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To my Worthy FRIEND,

Dr. CHARLETON,

*On his clear Discovery of STONE-HENG
to have been a DANISH Court Royal, for
the Election of KINGS, and not a Roman
Temple, as supposed by Mr. Inigo Jones.*



O W much obliging is Your Learned Care!
Still busy to *preserve*, or to *repair*;
Which unto *Men* not only Life can give,
But makes their *Monuments* themselves to live.
Health comes to them by Your immortal Aim,
And to their *Actions Truth*, the Health of Fame.
The sickly World seems thus Restor'd by Thee;
Whilst thy large *Soul*, like its Eternity,
On wasting *Time* atchieves new Victories,
Which buried now in its own Ruins lies.

Nor wert thou to engage with *Time* alone;
But, that which kept the Wonder more unknown,
Mens Errors; which are still the greatest Crime,
And more destroy the Truth of Things, than Time.
For, if unskilful Hands too rashly rake
In antique Rubbish, every bold Mistake

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Hides

Hides what they seek, and loses it far more,
By the new Ruin, than the old before.

Nor is Thy STONE-HENG a less Wonder grown,
Though once a *Temple* thought, now prov'd a *Throne*:
Since we, who are so bless'd with *Monarchy*,
Must gladly learn, from Thy Discovery,
That great *Respects* not only have been found
Where *Gods* were *Worship'd*, but where *Kings* were *Crown'd*.

Rob. Howard.



To

Water Charleton.