

Dédicace de Landgartha

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THE EPISTLE

Dedicatorie.

To all faire, indifferent faire, vertuous, that are
or not faire and magnanimous Ladies.

Have here plac'd a patterne, yea, more then
one (Ladies) for you to imitate. Chastity and
other vertues joyn'd to beauty, vertue single
and manly fortitude in the female Sexe, doe here
present themselves unto you. What you cannot
reach one way take another: & know that the form
& faculties of the minde, doe farre excell in worth
those of the body. Yet, both joyn'd (as in *Landgartha*)
is of all the most excellent: in regard that that exter-
nall beauty allures (nay commands) the minde of
man (that affects visible objects) to the love of ver-
tue, which it selfe do's possesse, and suffers (as most
coveted) greater combats in the resisting of vice. Bo-
dily force too in a woman (were it but to defend it's
owne Fort) is a perfection, though it cannot be ex-
pected but from a few of you, it will be sufficient,
that you never fall willingly, but in the way of ho-
nour.

Dedicatory.

hour. If I have not draw'n this faire visage, as a chiefe
Arts man: I hope yet (you will say) that I have made
it indifferent handsome, and that my good will to
effect it after the best fashion for your sakes: will
notwithstanding my weaknesse, purchase an excuse
at least for my boldnesse, both in undertaking the
worke and in offering of it (in part a poore braine
borne Infant of mine, that covers to looke at the
light) to be cherish'd by such hands as yours, to
kneele at the feete of your pietie. Whatsoever it be,
or whosoever got it: let it be yours, as is

The affectionate honourer

of your perfections

Henry Burnell.