

**D9 This Taper, fedd, & nurst with court-oyle**

*Notes.* This libel is discussed by Croft (“Reputation” 61) and McRae (Literature 69-70).

This Taper,<sup>1</sup> fedd, & nurst with court-oyle,  
Made great, & mighty by rapine<sup>2</sup> & spoile  
Of ruined subjects; which did shine of late  
And flashed with glorie thorough the state,  
Unable now to spredd more light about,  
Like a lampe dying, stanke, & went out.

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**Source.** Bodleian MS Tanner 299, fol. 11r

**Other known sources.** BL MS Egerton 2230, fol. 34v

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<sup>1</sup> *Taper*: candle.

<sup>2</sup> *rapine*: plunder.