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Notes. This couplet makes a sardonic comment on the extent to which the royal favourite Robert Carr benefited from the fall of Raleigh. Late in 1608, James I granted Carr the manor at Sherborne, Dorset, worth about £1000 per annum in rents, that had been confiscated from Raleigh by the Crown upon his 1603 treason conviction.

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So C is over house. he goes a walter-rauling.

Source. "Poems from a Seventeenth-Century Manuscript" 28