

Notes.

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¹ See anecdote of Voltaire in "Men of Letters of the Time of George III.," by Lord Brougham.

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² This is a Cipher-Sonnet and enfolds in a regular sequence the bracketed letters of the name and title: (FRANCIS BACON), Baron (V)erulam and Viscount St. (A)lbans. By noting the first letter of the first "foot" of the first line, the second of the second, the third of the third, and so on to the tenth, beginning again at the first of the eleventh and continuing to the fourteenth line, the key is found, thus:

Fear-	some	the	sha-	dow	of	yon	aw-	ful	curse
Up-	Rear[its	threat-	'ning	fin-	ger	o'er	the	stones
Where	troop	Awed	pil-	grim	throng[a-	bove	dry	bones
Whis-	p'ring	a	Name	false,	carv-	en	lines	in-	herse-
Po-	et's	light	blade,	Catch	coin	to	deck	lean	purse,
The	yard,	all	won-	der-	Ing,	its	mag-	ic	owns,
And	clap-	per-	claws	the	lack-	Shame	daw,	en-	thrones
Him	bard	who	struts	and	mouths	Want's	Bar-	tered	verse,
Fame,	per-	jured	bla-	zon,	us-	an-	ces,	And	lands,
And	gen-	tle	se-	pul-	ture	for	base-	born	Clay,
O'er-	weigh	the	wit-	ness	of	the	un-	signed	pact
"Twixt	Need-	y	wit	and	nim	ble	greed's	de-	mands.
Mimes	the	Vain	act-	or	night's	slow	hours	a-	way—
Time	calls	for	"Au-	thor"	in	the	curt-	ain-	act!