



Shaw, Byam. "Act headers". *Coriolanus*, a set of seven original drawings. [ca. 1900] ART Box S534 no.5 part 1 (size S)

Byam Shaw created these designs to decorate the openings of acts for the Chiswick Shakespeare. *Coriolanus* was volume five, published in 1900. Each design takes up a half page of the finished volume, providing an allegorical preview of the action to come: in the opening to Act 1, for example, a group of plebians takes aim and shoots an eagle, a symbol of Roman power.

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