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Dramatis Persona.

QUEEN MARY.

PHILLIP (King of Naples and Slelly, afterwards King of Spain).

THE PRINCESS ELIZABETH.

REGINALD POLE (Cardinal and Papal Legate).

SIMON RENARD (Spanish Ambassador).

LE SIEUR DE NOAILLES (French Ambassador).

THOMAS CRANMER (Archbishop of Canterbery).

Str Nicholas Hearn (Archbishop of York; Lord Chancellor after Gardiner).

EDWARD COURTENAY (Earl of Dryon).

Lord High Admiral).

LORD WILLIAMS OF THAME

LORD PAGET.

LORD PETRE.

STEPHEN GARDINER (Bishop of Winchester and Lord Classcellor).

EDMUND BONNER (Bishop of London).

THOMAS THERLEY (Bishop of Ely).

SIR THOMAS WYATT
SIR THOMAS STAFFORD (Insurrectionary Leaders).

SIR RALPH BAGENHALL.

SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL. SIR HENRY BEDINGFIELD. SOR WILLIAM CECH. SER THOMAS WHITE (Lord Mayor of London). THE DUKE OF ALVA (attending on Philip).

THE COUNT DE FERIA PETER MARTYR. FATRER COLE. FATHER POURNE. VILLA GARCIA. SUTO Anthony Knyvett (Adherents of Wyatt). PLIERS (Gentleman of Lord Howard). EDGLE (Servant to Noailles). WILLIAM (Servant to Wyatt). STEWARD OF HOUSEHOLD to the Princess Elizabeth. OLD NOKES and NOKES.

MARCHIONESS OF EXETER (Mother of Courtenay).

LADY CLARESCE.

LADY MAGDALEN DACRES (Ladies in Waiting to the Queen), ALICE

MAIN OF HONOUR to the Princess Elizabeth.

Tim (two Country Wives).

Lords and other Attendants, Members of the Privy Council, Members of Parliament, two Gentlemen, Abdermen, Citizens, Pensants, Unless, Messengers, Guards, Pages, &c.

QUEEN MARY.

ACT I.

SCENE L-ALDGATE RICHLY DECORATED.

Crowd, Marshalmen,

MARSHALMAN.

Stand back, keep a clear lane. When will her Majesty pass, sayst thou? why now, even now; wherefore draw back your heads and your horns before I break them, and make what noise you will with your tongues, so it be not treason. Long live Queen Mary, the lawful and legitimate daughter of Harry the Eighth. Shout, knaves!

CITIZENS.

Long live Queen Mary!

FIRST CITIZEN.

That's a hard word, legitimate; what does it mean?

SECOND CITIZEN.

It means a bastard.

THIRD CITIZEN.

Nay, it means trueborn.

FIRST CITIZEN.

Why, didn't the Parliament make her a bastard?

SECOND CITIZEN.

No; it was the Lady Elizabeth.

THIRD CITIZEN.

That was after, man; that was after.

FIRST CITIZEN.

Then which is the bastard?

SECOND CITIZEN.

Troth, they be both bastards by Act of Parliament and Council.

THIRD CITIZEN.

Ay, the Parliament can make every true-born man of

us a bastard. Old Nokes, can't it make thee a bastard? thou shouldst know, for thou art as white as three Christmasses.

OLD NOKES (dreamily).

Who's a-passing? King Edward or King Richard?

THIRD CITIZEN.

No, old Nokes.

OLD NOKES.

It's Harry!

THIRD CITIZEN.

It's Queen Mary.

OLD NOKES.

The blessed Mary's a-passing! | | Falls on his knees.

NOKES.

Let father alone, my masters! he's past your questionmg.

THIRD CITIZEN.

Answer thou for him, then! thou'rt no such cockerel