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[Transcriber's Notes:

This early English text was printed in a black-letter font. Some of the letters used are not found on a typewriter. In the e-text those letters that have no modern equivalent are transcribed with their meaning. For example, there is a letter that looks like a "w" with a "t" over it. This means with. You will find this in the text as [with]. Others you will find are [per], [the], [that], and [thou]. You will also find the suffix [us]. All typos were kept as close as possible to the original. This e-text is based on the 1907 edition which included a long list of these typos and some of their possible meanings along with the editor's note. This list had many letters typeset upside down. For this e-text they were righted.

Long s has been changed to standard short s.

In the plain text version, letters with a macron over them are denoted by placing them in brackets with an = beside them, such as [=e] for an e with a macron over it. For smoother reading, a and o are shown with tilde.

Speaker names are surrounded by + like +Health+.

For those that wish to consult the original, black and white pngs have been included in the archive.]

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### **REPRINTS**

1907

This reprint of *Wealth and Health* has been prepared by the General Editor and checked by Percy Simpson.

*March 1907.* W.W. Greg.

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

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To master John wally these bokes Called Welth and helthe/the treatise of the ffrere and the boye / stans puer ad mensam another of youghte charyte and humylyte an a b c for cheldren in englesshe with syllabes also a boke called an hundreth mery tayles ij<sup>^</sup>s [Arber's Transcript, I. 75.]

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

'Wealth and health' appears among the titles in the list of plays appended to the edition of Goffe's *Careless Shepherdess*, printed for Rogers and Ley in 1656. The entry was repeated with the designation 'C[omedy].' in Archer's list of the same year, and, without the addition, in those of Kirkman in 1661 and 1671. In 1691 Langbaine wrote '*Wealth and Health*, a Play of which I can give no Account.' Gildon has no further information to offer, nor have any of his immediate followers. Chetwood, in 1752, classes it among 'Plays Wrote by Anonymous Authors in the 16th [by which he means the seventeenth] Century,' calls it 'an Interlude' and dates it 1602. This invention was only copied in those lists which depended directly on Chetwood's, such as the *Playhouse Pocket-Companion* of 1779. Meanwhile, in his *Companion to the Play-House* of 1764, D.E. Baker, relying upon Coxeter's notes, gave an essentially accurate description of the piece, except that he asserted it to be 'full of Sport and mery Pastyme,' and described it as an octavo. This entry has been copied by subsequent bibliographers, none of whom have seen the original.

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

The extremely careless typography of the original makes the task of reprinting a difficult one. Ordinary misprints abound, and these have been scrupulously retained, a list of irregularities being added below. It has, however, proved impossible to arrive at any satisfactory method of distinguishing between 'n' and 'u.' In the first hundred lines, which are by no means the worst printed, there are thirty-two cases in which the letter is indistinguishable, eighteen cases of an apparent 'u' which should be 'n,' and seven cases of an apparent 'n' which should be 'u.' When it is further remembered that there are few cases in which it is possible to say for certain that a letter really is what it appears to be, and none in

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which it may not be turned, some idea of the difficulty in the way of reprinting will be obtained. To have followed the original in this matter would have been to introduce another misprint into at least every fourth line, while even so several hundred cases would have remained which could only have been decided according to the apparent sense of the passage. The only rational course was to treat the letters as indistinguishable throughout, and to print in each instance whichever the sense seemed to require. Again, as the superscript letters 'c,' 'e,' 't,' are seldom distinguishable, the printer has been given the benefit of the doubt. Another difficulty arose in connection with the speakers' names. In the original these have often dropt from their proper places, which can now only be ascertained from the sense and the not very regular indentation. With some hesitation it has been decided to restore them to the positions they should apparently occupy, noting all cases in which they are a line or more out in the original. Lastly it may be remarked that in the speeches which aim at imitating foreign languages the apparent readings of the very indistinct original have been scrupulously reproduced, and no attempt has been made, even in the subjoined list, to suggest any corrections.

In the last sheet some of the pages are cropt at the foot. In most cases nothing more than the catchword has disappeared, and although between lines 768 and 769 something seems to be lost, it is doubtful whether this is due to the cropping, since D1<sup>^</sup>v has already one line too many.

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

### Irregular and Doubtful Readings.

Tit. att his 5. tcowe 7. fleepe(?) 13. nof 24. Weith 25. Iam 27. ofcomparison 29. so (too?) 38. yeth 41. dyspayre (dysprayse) 50. marualufly 52. iu 54. ts 57. stander ... nowe 58. selte 62. Inlykewise 63. Wh en (?) (no catchword) 66. desyred 70. thouart 74. answerrd 75. wellh 76. thou' fagetyue (or ?tagetyue) 80. Thai 84. benefites 95. welth hatg ... freasure 98. stands (the 's' doubtful) 100. cempetent 105. Ye 107. otherwelth 109. Euerywise 110. dtsposicions 127. saue (the 'e' doubtful) 134. woth 137. stealeth 144. hit 149. a wreke 150. nf 159. (no catchword) 164. nhw indifferenily 165. me 168. Weith 177. tryasure 178. yfthey 191. (no catchword) 195. please youto 197. libert 201. werwhy (me, why?) 207. feloweh 214. shalde 216. crow 224. beholde (be bolde) 234. wyse (the 's' doubtful)  
    ifye (if he?)  
237. yllibert 238. notfore 249. lubstaunce 250. werr 251. whyce 253. lust (lusty) 257. lybertye 258. H elth (?) 267. ran 270. loboure 275. ofliberty ... suter 278. alytle 286. acquainted 289. Dryue (the 'y' doubtful) 290. Wy ll (?) ... C (l) 294. [H]ealth 306. Christ 312. kindes 315. Arquaintance 318. fo 319. lybertyeis 320. lyberfye, wili

bebolde (be bolde)  
322. Thyrfore 324. lybrtye 328. ano 337. pas



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(past) 364. ther 367. let hym (hem) 373. Wytte (Will) 379. felfe 383. caa 386. thought (sought) 391. srhon (?) 397. be gins 398. sleminge 400. slemminges

wilmar (?)

405. icvell 408. lonck 410. ic compte hore 414. Nae 424. ssaunders 425. sleminges 426. theris 433. deuose 440. ftyll (?) 443. shred wet 445. Wyll ... cun 447. thing 450. geeat actortty 452. hach 453. lust (iust) ... indifference 460. shalbe (the 's' doubtful) 470. berter 473. mayay (or ? nayay, reading very doubtful; may say?) 475. Forfoth ... vrother 479. in (the 'n' doubtful) 485. wel ... slye (flyt?) 498. you 501. vegyled 502. counceill 507. Wy ll (?) 508. fhe (?) 509. chat ... alw ay 511. meaneth (the 't' doubtful) 520. [Liberty?] 531. oardon 534. am be(?) ... well 545. Gngland 547. renlmes 548. thy (they) 551. rm 553. apart ... aceoritie 554. R[e]md[i] 558. for (the 'f' doubtful) 561. prefercing (?) 567. ehis 568. percelue 596. b e (?) 600. yoor (?) 601. tohether 605. exchewe ... Ill 607. t[=e]p 609. sach 613. [(]wil 616. apare 618. larye 622. chat 624. afryde 629. Hew 630. p=omise (the '=' doubtful) 631. sstyest (spyest?) 632. lok e 633. crooke (the 'e' doubtful) 636. Wyll. (below l. 637)

tor

653. euey 654. ofhell(?) 662. falfe 666. libertidespise 667. mateer 668. wet, ler ... [Will.] 669. a none 675. thiag 676. Afirr (After) 685. I tis 686. ihe 693. with ... conoenient 695. Wyll. (opposite l. 696)

angey

699. tor 705. he 711. Wytte (opposite l. 712) 716. rhe 719. Wyll. (opposite l. 718) 724. wich 731. welco me

health (opposite l. 730)

734. (no catchword) 735. her (hert ?) 736. v s (?) 740. .abor 742. sha me (?) 753. H ance (?) 755. Hance (the 'e' doubtful) 756. nothin 757. H ance (?) 760. allaunts ... reale 764. selfeloue (?)

descone (?)

766. subtel tiget 768. (catchword cut off?) 769. [Remedy.] (but a whole line probably missing) 772. Ic ... Remdi (the 'i' doubtful) 773. i (I or [=i]) 776. fleming (the 'f' doubtful) ... lenger 780. tiberty 782. Health (opposite l. 781) 785. nof (?) 787. affirmity 790. Health (opposite l. 791) 791. maladi (the 'l' doubtful) 796. ye t 798. people (the second 'e' doubtful) ... detelt 799. theroffor (?) 801. A mendes

(catchword cropt)

803. doone (the 'd' doubtful) 804. helfe a mendes 807. neceslitie (?) 820. thinketh (the second 't' doubtful) 821. herc 822. ve 823. eafe ano 826. warre 828. boyde 830. weae ... uhat hrlth 831. saw saw 833. tste 834. (catchword cropt) 836. liuingl 838. abouf (?) 841. blam 842. Co staunder

vndesrrued

843. drpart 846. spy&nardo 847. folse chefe ... Health 849. wiltel 850. ia 851. peca (the 'e' doubtful) 853. meae 856. fhese 861. contra 863. three 864. I lyfgo ... them (there is no lead between Wyll. and Wytte.; the speakers' names to

ll. 862-3 are half a line too low, those to ll. 865-7 half a line

too high)

866. Remd[i] 867. abd ... (signature and catchword cut off?) 868. ful 871. fpeake 873.  
feason 881.

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Remdt 882. thete (?) 887. in continent 888. wif 889. lake 891. behanged 893. shals 901. shrew de 903. althre 907. shaibe ... warding  
alonge  
909. wel 912. remabre ... a nother 917. displesur 918. vngrocious 919. dissulation 923. devyl 924. liberty= (the '=' doubtful; opposite l. 923) 925. ymanginacien 927. myscef 928. prison 933. (catchword cropt) 940. yfye (?) 941. rcstore 954. Thar (?) 955. remdy 956. deuer 958. riagne 960. rontinue 961. w ([with])

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**An enterlude of Welth, and Helth, very mery and full of Pastyme, newly att his  
tyme Imprinted**

¶ The Names of the players.

Welth.  
Helth,  
Lybertie.  
Ilwyll.  
Shrowdwyt.  
Hance.  
Remedy

Foure may easely play this Playe.

¶ Here entreth Welth, and Helth synging together a balet of two partes, and after  
speaketh Welth.

Why is there no curtesy, now I am come  
I tcowe that all the people be dume  
Or els so god helpe me and halydum  
They were almost a fleepe.  
No wordes I harde, nor yet no talking  
No instrument went nor ballattes synging  
What ayles you all thus to syt dreaming 10  
Of whom take ye care?  
Of my coming ye may be glad  
Therefore I pray you be nof sad  
For all your desyre shall be had  
I can amende your cheare



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

+Helth.+ Brother welth haue ye not yet doone? 20 ye prayse your selfe aboue the  
moone Euey man may perceyue therby soone That you lacke discrecyon

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

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

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

+Health+ Therin ye speake full louingle  
For in this realme welth should be  
yeth no displeasure I pray you hartely  
But in the way of comunicacion.

And for pastyme I would speake some wayes 40  
Of no comparison, nor to you no dyspayre, I doo not intende that maner alwayes,  
But for a recreation,

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

+Health+ I thanke you hartely then wyll I  
Some what unto my purpose apply  
Though welth be praised marualufly 50  
Yet to myne understanding.  
Welth is mutable, and that iu shame  
And welth is hauty and proude of name  
Welth is cruell, and in great blame  
For welth ts euer wauerynge.



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

+Health+ God forbyd but ye should do so 60  
And ye may doo it whether I wyl or no  
Inlykewise, I must answer you also  
Wh en ye say not true.  
Though I be but to you a poore man  
yet helth I height, the same I am  
That is desyred vniuersally than  
Some calles me as good as you

+Welth.+ As I, mary ther in deede ye do compare. Such wordes myght brynge you  
soone in care Lewde parson, thouart not ware 70 Of what substaunce I am

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

+wealth+ What sayst thou, am I a fagetyue  
I was neuer so taken vp in my lyfe  
Nor called vnsure, well I wyll make no stryfe  
yet where as thou dost say,  
Thai I should show my commodities alwayes 80  
The best for my selfe wherof I aske prayse yf I shoulde stand her all my lyfe dayes  
yet I coude not say.

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

Ferste god saue, our soueraine Ladye the Queene  
With all the counsel and all that with them bene  
Am not I welth with them euer at ene 90 Who should be there but I?

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

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



Whan a man hath a cempetent liuing 100  
with the grace of god that passeth all thyng Loue of his neyghbour, and good reporting  
Then is he welthy,

Welth of goodes is but a fame  
Ye is welthy that hath a good name  
Euery wyse man wyll coueyte the same  
For otherwelth I not reche  
yf a man haue neuer so much good name  
Euerywise man wyll coueyte the same  
if his dtsposicions be nought and wood 110 Then he is but a wretch,

+Welth.+ Nay thou art a wretch, and a foole vnwyse  
welth of ryches thus to despyse  
Doest thou not se all the worlde aryse  
By goodes and substaunce  
He that hath plenty of syluer and golde  
May haue all thyng whatsoeuer he woulde  
Whan can welth lacke, seing all thing is solde  
And welth is of assuraunce.

+Health+ I denye that, your saying is nought 120 Grace, heauen, nor cunning, cannot  
be bought without great paine, ad good dedes wrought Els man cannot them haue.



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

+Health+ Yea, but yet ye must marke one thyng  
yf these goodes came with wronge doyng  
Shall ye haue heauen for so spendyng 130 Or yet any mede.  
Nay nay except that man himselfe doo meeke  
And make resystance the ryght honour to seeke  
Els all such good dedes is not woth a leeke  
welth hereof take heede.

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

+Health+ So I wyll, but yet I must say true 140  
And now a lyttle more I wyll say to you Much sorowe and care welth doth brewe  
He is seldome in rest.  
when a man is a lyttle hit and welthy  
And hath in his cheste treasures plentye  
Then wyl he wrangle, and do shreudly  
By his power and might.  
With his neighboures he wyll go to lawe  
And a wreke his malyce for valew of strawe  
welth is fykle and out nf awe 150 wylfull in wronge or ryght

+Welth.+ Thou speakest with a slaunderous tonge  
All of euyll wyll, and yet it is wronge  
welth in this realme hath bin longe  
Of me commeth great honour.  
Because that I welth hath great porte  
All the worlde, hyther doth resorte  
Therfore I welth, am this realmes comfort,  
And here I wyll indure.

+Helth.+ So I wold ye should, and I shall do the same 160  
Helth I am called, and that is my name If I would not abyde heare I were to blame  
For here I am well cherished  
Yet say your selfe, nhw indifferenily  
And if euery man doo not loue me



Helth as well as welth, yes verely  
Therof I dare be reported

+Welth.+ Why should they loue thee? that woulde I knowe As wel as me, I pray you  
showe I am the superiour of hie and lowe 170 No man may compare with me.

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

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

A man to were golde, and be in payne 180  
What ioy hath he? none, but woulde be fayne To giue all his treasure for helth playne  
Or els he were very mad:

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

+Welth.+ I neuer marked thus mucche, nor vnderstood That Helth was such a treasure,  
and to man so good Wherefore I am sory, and I wil chaunge my moode 190 Now I pray  
you forgiue me.



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+Health+ I will forgiue or els I were to blame And I pray you to forgiue me the same I loue you hartly, and wyll prayse your name yf it please youto keepe my company.

¶ Here entreth lyberty with a song & after speaketh

+libert+ Why tary syrs whether are ye going  
I see well ye looked not for my comming  
Loe, out of syght out of remembryng  
Absence is cause of straungnes, 200  
What looke ye on werwhy are ye so straunge  
From your fellow liberty, doth your minds cha[=u]ge  
In your company I was wont to range  
What nedes all this busines,

+wealth+ By liberty now I doo not set  
Seyng that helth and I am met  
As feloweh together no man shall let  
Me for to loue hym best.

+liberty.+ Let me heare what ye do say  
Then ye are about to cast me away 210 How happes this? mary then I may Goe pyke  
strawes and take me rest.

I pray you tell me whom I haue offended  
yf I haue made a faute it shalde amended  
with so shorte warning let me not be voyded  
I crow yet ye do but iest.

+Helth.+ Why do ye make this cauelacion we entende to make no alteracyon welth and  
I haue had communication He is my freende of olde. 220

+liberty+ What was the matter, I pray you tell  
Me thinkes I ought to be of counsel  
Or els I promyse you ye doo not well  
With you I should beholde.

+Welth.+ The matter is doone we are agreed  
To reason it more it shall not neede  
O brother helth, thou art in deede  
More preciouser than golde.

+liberty.+ Gods bodi how commeth this gere to pas  
I am cast out at the cartes arse 230  
The worlde is nothing as it was  
For I am here refused



+Health+ Why be you angry that we doo agree  
Then are ye not wyse, for ifye loue me  
I will loue hym agayne, so it should be  
Or els I were mysaduised

+yllibert+ Then of my loue ye set no store  
My company I see well ye looked notfore  
Farewell I wyll get me out of the doore  
yet I am your betters and so am I called. 240

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

+liberti.+ What were ye both two, were not I.  
Wretches and caytyfes, looke not so hye  
Thinke no scorne hardly  
For I may be your peare  
yf welth haue neuer so much lubstaunce  
Lacking Libertye and werr in durance 250 Within a whyce, I am in assurance ye woulde  
pray me come nere.

Yf Helth be neuer so lust and stronge  
yet if Lyberty were kept from him longe  
Then sorow and care wolde be his songe.  
yt would abate your cheare.

Fye of welth which lacketh lybertye  
Fye of H elth and be in captiuitie  
Fye of riches and lack good company  
Lyberty hath no pere, 260



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+Helth.+ Wyll ye heare how he doth clatter?  
What neede ye to rehearse all this matter.  
ye know that we twayne afore any other.  
Lyberty must nedes haue styll.

Lybertie on vs is glade to wayte  
ye stande to farre in your owne conceyte  
I wys lybertye ye ran make no bayte  
To catche vs at your will.

+liberty.+ Now there ye lye, I can suffer no longer Welth for Lybertye doth loboure euer  
270 And helth for Libertye is a great store Therfore set me not so lyght

+wealth+ Libertye I pray the reason no more ye are welcome to vs as ye were before In  
dede ofliberty it is great suter Therfore welcome by this lyght

+liberty,+ Now I thanke you both full kindly your strange wordes alytle did greue me And  
now at your coma[=u]dement I am redy And at your owne wyll. 280

¶ Here entreth with some iest yllwyll

+Wyll..+ Mary I am come at the first call  
Wyll, your owne man haue me who shall  
For I am will seruaunt to you al  
Ye shall not neede to sende for me.

+Welth.+ Who is acquainted with this man  
He is very homely and lytle good he can  
To come in here so boldly, then  
Dryue him away quickly,

+Wyll.+ Why, I cam not tyll I was called 290 your owne wyll openly ye named Then I  
came a pace lest I should be blamed Therfore I pray you let me byde styll,

+ealth+ Whole wyll, or what wyll, doth he meane  
Thou art not my wyl, I forsake thee cleane  
My wyl and their wylles is often sene  
Our wylles can none yll

+Wyll.+ Alas good masters I can none yll yet by my trouth I am your euyll wyll your wil,  
& your will, & your will, therfore keepe me 300 I loue ye by goddes mother,

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



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

+wealth+ I perceyue this felow is kynde 310  
And oweth to vs good wyl and mynde  
Some kindes agayne then let hym finde  
Let him haue some furduraunce

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

+Health+ How fo? let me here that I pray thee hartly

+Wyll.+ Wyl and lybertyeis, of aunciterie olde with out lyberfye, wili dare not bebolde  
320 And where wyl lacketh, lybertye is full colde Thyrfore wyl and lybertye must nedes  
be of kyn.

+liberti.+ In dede as he saythe it may well be  
For wyl euer longeth vnto lybrtye  
Therefore good freende welcome to me  
I praye you al be good to him And goeth out

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

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

For I am a chylde that is pas grace  
Ilwyl I am called that in euery place  
Doth much mischief this is a playne case  
Uertue I doo vtterly dispise, 340

But if they wyst what I were  
Then of my purpose I should be neuer [the] nere  
I wyl kepe my tonge leste that I mar  
My whole intent and wyll.  
But now I meruayle by this day  
Where shrewd wit is gone a stray  
Some crafty touche is in his way  
I here him, peace, stand styll.

¶ Entreth shrewd wyt with a songe.

¶ Dieu vous garde playsaunce 350  
On seuen or no mumchaunce, what yonkers dare auaunce  
To playe a grote or twaine.

Loe heare I haue in store  
Two or three grotes and no more  
I take great thought therfore  
For to kepe it, it is much payne

I come now out of a place  
where is a company of small grace  
Theues and hores that spendes a pace  
They were dronken all the sorte. 360  
One of their purces I did aspy  
Out of his sleue where it dyd lye  
And one wynked on me with his eye  
But ther began the sporte

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



And yf that I had yll wyll here  
with this money we wolde make good chere 370  
Gentle brother wyll, I pray the apeare  
For thou art in some corner.

+Wytte+ I woulde come in but I am a fearde  
Least that I be taken by the bearde  
Wyth some catchepol, I haue heard  
How thou haste stolen a purse

+wylle+ Thou horson art thou mad, cum in I say This is not the fyrste hazard that I haue  
scaped yf I make an hand to decke my felfe gay what am I the worse. 380

+wyll+ From thy company I cannot abyde I must nedes holde upon thy syde yllwyll and  
shrewdwit who caa hyde For they will be together.

+wytte.+ Now welcome wyll and what cheare:  
By god I thought for thee a thousand yere  
Peace for gods body who cummeth there  
Hance bere pot Ascon router.

¶ Entreth Hance with a dutch songe

Gut nynen scone rutters by the moder got 390  
It heist owne srhon, for staue ye nete  
De qusteker mau iche bie do do  
Uau the groate bnmbarde well ic wete  
Dartyck dowsant van enheb it mete  
Ic best de mauikin van de koining dangliler  
De grot keyser kind ic bene his busketer



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+Wyll.+ Here ye not dronk[=e] hance how he be gins to prate The malowperte sleminge is a little to cheke mate

+wytte.+ Let the knaue alone, for his name is war. Such dronken slemminges your company wil mar 400

+Hance.+ Ic best nen emond, ic best in soche ye secte nete vell ic forstaue ye in doche

+Wyll.+ Cumpt hore leyf with your gound stand nere yt becummes you better to handle a potte of beare

+Hance.+ Dat maght icvell dan, ic can skynke frelyck Tab bers frow, ic briuges brore, begotts nemerick

+wytte.+ The horsen knaue by the masse is dronke A winking for depe his eyen be cleane lonck

+Hance.+ Ic foraue ye vell ye seg dac ic slope Nenike, nenike, ic compte hore for an andor cope 410

+Wyll.+ Wel coppin I pray the hartly tell vs trew Wherefore comest thou hether for any thing to sew

+Hance.+ yeicke feger, en b[=u]bardere va de koyning wei it be Heb twe skelling de dagh ic con scote de culueryn

+wytte.+ Nay ye shall walke a fleming knaue, wyl ye not see We haue English gunners ynow, there is no rome empty

+Hance.+ Ic best en bomberde mot ye to me spreken what segye ye bones, it sal ye yode flaen

+Wyll.+ We speake not to thee thou art a scone man But goe thy way they be not here that promot [the] ca 420

+Hance.+ Caut ye me a de house dragen van degrot here.

+wytte.+ Hance ye must go to [the] court & for welth inquire

+Hance.+ What segre ye welth nenyke he is net hore welth best in ssaunders, it my self brought him dore

+Wyll.+ Beshrew your horson sleminges hert therfore. in dede as he saith, by war in fla[=u]ders theris welth store



+Hance+ Segt ye dat brower, by the moder got dan Gut naught it mot wast, to sent  
cafrin to mi lanma & goeth out

+wyll.+ Is be gone, farewell hanykin bowse  
I pray god giue him a hounded drouse 430 For I trow a knaue brought hym to house But  
now brother wyt.

We must deuouse how that we may  
Be in seruice with welth alwaye  
Let me here what thou canst do or say  
To helpe for to contryue it.

+wytte.+ For thy pleasure that I shall  
This wyll I doo first of all  
Flatter and lye, and euermore call  
Them my good maysters ftyll. 440

Then with swering, lying and powlinge  
Brybry, theft, and preuy pyking  
Thus I shred wet, wyll euer be doinge  
I warrant ther yllwyll.

+Wyll.+ I cun thee thanke, this is well deuysed  
And I yll wil, wolde haue euery man dispised  
But now another thing must be contriued  
Or els al wilbe nought

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



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+wytte.+ So am I to this maketh me very sadde Yet oftentymes I haue bene harde  
bestadde Now [that] I am warned of him I am very glad Sum crafty wyle for him shalbe  
hade 460

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

Liberty and helth returneth back with welth

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

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

+wytte.+ Forsoth mayster I am his vrother  
To be your seruante, was my c[=u]ming hether  
As longe as we two be to gether  
ye shall not peryshe than

+Health+ To haue you both in seruyce I am content  
How say you libertie wil you therto consent 480  
Wyll and wit, god hath vs lent  
We may be glade of them

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

+Wyll.+ God thanke you maisters all three ye shal finde vs pore but true we cannot be  
My tonge stombles, I cry you mercy We wyll be true I should say, 490

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

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



+wytte+ Maisters feare not for I haue wit inough  
To beguyle my selfe, and to beguyle you 500  
I haue vegyled many one I may say to you  
I pray you kepe that in counsell

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

+Wyll.+ Syr be not angry I you praye fhe foole woteth not he doth say He meneth chat  
he wil be profitable alw ay And saue you many thinges. 510

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

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

+liberty+ Syr I pray you sing and ye can

+wyll.+ Now wil I begin like a lusty bloud tha. thei sing & go out  
Sirs now go your way of you I am glad 520  
As of any seruauntes that euer I had For these can do both good and bad  
We must needes haue such men  
What were we yf we lacked wyll:  
And without wyt we shoulde lyue yll  
Therefore wyll and wit I wyll kepe styll.  
I promise you I loue them

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¶ Here commeth remedy in and to him saith

+Welth.+ Syr your maystership is hartely welcome Take your place here aboue as it is reason. 530

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

+liberty+ Syr to know wherfore ye come we are desyrous

+Remdi+ I am he that ought for to be well knowen  
Of you thre specially, and of duetie  
Great payne and busines as for mine owne  
For you I haue taken because I loue you hartely  
To maintaine you is all my desyre and faculty  
yet hard it is to doo, the people be so variable  
And many be so wilfull, they will not be reformable. 540

+wealth+ Syr I pray you pardon vs of our ignoraunce now I se well ye know vs better than we do you

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

+Health+ Sir ye be welcom, I besech you show vs your name 550

+remedi+ Good remedy forsouth I rm the same.

+liberti.+ yf I durst be so bolde I wolde pray you hartely To shewe vs apart of your great  
aceoritie,

+R md+ My actoritie is geuen to me most speciall  
To maintaine you three, in this realme to be  
What mine intent is. I wyl tel, but not all  
For that were to longe to rehearse of a surety  
And I desyre you all for to be louing to me  
For your owne ease, come welth and profyt

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

+Remdi+ All that I doo intende, if ye wil therto agree  
And to be reformable for your owne ease



It is not the thyng that lieth only in me  
But my good wyl, therfore I wyl not cease  
To haue your loue and fauour, and therby to please  
Al the worlde ouer, and to promote ehis realme  
That you thre may prosper, ye percelue what I mene  
The chiefe parte of all welth lyeth in great estates  
Theyr substance and landes. is right commendable 570 Prelates of the church is  
welthy of ryches Mercha[=u]tes hath marcha[=u]dise & goods incoperable  
M[=e] of law & franklins is welthy which is laudable  
Thus welth of riches is deuided diuerse wayes  
And to these many charges, come now a dayes

+Health+ My hert reioyseth to here your good reporting Much are we bound to god,  
which prouideth althing

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+Remdi+ Forsoth here is not halfe that I could reherse  
The benefits of god that be sheweth to you welth  
Consider Englyshmen, how valiant they be & ferce 580 Of al nacions none such, when  
they haue their helth No land can do vs harme, but wyth falsehod or stelth rem[=e]bre  
what nobre of m[=e], or artilerie & good ordinace Specially [the] grace of god, which is  
our chief forderace

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

+wealth+ Our lorde continue ye, & we thanke you hartly Both for your good instruction,  
and for your kindnes That you intende so wel for vs good remedy when we haue nede  
we will desyre your goodnes

+Health+ When we be infect in the soule or body Then will I seke good remedy for  
succour As yet I thanke god I haue no nede greatly yf I haue then wyll I seke to haue  
your fauour

+liberty+ Syr now we wyl departe hence with your licence 600 For other divers busines  
that we must haue tohether

+Remdi+ Sirs I am content, now when ye wyll depart To god I commyt you I wyll not  
make you tary But yet I pray with all my minde and heart Take hede in any wise  
exchewe yl & shrewd compani yf a ma be neuer soo good & vse [with] th[=e] [that] be  
vnthrifti He shal lese his name, & to some vice they wil him t[=e]p therfore beware of  
such people, & from th[=e] be exempt

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

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

+Wyll.+ Here is none of our acquainta[=u]ce wil retourneth we haue made to longe  
tariaunce that wyll ye say perchaunce And they begone home come away apare

+Wytte.+ Nay by god not so hastie  
A lytle whyle we wyll larye  
Good euen syr to you mary  
Dwell ye in this place? 620



+Remdi+ Nay good fellowe I dwel not heare  
Wherefore doest thou chat inquire:  
Woldest thou ought with any heare  
Speake be not afryde

+Wyll.+ By God I would I had your gowne  
And were a myle without the towne  
Theron & woulde borowe a crowne  
It is I that so sayde

+Wytte.+ Hew lookest thou one him halfe a scorne I p=omise you he is a scant  
gentylman borne 630 What sstyest thou in his face

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

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+Wyll.+ I wyll swere for hym, as for this yeares twenty that he hath ben euer as true as I yet sometye he will steale and make a lye He is of my alyaunce.

+Remdi+ In good fayth the same thinke I 640  
That ye be both lyke, full unthrifty  
Syr how do ye lyue, shew me quickly  
Or I shall put you in duraunce

+wytte.+ How liue we? mary our meate  
Cummet thou hether for to threte:  
So lowly syr wittam doth speake  
From whence doth he come can ye shewe

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

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

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

+Remdi+ Syrs farewell here I wil no longer abide 660  
For you both shortly I wyll prouide  
That all your falfe craft shalbe out tryed  
And our subillitie knowen and goeth out.

+wytte.+ To go so soone the horson was wyse  
therfore some now I must deuise  
that each man may welth, helth and libertidespise  
Or els he wyll marre all our mateer.  
Brother wet, ler me alone  
When they come you shal see me a none  
Complayne of him, vnto them echone 670  
And put him out of fauour

+Wytte+ Peace no mo wordes, for they come yonder

+wealth+ Syrs I am glade that you be heare  
How doth all our houshold, with them what chere?  
Is euey thiag in order there  
Afirr our intente?



+wyll.+ ye syr they be all mery and glad  
With reuell and rout sometime they be mad  
Pipe whore hop theef, euery knaue and drabe  
Is at our commaundement. 680

Helth turneth hym.

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

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

Liberty turneth him 690

With that nother I am not content  
I wolde there should be liberalitie compet[=e]t  
And with honesti it is conoenient  
That our neighbour fare the better

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

+Welth.+ Why wil ye begone tor a worde  
Peraduenture we did but boorde 700  
Me thinke ye should your mayster foorde  
For to speake my minde.



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+wytte+ Nay nay, I can tel what was the matter Remedy was here, and he dyd flatter ye  
trust he more than vs and better But marke the ende, what ye shal find

+Health+ With good remedy we spake in dede  
To folow his counsel we had neede  
He warned vs that we should take hede  
Of excesse and prodigalitie. 710

+Wytte+ I meruayle ye speake so of good remedy  
It is I that can do more than he  
Wyt can make shyft at necessity  
When Remedi cannot be hearde  
I know some that hath this thousand yere  
Sought god remedy and yet neuer rhe nere  
wit can put remedy by, yea this is cleare  
For wit is a crafty lad.

+Wyll.+ And wyl is an vngracious stay Wyl hath doone many thinges men say 720 And  
yf ye let wit and wil goe his way ye wil repent it soone.

+liberty+ Why what cause haue you to go your way ye shall abyde wich vs though you  
say nay I wyl folow wyl, and wit alway And so I haue euer done

+wytte.+ yf I wist al my masters wolde so do  
Then from your seruyce I wolde not goo  
Speake now whether ye wyl or no  
And let vs know your minde 730

+Health+ Syrs ye be welco me to me playne  
And for your company I am full fayne  
I had leuer suffer great payne  
Then to leue my wit and wyl,

+Wyll.+ Then let vs go hence, with kindnes my her ye do kyll

+Health+ I pray you let vs go, wherfore do we byde styll.

and goeth out

+Remdi+ As touching my first purpose hither I am com again  
I trow ye know me, good remedy is my name  
That euery day doth take great .abor or payne 740  
To amende all faultes, I am chosen to the same  
yf any mans conscience here doth grudge or shame  
Hauing in him self remorse, & mendes in tyme & space



I am good remedy, and god is ful of mercy and grace  
Therefore I wyl stand asyde, & a lyttel whyle remaine  
Of welth, Helth and Lybertye, for to inquire  
How they be ordred, and yf any man complayne  
I wil be glad to shew me remedy, my think I se one a peare.

+Hance+ Begots drowse ic my selfe bin c[=u]pt heye sco lansma 750 Ic mot in ander  
land lopen, al is quade dan

+Remdi+ Thou flemyng fro wh[=e]ce comest [thou]  
& what dost [thou] here.

+Hance+ Ic my self cumt fro sent Katryns dore  
mot ic skyne de ca beer

+Remdi+ Get [the] thether againe, & tary here no loger

+Hance+ Syr ic mot mid ye spreken ic my self be en scomaker

+Remdi+ What and thou be therwith I haue nothin a doo.

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

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

+Hance+ Nen ic seker, ic wyl not gon, ic wold fain liue hore stil

+Remdi+ There is to mainy allaunts in this reale, but now I 760 good remedy haue so  
provided that English men shall lyue the better dayly.

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

+Remdi+ Fie on [the] flattering knaue,  
fie on you alia[=u]ts al I say  
ye can [with] craft & subtel tiget englishm[=e]s welth away

+Hance+ O skon mester, ic heb hore bin, this darten yeore ic canskote de coluerin, & ic can be dr beare broer, trust see so prouide that welth from you haue I shall

+Hance+ Ic seg to you dat welth is lopen in an ander contry 770 wat hebegy dar brough, forstan ye net, segt me

+Remdi+ Ic vnderstand the wel, yet thou liest lyke a knaue welth is here [=i] Englad, & welth stil i trust we shal haue

+Hance+ Ic ment no quad ic loue de english man by min here C[=u]p vp sent Katrin and ic shal ye geu[=e] twe stope bere,

+Remdi+ Get [the] hence drok[=e] fleming  
[thou] shalt tary no lenger here

+Hance+ Mor it net mare herebin, woder sal ic gewest kiskin Ic wil to de Kaizer gan, dar fall ic wal skinkin

& goth out

+Remdi+ Is he gon? I pray god the deuyll go with him wher is welth, helth & tiberty. I wold see th[=e] come in 780

Helth commeth in with a kercher on his head.

+Health+ ¶ O good lorde helpe me, by your licence my souerain I am homely to com her in your pres[=e]nce thus diseased Nede constraineth me, for remedy I wold haue faine I am [=i]fect both body & soul, I prai you be not displesed

+Remdi+ Why what aile you shew me, yet you I do not know Glad I am to remedy any man, that is affirmity I perceiue by your phisnamy, [that] ye ar veri weke feble & low yet show me your grieve, & I wil help you gladly.

+Health+ Gracio[us] remedi I thank you, yet I am half ashamed 790  
to shew you mi maladi & mi name, I was called helth  
Therefore I am wel worthi to be punished & blamed  
Because I haue not folowed your co[=u]sel, but al thing  
may be suffered saue welth.



+Remdy+ Are you helth, this maketh me very pensife and sad ye t be of good chere, & show how you were infect To remedy you and succour you I wold be very glad For god wyl punish the people when they be detelt

+Health+ Syr I thanke god therof for wel worthy I am My conscience doth iudge, some trouble haue I must 800 A mendes I wyl make to god and if I can Wil ad wit hath deceiued me in them I put my trust.

+Remdi+ yf thou haue doone amisse, and be sory therfore Then helpe a mendes is made, for that is contrission Let that passe, now wil I axe you one thyng more Wher be welth ad Libertie, be they of good disposicio

+Health+ As for welth is fallen in decay, and neceslitie By wast & war, thorow ytt wyll, and shrewdwit And lybertie is kept in duraunce and captiuite God helpe vs all, and sende vs good remedy for it 810

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

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+Health+ ¶ Sir, th[=e] I besech you help vs in the way of charity

+Remdi+ I would fayne but I cannot tel which way to begin Except I might catch wil & wit, then I trow I could Tye th[=e] shorter, for they destroy welth, helth & liberty bi sin yf I had [the] theues, punish th[=e] extremly I wole.

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

+Remdi+ Me thinketh I here them com, helpe to holde th[=e] fast 820

will turneth

+Wyll.+ Cum in wit for herc is no body  
We may ve bolde and talke largely  
Our hartes to eafe ano shew plainly  
What we haue doone.

+wytte+ I must nedes laugh I cannot forbear  
To remember warre that knaue wil ye heare  
The horson Fleming was beshitten for feare  
Because he should boyde so soone.

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

+wytte+ Harke in thine Eare, yf tste horson hap  
To complayne to him that weres the red cap  
I feare then shortly he wyl us clap  
By the heles from our liuingl

+Wyll.+ Nay nay, there is no doubt  
By hym I haue reported all about  
That he doth not wel, his good name to put out  
ylwyl cannot say wel, 840

+remedi.+ Frende therin thou art the more to blam Co staunder me wrongfully, and vnderued But or thou drpart thou shalt answere for the same, wher is Welth & liberty, how hast thou th[=e] ordred?

+Wyll+ Qury cicis quest is vn malt ombre Me is vn spy&nardo compoco parlauere.

+Health+ Thou folse chefe is thine English tonge gone as mischeuo[us] il wil & shrewdwit, ye haue destroyd ma ni on



+Wytte.+ Sir hurt not me, & I wiltel you trouth anone This same ia as false a knaue as euer cam [with]in saint loh[=e]s 850

+Wyll.+ Per amor de my as peca vn poco Eo queris and ar pour lagraunt creae so

+Remdy+ I can not tel what thou dost meae blabbler But [thou] shalt speake English & confesse an other mater,

+Health+ Syr I besech your lordship, in the way of charity Let not these thefes escape your hands they haue destroyed us utterly.

+wytte:+ Syr, beleue hym not he speakes but of malice onely we be true men, therof we shall fetch good witnes An honest man that shalbe bound for him and me 860 The law sayth plaine, nulla fides contra testes

+Remdi+ that is trouth, but who wilbe witnes or bo[=u]d for the

+Wyll.+ There is three amonge you in this howse I lyfgo to fetch them quickly

+Wytte.+ They wil come vns[=e]d for I warant you if they wyst

+Remd+ what be theyr names, tel me what they be,

+Wyll.+ That on is lohn Irische abd lohn sholer But ful these be honest men all three

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+Health+ Trust not their wordes they wyll dessemble styll They are so false and crafty,  
all theyr intent is yll. 870

+Wyll.+ ye lye falsely I fpeake but right and reason And by the law of armes ye must  
nedes be tane you are called good remedy which at al feason Sholde leaue to mans  
lyfe, and maintaine the same we be here both your prisoners wrongfully accused bi  
defame Kepe one of vs fast let him lye for all That other for frendes and wytnes goo  
shall.

+wytte,+ Syr let hym not goo and leue me behynde He wyll euer be a false knaue, for I  
know his mynde

+Wyll.+ Holde thy tonge folish knaue I do not meane so 880

+Remdt+ I here now ye cannot agre, which of you should go

+Wyll.+ No by gods body there shall none go but I

+Wytte.+ Thou playest the knaue it must nedes be I

+Health+ Kepe them safe I pray you for yf they scap againe Many men shal repent it, it  
shalbe to our payne

+Remdi+ They be here yet, to kepe them fast is myne intent, Haue them away both to  
prison in continent.

+wyll.+ Lo false knaue this is for thy crafty wif. Now fast by the heeles we are lake to  
sytt.

+Wytte.+ I am content so that I may haue compeny 890 yf I shold behanged, I wold be  
haged honest

& goth out

+Remdi+ Go hence with them & bring welth & liberty.

+helth,+ Com away ye theues, now I shals kepe you surely,

& goth out

+Wyll.+ Lock vs vp & kepe vs as fast as ye can yet yll wyl and shrewdwit shalbe with  
many a man.

+Remdi+ I am halfe ashamed, that long it hath ben sayd That noble men by such  
wretches hath ben deceiued they did reioyce and iest, and were very well apaide



Trusting to scape cleare, and styl for to haue rained But now they shall not so, let them be wel assured 900 That ylwyl and shrewde wyt shal haue but yl rest For wheresoeuer they be I wyll breake theyr nest

+wealth+ In the honour of god we aske you forgeuenes althre we ought to be ashamed to looke you in the face By our foly & negligence, we haue done so vnwisely we were fowle deceyued, we put vs to your grace Thys shaibe a good warding for vs alonge space whan man is wel punished then he wyl beware who that knoweth what nede is, wel after drede care

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

+health.+ Forsoth syr ye sai trouth, they did vs great displesur Full hard it is to vanquishe the vngrocious ylwyl He is so croked, by flattery, dissulation & such other Mannes mynd is so variable, & glad to report yl 920 I feare many one yet wolde haue him raine styll For some vnto their owne wyl hath so much affection yet the devyl and yl wyl is both of one complexion





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+liberty=+ yll wyll is nought, but worse is shrewdwyt For he contryueth al subtil ymanginacien yt were vnpossyble for a man els to doo it shrewdwyt breweth myscef, & false conspyracion He hath put me lyberty in prison, ad great tribulacion if it had not bene for your good remedi & forbera[=u]ce I & other [that] hath libertie, shold haue b[=e] in duraunce. 930

+Remdi+ Be al of good chere, and haue no mistrust  
The ende of yl wyl and shrewd wyt is but shame  
Though they reygne a while, wrongfully and uniust  
yet truth wyll appeare and their misdedes blame  
Then wronge is subdued, and good remedy tane  
Though falsehod cloke, and hide his matters all  
Craft wyll out and disceite wyll haue a fall  
Whereas ye are now, in distresse all three  
Neare were ye brought in case lyke to marre  
Now haue ye no doubt, yf ye wyll be ruled after me 940 I shal rcstore ye agayne as well  
as euer ye were Welth kepe styll this realme, looke ye stray not farre  
And Helth be of good chere, your disease I can soone m[=e]de Liberty now ye be  
released do no more offend,

+wealth+ Now let vs al thake god [that] good remedy hath sende Trust to hym only for his grace and goodnes we are forgiuenes of our trespas I trust we wil am[=e]d And cleane forsake syn, foly, and unthriftines th[us] we wil here coclude, soueraigne of your graciousnes we besech you to remyt our negligence, & misbehauor 950 There we haue sayd amis, we comit al to your fauor

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

+Remdi+ Iesu preserue quene Elizabeth,  
[that] noble pr[=i]cis worthy  
Iesu continue her helth long for to endure 960 Iesu indue her w vertue grace & honour  
Iesu maintaine the lords of [the] co[=u]sel  
to execute good remedi euer  
Iesu spede and helpe al them gods honour to further  
Iesu increase the comunaltie to prosper and doo wel.

*Finis.*