

Dédicace de *The Unhappy Favourite*

Auteur : Banks, John

Voir la transcription de cet item

Les folios

En passant la souris sur une vignette, le titre de l'image apparaît.

3 Fichier(s)

Mots clés

[famille de la dédicataire](#)

Informations éditoriales

Titre complet de la pièce*The Unhappy Favourite, or, The Earl of Essex, a Tragedy, acted at the Theatre Royal by their Majesty's Servants*

Auteur de la pièceBanks, John

Date1682

Lieu d'éditionLondres, Royaume-Uni

Éditeur

- Bentley, Richard
- Magnes, Michael

LangueAnglais

Source[Internet Archive](#)

Analyse

Type de paratexteDédicace

Genre de la pièceTragédie

Les relations du document

Collection ** Hors collections **

Cette dédicace est adressée à :



[Anne Stuart](#)

[Afficher la visualisation des relations de la notice.](#)

Informations sur la notice

Edition numérique Véronique Lochert (Projet Spectatrix, UHA et IUF) ; EMAN (Thalim, CNRS-ENS-Sorbonne nouvelle)

Contributeurs

- Borfotina, Adelina (Stagiaire)
- Lochert, Véronique (Responsable de projet)

Mentions légales Véronique Lochert (Projet Spectatrix, UHA et IUF) ; EMAN (Thalim, CNRS-ENS-Sorbonne nouvelle). Licence Creative Commons Attribution - Partage à l'Identique 3.0 (CC BY-SA 3.0 FR)

Citer cette page

Banks, John Dédicace de *The Unhappy Favourite* 1682.

Véronique Lochert (Projet Spectatrix, UHA et IUF) ; EMAN (Thalim, CNRS-ENS-Sorbonne nouvelle).

Consulté le 13/02/2026 sur la plate-forme EMAN :

<https://eman-archives.org/Spectatrix/items/show/1906>

Copier

Notice créée par [Adelina Borfotina](#) Notice créée le 01/07/2024 Dernière modification le 03/12/2025

To the Most High, and Most Illustrious

PRINCESS

The LADY

ANN,

Daughter to His

Royal Highness.

MADAM,

I Humbly lay before your Highness Feet
an Unhappy Favourite, but 'tis in Your
Power to make him no longer so; Not his
Queens Repentance, nor her Tears cou'd
Rescue him from the Malice of his Enemies,
nor from the violence of a most unfortunate
Death; but your Highness with this unspeak-
able Favour, and so Divine a Condescension in
Protecting this once pitty'd Hero, will make him
live Eternally; and those who cou'd scarce be-
hold him on the Stage without weeping, when
they shall see him thus exalted, will all turn en-

A 2

vious

The Dedication.

vious of his Fortune, which they can never think deplorable while he is grac'd by your Highness. For my own part, I tremble to express my Thanks in so mean Language, but much more when I wou'd pay my Tribute of just Praises to your Highness; 'tis not to be attempted by any Pen, Heaven has done it to a Miracle in Your own Person, where are Written so many admirable Characters, such Illustrious Beauties on a Body so Divinely fram'd, that there is none so dull and ignorant, that cannot read 'em plainly; And when You vouchsafe to cast your Eyes on those beneath You, they speak their own Excellencies with greater Art and Eloquence, and attract more Admiration than ever *Virgil* did in his Divinest Flight of Fancy, then *Ovid* in speaking of his Princess, or *Appelles* in drawing of his *Venus*; Nor are Your Virtues, or Your Royal Blood less admirable, sprung from the Inestimable Fountain of so many Illustrious Plantagenets, that I stand amaz'd at the Mightyness of the Subject which I have chosen; besides the awful Genius of your Highness bids me beware how I come too near, lest I Prophane so many Incomparable Perfections in so Sacred a Shrine as your Highness Person, where You ought to be ador'd,
and

The Dedication.

and not seen: For, like the Antient Jews in their Religious Worship, 'tis a Favour for me to remain on the outward steps, and not approach nigh the Vail where the Crowd never come: This, Most Illustrious Princess, ought to check my Hand, least in attempting your Highness Character, my Apprehension of the Excellence of the Subject, and the Danger of miscarrying, should make my Fancy sink beneath so Glorious a Burthen; Therefore I will forbear troubling your Highness any further with the Rashness of my Zeal; nor dare I be dictated any longer by it, but will Conclude, in hopes that, when hereafter I may chance to Record the Memory of a Princess, whose Beauty, Fortune and Merits are greater than *Homer* ever feign'd, or *Tasso* Copy'd, I may have leave to draw her Pattern from your Highness, and when that is done, the rest of my Life shall be employ'd in Prayers for your Eternal Happiness, which be pleas'd to Interpret as the Duty of,

M A D A M,

Your Highness's Most Obedient,
Most humble, and
Most Devoted Servant,

John Banks.