

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 **Q^{ueen} 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 **S^t John'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 **Q^{ueen} Antonozzi**, the **Roman**, **Vol. 2. Pag. 353.** doth not, in the Businesse of **Flourishing**, exceed even **Roelandus**?