou most faithfull man,

What is become of that forgetfull name?

Or who hath stole it from me? Selymus!

Oh that damn'd villaine with his treacherous plots

Hath

Hath rob'd me of that glory. Death a sense I have a foule of Adamant or Steele. Else had that hated noise rest it in twaine: Whatart thou? or whence com'st thou? Enter Mesithes.

Mesich. From a Prince. Baia. Yet I beleeue thee. Mesieb. From thine enemie. Baia. Yet I beleeue thee. Mestib. From the Emperour.

Baiaz. And I beleene thee still; yet slaue thou liest, These parts must know no Emperour but me. Vnlesse base vsurpation hath stept vp Vnto my chaire of honour. Right, 'tis 10: Tis so indeede. Well then, what will your Emperour?

Mesub. That by my hand you yeeld him up his crownes Baiaz. Traytor his crowne? so: now I am resolu'd.

I have forgone my selfe, else had this hand Tore out thy spotted heart, and that one word Of yeelding had beene cause enough to spoyle Thee and thy generation. Heartlesse slave, Why fneak'st thou from our presence? stay, behold Here I commend this gorgeous ornament, These trappings to thy Emperour, as full Bestead with curses as my heart with woes, That it may clogge his eares, and vex his head With dally terrours. Hence thy Prince is sped. Exis Melish. Vize-roy of Greece, to thee our last farewell. Thou worthiest truest best deseruing man. That ener made vs happy: if thy faith Respect me, not my fortune, Doe this charge, Fly to Achomates, and rather ayde Him then this faithle fie Bastard Selymus, The scandall of our race, the marke for heaven To shoote reuenge. But all invaine, I striue to word away my inward paine.

Chersee. Northis nor that I'le fauour, may I speed Baiazet shall live to see both bleed.

Baia. Maske vp thy brightnesse Phabus, louely night,
Hurle thy thick mantle ouer all the heauens,
Let this black day for ener be forgot.
In the eternall registers of time:
Which of you sacred powers are not asham'd
To see a Prince so sinfully abus'd
By his owne issue and vnreueng'd.
But stand we, who comes here? a face of brasse.
Else would it blush: now thou Saturnine love,
Thou God of great men, thunder that the world
Drench'd all in sinne, may shake and feare the noyse
That horrid scourge of villanies.

Selym. Father? Baia. Slaue

Auaunt: 1 feele a strong Antipathy

T'wixt thee and me, thy sight makes my dead heart

Distill fresh drops of bloud, and worke new smart.

Selym. What furious Baineet, and raging hot? I hugge the amorous pleasure that I feele Creepe through wy ioynts: obserue our Father, Else by some wilfull murder hee'le preuent My purpos'd project, I'de not loofe the guilt Of his destruction for a crowne: heaven knowes I loue him better then to let him digge Himselfe a graue, whilst I may take the paines. Now mount my foule, and let my foaring plumes Brush the smooth surface of the Azure skie. With this I charme obeyfance from the world: Thou golden counterfeit of all the heavens; See how the thining starres in carel se ranks Grace the composure; and the beauteous Moone Holds her irregular motion at the height Of the foure poles; this is a compleat heaven, And thus I weare it: but me thinks 'tis fixt But weakely on my brow, whilst there yet breath Any whose enuie once reflect on it, And those are three: the angry Baiacet, Puling Corcutus, proud Achomates:

Exit.

Excurt Bassaes.

Crowne in his band.

One of these three is car'd for, that's Corentus
Who ere the blushing morne salutes the Sunne,
Shall be dispatcht by two most hideous slaues,
Whom I have bred a purpose to the sact:
The other rivall, wise Achomates,
I'le beare aside by force of men and armes,
Which ready Mustred, but attend the stroke,
Then attend our Fathers.
Here's one deales for him,
Shall send him quick to hell. It is decreed.
He that makes lesser greatnesse soone shall bleed,
Hamen draw neere, most welcome my deare Hamon,
What guesse of your patient Baiazet?

Hamon. No my gracious Prince: Neither hisbody nor his minde is free From miserable anguish.

Selym. A sad case.

Is he all healthfull?

Hamon I loue him, and would rid him from't. Were I so skill'd in naturalls as you.

Hamon. All that my art can worke to cure his griefe

Shall be applied.

Selym. Vnapprehending foole: I must speake broader. Hamon is he ill In minde and body both?

Hamon. Exceeding ill.

Selym. Then should I thinke him happier in his death, Then in so hatefull life and so weake breath.

Hamon. And that's the readier way to cure his ill. Selym. (H'as found me now) but Hamon can thy Art

Reach to the cure?

Hamon. With easie diligence.

Selym. Then let it. Haman. I'me yours.

Selym. Walke, andthy paines,

Shall be rewarded highly, with the like
As thou bestowest on Baiazes: the Court
Makes it a fashion now first to bring the event
About, and then hang up the instrument.

AEtus

Exit HAMON.

Actus Quinti, Scena Sexta.

Enter Cherscogles above disquised like a common Souldier.

Cherseog. Thus Cherseogles hast thou wound thy selfe. Out of thy selfe to act some fearefull plot. By which the Authors of this publique wee. Shall skip into their graves, it is confirm'd A deede of lawfuil valour to defeat Those of their lines, that rob'd the world of peace. On this side the false hearted Selymus With his confederate Bassacs lie incampt Iust opposite the proud Achomates; The Sunne now funke into the Westerne lap, Bids either part, vnlace their warlike helmes Vntill to morrow light, where both intend The hazard of a battell: but you powers That with propitious cares, tender the world And vs fraile mortals, helpe me to prenent A generall enemie by the fall of some; Affist my spirits in a deed of blood, Cruell, yet honest and austeerely good. Who? Selymus! as I expected.

Enter Selymus.

Selym. What?

A fouldier thus licentious in his walkes,

A stranger? Ha? Whatart thou?

Cherseo. A sworne friend, a servant to thy greatnesse.

Selym. Then returne

Backe into thy rankes and orders, no edict.

From me hath ratified this liberty,

To fcout at randome from the Randing campe.

Gherseo. 'Tistrue my honour'd Lord, nor have I dared

For some poore triuial prey thus to remoue My selfe, but for a cause of greater weight

The ruine of our enemies.

Selym. How's that? The ruine of our enemies?

Cher. No lesse;
The quicke fall of great Achomates
Can worke it.

Mocke not my thoughts with false and painted tales, Ot a supposed stratagem.

Cherse. I sweare-

Sely. What wilt thou sweare?

Cherse. By all the heavenly powers

I speake the trueth, and if I faile in ought,

Grind mine accursed bodie into dust.

Sely. Enough, vnfold the meaning and the way

By which this happy project must be wrought.

Cher. ' Tis thus; at the twelfth houre of this blacke night.

Achomates I have induc'd to walke Foorth to this valley weapon'd, but vnmand, In expectation of your presence there, Where being met, heele vrge a single fight, Twixt you and him: after a stroake or two, I have ingag'd my selfe closely to start From ambush, and against you take his part.

Selym. Then thou art a traytor?

Chers. Worse then a deuill, should my heart
Haue made that promise with my tongue;
But heauen beare witnesse that my inward thoughts
Labour his welfare only, whom you powers
Haue prou'd most worthy, therefore onely yours.
Meete but this foe, whom I haue slattered thus.
To his destruction: and great Selymus
Shall see my strength imployed to offend
Achomates, and stand thy faithfull friend.

Sely. Oh wert thou faithfull— Cherse. If I shrinke in ought

That I professe, death shall strike me to the grave. So thriue all falshood, and each perjur'd slaue.

Sely, Th'ast wonne our credit, beare a noble mind About thee, then to find me forward trust This night when sleepe triumphant hath subdu'd

M.

Her wakefull subjects, and the midnight clocke. Sounded full twelue, in this appointed place, Expect my presence, and till then adiew Our next shall be a tragicke enterview.

Enter Achomates.

Cherfee. The first is car'd for——here a second comes.

Assist me thou quicke issue of Iones braine,

And this one night shall make their labors vaine.

Achom. It shall be so, my feares are too to great,

To joyne all in one on-set a strong band

Shall with a circle hem the traytor round,

And intercept the passage of their slight;

How now? from whence com's thou? what at thou?

Cher. A Lieg-man to Achomates.

Achom. To mee ?

Cher. Yes noble Prince, and one whose life is vowed. To further your desert, and therefore yours.

Achom. We thanke you, and pray you leaue vs.

Cher. I can unfold an easie stratagem, Would crowne the hopes of great Achomates.

Achom. What means the fellow?

Cher. To secure your state

By Selymus his fall:

Achom. What ist thou breath st?
Speake it againe, for many carefull thoughts.
Possesses in the passage twixt my eare and hast,
By Selymus his fall, to secure my state?

Cherse. I can:

Achom. Delude me not and I will raine.
Such an vinnea ured plenty in thy lap,
Heape such continual bonors on thy head
That thou shoulds firinke, and stagger with the weight.

Cherse. Indge of the meanes this night I have induc'd. Young Selymes to walke foorth in this grove,

At the twelfe hours, in hope to meete you here, Where having vrg'd a combat, and both met

In eager conflict I haue pawn'd my vow, and the To rush from yonder thicket, and with him

Ioyne against you.

My heart made promise with my tongue,
But heaven beare witnesse that my soule affects
None but Achomates, try but my faith,
And meetethis foe, whom I have bayted thus,
With golden hopes, and you will find my deed
In your defence all promise shall succeed.

Ache. I'm resolu'd souldier, when day is past.
And the full fancies of mortalitie

Busie in dreames and playing visions, At the sad melancholly houre of twelve, Ile meete thee in this plaine.

Cher. And you shall find

Me here before you.

Achom. Befo; Who denyes

To strike in time, can seldome hope to rise, Exis

Cherf. These two will meete, and I must take both parts. Now for a tricke to send them both to hell.

In the full growth of expectation;

Heauens know they have deseru'd it then 'twould be

An happy murder : and behold the men Enter Baffaes

Whom I have decreed should doe it, once againe

I must betake me to my former note;

Health to the friends of our great Emperor, The three frong pillars that vphold true worth:

Masta. And your salute, impardonable bold.

Cher. Perhaps the newes I bring, may frame excuse

For both these faults.

Mesich. Speake out thy mind in briefe.

Cher. Then thus: to night here present on this plaine,

You may encounter two fierce enemies,

Achemates, and Cherseogles, both at the full stroake of twelve.

Mask How (Mesithes) we're blest.

Musta. This night at twelve of the clocke?

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Cherf.

Cher. Vpon my life— Omnes What shall we doe?

Cherf. But meete mee on this plaine
At the appointed houre, and I will place
You three aside, from whence you shall oppresse
Your foes at ynawares.

Mesish. Is it a match?

Is ac 'Tis done at twelne a clocke.

Mustap. See thou proue faithfull.

Chars. If I shrinke in ought

That I professe, death strike me to the grave. So thrive all falshood and each perjur'd slave. How easily base minds are drawne to strike Their foes at least advantage—beauteous morne, Pale witnesse to a thousand deeds of sinne Vaile vp thy light, that darkenesse may helpe on These blacke stratagems, and vnhallowed hands Strike in mistaken bodies, even the soule Themselves adore, and cheerefully defend, But time growes fast vpon me, hit all right Two Princes, and three Bassac dye this night.

Exennt Baffaes

Actus Quinti, Scena Septima.

Enter Corcutus With his Lute.

Corcu. Heauen whither run these projects? is the thought Of man so sencelesse, void of wit, yet fraught With threatning ambition? to what end Doth this distempered madnesse headlong bend? Blesse me my Genius from these hated toyles Of murdering warfare, and these sweating broyles. Of watchfull policy; Phabus let it be That I may know no other god but thee. Learned experience sayes, ambiguous sates Vexe eminent fortunes, and he onely stands Without the beames of enuy, whom the hands Of some propitious power, hath ranckt below

Those

Those short delights that troubled thoughts doe knows A Crown's a golden marke, which being hir, Falls not alone, but off the head with it: Honors are smoakie, nothing, then let the Queenc Oflearning, great Minerua, and the nine Chast fifters, that adorne the Grecian hill, Devote me to themselues, but let me still Within Apollos lacred Temple sit, And spend my body to encrease my wit; Raigne Selymus, for I shall ne're thee hate, Thy supreame power, nor enuy thy state, Corentus stands divorced from a life, Engag'd to vaine ambition factious state, And emptie power of Kings; Hee's great in fame Not who feekes after, but neglects the fame. Since thou hast grieu'd me Phabus, free my wit, That I may ease my griefe by speaking it; If thou deny'st fond god, twill be in vaine, Sorrow can fing, though thou not tune the straine.

Sings to his Lute.

Then thou sweete Muse from whence there flowes, mords able to expresse our ill, Teach me to warble out my wees, and with a sigh each accent fill: Infuse my breast with dolefull straines, Whose heavy note may speake my paines, O let me sigh, and sighing weepe, Till night deprine my moes with fleepe: The pleasing murmurers of the ayre, that gently fanne each meuing thing, I being heard, straight doe repayre, and beare a burden whilft I sing, An heavy burden dolefull song, The fathers griefe the subjects wrong, O let me figh, and fighing weepe, Till night bequiles my woes with fleepe.

The

The griened Flora hangs the head
Of enery youthfull plant and tree
And flowry pleasures are starke dead,
at my lamenting melody,
Then allyou Muses heipe my strains
To reach the depth of bitter paine.

Oh let ree figh, and fighing weepe Till night beguiles my wees with stepe.

Methinkes I heare the singing spheares, tune their melodious straines to mine,

The deawie clouds dissolve inteares, as if they griev'd to see me pine; Thus each thing ionnes to helpe my moane, Thus seldome come true sighs alone;

Then let me sigh, and sighing weepe, Till night beguile my woor with sleepe.

He sleepes: Then enter two murcher rs
Who slaying him, beare him away.

Exemne

Actus Quinti, Scena Octaua.

Enter Cherseogles.

Chers. A darke and heavy night, as if the gods Winckt at our projects, and had clad the heavens In a propitious blacke, to bleffe my plot; Revenge, to thee I dedicate this worke, And I will pamper thy wild appetite With blood and murther, thy dull flow pac't feet Shall caper to behold our fearefull sceanes Drencht in a scarlet Ocean, Tis full twelve—
I heare a quiet foot pace, and it beates Directly towards. 'Tis Selymus, Ioy of expectation.

Enter of the property of the project of the service of the gods. 'Tis Selymus, Ioy of expectation.

Selym. Thou Queene of shades; Bright Cynthia, and you starry lampes of heauen,

Enter Selymas

What spheare bath told you? oh y'are envious all, And therefore hate to grace the time, in which I ruinate my latelt foe; this is the fand On which I am to wrestle for a Crowne, And I am entred full of greedie luft, To meet my adverse champion; here's my god, Whom I adore with greater confidence Then all those beauties, Sunne, or Moone, or Starres That with malicions absence have disrob'd, This gracious houre of i'ts due respect. Oh thou the filent darkenesse of the night, Arme me with desperate courage and contempt; Of gods -lou'd men, now I applaud the guile, Of our brane roarers which felect this time, To drink and swagger, and spurne at all the powers Of either world, blest mortals, had that mother Strangled her other infant, white fac't day, And brought forth onely night, my limbs are stiffe, And I must bath them in my brothers blood, Ile steepe this graffe in a red purple goare, Scatter the carcasse percemeale, and that done He reare a lasting monument, He signe A trophie, which inscrib'd, shall speake my deedes To after ages, that's my chiefe intent, Hee's coldly prays'd that's written innocent; VVhose there? my souldier?

Cher. Souldier and staue, great Prince at your command; Sely. I will jnoble thee place thee my second selfe In all my power for thy rare faith.

VV here's our Achomates?

Cher. I heard one foftly tracke full hitherwards,
And thinke tis he; 'tis needfull that I meete him,
And giue some proofe that I continue his,
Else jealous of my faith, he will returne,
And we be both deluded; when y'are met,
Parley before you fight, till I prepare
My selfe to runne vpon him vnawares,
Meane while Ile goe to meete him.

Exit.

Selymus. Goe, make haft,
But if this base raskall should deceive
My trust? a trifle—my nerves are plumped vp
And fil'd with vigor, strong enough to fright,
A million of such big backt, drowsie slaves;
I heare them both approach.

Enter Cherseogles and Achemates.

Cherse. See where he stands, I shall not be slow
To second your encounter being met,
Parley before ye sight, till I prepare
My selfe, to runne vpon him vnaware,
Meane while 1'le withdraw——now for my Bassaes,
Achom. A time of dismall blacknes, and my soule

Is dull and heavy, as if envious night,

Striu'd to subdue my fatall watchfullnesse.
But I haue rush'd vpon my foe: whose there?

Sely. Answere thy Prince first I say, what art thou?

Acho. He that vsurp's the title of a villaine.

Sely. But he that weares it is a Saint, and fuch am I.

Achom. Th'art a treacherous flaue.

Sely. Achomates thou lyest, this night shall proue I shrinke not to vnmake what I have done.

Achem. Oh heauens so impudently bad?

Selymus Good brother we know your vertues, one that

Gayn country, gods, and men,

Slew an Ambassadour which here we must reuenge.

Achom. Hearke in thine eare,

Ile whisper forth thy mischiefes, least the heavens

Should teare and snatch them hence from my revenge,

In greedinesse of wrath—they whisper.

Enter Cherseogles, IJaacke, Mesithes, Mustapha.

Cherse. See where they stand.

Isaacke Achomates and Selymus?

Cher. Both:

They are two, we foure, lets runne vpon them,
'Tis very darke, be certaine in your aime,
And all strike home.

Exil

Omnes. A match.

Mef. Isaack, and I will take the neerest.

Must. And we the other.

Cher. Strike home, and sure, and here's at them. Stab him, Selym. I haue the Crowne, and I will, Oh, oh, oh. stab him. Achom. Oh, oo, O villaine I am slaine. vierque moritur. Cher. It is not Cher leagles we have slaine.

Ifa. Not Cherseagles villaine, whom then? speak. They confere

Cher. Achomates and Selymus.

I (aack. Ha.

Cher. None other. Isaack. Hast thou betray'd vs so? Cher. Be silent, heare me.

There lie the Captaines of both Armies dead,

Breathlesse, and to stupid to neglect

Theyse of oportunities. Isaack What vse?

Cher. Are you not rich, wealthie in powerfull gold,

Goe whilst the Souldiers lye thus destitute
Of any Leader, frankly bribe both parts
Buy their vnsetled loue at any rate,
And creene into their before a their in this

And creepe into their bosome, then in this Dead want and dearth of Princes, they will

Cleave to I auck, and at length falute

Isaack. Me Emperour?
Cher. You apprehend it right.
Isa. What bleffed angell art thou?
Cher. 'Tis no time for idle complement.

Isaack. Thy counter's good.

I would not let slip this sweet occasion, For all the pretious plenty of the world. Come let's away.

Cher. First make some quick dispatch with these now rivalls.

Isa. True, they'le not endure my Soueraignty.

Hast no suddaine wits how to remove them both?

Cher. No wile but strength; are not we two?

They are no more; we must encounter them, 'tis man to man:

The match no whit vnequall.

1/a. I am thine:

I hate to haue co-partners in my state:
There shall not breath a man whose enuious eye

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Dares looke a squint on my dread Maiestie. Mef. They that bring newes first, are still most welcome. Musta. Experience speakes it true. Mes. Let vs hast, now Selymus we come to gratulate Ifaack. Stay -- Cherseo. Stand. Mes. How? Mustaph. What meanes this? They fight, Isaack Isaacke Fate to your lines. Masta. Sweet doings. is flaine. Maack 'Tis no leffe, Sir witnesse this, Morster. Traytor I'me slaine. Cherseeg. Croffe fortune, wicked chance: But I must make the best of it. Is he dead? Mes. Villaine he is, and thy bad turne is next: What deuill did incite thee, to incite Masck 'gainst friends? Iniurious sauc. Musta. Vrge him to no confession, till the rack Force from his closest thought vnwilling truth, He shall be doom'd for this notorious fact Vnto continuall paines, Hunger, oppression, want and slavery. Mef. That Aruck me full.—Have at thee: Hold thou art victor. I have met the price Of treason death, and as I hop'd to raise By blood, I fall, to have I mist my scope, Morster Delusion is the end of lawlesse hope. Cherse. Mesishes stay one moment, art thou gone, I am not farre behinde, I feele the blood By flow degrees ebb, from my fainting breaft, I am heart Aruck, and wounded even to death, A Sceane of flaughterthis. — O inst heavens Still I plighted faith to each of these, I wisht that if I sail'd in one, I vow'd Death would thus strike me, I have gain'd my with, Then you imperiall Fates that intercept

The brittle courses of fraile mortality. Continue this firme iustice, and enact A constant law, that all false meaning hearts That thinke of oathes as of a puffe of winde, May as I doe, thus finke into the grave

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My dying with : fo thriue each periur'd knaue. Enter Souldiers.

Meriser

Sould. T. The uight ouerblowne, and five a clocke, I wender at their absence; what are these Our Generalls murdered, our deere Selymons, With his three Buffaes, and Achomates, Whose bloody hand is guilty of this fact?

Sould. 2. A trembling shakes me, 'twas some power

That frown'd at our proceedings.

Sould, 2. Baiazet is new borne to his Soueraigney. Sould 4. Let's take their bodies, beare them hence in pompe Vnto their greatnesse, and adulse the foc Of their flaine Generall sterne Achomates, Sound peacefull rumours; we must resubmit To Baiazer, to heaven hath thought it fit.

Actus Quinti, Scena Nona.

Enter Bajazet and Haman with a Booke and Canade

Baiaz. Set downe the Booke and Candle, goe and prouide The Potion to preuent my Feauer-fit, Till when I meane to fludy: goe make ha?. Exis Haman Fortune I thanke thee, thou'rt a gracious Whore. Thy happy anger hath immur'd a Prince Within the walls of base security. Farewell thou swelling sea of Gouernment, On whose bright christall bosome floatesalone The grauelled vessell of proud Maiestie. Ambition empty all thy bagge of breath, Send forth thy blaft among the quiet waves, And worke huge tempelts to confound the Art Of the vsurping Pilate Selymon. Treason and enuie like to bickering windes, Shake the vnietled +abrick of his State, That from my study windowes I may laugh, To see his broken fortune swallowed vp In the quick fands of danger, and the fayle Puft with the calme breath of flattering Chance.

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By furious whirle-windes rended into ragges, And peece-meale scattred through the Ocean: -But peace my chieing spirit; Come thou man Of rare instinct, blest Author of a booke Takes the bookes Worthy the studies of a reading God, Thou do'ft present before my wearied eyes, Tiberius sweating in his policies, Dull Claudius gaged by dull flattery, Nere vnbowelling Nobility, Galba vindone by feruants hardly good, Otho o're-whelm'd in loue, and drencht in blood, Vittellius fleeping in the chayre of State, Vespatian call'd to gouernment by Fate, Still as thy Mufe doth travell o're their age, A Princes care is writ in every Page. Thus I vnfold the volume of thy wit, The chiefest solace of my mouing wit, Cades eo fuit nobilior, quia filius Hereader. Patrem interfecit .. Tacit. Hist.lib. 20, Auaunt thou damn'd wizard, did thy god Apollo teach thee to divine my fall? What hath thy curfed Genius tract my Reps Through the Meanders of darke Privacie, And will he dwell with me in these close shades To vex my banisht soule, banisht from ioy, Remoued from the worlds eye? I am accurs d, And hated by the Synode of the gods, A knot of enuious deceites, the day will be hey shall smart for this indignity.

Trizham, Mahomet, Achmetes, Cainbus, Almehemides, With each a sword and burning Tapers, led in by Nemesis, with a sword, they encompasse Bojazet in his bed.

Nem. Triumph my Plantiffes, Nemesis your Queene Is Pierc'd quite through with your continuall groanes. See, see, the prostrate body of a King, Clad in the weedes of pining discontent, Lyeth open to your wrath, and doleful hate: But I coniure you not to touch his skinne,

Nor hurt his facred person, those three Fates (Those frightfull sisters) told me they decree For Baiazer another destinie:
But vex his soule with your deluding blowes, And let him dreame of direfull arguishments, Each in the proper order of his Fate,
Vent the comprest confusion of his hate.

One after another strike at Bajazet with their swords, Nemesis puts by their blowes. Exeunt in a solemne dance.

Nemes. Awake, awake thou tortured Emperour, Looke with the eye of fury on the heauens, Threaten a downefall to this mortall stage,

And let it cracke with thee, thy life is runne To the last Scene, thy Tragick part is done.

Tragick part is done. Exis.

Bajazet anakes in fury, ariseth.

You meager deuils, and infernall hagges, Where are you? Ha? what vanisht? am I found? Did I not feele them teare and rack my flesh, And foreamble it amongst them? heaven and earth I am deluded, what thin ayrie shapes Durst fright my soule, I'le hunt about the world, Search the remotest angles of the earth, Till I'ue found out the climate hold sthese fiends; Or build a bridge by Geometrick skill, Whom lineall extension shall reach forth To the declining borders of the skie, On which I'le leade mortality along, And breake a passage through those brazen walls, From whence love triumphs o're this lower world's Then having got beyond the vtmost sphere, Besiege the concaue of this vniuerse: And hunger-starue the gods till they confesse What furies did my sleeping soule oppresse. Ha? did it lighten? or what nimble flame Ha's crept into my blood? me thinkes it steales Through my diftemper'd joynts, as if it fear'd To vrge me to impatience. Hamon, accurred Hamon; stand my soule Aboue the power of these inuenom'd drugges:

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Am I in hell aliue the Stygian Rames Could not produce an heat so violent As burnes within my body: Oh I feele My heart drop into cindars, I am dust: love forthine owne take love, confine my foule Within these walls of earth: for in the skie VV hen I am there, none shall be Ione but I. Still, fill I boyle, and the continued flames Are aggrauated, He is done, subdu'd (By the base Art of a damn'd Emperick) VV hose empty name sent terrour through the world: Is not the heaven bespangl'd all with starres, And blazing Meteors, whose bright glimmering flames Like ceremoniall Tapers should adorne My soleinne Hearse? what doth the golden Sunne Ride with it's wonted motion? are the wayes Bridled within their narrow Continent No deluge ? not an earthquake? Shall a Prince, An Emperour, a Batazet decease And make no breach in nature? fright the world With no prodigeous birth? Are you asleepe ou thundring beggards that so awe the world? I'le hasten to revenge this strong neglect Of my deceasing spirits, mount my soule, Brush off this cloddy heavy element: So lone I come, excorporate, divine, Immortall as thy felfe, I must contest With thee proud god, with thee to arme my minde, Onely my foule ascends earth stayes behinde. Moritur Enter the Ghosts as before him, and beare him our.

Actus Quinti, Scena Decima.

Enter Solyman as newly Crowned. Souldiers, Attendants, Warlike Musiek.

Solym. Is Selymm deceased?

Sould. He is my Lord.

Solym. Who Solymm? what Face durk be so bold:

Oh, I could act an holy frenzy now Selymus deceas'd? What did not Allas tremble At such a burden? Can he support the Orbe That holds vp Selymus? is not yet the Pole Crackt with his weight? doe not the heavens preparr His funcrall Exequies? lone I inuobe thee now, Command the heavens that the prone Chandler shops Command that idle Phabus, that he exhale Matter from earth to make thy Funerall Tapers: Or I'le make Torches of the vniuerle In stead of Comets; flaming Countries, Cities Shall be thy ceremoniall Tapers: Or if not this; I'le ransack Christendome, Kings Daughters 1'e embowell for a Sacrifice, Their fat with vestall fire will I refine, And offer virgins ware vnto thy shrine. Start back bright Phabus, let thy fire Steedes Keepe Holiday for Selymus. tell thy host Proud Nepiune now expects anothers deluge, That all the earth may weepe for Selymus. What doe you smile you Heauens? are ye conscious, And guilty of this execrable treason? What dare the fields to laugh when I doe mourne? l'le dye your motly colour'd weedes in scarlet. And cloath the world in black destruction. Nemesis, I'le naile thee to my greedy sword, Destruction shall serue under me a Prentiship. Courage braue Selmie, with thy Princely boat Through Styx even all mortality shall float; I'le leauie Souldiers through the Vniuerse, With which thou shalt beguirt Elizeum; Thus barren Nature shall repent thy fail, Grieuing that shee did not the event fore-stall; Death I will hate thee: the world shall weare Thy fable liucrie embroydered with feare: Thy Trophies every where the world shall gaze on: Thy Armes in fable and in gules I blazen. Sould. My Lord this Crowne entreates you leave off these Ground-creeping meditations, and to thinke

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Of Majestie, wherefore we innest your browe With this rich robe of glory, and doe vowe To it our due alleageance: thus you shall Mount up alost aboue your Fathers sall.

Solym. Thus our deare Father, those bright robes of state, For which so lately thou hast sweat in blood, Thou wearest vpon my shoulders in thy stead: Thus are we crown'd, and thus our labours bee,

Made gainefull vnto thine, though not to thee.

Sould. Liue then, and raigne most mighty Emperour, Whilst that our care and watchfull providence, Shall sence thy safety, and keepe Sentinell Ouer thy sacred person, were black treasons, Hatcht in the Center of the darkest earth, The massic element should be prospective. For all our piercing eyes; should Pluto send His black Apparator to summon thee To appeare before him, by that Mahomet. We would confront him boldly, and excuse Thy absence vnto Pluto, by our presence; Death we'le disarme thee, if thou dar's arrest. Thy sury on our Solymon, or we'le bale his person. With our imprisonment.

By our death thou shalt live; our Citie walls

May with warlike ruine be battered,
But our alleageance, that European Bull,
Shall neuer push from vs, with his golden hornes;
Nor shall his guilded showers quench our loues:
No golden Enginer shall vindermine
The Castles of our faith, nor blow them vp
VVith blasts of hop'd preferment, were thy walls
But paper, were they made of brittle glasse,
Our faiths should make them marble, and as firme
As Adamant: not walls, but subjects loue,
Doe to a Prince the strongest Castle proueBehold great Prince alleageance mixt with loue
Lock'd in our breasts: thou art the living key
To shut, and to visiock them at thy pleasure:

No golden pick-lock shall e're scrue it selfe

Into these faithfull locks, whose onely springs Can be no other then our owne heart frings, Our greedy swords which erst imbru'd in blood, Did seeme to blush at their owne Masters acts, And vpbraid vs with our bloody facts Though peace hath now condomn'd to pleasing rust, Yet at thy beck we'le sheath them in the breast Of daring Christians, thus in warre we'le fight For thee, whii'st thou dost strine for victory: Here to describe such Princely vertues, which Should more adorne thy Crowne then Orient pearles, Were but to shew a glasse, and to commend Thy selfe vnto thy selfe. Be gracious, Magnificent, couragious, or milde, Or more compendiously, be more thy selfe, Raigne then, and Mahomet grant that thou may'st passe Neftor in yeares, as much as now thou dost In wisedome and in valour: Herauld proclaime To the world his title, and let swift-winged Fame Second thy trumpet. Her. Long live Solymon, &c.

Solym. We thanke you friendly Actors of our bliffe, Our patience hath at length tired out the gods; Our Empire hath beene rackt enough with treasons, And black feditions as if no Christians Were left to conquer, wee yeeld our Turkish blades Against our selues, imbowelling the State With bloudy discord, by our strength we fall A scorne to Christians, with our hands we shed That bloud which might have conquered Christendome ; Thus while we hate our felues we love our enemies, And heale them with our fores, whil'st we lye weltring In bloudy peace: the dy of the publique safety Hath beene already cast by th'hand of warre, Trea ons have made a blot, which may prouoke The enemie to enter, and beare our men To darke Auernus, Enuie might have blusht, Though alwayes pale at all our projects: now This bloudy deluge is quite past, returne Sweet Peace with th'Oliue branch, enough of warres,

Tis thou must powre oyle into our scarres. Fly hence Hereditary hate, discords dead, Let not succeeding empities and harred line, Let none presume to couer private fores With publique ruines, nor let black discord Make an Anatomie of our too leane Empire, let it wax fat againe; when peace Hath knit her knots, then shall the wanton founds Of Bells give place to thundring Bombardes, And blood wash out the smoothing oyle of Peace, Euery Souldier I'le ordaine a Priest To ring a fatall knell to Christians, And every minute vnto earths wide wombe, Shall facrifice a Christians Hecatombe: Then shall we make a league with Æolus, The windes shall strine to farther our proceedings, Then will we loade the Seas, and fetter Nepiune With chaines that hold our Anchors; he shall quake Lest he to Pan refigne his watry Empire, And three fork'd mace onto my awfull Scepter; The Whales and Dolphins shallamazed stand, That they shall yeeld their place to Beares and Lyons, Sylla shall howle for feare when the shall tee The Sea become a Forrest, and her felfe Mountanie, then let Syrens quake For feare of Satyres, then let the Christians thinke, Not that our Nauie, but the Country it selfe Is come to move them from the growing earth; Comets, fiery twords shall be my Heraulds, Threatning to th' world suddaine combustion: Let our armes be steely bowes, our arrowes Thunderbolts, and in stead of warlike Drummes, Thunder shall proclaime black destruction; Vulcan I'le tax thee, exercise thy Forge, Prepare to me for all the world a scourge, The Fates to me their powers shall resigne, Which with this hand will rend the Arongest twine Of humane breath, first for the I'le of Rhodes Destruction there shall keepe his mournfull Stage:

Th'inhabitants shall act a bloody Tragedy, And personate themselves; Then for Nayos Ile Death there shall keepe her Court, then I will make Vienna all a Shambles; yea gaping Famine Euer denouring, alwayes wanting foode, Shall gnaw their bowels, and shall leave them nothing Besides themselves to feede on; their dead corpes Shall be entombed in their neighbours bellies. There every one shall be a lining Sepulcher, An unhallowed Churchyard; famine shall feede it selfe, Then shall they enuie beasts, and wish to be Our Iades, our Mules, Matrons shall Ariue to bring Into the hatefull light abortiue Brats; The Infants shall returne, and the leane wombe Shall be vinto the Babes a juddaine tombe. Then shall they hoard carcaffes, and striue Onely to be rich in Funerals; I'de reioyce To fee them stand like Screech-Owles, gaping when Their Parents should expire, and bequeath To hell their wretched foules, to them their death. All. Long line great Solymon our noble Emperour. Soly. All this, and more then this I'le doe, when peace Hath glutted our new greedy appetites, VV hen it hath fill'd the veines of the Empire full With vigour, then lest too much blood should cause

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Armies of vices, not of men to kill vs,
And strength breed weaknesse in our too great Empire,
Then, then, and onely then we shall thinke good,
With warre to let the body politick blood,
Meane time we'le thinke on our Fathers Funerall:
Oh, I could be an holy Epicure,
In teares, and pleasing sights, Oh I could now
Refresh my selfe with sorrow, I could embalme
Thy corpes with holy groanes from putrisaction:
Oh, I could powder vp thy thirsty corpes
With brinish teares, and wipe them off with kisses,
And that I might more freely speake my griese,
These eyes should be still silent Orators,
Till blindnesse should be still silent Orators,

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But I am Solyman, Emperour, the Turke, Blood shall be my teares, I'le thinke thee slains Amongst the Christians, and translate my griefe To fury, every member of my body Shall execute the office of a weeping sonne. Thus in my teares an Argus will I bee, My head, heart, hands, and all shall weepe for thee. Oh, that the cruell Fates were halfe so milde As to drive streames of teares from forth the springs? Great forrowes have no leafure to complaine, Least ills vent forth, great griefes within remaine: See Selynus, sometimes a fore-string instrument Feeding his Souldiers with fweet Harmony, Doth now tune nought to vs but Lacrymy, Could n' Esculapion be found to tune His disagreeing elements treasons crackt The string which else an headach would vntune. Euery disease is a ged fort To weare these strings afunder, treason did lend Death, which both age, and sicknesse did intend; What then remaines, but that his Funerall rites With our Grandfather, Vncles be solemnized, That so black discord may be with them buried: But noble Selymus what Tombe shall I prepare For thy memorial!? shall a heavy stone Presse thy innocent ashes? Shall I confine Thy wandring ghost in some high marble prison? Or shall I hither fetch the flying Tombe Of proud Mausolus the rich Carian King? No; Religion shall cloake no such iniurie, No hired Rhethorick shall adorne thy coarse, No pratling stone shall trumpet forth thy praise, The world's thy tombe, thy Epitaph I'le carue In Funerals, destruction is the booke In which we'le write thy annalls, blood's the Inke, Our sword the Pen; A Tragedy I intend, Which with a Plangity, no Plaudity shall end.







