

Henry VI Part 2 Act 1 Scene 3 Edited

First Petitioner

My masters, let's stand close: my lord protector will come this way by and by, and then we may deliver our supplications in the quill.

Second Petitioner

Marry, the Lord protect him, for he's a good man! Jesu bless him!

Enter SUFFOLK and QUEEN MARGARET

PETER

Here a' comes, methinks, and the queen with him. I'll be the first, sure.

Second Petitioner

Come back, fool; this is the Duke of Suffolk, and not my lord protector.

SUFFOLK

How now, fellow! would'st anything with me?

First Petitioner

I pray, my lord, pardon me; I took ye for my lord protector.

QUEEN MARGARET

[Reading] 'To my Lord Protector!' Are your supplications to his lordship? Let me see them: what is thine?

First Petitioner

Mine is, an't please your grace, against John Goodman, my lord cardinal's man, for keeping my house, and lands, and wife and all, from me.

SUFFOLK

Thy wife, too! that's some wrong, indeed. What's yours? What's here!

Reads

'Against the Duke of Suffolk, for enclosing the commons of Melford.' How now, sir knave!

Second Petitioner

Alas, sir, I am but a poor petitioner of our whole township.

PETER

[Giving his petition] Against my master, Thomas Horner, for saying that the Duke of York was rightful heir to the crown.

QUEEN MARGARET

What sayst thou? did the Duke of York say he was rightful heir to the crown?

PETER

That my master was? no, forsooth: my master said that York was, and that the king was an usurper.

SUFFOLK

we'll hear
more of your matter before the King.

QUEEN MARGARET

And as for you, that love to be protected
Under the wings of our protector's grace,
Begin your suits anew, and sue to him.

Tears the supplication

Away, base cullions! Suffolk, let them go.

ALL

Come, let's be gone.

Exeunt