

Could the following letter be by Shakespeare [1564-1616]?

*My deare Collingworth,
Perhaps it will be only cold comfort to you, but I have news that the Earl
of Lincolnshire is dead as a doornail. Give the devil his due, he would not
budge an inch when the Lord Mayor tried to shut the theaters during the
recent plague, but the naked truth is that I could not sleep a wink until I
heard he had breathed his last. I am sure you will agree that all's well that
ends well.
Will.*

Could these lines be from a play by Shakespeare [1564-1616]?

*When warring brothers raise their stakes, let civil war be fought,
Tis better they lay down their hands and divvy up the pot,
Else down the drain their hopes will go, their armies and their gold,
A tempest in a teapot that shall put all lives on hold.*

My friend says he couldn't stand the movie "Titanic" because it was set in 1912, and had people saying *hello* to each other and that didn't really happen until after the telephone was invented. How right or wrong is my friend?

How old are these phrases?:

1. I just had a **brain storm**
2. it **ain't over til it's over**
3. wait til the **fat lady sings**
4. we are not on the **same page**
5. this is not a **user-friendly** system
6. this is a real **game changer**
7. **breaking news**: tuition raised again!