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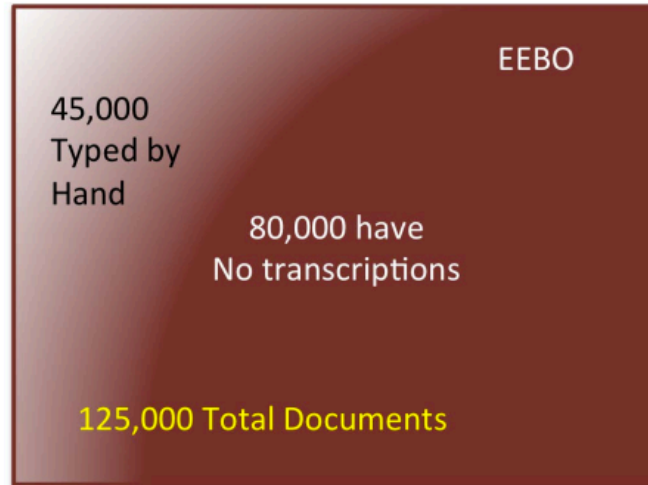
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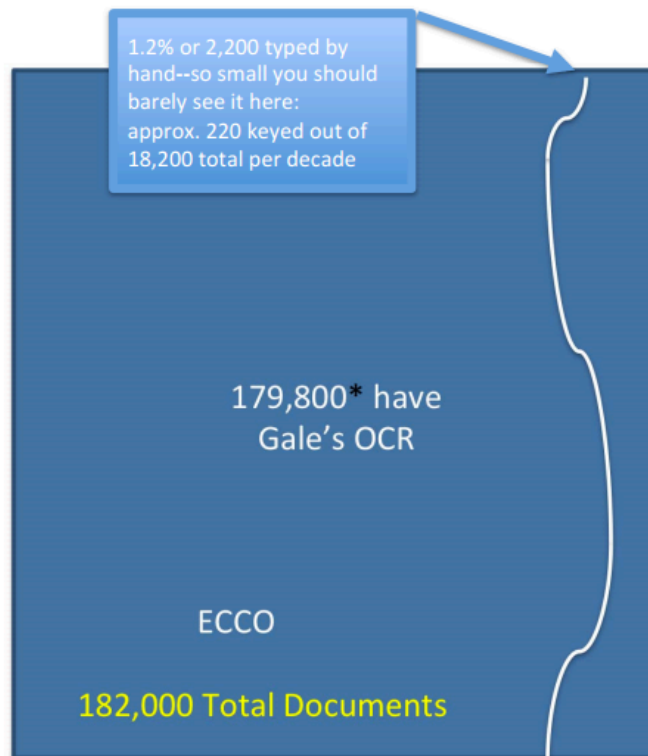
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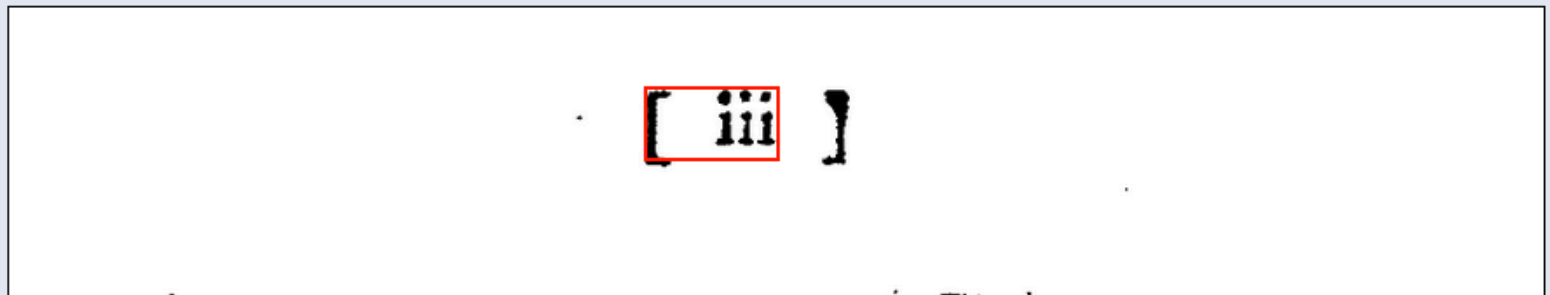
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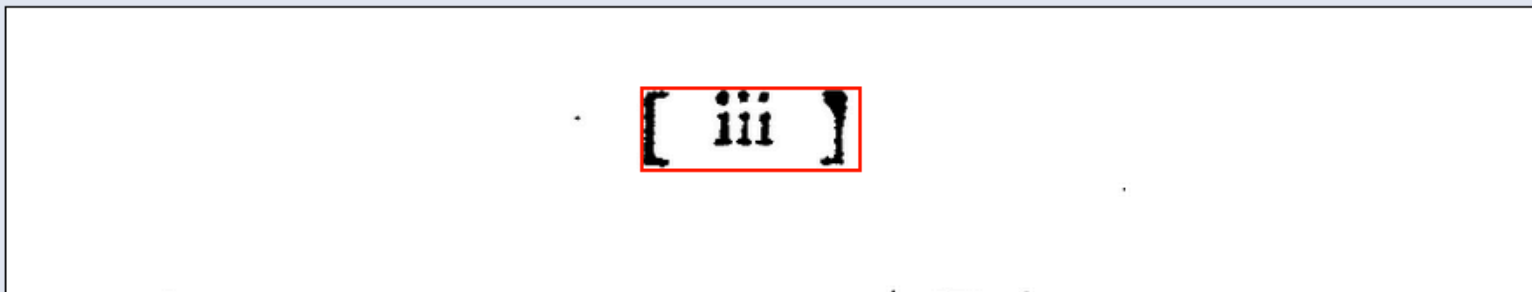
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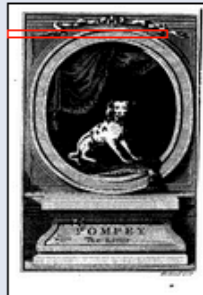
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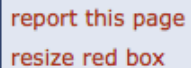
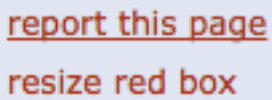
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Schon wieder einer. Wenn schon die Millionäre zu Verbrechern werden in unserem Reiche, wie tollt er mit den Hunderttausenden armen Teufeln, die von der Hand in den Mund leben, aber von Tag zu Tag sich um die elende Existenz abquälen und abfragen müssen, noch werden? Ja, die Unersättlichkeit, der noch immer kein Riegel vorgeschoben wird, die bringt überall Mord und Elend. Heute haben wir es mit einem Millionär, einem von denen, welchen der Teufel zu Gold geworden ist, zu tun. Ebenfalls, auch einer von jenen in der Gewerkschaft unserer Stadt, welche die gütige Vorlesung zu reichen Leuten gemacht hat, hat sich eine kleine Kleinverleumdung geleistet und ist vorläufig etwas verheißt worden. — Ein gewisser Lechner (Sundlinger Straßensohn) mußte sich bei Gericht offenbaren, daß er ebenfalls zu den Proletariats (Leuten, die nichts haben) gehört. Er offenbarte sich also endlich und dazu hat ihn der Millionär Eisenbock etwas verleitet, indem er seinen Spezi, den Lechner, rief, er soll ein dem letzteren gehöriges Grundstück im Werte von 50,000 Mk. ihm, dem Millionär, zuschreiben lassen und nicht abgeben. Das kam zur Kenntnis des Gerichtes und jetzt ist der hühnerische und eide Millionär wegen genannten Verbrechens etwas interniert worden und harret der Dinge, die da kommen werden. Wir immer hübsch eitel bleiben und wenn es auch schmerz fällt.

Die Verleumdung vor dem neuen Volkstheater an der St. Reichsstraße ist wirklich einig. Die

zu jährlich zu benehmen, hier aber kann man sich fast nur fortsetzen beim Plake vor dem Theater, so erbärmlich ist sie. Ja, in München und bei den Göttern ist halt noch verschiedenes möglich, was anderswo sofort den öffentlichen Spott herausfordern würde.

Unter Elektrizitäts-Lippenborn wird in nächster Zeit wieder wegen einiger Erweiterungen in unsern Blatte sein und wir werden ihm zunächst einige Fragen öffentlich stellen, die er wohl oder übel wird beantworten müssen. Die neuen Personalveränderungen, Ernennung des Herrn Paulus s. B., werden wir auch nicht stillschweigend übergehen und wollen wir nur sehen, ob es denn im ganzen Magistrats, Gemeindefallektum und bei der Regierung als Oberbehörde niemand gibt, der endlich die bei unsern häßlichen Elektrizitätswerken bestehenden schweren Schäden aufdeckt und die Gemeinde von denselben so in Kenntnis setzt, daß sie auch beseitigt werden können. Profit Menjahr, Herr Lippenborn!

Das Kaufhaus Kattipal hat vor wenig Tagen das 100jährige Bestehen der Firma gefeiert und ist anlässlich dieses seltener Ereignisses von Sr. Maj. K. K. dem Prinz-Regenten mit einem persönlichen Besuch beehrt worden. Herr Karl Kattipal, der zur Zeit alleinige Inhaber der Firma ist zum Kommerzienrat ernannt worden und den älteren Angestellten wurden gleichfalls hundertfache Auszeichnungen zuteil, nur die Firma selber hat ihre Angestellten bis heute noch nicht ausgezeichnet und mit einer Jubiläumsspende bedacht. Wir wollen vorläufig noch abwarten, und die Habschke der Firma bzw. des Inhabers der Firma nicht in Frage stellen, vor wem bekannt ist. Herr Kattipal und Kommerzienrat Kattipal sitzen doch im Brautleben nicht unwohl zu sein, wie verschiedene Schenkungen an einzelne Persönlichkeiten beweisen, also wird sein Personal schon auch noch etwas zu merkbekommen von der Spenderlaune des neugeborenen Kaisers.

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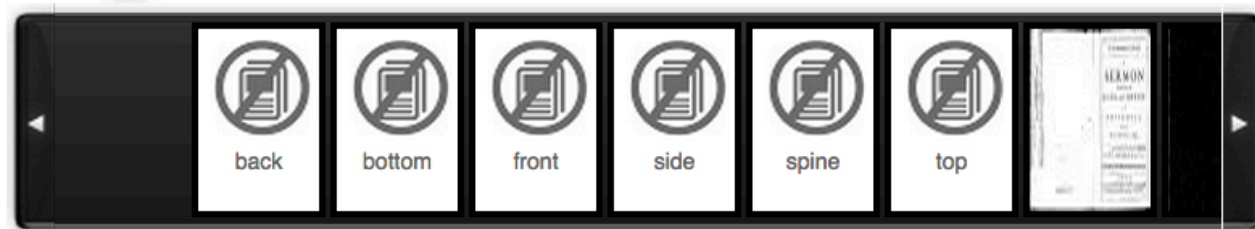
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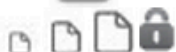
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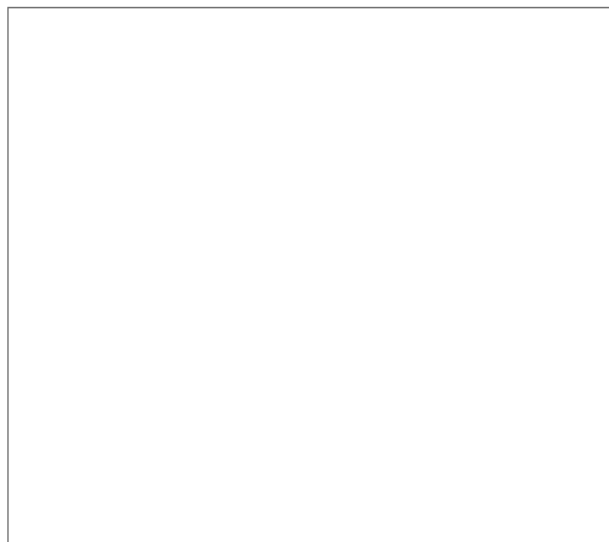
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Tesseract is probably the most accurate open source OCR engine available. Combined with the [Leptonica Image Processing Library](#) it can read a wide variety of image formats and convert them to text in over 60 languages. It was one of the top 3 engines in the 1995 UNLV Accuracy test. Between 1995 and 2006 it had little work done on it, but since then it has been improved extensively by Google. It is released under the [Apache License 2.0](#).

- [ReadMe](#) - Installation and usage information.
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Supported Platforms

Tesseract works on Linux, Windows (with VC++ Express or CygWin) and Mac OSX. See the [ReadMe](#) for more details and install instructions. It can also be compiled for other platforms, including Android and the iPhone, though these are not as well tested platforms. See also the [AddOns](#) page for other projects using Tesseract on various platforms.

If you're interested in supporting other platforms or languages, please get in touch with Ray Smith or the [Developers](#).

A Note about Downloads

With the discontinuation of downloads at code.google.com, new source downloads will be posted to [GoogleDrive](#). Other download folders will be setup as new files are uploaded, and the original Downloads page will go away. During the transition, other downloads can still be found at the [Old Downloads](#) page.



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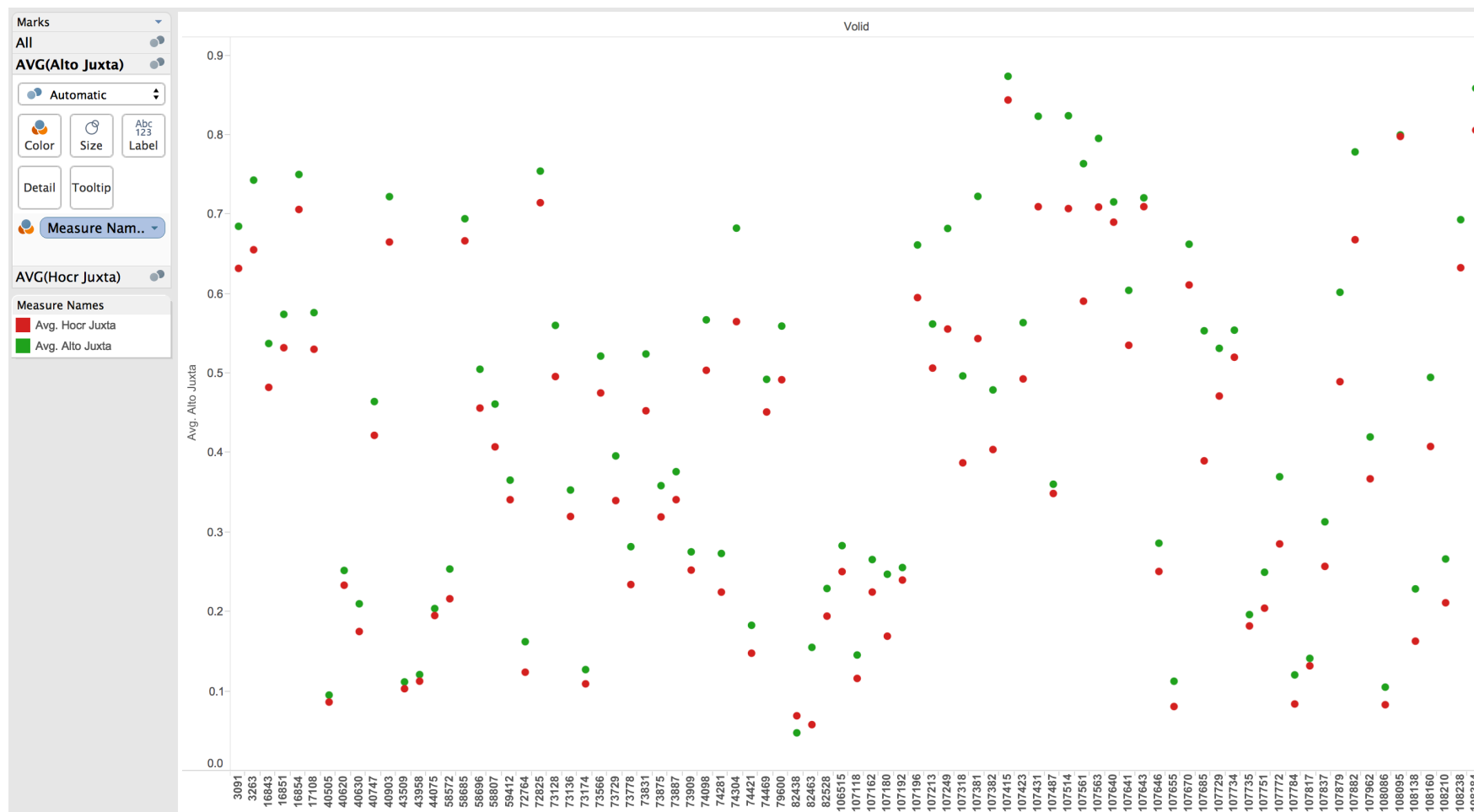


Franken+

About

Franken+ was developed by Bryan Tarpley at the Initiative for the Digital Humanities, Media, and Culture at Texas A&M University. It is a specialized tool designed to allow users to perform OCR on historic fonts. Franken+ ingests output from [PRIMALab's Aletheia](#) (currently, only output from Aletheia version 2.1 is supported, which is still available for download on their site under "previous version"). Aletheia allows the user to open a scanned text document, binarize it, and draw boundaries around each individual character (among many other things). Franken+ currently only works with Aletheia projects wherein the characters have been outlined using polygons (not boxes). Once each character has been bounded appropriately, Aletheia saves the project as an XML file which adheres to PRIMA's [PAGE XML format](#). Provided the binarized image and the resulting XML file generated with Aletheia, Franken+ extracts individual .tif images for each letter blocked-out using Aletheia, giving the user the opportunity to hand-pick the best instances of each letter (thus producing a "font" consisting of only hand-picked images). Using this font, Franken+ can then create synthetic TIF images of text "printed" using this font, with corresponding [BOX files](#), which are then used to train [Google's open-source Tesseract OCR engine](#) in order to OCR images of documents printed with the relevant historic font. Using these synthetic images and their corresponding BOX files, Franken+ then automates the Tesseract font training process and allows a user to test this font.

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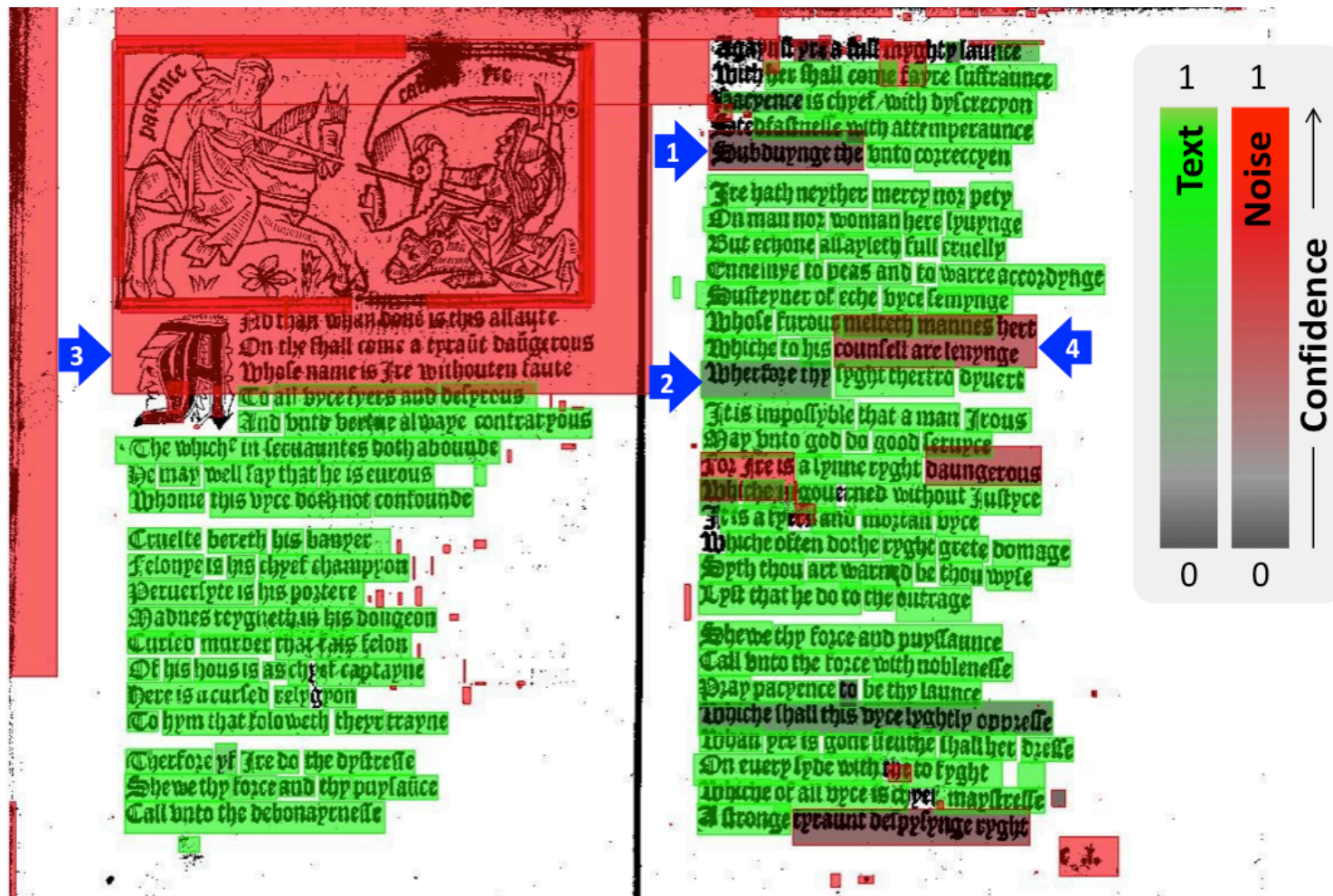


Fig. 6. Iterative relabeling results for a test image. Color denotes MLP confidence: the more saturated, the higher the confidence. Red: noise; green: text

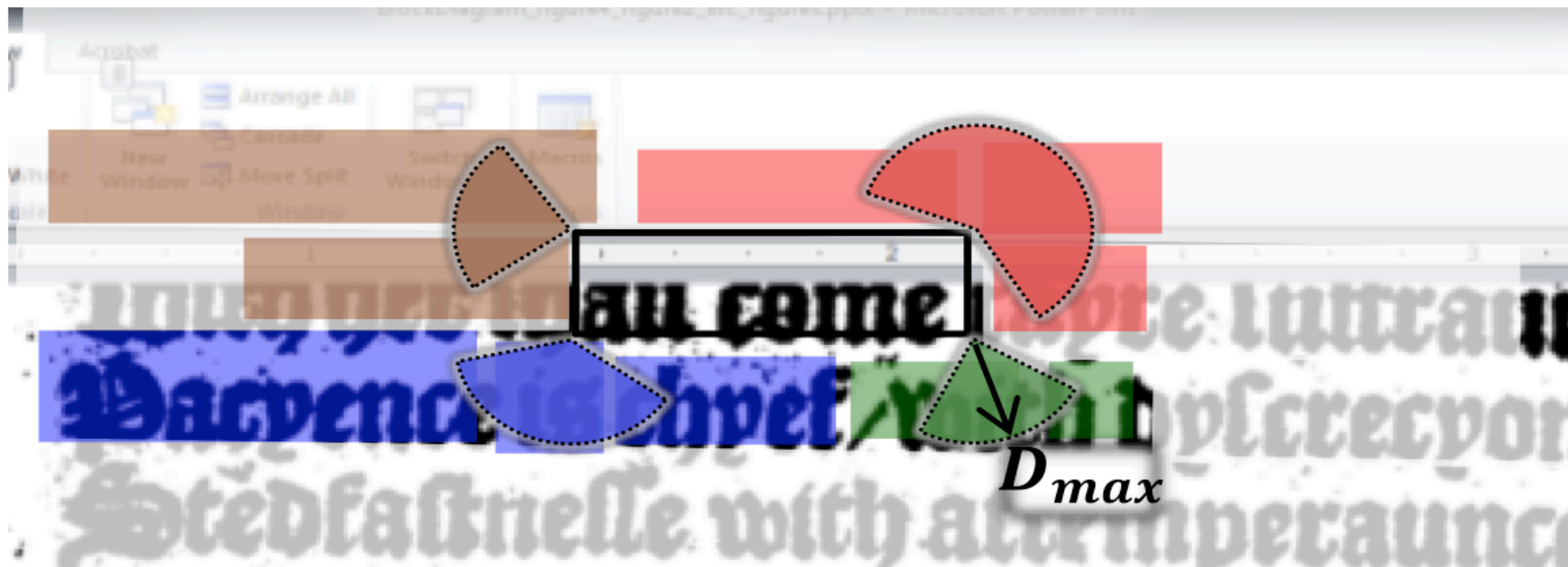


Fig. 3. Finding nearest neighbors. Only those within D_{max} from the corners of the target BB (outlined) are considered. Colors indicate the corner to which neighbors are assigned

Automatic assessment of OCR quality in historical documents

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Abstract

Mass digitization of historical documents is a challenging problem for optical character recognition (OCR) tools. Issues include noisy backgrounds and faded text due to aging, border/marginal noise, bleed-through, skewing, warping, as well as irregular fonts and page layouts. As a result, OCR tools often produce a large number of spurious bounding boxes (BBs) in addition to those that correspond to words in the document. This paper presents an iterative classification algorithm to automatically label BBs (i.e., as text or noise) based on their spatial distribution and geometry. The approach uses a rule-base classifier to generate initial text/noise labels for each BB, followed by an iterative classifier that refines the initial labels by incorporating local information to each BB, its spatial location, shape and size. When evaluated on a dataset containing over 72,000 manually-labeled BBs from 159 historical documents, the algorithm can classify BBs with 0.95 precision and 0.96 recall. Further evaluation on a collection of 6,775 documents with ground-truth transcriptions shows that the algorithm can also be used to predict document quality (0.7 correlation) and improve OCR transcriptions in 85% of the cases.

from microfilm converted from photographs –four decades and three generations away from the originals.

Motivated by these issues, in 2013 we started the Early Modern OCR Project (eMOP; <http://emop.tamu.edu>) with funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. eMOP is a two-year mass digitization project that seeks to improve OCR for some 45 million pages from the Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO) and Early English Books Online (EEBO) proprietary database products. Beyond producing accurate transcriptions for these collections, eMOP aims to create tools (dictionaries, workflows, and databases) to support scholarly research at libraries and museums. Much like our team, these organizations lack the resources to manually transcribe their collections or contract with commercial OCR services (e.g., Prime Recognition Corp.) As such, and as required by Mellon, all tools used and produced by eMOP must remain free or open-source.

As a step towards this goal, this paper describes an approach to assess the quality of historical documents that

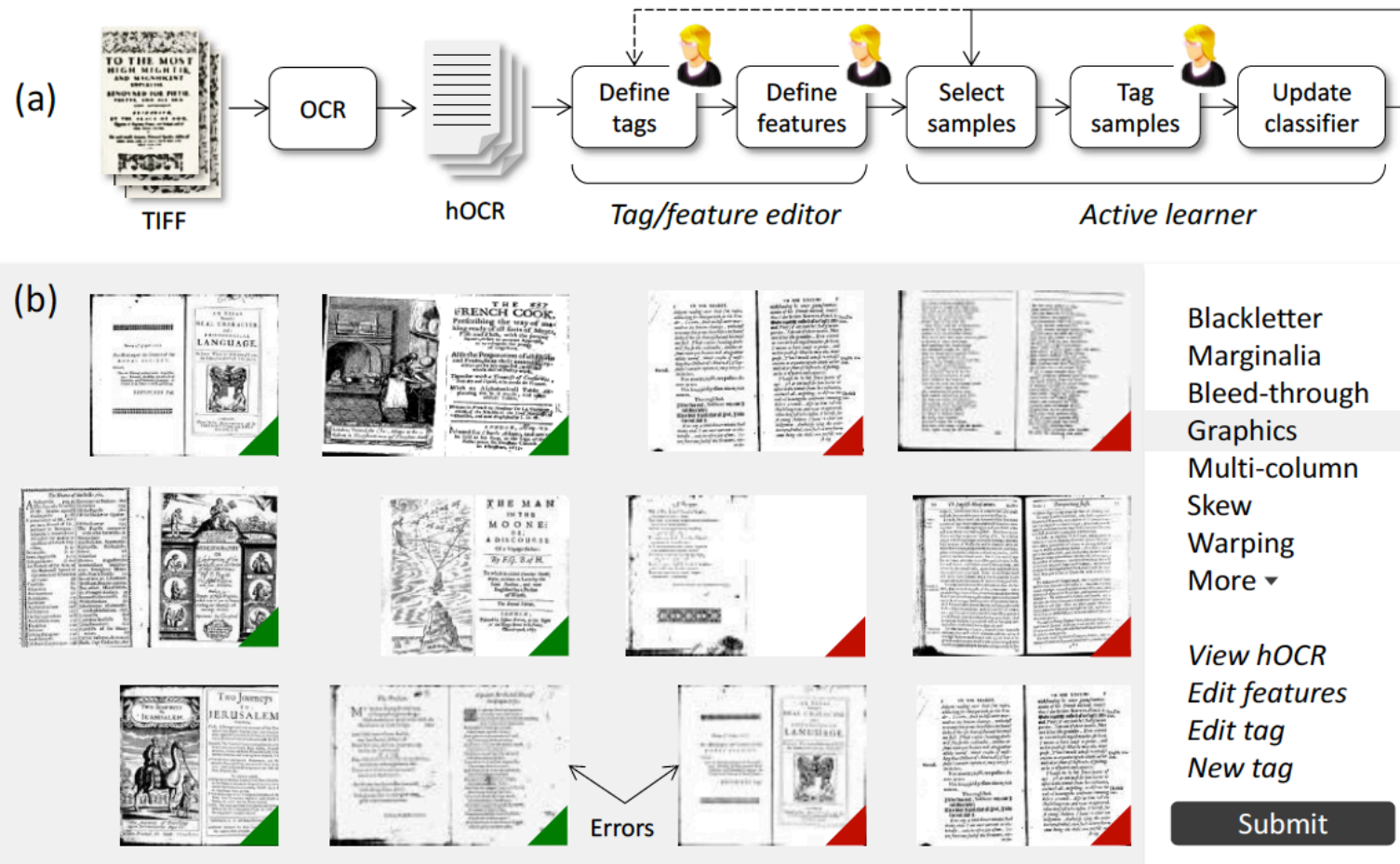


Fig. 1. (a) Stages in the interactive machine learning pipeline. (b) Mockup of the tagML interface

Results

These things being observed it must be considered, that the Facts now in effect charg'd against the Dutchess, are suggest'd to be done many years since, and were debated and considered before the Peers, before the rejection of the two first Bills, and long before the Agreement for putting an end to all Controversies and Debates. Now 'tis very hard to put the Dutchess to account again, for those very Facts, considering that after eight or nine years, many People are dead, others dispersed, and not in a little time to be found out, and circumstances of times and places (which in the nature of all these Cases is almost all that is left to discover a Falsity) forgot.

The Dutchess is also under the unavoidable necessity of proving a Negative against down right Swearing, and that without any matter Introductory, and also by two mean Servants, the one turned out of her Place for keeping company with Foot Souldiers, and the other leaving his Place in disgust, because he could not have the Play Money.

Masters are already too much in the power of their Servants, and if they charge their Masters with Adultery, Felony and even Treason, it is not easily in the power of the Master to defend himself against down right Swearing; Servants having those opportunities of the knowledge of times and places and Company, which cannot be denied or avoided, and which others have not, whereupon they may frame and build false Evidence, and many times are of ill Principles and desperate Fortunes, and of tempers very Revengeful, so that whoever turns away a Servant, he is in his power for his Estate, Honour and even Life it self. And therefore for the safety and freedom of Families in other Countrys, they are not permitted to be Evidence against their Masters, in any matter criminal whatsoever.

Note also the Dutchess thinks, She as an English Subject has by *Alagoa Cas* the same right to a Tryal in the Legal and ordinary way of Justice, as the rest of the Kings Subjects, especially considering that there never yet was in England one Precedent, of a Bill exhibited in Parliament to dissolve a Marriage at the first instance, without any previous proceedings in the Ecclesiastical Courts; (which in these Cases is the Law of the Land) and not above Five or Six Bills, in above 600 years ever pass'd to dissolve Marriages, or make Second Marriages good, even after there had been a divorce in the Spiritual Courts, and those Bills too in Cases generally where the Husbands were without any recrimination.

No Impediment appears why the Duke should not have endeavour'd a Divorce at Law, before he had attempt'd a Bill to dissolve the Marriage. For any Application to the *Legislature*, for Tryal of matters of Private right, is improper, because there are proper Judicatures, that give that remedy the Law allows.

To ask any thing of the *Legislature*, in private Causes between Party and Party, beyond what the known Laws in force give, seems to be improper, because,

1. It is to make a Law in one persons Case, which is not the Law in others.

2. It is to retrospect actions, and after the Fact to Augment or alter the Penalty. Our Laws are certain, and known, that persons may conform their actions to them.

3. The Courts and Forms of Law are equally the Subjects right with the Law, and the application to the *Legislature*, takes away all that right of Form and Charging, whereas a certainty in time to Answer, and exceptions to Witnesses, and other Legal defences of the Fact, cannot be deny'd the meanest Subject.

The consequence that short and summary ways of proceedings, may have on the Settlements of Estates and Families, may be very dangerous, and though the Duke of *Norfolk's* Bill pass'd the House of Peers, yet a great number of the Peers both Spiritual and Temporal enter'd their Protest against its Passing, and their reasons for it.

It ought to be no prejudice to the Dutchess, that the next Heir presumptive to the Duke, doth not as yet appear to be a Protestant, because when a Bill which hath lately pass'd both Houses is become a Law, it is not likely that Noble Family will be without a Protestant at the head of it.

If any of the Witnesses formerly examined on the Bill in 1691, be now again produced, it is humbly apprehended, that as the validity of their testimony they then gave was totally overthrow'n, by a great number of Witnesses, so it will be again tho' under the disadvantage of the great distance of time.

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And light the Lamp of pure celestial Love!

On Thule's heathy heights see VIRTUE stand,
With ling'ring looks, prepar'd to leave the Land!
To waste in northern night the lonely hour,
And mourn 'mid Hecla's caves her ravish'd pow'r:
See fond Affection warn her e'er she flies,
And turn to you her supplicating eyes;
Where Hope still struggles thro' each chrystal Tear,
That watry shines, and streaks the gloom of Fear!

Recall her with your smiles, confirm her reign,
The trait'rous Rival of her empire slain!
For yours, for Albion's sake retard her flight;
When Virtue sets, 'tis Beauty's blackest night.
In vain you'll mourn the absence of her ray,
To ruthless Lust an unresisting Prey!
Find civil Order to Confusion hurl'd,
And mental Darkness overwhelm the world!

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IT is Answered, First, That this Fact is not insisted upon in the Petition, nor made any Part of the Petitioners Complaint; and it is apprehended, that no Objection can be taken in the House but what is contained in the Body of the Petition.

Secondly, BUT if this Fact be admitted, it is insisted, that by the 23 H. 6. ch. 15. it is directed, that the Precept be returned by Indenture; but it is not necessary the Precept should be annex'd to the Indenture, or delivered to the Sheriff with it, and the Practice is generally otherwise; for in this present Parliament, there are near Three Hundred Members who have no Precepts annexed to their Returns. An Indenture between the Sheriff and the Returning Officer, mentioning the Election to have been made by Virtue of a Precept to him directed, is certainly good, which shews the Precept need not to be annexed to the Indenture.

IF it be Objected, That tho' the Precepts are not always returned by the Sheriffs to the Clerk of the Crown, yet they must be delivered to the Sheriff by the Returning-Officers; it may be Answered, That it being not necessary for the Sheriff to return the Precept with the Indenture to the Clerk of the Crown; neither can it be necessary to be return'd to the Sheriffs by the Parties with their Indenture; for this being a Matter which concerns the Sheriff's personal Satisfaction only, it remains absolutely in his Breast, whether he will call for it or not; and it can be no Error if he accepts a Return without it; and in common Cases of Process, the Officer that hath the Sheriff's Warrant, doth not after Execution of it, deliver it back to the Sheriff.

WE apprehend, that the Precept being by this Petition admitted to be directed to the Burgesſes and Electors only, and the Return which was tendered by the Petitioners, being also thereby admitted to be a Return of the Constables and Burgesſes; this Return was not made by the Persons to whom the Precept was directed; and therefore was not proper to be received by the Sheriff, nor such as the House can now accept; for the Precept ought to be returned by the same Persons to whom it is directed.

IT may be Insisted, that these are Points in Law proper to be argued by Council; and therefore fit to be referred to a Committee, and the Merits of the Election to be Heard at the same Time.

AS to the Sheriff's proceeding in this Matter, it was with the greatest Fairness; for the Return of the Sitting-Members, was brought to him about Seven or Eight in the Evening, of the Day of the Election, and he did not forward it for *London* till the next Day.

SINCE the Printing what is above, we have certain Information, That the Precept was not produced to the Sheriff, with the Return of the Petitioners; neither was there ever any Precept Return'd, with any of the Indentures, for former Elections in *Minehead*; or any Precept Return'd, with any of the Indentures, for any Election for this Parliament, in any Borough of the County of *Somerſet*, of which *Minehead* is one.

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A N at all Times' during the Memory of Man'' Whenever any E-
.lection' Was Controverted (till the vlyast Parliament' of 'Queen Anne) 't'lie
Constables never so much as pretended to 'prefide as Judges of che :Poll ;
but the Candidates of each Side, Chose out othe Body othe Burgesses,
such Persons as they Agreed upoail to direct and take tho Poll.
A T tho last Election, tho Precept' according tothe Ancient Usage,
was directed to the Burgolses and Electors in General ;v who in pursuance
of the Precept' Elected che Sitting-Members, 'Mr''. Edwin' and Mr. Gage,
by a fair and undoubted Majority, and by their Indenture duly Exe-
cuted, Returned them to the Sheriff accordingly-
The Petition.
BUT now a Petition is preferred in the Lathe of constables'
and several Voters' in behalf of themselves and Other Voters of the-
baid Borough, against this Return; Suggesting' That the Constables are
tho Presiding and Returning (')fficers' and that the Precepts are directed
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and deliver'd to them; and that the 'now-Sheriff directed his -Pre
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T 1-1 A T the Petitioners, the Constables, Declared Sir John Trevegyazi,
and Mr. Milner, duly Elected ;j and thereupon Indentures were duly
Executed by che Constables' and Majority othe Burgeffes and Electors,'
and tendered to the Sharest by order of the Constables : But the Sheriff
refused to receive it; but has Return'd Mr. Edwin and' Mr. Gage,. by
Virtue- of other Indentures brought to the Sheriff' 'not by the proper Re-
turning slicers of tho said Borough-, but by other Persons who Signed
it,- toth prejudice Of the Petitioners'; who therefore Pray' that Return'
may be taken off, and the Return ofthe Constables put upon the File.'-
UPGN this Petition it may be observ'd;
T H E Preamble of the Petition sets forth' That John Jones and George
James are Constables of the Borough of Minehead, in rder to make
good their Claim of being Returning-Officers.
BUT in the First' Place it is Answered' that they are not Consta-
bles of the said Borough' Which consists of several Manors and Tythings,
Which have their proper officers' and Wherein-the Constables have no
Jurisdiction.
THE Sheriff could not direct his Precept to the Constables of the
Borough of Minehead, because there are no such Officers; and a Pre-
cept to them directed, Would be a Void and improper Directim; and
any Return made by them must be consequently so too-
T HAT the Merit Of tho Petitioners Case is founded solely on the
Constables being the Returning-officers of this Borough; and there-
fore' in che First Place, they ought to be put upon the Proof of this
Allegation, That they are tho Ret'urning-officers, which for 'the
Reasons afore-given' we think impossible to 'be maintained-
T may be objected' That the Sheriff, by delivering-the Precept to
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