

Titus Andronicus

ADDITIONAL PASSAGES

A. AFTER 1.1.35

The following passage, found in the First Quarto following a comma after 'field' but not included in the Second or Third Quartos or the Folio, conflicts with the subsequent action and presumably should have been deleted. (In the second line, Q1 reads 'of that' for 'of the'.)

and at this day
To the monument of the Andronici
Done sacrifice of expiation,
And slain the noblest prisoner of the Goths.

B AFTER 1.1.283

The following passage found in the quartos and the Folio is difficult to reconcile with the apparent need for Saturninus and his party to leave the stage at 275.1±±2 before entering 'above' at 294.2±±4. It is omitted from our text in the belief that Shakespeare intended it to be deleted after adding the episode of Mutius' killing to his original draft, and that the printers of Q1 included it by accident.

[TITUS]

Treason, my lord! Lavinia is surprised.

SATURNINUS

Surprised, by whom?

BASSIANUS By him that justly may

Bear his betrothed from all the world away.

C. AFTER 4.3.93

The following lines, found in the early texts, appear to be a draft of the subsequent six lines.

MARCUS (*to Titus*) Why, sir, that is as fit as can be to serve for your oration, and let him deliver the pigeons to the Emperor from you.

TITUS (*to the Clown*) Tell me, can you deliver an oration to the Emperor with a grace? 5

CLOWN Nay, truly, sir, I could never say grace in all my life.