proiect, the author not yeen knowne. At
last the papers found, and shown to his
Matie, he not onlie contemned it, but was
ravished wth an admiration, a sigh admiration
of the strangeness of it. And although this
pestilent libell was delivered to kings
hands, yet noe man had the knowledge
of it (till of late) but they, that brought
it to him, noe not his Matie their sworne
himselfe (as his Matie protested) wth till
the kings had done, hee was sure that
none of the Lords present, when it came to
theire examination was able to looke upon
it. But one things hee observed that Sr
Robert Cotton made himselfe so greate a
stranger to this pamphlet, that Sr Robert
protested if it could be proved that ever
it was in his studie, hee would confesse
himselfe to bee the Author. And to increase
the said Sr Robertes offence, hee himselfe
had p^ared notes (as it well appeared)
for an Answere; wth how old soever the
booke was, would have bine newe, and to
those times. Sr Robert affirmed that
this should bee found harboured in the
Duke of Buckinghams pocket. Upon
this the Lord Keeper directlie asaunsed
that there is a gentleman (I thinke
belonging to the said Duke) maintained
that it never went out of his hands

Hands farr the Lord Keeper delivered
himselfe of that wth his knew conformeing
the proceedings of these foule papers.

He proceed to give the Lordes notice; That
whereas his Matie finded amongst the
defendantes those whom he had a desire
to oblige, as thinkeing them worthie of
that desire, hee is pleased out of his admirable
clementie to take a faire interpretation
of theire intentions, wth he beleiveth were
smoothe and unspotted, thoughe ill guided.
He finde them likewise a fit object of his
mertie, and thinkes this a seasonable time
for mertie, that in the joy that should bee
publishe, those Lordes and the gentlemen
defendantes may have a liberall share
therein. His Matie was graciouslie pleased
therefore to prompt the Noblemen and gentl
fullie from the censure of the Cable,
and forthwith the Lord Keeper could not
but prognosticate a happie sweeteinge
raigne of this yonge Prince, when but
newlie come out of his mothers wombe
betomes so happie prolle a moderator
betweene his Father and the Peeres;
Hands farr hee delivered his Matie mynde
hee desired that hee might somewhat speake
his owne.

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