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BUTTON, BUTTON, WHO HAS THE GRAND JURY,
or *HAMLET MURDERED*

Persons Represented

Wetgelsis, a Procurator		Robin Hood
Justinian	}	Procurators Extraordinary and somewhat Plenipo- tentiary
Lucius		
Mongonius, a Player		Two Christians
Humprionus, an Officer		

First Christian:

Let us impart what we have seen tonight,
Unto the judge. Do you consent
We shall acquaint him with it, fitting
Our duty?

Second Christian:

Let's do't, I pray; and I this morning know
Where we shall find him most conveniently.

First Christian:

Wetgelsis says it is but our fantasy,
And will not let belief take hold of him
Touching these dreadful sights, twice seen of us.

First Christian:

* * *
List, your honor. Season your admiration for a while
With an intent ear, till I may deliver
Upon the witness of ourselves,
This marvel to you.

Second Christian:

As I do live, most honored judge, 'tis true;
And we did think it writ down in our duty
To let you know of it.

Justinian:

All is not well;
I doubt some foul play: would vacation were come!
Till then sit still, my soul: foul deeds will rise,
Though all the earth o'erwhelm them, to men's eyes.
Something is rotten in the State of Denmark.

Mongonius:

* * *
I am the kingfish;
Hap'ly permitted for a term to walk the night,
And, for the day, reclined in sleep
Till the foul crimes done in my days of nature
Are forgiven or outlawed. But that I am too smart
To tell the secrets of my house,
I could a tale unfold whose lightest word
Would harrow up thy soul; freeze thy young blood;

Make thy two eyes, like stars, start from their spheres;
 Thy knotted and combined locks to part,
 And each particular hair to stand on end,
 Like quills upon the fretful porcupine.

Humprionus:

And still your fingers on your lips, I pray.
 This joint is out of time:—O cursed spite,
 That ever I was born to set it right.

Justinian:

It now remains
 That we find out the cause of this effect;
 Or rather say, the cause of this defect,
 For this effect defective comes by cause:
 Thus it remains, and the remainder thus.

Lucius:

Alas, how now is it with Justinian,
 That he does bend his eye on vacancy
 And with the incorporeal air doth discourse hold?

Justinian:

What would he
 Had he the motive and the cue for passion
 That I have? He would drown the stage with tears
 And cleave the general ear with horrid speech.

Wetgelsis:

To investigate, or be investigated—that is the question.
 Whether 'tis better to endure the slings and arrows of special prosecutors,
 Or to myself take charge and by opposing end them.
 And ending them myself thus spare from
 The heartache and the thousand natural shocks
 A procurator is heir to—'tis a consummation
 Devoutly to be wish'd. To forget, to sleep—
 To sleep; perchance to dream:—ay, there's the rub;
 Shall I be mayor? Or senator? Or simply
 Wetgelsis, counselor and attorney at law?
 I do not wish the whips and scorns of
 The oppressor's wrong, the proud man's contumely,
 The pangs of despis'd love, the law's delay.
 But I fear that I my own quietus yet may make.
 And thus the native hue of resolution
 Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought.

Robin Hood: What do you read, my lord?

Maximilian: Words, words, words.

Robin Hood: What is the matter, my lord?

Maximilian: Between who?

Robin Hood: I mean, the matter that you read, my lord?

Maximilian: Slanders, sir!

(At the risk of being fired by the honorable editor of Dictaphun, we submit below, at the request of Mr. LeRoy J. Williams, two wills which were admitted to probate in the County Court of the City and County of Denver during Mr. Williams' term as Public Administrator.)

....., 19.....

I seat my self,, to write my disire. In cas I should be called off sudenly, from this life which seems so unsertin of late. Would disire my daughte Mrs. to hur and hur ares to have all my property & moneys in noates or oather wise, hur if lifing, to be the Adminestrater without baund.

I sighn the above in free will.

Hare In Witnesses By

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I,, this Day has deeded over my homestead to my sister address..... an all my personal property machenery horses an cows anything should happen to me this is my ear at will after here comes her sons

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..... 1.00
..... 1.00
..... 1.00

i,, has left one doller a piece to my 3 brothers one sister this is the shall have no farther clame this is my homestead in Fidle Cannon

(legal description)

this deed call after I am deed an all expences Paid

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Witness—.....

he who finds this deed please have it recorded in also notify the number given of my sister who finds your expences come out of my estate i think this all that is necery to cover every point