

an extract of which, on a passage in the first scene of act 2, I beg to refer to Scribbler, No. 93. Vol. III. p. 238.

In Act I. Scene 2. Upon Rochfort's determination to resign his office of president, Novall senior says;

“That we could lend you of our years.”
“Ducroy. Or strength.”

This is very singularly expressed. Rochfort is supposed to be much more advanced in years than any of the other judges; and to wish an addition to his years seems very incongruous. The meaning of their wishes is that they could *substitute* their ages and strength for his.

In the two last lines of the act,

“—— and his goodness
Rising above his fortune, seems to me
Prince-like to *will*, not ask, a courtesy.”

To will, stands for *to command*.

At the funeral procession in the second Act,

“Charolois. Of all that ever thou hast done good to
These only have good memories; for they
Remember best forget not gratitude.”

This is spoken of the soldiers who follow his father's body; but the last line is either wrongly printed, or has hitherto not been understood. It means perhaps that they “remember best and do not forget gratitude,” and in that case there should be a comma after the word *best*; but I think it applies to some common say or maxim well known to Massinger's audience as a posy, or one of the apophoreta, mentioned by Puttenham in his *Art of English Poesie*, (as referred to in a note of Mr.