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Dear Professor Verre and Miss Hershey,

Thank you for inviting me to comment on “The Most Excellent and Tragical Historie of Arthur, King of Britain.” It has been most interesting.

The good news for your purposes is that the play is partially—but only partially—written by William Shakespeare

I have submitted the play’s unedited text to a series of unique computer analyses developed by my department. These tests have consistently resulted in the same conclusions, to such a uniform degree that I am eminently confident in declaring the answer to your question to be beyond dispute.

To wit: William Shakespeare wrote Act II and Act IV of this King Arthur play, and had nothing whatsoever to do with Acts I, III, and V.

If I can provide further enlightenment to the *Random House Advisory Committee* on the Tragedy of Arthur, you should certainly feel free to contact my offices.

Sincerely,

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