

To *York*, to present execution. —

*Blunt*, lead him hence, and see you guard him sure.

[*Ex. with Coleville.*]

And now despatch we tow'rd the court, my lords;

I hear, the king, my father, is fore sick:

Our news shall go before us to his majesty,

Which, cousin, you shall bear to comfort him:

And we with sober speed will follow you.

*Fal.* My lord, I beseech you, give me leave to go through *Glo'stershire*; and, when you come to court, 'pray, stand in your good report, my lord.

*Lan.* Fare you well, *Falstaff*: I, in my condition, shall better speak of you than you deserve.

[*Exit.*]

*Fal.* I would you had but the wit; 'twere better than your dukedom. — Good faith, this same young sober-blooded boy doth not love me; a man cannot make him laugh; but that's no marvel, he drinks no wine. There's never any of these demure boys come to any proof: for thin drink doth so over-cool their blood, and making many fish-meals, that they fall into a kind of male green sickness; and then, when they marry, they get wenches. They are generally fools and cowards; which some of us should be too, but for inflammation. A good sherris-sack hath a two-fold operation in it: it ascends me into the brain, dries me there all the foolish, dull, and crudy vapours which environ it; makes it apprehensive, quick, forgetive, full of nimble, fiery, and delectable shapes; which deliver'd o'er to the voice, in the tongue, which is the birth, become excellent wit. The second property of your excellent sherris, is, the warming of the blood; which, before cold and settled, left the liver white and pale; which is the badge of pusillanimity and cowardise: but the sherris warms it, and makes it course from the inwards, to the parts extreme; it illuminateth the face, which, as a beacon, gives warning to all the rest of this little kingdom, man, to arm; and then the vital commoners, and inland petty spirits, muster me all to their captain, the heart; who, great, and puffed up with this retinue, doth any deed of courage: and this valour comes of sherris. So that skill in the weapon is nothing