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1. *intr.* To be in a state of variance or mutual hostility. ? *Obs.*

?c1225 (1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Cleo. C. 6) (1972) 68 þus ha beoð aa bisie in þis fule meoster. & eider wið oðer striueð her abuten.

1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 623 þe king miȝte segge þat in a luper time he striuede wiþ his wiue.

1338 *R. MANNING Chron.* (1810) 293 With his barons he striued, with him wild non go. A kyng þat striues with hise, he may not wele spede.

1340 *R. ROLLE Pricke of Conscience* 1470 Now lofe we, now hate, now saghtel, now strife.

1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 154 Vor þe scele ssel by ase a trewe arbytres be-tuene þe goste and þe ulesse þet byeþ alneway striuinde.

c1386 *CHAUCER Summoner's Tale* 278 And therfore Thomas, trowe me if thee leste, Ne stryue nat with thy wyf, as for thy beste.

1540 tr. G. Gnapheus *Comedye of Acolastus* iv. iv. sig. Tiv, We shal not fyghte herefore .i. we will not fall at bate or stryue for this matter, or here aboute.

1586 (1585) *W. Bynne The Mayde's Worow* (Maiden) in *Beow* (1608) 10 This seene the lowe of life of land and

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