



And will rid me, at last, of your insolent Power:  
Will knock down at your Mud Walls, the whole Fabric demolishes, 35  
And at once your strong Holds and my Slav<sup>ry</sup> abolish:  
And while in the Dust your dull Ruins decay,  
I shall snap off my Chains, and fly freely away.

**NOTES:**

27 *Vi & Armis* With force and arms. Words used in [legal] indictments, etc. to express the charge of a forcible and violent committing any crime or trespass. (T. E. Tomlins, *The Law-dictionary*, vol. VI [1811], p. 351 [Google Books]).

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