Press-variants in John Marston's *The Insatiate Countess*, Q1–3

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1. Press-variants in Q1 (1613)

Copies collated: BL (British Library, 644. b. 72 [lacking leaf K1]), Bod (Bodleian Library, 4° T. 35 Art [author's name on TP cut out]), CSmH (Huntington Library, C17476/152127 [head cropped throughout, some leaves seriously; B1, D3 and E2 side-notes cropped]), DFo ( Folger Library, STC 17476.5 [TP (A1) unique variant; wanting A4–B4v; A2v–3v head cropped]), Dyce (Victoria and Albert Museum, D. 26. Box 29/2 [head cropped throughout; B1, D3 and E2 side-notes cropped]), NLS (National Library of Scotland, Bute 347), Pforz (Pforzheimer Library [B1, D3 and E2 side-notes seriously cropped]),

SHEET A (outer forme)¹

*Uncorrected:* DFo, Pforz.

*Corrected:* BL, Bod, CSmH, Dyce, NLS.

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<td>19. due, as</td>
<td>cause,</td>
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<td>32. cause</td>
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<td>A3 26. pourest</td>
<td>pour'st</td>
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<td>A4v 14 o</td>
<td>to</td>
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<td>14 wouldest</td>
<td>would'st</td>
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<td>20. I were sure,</td>
<td>sure, there</td>
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<td>21. were there</td>
<td>were</td>
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<td>21–22. the/Art</td>
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<td>21. the Art</td>
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<td>23. Christendom</td>
<td>Christendom;</td>
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<td>31. Ar.</td>
<td>Ar en.</td>
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<td>34. Count Ar.</td>
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SHEET C (outer forme)

Uncorrected: CSmH, DFo.
Corrected: BL, Bod, Dyce, NLS, Pforz.

Uncorrected

Corrected

C4v 26. friend the

friend, the

SHEET C (inner forme)

Uncorrected: CSmH, DFo, Dyce, Pforz.
Corrected: BL, Bod, NLS.

Uncorrected

Corrected

C2 33. Mucaue

Mawrano

SHEET D (outer forme)

Uncorrected: Dyce, NLS, Pforz.
Corrected: BL, Bod, CSmH, DFo.

Uncorrected

Corrected

D2v 19. they

thy

D3 22. to horse, thus

to horse: thus

SHEET G (outer forme)

Uncorrected: Dyce, NLS.
Corrected: BL, Bod, CSmH, DFo, Pforz.

Uncorrected

Corrected

G1 23. her ?

her.

G2v 8. Shee 'ill

Shee 'll

32. Tis

Tis

36. Pain

Pani

G3 2. Aetna,

Aetna,

21. villaine

villaine ?

G4v 29. their,

their

SHEET G (inner forme)²

Uncorrected: BL, Bod, CSmH, DFo, Pforz.
Corrected: Dyce, NLS.

Uncorrected

Corrected

G1v 30. youall,

you all,

SHEET I (outerforme)
Corrected: BL, Bod, CSmH, Dyce, NLS, Pforz.

Uncorrected          Corrected
I1   9. her,  her
I3  29. bond bound
I4v 11. haue hath
   17. Brachigraphy Brachigraphy ?

2. Press-variants in Q2 (1616)

Copies collated: Bod (Bodleian Library, Mal. 252 (a) [B1 and E1v side-notes cropped]), CSmH (Huntington Library [B1, D3, and E1v side-notes cropped; many leaves, in particular verso pages, head cropped]), DfO (Folger Library [side-notes on B1 and D3 cropped]).

SHEET A (inner forme)

Uncorrected: DfO.
Corrected: Bod, CSmH.

Uncorrected          Corrected
A2 CW.  [none] A2

3. Press-variants in Q3 (1631)

Copies collated: ^3 BL1 (British Library, C. 12. g. 8 (1) [many leaves head cropped]), BL2 (British Library, 644. e. 71), Bod1 (Bodleian Library, Malone 180 (6) [head seriously cropped throughout], Bod2 (Bodleian Library, Douce MM 476 [contains numerous manuscript corrections; leaf K1 head seriously cropped]), Cam (Trinity College, Cambridge, VII. 8. 93 [B1 head, F3v tail, and C2v side-note cropped]), CSmH1 (Huntington Library [leaves E3 and F1 supplied in MSS. in modern hand; head throughout and side-note on C2v cropped]), CSmH2 (Huntington Library, C17478/62510 SL [B1 head cropped]), CtY (Yale University Library [more than \(\frac{1}{4}\) of leaves D1, D3 and I3 torn off]), DfO (Folger Library), DLC (Library of Congress, PR 1241. L6, Vol. 211), Dyce (Dyce Collection, Victoria and Albert Museum, D. 26. Box 29/3 [some leaves head slightly cropped]), Eton (Eton College Library, Plays XX(c)), ICU (University of Chicago Library, PR 2694/16. 1631 [head throughout and side-note on C2v cropped]), IU (University of Illinois Library [head seriously cropped throughout]), MB (Boston Public Library, G. 3962.2 No. 3 [head seriously cropped throughout]), MH (Harvard University Library [many leaves head slightly cropped; side-note on C2v seriously cropped]), MWiW-C (Chapin Library [side-note on C2v seriously cropped]), NLS (National Library of Scotland, H. 2827 (5) [leaves F1 and F4 head cropped off; K1 head and 1st line of text cropped off]), Pforz (Pforzheimer Library [several leaves head seriously cropped]),
Rylands (Rylands Library [E2 head, A1 tail and C2v side-note seriously cropped]), TxU1 (Texas University Library), TxU2 (Texas University Library [leaf H3 head seriously cropped]), TxU3 (Texas University Library), TxU4 (Texas University Library), Worc (Worcester College Library, Oxford, Plays 2. 17 [TP (A1) upper half torn off; gatherings I-K missing])

SHEET A (outer forme)

Uncorrected: BL2, CSmH1.
Corrected: BL1, Bodl–2, Cam, CSmH2, CtY, DFo, Dyce, ICU, IU, MB, MH, MWiW-C, NLS, Pforz, Rylands, TxU1–4, Worc.

Uncorrected Corrected
A1 8. By VVILLIAM BARKSTEED. By JOHN MARSTON.
10. Printed for Hugh Perrie, Printed by I, N. for Hugh Perrie,

SHEET B (outer forme)

Uncorrected: BL1–2, Cam, CSmH1–2, CtY, DFo, ICU, IU, MB, MWiW-C, NLS, Pforz, TxU1–3, Worc.

Uncorrected Corrected
B4v 13. Iabella, Iabella,

SHEET B (inner forme)

State I:
Uncorrected: MB, MWiW-C, Worc.
Corrected: BL1–2, Bodl–2, Cam, CSmH1–2, CtY, DFo, Dyce, ICU, IU, MH, NLS, Pforz, Rylands, TxU1–4.

Uncorrected Corrected
B1v 2. thats that's
2. keepe keep
4. rynes reynes
4. for? for
20. kinsman, kinsman
32. Widdow-hood, Widdow-hood;
B2 3. iu in
16–17. mar-/riage night. mar-/riage-night.
29. qaralell, paralell,
36. world, world:
37. heauon heauen
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<td>26. in a</td>
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<td>28. highest</td>
<td>highest</td>
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<td>31. syllable</td>
<td>syllable,</td>
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<td></td>
<td>35. fare:</td>
<td>farre:</td>
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<td>B4</td>
<td>5. Who</td>
<td>Who?</td>
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<td>20. abstracted</td>
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<td>25. follow</td>
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<td>37. ended</td>
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<td>37. deise.</td>
<td>deuise.</td>
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State II

**Uncorrected:** BL1, Bod1–2, Cam, CSmH1, CtY, DFo, Dyce, IU, MH, NLS, Pforz, Rylands, TxU2, TxU4.

**Corrected:** BL2, CSmH2, ICU, TxU1, TxU3.

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**SHEET D (inner forme)**

**Uncorrected:** BL2, DFo.

**Corrected:** BL1, Bod1–2, Cam, CSmH1–2, CtY, Dyce, ICU, IU, MB, MH, MWiW-C, NLS, Pforz, Rylands, TxU1–4, Worc.

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<td>Shallnot</td>
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<td>24. haue him</td>
<td>haue him</td>
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<td>D3v</td>
<td>RT. <em>Theinsatiate</em></td>
<td><em>The insatiate</em></td>
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<td>10. o'ertake</td>
<td>o'er take</td>
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<td></td>
<td>32. round,</td>
<td>round,</td>
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<td>35. veutures</td>
<td>veutures</td>
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<td>D4</td>
<td>RT. <em>insatiate Countesse.</em></td>
<td><em>insatiate Countesse.</em></td>
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<td>14. Prodigaf,</td>
<td>Prodigals,</td>
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<td></td>
<td>18. Actus</td>
<td><em>Actus</em></td>
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**SHEET E (outer forme)**

**Uncorrected:** Dyce, ICU, Rylands.

**Corrected:** BL1–2, Bod1–2, Cam, CSmH1–2, CtY, DFo, IU, MB, MH, MWiW-C, NLS, Pforz, TxU1–4, Worc.
Uncorrected

E1
23. the world,
31. as we
CW. [none]

E4v
25. shoulhaue
29. Prouer be,

Corrected

E1
the world,
as we
E

E4v
shoulhaue
Prouerbe,

SHEET E (inner forme)

Uncorrected: Rylands.
Corrected: BL1–2, Bod1–2, Cam, CSmH1–2, CtY, DFo, Dyce, ICU, IU, MB, MH, MWiW-C, NLS, Pforz, TxU1–4, Worc.

Uncorrected

E1v
7. 6ou
19. Sheuailiero,
23. Sheuailiers ?

Corrected

you
Sheuoiiero,
Sheuoiieros ?

SHEET F (outer forme)

Uncorrected: Bod2, MH.
Corrected: BL1–2, Bod1, Cam, CSmH1–2, CtY, DFo, Dyce, ICU, IU, MB, MWiW-C, NLS, Pforz, Rylands, TxU1–4, Worc.

Uncorrected

F3
24. and Murder,
26. soules ,

F4v RT. Couessee.n
t
5. thisthe
12. thu$^5$
20. quartersvs,
23. A sid
30. grauetogether
30. wee
CW. Clar.

Corrected

and Murder,
soules,
Countesse.
this the
thus,
quarter vs,
Aside
grau together
we
Clar [?]

SHEET G (inner forme)

Uncorrected: Bod2, Cam, CtY, TxU4, Worc.
Corrected: BL1–2, Bod1, CSmH1–2, DFo, Dyce, ICU, IU, MB, MH, MWiW-C, NLS, Pforz, Rylands, TxU1–3.

Uncorrected

G1v RT. insatiate
G4 22. fate ;$^8$

Corrected

insatiate
fate;
SHEET H (outer forme)

Uncorrected: BL1, Cam, CSmH2, CtY, ICU, IU, MB, MWiW-C, Pforz, TxU1, TxU3-4, Worc.
Corrected: BL2, Bod1–2, CSmH1, DFo, Dyce, MH, NLS, Rylands, TxU2.

Uncorrected          Corrected
H1      5. cannot     cannot
      15. If wee     If we
      15. Trust     Trusty
      21. by        be
H2v     21. Actus     Actus
H3      35. Tiris     Tigris
H4v     3. inded.    indeed.

SHEET H (inner forme)

Uncorrected: BL1, Cam, CSmH2, CtY, ICU, IU, MB, Pforz, TxU1, TxU3-4, Worc.
Corrected: BL2, Bod1–2, CSmH1, DFo, Dyce, MH, MWiW-C, NLS, Rylands, TxU2.

Uncorrected          Corrected
H1v     4. them       then
      33. honorus     honours
H4      21. monæ. Æ    money.

SHEET I (outer forme)

Uncorrected: DFo, Dyce, MB, MH, MWiW-C.
Corrected: BL1–2, Bod1–2, Cam, CSmH1–2, CtY, ICU, IU, NLS, Pforz, Rylands, TxU1–4.

Uncorrected          Corrected
I2v     1. En ter      Enter
      1. Claridiana   Claridiana
      13. but first   but first
I3      13. faces :    faces :
      23. graue       graue
I4v     4. deceine     deceine
      37. Chalice,    Chalice, Æ

SHEET I (inner forme)

State I(a):

Uncorrected: DFo, Dyce, MH, MWiW-C.
Corrected: BL1-2, Bod1-2, Cam, CSmH1-2, CtY, ICU, IU, NLS, Pforz, Rylands, TxU1-4.

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<td>28. Icaue</td>
<td>leau</td>
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<td>I4 8. shame.</td>
<td>shame.</td>
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<td>8. offcers,</td>
<td>offcers,</td>
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<td>15. coloed</td>
<td>choloed</td>
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State I (b):

Uncorrected: MB.
Corrected: BL1-2, Bod1-2, Cam, CSmH1-2, CtY, ICU, IU, NLS, Pforz, Rylands, TxU1-4.

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State II:

Uncorrected: BL1, Cam, CSmH2, CtY, ICU, IU, Pforz, TxU1, TxU3-4.
Corrected: BL2, Bod1-2, CSmH1, NLS, Rylands, TxU2.

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Notes

1. DFo has a variant title-page, hence a new number in the revised STC. Confirmation of the variants on sig. A4v of DFo is impossible due to the missing leaf.
2. The reading of the opening word of the first two lines on sig. G4 varies from copy to copy, probably due to deterioration of types. DFo alone reads 'Tis' while all others read 'Tis' at the beginning of the first line. Bod and CSmH correctly read 'Then' in the second line but DFo 'Th en' and BL, Dyce, NLS, and Pforz 'T hen'.
3. It has not been possible to obtain microfilm of the DLC and Eton copies. Variants have been reported from the librarians.
4. Only the substantive variants have been recorded here.
5. Also in Bod1, CSmH1, MH, NLS, TxU3, and Worc — probably due to deterioration of types.
6. Several lines at the foot of sig. B1 appear to have been reset.
7. Only in Dyce and ICU.
8. Also in BL1, IU, MB, MWiW-C, NLS, Pforz — due to deterioration of types.
9. Only in MB, TxU1, TxU3, and Worc — probably due to deterioration of types.
10. BL1 and Pforz read 'Chal ce,'.