

Pi6 The Shepheards struck, The sheepe are fledd

Notes. This couplet depends on the pun on the surname of Buckingham's associate John Lambe, the astrologer-physician and convicted witch murdered in London in June 1628. The "Wolfe" is Buckingham, and the shepherd who kills him is John Felton.

"On the D."¹

The Shepheards struck, The sheepe are fledd,
For want of Lambe² the Wolfe is dead.

Source. BL MS Sloane 826, fol. 185r

Other known sources. Bodleian MS Rawl. Poet. 84, fol. 74r

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¹ *the D.*: the Duke.

² *Lambe*: John Lambe.
