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Explanation :-

There be some sports are painful and their labour
Delight in them sets off: some kinds of baseness
Are nobly undergone, and most poor matters
Paint to rich ends. This my mean task
Would be as heavy to me as odious, but
The mistress which I serve quickens what dead
And makes my labours pleasures.

~~Her~~ times more gentle shap her falter, crooked
~~And~~ her composed of harshness I must remove
~~Some thousand~~ of these logs and pile them up
Upon a sore injunction: my sweet mistress
Creeps when she sees me work, and says such barren
Hath never like executor. I forget;
But these sweete delights do ever refresh my
Labours, most truly.

= The above lines have been taken from
the famous play "The Tempest" written
by William Shakespeare, act - III,
Scene I.

In these lines we find Ferdinand
explaining his feelings towards Miranda.

Ferdinand has been ordered by Prospero
to collect the log. It was a tough and
mean task for a Prince but still he is
happy by doing this task just to ~~hurt~~^{honor} the
company of Miranda.

Ferdinand while ~~was~~ doing his
tough task says within himself that there
are some work which are tedious and if
we can take pleasure in them the pain
of this tough task lightened. He further
explains that if a mean task ~~is~~
is done strongly by a noble and in view,
the object aimed at is high. He actually
wants to express that the carrying of big
log is concerned, it is painful and
tiresome and also a mean job in itself
but it is pleasurable and honorable work
for Ferdinand because he has agreed to do
it for the sake of the sweet company of
Miranda where very right reduces the
pain and adds to the pleasure of the task.

This scene of the play shows
the love of Ferdinand for Miranda; after
the ~~task~~ Tempest is over, this is the
next scene of the play where Prospero
test for Ferdinand's love and fidelity
for Miranda is proven true. Because
his statement proves that Ferdinand bears
the monotony and also the pain of the task
for the sake of his love for Miranda and
declares it a pleasant task.