

Additional examples of the spelling 'scilens'.

Anon: *The Reply of Friar Daw Topias with Jack Upland's Rejoinder*: 'I am gladde thou groundest the on the gospel. Thus perfit scilens by scripture is approved' p. 72 in 'Political Poems and Songs Relating to English History' vol 2 from Accession of Edward III to Richard III.

From 1644: 'Thus is this brave gentilman mischantlie mordreist under scilens of nicht.' Quoted in 'History of the Troubles and Memorable Transaction in Scotland' by John Spalding 1829.

John Capgrave (d. 1464) in his *Chronicle of England* has: 'Sone aftir this bataile Maute, the goo qween of whos curtesie and humilite, scilens and other good maeris, the Englisch poetes at tho dayes mad ful notable vers.'

Proclamation for a Uniformitye in Religion (1539) quoted in Dodd's History of the Church: "use that time in reading and praying with peace and scilens."

The Erll of Strafford's Speech before he went to execution (from a copy printed 1641): "I sould be veray glaid to obtene so much scilens as to be heard a few wordis".

From 'Say the Best and Never Repent' by John Lydgate in *Minor Poems of John Lydgate* Early English Text Society 1934, p. 795: 'Doth kepe his tong fful covert in scilens'.

*Dicta Salomonis* (c. 1510), Ecclesiastes Ch 3: 'al thing has a tyme in the warld...tyme of spekinge, tyme of scilens, tyme of luf.' *Dicta Salomonis*.

'Of scilens keeping in the Chirche' found in 'A Fifteenth Century Courtesy Book' published in *Early English Text Society*, 148 (1914), 46.

*The Buke of the Seven Sagis* (c. 1515) has 'Than for scilens he maid a pavs' [Then for silence he made a pause'].

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