

## EXPLICATION

ON

THOMAS RYMER'S

PROPHECIES.

WHEREIN IS CONTAINED,

Certain Remarks on what is already past, with some curious Observations on what is yet to come. Which is carefully collected, and comparèd with the old Scots Prophecies and the Book of Arms.

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By one of the most eminent in the Age for Learning and Knowledge, who has pointed out the Place of five great Battles, yet to happen in Scotland, one in the North of England, on the River Tyne; the Siege of Berwick, and several other curious Things explained, yet to come to pass.



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Thou, won't to win, now is subdu'd,  
and come in under yoke :  
A stranger reigns, and doth destroy  
what likes him, by sword's stroke.

VIII.

The English race, who neither force,  
nor manners do approve.  
Voe is to thee, by guile and slight,  
is only win above.

IX.

This mighty nation was, to foes,  
invincible, and stout :  
Has yielded low to destiny,  
great pity is, but doubt.

X.

In former age, the Scots renown  
did flourish, goodly gay,  
but now, alas ! is overlade  
with a great dark decay.

XI.

Then mark, and see, what is the cause  
of this so wond'rous fall ;  
Contempt of faith, falshood, deceit,  
the wrath of God withal.

XII.

Insatiable greed of worldly gain,  
oppression, cries of poor,  
perpetual and sland'rous race,  
no justice put in ure.

XIII.

The haughty pride of mighty men,  
of former vice chief cause,  
the nuriture of wickedness,  
an unjust match of laws.

XIV.

Therefore this case the prophets told,  
and long time did presage,

As now has happened, every point,  
in this our present age.

## XV.

Since fate is so, now Scotland learn  
in patience to abide ;  
Slanders, great fears and sudden plagues,  
and colours more beside.

## XVI.

For out of thee shall people rise,  
with divers happinets ;  
And yet a pen can scarcely write  
thy hurt, skaith, and distress.

## XVII.

And yet beware thou not distrust,  
altho' o'erwhelm'd with grief,  
Thy stroke is not perpetual,  
for thou shalt find relief.

## XVIII.

I do suppose, altho' too late,  
old prophecies shall hold ;  
Hope thou in God's goodness ay,  
and mercies manifold.

## XIX.

For thou, that now a patient is,  
and seemeth to be bound,  
At liberty shall free be set,  
and with empire renown'd.

## XX.

From high above shall grace come down,  
and thy state, Scotland be,  
In latter end, more prosperous  
than former age did see.

## XXI.

Old prophecies foretel to thee,  
a warlike heir he's born,  
Who shall recover new his right,  
advance his kingdom's horn.

## XXII.

Then shall the Scots sword sweat with blood,  
and slaughter which they make ;

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The king himself revenger shall  
the guilty troops down wrack,

XXIII,

The English nation shall invade,  
but not escape a plague,  
With sword, with thirst, with tears, and pest,  
with fears, and such like ague.

XXIV.

And after enemies thrown down,  
and mastered by war:  
Then Scotland, in peace, quietly  
pass joyful days for ever.

When HEMPE is come, and also gone,  
Scotland and England shall be one.

K.	K.	Q.	K.	Q.
HENRY,	EDWARD,	MARY,	PHILIP,	ELIZABETH,
VIII.	VI.	of Spain	Q	
		Mary's Husband.		

H E M P E.

Praised be God alone, for HEMPE is come and gone,  
And left us, old Albion, by peace, joined in one.

THE EXPLICATION.

THE explication of the above prophecies, concerning  
Hempe-being come, and also gone, and leaving  
Scotland and England joined in one, is fulfilled in the late  
King William, who came out of Holland, which is old

times was vulgarly called the land of Hempe; and the joining the two nations, together signify the union. Those things was foretold by the two Scots prophets, in the reign of King Arthur, first by the marvelous Merling, who is said to be got by a devil, who ravished a young woman, his mother, in a wood near Coldstram, in the south of Scotland afterwards to the same purpose, these and many more strange things was foretold of by Thomas Lermon, vulgarly called Thomas Rymer, because he spoke all his prophetic sayings in rhyme, and so darkly that they could not be understood until they came to pass.

This Thomas Lermon or Rymer, was born at Erslingtown, now called Hefelintown, on Tweed side, above Kelso. He is reported by historians to be a quite sober man, given to no vice, but prone to piety and devotion, a famous monthly prognosticator, concerning the state of the weather, and government of the world, by studying the aspects of the planets.

He being one day asked by a nobleman what sort of a day they should have to-morrow? to which he answered, that to-morrow before high noon a blast should blow, that Scotland should not overcome the evil thereof for twenty years thereafter. The nobleman and many more, being greatly amazed, and giving great attention, looking for the blast all next day, till towards evening he sent for Thomas, to rebuke him for the falshood of his prophecy, and just as he began to upbraid him, he heard the sound of a potts horn, who came with the woful news, how the king had been hunting, and had broke his neck over a craig, the west side of the town of Kinghorn, from which accident the town derived its name. Now, says Thomas to the nobleman, the blast is blown; and for twenty years after there was no peace, but bloody wars in Scotland, on the account of who should be king.

Now, as to the rest of his prophetic sayings, they are hard to be understood, because they are pointed out by the coats of arms, which appertain to so many different kingdoms and persons. Yet, we observe how he has pointed out plainly, many things which has come to pass in our

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days; such as the extirpation of the  
Stewarts; the revolution; Sheriffmuir; and  
particular of the rebellion in the years 1745, and  
when pointing at it, he says, "A chieftain, unchosen,  
"shall chuse forth himself, and rule the realm as his  
"own," &c.

When at king Charles, he calls him a sly fox bird,  
who would turn to Christ with toads or foxes wyles,  
meaning his swearing the covenants.

When speaking of the battle of Prestonpans, in the  
year 1745, he names the two very neighbouring villages,  
to the spot of ground, whereon the battle was fought;  
to wit, Goose lound green, and Seton, saying, "Be-  
"tween Seaton and the Sea sorrow should be wrought;"  
and how they should meet in the morning, by the light  
of the moon; which act really came to pass that morn-  
ing the battle of Prestonpans was fought: But how the  
lion was hurt, at this time, and not perceived, is yet a  
mystery. Some are of opinion, that it is by taking away  
the power, or superiority, from the Chiefs of the High-  
lands, so that they cannot rise again in such a short time  
as formerly.

These are a few of the observations we make on things  
already come to pass; and what is yet to come, there  
is some remarks will yet happen, when the time draws  
nigh; such as, when Tarbet's Craigs shall be turned  
into the sea. And, the next season, or summer there-  
after, great sorrows and bloodshed shall happen to this  
realm; the chiefs thereof, especially such as betray their  
country, shall be harled on sleds, and chopping of  
heads.

This Tarbet stands near the foot of the river Clyde,  
but whether its being tumbled into the sea shall happen in  
an earthquake, thunder, or by the hands of men, is yet a  
mystery unknown.

There is also mention made of a lord, with a lucken  
or double hand, which certainly is of royal blood, and  
will bread great stir and confusion in Britain.

very present age, and of the  
times was v. row in Italy: and, there is plainly point-  
out, that in his time a great battle should be in Fife,

Where falled horses should be seen,  
Tyed to the trees green.

Not only in Fife, but the four chief rivers in the realm,  
there should be a battle on each of them, should make the  
rivers run with blood, to wit, Tweed, Clyde, Forth,  
and Tay.

And last of all, a bloody desperate battle in Northum-  
berland, on the river Tyne; also, a great havoc and  
slaughter about the broad walls of Berwick.

All these things is yet to come to pass, and when the  
first appears, the rest will soon follow after.

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