

ANDROMEDA
LIBERATA.

O R

THE NVPTIALS OF
PERSEVS and ANDROMEDA.

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Nihil a veritate nec virtute remotius quam vulgaris opinio. Pet.

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TO THE RIGHT
WORTHILY HONORED,
Robert Earle of Sommerfet, &c.
AND
HIS MOST NOBLE LADY
the Ladie FRANCES.

A S nothing vnder heauen is more remou'd
From Truth & virtue, then *Opinions* prou'd*
By vulgar *Voices* : So is nought more true
Nor foundly virtuous then things held by few :
5 Whom *Knowledge* (entred by the sacred line,
And gouernd euermore by grace diuine,)
Keepes in the narrow path to spacious heauen,
And therefore, should no knowing spirit be driue*
From fact, nor purpose; for the spleens prophan
10 Of humours errant, and *Plebeian*;

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But

The Epistle

But, Famelike, gather force as he goes forth,
The *Crowne* of all *Acts* ends in onely worth.

Nor will I feare to postrate this poore Rage
Of forefpoke *Poesie*, to your patronage,
15 (Thrice worthy Earle), & your vnequald grace
(Moſt Noble Counteſſe) for the one-ear'd Race
Of fet-eyd vulgars, that will no waie fee
But that their ftiffe necks driue them headlongy,
Stung with the Gadflie of miſgouernd zeale :
20 Nor heare but one tale and that euer ill.
Theſe I contemne, as no Rubs fit for me
To checke at, in my way t' *Integritie*.
Nor will ye be incenſt that ſuch a Toie
Should put on the prefumption to enioie
25 Your grauer eare, my Lord, and your faire eye
(Illuſtrous Ladie) ſince poore *Poesie*
Hath beene a Iewell in the richeſt eare
Of all the Nuptiall States, that euer were.
For as the Bodies pulſe (in Phifique) is
30 A little thing ; yet therein th'Arteries

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Bewray

Dedicatory.

Bewray their motion, and disclofe, to Art
The strength, or weakenesse, of the vitall part ;
Perpetually moouing, like a watch
Put in our Bodies : So this three mens catch,
35 This little Soules Pulse, *Poesie*, panting still
Like to a dancing peafe vpon a Quill,
Made with a chilles breath; vp and downe to fly
(Is no more manly thought) And yet thereby
Euen in the corps of all the world we can
40 Discouer all the good and bad of man,
Anatomise his nakednesse, and be
To his chiefe Ornament, a Maiestie :
Erect him past his human Period
And heighten his transfiguration into God.
45 Thus Sun-like, did the learnd and most diuine
Of all the golden world, make *Poesie* shine ;
That now, but like aglow worm, gleams by night*
Like Teachers, scarce found, by their proper light.
But this (my Lord) and all poore virtues else
50 Expof'd, ah las, like perdu Sentinels

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To

The Epistle

To warne the world of what muft needs be nie
*or pride, and auarice, glaf'd by *Sanctitie*,
Muft be diftinguifht, and decided by
Your cleere, ingenuous, and moft quiet eye
55 Exempt from paffionate, and dufkie fumes,
That blinde our Reafon : and in which confumes
The Soule, halfe choakt, with ftomacke cafting
Bred in the pureft, turnd mere humorifts. (miſts
And where with douelike fweet humility
60 They all things ſhould authorife or deny,
The vulgar heate and pride of fplene and blood
Blaze their opinions, which cannot be good.
For as the Bodies Shadow, neuer can
Shew the diftinct, and exact Forme of man ;
65 So nor the bodies paffionate affects
Can euer teach well what the Soule respects.
For how can mortall things, immortall fhew ?
Or that which falſe is, repreſent the trew ?
The peacefull mixture then that meetes in yow
70 (Moſt tēperat Earl) that nought to rule doth ow:

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In

Dedicatory.

In which, as in a thorough kindled Fire,
Light and Heat marrie Iudgement and Desire.
Reason is still in quiet, and extends
All things t'advantage of your honored Ends,
75 May well authorize all your Acts of Note,
Since all Acts vicious, are of *Paßion* got :
“ *Through dead Calms, of our Perturbations euer*
“ *Truths Voice (to foules eares fet) we heare or neuer*
“ *The meere animate Man, doth nothing fee*
80 “ *That tends to heauen : It must be onely He*
“ *That is mere foule : Her feparable powers*
“ *The scepter giuing heere : That then discourse*
“ *Of Motions that in fence doe neuer fall,*
“ *Yet know them too, and can distinguish all*
85 “ *With such a freedome, that our earthly parts*
“ *Sincke all to earth : And then th'ingenuous arts*
“ *Doe their true office, Then true Policie*
“ *Windes like: a serpent, through all Empery.*
“ *Her folds on both fides bounded, like a flood*
90 “ *With high-fhores lifted, making great and good*
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The Epistle

“ Whom ſhe inſtructeth, to which, you (my Lord)

** May lay all claimes that Temper can afford ;*

** Nought gathering ere t'is ripe : and ſo muſt taſte*

Kindely and ſweetely, and the longer laſt,

95 All fruits, in youth, ripe in you; and muſt ſo

Imply a facultie to euer growe.

And as the morning that is calme and gray,

Deckt all with curld cloudſ; that the Sunne doth

With varied coulours ; All aloft exhall'd (lay

100 As they t'adorn euen heauen it ſelfe were call'd,

And could not fall in flendrest deawes till Night,

But keepe daies Beauty : firme and exquisite ;

More for delight fit, and doth more adorne

Euē th'Euē with *Graces*, then the youthful morn:

105 So you (ſweete Earle) ſtay youth in aged bounds

Euen abſolute now, in all lifes graueſt grounds,

Like Aire, fill euery corner of your place,

Your grace, your virtue heightning:virtue, grace

And keeping all cloudſ high, aire calme, & cleer

110 And in your ſelfe all that their height ſhould rere

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Your

Dedicatory.

Your life and light will proue a ftill full Moone,
And all your night time nobler then your noone,
The Sunne is in his riling, height, and fet
Still (in himfelfe) alike, at all parts great,
101 His light, heat, greatnes, coullors that are fhowne
To vs; as his charge, meerey is our owne.
So let your charge, my Lord, in others be,
But in your felfe hold Sun-like conftancie.
For as men skild in Natures ftudy, fay,
120 The world was not the world, nor did conuay
To coupling bodies Natures common forme,
But (all confuf'd, like waues ftruck with a ftorme)
Some fmall were, and (in no fet being, ftaid)
All comprehenfion, and connexion fled ;
125 The greater, and the more compact difturb'd
With ceafeles warre, and by no order curb'd,
Till earth receiuing her fet magnitude
Was fixt her felfe, and all her Birth indu'd
With ftaie and law, fo this fmall world of ours :
130 Is but a *Chaos* of corporeall powers :

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No*

The Epistle

Nor yeelds his mixt parts, forms that may becom
A human Nature; But at randome rome
Paft brutifh fafhions, and fo neuer can
Be cald the ciuill bodie of a man ;
135 But in it, and againft it felfe ftill fights,
In competence of Cares, loyes, Appetites :
The more great in command, made feruile more,
Glutted, not fatiffied : in plenty, poore :
Till vp the Soule mounts, and the Scepter fwaies
140 Th'admired Fabricke of her world furuaies,
And as it hath a magnitude confinde,
To all the powers therein, fhe fees combinde
In fit Acts for one end, which is t'obay
Reafon, her *Regent* ; *Nature* giuing way :
145 *Peace*, *Concord*, *Order*, *Stay* proclaim'd, and *Law*,
And none commanding, if not all in Awe,
Paßion, and *Anger*, made to vnderlie,
And heere concludes, mans morall Monarchie
*n which, your Lordships milde Soule fits fo hie
150 Yet cares fo little to be feene, or heard,

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That

Dedicatory.

That in the good thereof, her scope is Sphear'd.
The *Theban Ruler*, paralleling Right,
Who, thirft of glory, turnd to appetite
Of inward *Goodneffe*, was of fpeech fo fpare,
155 To heare, and learne, fo couetous, and yare,
That (of his yeares) none, things fo many knew:
Nor in his fpeeches, ventured on fo few :
Forth then (my Lord) & thefe things euer thirft
Till *Scandall* pine, and *Bane-fed* enuie burft.
160 And you, (moft noble) Lady as in blood
In minde be Nobleft, make our factious brood
Whofe forked tongs, wold fain your honor fting
Conuert their venomd points into their fpring :
Whofe owne harts guilty, of faults faind in yours
165 Wold fain be pofting off: but, arme your powers
With fuch a feige of vertues, that no vice
Of all your Foes, *Aduantage* may entice
To fally forth, and charge you with offence,
But fterue within, for very confcience
170 Of that Integritie, they fee exprefst

¶ ¶ 3<r>

In

The Epistle

In your cleere life : Of which, th'examples Reft,
May be fo blamelefse ; that all past must be
(Being Fount to th'other) most vndoubtedly
Confest vntouch't ; and *Curiofitie*

175 The beame picke rather from her own squint eie,
Then ramp stil at the moles shade, faind in yours,
Nought doth so shame this chimick ferch of ours
As when we prie long for affur'd huge prife,
Our glaffes broke, all vp in vapor flies.

180 And as, the Royall Beaft, whose image you
Beare in your armes, and aires great Eagle too ;
Sill as they goe, are said to keepe in clofe
Their feres, & Tallons, left their points shold lose
Their vseful sharpnes, when they serue no vse:

185 So this our sharp-eyd search that we abuse
In others brefts, we should keepe in, t'explore
Our owne fowle bosomes, and quit them before
VVe ranfacke others : but (great Ladie) leaue
These Rules to them they touch; do you receaue

190 Those free ioies in your honour, and your Loue

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That

Dedicatory.

That you can fay are yours ; and euer moue
VWhere your cōmand, as foon is feru'd as kown,
Ioyes plac't without you, neuer are your owne .

Your Honours euer moft humbly

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and faithfully vowd.

Geo. Chapman.

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To the preiudicate and peremptory Reader.

I *Am still in your hands ; but was firft in his,*
 that (being our great fustainer of Sincerity,
 and Innocence) will, I hope, defend mee
 from falling. I thinke you know not him I
5 *intend, more then you know me, nor can you know mee ,*
 fince your knowledge is imagined fo much aboue mine,
 that it muft needes ouerfee. He that lies on the ground
 can fall no lower. By fuch as backebite the higheft, the
 loweft muft looke to be de uor'd, Forth with your curious
10 *Scrutinie, and finde my Rufh as knotty as you luft, and*
 your owne Crab-tree, as fsmooth. Twillbe moft ridicu-
 lous; and pleafing, to fit in a corner, and fpend your teeth
 to the ftumps, in mumbling an ould Sparrow, till your
 lips bleed, and your eyes water : when all the faults you
15 *can finde are firft in your felues, t's no Herculean labor*
 to cracke what you breed. Ah las who knowes not your
 vttermoft dimenfions ? Or loues not the beft things you
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To the Reader.

would feeme to loue, in deed, and better? Truth was ne-
uer the Fount of Faction. In whofe Sphere fince your
20 pureft thoughts moue, their motion muft of force be ob-
lique and angulare. But whatfoeuer your difeafe bee, I
know it incurable, becaufe your vrine will neuer fhew it.
At aduenture, at no hand be let blood for it, but rather
footh your ranke bloods and rub one another.

25 You yet, ingenuous and iudicious Reader : that (as
you are your felfe) retaine in a found bodie, as founde a
foule : if your gentle tractability, haue vnwares let the
common furfet furprize you : abftaine, take Phifique
heere, and recouer. Since you reade to learne , teach :
30 Since you defire to bee reform'd, reforme freely. Such
strokes fhall bee fo farre from breaking my head ; they
fhall be rich Balmes to it, comfort, and ftreng-
then the braine it beares, and make it
healthfully neefe out, whatfo-
35 euer anoies it. Vale.

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The Argument.

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The Argument.

her from the Rock. Both fitting together to expect the monfter,
& he rauenuouly halting to deuoure her, Perfeus, turndpart of
him into ftone,& through the reft made way withhis fword to
25 his vtter flaughter. When (holding it wreath enoughfor fo re-
nownd a victory) He took Andromeda to wife,& hadby her one
daughter called Perfe, another Erythraea, of whom, the fea in
thofe parts is called Mare Erythraeu; fince fhe both liued and died
there : and one fonne called after himfelfe, another Electrion, a
30 third *Sthenelus* : and after liued Princely and happily
with his wife and his owne Mother to his
death. Then faind for their vertues
to be made Conftellations
in Heauen.

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A N D R O M E D A
L I B E R A T A .

A Way vngodly Vulgars, far away,
 Flie ye prophane, that dare not view the day,
Nor speake to men but fhadowes, nor would heare
Of any newes ,but what feditious were,
5 Hatefull and harmefull euer to the best,
 Whispering their scandals, glorifying the rest,
 Impious, and yet gainft all illls but your owne,
 The hoteft fwaters of religion.
 Whofe poyfons all things to your spleenes peruert,
10 And all streames meafure by the Fount your heart,
 That are in nought but mifrle regular, e,
 To whofe eyes all feeme ill, but thofe that are,
 B <1r> That

Andromeda liberata.

That hate yee know not why, nor with more cause,
Giue whom yee most loue your prophane applause,
15 That when Kings and their Peeres(whose piercing eies
Broke through their broken sleepes and policies,
Mens inmoft Cabinets difclofe and hearts;
Whose hands Ioues ballance (weighing all defarts)
Haue let downe to them : which graue conscience,
20 Charg'd with the blood and foule of Innocence.
Holds with her white hand ,(when her either skole,
Apt to be fway'd with euery graine of Soule,
Her felfe fwaies vp or downe, to heauen or hell,
Approue an action) you must yet conceale,
25 A deeper infight ,and retaine a taint
To cast vpon the pure foule of a Saint.
Away, in our milde Sphere doth nothing moue,
But all-creating , all preferuing Loue,
At whose flames, vertues, lighted euen to starres,
30 All vicious Enuies, and seditious Iars,
Bane-spitting Murmures and detracting Spels ,
Bannish with curfes to the blackest hels:

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Defence

Andromeda liberata.

*Defence of Beauty and of Innocence,
And taking off the chaines of Infolence,
35 From their prophan'd and godlike Lineaments,
Actions heroique ,and diuine descents,
All the sweet Graces,euen from death reuiu'd,
And sacred fruites, from barren Rockes deriu'd,
Th' Immortall Subiects of our Nuptials are:
40 Thee then (iust scourge of factious popolare;
Fautor of peace, and all the powers that moue
In sacred Circle of religious Loue;
Fountaine of royall learning, and the rich
Treasure of Counsailes,and mellifluous speech :)
45 Let me inuoke,that one drop of thy spring
May spirit my aged Muse , and make her sing,
As if th'inspir'd brest,of eternall youth
Had lent her Accents, and all-mouing truth.
The Kingdome that the gods so much did loue,
50 And often feasted all the Powers aboue :
At whose prime beauties the enamour'd Sunne,
His Morning beames lights, and doth ouerrunne*

B 2<r>

The

Andromeda liberata.

*The world with Ardor(Æthiopia)
Bore in her throne diuine Andromeda,
55 To Cepheus and Caffiope his Queene :
Whose boundleffe beauties, made ore'flow the spleene
Of euery Neirid, for furpaffing them :
The Sun to her, resign'd his Diadem :
And all the Deities, admiring stood,
60 Affirming nothing mou'd, like flesh and blood :
Thunder would court her with words fwetly phraz'd,
And lightning stucke 'twixt heau'n and earth amaz'd.
This matchleffe virgin had a mother too,
That did for beautie, and for wifdome goe
65 Before the formoft Ladies of her time:
To whom of fuper-excellence the crime
Was likewise lai'd by Iuno, and from hence
Pin'd Enuie fuckt, the poifon of offence.
No truth of excellence, was euer feene,
70 But bore the venome of the Vulgares spleene.
And now the much enrag'd Neireides
Obtain'd of him that moues the marble seas*

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(To

Andromeda liberata.

(To wreake the vertue, they cal'd Infolence)
A whale fo monftrous, and fo pafte defence,
75 *That all the royall Region he laid waft,*
And all the nobleft edifices rac't :
Nor from his plague, were ftrongeft Cities free,
His bodies waft heape rag'd fo heauily.
With nobleft names and bloods is ftill embrewd
80 *The monftrous beaft, the rauenous Multitude.*
This plague thus preying vpon all the land,
With fo incomprehenfible a hand :
The pious virgin of the father fought,
By Oracles to know, what caufe had brought
85 *Such banefull outrage ouer all his State,*
And what might reconcile the Deities hate.
His orifons and facrifices pafte,
The Oracle gaue anfwere, that the waft
His Country fuffered, neuer would conclude,
90 *Till his Andromeda he did extrude,*
To rapine of the Monfter , he(good man,)
Refolu'd to fatisfie the Leuiathan:

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With

Andromeda liberata.

95 *With her, before his Country, though he lou'd
Her past himselfe, and bore a spirit mou'd
To rescue Innocence in any one
That was to him, or his, but kindly knowne ,
To grace, or profite; doe them any good
That lay in swift streame of his noblest blood,
Constant to all, yet to his deereft feed,*
(For rights sake):flitting: thinking true indeed,
*The generall vprore, that t'was sinne in her,
That made men so exclaime, and gods conferre
Their approbation: saying the Kingdomes bale
Must end by her expofure to the Whale :*
105 *With whom the Whale-like vulgare did agree,
And their foule spleenes, thought her impiety,
Her most wife mother yet, the sterne intent,
Vow'd with her best endeauour to preuent.
And tolde her what her father did addresse;*
110 *Shee (fearefull) fled into the wilderneffe :
And to th' instinct of favage beafts would yeeld,
Before a father that would cease to shield*

<B 3v> A daugh-

Andromeda liberata.

*A daughter, fo diuine and Innocent:
Her feet were wing'd, and all the search out went,
115 That after her was ordered : but shee flew,
And burft the winds that did incenst purfue,
And with enamoured fighes, her parts aßaile,
Plaide with her haire, and held her by the vaile :
From whom shee brake ,and did to woods repaire:
120 Still where shee went,her beauties dide the ayre,
And with her warme blood, made proud Flora blush :
But seeking shelter in each fhadie bush:
Beauty like fire, comprefst, more ftrength receiues
And shee was ftill feene fhining through the leaues.
125 Hunted from thence, the Sunne euen burn'd to fee,
So more then Sunne-like a Diuinity,
Blinded her eyes ,and all inuafion feekes
To dance vpon the mixture of her cheekes,
Which fhow'd to all,that follow'd after far,
130 As vnderneath the roundure of a ftarre,
The euening fkie is purple'd with his beames:
Her lookes fir'd all things with her loues extreames.*

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Her

Andromeda liberata.

*Her necke a chaine of orient pearle did decke,
The pearles were faire ,but fairer was her necke:
135 Her breafte (laid out) shew'd all enflamed fights
Loue, lie a funning, twixt two Cryfolites :
Her naked wrifts shewde, as if through the fkie,
A hand were thrust, to figne the Deitie
Her hands, the confines, and digestions were
140 Of Beauties world ; Loue fixt his pillars there.
Her eyes that others caught, now made her caught ,
Who to her father, for the whale was brought,
Bound to a barraine Rocke ,and death expected ;
But heau'n hath still such Innocence protected:
145 Beauty needs feare no Monsters, for the sea,
(Mother of Monsters) sent Alcyone,
To warrant her, not onely gainst the waues,
But all the deathes hid in her watric graues.
The louing birds flight made about her still,
150 (Still good prefaging) shew'd heau'ns fauing will:
Which cheering her, did comfort all the shore
That mourn'd in shade of her sad eyes before :*

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Her

Andromeda liberata.

*Her lookes to perle turn'd peble, and her looks
To burnisht gold transform'd the burning Rocks.*

155 *And now came roring to the tied, the Tide
All the Neireides deckt in all their pride
Mounted on Dolphins, rodde to fee their wreake
The waues fom'd with their enuies ; that did speake
In muteft fishes, with their leapes aloft*
160 *For brutish ioy of the reuenge they fought.
The people greedie of disaftrous fights
And newes, (the food of idle appetites
From the kings Chamber, ftraight knew his intent,
And almoft his refolu'd thoughts did preuent*
165 *In drie waues beating thicke about the Shore
And then came on the prodegie, that bore
In one mafse mixt their Image ; that ftill fspread
A thoufand bodies vnder one fole head
Of one minde ftill to ill all ill men are*
170 *Strange fights and mifchiefes fit the Populare.
Vpon the Monfter red Rhamnufia rode,
The Sauage leapt beneath his bloody load*

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*Ma**

Andromeda liberata.

Mad of his prey, giu'n ouer now by all :

When any high, haue any meanes to fall,
175 Their greateft louers proue falfe props to proue it
And for the mifchiefe onely, praife and loue it.
There is no good they will not then commend,
Nor no Religion but they will pretend
A mighty title to, when both are vf'd,
180 To warrant Innouation, or fee bruf'd
The friendlefse Reed, that vnder all feet lies :
The found parts euermore, they paffe like flies,
And dwell vpon the fores, ill in themfelues,
They clearly faile with ouer rockes and fhelues,
185 But good in others fhip wracke in the Deepes:
Much more vniuft is he that truely keepes
Lawes for more fhew, his owne ends vnderftood
Then he that breakes them for anothers good.
And 'tis the height of all malignity,
190 To tender good fo, that yee ill implie:
To treade on Pride but with a greater pride.
VVhen where no ill, but in ill thoughts is tri'd,

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To

Andromeda liberata.

To ſpeake well is a charity diuine:
The reft retaine the poyſon ſerpentine
195 Vnder their lips, that ſacred liues condemne,
And wee may worthily apply to them,
This tragicke execration : perſiſh hee
That fiſts too far humane infirmity.
But as your cupping glaſſes ſtill exhale
200 *The humour that is euer worſt of all*
In all the fleſh : So theſe ſpic't conſcienc't men
The worſt of things explore ſtill, and retaine .
Or rather ,as in certaine Cities were
Some ports through which all rites piaculare,
205 *All Executed men, all filth were brought,*
Of all things chaſt, or pure, or ſacred, nought
Entring or iſſuing there : ſo curious men,
Nought manly, elegant, or not vncleane,
Embrace, or bray out: Acts of ſtaine are ſtill
210 *Their Syrens, and their Muſes : Any ill*
Is to their appetites ,their ſupreme good,
And ſweeter then their neceſſary food .

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Andromeda liberata.

*All men almoſt in all things they apply
The By the Maine make, and the Maine the By.*

215 *Thus this ſweete Ladies ſad expoſure was
Of all theſe moodes in men, the only glaſſe :
But now the man that next to Ioue comptrold
The triple world , got with a ſhoure of gold :
(Armed with Meduſa's head, and Enyos eye :
220 The Adamantine ſword of Mercury
The helme of Pluto, and Minerua's Mirror,
That from the Gorgus made his paſſe with Terror)
Came to the reſcue of this enuied mayd :
Drew neere, and firſt, in admiration ſtay'd
225 That for the common ill of all the land,
She the particular obloquie ſhould ſtand :
And that a beauty, no leſſe then diuine
Should men and women finde ſo ſerpentine
As but to thinke her any ſuch euent :
230 Much leſſe that eies and hands ſhould giue conſent
To ſuch a danger and to ſuch a death.
But though the whole Realme laboured vnderneath*

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So

Andromeda liberata.

*So foule an error, yet fince Ioue and he
Tendred her beauty, and integretie,
235 In fpight of all the more he fet vp fpirit
To doe her right : the more all wrong'd her merit,
He that both vertue had, and beauty too
Equall with her to both knew what to doe :
The Ruthles ftill go laught at to the Graue
240 Thofe that no good will doe, no goodneffe haue:
The minde a fpirit is, and cal'd the glaffe
In which we fee God ; and corporeall grace
The mirror is, in which we fee the minde.
Amongft the faireft women you could finde
245 Then Perfeus, none more faire ; mongft worthieft men,
No one more manly : This the glaffe is then
To fhew where our complexion is combinde ;
A womans beauty, and a manly minde :
Such was the halfe-diuine-borne Troian Terror
250 Where both Sex graces, met as in their Mirror.
Perfeus of Loues owne forme, thofe fiue parts had
Which fome giue man, that is the louelieft made :*

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Or

Andromeda liberata.

*Or rather that is louelieft enclin'd,
And beares (with shape) the beauty of the mind :
255 Young was he , yet not youthfull, fince mid-yeeres,
The golden meane holds in mens loues and feares :
Aptly composde, and soft (or delicate)
Flexible(or tender) calme (or temperate)
Of these fiue, three, make most exactly knowne,
260 The Bodies temperate complexion :
The other two, the order doe expresse,
The meafure and whole Trim of comelineffe.
A temperate corporature (learn'd Nature faith)
A fsmooth, a soft, a solid flesh bewrayeth :
265 Which ftate of body shewes th' affections State
In all the humours, to be moderate ;
For which cause, soft or delicate they call
Our conquering Perfeus, and but yong withall,
Since time or yeeres in men too much reuolu'd,
270 The subtiler parts of humour being resolu'd,
More thicke parts reft, of fire and aire the want,
Makes earth and water more predominant :*

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Flexible

Andromeda liberata.

Flexible they calde him, since his quicke conceit,
And pliant disposition, at the height
275 *Tooke each occasion, and to Acts approu'd,*
As soone as he was full inform'd, he mou'd,
Not flexible, as of inconstant state, }
Nor soft, as if too much effeminate, }
For these to a complexion moderate }
280 *(Which we before affirme in him) imply,*
A most vnequall contrariety.
Composure fit for Ioues sonne Perfeus had,
And to his forme, his mind fit answere made :
“ As to be lou'd, the fairest fittest are;
290 *“ To loue so to, most apt are the most faire,*
“ Light like it selfe, transparent bodies makes,
“ At ones act; th'other ioint impression takes.
“ Perfeus, (as if transparent) at first sight,
“ Was shot quite thorough with her beauties light:
295 *“ Beauty breeds loue ; loue consummates a man.*
“ For loue, being true, and Eleutherean,
“ No Iniurie nor contumelie beares;

“ That

Andromeda liberata.

“ That his beloued, eyther feeles or feares,
“ All good-wils enterchange it doth conclude
300 “ And mans whole fumme holds, which is gratitude:
“ No wifdome, nobleffe, force of armes, nor lawes,
“ Without loue, wins man, his compleat applause:
“ Loue, makes him valiant, pafst all elfe defires
“ For Mars, that is, of all heau’ns erring fires
305 “ Moft full of fortitude (fince he inspires
“ Men with moft valour) Cytherea tames :
“ For when in heau’ns blunt Angels fhine his flames,
“ Or he, his fecond or eight houle afcends
“ Of rul’d Natiuities; and then portends
310 “ Ill to the then-borne : Venus in afpect
“ Sextile, or Trine doth (being conioyn’d) correct
“ His moft malignitie : And when his ftarre
“ The birth of any gouernes (fit for warre
“ The Iffue making much to wrath enclin’d
315 “ And to the ventrous greatneffe of the minde)
“ If Venus neere him fhine ſhe doth not let
“ His magnanimity, but in order fet

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The

Andromeda liberata.

*"The vice of Anger making Mars more milde
And gets the mastry of him in the childe :
320 "Mars neuer masters her ; but if she guide
"She loue inclines : and Mars fet by her fide
"Her fires more ardent render, with his heat:
"So that if he at any birth be fet
"In th' house of Venus, Libra, or the Bull,
325 "The then-borne burnes, and loues flames feels at full.
"Befides, Mars ftill doth after Venus moue
"Venus not after Mars : because, of Loue
"Boldneffe is hand-maid, Loue not fo of her :
"For not because men, bold affections beare
330 "Loues golden nets doth their affects enfold ;
"But fince men loue, they therefore are more bold
"And made to dare, euen Death, for their belou'd,
"And finally, Loues Fortitude is prou'd
"Paft all, moft cleerely; for this caufe alone
335 "All things fubmit to Loue, but loue to none.
"Celeftials, Animals, all Corporeall things, (Kings
"Wifemen, and Strong, Slaue-rich, and Free-borne
D <1r> "Are*

Andromeda liberata.

“ Are loues contributories; no guifts can buy,
“ No threats can loue conftaine, or terrifie
340 “ For loue is Free , and his Impulfions ftill
Spring from his owne free, and ingenious will.
Not God himfelfe, would willing loue enforce
But did at firft decree, his liberall courfe:
Such is his liberty, that all affects
345 All arts and Acts, the minde befides directs
To fome wifh’t recompence, but loue afpires
To no poffeffions, but his owne defires :
As if his wifh in his owne fphere did moue,
And no reward were worthy Loue but Loue .
350 Thus Perfeus ftood affected, in a Time
When all loue, but of riches was a crime
A fancy and a follie. And this fact
To adde to loues deferuings, did detract ;
For twas a Monfter and a monftrous thing
355 Whence he fhould combat out, his nuptiall ring,
The monfter vulgar thought, and conquerd gaue
The combatant already , the foule graue

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O

Andromeda liberata.

*Of their fore-speakings, gaping for him stood
And cast out fumes as from the Stigian flood
360 Gainst his great enterprife, which was so fit
For Ioues cheefe Minion, that Plebeian wit
Could not conceiue it : Acts that are too hie
For Fames crackt voice, resound all Infamie:
O poore of vnderstanding : if there were
365 Of all your Acts, one onely that did beare
Mans worthie Image, euen of all your best
Which truth could not discouer, to be drest
In your owne ends, which Truths selfe not compels,
But couers in your bottoms, finckes and hels.
370 Whose opening would abhor the funne to fee
(So ye stood fure of safe deliuerie
Being great with gaine or propagating lust)
A man might feare your hubbubs ; and some trust
Giue that most false Epiphonem, that giues
375 Your voice, the praise of gods: but view your liues
With eyes impartiall, and ye may abhorre
To censure high acts, when your owne taste more*

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*O**

Andromeda liberata.

*Of damned danger : Perfeus scorn'd to feare
The ill of good Acts, though hel-mouth gap't there :
380 Came to Andromeda; sat by, and cheerd :
But she that lou'd, through all the death she fear'd,
At first fight, like her Louer : for his sake
Resolu'd to die, ere he should vndertake
A combat with a Monster so past man
385 To tame or vanquish, though of Ioue he wanne
A power past all men els, for man should still
Aduance his powers to rescue good from ill,
Where meanes of rescue seru'd: and neuer where
Ventures of rescue, so impossible were
390 That would encrease the danger: two for one
Expose to Ruine : Therefore she alone
Would stand the Monsters Fury and the Shame
Of those harsh bands : for if he ouercame
The monstrous world would take the monsters part
395 *o much the more : and say some forcerouse art
Not his pure valour, nor his Innocence
Preuail'd in her deliuerance her offence*

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Would

Andromeda liberata.

*Would ftill the fame be counted, for whofe ill
The Land was threatned by the Oracle.
400 The poiſoned Murmures of the multitude.
Riſe more, the more, deſert or power obtrude :
Againſt their moſt (ſayd he) come I the more :
Vertue, in conſtant ſufferance we adore.
Nor could death fright him, for he dies that loues:
405 And ſo all bitterneſſe from death remoues .
He dies that loues, becauſe his euery thought,
(Himſelfe forgot) in his belou'd is wrought.
If of himſelfe his thoughts are not imploy'd
Nor in himſelfe they are by him enioy'd.
410 And ſince not in himſelfe, his minde hath Act
(The mindes act chiefly being of thought compact)
Who workes not in himſelfe, himſelfe not is :
For, theſe two are in man ioynt properties ,
To worke, and Be; for Being can be neuer
415 But Operation, is combined euer.
Nor Operation, Being doth exceed,
Nor workes man where he is not: ftill his deed*

D 3<r> His

Andromeda liberata.

*His being, conforing, no true Louers minde
He in himfelfe can therefore euer finde
420 Since in himfelfe it workes not, if he giues
Being from himfelfe, not in himfelfe he liues :
And he that liues not, dead is, Truth then faid
That whofoeuer is in loue, is dead.
If death the Monfter brought then, he had laid
425 A fecond life vp, in the loued Mayd :
And had ſhe died, his third life Fame decreed,
Since death is conquer'd in each liuing deed :
Then came the Monfter on, who being ſhowne
His charmed ſheild, his halfe he turn'd to ſtone
430 And through the other with his ſword made way :
Till like a ruin'd Cittie, dead he lay
Before his loue: The Neirids with a ſhrieke
And Syrens (fearfull to ſuftaine the like)
And euen the ruthleſſe and the fenceleſſe Tide
435 Before his howre, ran roring terrifi'd,
Backe to their ſtrength : wonders and monſters both,
With conſtant magnanimitie, like froth*

<D 3v> Sodainely

Andromeda liberata.

*Sodainely vanish, fmother'd with their prease ;
No wonder lasts but virtue : which no leffe
440 We may esteeme, since t'is as seldome found
Firme & sincere, and when no vulgar ground
Or flourish on it, fits the vulgar eye
Who viewes it not but as a prodegie ?
Plebeian admiration, needes must figne
445 All true-borne Acts, or like false fires they shine :
If Perfeus for such warrant had contain'd
His high exploit, what honour had he gain'd ?
Who would haue set his hand to his designe
But in his skorne ? skorne censures things diuine :
450 True worth (like truth) fits in a groundlesse pit
And none but true eyes see the depth of it
Perfeus had Enyos eye, and saw within
That grace, which out-lookes, held a desperate fin :
He, for it selfe, with his owne end went on,
455 And with his louely rescu'd Paragon
Long'd of his Conquest, for the latest shocke:
Diffolu'd her chaines, and tooke her from the rocke*

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No *

Andromeda liberata.

Now woing for his life that fled to her
As hers in him lay : Loue did both confer
460 To one in both : himfelfe in her he found
She with her felfe, in onely him was crownd :
While thee I loue (fayd he) you louing mee
In you I finde my felfe : thought on by thee,
And I (loft in my felfe by thee neglected)
465 In thee recouer'd am, by thee affected :
The fame in me you worke, miraculous ftrange
Twixt two true Louers is this enterchange,
For after I haue loft my felfe, if I
Redeeme my felfe by thee, by thee fupply
470 I of my felfe haue, if by thee I faue
My felfe fo loft, thee more then me I haue.
And neerer to thee, then my felfe I am
Since to my felfe no otherwise I came
Then by thee being the meane : In mutuall loue
475 One onely death and two reuiuals moue :
For he that loues, when he himfelfe neglects
Dies in himfelfe once, In her he affects

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Straight

Andromeda liberata.

*Straight he renewes, when ſhe with equall fire
Embraceth him, as he did her defire :*
480 *Againe he liues too, when he ſurely feeth
Himſelfe in her made him : O bleſſed death
Which two liues follow : O Commerce moſt ſtrange
Where, who himſelfe doth for another change,
Nor hath himſelfe, nor ceaſeth ſtill to haue:*
485 *O gaine, beyond which no defire can craue,
When two are ſo made one, that either is
For one made two, and doubled as in this :
Who one life had : one interuenient death
Makes him diſtinctly draw a two fold breath :*
490 *In mutuall Loue the wreake moſt iuſt is found,
When each ſo kill that each cure others wound ;
But Churlifh Homicides, muſt death ſuſtaine,
For who belou'd, not yeelding loue againe
And ſo the life doth from his loue deuide*
495 *Denies himſelfe to be a Homicide ?
For he no leſſe a Homicide is held,
That man to be borne lets : then he that kild*

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A

Andromeda liberata.

*A man that is borne : He is bolder farre
That presnt life reauēs: but he crueller
500 That to the to-be borne, enuies the light
And puts their eyes out, ere they haue their fight.
All good things euer we desire to haue,
And not to haue alone, but still to faue :
All mortall good, defectiue is, and fraile ;
505 Vnlesse in place of things, on point to faile,
We daily new beget. That things innate
May last, the languishing we re'create
In generation, re'creation is,
And from the prosecution of this
510 Man his instinct of generation takes.
Since generation, in continuance, makes
Mortals, similitudes, of powers diuine,
Diuine worth doth in generation shine.
Thus Perseus sayd, and not because he sau'd
515 Her life alone, he her in marriage crau'd :
But with her life, the life of likely Race
Was chiefe end of his action, in whose grace*

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Her

Andromeda liberata.

*Her royall father brought him to his Court
With all the then affembled glad resort
520 Of Kings and Princes: where were solemniz'd
Th'admired Nuptialls : which great Heau'n fo priz'*
That Ioue againe ftoopt in a goulden fhowre
T'enrich the Nuptiall , as the Natall howre
Of happy Perfeus, white-armd Iuno to
525 Depof'd her greatneffe, and what ſhe could do
To grace the Bride & Bride-groome, was vouchsaf*
All Subiect-deities ftoopt to: and the Shaft
Golden and mutuall, with which loue compref*
Both th'enuied Louers: offerd to, and kift:
530 All anfwerable feafted to their States :
In all the Starres beames, ftoopt the reuerend Fates:
And the rere banquet, that fore ranne the Bed
With his prefage fhut vp, and feconded :
And ſayd they fung verſe, that Poſteritie
535 In no age ſhould reproue, for Perfidie.*

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*Parcar**

Andromeda liberata.

Parcarum Epithalamion.

O You this kingdomes glory that fhall be
Parents to fo renownd a Progenie
As earth fhall enuie, and heauen glory in,
Accept of their liues threds, which Fates fhall spin
5 Their true fpoke oracle, and liue to fee
Your fonnes fonnes enter fuch a *Progenie*,
As to the laft times of the world fhall laft :
Hafte you that guide the web, hafte fpindles hafte.
*ee *Hesperus*, with nuptiall wilhes crownd,
10 Take and enioy ; In all ye wifh abound, (ftore
Abound, for who fhould wifh crowne with her
But you that flew what barren made the fhore?
You that in winter, make your fpring to come
Your Summer needs muft be *Elifium* :
15 A race of mere foules fpringing, that fhall caft
Their bodies off in cares, and all ioyes tafte.
*afte then that facred web, hafte fpindles hafte.

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Ioue

Andromeda liberata.

Ioue loues not many, therefore let those few
That his guifts grace, affect ftill to renew :
20 For none can laft the fame ; that proper is
To onely more then *Semideities* :
To laft yet by renewing, all that haue
More merit then to make their birth their graue,
As in themfelues life, life in others faue :
25 Firft to be great feeke, then lou'd, then to laft :
Haſte you that guide the web, haſte ſpindles haſte.
She comes, ô Bridegroom ſhew thy ſelfe enflam'd
And of what tender tinder Loue is flam'd :
Catch with ech ſparke, her beauties hurle about:
30 Nay with ech thoght of her be rapt throughout ;
Melt let thy liuer, pant thy ſtartled heart :
Mount Loue on earthquakes in thy euery part :
A thoufand hewes on thine, let her lookes caſt ;
Diffolue thy ſelfe to be by her embrac't,
35 *Haſte ye that guide the web, haſte ſpindles haſte.*

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As

Andromeda liberata.

As in each bodie, there is ebbe and flood
Of blood in euery vaine, of fpirits in blood ;
Of Ioyes in fpirits, of the Soule in Ioyes, (ploies
And nature through your liues, this change im-
40 To make her conftant: fo each minde retaines
Manners and cultoms, where vicicitude reignes:
Opinions, pleafures, which fuch change enchains.
And in this enterchange all man doth laft,
Hafte then who guide the web, hafte fpindles hafte.

45 Who bodie loues beft, feedes on dantieft meats,
Who faireft feed feeke, faireft women gets :
Who loues the minde, with louelieft difciplines
Loues to enforme her, in which verity fhines.
Her beauty yet, we fee not, fince not her: (beare
50 But bodies (being her formes) who faire formes
We view, and chiefly feeke her beauties there.
The faireft then, for faire birth, fee embrac't,
Hafte ye that guide the web, hafte fpindles hafte.

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Starres

Andromeda liberata.

Starres ye are now, and ouerfhine the earth :
55 Starres fhall ye be heereafter, and your birth
In bodies rule heere, as your felues in heau'n,
What heer *Detraction* fteals, fhall there be giuen:
The boūd that heer you freed fhall triumph there
The chaine that touch't her wrifts fhall be a ftarre
60 Your beauties few can view, fo bright they are :
Like you fhallbe your birth, with grace difgrac't
Hafte ye that rule the web, hafte fpindles hafte.

Thus by diuine inftinct, the fates enrag'd,
Of *Perfeus* and *Andromeda* prefag'd
65 Who, (when the worthy nuptial State was done
And that act pafst, which only two makes one,
Flefth of each flefh and bone of eithers bone)
Left *Cepheus* Court ; both freed and honoured.
The louing Victor, and bleft *Bride-groome* led
70 Home to the Seriphins, his refcu'd Bride;
Who (after iffue highly magnifi'd

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Both

Andromeda liberata.

Both rapt to heau'n, did constellations reigne,
And to an Afterifme was turn'd the chaine
That onely touch't his grace of flesh & blood,
75 In all which ftands the Fates kinde *Omen* good.

{ornament}

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Andromeda liberata.

🔍 This Leaf often wanting 🔍

APODOSIS.

*T Hus through the Fount of ftormes (the cruell feas)
Her Monfters and malignant deities,
Great Perfeus made high and triumphant way
To his ftarre crownd deed, and bright Nuptiall day.
5 And thus doe you, that Perfeus place supply
In our Ioues loue, get Perfean victorie
Of our Land Whale, foule Barbarifme, and all
His brood of pride, and liues Atheifticall :
That more their pallats and their purfes prife
10 Then propagating P erfean victories:
Take Monfters parts, not aucthor manly parts:
For Monfters kill the Man-informing Arts :
And like a lothed prodegie despife
The rapture that the Arts doth naturalife,
15 Creating and immortalifing men:
Who fcornes in her the Godheads vertue then,
The Godheads felfe hath boldneffe to despife,
And hate not her , but their Eternities:
F <1r>*

*Seek**

Andromeda liberata.

20 *Seeke vertues loue, and vicious flatteries hate,
Heere is not true fweete, but in knowing State.
Who Honor hurts, neglecting vertues loue,
Commits but Rapes on pleasures ; for not Ioue
His power in thunder hath, or downeright flames,
But his chiefe Rule, his Loue and Wifedome frames.*

25 *You then, that in loues strife haue ouercome
The greatest Subiect blood of Crhistendome,
The greatest subiect minde take, and in Both
Be absolute man : and giue that end your oth.
So shall my sad astonisht Muse arriue*

30 *At her chiefe object : which is, to reuiue
By quickning honor, in the absolute best:
And since none are, but in Eternitie, blest,
He that in paper can register things
That Brasse and Marble shall denie euen Kings :*

35 *Should not be trod on by ech present flash:
The Monster flaine then, with your cleere Seas, wash
From spots of Earth, Heauens beauty in the minde
n which ,through death, hath all true Nobleffe shinde.

F I N I S.