

A 2.^d Extract from
M^r Ayres's forementioned **Vitae**.
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In the Art of Penmanship several Persons are Eminent for particular Gifts & Excellencies. M^r Peter Bale, a London-Writing-Master, is said to have presented a Ring to Elizabeth, in which was written the Creed, Lords Prayer, Ten Commandments, a Prayer for her Majesty, & the Day of the Month, & Year, within the Compass of a Silver-Penny. Francis Alumnus, a German, the like to Charles. 5.th with the Apostles-Creed, & first 14 Verses of St. Iohn's Gospel, in no greater Space. Which at that time was accounted next to a Miracle. But whoever is acquainted with the Performances of M^r Dundasse, present Pen-man at Epsom, will not think so now. Moreover, about four-score Years past, M^r David Roelandt of Antwerp was no less famous for his Genius in Flourishing of Birds, Beasts, Fishes, and other Anticks. But were he now alive, he also would find himself far outdone by y^e Ingenious M^r John Seddon now living.

Adendum .

That it is to be feared, our Friend Maj^r Ayres will be thought partiab to his Country man M^r Seddon, by whoever compares what appears of his Performances in this Collection, Vol. 1.^o p. 309. with those of Rodandus, vol. 3.^o page. 157. And the like in the preference he gives M^r Dundasse of this Art (if his own Reports herein be true) to Peter Bale, & y^e German of the last. And 2.^o whether Antonozzi, the Roman, Vol. 2. Pag. 353. doth not, in the Businesse of Flourishing, exceed even Roelandus?