

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW. 307

*Luc.* And what of him, *Tranio*?

*Tra.* If he be credulous, and trust my tale,  
I'll make him glad to seem *Vincentio*,  
And give assurance to *Baptista Minola*,  
As if he were the right *Vincentio*:  
Take me your love, and then let me alone.

[*Ex. Luc. & Bian.*

*Enter a Pedant.*

*Ped.* God save you, sir!

*Tra.* And you, sir! you are welcome:  
Travel you far on, or are you at the farthest?  
*Ped.* Sir, at the farthest, for a week or two;  
But then up farther, and as far as *Rome*;  
And so to *Tripoly*, if god lend me life.

*Tra.* What countryman, I pray?

*Ped.* Of *Mantua*.

*Tra.* Of *Mantua*, sir, say you? god forbid!  
And come to *Padua*, careless of your life?

*Ped.* My life, sir! how, I pray? for that goes hard.

*Tra.* 'Tis death for any one of *Mantua*  
To come to *Padua*; know you not the cause?  
Your ships are stay'd at *Venice*: and the duke  
For private quarrel 'twixt your duke and him,  
Hath publish'd and proclaim'd it openly:  
'Tis marvel, but that you're but newly come,  
You might have heard it else proclaim'd about.

*Ped.* Alas, sir, it is worse for me than so;  
For I have bills for money by exchange  
From *Florence*, and must here deliver them.

*Tra.* Well, sir, to do you courtesy,  
This will I do, and this will I advise you;  
First, tell me, have you ever been at *Pisa*?

*Ped.* Ay, sir, in *Pisa* have I often been;  
*Pisa* renowned for grave citizens.

*Tra.* Among them, know you one *Vincentio*?

*Ped.* I know him not, but I have heard of him;

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A merchant