

Richard III

4.5

Enter Lord Stanley Earl of Derby and Sir Christopher, a priest

STANLEY

Sir Christopher, tell Richmond this from me:
That in the sty of this most deadly boar
My son George Stanley is franked up in hold.
If I revolt, off goes young George's head.
The fear of that holds off my present aid. 5
But tell me, where is princely Richmond now?

SIR CHRISTOPHER

At Pembroke, or at Ha'rfordwest in Wales.

STANLEY

What men of name resort to him?

SIR CHRISTOPHER

Sir Walter Herbert, a renowneÁd soldier,
Sir Gilbert Talbot, Sir William Stanley, 10
Oxford, redoubted Pembroke, Sir James Blunt,
And Rhys-ap-Thomas with a valiant crew,
And many other of great name and worth±±
And towards London do they bend their power,
If by the way they be not fought withal. 15

STANLEY

Well, hie thee to thy lord. Commend me to him.
Tell him the Queen hath heartily consented
He should espouse Elizabeth her daughter.
My letter will resolve him of my mind.
Farewell. 20

Exeunt severally