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T O

THE WORSHIPFULL
and most vertuous Gentlewoman

Mistress *Anne Willoughby* Daughter of the
Right Worshipfull, and ever to be Honoured
Henry Willoughby of *Risley*, in the
County of *Derby*
Baronet.

Worthiest, and Noble Mistress,

THIS infant received breath,
and being under your noble
Fathers roofe (my ever hono-
red Master) and therefore as an
Aire-lover belonging to that Ho-
spitable Fabricke, it properly prostrates
it selfe to you for a patronnesse. The
title of it saith ignorant Censurers (those
Critticall Momes that have no lan-
guage but satirrick Calummie) sounds
grosse, and ignare, expressing smal wit,
and lesse judgment, in the Author to
dedicate (*A vow-breaker*) under the

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The Epistle.

protection of *A Lady*, of your Candor,
beauty, goodnes, and vertues : against
those foule mouthed detractors, who as-
much as in their venemous hearts lay;
sought to villifie an unblanched *Laine*,
a vestall puritie, a truth like Innocence,
a temple of sanctitie, the Altar of reall
goodnes, against those brainles *Momes*,
I comply my selfe with *Plinies* naturall
similie of the Almond tree : picke
of the Rind, cracke the shell, yet set the
kernell upright in earth, and by natur'es
helpe it regaines maturity and growth:
so have your noble vertues, even with
the Diamond eclipsed darknesse, and
from obscurity gaine greater lustre e-
ven then when the two eldest sons of sin
Envy, and *Malice* sought to obscure
them : but shee that hath not left the
earth, divine *Astrea*, sacred iustice, the
eye, and soule of the law, hath vindica-
ted

Dedicatory.

ted those foule mouthd detractors : as
you are great in goodnes, so shine there
still, and let the Sun-raies of your ver-
tues ever yeild honored hatchments, &
portments, to your most noble father, &
his honored families, of whom you are a
principall Columnne : continue e-uer in
that noble pedigree of vertues, which
your virgin purity hitherto hath justly
maintaind, heauen keepe you from fauning
parasites, and busie gissips, and send you a
Husband, and a good one, else may you neuer
make a Heliday for Hymen, as much hap-
pines as tongue can speake, penn write, heart
thinke, or thoughts imagine, ever attend on
you, your noble father, and all his families, to
whom I ever rest, as my bounden duty,

A faithfull servant,

WILLIAM SAMPSON.