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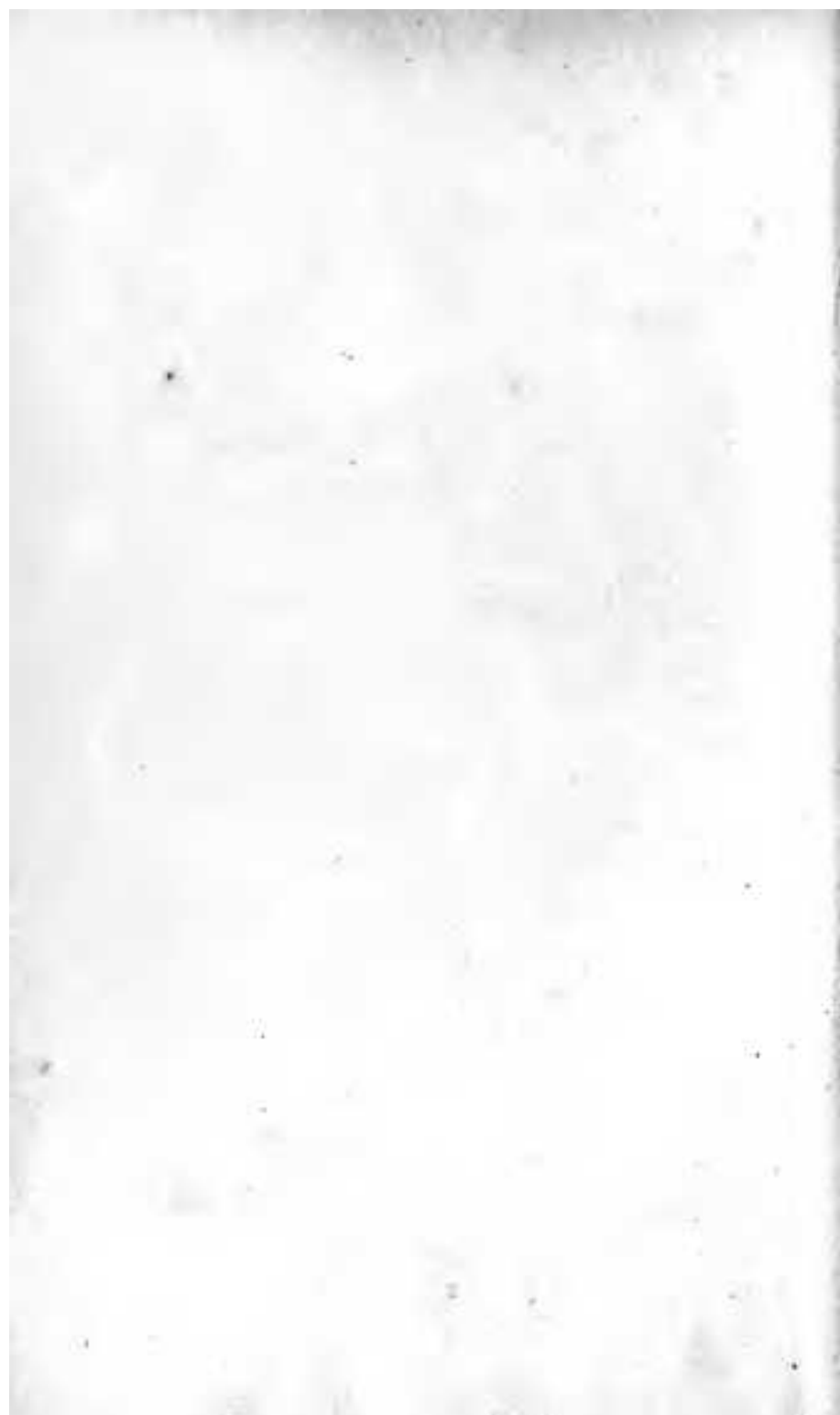
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A TRAGEDY.



## CHARACTERS.

HENRY VIII.

SIR JOHN MORE, Father to Sir Thomas.

TUNSTALL, Bishop of Durham.

DUKE OF NORFOLK.

BONVISE.

SIR THOMAS MORE.

ROPER.

DANCY.

HERON.

LADY MORE.

MARGARET.

ELIZA.

CECILIA.

ANNE BULLEN.





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ACT I.

SCENE—*The Thames.*

*Enter BONVISE and HERON.*

BONVISE.

HERE we take water, but must wait awhile,  
The boatman is not come.

HERON.

A lucky pause.  
Let us resume the story we had dropp'd,  
And More be all the subject of discourse.

BONVISE.

Aye More alone, with now and then a glance  
Toward his youngest daughter—her I mean

Whose sprightly wit has almost won the heart  
 Of a young Oxford scholar, just return'd  
 From schools and tutors with his first degree,  
 To steal a smile from sweet Cecilia's brow,  
 And dine with Bonvise.

HERON.

Meaning me, I think.

BONVISE.

Yes, Sir, and much commending your discernment.

HERON.

Why, to be honest, in my secret heart  
 I long have lock'd a more than due regard  
 To sweet Cecilia.

BONVISE.

Sir, not more than due.

Were it unbounded, it were all deserv'd.  
 There is in that sweet maid such easy mirth,  
 Such sensible good-humour, such an eye,  
 For ever laughing, and a heart so good,  
 That could I from these shoulders, with a wish,  
 Shake off some thirty years, I should become  
 Once more a wooer, and, to win her love,