

Nii Bohemia and the Palatinate

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Notes. At the insistence of the Palatinate ambassador—and over the favourite Buckingham's objections—Sir Horace Vere replaced Sir Edward Cecil as commander of the English volunteer force sent to the Palatinate in 1620. The only known copy of this libel can be found in John Chamberlain's 4 August 1620 newsletter to Dudley Carleton.

Some say Sir Edward Cecill can,
Do as much as any man,
But I say no, for Sir Horace Vere
Hath caried the earle of Oxford¹ where,
He neither shall have wine nor whore,
Now Hercules² himself could do no more.

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Source. Chamberlain 2.314-15

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¹ *the earle of Oxford*: Henry de Vere, 18th Earl of Oxford, who held a military command under Sir Horace Vere in the 1620 English volunteer expeditionary force to assist the Palatinate.

² *Hercules*: Greek mythological hero renowned for his strength.
