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E. Hake's dedication of his translation of *The Imitation or Following of Christ*, 1568:

1st Princely race that brings the crowne of fame?
Or due desert that hath the same assignde?

This particular instance of 'due desert' was Thomas Duke of Norfolk, who was beheaded in 1572, three years before Professor Cunliffe's 'Due Desert' had the misfortune to achieve a very dubious triumph in Ireland. There seems little doubt that Professor Cunliffe's identification of 'Due Desert' is correct.

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The part taken by Ben Jonson, as writer and actor, in *The Isle of Dogs*, to which I called attention in my notice of Mr Greg's *Henslowe's Diary* (*Modern Language Review*, IV, 411) perhaps helps to interpret the chaff of him in Dekker's *Satiromastix*, ll. 1513—1527:

'*Tucca*. No Fye'st; my name's Hamlet reuenge: thou hast been at Parris garden hast not?

Horace. Yes Captaine, I ha plaide Zulziman there.

Sir Rees ap Vaughan. Then M. Horace you plaide the part of an honest man.

Tucca. Death of Hercules, he could neuer play that part well in's life, no Fulkes you could not: thou call'st Demetrius Iorneyman Poet, but thou putst vp a Supplication to be a poor Iorneyman Player, and hadst beene still so, but that thou couldst not set a good face vpon't: thou hast forgot how thou amblest (in leather pilch) by a play-wagon, in the high way, and took'st mad Ieronimoes part, to get seruice among the Mimickes: and when the Stagerites banisht thee into the Ile of Dogs, thou turn'dst Bandog (villanous Guy) & euer since bitest therefore I aske if th'ast been at Parris-garden, because thou hast such a good mouth; thou baitst well, read, *lege*, saue thy selfe and read.'

Possibly Zulziman was Jonson's part in *The Isle of Dogs*; there is no reason why Solyman in *Solyman and Perseda* should, as is sometimes suggested, be meant. The reference to Paris Garden may confirm the view that *The Isle of Dogs* was played at the Swan in the Liberty of Paris Garden; or Dekker may only be jesting on the suitability of Jonson's temper to the 'game' of bear-baiting, ordinarily called 'the game of Paris Garden.'

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