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Notes. This version of the Buckingham 1628 chronogram is closely related to “Sith number with thy name doth thus agree”; however, the differences are sufficient to warrant treatment as a discrete item. Some sources have only the first of the two couplets, and in one source the poem is attributed to John Marston (Bodleian MS Ashmole 38, p. 19 and p. 25).

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Thy numerous name great George, expresseth thee

But XXIX² I hope, thou ne’re shalt see.

When in his name Anno Domini doth appeare,

Feare not him, nor his lambe,³ for their deaths are neare.

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Source. Bodleian MS Tanner 465, fol. 100r

Other known sources. Rous 25; Bodleian MS Ashmole 38, p. 19 and p. 25; Bodleian MS Rawl. Poet. 160, fol. 198r; BL Add. MS 22959, fol. 25v; BL Add. MS 29492, fol. 55v; BL MS Sloane 826, fol. 181v

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¹ MDCXXVIII: 1628.

² XXIX: 29.

³ *his lambe*: John Lambe, the astrologer-physician, convicted witch and presumed associate of the Duke, was murdered by a London mob on 13 June 1628.
