

**'Verses vpon the Duke of Buckinghams returne from the Ile of Rees',
Gonville and Caius College MS 143/193, p. 149**

Transcription

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And ar't return'd againe with all thy faults
Thou greate Comm^mander of the all=go=naughts
5 And left the Ile behinde thee? what's the matter
Did winter make thy Chapps to chatter,
Could not the Surging, and distempred Seas
thy queasy Stomacke (gorg'd) with sweete meats please
Or didst thou sodainly remooue thy Station
10 throughe Iealousy of Hollands supplantation
Or was't for want of wenches, or did'st feare
the king (thou absent) durst wrong'd Bristoll heare,
Or didst thou hasten headlong to prevent
A fruitlesse hope't for needfull Parliament?
15 All these noe question with a restlesse motion
Vext thy bespotted soule, as that blacke potion
tortur'd the Noble Scott, whose Ghost can tell
thy swolne ambition made his carcase swell,
But their's a reason worse, then this, they say
20 the Frenchmen beate thee, and thou ran'st away
Can this bee true, could not thy glorious boast
before thy goeing: fright them from that Coast?
Could not thy tytles feare them, nor the Lambes
Protection, saueguard thee from these French Rambs
25 Could not thy Cambridge Pupills zealous prayers
compos'd of Brownish, and Arminian ayres
confound thy foes? or els did their distraction
Make in thy hopeles <fruit> hoope the fruitlesse fraction
Could not thy Parliam^{nt} Majesticke Vowes
30 Prevayle t'impose the garland on thy browes
Could not thy Chaplaine Londons sacrifice
nor moue, nor suffocate the destin<e>ies
that sends from paunches Altar more fumes forth
of Smoake, and vapour, then Landaphe is worth.
35 Could not thy mothers masses, nor her Crosses
Nor her sorceries, prevent these fatall losses
Nor Regall wishes, nor embraces neither,
Nor th'armies Vallour, nor all these togeather
Hence wee conclude, to these that will be Vitious
40 Pray will, pray, Heauen will not bee propitious
God's deafe to them, that will not heare the cries
Of their Oppressed subiects injuries,

Transcription Conventions

- semi-diplomatic transcription
- lineation retained
- raised letters lowered, contractions expanded, and supplied letters *italicised*
- ampersand silently replaced by 'and'; and fossil thorn by 'th'
- underscoring retained in title
- '=' form of hyphen retained
- deleted text supplied in <xxx>
- otiose marks (such as ligature above double s, or tilde above 'Rambs', line 21) ignored