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# To the Right Noble and his singular good Lady, Lady Anne, Counteffe Warwick, &c. George Turbervile wisheth increase of honor with all good happes.

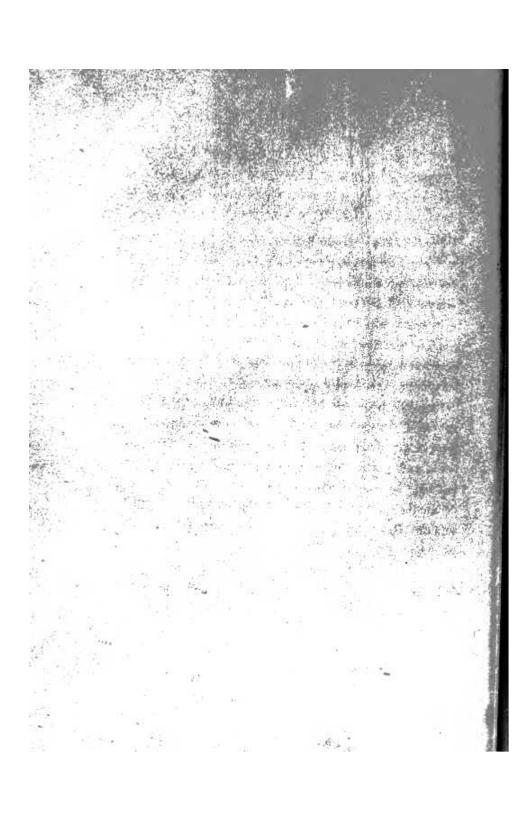
As at what time (Madame) I first published this foud and stender treatise of Sonets, I made bolde with you in dedication of so unworthy a booke to so worthie a Ladie, so have I now also rubde my browe, and wiped away all shame in this respect, adventuring not to cease, but to increase my former sollie, in adding moe Sonets to those I wrote before: so much the more abusing, in mine owne conceite, your Ladishippes patience, in that I had pardon before of my rash attempt. But see (madame) what presumption raignes in retchlesse youth! You accepted that my sirst offer, of honorable and meere curtesse, and I, thereby encouraged, blush not to procede in the like trade of sollie, alwayes hoping for the lyke acceptance at your hands; which if should faile me (as I hope it shal not faile) then should I hereaster not once so

much as dare as to fet pen to paper for feare of controlment and check; which howe grievous it is to a yong man, nowe (as it were) but tasting with his hippe the brim of learnings fountaine, and faluting the Mufes at the doore and thresholl, neyther is your Ladiship ignorant, and I my selfe presume to know. Wherfore, as I have (Madame) by a little inlarging this booke, inlarged not a little my follie, fo is my humble fute to you a little to inlarge your bounteous curtefie; I meane in well accepting the increase of these my follies, proceeding not so much upon any light affection, as desire to acknowledge a greater dutie. It shall not be long (I hope) but that my hande shall seeke, in some part, the requitall of your bountie by some better devise, though not more learned treatise. But what shoulde I stande upon termes of skill? knowing that it is not the worke that your Ladiship doth so much regarde as the writer, neyther the worthinesse of the thing, as the good will and meaning of the devifer therof, offering his dutie in fuch wife as best aunsweres his abilitie and power. For as if subjectes shoulde have respect more to the unworthinesse of fuch things as they give their princes, than regard the worthic mindes and good natures of their foveraignes in well accepting fuch flender trifles at their vaffels handes, they should quyte be discouraged from ever offering the like and

slender giftes: fo, if I should cast an eie rather to the basenesse of my booke than account of your noble nature and accustomed curtesie in well receyving the same, neither should I heretofore enboldned my selfe so farre as to have offred you this trissing treatise, nor now have the hart to adventure anew, although somewhat purged of his former faults and scapes. I cannot leave to molest your noble eies with survey of my rashe compiled toyes. It may please your Ladyship to wey my well meaning hart, at what time occasion ministers you the perusing of my booke, and this to deeme, that desire alone to manifest my dutie to you was the onely cause of this my enterprise. Which done, I have at this time no more to trouble your Ladyship, but ending my Episte, to crave the Gods your happie preservation of present honor, and luckie increase of blessed happes in all your life.

Your Ladiships daily Orator,

GEORGE TURBERVILE.



#### TO THE READER.

HERE have I (gentle Reader) according to promife in my Translation, given thee a fewe Sonets, the unripe feedes of my barraine braine, to pleasure and recreate thy wearye mind and troubled hed withal; trufting that thou wylte not loth the bestowing thy time at vacant houres in perufing the fame, waying that for thy folace alone (the bounden dutie which I owed the noble Cowntesse reserved) I undertoke this flender toyle, and not for anye pleafure I did my felfe in penning thereof. As I deeme thou canft not, so do I hope thou wilt not, mislike it at all; but if there be any thing herein that maye offend thee, refuse it: reade and perufe the reaft with pacience. Let not the misliking of one member procure thee rashlye to condemne the whole: I ftand to thy judgement; I expect thy æquitie. Reade the good, and reject the evill: yea, rather condemne it to perpetuall filence; for fo woulde I wyfhe thee to deale wyth unworthye bookes. But affuredlye there is nothing in thys whole flender volume that was ment amiffe of me, the writer, howfoever the letter goe in