

There are so many examples of 'straing' for 'strange' that I got bored fishing them all out – but here are some up to 1612 which I found by word searching 'straing' on EEBO. There were many more...

'An answer to the devilish detection of Stephane Gardiner' by Anthony Gilby (1548) has '...it is no newe or straing thinge to heare this of...' and '...his son Christ. Think not straing that the thing is written...'

Philip Nichols 'The copie of a letter sente to one maister Chispyne' (1548) has '...And they have gone after straing gods...'

Johan Spangenberg (1548): Thou shalt have no straing gods before me.'

William Salesbury 'The baterie of the Popes Botelreux (1550) has '...to apply some of these straing Anagogoes and darke saynges...'

William Turner in 'The catechisme (1572) has '...unchast person, neyther worshipper of straing gods, neither hore master...'

John Colville 'A declarftion of the just and necessarie causes' (1582) has '...burden it with extraordinary or straing injunctions...'

William Allen in 'A conference about the succession' (1595) has '...he joyneth an other as straing as this, which is...'

Robert Johnson in 'Essaies' (1601) has '...fall to a straing kind of uncertaintie...'

Antonio Ortiz in 'A relatiuon of the solemnitie wherewith Catholic Princes...were received' (1601) has '...this new and straing example of piety and religion...'

I.C. in 'Saint Marie Magdalens conversion' (1603) has '...Her wombe bringes forth straing and untimely seede...'

William Bradshawe in 'Twelve arguments' (1605) has '...meanes of begetting or confirming straing sins in their soules...'

Thomas Helwys in 'A short plaine prooffe' (1611) and 'A short declaration' (1612) has '...It may and wil seeme straing that we of all others...', and '...to condemnation: This will seeme straing but let God have the...', and 'It is most straing, that men fearing God...', and 'together, they shal see a straing exaltation of power and pompe...', and 'do looke for some straing seights from heaven, to knowe...', and '...tongue, and not in a straing tongue, as they did', and '...consider that it wilbe a straing thinge to condemne men for...', and '...you with the multitude of straing and forreyn false Prophetts'.

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