

# Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon Quotes

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The press, the pulpit, and the stage, Conspire to censure and expose our age.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

Choose an author as you would a friend.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

You must not think that a satiric style allows of scandalous and brutish words; the better sort abhor scurrility.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

Pride (of all others the most dang'rous fault) Proceeds from want of sense, or want of thought.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

We weep and laugh, as we see others do.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

The men, who labour and digest things most, Will be much apter to despond than boast; For if your author be profoundly good, 'Twill cost you dear before he's understood.

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Abstruse and mystic thoughts you must express With painful care, but seeming easiness; For truth shines brightest thro' the plainest dress.

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Tis I that call, remember Milo's end, Wedged in that timber which he strove to rend.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

Immodest words admit of no defence, For want of decency is want of sense.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

The last loud trumpet's wondrous sound, Shall thro' the rending tombs rebound, And wake the nations under ground.

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Men still had faults, and men will have them still; He that hath none, and lives as angels do, Must be an angel.

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Truth and fiction are so aptly mixed that all seems uniform and of a piece.

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The first great work (a task performed by few) Is that yourself may to yourself be true.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

What you keep by you, you may change and mend but words, once spoken, can never be recalled.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

Whatsoever contradicts my sense, I hate to see, and never can believe.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

Sound judgment is the ground of writing well.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

The multitude is always wrong.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

I will not quarrel with a slight mistake, Such as our nature's frailty may excuse.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

Invention is not so much the result of labor as of judgment.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

Grief dejects and wrings the tortured soul.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

Beware what spirit rages in your breast; for one inspired, ten thousand are possessed.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

Often try what weight you can support, And what your shoulders are too weak to bear.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

Our heroes of the former days deserved and gained their never-fading bays.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

Those things which now seem frivolous and slight, Will be of serious consequence to you, When they have made you once ridiculous.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

Praise Him, each savage furious beast That on His stores do daily feast; And you tame slaves, of the laborious plough, Your weary knees to your Creator bow.

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Words are like leaves; some wither every year, and every year a younger race succeed.

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You gain your point if your industrious art can make unusual words easy.

~Wentworth Dillon, 4th Earl of Roscommon

Let us not write at a loose rambling rate, in hope the world will wink at all our faults.

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