



*Painted by Will Hamilton R.S.*

*First part of  
KING HENRY VI.*

*Engraved by Isaac Taylor Junr*

*Act 2, Scene 5.*

*A Room in the Tower.*

*Mortimer, Jailors, & Richard Plantagenet.*

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This print likely illustrates the meeting between Edmund Mortimer and Richard Plantagenet in Act 2, Scene 5, just prior to the former's death.

The historical Mortimer, actually named John, was imprisoned by Henry IV because of the strength of his claim to the English throne; he remained in prison through the reigns of Henry V and VI. Edmund encourages the ambitions of Richard, who, as Duke of York, will rise against Henry VI in quest for the throne.

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