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↑added words↓	author’s interlineations and other additions: material added at beginning or endings of lines, words squeezed in between Existing words or words moved by caret
[word or letter]	editorial insertion because of lost material or material omitted by author
[---]	illegible author’s deletion; unless noted one or two words
[Illegible]	indicates word or words that could not be deciphered
[?word]	conjectured words or parts of words

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