

But to return to the country which claims
 our best attention. The duke of Gloucester
 now entered into a subtle intrigue of des-
 traying the young prince, his nephews,
 and ^{to} transferring the regal dignity upon
 himself. Whether he had premeditated
 this plan, or (like a man whom opportunity
 and the prospect of rapid success, drive
 into bolder measures than he first
 conceived) he now contrived it, taking advan-
 tage of the tender age of the prince, is an
 unsettled question. Suffice it to say that
 he eagerly desires to maintain a long
 continuing ed rivalry and enmity among
 the royal blood. This disunion seemed
 to him, (as it was actually the case)
 to serve as a stepping-stone for the execu-
 tion of his design and a sure ^{foundation} ground
 for his ambition to rest on. He might
 as he thought, first, under the pretext
 of revenging old offence, direct the anger
 and folly of one party, to the destruction
 of the other, and then win to his side
 as many partisans as he could.

Measure of
 preparations
 with verb.

Clearly
 constructed
 sentence.

Ambiguous

As to those who could not be won, there
 would also be no fear, for they might
 be ~~lost~~ before they ~~could~~ become aware
 of their danger.

A very fair trial to meet the difficulties!

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To, Nasturne
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