

An Appraisal of James Benion / Citizen and Merchant of London, and of the Haberdashers Company.

will quite and ready with his pen, and coming to the will:

As well for friends, as for him self, when next the same day came:

Whether it were in merchants trade, or other matters grace:

With pen and speche in pleasant stile, he argues could make:

And for his time his trade hath bene, as ample I am sure

As any merchant of this Land, whyle here he dyed endure.

The James revenues of her crowne, he thereby dyd enlarge:

Wherewithall she he was, to crye forre and begre:

He traded so by sea and land, it could none other be.

There pad, he with good name and fame, to che mans contentation:

What with him beall in any trade, to his great commendation.

And though he gages his papper locke, he dyd create larg:

For the contract in traffike done, right well he dyd discharge.

And his cogitations attempts, by focall to dyd frame:

That others men dyd misse therat, and some maligne the fame:

Which to him knowng, full wysely he could temper factures to:

That he bought would not be, but let all make go.

And came to GOD the whole reuenge, dyll taking quiernes:

So his shewes they framed well, and better had succ:

To make the lower with the swate, by him selfe to dyd prepare:

Wherewith any lott he dyd in frame, that had bene conuoyd care.

Citizen like in euery poynt, himselfe he dyd behaue:

With counteys gentle and affire, right decent, say, and graue.

And how to vs auadvice, he knew plac, time and when:

To noble and to worshipfull, in frame he was as well,

As into the inferiour sort, this will report can tell.

And also knowng in justices Court, by his sollicitacion:

As well for causes of his own, as others of his nation.

He left behinde by in woyle, godes, all men to liff the:

And wher he was a Courtner, for thimporites defence:

Time for, to comfort, wyse and fencous all aboumdantly.

He charitable was, to thimporites his beneficence.

For all long time say by him made, which he frent feare to feare:

He to euery and other so, as death were euer neare.

Whiches to depart by him late, all hope it dyd create:

So was there was death to escape, which he perceived well.

He opering of this temporall godes, according to his will.

And gave him selfe cleane frim the world, and eue by dy depart:

Wherofe soule no doubt remaines in, with Abraham and the rest.

For good and fast will partakes, who so fur of God are bled.

His good example, to enue, graunt God we the best:

And that we may thim imitate, we humbly the requite,

Whiche I conclude, being to GOD, all honour, laus and praye:

With thanks for this our bycher deare, I wish to walke bye waye.

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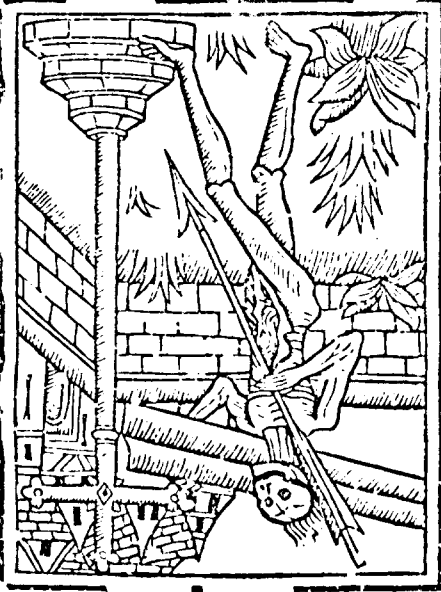
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As death this Coffyn beare,



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Therefore velpuing prepare.

The dead are vast my feare,

As both bunnys dose :
 In late of health be such a set,
 And late of gods dorth care procure,
 With fobs and lighings fore,
 Such more is late of eueby friends,
 Whom GOD hath cald by breath,
 But vnto vs the late reboundes,
 Which huc by vitall breath
 Span may to health reclosed be,
 If Gods good will be so :
 And wealth againe may grow in time
 And all hap to enerthly god
 But friendship freud whom God by
 Death, hath cald to hie in god :
 Cannot agree to vs returne,
 But rest with out any,
 Faith being gre firme in hart, and hope of heuanss life :
 Sure then in happy date thou rest, this legall cannot misse.
 For Frances Denison (X day) Gods Denison no doubt :
 Upon had the blessing lure of GOD, to wyse, and all the roue
 Of thy god friends and iudges to GOD bled them in the :
 And blessed twife wast thou of GOD, such happy dayes to be
 Of merchants all he was the flour, for wydeome and god will :
 And right expecte in euery trade, belighting theren fill :
 In this and twenty years, or more, in fram the he dye rest :
 This will and shall was a wiser such the thought it no temporle,
 With focall he and diligene dyd comprehend no doubt,
 The vnderstanding of all trades, nere Chycheuome thynghyngant,
 And haung copstantie, no time he would omit :

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