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Dear Dr. Oliver:

I have been reviewing your very interesting paper The Spanish Masquerado, a copy of which you were kind enough to send me several months ago, and a question has arisen in my mind in connection therewith. I would be grateful for any clarification you can give me.

When I was in London last autumn I had a microfilm made of the whole of the above-mentioned piece as it appears in the King's Library copy (B.M. 95b. 18 (6)) and in the Ashley copy (Ashley 832). I agree with your findings as to the sheets which were left standing in passing from the 1st to the 2d printing. But there is one additional page which appears to me also to have been left standing: A2 recto. Except for the top and bottom lines, and except for one word (the last one on the 8th line of the body of the text, the word being "ained" in the King's Library copy and "aiming" in the Ashley copy) both copies are identical. Please note the repetition of the misspelled word "worshipfulfull" in both, as well as the minor indications of duplication to be seen elsewhere throughout the body of the page.

Anything you can tell me as to your theory explaining why this and only this page of the four inner formes of the A sheet should have been left standing will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN