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# N O B O D Y $=\quad \mathrm{AND}$ <br> <br> SOMEBODY 

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Clow. But Maifter, why doe you goe thus out of fafhion; you are euen a very hoddy doddy, all breech, Nobod. And no body.
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## NOTE.

THIS exceedingly clever and interefting Play is of fufficient intrinfic worth to juftify its reproduction.
Excepting the exemplar in the Britifh Mufeum, all the known copies of the original are more or lefs imperfect: the two in the Dyce Collection, South Kenfington Mufeum, would, however, make a perfect copy between them. This Reprint has been made, as nearly as poffible, a typographical facfimile-page for page, and line for line, with the peculiarities of type and fpelling carefully preferved.

Ludwig Tieck, the diftinguifhed Anglo-German fcholar, in a lift of Old Englifh Plays which he fent to Mr. J. Payne Collier (inferted by the latter gentleman in his privatelyprinted "Old Man's Diary," Part IV., p. 9t) includes "Nobody and Somebody," adding his opinion of it in thefe words-

"Excellent, and one I copied."

And whether we regard it as furnifhing curious illuftrations of early habits of life and manners, or as a dramatic compofition, there can be no doubt that Tieck's eulogiftic afcription is well deferved.

A notable allufion in the Play is that referring to the treatment of thieves taken in the theatres of that day:-
> "somebody once pickt a pocket in this Play-houre yard, Was hoyfted on the flage, and fhamd about it." (Sig. I b.)

The only other reference to this peculiar cuftom is in Kemp's "Nine Daies Wonder," 1600, reprinted by the Camden Society in 1840.

In anticipation of the modern practice of photographing criminals, the following paffage may be quoted:-
"Somb. What has he fcapt vs.
Const. He is gone my Lord.

## Note.

Somb. It fhall be thus, now you haue feene his thape, Let him be ftraight imprinted to the life:
His picture fhall be fet on euery ftall,
And proclamation made, that he that takes him,
Shall haue a hundred pounds of Sombody." (Sig. D 4.)
So alfo in Shakefpeare's "King Lear" (Ac. ii., fc. I):-
"Glo. . . . . . . the villain fhall not fcape;
The duke muft grant me that: befides, his picture
I will fend far and near, that all the kingdom
May have due note of him."
Nobody himfelf is thus referred to in "The Tempeft" (Ac. iii., fc. 2):-
"Trin. This is the tune of our catch, played by the picture of No-body."
On Sig. F 4 we have a Shakefpearian allufion:"It fhal go hard, but I the fhrew will tame."
"Nobody and Somebody" was defcribed by the prefent writer in "Notes and Queries" for June 6, 1874 ( 5 th S., vol. i., p. 441); and as the Play is without date, it was there conjecturally ftated to have appeared fometime between 1604 and 16I4. Since then, however, the "Stationers' Regifters" have been referred to, with the following conclufive refult (Mr. Arber's Tranfcript, vol. iii., pp. 308-316):-
" $8^{\circ}$ Jannarij 1606.
"John Trundell Entred for his copie by direccon from Mafter ffield warden The picture of No bodye/
" $12^{\circ}$ Martij 1606.
"John Trundell Entred for his Copie vnder the handes of Mafter Wilson and the Wardens A Booke called no bodie and somme bodie Evc.
$\mathrm{vj}^{\mathrm{d}}$ "
The prefent impreffion has been limited to fifty copies for private circulation.

# NO-BODY, <br> AND <br> SOME-BODY 

With the trueChronicle Hiftorie of Elydure, who was fortunately three feuerall times crozened King of England.
The true Coppy thereof, as it hath beene acted by the Queens Maiefties Seruants.


Printed for Iohn Trundle and are tobe fold at his fhop in Barbican, at the figne of No-body.


## The Prologue.

A fubiect, of no fubiect, we prefent, for No-body, is Nothing:
Who of nothing can fomething make?
Jt is a worke beyond the power of wit, And yet inuention is ripe:
A morrall meaning you muft then expect, grounded on leffer then a fhadowes fhadow:
Promifing nothing wher there wants a toong; And deeds as few, be done by No-bodie:
Yet fomething, out of nothing, we will fhew, To gaine your loues, to whome our felues we owe.

# NO-BODY, <br> AND <br> SOME-BODY. 

Enter Cornewell and Martianus.
Corn.
Mar.
Corn.
Mar.

NY Lord Martianus. My Lord of Cornwell. Morrow.

Corn. You are fad my Lord.
Mar. You melancholy. Corne. So,
The ftate it felfe mournes in a robe of Wo. Mar, For the deceafe of Archigalloes vertues,
I vnderftand you Noble minded Cornzvell, What generous fpirit drawes this Brittifh ayre, But droops at Archigalloes gouernement. corn. And reafon Martianus, when the Sunne
Struggles to be deliuered from the wombe Of an obfcure Eclipfe, doth not the earth Mourne to behold his fhine envelloped, O Corbonon when I did clofe thine eyes, I gaue releafe to Britaines miferies.

Enter Elydure.
Mar. Good morrow to Prince Elydure.
Elid. The fame to you, and you, you are fad my Lordes, your harts I thinke are frofty, for your blood Seemes cryfted in your faces, like the dew In a September morne, how fares the king, Haue you yet bid good morrow to his highnes.

Corn. The kings not ftirring yet.
Enter Vigenius and Peridure.
Perid Yonders old Cornwell, come Vigenius, Weele haue fome fport with him.

## Nobody,

Vig. Brother content.
Perid. Good morrow to you brother Elydure. Cornzel, God morrow to Cornzeell.

Vig. Morrow old gray-beard.
Corn. My beards not fo gray as your wits greene.
Vig. And why fo.
Perid. We fhall ha you come out now with fome reafon that was borne in my great grandfires time.

Corn. Would you would proue as honeft princes as your great graundfire was, or halfe fo wife as your elder brother was, theres a Couple of you, Sfoote I am afhamed you fhould be of the blood royall.

Perid. And why father vvinter.
Corn. You doe not knovv your ftate, theres Elydure Your elder brother next vnto the King, He plies his booke, vvhen thall you fee him trace Lafciuious Archigallo through the ftreets, And fight with common hackfters hand to hand, To wreft from them their goods and dignityes.

Perid. You are to faucy Cornwell.
Vig. Bridle your fpirit.
Elyd. Your words are dangerous, good honeft fubiect Old reuerent ftates-man, faithful feruitor, Doe not traduce the King, hees vertuous Or fay he tread fomewhat befides the line Of vertuous gouernment, his regality Brookes not taxation, kings greateft royalties Are that their fubiects muft aplaud their deedes, As well as beare them their prerogatiues. Are murall interponents twixt the world, And their proceedings.

Corn. Well, well, I haue ferued foure kings, And none of all thofe foure but would haue ventured Their fafeties on old Cornzeels conftancy, But thats all one, now I am cald a dotard, Go to, though now my limbes be farke and ftiffe, When Cornzels dead Brittayne I know will want

## and Somebody.

So ftrong a prop, Alaffe I needs muft weepe, And hhed teares in abundance, when I thinke How Archigallo wrongs his gouernment.

Vig. Nay, now youle fall into your techy humor.

## Enter Lord Sicophant.

Sicoph. My Lords, Princes I fhould haue faid, and after Lord, I am the Vfher and Harbinger vnto the kings moft Excellent perfon and his Maiefty.

Vig. Is fourth comming.
Sicoph. Or comming fourth, hard by or at hand, will you Put your geftures of attendaunce on, to giue his Maieftie the Bon-ioure.

> Enter Archigallo and two Lords. Morgan Malgo.

All, Good morrow to our foueraigne Archigallo. Arch. Morrow.
Corn. Why do you frowne vpon your feruants king,
We loue you, and you ought to fauor vs:
Will you to Counfel. Heeres petitions, Complaints and controuerfies twixt your fubiects, Appealing all to you.

Arch. Lets fee thofe papers. A controuerfie betwixt the Lord Morgan and the Lord Malgo, concerning their Tytles to the Southerne Ifland. We know this caufe and what their titles be. You claime it by inheritance.

Morg. My liege I do.
Arch. You by the marriage of Lord Morgans mother, To whom it was left ioynture.

Malgo. True gratious Soueraigne.
Arch. Whofe euidence is ftrongeft, to which part Inclines the cenfures of our learned Iudges.

Morgan. We come not heer to plead before your grace, But humblie to intreat your Maieftie, Perufe our euidence and cenfure it, According to your wifedome.

## Nobody,

Arch. What I determine then youle yeeld vnto.
Both. We will my Soueraigne.
Arch. Then that Southerne Ile
we take to our protection, and make you
Lord gouernor thereof.
Sicoph. I humblie thanke your highneffe.
Mal. I hope your Maiefty.
Arch. Replie not, I but take it to my felfe
Becaufe I would not haue diffention
betwixt two peeres, I loue to fee you friends, And now the Iflands mine, your quarrell ends. Whats next. A poore Nothern mans humble petition. Which is the plaintiue?

## Enter clozene, Wench, and Rafe.

Rafe. I if it pleafe your Maieftie I was betrothed to this Arch. Is this true my Wench. (maid.
Wench. Tis verie true and like your maieftie, but this tempting fellow after that, moft fellonioully ftole my hart awaie fro me, caried it into the church, and I running after him to get my hart againe, was there married to this other man.
clown. Tis verie true and like your maiefty, though Raphe were once tooke for a propper man, yet when I came in place it appeared otherwife: if your highneffe note his leg and mine, there is ods, and for a foot, I dare compare, I haue a waft to, and though I fay it, that fhoulde not faye it there are faces in place of Gods making.

Arch. Thou art a proper fellow, and this wench is thine by lawfull marriage.
clozon. Rafe you haue your anfwer, you may be gon, your onely way to faue charges, is to buy a halpenniwoorth of Hob-nailes for your fhooes: Alaffe you might haue looked into this before, go filly Rafe go, away, vanifh.

Arch. Is not this Laffe a pretty Neat browne Wench? Sicoph. She is my liege, and mettell I dare warrant.

## and Somebody.

Arch. Fellow, how long haft thou been married?
Clown. I was as they fay coupled the fame day that my country man Raphe begunne the law: for to tell your Maieftie the truth, we are yet both virgins, it did neuer freefe betwixt vs two in a bed I affure your grace.

Arch. Didft neuer lie with thy wife?
Clown. Neuer yet, but nowe your Maieftie hath ended the matter Ile be fo bold as take poffefsion.

Arch. Harke my wench, wilt leaue thefe rufticke fellowes \& ftay with me?

Wench. What will your highnes doe with me?
Arch. Why Ile make thee a Lady.
Wench. And fhall I goe in fine clothes like a Lady.
Arch. Thou fhalt.
Wench. Ile be a Lady then, thats flat, fweet heart farewell, I muft be a Lady, fo I muft.

Clow. How now, how now, but heare you Sis.
Wench. Away you Clowne, away.
Clown. But will your highnes rob me of my fpoufe.
Arch. What we will, we will, away with thofe flaues.
Clown. Zounds, if euer I take you in Yorkfhire for this.
Sicoph. Away you flaues.
Corn. My Lord, thefe generall wrongs will draw your highneffe into the common hatred of your fubiects.

Arch. Whats that to thee, old doting Lord forbeare.
Whats heere? complaints againft one Nobody,
For ouermuch releeuing of the poore,
Helping diftreffed prifoners, entertayning Extrauagants and vagabonds, what fellowes this?

Corn. My liedge I know him, he's an honeft fubiect
That hates extortion, vfury, and fuch finnes
As are too common in this Land of Brittaine.
Arch. Ile haue none fuch as he within my kingdome, Hee fhall be banifht.

Sicoph. Heare my aduife my liedge: I know a fellow B.

Thats

## Nobody,

Thats oppofite to Nobody in all thinges:
As he affects the poore, this other hates them, Loues vfurie and extortion. Send him ftraight Into the Country, and vpon my life, Ere many monthes he will deuife fome meanes To make that Nobody banknout, make him flie His Country, and be neuer heard of more. Arch. VVhat dooft thou call his name. Sicoph. His name is Sombody my liedge. Arch. Seeke out that Sombody, wele fend him ftraight, VVhat other matters ftay to be decided Determine you, and you, the reft may follow To giue attendance. Exeunt all but the Lords.

## Manent Cornwell and Martianus.

Mart. Alls nought already, yet thefe vnripe ills Haue not their full growth, and their next degree Muft needes be worfe then nought, and by what name Doe you call that?

Cornw. I know none bad enough:
Bafe, vild, notorious, vgly monftrous, flauifh, Intollerable, abhorred, damnable;
Tis worfe then bad; Ile be no longer vaffaile To fuch a tirannous rule, nor acceffarie To the bafe fufferance of fuch out-rages.

Mart. Youle not indure it, how can you remedie
A mayme fo dangerous and incurable?
Corn. There is a way; but walls haue eares and eyes, Your eare my Lord, and counfell.

Mart. I haue eares
Open to fuch difcourfe, and counfell apt:
And to the full recouery of thefe wounds Made in the ficke ftate, moft effectuall;
A word in priuate.

## and Somebody.

## Enter Peridure and Vigenius.

Perid. Come brother, I am tyrde with reuelling, My laft Caranta made me almoft breathleffe, Doth not the Kings laft wench foote it with art?
Vige. Oh rarely, rarely, and beyond opinion.
I like this fate where all are Libertines
But by ambitions, pleafure and large will:
See, fee, two of our ftrict liu'd Counfellors In fecret conference; they cannot indure This freedome.

Perid. Nor the rule of Archigallo, Becaufe tis fubiect to his libertie. Are they not plotting now for fome inftallement And change of ftate: old gallants if you be Twill coft your heads.

Vige. Bodies and all for me.
Lift them, fuch ftrict reproouers fhould not liue, Their auftere cenfures on their kings to giue.

Corn. He muft be then depord.
Perid. Ey, are you there, that word founds treafon.
Vig. Nay, but farther heare.
Mart. The King depofd, how muft it be effected, What ftrengths and powers can fodenly be leuied, VVho will afsift this bufines, to reduce The ftate to better forme and gouernment?
Vig. Ey mary, more of that.
Corn. All Cornwells at my becke, Deuonfhire our neighbour Is one with vs, you in the North commaund. The oppreffed, wrongd, deiected and fuppreft, Will flocke on all fides to this innovation:
The Clergie late defpifd, the Nobles fcornd, The Commons trode on, and the Law contemnd, Will lend a mutuall and combyned power
Vnto this happie change.

## Nobody,

Peri. Oh monftrous treafon!
Mart. My Lord, we are betraide, and ouer-heard By the two princes.

Corn. How, betraide.
Mart. Our plots difcouered.
Corn. Ile helpe it all; doe you but footh me vp,
Wele catch them in the trap they lay for vs.
Mart. Ile doot.
Corn. Now fir, the king depofd
Who fhall fucceede?
Mart. Some would fay Elidure.
Corn. Tufh, he's too milde to rule.
But there are two young princes, hopefull youths
And of rare expectation in the Land,
Oh would they daigne to beare this weightie charge
Betwixt them, and fupport the regall fcepter
With ioynt afsiftance, all our hopes were full.
Vig. A Scepter.
Perid. And a Crowne.
Mart. What if we made the motion? we haue wills
To effect it, we haue power to compaffe it.
Vig. And if I make refufall, heauen refufe me.
Perid. Thefe Counfellors are wife, and fee in vs
More vertue then we in our felues difcerne.
Would it were come to fuch election.
Corn. My honord Lord, wele breake it to thofe princes,
Thofe hopefull youths, at our conuenient leafure.
Mart. With all my hart.
Corn. You that our footfteps watcht,
Shall in the depth of your owne wiles be catcht. Exeunt.
Vig. A King.
Perid. And were a crowne, a crowne imperiall.
Vig. And fit in ftate.
Perid. Commaund.
Vig. And be obeyed.

## and Somebody.

Perid. Our Nobles kneeling.
Vig. Seruants homaging, and crying Aue.
Perid. Oh brother, thall we through nice folly
Defpife the profferd bountie of thefe Lords?
Vig. Not for the world, I long to fit in ftate,
To purfe the bountie of our gracious fate.
Perid. To entertaine forreine Embaffadors.
Vig. And haue our names ranckt in the courfe of kings.
Perid. Shadow vs State with thy maiefticke wings.

> Enter King, Cornwell, Martianus, and Elidure.

Vige. Now fir, my brother Archigall deporde Corn. Depofd! did you heare that my Lord.
Vig. For his licenfious rule, and fuch abufes
As wele pretend gainft him in parliament.
Arch. Oh monftrous brothers.
Elidu. Oh ambitious youthes.
Vig. Thus wele deuide the Land, all beyond Trent
And Humber, fhall fuffife one moitie:
The fouthpart of the Land fhall make the tother, Where we will keepe two Courts, and raigne deuided, Yet as deere louing brothers.

Arch. As vild traitors.
Perid. Then Archigall, thou that haft fat in pompe
And feene me vaffaile, fhalt behold me crownd, Whilft thou with humble knees vailit to my fate.

Arch. And when muft this be doone, when fhall my crowne Be parted and deuided into halfes. You raigne on this fide Humber, you beyond The riuer Trent, when doe you take your ftates, Sit crownd and fcepterd to receiue our homage, Our dutie, and our humble vaffalage.

Perid. I know not when.

## Nobody,

Arch. Nor you?
Vige. Nor I.
Arch But I know when you thall repent your pride:
Nor will we vfe delayes in our reuenge,
Ambitious boyes, we doome you prifonment, Your Pallace royall thall a Iaile be made, Your thrones a dungeon, and your fcepters Irons, In which wele bound your proude afpiring thoughts:
Away with them, we will not mount our chayre
Till their beft hopes be changd to blacke defpaire.
Perid. Heare vs excufe our felues.
Wige. Or lets difcouer
Who drew vs to this hope of foueraigntie.
Arch. That fhall our further leyfures arbitrate,
Our eares are deafe to all excufiue pleas,
Come vnambitious brother Elidurus, Helpe vs to lauifh our abundant treafures, In masks, fports, reuells, riots, and ftrange pleafures. Exennt.

## Enter Sombody with two or three

 feruaunts.Somb. But is it true the fame of Nobody, For vertue, almes-deedes, and for charitie, Is fo renownd and famous in the Country?

Seru. Oh Lord fir ey, hes talkt of farre and neere, Fills all the boundleffe country with aplaufe, There liues not in all Britaine one fo fpoke of, For pittie, good mind, and true charitie.

Somb. Which Sombody fhall alter ert be long.
Seru. You may my Lord beeing in grace at Court, And the high fauours of King Archigallo Exile this petty fellow from the Land, That fo obfcures the beautie of your deedes.

Sombod. VVhat doth this Nobody?
Seru. You fhall heare my Lord,

## and Somebody.

Come twentie poore men to his gate at once, Nobody giues them mony, meate and drinke, If they be naked, clothes, then come poore fouldiers, Sick, maymd, and fhot, from any forraine warres, Nobody takes them in, prouides them harbor, Maintaines their ruind fortunes at his charge, He giues to orphants, and for widdowes buildes Almes-houres, Spittles, and large Hofpitals, And when it comes in queftion, who is apt For fuch good deedes, tis anfwerd Nobody. Now Nobodie hath entertaind againe Long banifht Hofpitalitie, and at his boord A hundred luftie yeomen daily waites, Whofe long backs bend with weightie chynes of biefe, And choife of cheere, whofe fragments at his gate Suffice the generall poore of the whole fhire.
Nobodies table's free for trauellers,
His buttry and his feller ope to all
That ftarue with drought, or thirft vpon the way,
Somb. His fame is great, how fhould we helpe it?
Seru. My Lord, tis paft my reach, tis you muft doe it,
Or't mult be left vndone.
Somb. What deedes of note is he els famous for?
Seru. My Lord Ile tell you.
His Barnes are full, and when the Cormorants
And welthy Farmers hoord vp all the graine, He empties all his Garners to the poore Vnder the ftretcht prife that the Market yeelds, Nobody racks no rents, doth not oppreffe His tenants with extortions. When the King Knighted the luftie gallants of the Land, Nobody then made daintie to be knighted, And indeede kept him in his knowne eftate.

Somb. The flaues ambitious, and his life I hate. Seru. How fhall we bring his name in publick fcandall?

Sombo.

## Nobody,

Sombo. Thus it thall be, vfe my direction. In Court and country I am Sombody, And therefore apt and fit to be employed: Goe thou in fecrete beeing a fubtile knaue, And fowe feditious flaunders through the Land, Oppreffe the poore, fuppreffe the fatherleffe, Deny the widdowes foode, the ftaru'd releefe, And when the wretches fhall complaine their wrongs, Beeing cald in queftion, fweare twas Nobody, Racke rents, raife prifes, Buy vp the beft and choife commodities At the beft hand, then keepe them till their prifes
Be lifted to their height, and double rate, And when the raifers of this dearth are fought Though Sombody doe this, proteft and fweare Twas Nobody fore Iudge and Magiftrate: Bring fcandalls on the rich, raife mutinous lyes Vpon the ftate, and rumors in the Court, Backbite and fow diffention amongft freends, Quarrels mongft neighbors, \& debate mongft ftrangers, Set man and wife at ods, kindred at ftrife, And when it comes in queftiou, to cleere vs, Let euery one proteft and fweare for one, And fo the blame will fall on Nobody. About it then, if thefe things well fucceede, You thall preuaile, and we applaude your fpeede.

## Enter Nobody and the Clowne.

See where he comes, I will withdraw and fee, The euent and fortunes of our laft pollicie.

Nobod. Come on myne owne feruaunt, fome newes, fome newes, what report haue I in the country? how am I talkt on in the Citty, and what fame beare I in the Court?

Clowne. Oh Maifter you are halfe hangd.

## and Somebody.

Nobod. Hangd, why man?
Clowne. Becaufe you haue an ill name: a man had as good almoft ferue no Maifter as ferue you, I was carried afore the Conftable but yefterday, and they tooke mee vp for a ftrauagant; they askt mee whom I ferued, I told them Nobody, they prefently drew mee to the poit, and there gaue me the law of armes.

Nobody. The law of armes.
Clow. Ey, as much lawe as their armes were able to lay on, they tickled my Collifodium, I rid poft for a quarter of an houre, with fwitch though not with fpurre.

Nobod. Sure Sombody was the caufe of all.
Clow. Ile be fworne of that, Sombody tickled me a heate, and that I felt, but Maifter, why doe you goe thus out of fafhion; you are euen a very hoddy doddy, all breech,

Nobod. And no body. But if my breeches had as much cloth in them, as euer was drawne betwixt Kendall and Canning ftreet, they were fcarce great enough to hold all the wrongs that I muft pocket: Fie, fie, how I am flaunderd through the world. Nobody keepes tall fellowes at his heeles, Yet if you meete a crew of rogues and beggars, Aske who they ferue, theile aunfwere Nobody. Your Caualiers and fwaggerers bout the towne, That dominere in Tauerns, fweare and ftare, Vrge them vpon fome termes, theile turne their malice To me, and fay theile fight with Nobody, Or if they fight, and Nobody by chaunce Come in to part them, I am fure to pay for it, And Nobody be hurt when they fcape fcotfree: And not the daftardit coward in the world But dares about with me. What fhall I doe?

Somb. Doe what thou wilt, before we end this ftrife, Ile make thee tenne times weary of thy life.

Clozon. But doe you heare Maifter, when I haue feru'd you a yere or two, who fhall pay me my wages?

Nobo. Why Nobody.

## Nobody,

Clowne. Indeede if I ferue Nobody, Nobody mult pay me my wages, therefore Ile euen feeke out Sombody or other, to get me a newe feruice; but the beft is Maifter if you runne away, you are eafie to be found againe.
Nobod. Why fo fir?
Clowne. Mary aske a deafe man whom hee heares, heele ftraight fay Nobody, aske the blindeft beetle that is whom hee fees, and heele aunfwere, Nobodie, hee that neuer faw in his life can fee you, though you were as little as a moate, and hee that neuer heard, can heare you, though you treade as foftlie as a Moufe, therefore I fhall be fure neuer to loofe you. Befides, you haue one commoditie Maifter, which none hath befides you, if you fhould loue the moft fickle \& inconftants wench that is in the world, fheele be true to Nobody, therefore conftant to you.
Nobod. And thou fayeft true in that my honeft feruaunt, Befides, I am in great efpeciall grace With the King Archigallo that now raignes In tiranny, and ftrange mifgouerment, Nobody loues him, and he loues Nobody. But that which moft torments my troubled foule, My name is made mere oppofite to vertue, For he is onely held peacefull and quiet, That quarrels, brawles, and fights with Nobody, He's honeft held that lies with Nobodies wife, And he that hurts and iniures Nobody, All the world faies, ey thats a vertuous man. And though a man haue doone a thoufand mifchiefes, And come to proue the forfeit made to law, If he can proue he hath wrong'd Nobody, No man can touch his life. This makes me mad, This makes me leaue the place where I was bred, And thoufand times a day to wifh me dead.

Somb. And Ile purfue thee where fo ere thou flieft, Nor fhalt thou reft in England till thou dieft.

## and Somebody.

Clowne. Maifter, I would wifh you to leaue the Country, and fee what good entertainement you wil haue in the Cittie, I do not think but there you will be moft kindly refpected, I haue been there in my youth, there's Hofpitalitie, \& you talke of Hofpitalitie, and they talke of you bomination to fee: for there Maifter come to them as often as you will, foure times a day, and theyle make Nobody drinke, they loue to haue Nobody trouble them, and without good fecuritie they will lend Nobody mony. Come into Birchin Lane, theyle giue Nobody a fute, chufe where hee lift; goe into Cheapefide, and Nobody may take vp as much plate as he can carrie.
Nobod. Then Ile to London, for the Country tires me With exclamations, and with open wrongs,
Sith in the Cittie they affect me fo.
Clowne. O Maifter, there I am fure Nobody may haue anie thing without mony, Nobody may come out of the Tauerne without paying his reckoning at his pleafure. Enter a man meeting his wife.
Nobody. Thats better then the Country. Who comes heere?
Man Minion, where haue you been all this night?
Wife VVhy doe you aske husband?
Man Becaufe I would know wife.
Wife. I haue beene with Nobody.
Nobod. Tis a lie good man, beleeue her not, fhee was not with mee.
Man And who hath layne with you to night?
Wife Lye with mee, why Nobody.
Nobod. Oh monftrous, they would make me a whore-maitter. Man Well, I doe not thinke but Sombody hath been with you.
Sombo. Sombody was indeed.
Wife. Gods life husband, you doe me wrong, I lay with Nobody.
Man. Well minion, though Nobody beare the blame,
Vfe it no more, leaft Sombody bide the fhame.
Nobod. I will endure no longer in this Clymate

## Nobody,

It is fo full of flaunders, Ile to the Cittie, And there performe the deedes of charitie.

## Enter the 2 man and a prentice.

2 Man. Now you rafcall, who haue you beene withall at the ale-
Prent. Sooth I was with Nobody.
(houfe?
Nobod. Not with me.
2 Man. And who was drunke there with you?
Prent. Sooth Nobody was drunke with me.
Nobod. O intollerable! they would make me a drunkard to,
I cannot indure any longer, I muft hence,
No patience with fuch fcandals can difpence.
2 Man. Well firra, if I take you fo againe, Ile fo belabour you:
O neighbour good morrow.
I Man. Good morrow,
2 Man You are fad me thinkes,
I Man Faith fir I haue caufe, I haue lent a friend of mine a hundred pounde, and haue Nobodyes worde for the payment, bill, nor bond, nor any thing to fhew.

2 Man. Haue you Nobodies worde, Ile affure you that Nobodie is a good man, a good man I affure you neighbor, Nobodie will keepe his worde, Nobodies worde is as good as his bond.
I Man Ey, fay you fo, nay then lets drinke downe forrow, If none would lend, then Nobody fhould borrow.
Nobody Yet there's one keepes a good tongue in his head, That can giue Nobody a good report, I am beholding to him for his praife:
But fince my man fo much commends the Cittie, Ile thether, and to purchafe me a name, Take a large houfe of infinite receipt, There keepe a table for all good fpirits, And all the chimneyes fhall caft fmoake at once: There Ile giue fchollers penfions, Poets gold, Arts their deferts, Philofophy due praife,

## and Somebody.

Learning his merrit, and all worth his meede.
There Ile releafe poore prifoners from their dungeons,
Pay Creditors the debts of other men,
And get my felfe a name mongft Cittizens,
That after times pertakers of all bliffe, May thus record, Nobody did all this.
Country farewell, whofe flaunderous tongues I flie,
The Cittie now fhall lift my name on hie.
Sombody Whether Ile follow thee with Swallowes wings,
And nimble expedition, there to raife
New brawles and rumors to eclipfe thy praife.
Thofe fubtile, flie infinuating fellowes
Whom Sombody hath fent into the country, To rack, tranfport, extort, and to oppreffe, VVill I call home, and all their wits employ
Againft this publique Benefactor, knowne Honeft, for all the rumors by vs fowne.
But howfoeuer, I am fworne his foe, And oppofite to all his meriting deedes, This way mult doe, though my deuining thoughts This augurie amidfts their changes haue, That Sombody will at length be proou'd a knaue.

Exeunt.

> Enter Queene, Sicophant, and Lady Elidure feuerallie.

Sicoph. Good day to you both faire Ladies, But faireft of them both my gratious Queene, Good day to your high Maieftie, and madam The royall Lady of great Elidure, My Soueraignes brother, vnto you I wifh This morning prooue as gracious and as good. Queene Thofe greetings from the Lady Elidure VVould pleafingly found in our princely eares. Lady Such greetings from great Archigalloes queene

## Nobody,

VVould be moft gratious to our princely eare.
Queene. What no good morrow and our grace fo neere.
Reach me my gloue.
Lady. VVhom fpeakes this woman to?
Queene. Why to my fubiect, to my waiting maid,
Am not I mightie Archigalloes queene?
Is not my Lord the royall Englifh King,
Thy husband and thy felfe my feruitors?
Lady Is my Coach ready, where are all my men
That fhould attend vpon our awfull frowne, VVhat not one neere?

Queen. Minion, my gloue.
Sicoph. Madam, her highnes gloue.
Lady. My fcarfe is falne, one of you reach it vp.
Queene. You heare me.
Lady Painted Maieftie be gone,
I am not to be countercheckt by any.
Quee. Shall I beare this?
Sicoph. Be patient, I will fchoole her.
Your excellence greatly forgets your felfe To be fo dutileffe vnto the Queene, I haue feene the world, I know what tis to obey, And to commaund. What if it pleafe the Queene That you her fubiect fhould attend on her, And take her gloue vp, is it meete that I
Should ftoope for yours? You're proud, fie, fie, you're proud.
This muft not be twixt fuch two royall fifters
As you by marriage are; goe to fubmit, Her Maieftie is eafie to forgiue.

Lady. Sawcie Lord forbeare, there's for your exhortation.
Queene. I cannot beare this, tis infufferable, Ile to the King, and if he faue thy life He fhall haue mine: madnes and wrath attend, My thoughts are leueld at a bloody end. Exit.

Lady. Shee's fhadow,

## and Somebody.

We the true fubftance are: follow her thofe That to our greatneffe dare themfelues oppofe.

## Enter Cornwell, Martianus, Morgan and Malgo.

Cornw. Helth to your Ladifhip, I would fay Queene If I might haue my minde, bir lady Ladie.

Mart. I had a fute vnto the King with this Lord For the great office of high Senefhall, Becaufe of our good feruice to the ftate, But he in fcorne, as he doth euery thing, Hath tane it from vs both, and gin't a foole.

Morg. To a Sicophant, a courtly parafite.
Sicoph. Beare witnes Madam, Ile goe tell the King That they fpeake treafon.

Malgo. Paffe vpon our fwords, You old exchecker of all flatterie, I tell thee Archigallo fhall be depord, And thou difroab'd of all thy dignitie.

Sicoph. I hope not fo.
Cornz. See heere the Counfels hands, Subfcrib'd to Archigallos ouerthrow. The names of fixteene royall Englifh Peeres, Ioynd in a league that is inviolate, And nothing wants but Elidurus grant To accept the kingdome when the deede is done.

Sicoph. Nay then Ile take your parts, and ioyne with you.
Mart. We will not haue a Clawbacks hand comixt With fuch heroick peeres.

Sicoph. I hope my Lady Is not of their minds. My moft gratious Queene, What I did fpeake in reprehenfiue fort, Was more becaufe her Maieftie was prefent Then any offence of yours, and fo efteeme it, God knowes I loue your highnes, and thefe Lords.

## Nobody,

Lady VVhich of you will perfwade my Elidure
To take vpon him Englands royaltie.
Mart. Madam, we all haue fo importund him,
Laying vnto his iudgement euery thing
That might attract his fences to the crowne,
But he froft braind will not be obtaind
To take vpon him this Realmes gouernment.
Malg. Hee is the verie foule of lenitie,
If euer moderation liu'd in any,
Your Lord with that rich vertue is poffeft.
Lady This mildnes in him makes me fo defpifd
By the proude Queene, and by her fauourits.

## Enter Elidure.

Cornw. See maddam where he comes reading a booke.
Lady My Lord and husband, with your leaue this booke Is fitter for an Vniuerfitie
Then to be lookt on, and the Crowne fo neere:
You know thefe Lords for tyrannie haue fworne
To banifh Archigallo from the throne,
And to inveft you in the royaltie:
VVill you not thanke them, and with bounteous hands Sprinckle their greatnes with the names of Earles, Dukes, Marqueffes, and other higher termes.

Elid. My deereft loue, the effence of my foule, And you my honord Lords, the fute you make, Though it be iuft for many wrongs impofd, Yet vnto me it feemes an iniurie. VVhat is my greatnes by my brothers fall, But like a ftarued body nourifhed With the deftruction of the other lymbes. Innumerable are the griefes that waite On horded treafures, then much more on Crownes: The middle path, the golden meane for me, Leaue me obedience, take you Maieftie.

## and Somebody.

Lady. Why this is worfer to my lofty minde, Then the late checks giuen by the angry Queene.

Corn. If you refufe it, knowe we are determined To lay it elfewhere.

Lady. On your younger brother, And then no doubt we Chall be awde indeed, When the ambition of the elders wife, Can fcarlly giue our patience any bounds: England is ficke of pride and tirrany, And in thy goodnes only to be curde. Thou art cald foorth amongft a thoufand men, To minifter this foueraigne Ancidote, To amend thy brothers crueltie with loue, And if thou wilt not from opprefsion free Thy natiue Country, thou art vilde as he.

Elid. I had rather ftay his leafure to amend.
Lady. Men, heauen, gods, deuills, what power fhould I invoke.
To fafhion him a new: thunder come downe, Crowne me with ruine, fince not with a Crowne.

Cornw. Long life vnto the Kingly Elidure,
Trumpets proclaime it whether he will or no.
Lady. For that conceit Lords, you haue wonne my hart,
In his defpight let him be ftraight waies Crownd,
That I may triumphe whilft the trumpets found.
Elid. Carry me to my graue, not to a Throne.
Lady. Helpe Lords to feate him, nay helpe euery one:
So fhould the Maieftie of England fit, Whilft we in like ftate doe affociate him.

Elid. Neuer did any leffe defire to raigne
Then I, heauen knowes this greatnes is my paine.
Lady. Paine me in this fort great Lords euery day, Tis fweete to rule.

Elid. Tis fweeter to obay.
Cornze. Liue King of England long and happily, As long and happily your Highnes liue.
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Lady.

## Nobody,

Lady. We thanke you Lords, now call in the depord, Him and his proud Queene, bring vnto our fight, That in her wrongs we may haue our delight.

Enter Archigallo, and his Queene bound.
Archi. Betrayd, tane prifoner, and by thofe that owe To me their duty, and allegiance:
My brother the vfurper of the Crowne, Oh this is monftrous, moft infufferable.

Elid. Good brother grieue not, tis againft my will, That I am made a King, pray take my place, I had rather be your fubiect then your Lord.

Lady. So had not I, fit ftill my gracious Lord, Whilft I looke through this Tyrant with a frowne, Minion reach vp my gloue. Queene. Thinkft thou becaufe Thy husband can diffemble piety, And therein hath depofd my royall Lord, That I am leffer in eftate then Queene?
No thine owne anfwere lately giuen to me, I thus reuet, ftoope thou proud Queene for me.

Sicoph. Nay, then as I did lately to her Highnes,
I muft admonifh you, diected Lady
You doe forget your felfe, and where you are, Duty is debt, and it is fit fince now
You are a fubiect, to beare humble thoughts:
Follow my counfell Lady and fubmit,
Her Maieftie no doubt will pardon it.
Queene. Theres for your paines.
Sicoph. Which way fo ere I goe,
I haue it heere, whether it ebbe or flowe.
Lady. That pride of thine fhall be thy ouerthrowe, And thus I fentence them.

Elid. Leaue that to me?
Lady. No your are too mild, iudgment belongs to me:

## and Somebody.

Thou Archigallo for thy tirranie, For euer be excluded from all rule, And from thy life.

Elid. Not from his life I pray.
Lady. He vnto whom the greatef wrongs are done, Difpatch him quickly.

Morg. That will I.
Maglo. Or I.
Elid. And therein Lords effect my tragedie.
Lady. Why frike you not, oh tis a dangerous thing,
To haue a liuing fubiect of a King:
Much treafon may be wrought, when in his death,
Our fafty is fecur'd.
Elid. Banifh him rather, oh fweete fpare his life, He is my brother.

Archi. Crownd, and pray thy wife.
Elid. Oh brother, if you roughly fpeake, I knowe There is no hope but your fure ouerthrowe, Pray be not angry with me for my loue:
To banifhment fince it muft needes be fo,
His life I giue him whofoere faies no.
Lady. What and his Ladies to.
Elid. I hers and all.
Lady. But Ile not haue you banifht with the King,
No Minion no, fince you muft liue, be affur'd
Ile make thee meaneft of my waiting Maides.
Queene. I fcorne thy pride.
Archi. Farewell deceiuing ftate,
Pride making Crowne, my deereft wife farewell:
I haue beene a Tyrant, and Ile be fo ftill. Exit.
Elid. Alas my brother.
Lady. Dry vp childifh teares,
And to thefe Lords that haue inuefted you, Giue gracious lookes, and honorable deedes.

Elid. Giue them my Crowne, oh giue them all I haue, D 2

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## Nobody,

Thy Throne I reckon but a glorious graue.
Lady. Then from my felfe thefe dignities receiue,
The Iland wrefted from you I reftore,
See it be giuen them backe Lord Sicophant.
The office of hie Senefchall bereft you,
My Lord of Cornwell to your grace we giue.
You Martianus be our Treafurer,
And if we find you faithfull, be affur'd
You fhall not want preferment at our hands.
Meane time this office we impofe on you,
Be Tutor to this Lady, and her pride
With your learnd principles whereof you are full
Turne to humility, or vex her foule,
Queene. Torment on torment, tutord by a foole.
Sicoph. Madam, it is her Highnes will be pleaf'd.
Lady. Young Peridurus and Vigenius, Lords
Releafe from prifon, and becaufe your King,
Is mightely affected vnto Yorke,
Thether difmiffe the Court incontinent.
Sicoph. Shall it be fo my Liedge.
Lady. Are not we King.
His filence faies it, and what we ordaine,
Who dares make queftion of: this day for euer Thorough our raigne beheld a feftiuall: And tryumphe Lords that England is fet free, From a vild tyrant and his crueltie?

Elid. On to our funerall, tis no matter where,
I finne I knowe in fuffering pride fo neere.
Exeunt.
Enter Nobody, and the Clowne.
Nobody. Ahem boy, Nobody is found yet for all his troubles.
Clow. And fo is Nobodies man for all his whipping, but Maifter we are nowe in the Citty, wald about from launder, there cannot a lie come in but it muft runne thorough bricke, or get the goodwill of the warders, whofe browne bills looke blew vppon

## and Somebody.

all paffengers.
Nobody. O this Citty, if Nobody liue to be as old againe, be it fpoken in fecret, Ile haue fenft about with a wall of braffe.

Clowne. Of Nobodies making, that will be rare.
Nobody. Ile bring the Tems through the middle of it, empty Moore-ditch at my owne charge, and build vp Paules-fteple without a collection. I fee not what becomes of thefe colletions.

Clowne. Why Nobody receaues them.
Nobody. I knaue?
Clowne. You knaue: or as the world goes, Somebody receiues all, and Nobody is blamd for it.

Nobody. But is it rumord fo thorough out the Citty.
Clowne. Doe not you knowe that? theres not an orphants portion loft out of the Chamber, but Nobody has got it, no Corne tranfported without warrant, but Nobody has donne it, no goods ftolne but by Nobody, no extortion without Nobody: and but that truth will come to light, fewe wenches got with child, but with Nobody.

Nobody. Nay thats by Somebody.
Clowne. I thinke Somebody had a hand in't, but Nobody fometimes paies for the nurfing of it.

Nobody. Indeede I haue taken into my charge many a poore infant left to the almes of the wideworld, I haue helpt many a vertuous maide to a good husband, \& nere defird her maiden-head: redeemed many Gentlemens lands, that haue thankt Nobody for it, built Peft-houfes, and other places of retirement in the ficknes time for the good of the Cittie, and yet Nobody cannot get a good word for his labor.

Clozene. Tis a mad world Maifter.
Nobody. Yet this mad world fhall not make me mad, I am All fpirit, Nobody let them grieue, That fcrape for wealth I will the poore relieue, Where are the Maifters of the feuerall prifons:
Within and neere adioyning to the Citty, That I may fpred my charity abroad.

Clowne. Heere they be Sir.

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## Nobody,

Enter three or foure.
Nobody. Welcome Gentlemen:
You are they that make poore men houfholders Againft their wills, and yet doe them no wrong: You haue the actions, and the cafes of your fides, Whilft your Tenants in comon, want money to fill them. How many Gentlemen of leffe reuenewes then Nobody, Lie in your Knights ward, for want of maintenance.

I I am Sir a Keeper of the Counter, and there are in our wards aboue a hundred poore prifoners, that are like nere to come foorth without fatisfaction.

Nobody. But Nobody will be their benefactor. What in yours.
2 As many as in the other prifon.
Nobody. Theres to releafe them. What in yours.
3 Double the number, and in the Gayle.
Nobody. Talke not of the Gayle, tis full of limetwigs, lifts, and pickpockets.

I Is it your pleafure Sir to free them all.
Nobody. All that lie in for debt.
2 Ten thoufand pound, and ten to that will not doe it.
Nobody. Nobody Sir will giue a hundred thoufand, Ten hundred thoufand, Nobody will not haue a prifoner, Becaufe they all fhall pray for Nobody.

Clowne. Tis great pitty my Maifter has Nobody, and fo kind a hart.

## A noife within. Follow, follow, follow.

Nobody. What outcries that?

## Enter Somebody, with two or three.

Somebody. That is the gallant, apprehend him ftraight, Tis he that fowes fedition in the Land, Vnder the couler of being charitable, When fearch is made for fuch in euery Inne, Though I haue feene them houfd, the Chamberlaine

## and Somebody.

For gold will anfwere there is Nobody:
He for all bankrouts is a common baile, And when the execution fhould be ferud Vpon the fureties, they find Nobody: In priuate houfes who fo apt to lie,
As thofe that haue beene taught by Nobody, Seruants forgetfull of their Maifters friends, Being askt how many were to fpeake with him Whilft he was abfent, they fay Nobody, Nobody breakes more glaffes in a houfe, Then all his wealth hath power to fatisfie: If you will free this Citty then from fhame, Seafe Nobody, and let him beare the blame. Const. Lay hold vpon him.
Nobody. What on Nobody, giue me my fword, my morglay,
My friends, you that doe know how innocent I am,
Draw in my quarrell, fuccor Nobody,
What Nobody, but Nobody remaining.
Clozone. Yes Maifter, I Nobodies man.
Nobody. Stand to me nobly then, and feare them not, Thy Maifter Nobody, can take no wounds, Nobody is no coward, Nobody
Dares fight withall the world.
Somb. Vpon them then.

## A fight betwixt Somebody and Nobody, Nobody efcapes.

What has he fcapt vs.
Const. He is gone my Lord.
Somb. It fhall be thus, now you haue feene his fhape, Let him be ftraight imprinted to the life: His picture fhall be fet on euery ftall, And proclamation made, that he that takes him, Shall haue a hundred pounds of Sombody, Country and Citty, I fhall thus fet free,

## Nobody,

And haue more roome to worke my villanie. Exeunt.
Nobody. What are they gonne, then Citty now adew, Since I haue taken fuch great iniury, For my good life within thy gouernment: No more will Nobody be charitable, No more will Nobody relieue the poore, Honor your Lord, and Maifter Somebody, For Somebody is he that wrongs you all. Ile to the Court the changing of the ayre, May peraduenture change my iniuries; And if I fpeede no better being there, Yet fay that Nobody liu'd euery where. Exit.

Enter Archigallo.
Archi. I was a King, but now I am flaue, How happie were I in this bafe eftate, If I had neuer tafted royaltie:
But the remembrance that I was a King, Vnfeafons the Content of pouertie, I heare the hunters muficke, heere Ile lie, To keepe me out of fight till they paffe by.

Enter Morgan, and Malgo.
Morgan. The ftag is hearded, come my Lord Shall we to horfe and fingle him againe.

Malgo. Content, the King will chafe, the day is fpent And we haue kild no game, to horfe, away. Exeunt.

## Enter Elidure.

Elid. Hearded, goe fingle him, or couple ftraight, He will not fall to day, what fellowes this.

Archi. I am a man.
Elid. A banifht man I thinke, My brother Arcligallo, ift not fo. Archi. Tis fo, I am thy brother Elidure,

## and Somebody.

All that thou haft is mine, the Crowne is mine,
Thy royaltie is mine; thefe hunting pleafures
Thou dooft vfurpe: ambitious Elidure
I was a King.
Elidu. And I may be a wretch : poore Archigallo,
The fight of thee that wert my Soueraigne, In this eftate, drawes riuers from mine eyes.
VVill you be king againe? if they agree
Ile redeliuer all my royaltie,
Saue what a fecond brother and a fubiect
Keepes in an humble bofome, for I fweare
The Crowne is yours that Elidure doth weare.
Arch. Then giue it me; vfe not the common fleights,
To pittie one, and keepe away his right.
Seeft thou thefe ragges, doe they become my perfon?
O Elidure, take pittie on my ftate,
Let me not ftill liue thus infortunate.
Elidu. Alas, if pittie could procure your good, Infteed of water, Ide weepe teares of blood
To expreffe both loue and pittie: fay deere brother I fhould vncrowne my felfe, the angry Peeres
VVill neuer let me reach the imperiall wreathe To Archigalloes head. There's ancient Cornwell, Stout Martianus, Morgan, and bold Malgo, From whom you tooke the pleafant Southerne Ile, VVill neuer kneele to you: what fhould I fay, Your tirannie was caufe of your decay.

Arch. What fhall I die then? welcome be that fate Rather then fill liue in this wretched ftate.

> Enter Cornwell, Martianus, Morgan and

Corn. Yonders the King; my foueraigne you haue loft
The fall of a braue ftagge, he's dead my liedge.
VVhat fellowes this?

## Nobody,

Elidu. Knoweft him not Cornwell?
Corn. No my liedge not I.
Arch. I am thy King.
Elid. Tis Archigallo man.
Corn. Thou art no king of mine, thou art a traytor,
Thy life is forfeit by thy ftay in Brittaine.
VVert thou not banifht?
Elidu. Noble Cornwell fpeake
More gently, or my piteous hart will breake,
Lord Martianus, Morgan, and the reft,
I am a wearie of my gouernment,
And willinglie refigne it to my brother.
Mart. Your brother was a tyrant, and my knee
Shall neuer bow to wrong and tirannie.
Elid. Yet looke vpon his mifery, his teares
Argue repentance; thinke not honourd Lords
The feare of dangers waiting on my Crowne
Makes me fo willing to refigne the fame,
For I am lou'd I know, but iuftice bids
I make a refignation, tis his right,
My calls but vfurpation.
Corn. Elidure,
If you are wearie of your gouernment,
Wele fet the Crowne vpon a ftrangers head
Rather then Archigallo. Harke ye Lords, Shall we make him our King we did depofe, So might our heads be chopt of, Ile loofe mine Ere my poore Country fhall endure fuch wrongs, As that iniurious tyrant plagues her with,

Mor. Keepe ftill your Crowne my Liedge, happy is Brittaine
Vnder the gouernment of Elidure.
Arch. Let it be fo,
Death is the happy period of all woe.
The wretch thats torne vpon the torturing wrack,
Feeles not more deuilifh torment then my hart.

## and Somebody.

When I but call to minde my tirannie, I record heauen my Lords, my brothers fight, The pittie that he takes of my diftreffe, Your loue and true allegiance vnto him, Hath wrought in me a reconciled fpirit, I doe confeffe my finne, and freely fay, I did deferue to be depord.
Elidu. Alas good Prince, my honorable Lords, Be not flint-harted, pitty Archigallo, I know his penitentiall words proceede From a remorcefull fpirit, Ile ingage My life vpon his righteous gouernment. Good Cornwell, gentle Martianus, fpeake, Shall Archigallo be your king againe?

Arch. By heauen I not defire it.
Elidu. See my Lords,
Hee's not ambitious, as thou lou'ft me Cornvell, As thou didft loue our Father, let his fonne Be righted, giue him backe the gouernment You tooke from him.

Corn. VVhat fhould I fay? faith I fhall fall a weeping:
Therefore fpeake you.
Elid. Lord Martianus fpeake.
Mart. What fay thefe Lords that haue been wrongd by him.
Elidu. Morgan and Malgo, all I haue in Brittaine
Shall be ingag'd to you, that Archigallo
Will neuer more oppreffe you, nor impofe
Wrong on the meaneft fubiect in the Land.
Morg. Then weele embrace his gouernment.
Elidu. Saies Malgo fo?
Malg. I doe my Lord.
Elidu. What faies Martianus?
Mart. Faith as my Lord of Cornwell.
Corn. I fay that I am forry he was bad,
And now am glad hee's chang'd; his wickednes
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## Nobody,

We punifht, and his goodnes there's great reafon
Should be rewarded; therefore Lords fet on
To Yorke then, to his Coronation.
Elidu. Then happie Elidurus, happie day
That takes from me a kingdomes cares away.
Arch. And happie Archigallo that haue rangd
From fin, to fin, and now at laft am changd.
My Lords and friends, the wrongs that you haue feene
In me, my future vertues fhall redeeme.
Come gentle brother, pittie that fhould reft
In women moft, is harbor'd in thy breft.
Exeunt.

## Enter Queene, Lady Elidure, and Flatterer.

Lady Come haue you done your taske, now doe you fee What tis to be fo proude of Maieftie, We muft take vp your gloue, and not be thought Worthy the name of Sifter, thus you minx Ile teach you ply your worke, and thanke me to, This paines will be your owne another day.

Queene. Infulting, ouer-proude, ambitious woman,
Queene I difdaine to call thee, thou dooft wrong Thy brothers wife, indeede thy Kings efpoufd, And mauger all thy tyrannie I fweare, Rather then ftill liue thus, Ile perrifh heere.

Sicoph. You are not wife, deiected as you are
To bandie braues againft her Maieftie,
You muft confider you are now her fubiect, Your tongue is bounded by the awe of dutie, Fie, fie, I needes muft chide you, fince I fee You are fo fawcie with her foueraigntie.

Queene. Time was bafe fpaniell thou didft fawne as much On me, as now thou ftriueft to flatter her:
O God, that one borne noble fhould be fo bafe, His generous blood to fcandall all his race.

Lady My Lord, if the continue thefe proude termes,

## and Somebody.

I giue you libertie to punifh her.
Ile not maintaine my prifoner and my flaue
To raile gainft any one that honours me.

## Enter Morgan and Malgo.

Morg. Health to the Queene, and happines to her That muft change fates with you, and once more raigne Queene of this Land.

Queene Speake that againe, ô I will bleffe my fate, If once more I fupply my former fate.

Malgo. Long may your highnes liue, your banifht Lord Is by his brother Elidurus feated Once more in Britaines throne.

Lady O I could teare my haire, bafe Elidure To wrong himfelfe, and make a flaue of me.
Queene Now minion, Ile cry quittance with your pride, And make you ftoope at our imperiall fide. But tell me Morgan by what accident You met with my beloued Archigallo?
Morg. Euen in the woods where we did hunt the ftagge, There did the tender harted Elidure Meete his diftreffed Brother, and fo wrought By his importunate fpeech with all his Peeres, That after much deniall, yet at laft They yeelded their allegiance to your Lord, Whom now we muft acknowledge our dread King, And you our princelie Queene.
Lady Thou Screchowle, Rauen, vglie throated flaue, Theres for thy newes.

Queene Reftraine her good my Lord.
Sicoph. Fie madam fie, fore God you are too blame In prefence of my foueraigne ladie Queene To be thus rude, it would become you better To fhew more dutie to her Maieftie.
Lady. O monftrous, was not I thy Queene but now. E 3.

Sicop.

## Nobody,

Sicoph. Yes, when your husband was my King you were.
But now the ftreame is turnd, and the States currant, Runnes all to Archigallo, blame not mee, Wifedome nere lou'd declined Maieftie.

> Enter Archigallo crownd, Elidure, Peridure, Vigenius, Cornwell, Martianus, and others.

Queene. VVelcome from banifhment my louing Lord, Your kinglie prefence wraps my foule to heauen.

Arch. To heauen, and my kind brother Elidure, Faire Queene we owe chiefe thanks for this our greatnes, Next them, there honourable Lords.

Corn. Great Queene,
Once more the tribute of our bended knees We pay to you, and humbly kiffe your hand.

Mart. So doth Martianus.
Perid. And I.
Vige. And I.
Queene. Our brothers, by how much that name exceedes The name of Lord, fo much the more this dutie Deferues requitall, thanks both, and thanks to all.

Arch. Set on there. Exeunt all but Lady \& Sicophant
Sicoph. Madam, you are not wife to grieue at that
Heauen hath decreed, and the ftate yeelded to,
No doubt her Maieftie will vfe you well.
Lady VVell faieft thou: no I looke that fhe fhould treble
All the difgraces I haue layd on her.
I fhall turne Laundreffe now, and learne to ftarch,
And fet and poke, and pocket vp fuch bafenes
As neuer princeffe did: did you obferue What lookes I caft at Elidure my husband?

Sicoph. Your lookes declard the pafsion of your hart, They were all fire.

## and Somebody.

Lady. Would they had burnt his eyes out That hath eclipfd our ftate and Maieftie.

Enter Queene, Morgan, and Malgo.
Queene. Bring hether the proude wife of Elidure,
Sicop. It fhall be done.
Queene Our fhoe fring is vntied, ftoope minion, ftoope.
Lady Ile rather ftoope to death thou moone-like Queene, New changd, and yet fo proude: theres thofe are made For flexure, let them ftoope, thus much Ile doe, You are my Queene, tis but a debt I owe.

Queene Bring me the worke there, I will taske you to, That by the howre fpin it, I charge you doe.

Lady A diftaffe and a fpindle, fo indeed I told you this, Diana be my fpeede.

Morg. Yet for his Princelie worth that made you Queene Refpect her as the wife of Elidure.

## Enter Cornwell.

Cornze. VVheres the Queene?
Queene What newes with Cornwell, why fo fad my Lord?
Corn. Your husband on the fuddaine is falne ficke.
Queene. How; ficke.
Lady Now if it be thy will, fweet bleffed heauen Take him to mercie.

Quee. Doe not heare her prayers heauen I befeech thee.
Enter Martianus.
Mart. Madam, his highnes.
Queen. Is he aliue, or dead.
Mart. Dead madam.
Queene O my hart.
Corn. Looke to the Queene, let vs not loofe her to;
She breathes, ftand of, where be thofe wemen there, Good Queene that fhall be, lends a helping hand,

## Nobody,

Helpe to vnlace her.
Lady. Ile fee her burft firft.
Queene Now as you loue me let no helping hand
Preferue life in me, I had rather die Then loofe the title of my foueraigntie.

Lady Take backe your Diftaffe yet, wele ftay our rage,
We will forbeare our fpleene for charitie And loue vnto the dead, till you haue heard Your husbands bones, conduct her Lords away, Our pride though eager, yet for foode fhall ftay.

Sicoph. Wilt pleafe your high imperiall Maieftie Commaund my feruice, I am humbly yours.

Lady We doe commaund what we well know youle doe, Follow the ftronger part, and cleaue thereto. Exeunt.

## Enter Elidure crozond, all the Lords and Ladies attendants.

Elidu. Once more our royall temples are ingirt VVith Brittaines golden wreath, all feeing heauen Witnes I not defire this foueraigntie, But fince this kingdoms good, and your Decrees, Haue laid this heauen loade of common care On Elidure, we fhall difcharge the fame To your content, I hope, and this Lands fame: Our brother once interd, we will not ftay, But then to Troynovant weele fpeede, away. Exeunt.

## Enter two Porters.

${ }_{I}$ Porter Come fellow Porter, now the Court is heere Our gaines will flie vpon vs like a tide, Let vs make vfe of time, and whilft theres plentie Stirring in Court, ftill labour to increafe The wealth which by our office we haue got.

2 Porter. Out of our large alowance we muft faue Of thoufands that paffe by vs, and our office,

## and Somebody,

we will giue entertainment to No-body.
Enter No-body.
No-body. My name is No-body,
I. Port. You are welcome fir, ere you perufe the court, Taft the kings beere, heere at the Porters lodge,
A difh of beere for maifter No-body.
Nobody. I thanke you fir.
2. Port. Heere maifter No-body, withall my hart, A full Caroufe, and welcome to our Office.

Nobo. I thanke you fir, and were your beere tems water, Yet No-body would pledge you, to you fir.
I. Port. You are a ftranger here, how in the Citty, Haue you bin long in towne.

Nobo. I fir, too long, vnleffe my entertaine Had bin more pleafing, for my life is fought, I am a harmeleffe well difpof'd plaine man, That iniure none, yet what fo ere is done Amiffe in London, is impof'd on me, Be it lying, fecret theft, or any thing They call abufe, tis done by No-body, I am purfued by all, and now am come, To fee what fafety is within the Court For a plaine fellow.
2. Por. You are welcome hether fir. Methinkes you do looke wilde, as if you wanted fufficient Sleepe.

Nobo. O do not blame me fir, Being purfued I fled, comming through Poules, There No-body kneeld downe to fay his prayers, And was deuout I wis, comming through Fleetftreet, There at a tauern doore two fwaggerers Were fighting, being attacht, twas askt who gaue The firft occafion, twas anfwered nobody, 'The guilt was laid on me, which made me fly To the Thems fide, defired a Waterman,

## Nobody,

To row me thence away to Charing-croffe, He askt me for his fare, I anfwered him I had no money, whats your name quoth he, I told him No-body, then he bad me welcome, Said he would carry No-body for nothing. From thence I went
To fee the law Courts held at Weftminfter, There meeting vvith a friend, I ftraight vvas askt
If I had any fute, I anfvered, yes,
Marry I vvanted money, fir quoth he, For you, becaufe your name is No-body
I vvill follicit law, and no-body Affure your felfe, fhall thriue by futes in Lavv, I thankt him, and fo came to fee the court, Where I am very much beholding to your kindneffe.

1. Port. And Maifter no-body you are very vvelcome, Good fellow lead him to the Hall, Will you vvalke neare the court.
nobo. I thanke you fir. Exeunt nobody and Porters.

> Enter Some-body and a Bragart.

Som. Fie vvhat a toile it is to find out nobody,
I haue dogd him very clofe, yet he is got into the court before me.
Sir you haue fworne to fight with nobody,
Do you ftay heere, and watch at the court gate, And when you meet him challenge him the field, Whilat I fet Lime-twigs for him in all Offices, If either you or I, but profper right, He needs muft fall by policy or flight. Exit.
Brag: I would this roundman nobody would come, I that profeffe mucli valor yet haue none, Cannot but be too hard for nobody, For what can be in nobody, vnleffe He be fo cald becaufe he is al fpirit, Or fay he be all fpirit, wanting limbes,

## and Somebody,

How can this fpirit hurt me, fure he dies, And by his death, my fame fhall mount the skies.

Enter nobody.
nobody. By thy leaue my fweet friend,
Theres for thy farewell.
Brag. Stay.
nobo. Thats but one word, let two go to the bargaine if it pleafe you, why fhould I ftay.

Brag. I challenge thee.
no. I may chufe whither ile anfwer your chalenge by your Bra. Ile haue thee picturd as thy picture, vnles thou anfwer no. For what fir, pray why wold you haue me printed. (me Brag. For cowardice.
nobo. Methinkes your picture woulde doe better for the picture of cowardice then mine fir, but pray whats your

Brag. Thou haft abufd one Some-body, (will with me.
nobo. So haue my betters abuifd Som-body in their time
Brag. Ile fight with thee for that.
no. Alas fir I am nobody at fighting, yet thus much let nee tell you, nobody cannot run away, I cannot budge.

Brag. Prepare thee then, for I will fpit thy body vppon this weapon.
nobo. nay by faith that you cannot, for I haue no bodye.
Brag. Thy bowels then.
no. They are the fairer mark a great deal, com on fir, come on
Brag. Haue at thy bellie.
nobo. You muft either hit that or nothing.
Brag. Ile kill and quarter thee.
nobo. Youle hardly find my ioynts I think to quarter me, I am fo well fed, come on fir.

Fight nobody is downe,
Brag. now thou art at my mercie.
no. What are you the better to haue nobody at your mercy Brag. Ile kill thee novv.

F2. nobody.

## Nobody,

Nobo. I thinke youle fooner kill me then any body, But let me rife againe.

Brag. No I will let No-body rife.
Nobo. Why then let me fir, I am No-body. Enter Clowne.
Clown. How now, O fates, O heauens, is not that my M. what fhall I do, be valiant. and reskue my fweet maifter, Auant thou Pagan, Pug, what ere thou be, Behold I come to fet thy prifoner free.

Brag. Fortune that giddy Goddeffe hath turnd her wheel, I fhall be matcht, thus will I gore you both. Hold captains, not Hercules himfelfe would fight with two, I yeeld.

Clown. Twas yoor beft courfe, down vaffall down, and kiffe My pumpe.

Brag. Tis bafe, O bafe.
Clow. Zounds, ile naile thy lips to limbo vnleffe thou kis.
Brag. Tis done.
Nobo. Thanks honeft feruant.
Clow. Zounds if I fay ile doet, ile doet indeed.
Nobo. For this ile carry thee into the Court,
Where thou fhalt fee thy Maifter No-body Hath friends will bid him welcome, fo farewell,

Clown. Farewell maifter Braggart, farewell, farewell.
Exeunt.
Brag. Ile follow, I fhall meet with Some-body, That will reuenge, ile plot and ert be long Ile be reuengd on No-body for this wrong.

## Enter Vigenius Peridure and the Queene.

Queene. Your hopes are great faire brothers, and your names, fhall if in this you be aduifd by vs, Be rankt in fcroule of all the Brittifh kings, Oh take vpon you this fo weighty charge, To great to be difchargd by Elidure.

Vig. Deere fifter Q. how are we bound to you, In neerer bonds then a fraternall league,

## and Somebody

For this your royall practife to raife vs, Vnto the height of honor and eftate, Let me no longer breath a prince on earth, Or thinke me woorthy of your regall blood, If we imbrace not this high motion.

Perid. Imbrace it brother, we are all on fpeed, My princely thought inflam'd with Ardency Of this imperiall ftate, and Scepterd rule, My kinglie browes, itch for a ftately Crowne, This hand to beare a round Monarchall Globe, This the bright fword of Iuftice, and ftern aw, Deere fifter you haue made me all on fire, My kingly thoughts, beyond their bounds afpire.

Vig. How fhall we quit your loue, when we afcend The ftate of Elydure.

Queen. All that I craue,
Is but to make the imperious Queene my flaue, That the that aboue Iuftice now commands, May taft new thraldome at our royall hands.

Perid. The Queene is yours, the king fhalbe depof'd, And the difgraded from all Soueraignty.

Queen. That I might liue to fee that happy houre, To haue that fterne commandreffe in my power.
Vig. Shees doomd alreadie, and at your difpofe, And we prepard for fpeedy execution, Of any plot that may availe our pompe, Or throne vs in the ftate of Brittany.

## Enter Morgan and Mallgo.

Perid. Heere comes the Lords of this pretended league, How goes our hope, fpeake valiant Englifh Peeres, Are we in way of Soueraignty, or ftill ftand we Subiects vnto the aw of Elidure.

Mor. Long liue the valiant brothers of the King, With mutuall loue to weare the Britti/h Crowne,

## No-body

$T$ wo thoufand Souldiors haue I brought from Wales, to wait vpon the princely Perydure.
Malg. As many of my bold confederates Haue I drawne from the South to fiweare allegiance, to young Vigenius.

Vig. Do but call me king, the charming Spheres fo fweetly cannot fing.
Malg, To king Vigenius.
Vig. Oh but wheres our Crowne, that make knees humble, when their foueraignes frowne.
Mal. King Eliduras fhall his ftate refigne.
Perid. Say Morgan fo, and Britains rule is mine.
Mor. king Peridure fhall raigne:
Perid. And fit in ftate.
Mor. And thoufand fubiects on his glory waite.
Perid. Then they that lifts vs to the imperiall feate,
Our powers and will fhall ftudy to make great.
Vig. And thou that raifeft vs, as our beft friend;
Shall as we mount the like degrees afcend.
Queen. When will you giue the attempt.
Perid. Now royall fifter.
Before the king haue notice of our plot, Before the Lords that loue his gouernment, Prepare their oppofition.

Vig. Well determined,
And like a king in Effe, now this night, Lets make a hoftile vprore in the Court, Surprize the king, make ceazure of the Crowne, Lay hands vpon the Counfell, leaft they fcape to leuy forces, thofe Lords that ferue the king, and with auftere reproofes, punifh the hatefull vices of the Land, Muft not awe vs, they fhall not raigne, we wil, thofe that applaud vs, raife, defpife vs, kill,

Perid. I fee a kind of ftate appeare already
In thy maieftick brow, cal in the fouldiors,

## andSome body

Man the Court gates, barricade al the freets, Defend the waies, the lands and paffages, And girt the pallace with a treble wall Of armed fouldiors, and in dead of night, When all the peeres ly drownd in golden fleepe, Sound out a fodaine and a fhrill Alarum, to maze them in the midft of horrid dreames.
Vig. The king and Crowne is ours.
Q. The Queen I claime.

Perid. It fhal go hard, but I the fhrew will tame, trumpets and drums, your dreadfull clamors found.

Vig. Proclaime me captiue, or a king new crownd.

## Alarum, they watche the doores, Enter at one doore

 Cornwell.Corn. Treafon, treafon.
Perid. thou art mine what ere thou be.
Corn. Prince Peridure.
Perid. I Cornwell and thy king.
Corn. He difcords taught, that taught thee fo to fing.
Alarum Enter at another doore Martianus.
Mar. Who ftops this paffage.
Vig. Martianus we.
Mar. Vigenius.
Uig. Vnto whom thou oweft thy knee.
Mar. My knee to none, but Elidure fhall bend.
Vig. Our raign beginning hath when his lines end.
Alarum, Enter at another doore Elydure, ftopt by the Queene.

Lady What traitrous hand dares interdict our way?
Queene. Why that dare ours, tis we command thee ftaie.

## No-body

Lady. Are we not Queene?
Queene. Ift you, then happily met,
I haue owed you long, and now Ile pay that dept.
Lady. Vild traitreffe, dareft, thou lay a violent hand on vs thy Queene?

Queene. We dare commaund thee ftand, Thou waft a Queene, but now thou art a flaue.

Lady. Before fuch bondage, graunt me heauen a graue.

## Alarum Enter Elidure.

Elidure. What feeke ye Lords? What meane thefe loud Alarums, in the ftill filence of this hunnied night?

Perid. King we feeke thee.
Vig. And more we feeke thy Crowne.
Elidure. Why Princely brothers is it not our owne, That tis ours we plead the law of kings,
The guift of heauen, and the antiquety on earth,
Election from them both.
Vig. We plead our powers \& ftrength, we two muft raign.
Perid. We were borne to rule, and homage we difdaine.
Corn. Doe not refigne, good King.
Perid. How faucy Lord?
Corn. Ile keepe ftill thy Crowne.
Perid. I fay that word fhall coft old Cornwels life.
Corn. Turh this for care.
Tirants good fubiects kills and traitors fpare.
Jig. Wilt thou fubmit thy Crowne?
Mar. Dread foueraigne, no.
Vig. He hates his owne life that aduifeth fo.
Mar. I hate all traitors, and had rather die,
Then fee fuch wrong done to his foueraignty.
Queen. Giue vp thy fate to there two princely youthes, and thy refigment fhal preferue thy life.
Lady. Wilt thou fo much wrong both thy felfe and wife? Haft liued a king, and canft thou die a flaue, A royal feat, doth aske a royall graue,

## and Nobody.

Though thoufand fwords thy prefent fafety ring, Thou that haft bin a Monarche, dye a king.

Queen. Whether he liue or dye, thou fure fhalt be no longer Queene, but Vaffaßle vnto me, Ile make ye now my drudge.

Lady. How mynion, thine?
Queene. Thart no more Queen, thy husband muft refigne.
Corn. Refigne, to whom?
Perid. I am one.
Vig. And I another.
Lady. Canft be fo bafe to fee a younger brother, Nay two young Boyes plaft in thy throne of ftate, And thou their fodaine in their traines to waite, Ile dye before I endure it.

Perid. So fhall all,
that doe not proftrate to our homage fall.
Shall they not brother king?
Vig. They fhall by heauen.
Mar. Come kill me firf.
Corn. Nay make the number euen, And kill me to, for I am pleafd to dye, Rather then this indure.

Lady. The third am I.
Queene. Nay ftrike her firft.
Perid. Rage giue my fury way.
Vig. Strike valiant brother king.
Elid. Yet heare me, ftay.
Perid. Be briefe for Gods fake then.
Elidure. O heauen, that men fo much fhould couet care, Septers are golden baites, the outfides faire:
But he that fwallowes this fweete fugred pill, Twill make him ficke with troubles that grow ftil: Alaffe you feeke to eafe me being wearied And lay my burthen on your able loines, My vnambitious thoughts haue bin long tird,

## Nobody,

With this great charge, and now they reft defird, And fee the kinde youths coueting my peace, Bring me of all thefe turmoiles free releafe.
Heere take my Crown.
Lad.y Wilt thou be made a ftale, Shall this proud Woman, and thefe boyes preuaile?
Shal I for them be made a publike fcorne, Oh hadft thou buried bin, affoone as borne, How happy had I bin.

Elid. Patienc fweete wife, Thinkft thou I praife my Crowne aboue thy life, No take it Lords, it hath my trouble bin, And for this Crowne, oh giue me backe my Queene.

Queene. Nay fhes beftowed on me. Elydure. Then what you pleafe, Heere take my trouble, and refigne your eafe.

Sicoph. My Lords receiue the crowne of Elydure, Faire hopefull bloffoms of our future peace, Happy am I, that $I$ but liue to fee, the Land ruld by your dubble Soueraignty.
Vig. Now let the king difcend to be difpord of At our high pleafure, come give me the Crowne. perid. Why you the Crown, good brother more then we, vig. Weele proue it how it fits our kingly temples, And how our brow becomes a wreath fo faire. perid. Shall $I$ fee you crownd, and my felfe ftand bare, Rather this wreath maieftick let me try, And fit inthrond, in pompious Maiefty. vig. And $I$ attend, whilft you afcend the throne, Where had we right, we fhould fit crownd alone. perid. Alone, darft thou vfurpe vpon my right. vig. I durft do mnch, had $I$ but power and might, But wanting that, come let vs raigne togither, both kings, and yet the rich crowne worne by neither. perid. Content, the king doth on our fentence waite,

## and Somebody,

To doome him, come lets take our dubble ftate, What thall he liue, or dye?

Elid. I know not how I fhould deferue to dye.
Lady. Yes to let two fuch vfurpers liue.
Sicoph. Nay Madam, now I needes muft tell your grace, You wrong thefe kings, forget both time and place,
It is not as it was, now you muft bowe, Vnto this dubble ftate, ile fhew you how.

Lady. Bafe flattring groome fauifh parafite,
Vig. Shall I pronounce his fentence.
Perid. Brother doe.
Vig. Thy life we graunt thee and that Womans to, But liue deuided you within the tower, You prifoner to that princeffe.

Lady. In her power, Oh dubble flauery.

Perid. Conuay both hence.
Elid. My doomes feuerer then my fmall offence.
Queene. Come Minion, will you goe.
Lady. To death, to hel,
Rather then in thy bafe fubiection dwell.
Vig. Cornwell and Martianus you both fee, We are poffeft of this imperiall feate, And you that were fworne liedgemen to the Crowne, Should now fubmit to vs that owe the fame, We know without your graue directions, We cannot with experience guide the land, Therefore weele ftudy to deferue your loues.

Perid. Twas not ambition, or the loue of fate, that drew vs to this bufineffe, but the feare, Of Elidurus weakeneffe whom in zeale, To the whole land we haue depord this day, fpeake, thall we haue your loues?
corn. My lords, and Kings,
Tis bootleffe to contend gainft heauen and you,

## Some-body

Since without our confent the kings defpofd, And we vnable to fupport his fall, Rather then the whole land fhould fhrinke, You thall haue my affyftance in the ftate.

Mar. Cornwell and I will beare the felfe fame ftate.
Perid. We now are Kings indeede and Brittaine fway, When Cornwell and his brother Viue fay

Vig. Receiue our grace, keepe ftill your offyces, Imbrace thefe peeres that raird vs to the throne, Brittaine reioice, and Crowne this happy yeare, Two fonnes at once fhine in thy royall fphere.

Corn. And thats prodigious, I but waite the time To fee their fodaine fall that fwiftly clime.

Mar. My Lord much honor might you win your land To giue releafe vnto your fifter Queene, Being a Lady in the land beloud.

Vig. You haue aduifd vs well, it fhall be fo.
Corn. Shold you fet free the Princeffe might not the Make vprors in the land, and raife the Commons. In the releafment of the Captiue King.
Perid. Well counfeld Cornzeell, the fhall liue in bondage.
Mar. Renowne your felfe by being kind to her.
Corn. Secure your fate by her imprifonment. Vig. Weele haue the Queene fet free.
Perid. Weele haue her guarded, With ftricter keeping and feuerer charge.

Mar. Will you be braued by one thats but your equall, Hauing no more then party gouernment.

Corn. Or you be fcornd by one to you inferior, In generall eftimation of the land.
vig. Set free the Princeffe, fay the king commaunds.
Perid. Keepe her in thraldome ftill, and captiue bands.
vig. Weele not be contermaunded.
perid. Sir nor we.
vig. Before Ile be halfe a king and contrould

In any regality, ile hazard all, le be compleat or none.

Perid. Before ill ftand,
Thus for a Cipher with my hale command, le venture all my fortunes, how now pride, Perch on my vpperhand.
Corn. By heauen well fpyed.
wig. Tis ours by right, and right we will inioy.
perid. Claimft thou preheminence, com down proud boy
wig. Then lets try maiftries, and one conquer all,
We clime at once, and we at once will fall.

## They waffle and are parted

peri. They that lowe Peridure deuide themfelues upon their part.

Corn. That am I.
Kor. and I.
wig. They that louse vs on this fides.
Mar. I.
Mad. And I.
wig. Then to the field, to et our filter free.
perid. By all my hopes with her ile captive thee. wig. Trumpets and Drums, triumphant mufick ing. perid. this day a captive, or a compleat king. Exeunt.

Alarum, Enter Somebody and Sicophant.
Somb. Sir you have fworne to manage thee affaires, Even with your belt of judgement.

> Enter Close.

Sicoph. I have prouided, you will let me flare, Of the Grand-benefit you get by dice, Deceitfull Cards, and other cozening games you bring into the Court.

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## No-body

C. O rare, now fhall I find out crab, fom notable knauery Somb. You fhall haue equall fhare with Somebody, Prouided, you will help to apprehend that Nobody,
On whom the guilt thall lye, Of all thofe cheting tricks I haue deuird.
C. O the fates, treafon againft my m. perfon, but I beleeue Somb. wil pay fort, ile tickle your long waft for this ifaith.

Sico. Giue me fome bales of dice. What are thefe?
som. Thofe are called high Fulloms.
Clo. Ile Fullom you for this.
som. Thofe low Fulloms.
C. They may chance bring you as hie as the Gallowes. som. Thofe Demi-bars. (the gallows.
clowe. Great reafon you fhovld come to the barre before som. Thofe bar Sizeaces.
Clo. A couple of Affes indeed.
som. Thofe Brille dice.
clo. Tis like they brife, for I am fure theile breed anger ficop. Now fir, as you haue compaft all the Dice,
So I for cards. Thefe for the game at maw, All faving one, are Cut next vnder that, Lay me the Ace of Harts, then cut the Cards, $O$ your fellow muft needs haue it in his firft tricke. clow. Ile teach you a trick for this yfaith. ficop. thefe for Premero cut vpon the fides,
As the other on the ends. clow. Marke the end of all this. ficop. thefe are for poft and paire, thefe for faunt, thefe for new cut. clown. theile make you cut a fether one day; fico. Well, thefe difperft, and No-body
Attacht for all thefe crimes, fhalbe hangd. cloze. I or els you fhall hange for him, fico. Come, fhals about our bufines. som. Content, lets ftraight abont it. Exeunt clow. O my hart, that it was my fortune to heare all thys, but

## and Somebody

but beware a lucky man whllft you liue, Alaffe if I had not refcued my maifter, the fwaggering fellowe woulde haue made No-body of him. Againe if I had not ouerheard this treafon to his perfon, thefe Cunnicatching knaues, woulde haue made leffe then Nobody of him. For indeed they wold haue hangd him, but heeres my maifter, O fweet maifter how cheere you?

> Enter No-body.

Nobo. O excellent, admirable, and beyond comparifon, I thinke my fhape inchants them.
clo. I think not fo, for if I wer a Lady, I fhould neuer abide you: but Maifter, I can tell you rare newes, you muft be apprehended, for a Cheater, a Cozener, a Libiller, and I know not what.

Nobo. Not I, I am an innocent, no Cheater, no Cozener, but a fimple honeft man, hunted from place to place by fome-body.
clo. tis true fir, it is one som. that would attach you, therfore Looke to your felfe, but Mai. if you be tooke neuer feare, I heard all their knauery, and I can cleare you I warrant.

## Enter Some-body and officers.

Som. O haue I found you, this is he my frends, We haue long fought, you know when twas inquird, Who brought the falfe Dice, and the cheating cards Into the court, twas anfwered $N o$-body.

Clo. No. (qd. tha) I am affraid youle proue the knaue som. som. Lay hold vpon him, beare him to the prifon.
No. To prifon, fay you well, if I be guilty,
this fellow is my partner take him to.
som. Are you confederate in this treafon firra?
clo. If I be not fir some-body is, but if I be guilty I muft beare If off with head and fhoulders.
som. To prifon with them, now the bird is caught,

For whom fo long, through Britane haue I fought.
Clow. I beleeue I haue a bird in a box, fhal catcht you for all this.

Someb. Away with them I fay. Exeunt.

Enter Seuerally Peridure, Vigenius, Cornewell, Martianus, Morgan, Malgo, with drum and Coulors.

Vig. In Armes well met, ambitious Peridure,
Perid. Vigenius thou falutes me with a title,
Moft proper to thy felfe,
Vig. Art thou not proud.
Perid. Onely to meet thee on this bed of death,
Wherein the Title to the Englifh Crowne,
Shall perifh with thy felfe.
Uig. Faire is the end
Of fuch as die in honourable warre,
Oh far more faire, then on a bed of downe.
Mar. Warre is the fouldiors harueft it cuts downe.
Perid. The liues of fuch as hinder our renowne.
Vig. Such as are apt for tumult.
Perid. Such as you,
That to our lawfull Soueraigne are vntrue.
Vig. Blufhes not Peridure to braue vs fo.
Perid. Blufhes Vigenius at thy ouerthrow,
Who waft that told me he would fubmit.
Sicoph. Twas I my Lord.
Vig. Peace foole thou doeft forget,
Tis not an hower fince, to our princely eare,
Thou faidft thou did defire vs to forbeare.
Sicoph. True my good Lord.
Perid. True that I fought to ftay.
vig. That I would bafely my ritcht hopes betray.
Sico. I did it of mine owne head to make you friends. Perid. Still playing of the Sicophant.

Vig. What ftill.
Perid. A glofe $I$ fee to infinuate our goodwill.
Vig. That whofoeuer conquerd, he might gaine.
Perid. the fauour of vs both, that was his trayne. Vig. But henceforth we calhiere thee from the filde.
Perid Neuer heereafter beare a fouldiers fhield,
A fouldiers fword, nor any other grace,
But what is like thine owne, a doubble face.
sicoph. Now I befeech Ioue heare my praier, let them bee both flaine in the battell.

Exit.
Perid. If there be any other of his hart,
We giue them free licence to depart.
corn. Cornwell hates flattery.
Mar. So does Martianus.
Malg. Malgo is refolute for all affaires.
Morg. And fo is Morgan, for he fcornes delayes.
Vig. then where the fielde confifts of fuch a fpirit,
He that fubdues conquers the Crowne by merit.
perid. thats I.
Vig. tis I.
Perid. Ryuers in blood declare it.
Vig. Graffe turne to Crimfon if vigenius fpare it.
Elid. Aire be made purple with our reaking gore.
vige. Follow my frends.
Perid. Conquer or neare giue ore.
Alarum, Excurfous, periduras, and vigenius fight, and both flaine.
Enter cornwell, Martianus, Morgan, and Malgo.

Mar. this way $l$ faw vigenius on the fpur.
corn. I periduras, this way.
Morg. A ftrang fight, my Lord is breathleffe.
Malg. My deare Lord is dead
Mar.

## Some-body

Mar. True Brothers in ambition, and in death.
Corn. Yet we are enemies, why fight we not With one another, for our generals loffe.

Mar. To much blood already hath beene fpent, Now therefore fince the difference in themfelues, Is reconfiled in eithers ouerthrow, Let vs be as we were before this Iar, And ioyning hands like honorable frends, Inter their bodyes as becomes their ftate, And which is rare once more to Elidure, Who now in prifon leades a wearied life, With true fubmiffion offer Englands Crowne. Of all the charges of tumultuous fate, This is moft ftrange three times to flow in fate. Exeunt.

## Enter Queene and Sicophant.

Sico. Madam.
Queene. You are welcome, what new flatteries, Are a coyning in the mint of that fmoth face?

Sicoph. Where is the Lady Elidor I pray.
Q. Amongft my other waiting maides at worke.
sicoph. Tis well, yet Madam with your gratious leaue I wifh it better.

Queene. What in loue with her,
Canft thou affect fuch a deiected wretch, Then I perceiue thy flattery is folly, Or thout proue honeft, louing one fo poore.

Sico. I know not Madam what your highneffe gathers
Out of my troubled words, I loue you well, And though the time fhould alter, as I am fure, It is impoffible, yet I would follow
All your misfortunes with a patient hart.
Queene. I haue feene too much of thee to credit thee.
Sico. Now in your height of glory vfe your feruant,
Now
now Madam, whilft the noble Peridure
That loues you dearer then the Brittifh Crowne,
Whilft hees conqueror, vfe me to deftroy
Your greatert enemy, and I will doe it.
Queene. Thou wilt not.
Scoph. Be it Elidure the king,
The prifoner I fhould fay, Ide murder him, To fhew how much I loue your maiefty.
Q. Thou wouldft not poyfon for me his bafe Queene, Whom I fo often haue triumphed ore, That torment now is her beatitude, And tedious vnto me.
fico. no more, fhes dead.

## Enter Lady Elidure.

queene. See where fhe comes, difpatch her prefently, For though the Princely Peridure be king, His brothers death in time will make him odious Vnto his fubiects, and they may reftore Mild Elidure againe, and then I dye, fico. Withdraw, fhes dead, as furely as you liue.
Lady. What fhall I neuer from this feruitude Receiue releafant euermore be plagud, With this infulting Queen? Is there no change, no other alteration in the fate $I$ know there is not, I am borne to be a flaue, to one bafer then flauery sioo. I will releafe you by a fpeedy death.
Lady. By death, alaffe, what tongue pronounft that word? What my Lord weather-cocke? nay then $I$ fee, Death in thy mouth is but bafe flattery. fico. By heauen I am fent to kill you.
Lady. By whofe meanes.
sico. By one that will auouch it when tis done.
Lady. not the proud queene.

## Some-body

fico. Yes, but $I$ am determined in full amends for all my flattery, to faue your life, and kill her inftantly.

La. Oh if a Divell would vndertake that deed, $I$ card not though the heard me, $I$ would fay, He were a ftarre more glorious then the day.
sicoph. And would you for that good deed pardon me.
Lady. And quite all former iniury.
sicoph. But let me tell your highnes by the way, the Queene is not fo hafty of your death.

Lady. no, for the had rather haue my life prolongd.
sicoph. $I$ do affure your highnes on mine honor, When I did fay fhe fent me to deftroy you, $I$ flaunderd her great mercy towards you,
For the had giuen me order to releafe you.
Lady Oh monftrous lie.
sicoph. beleeue it, for tis true:
And this moreouer, fhe fomuch repents
Her former pride and hardnes towards you, that the could wifh it neuer had bin done.

Lady. then $I$ repent me of my wrongs towards her, And in the ftead of a reward propofd to him that fhould deftroy her, $I$ do wifh, Death be his death, that vndertakes the deed.
sicoph. but will you not forget thefe princelie words, if any alteration fhould enfue.
Lady. not I, I in my oths am true.
sicoph. Except once more the Lords crowne Elydure.
Lady. though that fhould chance, ile hold my promife sicoph. And you too Madam.
fure.
$Q$. So thou muderft hir.
sico. Know that Lord periduras and his brother, are in the battell flaine, and by the nobles, her husband Elidure raifd to the ftate, fetting afide all iefting, Queene beleeue it.
and No-body.
And truce with her, leaft fhe triumph againe.
Queen. For Gods fake make vs friends.
sicoph. Good Lord how ftrange this reconciled foes behold each other.

Lady. Sifter.
Queen. Kind fifter.
sicoph. Then make me your brother, fay are you friends.
Both. We are.
sicoph. Then chance what can,
in this I haue prooud my felfe an honeft man.

> Enter Malgo.

> Malgo. The king your husband, madam new releaft, Defires your prefence at his Coronation.

> Lady. My Elydure a third time to be crownd.
> Mal . True Madam, and expects your company.
> Lady. And you knew this before.
> sicoph. No on mine honor.
> Lady. Neither you Sifter.
> Queene. neither.
> Lady. If you did
> My oath is paft, and what I haue lately fworne ile hold inuiolate, here all ftryfe ends, thy wit has made two proude fhrewes perfect friends.

> Exennt.
> Enter in fate, Elidure, Cornwell, Martianus, Morgan, and all the Lords.

Corn. A third time live our grations foueraigne Monarch of England, crowned by thefe hands.
Elid. A third time Lords, I do returne your loue, And wifh it with my foule, fo heauen were pleafd, My ambitious Brothers had not died for this, But we haue giuen them honorable graues.

## Somebody and

Enter Queen and Lady.
And mournd their moft vntimely funerall, My loued Queen, come feat thee by my fide, Partner in all my forrowes and my ioyes,
And you her reconciled Sifter fit, By her in fecond place of maiefty, It ioyes me that you haue outworne your pride.

Lady. Methinks my gratious husband and my King,
I neuer tooke more pleafure in my glaffe,
Then I receiue in her fociety.
Queen. Nor I in all my ftate as in her loue.
Elid. My Lord of Cornwell, whofe that whifpers to you?
Or whats the newes?
Corn. My liege, he tels me heeres a great contention betwixt two noted perfons of the Land much fpoke of by all ftates, one some-body Hath brought before your highnes and this prefence, An infamous and ftrange opiniond fellow, Cald No-body, they would intreat your highnes, To heare their matters fcand.

Elid. Weele fit in perfon on their controuerfies, Admit them Cornwell.

Lady. Is that ftrange monfter tooke, fomuch renownd, In Citty, Court, and Country, for lewd prancks. Tis well, weel heare how he can purge himfelfe.

Enter some-body,bringing in No-body and his man, with Billes and ftaues.

Som. now firrha we haue brought you before the king, Wheres your hart now?

Nob. My harts in my hofe, but my face was neuer afhamed to fhew it felfe, yet before king or Keyfer.
som. And wheres your hart firrha?
Clow.

Clozene. My harts lower then my hofe, for mine it at my heel, but wherfoeuer it is, it is a true hart, and fo is not somb.
som. Health to your Maieftie, and to the Queene, With a hart lower then this humble earth whereon I kneele. I beg againft this fellow, Iuftice my liege.

Eli. Againft whom.
som. Againft No-body.
No. My liege, his words wel fute vnto his thoughts, He wifhes no man Iuftice, being compofd Of all deceit, of fubtilty and flight, For mine own part, if in this royall prefence, And before all thefe true iudiciall Lords, $I$ cannot with fincerenes cleare my felfe, Of all fuggeftions fally coynd againft me, Let me be hangd vp funning in the ayre, And made a fcar-crow.

Mar. Lets heare his accufations, And then how well thou canft aquit thy felfe. som. Firft, when this monfter made his refidence Within the country, and difperft his fhape Through euery fhire and country of the Land, Where plenty had before a quiet feat, And the poore commons of the Land were full, With rich abundance and faciety, At his ariue, great dearths and fcarfity, By ingrofing corne, and racking poore mens rents. This makes fo many poore and honeft Farmers, to fell their leafes, and to beg their bread, this makes fo many beggers in the Land.

Corn. I but what proofe or lawfull euidence Can you bring forth, that this was done by him.
som. My Lord I traf't him, and fo found him out, But fhould your Lordfhip not beleeue my proofe, Examine all the rich and wealthy chuffes,

## Somebody and

Whofe full cramd Garners to the roofes are fild, In euery dearth who makes this fcarfitye, And euery man will clearely quit himfelfe, Then confequently, it muft be Nobody. Bafe copper money is ftampt, the mint difgraft, Make fearch who doth this, euery man cleares one, So confequently it muft be Nobody. Befides, whereas the nobles of the land, And Gentlemen built goodly manner houfes, Fit to receiue a King, and all his traine, And there kept royall hofpitality, Since this inteftine monfter Nobody, Dwels in there goodly houfes keepes no traine, A hundred Chimnies, and not one caft fmoke, And now the caufe of thefe, mock-beggex Hal, Is this they, are dwelt in by No-body, For this out of the countrey he was chaft.

No. My royall liedge whie am I thus difgraft, Ile proue that flandrous wretch hath this al done. Elid. Tis good you can aquit you, fuch abufes, Growe in the countrey, and vnknowne to vs: nay then no maruell that fo manie poore, ftarue in the ftreets and beg from doore, to doore. Then firha purge you from this countrey blame, Or we will make thee the worlds publike fhame.

Corn. now No-body, wvhat can you fay to this.
Clo. My M. hath good cards, on his fide Ile vvarrant him.
No. my Lord, you knovv that flanders are no proofes, nor vvords without their prefent euidence, If things were done, they muft be done by some-body, Elfe could they haue no being. Is corne hoorded, some-body hords it, elfe it would be delt, In mutuall plentie throughout all the land, Are their rents raifd, if No-body fhould doe it, then fhould it be vndone. Is

## and Somebody,

Bafe money ftampt, and the kings letters forgd, Some-body needes mult doe it, therefore not I, And where he faies, great houfes long fince built, Lye deftitute, and waft becaufe inhabited, By No-body my liedge, I anfwer thus, If Some-body dwelt therein, I would giue place. Or wold he but alow thofe chimnies fire, They would caft cloudes to heauen, the Kitchin-foode It would releeue the poore, the fellers beere, It would make ftrangers drinke, but he commits Thefe outragies then laies the blame on me, And for my good deeds I am made a fcorne. I onely giue the tired a refuge feat, The vnclothd garments, and the ftarued meate.

Clow. How fay you by this maifter Some-body. I beleeue you will be found out by and by.

Corn. If this be true my liedge, as true it is,
Some-body will be found an arrant cheater, Vnleffe he better can acquit himfelfe.

Sich. Touch him with the citty, fince you haue taken the foile in the Countrey.

Mar. Sirha, what can you fay to this?
Someb. What fhould I faie my Lord, fee heare complaints, Made in the citty againft no-body,
Afwell as in the country. See their bils, Heeres one complaines his wife hath bin abroad, And asking where fhe reuels night, by night, She anfwers the hath bin with no-body. Heares queanes maintaind in euery fuburb freete, Aske who maintaines them, and tis no-body. Watches are beaten, and Conftables are fcoft, In dead of night men are made drunke in tauernes, Girles loofe their maiden heads at thirteene yeares, Pockets pickt, and purfes củt in throngs.

Queene. Inough, inough, doth no-body all this?

## Nobody,

Though he hath cleard himfelfe from country crimes, He cannot fcape the citty.

No. Yes dread Queene, $I$ muft confeffe thefe things are daily done, For which $I$ heere accufe this Some-body, That euery where with flaunders dogs my fteps, And cunningly affumes my borrowed fhape, Women lie out, if they be tooke and found with somebody, then No-body goes cleere, Elfe the blames mine, he doth thefe faults vnknowne, then llanders my chaft innocence for proofe. somebody doth maintaine a common ftrumpet ith Garden-allies, and vndid himfelfe. somebody fwaggered with the watch laft night, was carried to the counter. somebody once pickt a pocket in this Play-houfe yard, Was hoyfted on the ftage, and fhamd about it.

Cloze. Ha, ha, hath my maifter met with you. no. Alaffe my liege, your honeft No-bodie Builds Churches in thefe dayes, and Hofpitals, Releeues the feuerall prifons in the Citty, Redeemes the needy debtor from the hole, And when this somebody brings infant children, And leaues them in the night at frangers doores, Nobody fathers them, prouides them nurfes, What fhould I fay, your highnes loue I craue, That am all iuft.
corn. Then somebodies a knaue.
sicoph. If neyther citty nor countrie wil preuaile to him, with the court ma. somebody, and there you will match him.
som. Then touching his abufes in the court. corn. I marrie Nobody what fay you to this, See, heere are dangerous Libils gainft the flate, And no name to them, therefore nobodies.

Mar. Befides ftrange rumors and falfe buzzing tales,

Of mutinous leefings raifd by No-body.
Malg. Falfe dice and Cheating brought euen to the prefence, and who dares be fo impudently knauifh,
Vnleffe fome fellow of your name and garbe.
Morg. Cards of aduantage with fuch cheating tricks,
Brought euen amongft the nobleft of the land,
And when thefe cofening fhifts are once difcouered,
There is no cheater found faue No-body. som. How canft thou anfwer thefe. nobo. Euen as the reft,
Are libels caft, if nobody did make them, And no-bodies name to them, they are no libels, For he that fets his name to any flander, Makes it by that no libell, this aproues He forgd thofe flanderous writs to fcandall me. And for falfe cards, and dice, let my great flops
And his big bellied dublet both be fercht, And fee which harbors moft hipocrifie. queene. Let them both be fercht.
fico. Ile take my leaue of the prefence.
Clow. nay M. sicophant weele haue the infide of your pockets tranflated to, weele fee what fuffyng they haue, Ile take a little paines with you.

Elid. What haue you there in nobodyes pockets.
Corn. Here are my liedge bonds forfeit by poore men,
Which he releaft out of the vfurers hands, And canceld. Leafes likewife forfeited, By him repurchaft. Thefe peticions, Of many poore men to preferre their futes, Vnto your highneffe.

Elid. Thou arte Iuft we know, All great mens pockets fhould be lined fo. queene. What bumbaft beares his gorge. Mar. -Falfe Cards, falfe Dice;
The kings hand counterfeit,

## Nobody,

Bonds put in fute to gaine the forfitures, forgd deedes to cheate men of their ancient land, And thoufand fuch like trafhe.

Clo. Nay looke you heere, heares one that for his bones is pretily ftuft. Heares fulloms and gourds: heeres tall-men \& low-men. Heere trayduce ace, paffedge comes a pace.
som. Mercy great King.
Sicoph. Mercy my Soueraigne.
Corn. My liedge you cannot to be feuere in punifhing, Thofe monftrous crimes, the onely faine and blemifh
To the weale-publike.
Eli. Villaines heare your doome,
Thou that haft bin the oppreffyon of the poore, Shalt bee more poore then penury it felfe,
All that thou haft is forfit to the Law, For thy extortion I will haue thee branded, Vpon the forhead with the letter. F :
For Cheating whipt, for forging loofe thine eares, Laft for a bafing of thy Soueraignes Coyne, And traitrous impreffe of our kingly feale, Suffer the death of traitors. Beare him hence.
som. Since I muft needs be martird graunt me this, That No-body may whip, or torture me, Or hang me for a traitor.

Morg: Away with him.
Som. Or if needs I muft dye a traitors death,
That $N o$-body may fee me when I dye.
Malg. Hence with the traitor.
Clo. I know by your complexion you wer ripe for the hangman, but now to this leane Gentleman.
Lady. Let me doome him, fmoth fpaniel, foothing grome Slicke Oyly knaue, egregious parafite, Thou turning vane, and changing Weather-cocke, My fentence is thou fhalt be naked ftript, And by the citty beadles foundly whipt.

## and Somebody

Clow. Ile make bold to fee thexecution.
No. Well hath the King decreed, now by your highneffe patience let No-body borrow a word or two of Euery-body.

## The Epilogue.

Heer if you wonder why the king Elidurus beftowes nothing on me for all my good feruices in his land, if the multitude fhuld fay he hath preferd No-body, Some-body or other would fay it were not well done, for in doing good to No-body he fhould but get himfelfe an il name. Therefore I will leaue my fute to him, and turne to you. Kinde Gentleman if any-body heere diflike No-body, then I hope Euery-body haue pleafed you, for being offended with nobody, nor Any-body can finde himfelfe agrieued, Gentlemen they haue a cold fute that haue no-body to fpeak in their caufe, and therefore blame vs not to feare, yet our comfort is this, if no-body haue offended you cannot blame No-body for it, or rather we will finde Some-body heareafter fhall make good the fault that no-body hath done, and fo I craue the generall grace of Euery-body.

Eli. now forward Lords, long may our glories ftand, Three fundry times Crownd king of this faire land.

## FINIS.



## SOME-BODY




