

Montaigne (1533-92)

40-year code  
Correlates with

St's imprisonment ~1581

This may be about  
role of St. Baron at trial

SONNET 121. 1-2 Tis better . . . of being it is better to be truly vile than to be considered vile unjustly, when one who is not vile receives all of the reproach due to one who is. 3-4 And the just . . . others' seeing and that proper pleasure is lost which is considered vile not by us who experience it but by others who view it from the outside. 5-6 For why . . . sportive blood why should the prurient eyes of others hail my sexual passion (as akin to their own)? 7 frailties human faults, are frailer spies are there more faulty observers. 8 in their wills (a) wilfully (b) according to their own lustful feelings. 9 am that am what. level take aim. 10 abuses transgressions. 11 bevel crooked. 12 rank gross, sensual. 14 reign exercise authority, pass judgment.

will pun:

Future will  
legacy will  
man Will  
pride, wishes will  
sexual organ Will

Wm. Page  
Wm Harrison  
Wm. Herb.  
Wm Cecil  
Wm Sh

1585 sp. of  
E. in Paul  
applies

1572 - St. Bar. d.  
of Donne's son

SONNET 122. 1 tables notebook. 2 character'd inscribed. 3 idle rank empty leaves. 4 Beyond all date longer than time itself. 6 Have faculty . . . to subsist are permitted by nature to exist. 7 raz'd oblivion oblivion which obliterates all things. his its. 8 miss'd lost. 9 poor retention inadequate container (the leaves of the "tables"). 10 tallies sticks on which totals were "scored" by notching. 11-12 to give . . . thee more I had the temerity to give them (the "tables") away so that I could rely upon my memory ("those tables") which is capable of more adequately recording my love for you. 13 adjunct aid, such as a notebook. 14 import imply.

Record of chyp apt Ess

Thomas Tallis -  
musician at  
court - ?

Machiavelli dies in 1527  
but the Prince is - ?  
Lago camp

I am not what I am

Machiavelli [ Begins account of  
her reign here ]  
Political series:  
121-122-123-124-125

121 disillusionment  
here (cecil)

His letter  
When not to be receives reproach of being,  
And the just pleasure lost, which is so deemed  
Not by our feeling but by others' seeing.  
For why should others' false adulterate eyes  
Give salutation to my sportive blood?  
Or on my frailties why are frailer spies,  
Which in their wills count bad what I think good?  
No, I am that I am; and they that level  
At my abuses reckon up their own.  
I may be straight though they themselves be bevel;  
By their rank thoughts my deeds must not be shown,  
Unless this general evil they maintain  
(All men are bad and in their badness reign.)

is this  
expedient  
& prudent  
rather than  
moral?  
Stubbs =  
Evil  
&  
Libe  
= Anger

Mary  
Sh.  
Perhaps rejected  
or  
Erast  
TO Mach.  
Montaigne  
Machiavellian  
phrase

122 audit coming

Thy gift, thy tables, are within my brain  
Full character'd with lasting memory,  
Which shall above that idle rank remain  
Beyond all date, even to eternity;  
Or, at the least, so long as brain and heart  
Have faculty by nature to subsist,  
Till each to raz'd oblivion yield his part  
Of thee, thy record never can be miss'd.  
That poor retention could not so much hold,  
Nor need I tallies thy dear love to score.  
Therefore to give them from me was I bold,  
To trust those tables that receive thee more.  
To keep an adjunct to remember thee  
Were to import forgetfulness in me.

Record kept  
The record reaches  
audit in  
#126  
5  
concluding  
political  
facet  
10  
that began  
in 1-17 -  
extended thru  
love of people  
& indiv.  
covered  
authority  
Then turns  
to "woman"

Handed  
could be  
Cecil  
diary  
takes  
remember this

to "registers" in right