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An Epigram from Inigo Jones
to a Friend.

St Inigo doe feare it, as I feare,
and labourd to some worde of feare
that I should write upon him some sharpe words
able to sute into his count, and words
the marrent, wroth, of quill type of thy paine
thou art too ambitious and doest feare in vaine.
The Lybian Lyon hunts not better flide,
but maketh his charmed and dull ass his pride.
If thou art so desirous to be read,
seeke out some hungry painter, for hee shall read.
Wth rotten shalke, or toll upon the wall
ran well designed by the best head of all,
that sitt upon thy common draught or strawd,
thy forehead is too narrow for my braud,
Ben: Jonson.

To Inigo Marquisse would be.

But raise thou hearest thy mightie King of Spaine
has made his Inigo Marquisse, wouldst thou faine
that Charles should make thee King? I will not become
All King to doe the same same thinge wth some,
Beside his man may Mexicall it, and be
A noble honest Court, whats to be to thee?
You may have skill and iudgment, to designe
Citie, and Temple, upon a slant for wine
doe also, how build a Pallace, you a thorne
gete sliding window, and false light at top.
For want a feare wth Quadraxill street
you paint a layne, where thumbe the Pigmie mette,
For a Colosse, to bestide the Sea
from the faine pillars of old Hercules,
The ranest Giant at some Chamell aynt,
or Doricall tower falling into Chamell,
And straddle shewt by boyes brown pap flit
y^e garbly sett out by the barke doting the street.
Youe worke your differing, too lit for y^e stile
Content you to be Panegyricke, Earle eye while
An Earle

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To Inigo Marquisse would be, ca. 1631.

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