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*Notes.* This equivocal epitaph on Buckingham is accepted as the work of James Shirley. G. Hammond (64) briefly discusses the verse, arguing that “Shirley’s little poem is probably the best thing written about Buckingham”.

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Two Princes love,<sup>1</sup> the Peoples hate

Great Envies feare, the Kingdomes eye

A Man to shape an Angell by

His owne lives wonder, pale deathes glorie,

The great Mans volume, all tymes storie.

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**Source.** Bodleian MS Malone 23, p. 195

**Other known sources.** Shirley 62; Bodleian MS Rawl. Poet. 88, p. 59; BL Add. MS 30982, fol. 45v; Beinecke MS Osborn Bagott Papers Chest 1, no. 16

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<sup>1</sup> *Two Princes love:* Buckingham was the favourite of two kings, James I and Charles I.

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