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# Philip Massinger (1583-1640)

(English Renaissance dramatist, b. Salisbury, father associated to Pembroke family; st. Wilton, St. Alban's Hall, Oxford, l. London 1606-; succeeded Fletcher as regular dramatist for the King's Men)

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