



J. Smith sculpit.

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Brutus illi luctu occupatis, cultrum ex vulnere Lucretiae extractum manantem cruore prae se tenens, Per hunc, inquit, castissimum ante regiam injuriam sanguinem juro, vosque di testes facio, me L. Tarquinium Superbum cum scelerata conjuge, et omni liberorum stirpe ferro, igni, quacunq; dehinc vi possum, extracturum: nec illos, nec alium quonquam regnare Romae passurum. Tit. Liv. lib. I.

BRUTUS

While they were employed in lamenting the fate of Lucretia, Brutus pulling the knife out of the wound, & holding it up before him as the blood dropt from it said, I swear by this blood, which was most pure, before it was polluted by royal villainy, & I call you O Gods, to witness my oath, that I shall pursue Lucius Tarquin the Proud, his wicked wife, & all their race, with fire, sword, & all other means in my power, nor shall I ever suffer them or any other to reign at Rome.

From the original painting in the possession of the Right Hon^{ble} the Earl of Argyll



