

Harmless king *Richard* trait'rously was murder'd.

War. Father, the duke hath told the very truth;
Thus got the house of *Lancaster* the crown.

York. Which now they hold by force, and not by right:
For *Richard* the first son's heir being dead,
The issue of the next son should have reign'd.

Sal. But *William* of *Hatfield* dy'd without an heir.

York. The third son, duke of *Clarence*, from whose line
I claim the crown, had issue *Philippe*, a daughter,
Who married *Edmund Mortimer* earl of *March*.

Edmund had issue, *Roger* earl of *March*:

Roger had issue, *Edmund*, *Anne*, and *Eleanor*.

Sal. This *Edmund*, in the reign of *Bolingbroke*,
As I have read, lay'd claim unto the crown;
And, but for *Owen Glendower*, had been king,
Who kept him in captivity, till he dy'd.
But, to the rest.

York. His eldest sister, *Anne*,
My mother, being heir unto the crown,
Married *Richard* earl of *Cambridge*,
Who was the son of *Edmund Langley*,
Edward the third's fifth son's son, and by her
I claim the kingdom, for she then was heir
To *Roger* earl of *March*, who was the son
Of *Edmund Mortimer*, who married *Philippe*,
Sole daughter unto *Lionel* duke of *Clarence*:
So, if the issue of the elder son
Succeed before the younger, I am king.

War. What plain proceeding is more plain than this?
Henry doth claim the crown from *John* of *Gaunt*,
The fourth son; *York* here claims it from the third.
Till *Lionel's* issue fail, his should not reign;
It fails not yet, but flourisheth in thee
And in thy sons, fair slips of such a stock.—
Then, father *Salisbury*, kneel we together,
And in this private plot be we the first,

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