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 His Royal Highness
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 &c. &c. &c.

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“I am much pleased with the collection of Fac-simile Autograph Letters which you have had the goodness to submit for my inspection, and I can have no hesitation in complying with your request to select from my Portfolio any Manuscripts you may desire to copy.

“‘This favor,’ if it should be so esteemed by you, ought rather to be considered as the payment of a debt of gratitude on my part for your exertions in the advancement of Poly-autography, the name under which Lithography was first known in England. With the origin and progress of the art, I am not, as you must be aware, unacquainted. Indeed, it has been part of my public duty for nearly thirty years to make reports upon various modes of printing; and I have always advocated the publication of valuable historical documents in fac-simile by means of your art—the transfer process. Nothing can be so well adapted for the preservation of such records, and no mode of publication can be so unquestionable as to accuracy. Blunders and misreadings frequently creep into important papers, through want of care or knowledge on the part of the transcriber, or an error on the part of the letter-press printer. I may instance a passage in the Cottonian MS. Titus B. x. f. 23, which has been more than once printed and quoted from to show that the cultivation of roses was an object of attention in Ireland during the reign of Elizabeth, and whereon arguments respecting the state of civilization and taste of that period, to the no small disparagement of the present, have been raised. The circumstances are these: Sir Henry Sidney, when he visited the town of Kilmallock, a year or two after it had been spoiled and burned by the Irish rebel James Fitzmaurice, in 1573, is made thus to express his astonishment at its speedy re-edification—‘for where there was not one Rose nor Flower left unbourned, fewe or no howsies are nowe within the wall uncovered.’ A reference to the original MS., or a fac-simile of it, would show at once to any competent person that this has nothing whatever to do with roses nor flowers; but that simply the misreading of an *s* for an *f*, on the part of a transcriber, has caused an important confusion of ideas. The fact is, the passage in the MS. should have been read, ‘not one Rofe nor

Flower left unbourned,' the quotation being, in modern spelling, 'for where there was not one roof nor floor left unburned, few or no houses are now within the wall uncovered.'*

"For economy and truthfulness I know of no other art that is at all likely to equal that which you practise. What Addison says in one of the numbers of the *Spectator* with reference to typography, is much more applicable to Poly-autography, for by its means originals can be multiplied, or rather copies made, to what numbers we please, 'which shall be as valuable as the originals themselves.'

"I almost venture to assert that if, by your process, the money spent upon the State Paper Office, had been employed during the same space of time in printing a selection of five hundred fac-simile copies of each of the most important State Papers, for distribution to our Literary Institutions and Public Libraries, instead of transcribing, collating, examining, and printing them in the ordinary manner, with the chance of printers' errors, nearly all the important documents that the State Paper Office contains would have been placed beyond the risk of destruction by fire or other casualty, within the same period that so little has been done for the public benefit.

I am,

Very truly yours,

J. Hofton Croker
Admiralty 22nd June
1849.

* Coll. MS. Titus B.X. f. 23b. - lines 1. 2. 3.

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Fac-simile by J. Nethercote.

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KING RICHARD III. to the CHANCELLOR OF ENGLAND—(John Russel, Bishop of Lincoln.)

Copied from the Original in the Record Office, Tower of London.

Note.—The first part of this Letter, ending at the date "Lincoln, the 12th day of Octobre (1483)," is written by an Amanuensis. The remainder is in the hand-writing of K. Rich. III.

BY THE KING.

RIGHT reverend fadre in god right trusty and welbeloved We grete you wele. And in oure hertiest wyse thanke you for the manifolde presents that your servants on yo^r behalve have presented unto us at this oure being here. Whiche we assure you we toke and accepted w^t good hert. And soo we have cause. And whereas we by godds grace entend briefly to avannee us towards our Rebelle and traytour the Duc of Buckingham to resiste and w^tstande his maliciouse purpose, as lately by other lres (letters) we certified you o^r mynde more at large—For whiche cause it behoveth us to have our grete sele here—We being enformed that for suche infirmities and diseases as ye susteyne ye may (*?not*) in your persone to your ease conveniently come unto us w^t the same. Wherefore we desire and nathelesse charge you that forthw^t upon the sight of thies ye sauflly doo (*?cause*) the same our grete sele to be sent unto us. and suche of thoffice of o^r Channcery as by your wysedom shalbe thought necessary, Receyvyng these oure lres for your sufficient discharge in that behalfe. Geven undre oure signet at our Cite of Lincoln the 12th day of Octobre (1483)

We wolde most gladly ye came yo^rself yf thatt ye may and yf ye may not we pray you not to fayle but to acomphyshe in all dyllygence our sayde comawndement to send oure seale incontenent apon the syght heroff—As we trust you w^t suche as ye trust and the offycers pertenyng to attend w^b hyt. prayng you to assertayne us of yo^r newes there — here loved be god ys all well and trewly determyned and to resyste the malysse of hym that hadde best cawse to be trewe the Duc of Bokyngame the most untrew creature lyvyng whom w^t gods grece we shall not be long tyll that we wyll be in that partyes and subdewe hys malys—we assure you there was never falsse traytor better purvayde for as this berrer of Gloucestre shall shewe you.—

To the Right reverend fadre in god o^r right
trusty and welbeloved the Bishop of Lincoln
our Channcellor of England.

King Richard III. proc. 1483. Slain at Bosworth 1485.

* Henry Stafford Duke of Buckingham was beheaded at Shrewsbury without legal process, by the bare order of K. Rich. III. Novr. 3, 1483.

LETTER II.

MARGARET OF LANCASTER to her Son KING HENRY VII.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My oune suet and most dere Kyng and all my worldly joy, *yn as humble maner as y can thynke y recomand me to your grace, and moste hertely beseche our lord to blesse you, and my good herte when yt ys so that the frenshe Kyng hathe at thys tyme geveyn me courteyse answer and wretyn hys lettyrs of favour to hys corte of parlyment for the breve expedicyon of my mater whyche too long hathe hangyd the whyche y well know y do the espeeally for your sake, for the whyche my dere herte y lowly beseche your grace yt may plesse you to gyve hym your favourabyll lettyrs of thanks and to desyr hym to contenev hys favours yn the same, and yeve yt soo myght leke your grace to do the same to the Cardynall whyche as y undyrstond ys your feythfull trew and lovyng servant, y wyse my very joy as y ofte have shewed, and y fortune to gete thys or eny parte therof ther shall nedyr be that or eny good y have but yt shalbe yours, and at your comandement as seurlly and w^t as good a wyll as eny ye have yn your coffyrs, as wuld god ye coud know yt as veryly as y thynke yt but my der herte y wull no more encombyr your grace w^t ferder wrytyng yn thys mater for y ame seure your Chapeleyn and servante doctour Whytstone hath shewed your hyghnes the cyrcomstance of the same, and yeve yt soo may plesse your grace y humbly beseche the same to yeve ferder credense also to thys berer, and our lord gyve you as longe good lyfe helthe and joy as your moste nobyll herte can desyre, w^t as herty blessyngs as our lord hathe gevyn me power to gyve yow. At Colyweston the xiiii day of January, by your feythfull trew bedwoman and humble modyr

MARGARET R.

* The letter y is constantly written for i or I (capital) in this letter.

Margaret of Lancaster ; born 1441, mar. Edmond Tudor Earl of Richmond ; died 1509.

Note.—As a perfect letter written by King Henry VII. could not be obtained, Plate 2 is added, with the view of preserving the succession of Autographs of the Sovereigns of England. It is copied from an illuminated "Hour Book" in the British Museum, containing, amongst others, marginal notes in the hands-writing of King Henry VII., Elizabeth of York, his Queen ; and Katherine of Arragon, first Queen to King Hen. VIII.

LETTER III.

KING HENRY VIII. to CARDINAL WOLSEY.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Myne awne good cardinall I recomande me unto you w^t all my hart and thanke you for the grette payne and labour that you do dayly take in my bysynes and maters desyryng you (that wen you have well establyshyd them) to take sume pastyme and comfort (to the intende you may the longer endure to serve us) for allways payne cannott be induryd—surly you have so substancyally orderyd oure maters bothe off thys syde the see and byonde that in mye oppynion lityll or no thyng can be addyd—nevertheles accordyng to your desyre I do send

you myne oppynyon by thys berare the refformacion wheroff I do remyte to you and the remnante off our trusty counsellers whyche I am sure wyll substantially loke on hyt—as tochyng the mater that Syr Wyllyam Sāys broght answar off I am well contentyd w^t what order so ever you do take in itt—the quene my wyff hathe desyryd me to make har most harty recomendations to you as to hym that she loveth very well and bothe she and I wolde knowe fayne when you wyll repayre to us—no more to you att thys tyme but that w^t gods helpe I trust we shall dysapoynte our enymys off theyre intendyd purposes—wryttyn w^t the hand off your lovyng master

HENRY H T

(Henry Tudor.)

King Henry VIII. ; born 1491, crowned 1509 ; died 1546.

LETTER IV.

KING JAMES V. OF SCOTLAND to KING HENRY VIII.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Derrest uncle We recomend us to *zow in o^r mayst hartly maner and haiv rasavit zo^r wrytyngs be zo^r trust cosello^r maist^r (*Majie*) and by the samyn wrytyngs and also hys credens we understand the perfyte loyf ze beyr on to us quhayrfor we sal stand to zow as ane troyst and guid newo (*nephew*) suld do. Derrest oncle we pray zow hartly ze be not be zo^r wrytyngs to the paypis holynes aganys the archebyschop of glasgw the quhylk was o^r preceptor and servitor and also ramanis daly on o^r parson bot o^rrar support and help hym anent the prevelege of hys kyrk of glasgw for my sayk howbeyt the archebyshop of Sanct Andros wyl wryt ane hays wrytyn, to zo^r grace aganys his exemption for I loyf glasgw quhylk is my servant bettyr as wyl schaw M^r (*magieus*) and god have zo^r grace in hys kyping. At Edynburgh the xxviii day of may w^t my awyn hand

Zo^r nepho JAMES R.

* Z in old Scotch is used for y.

James V., father of Mary Q. of Scots ; died 1542, aged 33.

LETTER V.

MARY TUDOR, QUEEN OF FRANCE, to CARDINAL WOLSEY.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Myn anne good lord. I recomend me to yow and thankyng yow for yo^r kynde and lovyng letters dyssyryng yow of yo^r good contenance and good lessones that yow hathe gyffen to me my lord I pray yow as my trust ys in yow for to remembre me to the kyng my brother for sowche causes and bessynes as I have for to do, for as now I have no nother to put my trust in but the kyng my brother and yow, and as yt shall ples the kyng my brother and hys counsell I wolbe horderd and so I pray yow my lord to show hys grace seyng that the king my howsbande ys departed to god of whos sole god pardon and wher as yow ayvyse me that I shulde

make no promas my lord I trust the kyng my brother and yow wole not reken in me souche chyldhode. I trust I have so horderd my sellfe so sens that I came hether, that I trust yt hathe been to the honor of the kyng my brother and me sens I come hether and so I trust to contenew. yff ther be any thyng that I may do for yow I wold be glade for to do yt in thys partes I shalbe glade to do yt for yow. no more to yow at thys tyme But J.H.S. preserve yow. Wretton at pares the x day of January, (1515)

by yowr lowyng frend

MARY QUENE OF FRANCE.

Mary Tudor, younger sister of King Hen. VIII.; born 1498, married 1st, K. Lewis XIII. of France, 1514; married 2d. Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, 1516; died 1533.

LETTER VI.

MARGARET TUDOR, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND, to WOLSEY.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My lorde cardinal yn my most hartly *vyse I recomand me to you and vould be glade to here from you plesyth you to vyt that I am com to edynbroth and hath bene very vell ressayved safeng the syght of my soõ the kyng wysche I thynk ryght strange as thys vyl schov you my mynde at more length to whom I pray you to gyf kredens. my good lorde next the kyng my brother my moste specyal truste is in you and ye may doo me moste good and gyf soo be that thys rawme kype not to the kyng my brother and yow thair promes I moste nedes call for helpe to hys grace and yow for I truste to reull me soo that the kyng and yow schal be content for I vyl do no thyng but I vyl axe consell at my lorde dakers and I pray yow my lorde comand hyme that he sende ofton to see how I doo and am intretyd but and ever the dwke com in scotland a gane here is no bydyng to me and thatt thys berar can schu yow no more but god have yow in hys kypeng wryten the xx day of june wyth my hand. (1517.)

yours MARGARET R.

* In this letter the letter v is generally written for w.

Margaret, elder sister of King Henry VIII.; born 1489; married 1st, King James IV. of Scotland; and 2nd, Archibald Douglas, Earl of Angus; died 1541.

LETTER VII.

Q. ANNE BOLEYNE to (CRANMER?)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My lord in my most humble wise I thanke yo^r grace for the gyft of thys benefice for master barlo howbehit this standithe to now effecte for it is mayd for tonbrige and I wold have it if yo^r plesure war so for sondrig for tonbrige is in my lord my fathers gyft be a vowson that he hathe and is not woyd. I do trost that yo^r grace wol graunt hym sondrig and considering the payne that he hathe takyn I do thynke that it shall be vere well bestowyd and in so doying y rekyn my selfe moche bownde to yo^r grace for all this that hathe takyn payne in the kynges matter it shalle be my daylle

study to in magyn all the ways that I can devyse to do them servys and plesur and thus I make anend sendyng you a gen the letter that you sent me thankyng yo' grace most humbly for the payn that you take for to wryt to me assuryng you that next the kynges letter ther is nothyng that can reiose me so moche. w^h the hand of her that is most bownde to be

my lord I be syche y' grace
w^h all my hart to remember
the parson of honelayne for
my sake schortly.

Y^r most humble and
obediant servant.

ANNE BOLEYN.

Anne Boleyn, 2nd Q. of King Hen. VIII. ; married 1533 ; beheaded 1536.

LETTER VIII.

QUEEN KATHERINE PARR to KING HENRY VIII.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Although the dysconzse of tyme and accompte of dayes nether ys long nor many of your maiesties absens, yett y^e wante of your presens so muche beloved and desired of me, maketh me y^t I can not quyetly pleasure in any thyng, untill I here from your maiestye : the tyme ther for semeth to me very long, wythe a grette desire to know how youre hyeghnes hathe done syns your departyng hense, whose prosperyte and helthe I prefer and desyre more than myne owne. And wher as I know your Maiesties absens ys never wythe out grett respectes of thyngs most convenyent and necessary, yett love and affection compelleth me to desire your presens : And agayne the same zeale and love forces me also to be best content wythe that whyche ys your wyll and pleasure : And thus love maketh me in all thynges to sett apart myne one comody^{te} and pleasure, and to embrace most joyfully hys wyll and pleasure, whom I love. God the knower of secretes can jage these wordes not to be only wrytten wythe ynke, but most truly impressed in the hart, muche more I omytte, lest I schuld seme to go aboute to prayse myself, or crave a thanke, wyche thyng to do I mynde nothyng lesse, but a playne symple relacyon of my zeale and love towarde youre maiestye procedyng from the abundance of the herte, wheryn I must nedes confesse I deserve no worthy comendation, havynge suche juste occasion to do the same ; I make lyke accompte wythe your maiestye, as I do wythe God for hys benefytes and gyftes heped upon me dayly, knowlegyng my self all wayes a grette detter unto hym in that I do omytt my dutye towarde hym, nott being able to recompense the leste of hys benefytes, in wyche state I am certayne and sure to dye, but yett I hope in hys gracyous acceptation of my good wyll. And even suche confydence I have in your maiesties gentyllness, knowyng myself never to have done my dutye as was requysite and mete to suche a noble and worthy prynce, at whose handes I have founde and received so muche love and goodnes, that wythe wordes I can not expresse yt ; lest I schuld be to (*too*) tedyouse unto your maiestye, I fynysche thys my serybeled letter, comyttyng you in to the governance of the lorde w^h long lyf and prosperous felyate hert, and after y^e lyf to enioy y^e kyngdome of his electe. from grenewyche.

By your maiesties humble obedyent

lovyng wyfe and sarvant

KATERYN THE QUENE KP.

Queen Katherine Parr, 6th Q. of King Henry VIII. ; married 1543 ; died 1548.

LETTER IX.

PRINCE EDWARD (afterwards K. EDWARD VI.) to Q. KATH. PARR,

Thanking her for her letters, and hoping he may be able in part to satisfy the good expectations of H. M. his Father and her Grace.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

LETTER X.

PRINCESS (afterwards QUEEN MARY) to the LORD HIGH ADMIRAL,

Declining to interfere respecting his suit for marriage with the Queen Dowager (Katherine Parr), "consydering whose wyf her grace was of late"—he hopes he will think no unkindness in her, though she "refuse to be a medler any wayes in thys matter," &c.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Queen Mary, daughter of King Henry VIII. and Katherine of Arragon; born 1517; crowned 1553;
married Philip of Spain 1554; died 1558.

LETTER XI.

PRINCESS (afterwards QUEEN) ELIZABETH to the DUKE OF SOMERSET,

In favor of Catherine Ashley, because "that whatsoever she hathe done in my Lorde
"Admiral's matter as concerninge the marynge of me she dide it because knowinge him to be one
"of the counsel she thogth he wolde not go about any suche thinge without he had the counsels
"consent therunto," &c.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

LETTER XII.

KING EDWARD VI. PRIVATE MINUTES,

Entitled "Ceirtein pointes of waigthy matters to be immediately concluded on by my
counsell. 18 January 1551.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

King Edward VI., son of King Henry VIII. and Queen Jane Seymour; born 1537; crowned 1547; died 1553.

LETTER XIII.

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS to QUEEN ELIZABETH,

Complaining of not having received answers to her letters, and soliciting better treatment. In French. Dated Sheffield (1583).

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Queen Mary, daughter of King James V. of Scotland; born 1542; beheaded at Fotheringay Castle, 1587.

LETTER XIV.

QUEEN ELIZABETH to KING JAMES VI. of SCOTLAND.

Copied from the Original in the Possession of Mons. A. Donnadien, Member of the Société de L'Histoire de France, and of the British Archæological Association.

My very good Brother

Hit pleaseth me not a litel that my true intents without gloses or giles ar by you so gratefully taken for I am nothing of that vile disposition of suche as while thir neighbors house is or likly to be a fire wyl not only not helpe but not afourd them water to quenche the same. If any suche you have hard of toward me God graunt he remembreth hit not to (*too*) wel for them. for the Archeduke belas poore man he wischeth every body like himself except his bondes wiche without his brothers helpe he wil soon repent his Signory. I suppos that considering whos (aperte?) enemy the King of Spaine is you wyl not neglect so muche your owne honor to the world (thogh you had no peculiar love to me) as to permit his Embassator in your Land, that so causelesly persecutes suche a Princes as never harmed him. Yea suche a one as if his deceased father had beene rightly informed, did bettar merite at his hand than any prince on erthe ever did to other for wher hathe ther bene an example that any one King hathe ever denied so faire a present as the hole seventene provinces of the Lowe Countries. Yea who not only wold not have denied them but send a dousin Gentilmen to warne him of their sliding from him w^t offer of keeping them from the nere neighbors hands and sent treasur to pay the shaking towns fro laps, disserved I suche a recompence as many a complot bothe for my life and kingdom? Aught I not to defend and bereave him of suche weapons as might invay myselfe? he wil say I helpe Zealand and Holand from his hands tho if ether his father or himselfe wold observe suche othe as the Emperour Charles obliged himselfe and so in sequele his son I wold not have delt with others territories: but the hold this by suche covenants as not observing by thir owne grants the ar no longer bound unto them: but thogh al this wer not unknowne to him—Yet I cast suche right raisons over my shuldar and regarded thir good and have never defended them a wicked quarel and had he not mixt that gouvernement contrary to his owne lawes with the rule of Spainards al this had not neded.

Now for the warning the frenche sent you of Vesons imbassat to yow me thinkes the king your good brother hathe given you a good caveat that being a king he supposeth by that measure that you wold denye suche offers. And since nedes you wyl have my counseil I can hardly believe that being warned your own subject shall be suffred to come into your realme from suche a place to suche intent.

Suche a prelate if he came shuld be taught a bettar leason than play so presumtius and bold a part afor he knewe your good liking therof wiche as I hope is far from your intent. So wyl his coming verifie good Mastar (*Secretarys?*) asseverations at Rome of wiche you have or now bene warned ynough. Thus you se how to fulfil your trust reposed in me wiche to infringe I never mynde. I have sincerely made patente my sinceritie and thogh not fraught w^t muche wisdom yet stuffed w^t great good wyl I hope you wyl beare w^t my molesting you to (*too*) long w^t my skraling hand, as proceeding from a hart that shal ever be filled w^t the

Sure affection of your Loving and

frendeley sistar

ELIZABETH R.

Queen Elizabeth, daughter of King Henry VIII. and Queen Anne Boleyn ; born 1533 ; crowned 1558 ; died 1602.

LETTER XV.

KING JAMES VI. OF SCOTLAND to QUEEN ELIZABETH,

Requesting her to discountenance and to proceed against Bothwell and other Conspirators.

Dated Edinburgh, July 5, 1592.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

LETTER XVI.

KING JAMES I. to the DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM,

Expressing grief at his absence, and earnestly desiring his return. He requests that none may see his letter, and that the Duke will not answer it. (1623.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

King James I., son of Lord Darnley and Mary Queen of Scots ; born 1556 ; married Anne of Denmark ; crowned King James VI. of Scotland 1579, King James I. of England, 1603 ; died 1625.

LETTER XVII.

PRINCE HENRY to his Father KING JAMES I.

With a list of some persons recommended to be made Knights of the Bath, and requesting leave to go to Chatham with the Duke of Brunswick to see the Ships.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Prince Henry Frederick Stuart, eldest Son of James I. ; born 1593, died 1612.

LETTER XVIII.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH to her Father KING JAMES I.,

Telling him that the Baron de Dona will state to him the particulars of the misfortune which has compelled her husband and herself to leave Prague, and requesting his assistance to prevent their ruin. She is resolved never to quit her husband; but should he perish, to perish with him. (In French.) Probable date, 1620.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Elizabeth, eldest daughter of King James I.; born 1596; married Frederick, afterwards King of Bohemia, 1612; died 1661.

LETTER XIX.

KING CHARLES I. to his Son PRINCE CHARLES.

Orders his son when in danger of falling into the rebels' hands to convey himself under the care of his mother, whose command he is to observe in all things except religion, wherein he was to be under the direction of the Bishop of Salisbury. (1645.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

King Charles I., 3rd Son of King James I.; born 1600; married Henrietta Maria of France 1625; beheaded 1648.

LETTER XX.

KING CHARLES I. to his Nephew PRINCE MAURICE,

Upon dismissing the Prince's brother Rupert from all charge in the army, and sending him abroad for his unhandsome quitting the Castle and Fort of Bristol through the seduction of some "rotten-headed villains." (1645.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

LETTER XXI.

KING CHARLES II. to the Chancellor LORD CLARENDON.

That he would counsel Brodericke not to meddle any more with Lady Castlemaine's affairs——wishes himself may be "unhappy in this world and in the world to come if he fail in the least degree of that "he has resolved, which is of making Lady Castlemaine of his wife's bedchamber," &c.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

King Charles II., born 1630; crowned 1660; married Catherine of Braganza 1662; died 1685.

LETTER XXII.

KING CHARLES II. to the Chancellor LORD CLARENDON,

Concerning the insolent conduct of Sir Harry Vane; that he is too dangerous to let live, &c. One week after the date of this letter, (June 7, 1662,) Sir Harry Vane was beheaded.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

LETTER XXIII.

JAMES, DUKE OF YORK (afterwards King James II.) to PRINCE RUPERT,

Wishing him a "continuance of fair weather, and that the winds may do him no more hurt than De Ruyter has done to him, and that he and the fleet may be safe at home before the Michaelmas flaws come." Dated August 20, 1673.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

James Stuart, 2nd Son of Charles I.; born 1633; crowned King James II. 1684; abdicated 1689; died 1701.

LETTER XXIV.

KING WILLIAM III. to * * * *,

On the subject of his Queen's illness; the Physicians' opinions, and the state of his mind on the occasion. Dated 1694-5.

Original (in French) in the Collection of Mons. A. Donnadieu.

William, Prince of Orange, born 1650; married Princess Mary, daughter of King James II.; crowned King William III. 1689; died 1702.

LETTER XXV.

QUEEN ANNE to LORD OXFORD,

Congratulating him on his recovery. Political arrangements. She doubts if Mr. Prior's (the Poet's) "birth will entitle him to the situation of Envoy, and the Secretary to the Embassy is filled," &c.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Queen Anne, 2nd daughter of King James II.; born 1664; married Prince George of Denmark; crowned 1702; died 1714.

LETTER XXVI.

GEORGE LOUIS, ELECTOR OF HANOVER (afterwards KING GEORGE I.) to * * * *.

A letter of kindness, and expressive of interest in the welfare of the son of the person to whom it is addressed.

Original (in French) in the British Museum.

King George I. ; born 1660 ; crowned 1714 ; died 1727.

LETTER XXVII.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS, ELECTOR OF HANOVER (afterwards KING GEORGE II.),
to LORD HALIFAX.

Acknowledging obligations. The demolition of Dunkirk as favorable to England as hurtful to France ; expressing gratitude and esteem. (1709.)

Original (in French) in the British Museum.

King George II. ; born 1683 ; crowned 1727 ; died 1760.

LETTER XXVIII.

KING GEORGE III. to the LORD CHAMBERLAIN (the MARQUIS OF SALISBURY).

Respecting the arrangements for the Marriage of the Prince of Wales. (1795.)

Original in the Collection of Jos. French, Esq., Windsor.

King George III., Grandson of King George II. ; born 1738 ; crowned 1760 ; died 1820.

LETTERS OF EMINENT PERSONS.

LETTER XXIX.

SIR THOMAS MORE to KING HENRY VIII.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

yt may lyke yo' highnes to call to yo' graciouse remembraunce that at such tyme, as of that great weighty (care ?) and office of your chancellor with which so far above my meritis or qualitees able and mete therefore yo' highnes had of yo' incomparable goodnes honored and exalted me ye were so good and graciouse un to me as at my pore humble suit to discharge and disburden me geving me licence with yo' graciouse favor to bestow the residew of my life in myn age now to come, abowt the provision for my soule in the service of god, and to be yo' gracys bedisman and pray for you, it pleased yo' highnes ferther to say unto me, that for the service which I byfore hadd done you,

(which it than lyked yo^r goodnes far above my deserving to commend) that in eny suit that I should after have un to yo^r highnes, which either should concerne myn honor (that word it lyked yo^r highnes to use un to me) or that should perteyne un to my profit I should fynd yo^r highnes good and graciouse lord unto me. So is it now graciouse soverayn, that worldely honor ys the thing wherof I have resigned both the possession and the desire in the resignation of yo^r moost honorable office. And worldely profit I trust experience proveth and dayly more and more shall prove, that I never was very gredy theron. But now ys my most humble suit un to yo^r excellent highnes, partely to beseche the same, some what to tendre my pore honestie. but principally that of yo^r accustomed goodnis no sinistre information move yo^r noble grace, to have eny more distruste of my trouth and devotion toward you than I have or shall duryng my life geve the cause. For in this mater of the wykked woman of canterbery I have un to yo^r trusoy counsaylour Mr. Thomas Cromwell by my writing as playnly declared the trouth as I possibly can, which my declaration, of his dutie toward yo^r grace, and his goodnes toward me so hath I understand declared un to yo^r grace, in eny parte of all which my dealing, whither eny other man may peradventure put eny dowte, or move eny scrupule of suspition, that can I neither tell, nor lyeth in myn hand to lett, but un to my selfe is it not possible eny parte of my said demeanure to seme evil, the very clerenes of myn owne conscience knoweth in all the mater my mynde and entent so good. Wherefore moste graciouse soverayn I neither will nor well it can bycome me, w^t yo^r highnes to reason and argue the mater, but in my moost humble maner prostrate at yo^r graciouse fete I onely byseche yo^r maiestie w^t yo^r owne high prudence and yo^r accustomed goodnes consider and way the mater. And than if in yo^r so doing yo^r owne vertuose mynde shall geve you, that notwithstanding the manifold excellent goodnes that yo^r graciouse highnes hath by so many maner ways used un to me, I be a wreche of such a monstrouse ingratitude as could w^t eny of theym all, or with eny other person living, digresse fro my bounden dutie of allegeaunce toward yo^r good grace, than desire I no farther favo^r at yo^r graciouse hand, than the losse of all that ever I may best (value or esteem ?) in this world, goods, lands, and libertie, and finally my life w^t all, wherof the keping of eny parte un to my selfe, could never do me penyworth of pleasure, but onely shold then my recomforte be, that after my short life and yo^r long (which w^t continuall prosperite to goddys pleasure our lord for his mercy send you) I shold onys mete w^t yo^r grace agayn in hevyn, and there be mery with you. Where among myn other pleauris this shold yet be one, that yo^r grace shold surely se there than, that (how so ever you take me) I am yo^r trew bedeman now and ever have bene, and will be till I dye, how so ever yo^r pleasure be to do by me. How be it if in the considering of my cause, yo^r high wysdome and graciouse goodnis perceve (as I veryly trust in god you shall) that I none otherwise have demeaned my selfe, than well may stand w^t my bounden dutie of faithfullnes toward yo^r roiall maiestie, than in my moste humble wise I bysech yo^r moste noble grace, that the knowledge of yo^r trew graciouse persuasion in that byhalfe, may releve the (burden ?) of my present hevynesse, conceived of the drede and fere (by that I here such a grevouse bill put by yo^r lerned counseile in to yo high court of parleament agaynst me) lest yo^r grace myght by some sinistre information be moved eny thyng to thinke the contrary. Which if yo^r highnes do not (as I trust in god and yo^r great goodnes the mater by yo^r awne high prudence examined and considered you will not) then in my moost humble man^r I besech yo^r highnes ferther (albe it that in respecte of my formar requeste this other thing ys very sleight) yit sith yo^r highnes hath here byfore of yo^r more habundunt goodnes heped and accumulated uppon me (though I was therto very far unworthy) fro tyme to tyme both wurshuppe and great hono^r to, and sith I now have lefte of all such things, and no thing seke or desire but the life to come, and in the meane while

pray for yo' grace, it may lyke yo' highnes of yo' accustomed benigne somewhat to tendre my pore honestie and never suffre by the meane of such a bill put forth agaynst me eny man to take occasion here after agaynst the treuth to slawndre me. Which thyng shold yit by the perill of theire owne soulis do theym selfe more hurt than me which shall I trust settle myn harte with yo' graciouse favo' to depend uppon the comforte of the trouthe and hope of hevyn, and not uppon the fallible opinion or sour spoken words, of light and sour changeable peple. And thus moste dredde and moste dere soverayn lord, I beseche the blessed trinite preserve yo' moost noble grace both in body and soule, and all that are yo' well willers, and amend all the contrary, among whome if ever I be or ever have been one, than pray I god that he may with myn open shame and destruction declare it. At my pore howse in Chelchith the fifeth day of march by the knowen rude hand of

yo' moste humble and moste hevvy
faithfull subguett and bedeman

THO. MORE K^t.

Sir Thomas More, born 1480; Chancellor 1520; beheaded 1535.

LETTER XXX.

CHARLES BRANDON, DUKE OF SUFFOLK, to KING HENRY VIII.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Most grasseust soffuryn lord sou et tys y^t I am informed dywares wayes y^t hall your holl counsell me lord of yourke exsepyd wyet mane addar ar clyrle detarmenned to tympe your grace y^t I may edar by pat to dyth or by pat in prysson and soo to by dysstrved alas (sire?) I may say y^t I haw a hard fortun seying y^t ther was newar non of thym in trobbyll bout I was glad to helpe thym to me pour and y^t your grace knowes byst and nhow y^t I am in thys non lettyll trobyll and sorrow nhow thay ar rydy to helpe to dusstrv me bout (sire?) I care no mor bout god forgyef thym watso yewar coumes on me for I am detarmenned for (sire?) your grace es he y^t es me soffaryn lord and masstar, and he y^t has browth me op of nowth and I am your segyth and sarwant and he y^t has afynded your grace in brykyng me promes y^t I made your grace tochyng the quyen your sisstar for the wyche I wyet most youmbyll hart I wyll yeld me self unto your grases handes to doo wyet me pour bode your grasseus plyssur not fying the malles of thym for I know your grace of scheth natur y^t et can not ly in thyr pourer to caus you to dysstrv me for ther malles bout wat pounesment soewar I have I schall thanke god and your grace of et and thynke y^t I have wyell dessarvyed et bowth to god and your grace as knowes howar lord whoo send your grace your most honnorabyll hartie dyssear wyet long lyef and me most sorrofol wryche your grasseus fawar wat sorro soo yewar I indur thyrfor. at mottryll the XXII day of apryell by your most youmbyll seeget and sarwant (Sire?) I bysche your grace to gyef crydynes unto me coussen (seddnay?) thes (prar?) on me byhalf.

CHARLES SUFFOLK.

Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, married Mary, sister of King Henry VIII. Died 1545.

LETTER XXXI.

JOHN RUSSELL (afterwards 1st Earl of Bedford) to CARDINAL WOLSEY,

Acquainting him that he had shewed the King how Wolsey had examined "Fransses Phyllyppes ande Vynes after the beste and gentylest maner," and "without forse or vyolens," and that the King has read "Vynes' pystelle (epistle) wrytt hys mynde under the sayde," and that "hys mageste welle pystelle ande sende hytt to your grase," &c.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

John Russell, created Earl of Bedford, 1550; Lord High Steward, 1547; died 1554.

LETTER XXXII.

THOMAS HOWARD, EARL OF SURREY (afterwards Duke of Norfolk) to CARDINAL WOLSEY.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Plesith it yo^r grace to be advertised that this nyght at mydnyght came to me ii scotchmen myn espies w^t twoo letters from the quene of scotts w^{ch} yo^r grace shall receyve w^t this. And by the same yo^r grace may perceyve that the kyng shall not come forth and all this that the lords doth cause her to wright is only to dryve off the tyme to the intent I shuld do the les hurt and that their hole poure myght be assembled and so take their advantage upon me. and so one off myn espies hath warned me is their entent; saying the lords be in such feare off the Duc lokyng every houre for hym to arryve. that and they had layde iiij off the best off their sonnys in hostage to forsake hym. yet iff he came they wold breke their covenant. Wherefore w^t gods grace I shalbe doing. and w^t this yo^r grace shall receyve the copie of myn answer sent to the seid quene which she shall shew to the lords. the Chanseler went hym self upon Saturday in edenborow and made proclamacions in thre places that all men that myght wer harmes shuld be this day redy to come forwards wherat the Frenchmen made moch joy. sewerly I feare they do moch abewse the quene. but thogh they do so w^t her I entende not they shall so do w^t me. for at the closyng hereoff I woll go to horsbak and do the most hurt I can. scribled this xxii day off September at iii a klok after mydnyght. (1523.)

Yo^{rs} most bownden

T. SURREY.

Thomas Howard, Earl of Surrey, created Duke of Norfolk, 1514; Lord Treasurer and Earl Marshal; died 1524

LETTER XXXIII.

CARDINAL WOLSEY to GARDINER (afterwards Bishop of Worcester).

My owne goode mastyr Secretary aftyr my most herty recomendacons w^t lycke thancks for yo^r goodnes towards me thes shalbe to advertyse yow that I have beyn informyd by my trusty frende

Thomas cromwell that ye have sygnifyd unto hym to my synguler consolacion howe that the Kyngs hyghnes movyd w^t pety and compassyon and of hys excellent goodness and cheryte consydering the lamentable condicion and stat that I stand yn hath wyllyd yow w^t other lords and mastyr of hys honorable counsell to entende to the perfyghtyng and absolyng w^tout further (tract?) or delay of myn end and appoyntment and that my pardon shulde be made in the moste ample forme that my counsell cowde devyse, for thys the kyng's most gracyous remembrance procedyng of hymself I accompt my sylf not onely moste bowndyn to serve and pray for the preservacion of hys moste royal maieste but also thancke god that ye have occasyon govyn unto yow to be a sollycyter and setterforthe of such thyngs as do and shall conserne my seyde ende in the making and compownyng wherof myn assuryd trust ys that ye wole shewe the love and affection wych ye have and bere towards me yo^r olde lover and frende so declaryng yo^r sylf therin. that the world may perceyve that by yowr good meanys the knyng ys the better goode lorde unto me and that nowe newly in maner comyng to the world ther may be suche resspect had to my poore degre olde age and longe contynuyd servys as shal be to the kyngs hygh honor and yo^r gret prayse and laude wych ondowttdly shal folowe yf ye extende yowr benyvolens towards me and men perceyve that by y^r wysdom and dexteryte I shalbe relevyd and in thys my calamyte holpyn at the reverens therfor of god myn owne goode Mr. Secretary and refugy nowe set to yo^r hande that I may come to a laudable ende and repossesse. seyng that I may be furnyshyd aftyr suche a sorte and maner as I may ende my short tyme and lyff to the honor of Crysts church and the prince. And besydys my dayly prayer and true hert I shal so requyte yo^r kyndnes as ye shal have cause to thyncke the same to be wel imployd lycke as my seyde trusty frende shal more amply shewe onto yow to whom yt may please you to geve ferme credens and lovyng anders. And I shall pray for the increase of yo^r honor. Wrytyn at Asher w^t the tremylling hand and hevy hert of yo^r assuryd lover and bedysman. (Date about 1529.)

T. CAR^{LIS} EBOR.

To the rygth honorable and my synguler
goode frende Mastyr Secretary.

Thomas Wolsey, born 1471; Archbishop of York, 1514; Lord Chancellor, and a Cardinal; died 1530.

LETTER XXXIV.

CRANMER, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, to T. CROMWELL.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Right worshipful maister Crumwel after most harty comendations &c. I doubte not but you do right wel remembre that my lorde of Rochester and Master More were contented to be sworne to the acte of the kyngs succession, but not to the preamble of the same. What was the cause of thair refusal therof I am uncerten, and thay wolde by no meanes expresse the same: nevertheles it must nedis be either the diminution of the autoritie of the Busshope of Rome, or ells the reprobation of the kyngs first pretended matrimony. But if thay do obstinatly persiste in thair opinions of the preamble, yet me semeth it sholde not be refused if thay wil be sworne to the veray acte of succession so y^t thay wil be sworne to mayntene the same agaynst al powers and potentates. For hereby shal be a greate

occasion to satisfie the princesse Dowager. And the Lady Mary, which do thynke that thay sholde dampne thair sowles, if thay sholde abandon and relinquysh their astates. And not onely it sholde stoppe the mouthes of thay, but also of the emperour and other thair friends, if thay gyve as moch credence to my Lorde of Rochester and Maister More spekyng or doinge agaynst thay, as thay hitherto have done and thought y^t al other sholde have done whan thay spake and did with thay. And peradventure it sholde be a good quietacion to many other within this reaulme, if such men sholde say that the succession comprised within the said acte is good and accordyng to godds lawes. For than I thynke ther is not one within this reaulme y^t wolde ones reclayne againste it. And where as diverse persones either of a wilfulnes wil not, or of an indurate and invertible conscience can not, alre from thair opinions of the kyngs first pretended marriage (wherin thay have ones said thair mynds, and percase have a persuasion in thair heads, y^t if thay sholde now vary therefrome thair fame and estimation were distayned for ever) or ells of the autoritie of the Busshope of Rome : yet if al the reaulme with one accorde wolde apprehende the said succession, in my judgement it is a thyng to be amplexed (?) and imbraced. Which thing al though I trust surely in god y^t it shal be brought to passe, yet herunto might not a litle avayle the consent and othes of thies two persones the Busshope of Rochester and Maister Moore with thair adherentes or rather confederates. And if the Kyngs pleasure so were thair said othes myght be suppressed, but whan and where his highnes might take some comodite by the publisshynge of the same. Thus our Lorde have you ever in his conservation. From my manor at Croydon the ^v_{xvii} day of April

Your own assured ever

THOMAS CANTUAR.

Thomas Cranmer, born 1489 ; Archbishop of Canterbury 1533 ; burnt 1555.

LETTER XXXV.

THOMAS CROMWELL (afterwards Earl of Essex) to SIR T. WYATT.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

After my right herty comendacions I have receyved yo^r letters by this bearer nicolas and sett furth the maner of yo^r retourn at Marche next and my sun notw^tstanding it is differred tyll Aprill as ye shal perceyve by the Kings letters (whose majestie ?) taketh yo^r diligence and active alacrite ther in good part sending you answer of his gracious pleasure in all things as by his said letters ye shal perceyve, I doubt not but ye shal deuly discharge yo^r duete in the setting furth thereof as ye have done hitherto. I advise you to take patiently yo^r abode there tyll Aprill and to send me worde what money ye shal nede to have sent unto you for I shal helpe you assuryng you that I could not see you that went and hath abyded there honestly furnished to retourn home and at the later end to retourn nedy and disfurnished I do better tender the Kings honor and esteem you better than so to suffer you to lacke. Advising you nevertheles that I think yo^r gentil franck hert doth moch empoverishe you ; when ye have money ye are content to departe w^t it and lende it as ye did lately 200 dollars to Mr. Hobby the whiche I think had no nede of them for he had large furnishment of money at his departure hens and likewise at his retourn—we acoustum not to sende men disprovided so furre. Take hede therefore howe ye departe of suche portion as ye nede and forsee rather to be provided

yo' self then for the provision of others to leave yo' self naked. politik charite provideth not that waye. If ye shal advertise me in what sumes ye shal nede I shal tak a waye that ye shal be furnished. I require you to sollicite an answer of Themperour to tenor of the Kings letters and as shortely as ye can and as often as ye maye have oportunitie to advertise his ma^{tie} amply of all occurants. Thus fare ye hertely well. From London this xixth of January 1538.

Yo' assuryd Freend

THOMAS CRUMWELL.

Thomas Cromwell, born 1490; created Earl of Essex 1539; beheaded 1540.

LETTER XXXVI.

FRANCIS HASTINGS (afterwards EARL OF HUNTINGDON) to LORD CRUMWELL.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My very good lord after my moste harty comendacions thys ys to gyve your lordeship thankes for the goodnes that I have allwes founde yn you wyche can never bey desorvyd on my parte. but ive ther bey ony thyng yn me of an honest man your lordshypes gentylnes hathe bounde me moste hartely desyrynge your lordshyp to have me yn remembrance yn the prefermente of an abbey. And if yt were your lordshypps plesure the abbey of burten leythe very komodyously for me but that I refer to your good lordshypps plesure yn whom I putt all my truste. y^t sholde a bene muche more my comfortt to a bene a suter to lordshyp my selfe but that hyt hathe plesyd god to vysytt me and my howse w^t the meselys. so that as yett I dare not bey so bowlde to cum to your lordshyp tull I know furdar your lordshypps plesure. thus I prey god sende your lordshyp as good longe lyfe as your nobull harte wolde desyre. from stoke the xxth dey of february by your lordshypps asuryd to commande.

FRANCYS HASTYNGS.

Francis, 2nd Hastings, Earl of Huntingdon, 1544; died 1560.

LETTER XXXVII.

HUGH LATYMER (afterwards BISHOP OF WORCESTER) to * * * *.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Ryght honorable, salutem in Christo.

And syr, when I was w^t yo' lordshype laste, you were desyrows to kno, whare you myght have good monks, I tellyd you of too, w^t my lord of Westmyster, I tolde nott thare names then to you but now I can. the won ys callyd Goorton, the other Clark—both bachelars of divinite, well lernyd of ryght jugment and very honeste men; the pryor of coventrie, as I here say is dede, the matter ys somewhatt entyred w^t the kyngs grace, and lyke to goo forward, yf you putt thertoo yo' helpyng hande; I dowght nott butt my brother abbott of Westmyster, as yll as he myght spare them yett wyll forgoe them, for such a purpose, butt much the rather yf (he perceve?) yo' pleseur therin. I wold have waytyd uppon yo' lordshype my selff as my dewty hade byen, butt seurlly syre I doo whatt I can to able my

selff to stande in the pulpytt uppon tewsdai, I am in a fayntt werynesse on all my boody, but cheffly in the small of my backe, but I have a good nurshe—good mastresse Fatham, wych seyinge whatt casse I was in hath facyd (*fetched*) me hoom to here owne howsse, and doth pypmur me upe w^t all dylygence for I fere a consumption, but ytt maketh lytell matter for me, I pray god preserve your lordshype longe in helth, to all such good purposes, as god hath orderyd you too.

In master Fathams howsse
viii of Nov^r.

H. LATYMER.

Hugh Latymer, born 1475; Abbot, and afterwards Bishop of Worcester, 1535; burnt with Cranmer, 1555.

LETTER XXXVIII.

HENRY HOWARD, EARL OF SURREY, to LORD COBHAM.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My very good lord after my harty comendations this shall be most hartly desier you to advertyse me w^t all spede by this berar when my lord off Wynchester shall be at Callais for it wold not behove for a great thyng for his maiestis service here but y^t antony (*Agre?*) shuld speke w^t my seyd Lord before his departure wherfor I entend imediatly uppon yo^r advertysment to send him to my Lord w^t dylygence to awayte uppon his lordship for such declaration of things as emport to his maiestis service here besechyng yow my Lord to have me hartly comended to him. Thus wishyng your lordship as well to do as my self. From Bolognye the xxth off October 1545.

Your loving cosyn

H. SURREY.

Wher as I perceyve Sir Edward Wottons son fantasyth genet geldyng off myne y^t standith in Callais which is blynd and ruyned I am ashamyd to gyve him but iff it pleas hym to take him till I be able to gyt him a better I shall desire him so to do.

Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey (the Poet), born 1520; attainted and beheaded, 1547.

LETTER XXXIX.

JOHN DUDLEY, EARL OF WARWICK (afterwards DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND)
to LORD PAGET.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Thies may be to require yo^r Lordship to be vigilant and sircumspect in the matter whiche now you have in hand—perhappes the L. Chancelor and the L. Tresurer who thinkith may touche theym leste can be content that it may be wrappyd uyp in scilens and to saye yt ys not expedyent yt shold come in questyon. But god preserve our Mr. yf he sholde fayle there ys watchers enow that wold bring it in question and wold burden you and others (who now will not understand the damige) to be disceyvers of the hole body of the realme w^t an instrument forgyd to execute yo^r malicius

meaninges mark well the words that baker yesterdaye spak in the kings presens concerning the faut yf any were must be imputyd to the Lords. well I wold wishe as well for the suerty of the Kings mat^e is for the truth of the matter they men shold not be against the perfytt reforming of it now—specially seing yt hath byn thus farr debatyed. w^e. I rekyn even a happy thing. praying you to participate this unto my Lord privy seale. And so I comytt you bothe to the tuision of the Lord. At grenwth the xxii day of January 1550.

Your loveng frend

J. WARWYK.

John Dudley, born 1502; created Earl of Warwick 1547; Duke of Northumberland 1551; attainted and beheaded 1553.

LETTER XL.

WILLIAM, FIRST LORD PAGET, to * * * *

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Sir my dewtye remembred I had thought to have desired you to gyve thanks to Mr. Cofferer for his gentle liberalite towards me which upon the sight of yo^r letter frankly and like hym self did not offre me tenne okes according to your request but wold nedes feoffe me w^t xxx and notw^tstanding that I knowyng my litle deserte towards hym refused the same (not as monks and abbattes) but in good faith, earnestly and hartly. so that I perceyve your judgement of hym to be no lesse certan and assured then I have knowen it to be in many other things. And now considering an occasion taken from me (as I understand) whereby I myght as well have declared my dewty anempst youe bounden by manifold benifites, as in some parte have satisfied Mr. Cofferers goodnes I am not only ashamed to take his gentle offre but also afered to be accused of you as ingrate and forgetful of benifites receyved; whom I know to be vanquished of no laborious payines wherin ye may requite a kindnes. I am assured that yo^r lease for the provosts house shalbe as ye wold have it although nether I nor yet any other shuld speke in it such is godds providence for youe for (as the comyn sayng is) such is your good fortune. but yet if I had gone to Cambridge so myght I have done for youe no nedeful service (I say) but only exhibited unto youe an argument of my necessary good will necessary for me and not for you. here I have a large playne to playne on but I wil not trouble youe I left one for no thing els then to herken for Mr. Provosts iourney to Cambridge and yet I here now first of it by one of Mr. Cofferers servants. I beseche you do as you be wont to do that is supply all myn insufficiency w^t yo^r goodnes. Fare ye wel from Drayton this saturday.

Yo^r own most bownden

WILL^m. PAGET.

William, created 1st Lord Paget 1551 (Secretary of State to King Henry VIII.); died 1563.

LETTER XLI.

CARDINAL POLE to QUEEN MARY.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

A remembrance of those thyngs that yo^r highnes pleasure was I shold put in writing as most convenient in my pore judgment to be comuned and spoken of by yo^r m^{te} wyth yo^r counsel called to yo^r presence thys afternone.

Furst of al that yo^r ma^{te} shold put them yn remembrance of the charge the kyngs highnes gave them at hys departure wych beyng reduced to certein articles and put in writing it semeth wel if some of the lordes for ther sodden departure after the charge had not the same in writing that it were rehersed and given unto them wyth exhortation to employe al ther diligence for the dewe execution therof.

And wheras amongst other charges thys was one that those that be named in the furst parte counseleres wer al present in the courte. thys furst yo^r highnes may require them that they do observe. Specyelly besyde for the weyght of the mattres that be now in hand. The tyme besyde beyng so shorte after the parlament to examyn them. And that the kyngs plesure ys as the mattres be proposed in the counsell afore the furer execution of them to be ynformed therof to know hys pleasure theryn. And amongst other hys ma^{te} beyng in expestation to know the uttre resolution of the counsell tochyng those mattres that be to be intreatyd in thys parlament thys ys that yo^r ma^{te} loketh to have of them thys day to send wyth all spede to the kyngs highnes.

And wheras for the dylation of the kyngs comyng yo^r ma^{te} thought it wel to put in consultation wether it wer better therfor to make a dilation and prorogation of the parlament to Candlemas, beyng thought by ther opinion that for necessite of money that is to be demanded in the parlament and otherwyse can not be provided the prorogation of that shold be much dispendiose: yo^r ma^{te} not disaloweng ther deliberation, but consydering wyth all the gret nede of mony for to be had for the discharge of the present necessite, wych requyreth present provision of money as is for the setting furth of the schypes, as wel for the emperers passage to Spaygne, as for the kyngs retorne and besyde thys for the payment of that is dew at calise, as for yo^r credyte wyth the merchants and aprochyng the day of payment: and for the dett of Irland also. Of al these it may please yo^r ma^{te} to know thys day of yo^r counsell what is don:

And bycause the most ordynarie and juste way tochyng the provision of money to pay yo^r highnes detts is to call yn yo^r owne detts. wych charge hath bene specyally committed afore, and is princypally considered and renewed in the writing the kyngs highnes left toching such affayres that hys counsel shold presently attend unto wherto ther names also that have the charge specyall therfore yo^r ma^{te} shal do wel thys day to charge them wyth the same that wyth al diligence they attend to the prosecution therof: gevyng them all authoryte that shal be necessary for them to make the most spedy expedition theryn. Wylling them wythall that they never let passe on weke but in the ende of the same at the lest yo^r ma^{te} may know specyally of that is comen yn, and that ordre is taken for the rest.

Also yf it pleasyd yo^r ma^{te} in generall for all mattres wych be intreatyd in the counsell wych requyre commission and execution. to gyve thys ordre that those that have had commission to execute any mattre let never passe the weke but they ynforme the counsell what execution is made of ther

commysions. And that the counsel themselves schold never begyn the entretance of new mattres the second weke but that they have enformation furst what is don in those wych wer commytted to be executed the weke afore : I thynk it shold helpe much to the spedy expedition of all causes, thys ys my pore advyse remitted al to the godly and prudent judgement of yo^r ma^{te}

(Date 1553-4.)

RAYNOLD POLE.

Reginald Pole, born 1500 ; Cardinal in 1536 ; Archbishop of Canterbury 1555 ; died 1558.

LETTER XLII.

HENRY STUART, LORD DARNLEY, to QUEEN MARY.

A letter expressive of duty and gratitude, beautifully written, and perfectly legible.
(Date 1554.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley, born 1541 ; married Mary Queen of Scots 1561 ; murdered 1567.

LETTER XLIII.

JOHN KNOX to LORD BURGHLEY.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

The spurte of wisdom, judgement and sanctification
I wishe you by Jesus Christe.

As I have no pleasure with longe writinge to trouble you right honorable whose mynde I knowe to be occupiede in moste grave matters, so labor I not with longe preface to conciliate your favors, The w^{ch} I suppose to have alreadye (howso ever the rumors brut the contrary) as it becometh one membre of Christes bodye to have of another : The contente therfore of theis my presents shalbe absolved in twoo pointes : In the former I purpose to discharge in fewe words my conscience towards you, And in the other somewhat must I speake in myn owen defence of that poore flocke of late assemblede in the most godly reformed Church and Citty of Geneva. To you, sir, I say, that as from god you have receivde life, wisdom, honours, and this presente estate in which now ye stande so ought ye wholly to imploye the same to thadvancement of his glory, who only is the aurther of life, and fountaine of wisdom, and who most assuredly dothe and will honor and glorifye thos yt with simple hartes do glorifye him. The which alas in times past ye have not done : But beinge overcome w^t roman Iniquity ye have followede the worlde in the way of perdition. For unto the suppression of Christes trew enemyes, ye, to the erecting of Idolatry, and to the shedding of the bloode of gods deare children, have ye by silence consented and subscribed. This your horrible desertion from the truoth knowne and professed, hath god unto this day mercifully spared, yea to manes judgment he hath utterly forgotten and pardoned the same, he hath not intreated you as he hath done others of like knowedge, whome in his angre (but yet moste justly according to theire deserte) he did shortly strike after theire desertion. But you (gilty in the same offences) hathe he spared and preservede as it were in his owen bosome

duringe the tyme of that most myserable thraldome and nowe hathe sett you at soche liberty as the fury of godes enemyes cannot hurt you except willingly ageinst his honour ye take pleasure to conspire with them. As this benefit which ye have received is great: so must godes justice require of you a thankfull hart, for seinge yt his mercy hathe spared your beinge traytor to his majestie seinge further yt emongest your enemyis he hath preserved you; and last, seinge you worthy of hell, he hath promoted to honors and dignitie. Of you must he require (because he is just) earnest repentance for your former desertion, a hart myndfull of his mercifull providence and a will so ready to advancke his glorie, that evidently it may appeire, yt in veine you have not receivede theis graces of god. To the performance wherof, of necessitye it is that carnall wisdom, and worldly pollicye (and which both ye are bruted to be moche inclined) give place to gods simple and naked trueth. Very love compelleth me to say yt except the spirit of god purge your hart from that venyme which your yees have seene to have ben the destruction unto others, that you shall not longe escape the rewarde of dessemblers. Cale to minde what your ears harde proclaimed in the Chappell at St. James when this verse of the first psalme was entreated: Not so o wicked not so, but as the dust wiche the winde tossethe &c. And conside that now ye travell in the same way, which then they dide plainly to speke, nowe are ye in that estate and credit, in which ye shall either comfort the sorrowfull and afflicted for righteousnes sake, or els ye shall oppugne the spirit of gode speakeing in his messingers. The comforts of thafflicted for godlines have promis of comfort in their greatest necessities. But the trooblers of gods suants (how contented so ever they appeire before the world) are thretened, to leve their names in execration to the posterities followinge. The examples of the one and of thother, are not only evident in the scripturs, but also have ben latly manifested in Englande. And this is the conclusion of yt which to your self I say. Except that in the cause of Christes Evangell ye be founde simple, sincere, fervent, and unstaynede, ye shall taste of the same cuppe that pollitique heddes have drenke before you.

This is the thirde time that I have beggede licence to visite the houngrye and thirstye emongest you, the which if nowe be denyed as before god I have a testimonye yt so moche I speke not my self as thadvancement of Christs and the comfort of suche whome I knowe afflicted so shall the godly understande yt Englande in refusinge me refuseth a frende howe small so ever the power be. The mighty spirit of the Lord Jesus move your hart daylye to conside your duty unto god and thestate of the Reilme in which you now serve by his appointment. From Deyepe the 10th of Aprill 1589.

Sustpectinge the former messenger to have extracted time in his Journey,	
I have doobled my letters by this gentleman of whose fidelity I ame fully	Yours to comaunde
persuadid, desiering you most effectuously by hime to signifye unto me if I may	in Godlines
have licence only to viset the poore and dispersed flock at Berwick Newcastle	JOHN KNOXE.
and other parties in the north. I hope in gode that nothinge it shall hurt the	
Commen welth of Englande yt seche litlye be graunted unto me.	

John Knox, born 1504; made Chaplain to King Edward VI. about 1549;
died in Edinburgh 1572.

LETTER XLIV.

SIR W. CECIL (afterwards LORD BURGHLEY) to QUEEN ELIZABETH.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

It may please your most excellent Ma^{ty}.

With a sorrowfull harte, and watery eies, I your poore servant and most lowlye subject, an unworthy secretary, besech your Ma^{ty} to pardon this my lowlye suite. That considering the proceeding in this matter for removing of y^e french owt of Scotland, doth not content your Ma^{ty}, and that I can not w^t my conscience gyve any contrary advise, y^t I may be w^t your Ma^{ty}s favor, and clemency, be spared to intermedle therin, and this I am forced to doo of necessite. for I will never be a minister in any your Ma^{ty}s service, wherunto your owne mynd shall not be agreable. for thereunto I am sworne, to be a minister of your Ma^{ty}s determynations and not of myne owne, or of others though they be never so many. and on the other part to serve yo^r Ma^{ty} in any thyng y^t myself can not allow, must nedes be an unprofitable service, and so untoward, as therin I wold be loth your Ma^{ty} should be deceyved. And as for any other service, though it wer in your Ma^{ty}s kytchen or Garden from the bottom of my harte I am reddey w^tout respect of estimation, welth, or ease, to doo your Ma^{ty}s commandment to my lyves end. Wherof I wish w^t all my poore sorowfull hart y^t yo^r Ma^{ty} wold make some prooffe. for this I doo affirme y^t I have not had sence your Ma^{ty}s reigne, any one dayes Joye, but in your Ma^{ty}s honor and weale.

(Date 1560.)

(Draught letter, no signature.)

Sir W. Cecil, born 1521 ; created Lord Burghley 1571 ; died 1598.

LETTER XLV.

EDWARD, LORD CLYNTON, to the EARL OF ESSEX.

Copied from the Original in the British Museum.

My good Lord, the newis y^t ar come synce your L. departeur hens is off the deth of the quene doeger of Skottland whych is wrytyn fro my L. of Norffoks grace. the lose of xxvii galleys and xxx gret ships of the kyng of Spaynes. in this voyage of trypole (tripoli) wych ar takyn by Dracout frese* leutenant to the torke (turk). The deuk of Medynasely (Medina-celi) forsyd to fle in to a smale hold newly fortifyd in y^{re} parte by the spanyars wth vm. sodyers in his company wych ar alle y^t is lefte of xx m the rest slayne and takyne by the sayd Dracout frese and it is thought y^t for lake off vytelle the sayd Deuk of Medyna shalbe dystressed or the sucors from Spayne can come to hym. We here nothing of any conclusyion between Mr. Secretory Mr. Wottone and the french for y^t they ar bot now newly met. bot the lyklehod is gret of a good conclusyion very shortly. the french in leth ar in gret penewry, wych is sartenly advartesed hyther. When more shalle com to my knolayge, I wylle advertes your Lordship god grant yow long lyff in moch honor. From the corte the xviith of June, 1560.

Your L. assured to comand

E. CLYNTON.

Edward de Clynton, created Earl of Lincoln 1571 ; Lord High Admiral ; Died 1584.

* In the year 1560 Philip II. of Spain carried war into Africa against the corsair Dragut, who had made himself "King of Tripoli."

LETTER XLVI.

JAMES, EARL OF MURRAY, to the EARL OF BEDFORD.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Ryⁱ honorable my verrey good L. after my maist harty comendationes I trust ye brwyte of sum noble menes proceedinges against me is so far spred abroad that it hayth also teychyt yo^r earis. I know no merit in my self saving y^e earnest affection god hayth granted me to gif to his trew worship. the guid will I beyr to ye common welthe of my cuntreyth and the intertenement of aine mutual amyte betuix boyth realmes. And seing that my single intention groundyt upon sa guid heades hayth engendred to me the perill quhairin (*wherein*) presently I and all my lyck in the realme standeyth and knowin yo^r good L. ernist affection joyned wⁱ syncerite to tend to y^s same end, I thou^t it my dewtye to gif yo^r L. to understand the same knowinge wele that as yo^r good will is muche to o^r comfort so is yo^r rowme and place of pouer to perfourme the same in aine gryt part. Especially seing thai persons maist dangerous and noysum to o^r part doyth ly werray neyre your rowmis we wuld wish and for my awin part maist earnestly craif of yo^r honour to stay aff we be all means thair poueris q^{ik} (*which*) yo^r L. hes moyen (*has means*) bezonnd all vyeris to do. And so as matteirs sall ferther proceyd to o^r straytt, we may traist ferther and ferther zo^r L. comfort, as of ane to quhome god hayth granted to know the subtyll dewyses of sathan against the innocent professures of y^e gospell, to sturre oup y^e power of y^e warld against y^e same, and how mony ways he can colour his interpryses. And thus not dowbting of your L. guid will, I committ zour honorable L. to the protection of god. Frome Sanctandrews ye xxii of July 1565.

Your honorable L. maist assuredly

JAMES STEWART.

James, Earl of Murray, born 1529 ; Regent of Scotland, 1567 ; shot by Hamilton, 1571.

LETTER XLVII.

EDWARD SEYMOUR, EARL OF HERTFORD, to the LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL,

On the subject of his wife's and his own long imprisonment (on account of their secret marriage), lamenting that the fine imposed on him is heavier than he can bear, and praying their lordships' intercession with her Majesty that "after the long captivity of her highness's poore kinswoman," both she and he may be released from thraldom.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Edward Seymour, married Catherine, sister of Lady Jane Grey ; created Earl Hertford 1559 ; died 1621.

LETTER XLVIII.

THOMAS HOWARD, FOURTH DUKE OF NORFOLK.

Reflections written by him in the Tower of London. A Paper entitled "The lamentable complaynt of my oppressyd mynde" written "by the wrechyd hand of hym that lokyd not to have bene a lyve now in thys world. But god and her maiestyes wyll be done. Amen."

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Thomas Howard, fourth Duke of Norfolk, 1554; attainted and beheaded 1572.

LETTER XLIX.

ROBERT DUDLEY, EARL OF LEICESTER, to SECRETARY WALSINGHAM.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

I have rec^d yo^r letters by this beror who brought me also others from the K., Q. mother, and mons^r, whom I perceive hath conceived very good opinion of my devotyone for the furtherannce of the mariage with the Q. Ma^{ty} I have thought good to resend this beror ageyn for tho he desiered speddy dyspach. to whome I have imparted the state of that matter, w^{ch} only doth stand uppon the Artycle for Religione to w^{ch} her Ma^t will by no meane relent. All other artycles ar reasonable and her ma^t hath shewyd her demands to this Emba: and hath dyspached the same to you w^{ch} I think wilbe wth you before this. For the other point touching religyon, yf I myght advyse them there, they shuld not speake of yt at all, for soner will her ma^t yeald to reasone to him her self, that shall have that interest in her to be her husband, than by any contract or other declaration. And finding her ma^{ty} dysposyⁿ uppon the agrement of that point to procede as she hath semed in the matter, I cannott but hope of veary good successe. w^{ch} for my parte in respect of her Ma^{ty} sewrty and hope of unyversall good to the cause of relygyon, I must wyshe well and farther the best I can according to yo^r advyse, whereof I thank you and am gladd to se yo^r consideration therof. This beror shall further declare some parte of my mynd to you for y^t I know him to be honest and trusty, and well devoted to her ma^t and the cause of religyon. Thus wth most harty comendations I bid you farewell.

In hast this vi of June.

Your assured frende

R. LEYCESTER.

Robert Dudley, born 1532; created Earl of Leicester 1564; died 1588.

LETTER L.*

HENRY HASTINGS, EARL OF HUNTINGDON, to LORD BURGHLEY.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Recommending a Gentleman to his favor, giving an account of the musters in Yorkshire, where the writer has found "greate numbers of talle men and all people most wyllynge and readye to serve hyr Ma^{ty}—so as yf they may have good guydes, no parte of thys realme doth breede better subiectes," &c. Dated Yorke 26th Ap^l 1575.

* The commencement of some of the lines in this letter are obliterated.

Henry Hastings, Earl of Huntingdon, 1560 ; died 1595.

LETTER LI.

SIR WILLIAM MAITLAND, of Lethington, to LORD BURGHLEY.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My Lord the malice off o^r enemyes is the more increassed against us y^t thay have sene us randered in the Q. Ma^{ty} will, and now to seke refuge at her hyghnes hands and therfor we doubt not bot thay will go about by all meanes possible to procure o^r mischiefe. yea y^t theyr crewell myndes shall leade them to that impudency to crave o^r blood at her ma^{ty}s hands. But whatsoever theyr malice be we can not feare y^t it shall take succes knowing wth how gracious a princesse we have to do wth hath heaven so many good prooffes to the world off her clemency and myld nature y^t we can not mistrust y^t the first exemple off the contrary shalbe shawen apon us we take this to be her veary naturall parcere subiectis et debellare superbos. we have randered o^r selffs to her Ma^{ty} w^{ch} to o^r owne Countreymen we wold never have done. for no extremity my^t have commed.—We trust her Ma^{ty} will not put us out off her hands to make any other and specially o^r mortall enemyes o^r maisters. if it will please her ma^{ty} to extend her most gracious clemency towardes us she may be as assured to have us perpetually at her devotion as any off this nation yea as any subiectes off her owne, for now wth honor we may oblish o^r selffs to her Ma^{ty} farthar then before we my^t and her Ma^{ty}s benefyts will bynd us perpetually. In the caas we are in we must confess we ar off small value yet may her Ma^{ty} put us in caas y^t perhaps hereafter some way we wilbe able to shew her Ma^{ty}s turne wth occasion being offred assuredly ther shalbe no inlake (*in-lack*) off good will. yo^r L. knoweth already what o^r request is. We pray yo^r L. to further it. Ther was never tyme wherin y^r L. friendship my^t stand us in soche steade, as we have oftentimes heretofore tasted theroff so we humbly pray you let it not inlake now in tyme off this o^r greate misery when we have more neade then avar we had whatsoaver o^r deservings have bene forget not yo^r owne good naturall if by yo^r L. mediation her Ma^{ty} can serve us yo^r L. shall have us perpetually bound to do you service. be sides y^t we will endeavoure o^r selffs to make so good caus to her Ma^{ty} y^t we doubt not she shall have occasion to think her benefits well bestowed. Let not the misreports off o^r enemyes prevaile against us. When we ar in her Ma^{ty}s hands she may make off us what pleaseth her. Whatsoavar we write for o^r selffs we write also for my L. Home who is knowin to

be a true and sincere gentleman and hath that reputation off all y^t know him both in England and Scotland. He is as well mynded as we ar and having her Ma^{ty}s favor wilbe able to do her hyghnes as greate service as any subiect off Scotland, none except. We have requested yo^r sone to be o^r solistar and to report to y^r L. by mouth y^t w^{ch} in o^r lres we have omitted. The mater toucheth us so neare y^t it maketh us to trouble y^r L. wth no words then wer convenient and therfore we will end humbly taking o^r leave at y^r L. From (Edinburgh ?) this first of Jun^u. 1573.

Yo^r. L. always at commandement

W. MAITLAND.

(Signed also) W. KYRKCALDY.

Sir William Maitland, Secretary of State to Mary Queen of Scots 1558 ; died 1573.

LETTER LII.

MATTHEW PARKER, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, to LORD BURGHLEY.

An answer to a "sharpe message that Mr. D. Wilson saithe you willed him to sai to me concerninge certaine stranigers"—shewing how he had received at his board and relieved with money various exiled ministers of France and others, that he gives away as much as he can afford, and is "noe gatherer nor will be whatsoever they prate abroad"—he is compelled to borrow every half year before his monies come in, and excepting a little money he has to bury him, he has no superfluity, &c. (1575.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Matthew Parker, born 1504 : Archbishop of Canterbury 1558 ; died 1575.

LETTER LIII.

PHILIP HOWARD, EARL OF ARUNDEL, to LORD BURGHLEY.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My very good Lo. as yo^r Lo. great curtesye hath emboldned me to trouble you farther then otherwise I durst have presumed; so enioyned as well by your Lo. directyon, as also in fourme prescribed by yo^r Lo. curfull oversight of my well doinge. to write at this present unto hir Ma^{ty} I have accordingly perfourmed my bounden duty wth the conveyance of the same unto yo^r Lo. leaving the consyderation of the rudness to be as well favourably weighed by yo^r grave judgment, as also the imperfections and errours, to be amended and supplied by your Lo. perfytt wisdom. Thus as yo^r Lo. hathe bene next unto hir Ma^{ty} the cheife uphoulder of my weake and unhappy estate, so by yo^r singuler Favoures, beinge the more enforced thereunto, I most earnestly beseech Allmighty god to adde unto yo^r worthy vertewes dayly, such increase of heape of good Fortune, that this happy realme, to the comfort of all yo^r friends, maye many years enioye the blessed fruityon of such an excellent member.—Audley End, this last of December (1575.)

Yo^r L. most humble and obedient adopted Sonne

PHIL. HOWARD.

Philip Howard, Earl of Arundel, 1580 ; died 1595.

LETTER LIV.

WALTER DEVEREUX, EARL OF ESSEX, to LORD BURGHLEY.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My good Lord. I hartily thank your L. for your letters sent by this bearer to Mr. Attorney and to y^e Solicitor, in furdurance of my causes : but most for your sownd and grave advice to myself, w^{ch} I will follow w^t such patience as is meete for thos that are borne to any crosses though I must confese, that losse of credit and welth are greivous bourdens to such as be of our sort, that cannot retyre ourselves out of y^e eie of y^e world, as men of meaner callyng may. It semith y^t her Ma^{ty}, by giving order for y^e setellyng of my dett (the order wherof apperith under Mr. Secretaries hand) hath resolved to make this her last benefit, wthout respect of my credit, ether heare, or in Irland, where I have published my retorne w^t such consideration as her Majesty long since by lres, yea within these 10 daies w^t gracious wordes, did give me cause to hope constantly of, but I protest that as the first cause of my going was y^e publicque benefit of both nations and her ma^{ty} privat service, and my entencion now to go again w^t like mynd; So thoghe the same breakes of, I will wth as small misliking as so great losse of expences and my manifest dishonor, will suffer, accept thes disfavours w^t a pacient and quiet mynd, and thynk every thing equall that her ma^{ty} shall impose uppon me for she is my only soveraign. And as love and (duty ?) have drawen me to this opinion, so in the mids of my troubles I find this a prinsipall comfort, that your L. both wisheth and adviseth me so exceding frendly and w^t draweth not your good opinion w^t y^e hardnes of my fortune for w^{ch} I will allwais be thankfull to your L. The rest that sourrith my busym I referre to the bearer, being now redy to goo towards gravesend to meet w^t my L. of Oxford, of whos retorne I am hartely glad. And so wishyng your L. helth I comitt you to god. At Duresme Howse y^e 17 of Aprill 1576.

Your L. most assured to commande

W. ESSEX.

Walter Devereux, created Earl of Essex 1571 ; died 1576.

LETTER LV.

SIR CHRISTOPHER HATTON to LORD BURGHLEY.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

I most humbelye thank yo^r good L. for your honorable advertisment towchyng the comynge in of this great personage.* Hir Ma^{ty} defferithe all hir direction for order too receve him, untill she be more fullye enformid bothe of his qualitey, and occasion of accesse. She semithe to dowght, that he departithe from his Prince as a man in displeasure because in one sentence of his lre. to hir m^{at} he callithe hir the refuge of the distoughlate and afflyctid. C^r Northe, my man, that brought her letters

* Albert Alasco, the Polonian.

is not here, nether do I know wher too fynd him. I was I know not howe too learne what informacion I might give the Q. in this matter, onelye I must stay untill the retourne of my L. of Leycester and then I hope hir Ma^t will resolve. Hir Ma^t acceptithe in most gracious and good kind parte the offer of yo^r L. howse unto the w^{ch} altho (yet she will give us no order to laye in hir preparations) I assuredlye thynk she will com in the estere weeke; but as I learne the moore certentie, so will I redilye advertise yo^r good L. My L. of Oxford his cause standithe but in slow course of proceadynge to his satisfaction but yet for my owne parte I have sum better hope then heretofore wherin as a preservative we must all use patience for a while. His L. wrott too me a vearly wise lre. in this case of his, the report wherof hir Mst tooke in reasonable good gracious parte. By the next messenger I will breiffeleye wright for the answeare. I pray god blesse yo^r L. w^t all his heavenlye graces. From the corte at Richmond this sexth of Marche 1582.

Yo^r good L. most bound

CHR. HATTON.

Sir C. Hatton, Chancellor of England; died 1591.

LETTER LVI.

LORD BURGHEY to the EARL OF LEICESTER.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My very good Lord I have receaved your courtess (ernest?) lre, wherein your L. doth commend to me, y^r honorable (case?) that your state and service now in hand doth requier wherof truly my Lord I do assure you no less a portion of my care and travell for many respectes, to y^e furtherance of your own honor than if I war a most neare kynsman in bloode, and for y^e advancement of y^e action if I shuld not w^t all y^e powers of my hart contynually both wish and work advancement therof I war to be an accursed person in y^e sight of God. Consideryng y^e ends of this action tend to y^e Glory of God, to y^e savety of y^e Q. person, to y^e preservation of this realme in a perpetuall quietness, wherein for my particular Interest both for myself and my posterite, I have as much interest as any of my degre. And this I pray you my L. mak a perfect accompt of me and for my doyngs. I referr y^e report to Mr. Secretary, who hath this afternoon hard me in most earnest sort dell (deal) w^t hir Ma^{ty}, to favor and mayntane you and your action, as the only meanes at thys tyme to bryng hir to savety. From my couch in my chamber not hable to rise from it. God send your L. a speddy good pasage. —this vi of Dec. 1583.

Your L. assured as any.

W. BURGHEY.

LETTER LVII.

SIR PHILIP SIDNEY to MR. DAVISON.

A kind letter, comforting him under his trouble, on occasion of the Earl of Leycester's unkindness to him. Dated Flushing, 14th April, 1586.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Sir Philip Sidney, born 1554, author of "Arcadia;" knighted 1582; slain at the battle of Zutphen, 1586.

LETTER LVIII.

ROBERT DEVEREUX, EARL OF ESSEX, to * * * *,

Praying that his cousin Foulke Greville's affair about a company of "Launces" may be speedily dispatched—that the Queen had said she would not have been discontented though she should dispose of the office of General of the Horse about her person, on some other—and that he was going to the Camp (at Tilbury).

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Robert Devereux, born 1567; Earl of Essex 1576; beheaded 1601.

LETTER LIX.

LORD MOUNTJOY to QUEEN ELIZABETH,

Professing zeal for her service, particularly in the suppressing of a rebellion in Ireland. The letter ends thus: "and eff I with all thatt I have may stopp the gullfe off theas wars, by throwinge my sellfe to bee swallowed upp thearin, I shall dye a happye and a contented Curtius, and one gratius thought off yours throwen after me shall be more pretius then all the icewells off the ladeys off Roome, but while I live O lett me live in your favor." Dated 8th June 1600.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Charles Blount, Lord Mountjoy, and Earl of Devonshire, born 1563; died 1606.

LETTER LX.

THOMAS SACKVILLE, EARL OF DORSET, to SIR JULIUS CÆSAR.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Mr. Chauncelour, for that the K. Ma^{tie} returneth on monday next by 4 of the klok after diner and will loke for relacion of a matter that doth concern his speciall servis and in w^{ch} your assistance is also specially commanded by his ma^{tie} therefore I must pray you not to faile to be at my house betwene on and 2 in the afternoun to morow being monday. for that without you I cannot perfet that servis according to his M^s comanndment in that behalf. wereof I must reaquier you not to faile in no (respect ?) And so I rest,

Sunday 22 March 1606.

Your very lovinge assured frend

Dorset hous.

T. DORSET.

Thomas Sackville, 1st Lord Buckhurst and Earl of Dorset, born 1536 ; died 1608.

LETTER LXI.

HENRY WRIOTHESLEY, EARL OF SOUTHAMPTON, to * * * *

Sending a Petition on behalf of certain poor men at Gosport, who had been ill used by one Winter, who, under color of being Captain of the King's pinnace, had committed divers misdemeanors, &c.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Henry Wriothesley, 3rd Earl of Southampton, 1581 ; died 1624.

LETTER LXII.

LADY A. SEYMOUR to the LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL,

On behalf of two of her servants who were lately committed to the Marshalsea prison, wherein divers persons were sick of contagious and deadly diseases ; the servants being accountable for various debts and reckonings, if they should die, it would be a great prejudice to the writer and others : she begs it will please His Majesty they may be removed to some other healthful air.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

"The Lady Arabella" Stuart married William Seymour, 2nd son of the Earl of Hertford. She died in the Tower of London, 1615.

LETTER LXIII.

SIR KENELM DIGBY to SIR ROBERT COTTON.

A letter of friendship and business connected with books and papers.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Sir Kenelm Digby, born 1603 ; died 1665.

LETTER LXIV.

SIR EDWARD CECIL (afterwards Viscount Wimbleton) to * * * * ,

Alluding to the recent assassination of the French King, and the policy of supporting the Princes of Nassau in the Netherlands.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Edward Cecil, 1st Baron Cecil of Putney ; created Viscount Wimbleton 1626 ; died 1638.

LETTER LXV.

GEORGE VILLIERS, MARQUIS (afterwards Duke) OF BUCKINGHAM, to KING JAMES I.

A very familiar letter, probably written from Madrid, where the Marquis accompanied Prince Charles on his matrimonial embassy—giving his opinion of the Infanta of Spain in these words : “ without flatterie I thinke there is not a sweeter creature in the world, babie Charles him selfe is so tuchd at the hart, that he confesses all he ever yett saw is nothinge to her,” &c. (1623.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

George Villiers, born 1592 ; Marquis 1618 : Duke of Buckingham 1623 ; assassinated by Felton 1629.

LETTER LXVI.

DUDLEY CARLETON, VISCOUNT DORCHESTER, to SIR R. COTTON,

Requesting of him the loan of a book of letters of Sir Thomas More and Fisher, and the perusal of such special writings in his possession, touching the Admiralty.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Dudley Carleton, born 1573 ; created Baron Carleton 1626 ; Viscount Dorchester 1628 ; died 1631.

LETTER LXVII.

JOHN HAMPDEN to SIR JOHN ELIOTT.

A friendly letter, commencing thus : " 'Tis well for me that letters cannot blush." Apologizing for neglect of correspondence, he continues : " my only confidence is, I pleade at a barr of love, where absolutions are much more frequent than censures," &c. Dated March 21, 1631.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

John Hampden ; born 1594 ; slain in battle 1643.

LETTER LXVIII.

THOMAS WENTWORTH, LORD STRAFFORD, to LORD CONWAY.

From Dublin, acquainting him that the Parliament had given supplies to his Majesty " beyond belief ;" reprobating Lord Holland's opinion of him ; he says, " I sweare I take myself to be farre better beloved then himself, by as many as knowe us both," &c. (1640.)

Original in the Collection of T. C. Croker, Esq.

Thomas Wentworth, Earl Strafford, 1640 ; beheaded 1641.

LETTER LXIX.

PRINCE RUPERT to the MARQUIS OF NEWCASTLE.

Dated February 18, 1643.—That he is marching from Worcester towards Shrewsbury, in order to assist him. (1643.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Prince Rupert, nephew of King Charles I. ; born 1619 ; died 1682.

LETTER LXX.

SIR T. FAIRFAX to the Speaker of the House of Commons,

Giving an account of the Battle of Naseby. (1645.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Sir T. Fairfax, born 1611, General of the Parliamentary forces. Lord Fairfax, 1648 ; died 1671.

LETTER LXXI.

OLIVER CROMWELL to GENERAL FAIRFAX.

V An affectionate letter, exhibiting a high tone of religious feeling under a dangerous sickness. (1647.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Oliver Cromwell, born 1599 ; declared Protector 1653 ; died 1658.

LETTER LXXII.

OLIVER CROMWELL to COLONEL HACKER.

A letter of remonstrance, in which he says, "truly I thinke hee that prayes and preeches best will fight best, I know nothinge will give like courage and confidence as the knowledge of God in Christ will," &c. (1650.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

LETTER LXXIII.

THOMAS BRADSHAWE to OLIVER CROMWELL.

V A complimentary letter expressed in religious sentiments, acquainting him of the discovery of many of his enemies through the exertions of General Harrison, and that there are in London, and soon will be in Norfolk, Kent, and other places, many persons in "regimental form," united for the suppression of disturbances. (1650.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Thomas Bradshawe, born 1586 ; President of the Council at the Trial of King Charles I. ; died 1659.

LETTER LXXIV.

RICHARD CROMWELL to his brother HENRY CROMWELL,

Excusing himself for not writing sooner ; that his affairs are very heavy ; and that he is sensible of the difficulties the Irish "souldiery are put to for want of pay, it is ill in England and Scotland, all being in very grate Arreers, yet your forces moste—our Navyes are much behinde—these with other waigthy considerations hath caused us to call a Parliament," &c. (1658.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Richard, eldest son of Oliver Cromwell ; retired into private life, and died 1712.

LETTER LXXV.

LORD CLARENDON to SIR R. ATKINS,

On the Solicitor General's going to Bristol to examine into the cause of riots in that city, where "malicious and seditious people take so much hearte that by all the information wee receave, ther is a greater dependance in them who wish a generall disturbance upon ther frends in and about Bristoll then in any parte of the kingdom, London excepted." He desires to see and confer with him as soon as he returns. (No date.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Edward Hyde, born 1638 ; Earl of Clarendon and Lord High Chancellor 1661 ; died 1674.

LETTER LXXVI.

WILLIAM HOWARD, VISCOUNT STAFFORD, to the COUNTESS OF ARUNDEL,

Begging her to let her lord know he is in possession of the sword that was their great ancestor's at the battle of Flodden Field, with which there is a tradition in the family that he killed the King of Scotland, &c.

Original in possession of P. Howard, Esq., M.P., Corby Castle.

Sir William Howard, K.B. ; Viscount Stafford 1640 ; beheaded 1678.

LETTER LXXVII.

LORD ARLINGTON to the DUKE OF YORK.

That he has just returned from the country ; the satisfaction his Majesty had in the sight of the fleet ; a mistaken report of the Dutch fleet being in the Downs, &c. (1673.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Henry Bennet, born 1618 ; created Earl of Arlington 1672 ; died 1685.

LETTER LXXVIII.

GEORGE VILLIERS, 2nd DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM, to the EARL OF ROCHESTER.

A curious letter, containing a page of "Simile." "The meaning of this Simile is, that if your Lordship will give mee leave, I shall imediatly wayte upon you with the best pack of Hounds that ever ran upon English grownde," &c. Dated Clifden, October 8, 1677.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

George Villiers, 2nd Duke of Buckingham, born 1627 ; died 1688.

LETTER LXXIX.

JOHN LESLIE, DUKE OF ROTHES, to * * * * ,

Complaining of the Chancellor's want of courtesy in despatching packets without his cognizance.

Orig. Coll. of Josiah French, Esq., Windsor.

John Leslie, born 1630 ; Earl of Rothes 1642 ; Duke of Rothes and Lord High Chancellor of Scotland 1667 ;
died 1681.

LETTER LXXX.

EARL OF MACCLESFIELD to SIR R. ATKINS.

A confidential letter of business, ending with these words : " I being a very weak brother, I apply myself to the strong, the laws and to truth, if popery and France prevail I will not be found amongst them. God bless the King and this Government by law established and avert his judgments." (1684.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Charles Gerard, created Earl of Macclesfield 1679 ; died 1694.

LETTER LXXXI.

JAMES BUTLER, DUKE OF ORMOND, to * * * * ,

On resigning the government of Ireland, and the appointment of his successor ; deprecating the changeableness of public measures ; entreating the King's justice, and resolving to spend the rest of his life with as little possibility of disquiet or constraint as he can, &c. (1684.)

Orig. Coll. of Josiah French, Esq., Windsor.

James Butler, born 1610 ; Earl of Ormond 1632 ; created Duke, 1681 ; died 1688.

LETTER LXXXII.

DUKE OF MONMOUTH to the QUEEN DOWAGER,

Entreating her compassion for him, " and that for the last King's sake," and that by her intercession his life may be spared. (1685.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

James Fitzroy, natural son of King Charles II. ; born 1649 ; created Duke of Monmouth 1663 ; beheaded on Tower-hill 1685.

LETTER LXXXIII.

MARQUIS OF HALIFAX to the LORD CHIEF BARON,

Expressing his Majesty's satisfaction of his services in the last circuit and on former occasions, with assurances of friendship and attention to his interests, &c. (1689.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Sir George Saville, born 1630; Viscount 1668; Earl 1679; Marquis of Halifax 1682; died 1695.

LETTER LXXXIV.

LORD SOMERS to * * * * ,

Directing, by the Queen's authority, that examples should be made of certain seditious persons at Bath, and a stop put to "such bold affronts to the Government." (1693.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

John Somers, born 1652; created Lord Somers 1697; Lord Chancellor; died 1716.

LETTER LXXXV.

EARL OF SUNDERLAND to the DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.

A confidential letter; lamenting that an accident prevents his Grace from coming to town, where he is particularly wanted on some important affairs, and that he would hasten with all despatch, &c. (1708.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Charles Spencer, Earl of Sunderland, 1702; Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, K.G.; died 1722.

LETTER LXXXVI.

JAMES STUART (called "The Pretender") to the DUC DE VENDOME,

Relative to the affairs of Spain: a compliment paid to Irishmen, and thanking the Duke for his kindness to them: the "Queen's" compliments to him, and his own assurances of regard. (1710.)

Original (in French) Coll., Monsieur Donnadieu.

James Stuart, son of King James II.; died at Rome 1766.

LETTER LXXXVII.

THE DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH to LORD * * * * ,

On the affairs of the States of Holland and France ; seeking her Majesty's sanction and the advice of his Lordship on a certain project : his desire to keep the army in the field ; the backwardness of the States in sending forage for the winter ; and a request for money in advance on the forage contracts. (1711.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

John Churchill, born 1650 ; created Duke of Marlborough 1702 ; died 1722.

LETTER LXXXVIII.

GILBERT BURNET, BISHOP OF SALISBURY, to * * * * ,

Presenting a book for friendly criticism. He does not think worse of men for their different sentiments, but better of such as adhere to the dictates of their consciences, and wishes all would act with the same strictness and tenderness, &c. (1714-15.)

Orig. Coll., Josiah French, Esq., Windsor.

Gilbert Burnet, born 1643 ; author of the "History of the Reformation;" Bishop of Salisbury, 1689 ; died 1715.

LETTER LXXXIX.

EARL OF ROCHESTER to his LADY.

A cold, unkind letter, full of taunts and acrimony. (1724.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Henry Hyde ; Earl of Rochester 1711, and 4th Earl of Clarendon 1723 ; died 1753.

LETTER XC.

THE DUKE OF CUMBERLAND to GENERAL MORDAUNT,

Informing him that as "the Duke of Montague is not yet dead, and even some say recovering, nothing can be said with regard to his succession ; yet he will not fail to mention his request to the King ;" with assurances of friendship. (1748.)

Orig. Coll., Josiah French, Esq., Windsor.

William Augustus, brother of King George II., Duke of Cumberland, 1708 ; died 1765.

LETTER XCI.

THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE to MR. SHARPE,

Thanking him for attention to his affairs ; that his wife the Duchess is "quite in love with him," and he also has been so a great while ; requesting the sale of timber, and ready money for it ; and that the Duchess gives him hope of great remittances from the steward. (1756.)

Orig. Coll., Josiah French, Esq., Windsor.

Thomas Pelham Holles, born 1693 ; Viscount Pelham 1714 ; Duke of Newcastle 1756 ; died 1768.

LETTER XCII.

SIR WILLIAM BLACKSTONE to * * * *

Enclosing a transcript of Magna Charta, and excusing any errors in the copy, as he could not procure a writer "skilled in the hand of the times." Observations on the variations between this Charter and that of 9 Hen. III. (1756.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Sir W. Blackstone, born 1723 ; Judge in the Court of King's Bench 1770 ; died 1780.

LETTER XCIII.

THE EARL OF HARDWICKE to * * * *.

On a legal matter, in which "the Quotations in Mr. Lockart's argument are not to be relied upon for "exactness, words, and sometimes sentences, being left out, which change the sense;" and putting the right construction on the subject. (1773.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Philip Yorke, born 1690 ; Lord Chancellor 1736 ; Earl of Hardwicke 1754 ; died 1764.

LETTER XCIV.

LORD MANSFIELD to MR. FITZROY.

A letter of legal advice. (1773.)

Orig. Coll. of Josiah French, Esq., Windsor.

William Murray, born 1705 ; Baron Mansfield 1756 ; died 1793.

LETTER XCV.

LORD NORTH to * * * *,

Requesting advice on a point of difficulty through the difference of opinion between the Attorney and Solicitor-General with respect to the "Charter of Justice for Bengal." (1774.)

Orig. Brit. Mus. "Wilmot Papers."

Frederic, Lord North, born 1732; Earl of Guildford 1790; died 1792.

LETTER XCVI.

LORD THURLOW to SIR E. WILMOT.

A complimentary letter on the appointment of Mr. Wilmot to some office. (1778.)

Orig. Brit. Mus. "Wilmot Papers."

Edward Thurlow, created Baron Thurlow 1778; Lord High Chancellor; died 1806.

LETTER XCVII.

SIR RALPH ABERCROMBY to * * * *,

Requesting that his name may be laid before the King for a vacant regiment; that he has served upwards of thirty years; has laid out a considerable part of his small fortune in the service; and has not forty pounds a-year more than when he entered it. (1788.)

Orig. Coll. of Josiah French, Esq., Windsor.

Sir Ralph Abercromby; Lieutenant 1760; Lieutenant-Colonel 1773; Lieutenant-General 1797; Commander in Egypt 1801; slain in the battle of Alexandria, 1801.

LETTER XCVIII.

SIR WILLIAM JONES to SIR E. WILMOT.

From India. A letter of friendship. His health is good, notwithstanding the heat of climate and incessant business seven hours in the day: he rejoices that the King is well; but takes no interest in the contest of our aristocratical factions. He continues: "My party is that of the whole people; and my principles, which the law taught me, are only to be changed by a change of existence." (1789.)

Orig. Brit. Mus. "Wilmot Papers."

Sir William Jones, born 1748; Judge of the Supreme Court at Calcutta 1793; died 1794.

LETTER XCIX.

HORACE WALPOLE to MRS. ABINGDON.

A complimentary note on Mrs. A. being at Paris without his earlier seeking her acquaintance ; and another note to the same lady, inviting her to Strawberry Hill, "at the head of as large a troop as she pleases."

Orig. Brit. Mus. "Wilmot Papers."

Horace Walpole, youngest son of Sir Richard Walpole; Earl of Orford 1791; died 1797.

LETTER C.

EDMUND BURKE to T. WILMOT, Esq.

A confidential letter. A question of peace or war: his good opinion of the Duke of York. "The world has been undone by looking to experience in a case where no experience applies."—"If nothing can be done by the young, nothing can be done at all." (1795.)

Orig. Brit. Mus. "Wilmot Papers."

Edmund Burke, born 1730; died 1797.

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LETTER X

HONORABLE WASHINGTON D. C.

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Running-hand Alphabet of the

XVTH & XVITH CENTURIES:

Designed to facilitate the decyphering of old manuscript Letters, &c.

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b. b, b, b, b.	o. o, o, o.
c. c, c, c, c, c, r.	p. p, p, p, p, p, p.
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k. k, k, k, k, k.	x. x, x, x.
l. l, l.	y. y, y, y, y. often used for I, initial- and t medial.
m. m, m.	z. z, z.

Contractions.

c. *h* (peculiar) or *r*, con, coun, com! — over a word signifies the omission of an *m* or *n*.
e. *de*, *he*, *pe* — e. final: *de*, *me*, *ne*.
p. *p*, *p*, *p*, *pe* or *per*. *p^s*, *p^e*, *pro*. *p*, *pro*.
r. *mer*. *ter*. *to*. *p^r* *pur*, *to*.
s. *ser*. The final *ed* is frequently written thus *f*, as *if* *res*, *to*.
w. *with*, *what*. *which*.
y. *yo^s* *your*. *y*, *y*, *the*. *y* (peculiar) *if*. *y* *that*.

Note. The sense of difficult passages may generally be ascertained by pronouncing vowels and syllables full, open, and aloud, as they sound without regard to the orthography. In Scottish Writings the *gh* is used for *wh*, as *ghat* for *what*, &c.

By the King

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 whiche do y understand ys your feythfull & true
 and loving shewer| y wylle my very peo do y
 ofte have shewen and fortune to yete thys
 or any parte ther of thes shall nedys be that or
 any good y have but yt shall be myn| and at
 your commandment as shewly and w do good
 a wylle do any yt have yn your cause| do wold
 god ye could know yt do verily do y thynke yt
 but my der herte y wylle no more excusys
 your grace to ferdor wrytyn of yn thys
 matier for y am sure your chapelayn and
 frendes latours wylle stoune habbe shewen your

My dear Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Myne ~~dear~~ I have good cardinals I recomande me vnto
 you wth all my hart and thanke you for the grette
 payne and labour that you do ^{daily} take in my
 byssnes and matters desyryng you (that when you
 have well establyshed them) to take some rest
 and cofort to the intente you may the longer
 endure to be vs/for all ways payne can not be
 indurged surely you have so substantially orderd
 oure matters both off this side the sea and by onde
 that in mye oppynion lytle or no thyng can be addyd/
 nevertheless accordyng to your desyre I do send you
 myne oppynion by this beace the reformation
 wheroff I do remyte to you and the remnant
 off our trusty councellers wherof I am sure wyll
 substantially take on hyt/as to thyng the matter
 that shal wythyn this breyght answer off I am
 well contentyd wth what order so ever you do
 take in itt the queene my wyff hath desyryd
 me to make hax most hartly recomendations
 to you as to hym that shal love the very well
 and both shew I wolde knowe fayne when
 you wyll repayre to vs no more to you
 att this tyme but that wth gode helpe I trust
 we shall despaynte oure enemyes off theyre
 intended p^{ro}p^{er}s/ wrytten wth the hand off
 your loving master

Henry VIII

I herewith vnto Mr. Reforme vnto you
 In ^{the} most hartly maner and laisfabis
 so writinge be so trust to sell^{er} maist
 And by the samy writinge and als by
 credens we vnderstand the first lous sebene
 on to vnto quharfor we sal stand to you ab
 and trust and good memo. sild do
 Herewith vnto we pray you hartly so be to be
 so writinge to the payis habres agaynst the
 archebyschop of glasgow the quhyll was
 preceptor and scribe and als Hamanib day
 on ^{the} parson bot eze support and help
 help hym and the prebety of hys kyng
 glasgow for my sangle sabbent the archebyschop
 of Canot and roth wyl wylt and hartly writinge to
 so grace agaynst hys Exemption for lous
 glasgow quhyll to my p^{re}ame better ab
 wyl shaw^{er} magni and god have so grace
 In hys Exemption at Edinburgh the xxij
 day of may to my alwaye I am

so nepho James

My name & good lord I received me to you and thank you
 for the letter & loving letter of writing you of the good contentment
 and good response that you have given to me my lord I pray you
 do my trust as you see fit to write me to the king my brother
 for such a purpose & beseech as I have for to do for the love of him
 as it were to put my trust in but the king my brother & you do
 as it shall please the king my brother & the duke of Norfolk
 Goddard & I I pray you my lord to show his grace saying that
 the king my brother is departed to God of which I am glad
 and where do you do & I hope me that I shall see you in person
 my lord I trust the king my brother & you will be at the same
 place & Goddard I trust I have so Goddard my self so I trust that
 same Goddard that I trust at the same time to the same of the king
 my brother & me some I have Goddard & so I trust to content
 with the king my brother that I may do for you I will be glad
 for to do it and the purpose ~~shall~~ I shall be glad to do it for you
 no more to you at the time but I shall be glad to do it for you
 the day of Sunday

by your loving
 friend
 mine of France

Handwritten text in a cursive script, likely a historical document or manuscript. The text is arranged in approximately 20 vertical columns, reading from right to left. The ink is faded and the paper is aged, with some visible staining and discoloration. The script is highly stylized and difficult to decipher without specialized knowledge of the language and dialect.

My lorde carduel in my most hartly wyll &
 recommand me to you and woude be glade
 to here from you. plesyth you to wyt that I am
 com to edynbrough and hath bene very well reassayed
 safeng the sight of my soo the kyng my self & thynk
 myght strange as thys wyll shew you my mynde &
 at more length to whom I pray you to be pcedent
 my good lorde next the kyng my brother my
 moste special truste so in you and ye may doo me
 moste good and gyf soo be that I hyd savine byt
 not to the kyng my brother and you than promes
 I moste needes call for helpe to hyt grace and
 you for I truste to tell me so that the kyng and
 you schal be content for I wyll do no thyng but
 I wyll be cancell at my lorde dakers and I pray
 you my lorde tamar hyme that he sende often
 to see how I doo and am intretyd but and ever
 the dwke com in Scotland a gane here so no
 bydynge to me and that thys baron can schew you
 no more but god have you in hyt bytten wyten
 the xxij day of june wyth my hand

Yours Margaret ff

My lord in my most humble wise I thanke yo^r grace for the gift
of this benefice for master barlo howbeit this standeth to
non effect for it is made for toubage and I wold have it
if yo^r pleasure was so for sending for toubage is in my
lord my father's gift be a boyson that he hath and
is not yet moved I do trust that yo^r grace w^{ill} graunt
him sending and ~~unfild~~ considering the paine that he
hath taken I do thinke that it shall be very well bestowed
and in so doing I feele my selfe much bounde to yo^r
grace for all this that hath taken paine in the binges
matter it shall be my davyll And to in make all the
way that I can I w^{ill} do them good and plesur
and thus I make amend sending you a gay the
letter that you sent me thankyng yo^r grace most humbly
for the pain that you take for to write to me assuring
you that next the binges letter there is nothing that
can please me so muche as the hand of her that is
most bounde to be

my lord I be fith to grace
to all my hart to remember
the parson of homelane for
my sake shortly.

yo^r most humble and
obediant servant
anne boleyne

Letting the dysconfort of tyme and accompte of dayes neither be so
 long nor many of your maiesties absence, yett ^{I would} your presence be much
 belov'd and desired of me, ~~the wante thereof~~ maketh me ^{as} can not
 please in any tyme, vntill I receiue from your maiesty: the tyme ther
 for cometh to me very long, with a greut desire to knowe howe your
 grace hath done byn your departing hence, with prosperite and
 helthe I refer and desire more than myne owne. And wote as I
 knowe your maiesties absence yt neede wythe out greut respectes of thyng
 moost convenient and necessary, yett love and affection compelleth me to
 desire your presence: And agayne the same yett and love force me
 also to be best content with that ^{whiche} yt your wyll and pleasure: And
 byn love maketh me in all thynges to lett apart myne owne comode
 and pleasure, and to embrace moost joyfully yor wyll and pleasure, with
 I love. Had the knowre of becomen can judge these wordes not to be only
 written with yake, but moost truely impress'd in the hart, muche more
 I omitt, lest I begun to go aboute to praysse my self, or crave a
 thanks, with thyng to do I mynde notyng losse, but a playne sympte
 relaxation of my zeale and love towards your maiesty procedyng ^{from} the a
 bundance of the grute, wherby I must needes confesse I deserve no
 so worthy commendation, havinge suche Iuste occasion to do the same.
 I make the accompte with your maiesty, as I do with the God for yor
 benefytes and gytes shewd upon me dayly, knowyng my selfe all
 wayes a greut dette vnto hym in that I do omitt my dutye towards
 hym, nott beinge able to recompense the lyste of yor benefytes, in which
 state I am certeyne and sure to dye, but yett I hope in the gracions accepta
 tion of my good wyll. And every suche confidenc: I have in your ma
 jesties gentylnes, knowyng my selfe neede to have done my dutye at
 was requisite and mete to have anoble and worthy pryncer, at whose
 handes I have founde and receyved so muche love and favour, ^{that} with
 wordes I can not expresse yt; lest I begun to be to tedious vnto your maiesty, I
 synge that my scribled letter, comyth you in to the governance of the lorde
 w long lye and prosperous felicitye here, & after y be to enjoy y kyngdome of yor
 elect. from Greenwich
 by your maiesties grace Katherine the Quene
 obedient loving wyfe & daughter
 servant

Prince Edward (aft. K. Edw. VI.) to Q. Cath^e Parr. (Cott. Ms. Nero CX. fol. 4.)

Most honorable and entierly beloued mother I haue me most
 humbly recomended vnto your grace wth lyke thanks, both for y^t
 your grace did accepte so gentylly my simple and rude letters,
 and also y^t it pleased your grace so gentylly to vouchsaue to
 directe vnto me your louing and tendre letters, which do
 geue me much comfort and encouragment to go forward
 in such thinges wherein your grace bereath me on hand, y^t I am
 already entered: I pray god I maie be hable in part to satisfy y^e
 good expectation of y^e Kinges maiestie my father and of your
 grace. whom god haue euer in his most blessed keeping.

Your louing Sonne

E. Prince.

My lorde after my hartly comendacions, theyse shalke to declare to you. that
 according to your accustomed gentlines y have receyved wth warrant from
 you by your servant this beere, for the whiche y do give you my hartly thank,
 by whom also y have receyved your lettre, wherein (as me thynketh) y perceyve
 strange nerves concerning a sente you have in hande to the quene for
 maryage, for the sone obtaineng wherof you seme to thinke, that my lettres
 myghte do you pleasure. My lorde in this case, y truste, your wysdome
 doth consider, that if it were for my nexeste kynsmans dearest friend on hye,
 of all other creatures in the worlde, it standeth lest wth my poore honoure
 to be a medler in this matter, considering whose wyf her grace was
 of late, and besyde that, if she be mynded to graunt your sute, my
 lettres shall do you but small pleasure, on the other syde, if the remembrance
 of the kynge mayest ye my father (whose soule god paxdon) wyl not suffre
 her to graunt your sute, y am nothing able to perswade her to
 forget the losse of hye, who is as yet very nye in myn owne remembrance,
 wherfore y shall moste earnestly requyre you (the premysses considered)
 to thinke non unkindnes in me, though y refuse to be a medler any
 wayes in this matter, assuring you, that (non eng matters set aparte,
 wherein y being a mayde am nothing coming) if other wayes it shall
 lye in my lile powere to do you pleasure, y shalbe as gladd to do it, as you
 to requyre it, both for hye bloody sake, that you be of, and also for the
 gentlines, whiche y have alwayes founde in you. As knoweth almyghty
 god to whose tynge y comitte you from wrytten this saterday at myght,
 being the myth of june.

your assured friend and cousin
 to my power Marye/

My Lorde I have a requeste to make vnto your grace wiche feare has made me
 omittē til this tyme for two causes, the one because I sawe that my request for the
 rumors wiche were sprede abroad of me toke so litel place wiche thinge whan
 I considered I thought I shulde litel profit in any other sute, howbeit now I
 vnderstande that ther is a proclamacion for them (for the wiche I give your
 grace and the rest of the counsel most humble thanks) of am the bolder
 to speake for a nother thinge. And the other was because paraventure
 your Lordship, and the rest of the counsel wil thinke that I favor her mel
 domge for whome I shal speake for, wiche is for Kateryn Aschiley, that it
 wolde please your grace and the rest of the counsel to be good vnto her
 wiche thinge I do not to favor her in any uel (for that I wolde be sorye to
 do) but for thes consideracions wiche folowe the wiche hope dothe teache
 me in summe that I ought not to doute but that your grace and the rest of
 the counsel wil thinke that I do it for thre other consideracions, first be-
 cause that she hath bene with me a longe tyme, and manye years, and
 hath taken great labor, and paine in bringinge of me v p in seruinge and
 honestie, and therefore I ought of very dewtye speke for her, for Saint
 Gregore sayeth that we ar more bounde to them that bringeth us up wel
 than to our parents, for our parents do that wiche is natural for them, that
 is bringeth us into this worlde but our bringers up ar a cause to make us
 lue wel in it. The seconde is because I thinke that whatsoener she hath
 done in my Lorde Admirals matter as concerninge the mariage of me
 she dede it because knowinge him to be one of the counsel she thought he
 wolde not go aboute any suche thinge without he had the counsels con-
 sent therunto, for I have harde her manye times say that she wolde ne-
 ver in any place without your Graces and the counsels consente.
 The thirde cause is because that it shal and doth make men thinke that
 I am not clere of the side my selfe, but that it is pardoned in me because
 of my youthe, because that she I loued so wel is in suche a place. Thus
 hope prevailinge more with me than feare hath wone the battel, and
 I have at this tyme gone furth with it. Wiche I pray God be taken
 no other ways that it is mente, Writen in hast. Frome Hatfild
 this 7 day of Marche. Also if I may be so bolde not offendinge I beseeche
 your grace and the rest of the counsel to be good to master Aschiley her husbode.
 Wiche because he is my kndesman I wold be glad he shulde do wel.
 Your assured frende to my litel
 power Elizabeth

Certain pointes of waighty matters to be immediately concluded
on by my counsell. 18. January 1551.

- 1 The conclusion for the payment of our debts in
February next comming.
- 2 The matter for the Stiliard to be so considerid
that it may be to our profit, and wealth
of our Subjectis.
- 3 The matter for the duke of Somerset~~re~~, confederates
to be considered as appertineth to our safety, and
quietnes of ^{our} realme, that by there punishment
^{according to the lawes} example may be shewed to others,
- 4 The resolution for the bishops that be nomiz
Katid.
- 5 Money for our ambassadours diettes to be
sent the furthwith.
- 6 Se Dispatching our commissioners to Cusnes to
see the state thereof.
- 7 Taking some order w^t the Londoners
that they that come to our parliament
may + not be holly discouragid, empowrishid,
or worried w^t their attendaunce, w^{ch} order
can not be well taken (as we thinketh) w^out
punishing th'offendours.
- 8 The matter for the exchaung to be well wayed,
and considerid.

9 The bishop of Durhams matters to be executid
according to our lawes

Ma Dame ma bonne seur, iay garde si longue silence non pour paresse ou faulte
 de desir de vous rammentenir moy & mes affaires, ou de vous faire ouuerture
 qui vous fut si agreable que ie puisse par ce moyen recourir quelque part en
 vostre bonne grace, mais par crainte de vous importuner ne voyant aucun
 de mes lettres auuoyr cest heur de meriter responce de vous comme souuent
 ie lay escrit a monsieur de la mothe ambassadeur du Roy monsieur
 mon bon frere le priant faire tant pour moy que de m'aduer tir de ce
 que ie pourrois eniter ou amander en mes dites lettres pour les vous
 faire trouuer dignes au moins de quelque favorable responce : mais
 il ne ma donny aucune lumiere en cela sinon toutes lesfoys qu'il ma cerit il me
 promet beaucoup de vostre bon naturel vers moy me conseilant den faire
 priere de reschief & vous solisiter par mes lettres auoir memoire de
 moy; ce qui est cause que ie me suis enhardie de vous faire la presente,
 par laquelle ie vous suppliray de me donner responce a mes resquestes
 precedentes & a celles que monsieur de la mothe vous a faites de
 ma part, ou bien me faire entendre comme ie me doubroy gouverner
 pour obtenir plus amiable traitement de vous, attendant que dieu vous
 inspire a me faire fin a mes longs ennuiz, ou que ie puisse auoir subiect
 de vous donner occasion de mestimer vostre obligeement & affectionnee amye
 aussi bien comme ie vous suis proche parente. Et pour ne vous ennuier
 de trop prolix discours ie nentreprendray pour ceste fois de particula-
 riser damantage laffection que iay de vous complaire vous priant
 madame qu'a ce coup ie ne me puisse doulloir que monsieur de la
 mothe n'ayt fait entreprendre en vain de recommencer mon accoustum-
 eefacon de vous escrire, mais que iay plus tost occasion par vostre gra-
 cieuse & desirce responce de le remercier de son bon aduis & conceuoir
 quelque esperance que vous escriront plus amplement une autre fois
 ie ne trouueray plus vostre oreille soude a mes offres & resquestes de
 quoy apres vous auoir bese les mayns ie feray humble supplication
 adieu quil vous doint madame en sorte tres heurhense & longue
 vie de chefil d'ce xvi de ianvier

Votre tres affectionnee bonne seur & cousin
 Marie R

/ My very good brother /
 hit pleaseth me not ^{little} that my true intents
 without Clood or Ciled as by you so gratefully
 taken for I am nothing of the Vile suspect
 of such as while this neighbors honor
 is or likely to be a fire wyl not only not
 helpe but not afourd them water to
 quench the same if any such you
 have hard of toward me God Grant
 he remembreth not to wyl for the
 for the Archiduke: he is poor
 he wisheth every body like himself
 except his Coudes which wint his brother
 helpe he wyl be repaid his Squire
 I suppose that considering whoo apertly
 enemy ^{that is of Spain} he is you wyl might so
 murther your own honor to the
 world (I say) you, have no peculiar
 Love to him, as to put his ^{bater} ^{bad}
 in your Land, that so Carefully
 posterity shall be a Prince as
 mine have him via such
 a love as if his vicar's father
 had been righty informed, Oed better
 write at his hand than any
 prince or with in his did to other

for whir hatpi tjer bin an example that
any one ~~long~~ hatpi in our district
farsi a present at the holi Sediton
provincie of the Lowi Countrie Nya
who not only wold not have dimy
the but send a double Gunter
to warn him of this Spding fro
him to offer of keeping ^{the} from the
misi ~~my~~ ~~good~~ ~~head~~ and sent
trouble to pay the Shat ~~my~~ town
fro Lapo I served 3 bulke a ricot
pieces as ~~my~~ a Coplot both for
my life and ~~the~~ ~~good~~, Augh I
not to ~~die~~ and berrin him
of bulke Wiapon as might in day
my bulke he wil say I helpi
glad and hold fro his
hand the other his father
or his bulke wold observe
suchi other as the ~~perov~~
Charles obliged him bulke and
be in Signifi his Son I wold
not have delt with other
territories but the hold the

by suchi Cominants about observing
by their own grants the above
longer found unto them but
they at this will not make known
to him. Yet I cast suchi my
reasons on my shoulder and
regarded this good and
have him defended them
a wicked quarrel and have he
not might that Condemnment
contrary to his own Law
with the rule of Spaniards
at this had not made

Now for the warning the French
Gent of Viceroy in Cassat to
you in that is the King your
good brother hathi Comin you a
good Comint that Comin a King
he supposeth by that measure
that you would deny suchi office
and since in this you will have
my Comin I can hardly believe
that Comin warning your own
subject hathi suffered to come into
your realm for
suchi a place to suchi

Such a private of his Com' should be.
taught a better Liab' than play
be prising and bold apart after
he for Wi your good Lik'g of
Wicki as I hope is far for your
intent So Wyl his Com' of Verifi
to much Good Master English
asservations at Rom' of Wicki
you have or now Com' Wyl
Thus you see how to fulfil your
trust ripobid in Wicki to
infringe for your mynde I
have Sincerely made patient
my Sincerity and ^{not} fraud
Wyl much wisdome yet stuff
it great good Wyl I hope you
Wyl bear it Wyl no list
you to long Wyl I hope
hand, as provid' for a hart
that shall ever be filled with
Suri affliction of your
Loving and Sincerely
Sister
Elizabeth

Suri affliction of your
Loving and Sincerely
Sister
Elizabeth

Madame & dearest sister the residence of youre ambazadoure heir quhom
 by ye are alsuall aduertishie of euerie accident fallis out heir as lyt euayes in=
 forme what my request or desyre is that ye sould do at this tyme, this I saye is
 the cause that seayes me untroubling you sa oft with my ouin letters as other wayes
 I woulde doe, in speciall I doubt not ye are sufficientlie informid of this late raire
 & rashe attempt confirming nou at falklande that treason quhiche in winter
 but godd be praisid quhe gaue the last the worst succeße
 they committed at holyrude house, nou it restis ~~me~~ for me to hunt thaim the best I
 may & thairin to spair no painis nor trauisell, & for youre part of concurrence
 alsuall that none of these traitouris shall finde refuge in any part of youre
 dominionis as also that ye will according to youre ouin lauis & thaire iust desertis
 punishe suche of youre ouin leude subiectis as uere inducit by thaim to assist thaim
 at this deid I doubt not in this cace of youre gude will in respect of the seraitt ^{bonds}
 of amitie betwixt us & hesydis that I leane it to youre consideration if this be
 not a perrellouse president for all princes. & because this turne will of necessity
 tie dryue me to extraordinarie charging I must hairelie praye you at this tyme
 to send me that quhole summe of annuities quhiche I did the last yeire ^{reque}
 of you, not that I am ignorant of the greatness of youre present adoes, but
 that I trust ye will in this turne turne youre eyes a liewill from looking
 upon youre ouin estait to blink upon the necessaire cace of youre freind
 but remitting this & all other thingis to her louing consideration quho
 neuer yete failed me in any my adoes I comitt yo Madame & dearest sister
 to the protection of the allmightie: from edinburgh the xvjth of iulie. 1592



your most louing & affec=
 tionatt brother & cousin.

James B.

My onlie Sweete & deare chylde, I am now so miserable
 & cowarde, as I doe nothing but weepe & murne, for
 I proteste to god I roade this after noone a great waye
 in the yarde without speaking to any boddie &
 the teares trickling downe my cheeke, as now they
 doe, that I can scarcely see to wrytte, but alas,
 what shall I doe at oure parting, the onlie small
 comforte I can haue will be, to prye in thy defects
 with the eye of an ennemie & of euerie moate
 to make a montaine & so harden my haire against
 thy absence, but this little malice is like iealousie, pro-
 ceiding from a sweete roote, but ^{it} in one ^{point} thing it
~~overcometh~~ ^{it} overcumeth, for as it procede from love
 so it can not but ende in loue, Sweete ^{haire} be earnest ^{with}
 haire to come & meete thee at new hall within eigh-
 or ten ^{after this} dayes, caste thee to be here to morrowe, as near

about two in the after noone as thou can & come gallo-
ping hither remember thy picture & suffer n^{ot}
of the counsaill to come heere, for goddis sake & write
not a worde againe & lette no creature see this
leere, the lorde of heauen & earth to blesse thee,
& my sweete daughter & my sweete ^{little} grandchild
& all ^{thy} blesid familie & sende thee a happie re-
turne, both now & how know is given, to thy dear
dada & christen gofeppe.

James E. ~

May it please your Ma

According unto your Ma. commandement I have
sett down there names who were recommended to
me for Knights of the Bath as well Noblemen as
others, to be kept or altered as shall be best
pleasing to yo^r Ma. Not doubting but yo^r Ma.
will deale yo^r pleasure within a short tyme.

And because the Prince of Brunswik having
seene with me the new shippe w^{ch} is building att
Wolvrek is desirous to see the rest of them
att Chatham, having this occasion I make
bold to intreate leave to goe thither for two
or three nights ~~not~~ which in this I must be direc-
ted by as in all other things yo^r Ma. will must
be a Law to him who most humbly ^{lies} kissing
your Ma hands vested

Your Ma. most dutifull and
obedient Sonne
Henry

Sire

Je ne veux importuner V. M. d'un trop longue lettre
 le Baron de Dona ne faudra d'informer V. M. du
 malheur qui nous est arrivé, et nous a contraint de
 quitter Prague et venir en ce lieu icy ou Dieu sait
 combien nous y demeureront, ie supplie donc treshum-
 blement V. M. d'avoir sring du Roy et de moy en
 nous enuoyant du secours, de autrement nous serons
 du tout ruinez, il ny a que V. M. apres Dieu ^{de} qui nous
 attendons ayde, ie la remercie tres humblement de la
 favorable declaration qu'il luy a plu faire pour
 pour la conservation du Palatinat, ie la supplie
 tres humblement de faire le meme pour nous icy, et
 nous enuoyer un bon secours pour nous defendre contre
 nos ennemis, autrement ie ne say se que nous deviend-
 rons, ie la supplie donc encore d'avoir pitie de nous
 et de ne abandonner le Roy et a cestheur qu'il en a si
 grand besoin pour moy ie suis resolu de ne le quitter
 car si il part ie periray aussy avec luy, mais quoy
 qu'il m'arriue ie ne seray jamais iamais avec que

Sire

De V. M.

La tres humble et obéissante
 fille et servante

de Breslaoe $\frac{23}{13}$ de Novembre

Elizabeth

Breknockes. Aug: 1645.

Charles / it is very fit for me ^{now} to prepare for the worst; in order to w^{ch} I spoke wth Culpeper this morning concerning you, judging it fit, to give it you under my hand that ye may give the reddier obedience to it; wherfor know that my Pleasure is, whersoever you fynde your selfe, in aparent danger, of falling into the Rebels hands, that you convey your selfe into France, & there to be under your Mother care, who is to have the absolute full power of your Education, in all things, except Religion, & in that, not to medle at all, but leave it, entyryly, to the care of your Tutor, the Bishop of Salisbury (or to whom he shall apoint, to supply his Place, in tyme of his necessitated absence) And for the performance of this, I comānd you to requyre the assistance & obedience of your ^{full} Councell, & by theire adwyce, the service of every one, whom you & they, shall judge fit to be employd in this Business; w^{ch} I expect should be performed ^{if neede or requyre} with all obedience, & without growling: this is all at this tyme from.

Your loving Father
Charles R

Newtowne 20. Sep. 1645

Neptun / what through want of tyme, or unwillingness, to speake to you of so unpleasing
 a subject, I have not yet (^{ch} now I must supply) spoken to you freely of your Brother
 Ruperts present condition; the truth is, that his unhansom quitting the Castell &
 Forte of Bristol, hath inforced me to put him off those Comands w^{ch} he had in my Armys
 & have sent him a Passe to goe beyond Sease; now though I could doe no lesse then this
 for w^{ch} (believe me) I have too much reason, upon strikt examination; yet, I assure you, that
 I am most confident that this great Error of his (^{ch} w^{ch}, indeed, hath ~~g~~ ^{me} given more Greefe
 then any Misfortune since this damnable Rebellion) hath no waie proceeded from
 his change of Affection to me or my Cause, but, meerly, by having his Judgement seduced
 by some ^{evil charmed} Villaines, making faire pretensions to him; & I am resolved, so litle to forget
 his former services, that, whensoever it shall please God to enable me to looke upon my
 Friends lyke a King, he shall thanke God for the paines he hath spent in my Armys.
 So much for him, now for your selfe; I know you to be so free from his present Mis-
 fortune, that it no waies ^{me in} staggers that good opinion w^{ch} I have ever had of you, & so
 long as you shall not ^{be} weary of your Imployments under me, I will giue you all the in-
 couragement & contentment that lyes in my Power; however, you shall always fynd
 me

Your loving Uncle & most assured friend
 Charles I.

Hamtoncourt Thursday morning.

I forgot when you were here last to desire
you to give Brodericke good counsell not to meddle
any more with what concerns my Lady Castlemaine
and to lett him have a care how he is the authour of
any scandalous reports, for if I finde ^{him} guilty
of any such thing I will make him repent it to
the last moment of his life, and now I am
entered on this matter, I thinke it very necessary
to give you a little good counsell in ~~this business~~^{it},
it, least you may thinke that by making a farther stir
in the business you may devert me from my reso-
lution, ~~but I am sure~~ which all the world shall
never do, and I wish I may be unhappy in this world
and in the world to come, if I faile in the least degree
of what I have resolved, which is of making
my Lady Castlemaine of my wifes bedchamber,
and whosoever I finde use any endeavours to hinder

this resolution of mine (except it be only to my
selfe) I ~~shall~~ will be his enemy to the last moment
of my ^{life}, You know how true a friend I have been to
you, if you will oblige me eternally, make this ~~the~~
business as easy to me as you can, of what opinion
soever you are of, for I am resolved to go through
^{with} this matter, let what will come on it, which againe
I solemnly swear before Almighty God, therefore if
you desire to have the continuance of my friendship
meddle no more with this business, except it ~~will~~ be
to cease downe all false and scandalous reports, and
to facilitate what I am sure my honour is so much
concerned in, and whosoever I finde to be my deadly
enemies enemy in this matter, I do promise upon
my word to be his enemy as long as I live, you may
shew this letter to my ^{Mr} L^d and if you have ^{both} a minde
to oblige me, carry your selves like friends to me in this
matter.

Charles R

Hamtoncourt saturday two
in the afternoone

The relation that has been made to me of
Sr H Vanes carriage yesterday in the hall
is the occasion of this letter, which if I am
rightly informed was so insolent as to justify
~~his~~ all he had done, ~~manifestly~~ acknowledging no
supream power in England but a Part:
and many things to that purpose, You have
had a true account of all, and if he has given
new occasion to be hanged, certainly he is
too dangerous a man ~~to~~ to lett live; if we can
honestly put him out of the way, thinke of
this and give me some account of it tomorrow,
till when I have no more to say to you. &c

Address

The Chancelour

Indorsed

The Kinge & me.

Aug: 20: 1673:

I have receiv'd yours by this bearer
and am very glad you came safe
of, and had by this bearer an account
of the engagement, I wish you a
continuance of faire wether, and
that the winds may do you no
more hurt then de Ruyter has
done you, and that we may see
you and the fleet safe at home
before the Michelmass flaws come,
this bearer will tell you all
the newes that is here which is all
I have new tyme to say. I am.

For my deare Cousin
Prince Rupert,

A Kensington le 25 Decemb. 1694.
4. Janv. 95.

Quoy qu'affaiblement je ne puis guere en humeur d'escrire,
il y a de la satisfaction de pouvoir ouvrir son cœur
à un ami, il y a quatre jours que La Reine est tombée
malade à ce que l'on croit d'un ^{grand} rhume, mais le lendemain qui
fut dimanche l'on vit sortir des rougeurs par le visage et par le nez
et toute les marques imaginables de la petite vérole, ce qui
a continué hier et les Medecins et tout le monde persuade
qu'elle les avoit mais à ce matin l'on a jugé que c'estoit
La rougeole avec une herpisselle, et quoy qu'elle en est très
plaine et fort incommodée elle se trouve aussi bien pour le temps qu'on
le pourroit souhaiter la fièvre estant très modérée, vous pourriez
croire en quel estat cela me met l'aimant auidant que je
suis, vous savez ce que c'est d'avoir une bonne femme,
si j'estois assez malheureux de perdre la mienne, il faudroit
se retirer du monde et quoy que nous n'avons point de temples
en nostre Religion l'on trouve toujours des endroits pour
se retirer et prier le bon Dieu pour le reste de ces jours.
J'ay bien reçu vos lettres du 19. Et 20. de Decemb. mais je
ne suis pas en estat d'y pouvoir répondre presentement.

Nov^r 16th

I am very glad to hear from those of^t Jan
you yesterday if you are so much recovered
I pray God perfect your health & confirm it
for many many years; I thank you for
putting me in mind of having a fast hearer
& in Scotland, w^{ch} I think is soe right if I
intend to mention it either to morrow or at
y^t next Cabinet; I have talked wth Lrd Chamberlain
about several things, ^{this afternoon} & at present he seems
to me to be in good humour, what he means by
the D of Somerset working against him I
cant tell, for he has not named him to me
a great while; I gave L^d Dartmouth to day
y^t names for the Council of Trade & Chamberlain
of

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Lutland & he tells me he has ordered y^t
warrant to be filled up. I find he has not
prepared any Instructions for L^d Peterborough
fearing he would do more hurt than good at
Turin. L^d Dartmouth proposed to me the
sending him to Venice, I think he should be
sent somewhere for I fear if he comes
home while the Parliament is sitting he
will be very troublesome; m^r Secretary often
mentions y^t great care should be taken of
y^t Courts of Berlin & Hanover but never
has proposed any body to be sent to either,
if Britain be thought proper for such an
employment I am very willing to part wth him
only desire he may not be sent to Hanover.

3.

I believe Duke Hamilton may do very well
for Vienna but it will be time enough to come
to any resolution about ^{it} when I have the
satisfaction of seeing you; you propose
my giving Mr Prior some inferior Character
what it can be I don't know, for I doubt
his Birth will not entitle him to ^{it} of Envoy,
or of Secretary of ^{it} Embassy is filed, if there
be any other you can think ^{it} ~~to~~ fit for him
I shall be very glad to do it; I leave it to you
to recommend some body for ^{it} Master of ^{it} Mint
in Scotland for I have none in my thoughts at
present to give it to, I intend as it please God
to be in town ^{at} middle of ^{it} next week if ^{it}
Parliament can meet on ^{it} day appointed, or
els I should be glad to stay a week longer ^{unless}

you think my being at St James is absolutely
necessary for buisnes, pray turn it in your
thoughts who will be proper to put into the
commission for executing the office of Privy Seal
during my Lords absence, & believe ^{me} _{in} all
Sincerely

your very affectionate friend

MMR

Monsieur

La lettre que vous m'avez écrite m'a
été d'autant plus agreable que votre
fils en a été luy mesme le porteur;
je vous suis tres oblige des assurances
qu'elle contient de votre affection
pour moy, je seray tres aise de rencon-
ler occasions de vous faire voir ^{combien}
j'y suis sensible & combien j'ay ^{combien} destine

Et de consideration pour votre
personne, je ferés en sorte que
votre fils ait lieu d'estre content
du séjour qu'il fera icy, Et de vous
tesmognér dans cette rencontre
dans toutes les autres que je suis
Monsieur

Votre tres affectionné

Henrihausen le 30 d'oct. George Louis Eled.

hannover ce 28 Mars 1709.
My Lord,
Vous avez voulu ajouter de nouvelles obligations, à celles, que notre Maison Vous a déjà en proposant des choses qui lui sont si avantageuses. Je vous rends bien des graces de me l'avoir voulu mander par la votre du 15. de ce mois. Je suis ravy de la chause que l'on a ajoutée de la demolition de Dunkerke, La trouvant assy convenante et favorable à l'Angleterre, que dommageable à La France. J'espere que Vous ne vous tromperet pas par les suites de cette Campagne, que j'espere

qui rendront les propositions de L'An,
gleterre plus faciles, qu'on L'auroit
eu. Au reste si vous prie, Mylord,
d'être persuadé de la reconnaissance
que j'ai de l'Amitié que vous me
témoignez toujours en particulier,
et qu'il n'y a personne qui souhaite
davantage que moy, de trouver les
occasions de vous marquer l'estime
que je fais de votre personne, et com,
bien je suis,

Mylord,
votre très affectueux
ami
George Auguste S. H.

(Coll: J. French Esq: Windsor.)

Lucan House April 6th 1792

I find there are so many little arrangements in the
 Dresses of Ladies and particularly when their Cloaths have
 been prepared as it were by guess, that the Nuptials
 cannot be conveniently till Wednesday; I desire
 therefore that the Marquis of Salisbury will order
 a proper notice to be printed in the Daily Papers tomorrow
 agreeable to the one already published in the Gazette
 that those who are to attend the Nuptials shall appear
 in the Public Apartment at St. James's on Wednesday
 at Eight in the Evening. This should also be published
 in the Gazette tomorrow Evening. There will be no
 Levee this Week nor Drawing Room on Thursday.
 but a Levee on Wednesday April 15th and on the next
 Day a Drawing Room and in the Evening a Ball
 in the usual Room as on Birth days. I suppose
 neither of these days persons can appear in the morning

George

It may like y^r highnes to call to y^r graciouse remembrance/ that at
 such tyme/ as if that great wisdome come & shew of your gr^{at} m^{ost}
 w^{is}dom which so far above my merit or qualite able & more therefore
 y^r highnes had of y^r incomparable goodnes honoured & exalted me)
 ye were so good & graciouse vnto me as at my poore humble suit
 to discharge & discharge me/ y^ent me hance with y^r graciouse
 fuld^r/ to bestow the residue of my life in your age now to come/ about
 the provision for my soule in the service of god/ & to be y^r graty^{ful}
 rediman & pay for you/ it pleased y^r highnes further to say vnto
 me/ that for the service which I before had done you/ (which it than
 liked y^r goodnes far above my deservings to reward) that in my suit
 that I should after hane vnto y^r highnes/ which either should answer
 my^e fond^r (that word it liked y^r highnes to vnto me) or that
 should p^{ro}veyne vnto my profit/ I should fynd y^r highnes good
 & graciouse lord vnto me. So is it now graciouse p^{ro}veyne,
 that worldly fond^r y^e the thing wherof I have resigned both the
 possession & the desire/ in the resignation of y^r most honorable
 office. and worldly profit I trust experience p^{ro}veyth & dayly more
 & more shall p^{ro}ve/ that I never was very greedy thereon. But now
 y^e my most humble suit vnto y^r excellent highnes/ partly to
 beseeche the same/ some what to reduce my poore soules but principally
 that of y^r accustomed goodnes no further information into y^r
 noble grace/ to have any more distrust of my trouth & true
 & devotion toward you. than I have or shall during my life geve
 the cause. For in the matter of the wicked woman of cantzbery
 I have vnto y^r trouth compassions (as Thomas Cromwell by my
 writing as playnly declared the trouth as I possibly can/ which my
 declaration/ of his dutie toward y^r grace/ & his goodnes toward me
 he hath I understand declared vnto y^r grace. In any parte of
 all which my dealing/ whether any other man may peradventure.

put any doubt/or move any scruple of suspition, that can
I neither tell/nor lyeth in my hand to lett / but vnto my selfe
is it not possible any part of my said demerits to serue
vnto the very clearest of myn alone conscience. Indoubtedly in
all the matter my mynd & outtut so good. Wherefore moste graciously
I neither will nor will it can become me, wth y^r signet
to reason & argue the matter, but in my most humble maner
maner prostrate at y^r gracious feet, only beseeche y^r moste
wth y^r alone sight prudence & y^r accustomed goodness consider
way the matter. And than if in y^r so doing y^r alone vertuous
mynde shall geve you, that notwithstanding the manifold excellent
goodnes that y^r gracious signet hath by so many maner wayes
vnto me, I be a weake of such a monstrous ingratitude
as could not any of theyn all/or with any other person living /
digresse fro my bounden dutie of allegaunce toward y^r good grace,
than desyre I no further fauor at y^r gracious hand, than the losse
of all that euer I may hope in this world, greece, lande, libertie,
& finally my life wth all, whereof the hoping of any part vnto
my selfe, could neuer do me pennyworth of pleasure, but only
hold them my recomforte be, that after my short life & y^r long,
(which wth continuall prosperitie to godly pleasures our lord for
his mercy send you) I should anye more wth y^r grace againe in
serue, & there be merry with you. Where among myn other pleasures
this shold yet be one, that y^r grace shold surely be there than, that
(how so euer you take me) I am y^r true Bedeman, and euer I am
bounde & will be till I dye, for so euer y^r pleasure be to do by me.
Golt be it if in the considering of my cause, y^r sight wyddome & gracious
goodnes prouide (as I verily trust in god you shall) that I know
otherwise I am demerited my selfe, than well may stand wth my bounden
dutie of faithfullnes toward y^r soall maner, than in my moste
humble wise I beseech y^r moste noble grace, that the knowledge of
y^r true gracious perswasion in that behalf, may redde the burthen
of my present feynesse, conserued of the drude & fere (by that) fore
such a greuous bill put by y^r learned counsaile in to y^r sight out of

parliament against me) lest yo^r grace myght be some sinister informat^{ion}
be made any thing to think the contrary. Which if yo^r highnes do not
(as I trust in god & yo^r great goodnes the maior by yo^r alme high
prudence examined & considered you will not) thin in my moost
fumble man I besech yo^r highnes p^{er}for (also it that in respects
of my former requeste the other thing yo^r very sight) yet sith
yo^r highnes hath bene before of yo^r more abundant goodnes / feared
& accumulated vpon me (though I was thereto very far vnhwistly)
fro tyme to tyme both w^{er}suppe & great lous to / sith I now stand
left of all such thinge, and no thinge w^{er} a desire but the life to
come / & in the meane while pray for yo^r grace / it may be yo^r highnes
of yo^r accustomed benignite somwhat to tender my p^{er}sonalite.
and not suffred by the meane of such a bill put forth against me
any man to take occasion here after against the t^ruth to stand
me. Which thinge shold yet by the p^{er}cell of th^{er}e alme soules
do theym selfe more hurt than me which shall I trust velle myn
harto with yo^r gracious fav^{er} to depend vpon the c^{er}te of
the t^ruth & hope of heven / and not vpon the fallible opinion
or some spoken worde / of light & some d^{er}ingable peple / and thus
moost dreade & moost d^{er}re soverayn lord, I beseeche the blessed trinke
p^{er}s^{er}ve yo^r moost noble grace both in body & soule, and all
that are yo^r well willers / and avoid all the contrary. among
whome if doe I be, ^{for as I have bene one} and then pray I god that so may with
myn open shame & destruction declare it. At my p^{er}sonalite
in cholesthe the fifteth day of march by the known ende send
of

yo^r moost humble & moost fey
faythfull subgrett & bodeman

Tho. More. Esq.

most grassest poffaryn lord please & I am in firmed
 dyward way & I hatte your hok comytt me lord of
 your expepyd myet mane addar at chylte & tarmennd
 to tample your gruce & I may odur by pdt to dyth ar
 by pdt in prisson and so to by dythed alas I may
 say I had a hard fort to by seynz ^{teor} your me warnon
 of thys in trabbys but I was glad to helpe thys
 tyme your and I your gruce knowed byt and now
 I am in thys man bett trabbys and peron when
 thay ar ydy to helpe to dyth me but I came no
 mor but god fye of thys wat so your odur
 on me for I am ~~etad~~ tarmennd for your grave
 od ^{he} I od me poffaryn lord and mastar and he had
 browth me op of nonth and I am your pzyth and
 prunt and he had asynde your gruce in by byng
 me pzyndy I munde your gruce to chyn the glyce your
 pzyth for the nyct I wyet most ymbyth hart I
 wylt yeld me self vn to your grasse handes to doo wyet
 me your addeyd & grasse I pzyth not fryng the malles
 of thys for I know your gruce ^{and you to} of steth nat byt
 can not by in thys pzyth to dyth me for ther
 malles but wat pzyndment pzyth I have pzyth
 thank god and your gruce of it and thynke if
 I have wyet depurnd it both to god and
 your gruce ad knowed your lord who opnd your gruce
 your most honnorabyth harted I pear wyet long byt
 and me most pzyndfoll wyet the your grasse fulmar
 wat soz so your I in dlyr thys for at most byt the
 exy day if apyeth by your most ymbyth pzyth and prunt
 I by the your gruce to byt of chylte vn to me cappe red may the
 exy day by half

Charles Brandon
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please your grace according to your commandment
 I have shewed the king's majesty howe your gra-
 ce has examined fransses phylippes and vynes
 after the beste and gentlest manner that you
 came wth out forse or violence whiche your
 grace thenkes schalbe moſte for the kyng's
 honor for suche reasons as your grace shewed
 me whiche I have related to his majesty in de-
 at order you entende to take wth themie that they
 schalbe not come thro the countie nor go out of
 London whiche order his majesty likes very wel
 he has redde vynes yfſtelle where you he writtes
 of thisgensviii you that his majesty welle writt
 his mynde under the sayde yfſtelle and sende
 lytt to your grace as knowes our lorde who
 sende your grace long lyfe and moche encrease
 of honor at wyndesore the 22 of febreare

your humble servant

J Russell

The first is y^e of f^or to be understood that the myght at myght
 came to me in the f^or my off^or. W^t was the f^or the of f^or
 off the my of f^or shall receive w^t f^or. And the f^or
 of f^or may f^or that the f^or shall not come f^or
 and all the f^or that the f^or doth cause for to be w^t it is only
 to d^ole off the f^or to the intent I shall do the best and
 that the f^or to f^or myght be assembled and to take
 the advantage of my and to one off my off^or shall
 warned me is the intent. saying the best to be f^or
 the off the f^or w^t the f^or for f^or to arrive. that
 and the f^or layde in off the best off the f^or in f^or
 to f^or to f^or f^or if the f^or the f^or w^t the f^or
 the f^or w^t the f^or I shall do the best and
 w^t the f^or shall receive the f^or off my off^or sent to
 the f^or the f^or shall f^or to the best. the f^or the
 went f^or the f^or Saturday in October and made procla
 mation in the f^or that all men that myght w^t f^or
 f^or to the f^or day w^t the f^or w^t the f^or w^t the f^or
 the f^or the f^or w^t the f^or. f^or the f^or the f^or the f^or
 about the f^or. but the f^or the f^or w^t the f^or I intende not
 they shall do w^t me. for at the f^or the f^or off I w^t the f^or
 to the f^or and do the most f^or f^or. f^or the f^or
 day off October at iii o'clock after myght

y^e most lowndey
 T. Howard

My owne goode master Secretary after my moste herty readm^e
 dacions wth lyke thanke for y^e goodnes w^{ch} wande me thes shalbe
 wth admynystre you that I have byn m^{ch} byn by my trusty
 frunde Thomas ordm^ewell. that ye have sygnifyd vnto hym
 wth my synneren cōsolatōn howe that ye bynge bygynne m^{ch}
 wth pety and cōpassion. and of this excellent goodnes and
 cheryti cōsiderynge the innuente cōdōn and stat that y
 stand yn hart cōwyllyd you wth other lord and mastyr
 of this howell cōm^{ch} wth m^{ch} to the p^{ch}g^{ch}ynge. and
 ab^{ch}olynge a^{ch}out furth^{er} t^{ch}art or delay. of myn. and and
 appoyntment and that my pardon. shulde be made in
 the moste ample forme that my d^{ch}erell w^{ch} d^{ch}erell. for
 this the kyng moste gracyous remembrance p^{ch}dyng of hym
 sylf. I aw^{ch}upt. my sylf not only moste cōdōn. to f^{ch}me
 and p^{ch} for the p^{ch}is^{ch}ment of this moste royal mar^{ch}te
 but also. thanke god that ye have occasyon. godyn and
 you wth a sollycyt^{ch} and s^{ch}ter^{ch} p^{ch}th of f^{ch}me. thynge
 at do and shal cōf^{ch}me my sayd. and in the makynge
 and cōmp^{ch}dyng wherof. myn assu^{ch}ed trust ys that
 ye w^{ch} shewe the l^{ch}ve and affec^{ch}on w^{ch} ye have and
 bere w^{ch} wande. me y^e olde lover and frunde so declarynge
 y^e sylf. th^{ch}er^{ch} that the world may p^{ch}er^{ch}me that by
 y^e good me^{ch}ans the kyng ys the better. goode l^{ch}ve
 vnto me and that more n^{ch}dey in manner. cōmynge to the
 world ther may be s^{ch}me respect had to my poore degre ob^{ch}er^{ch}
 and l^{ch}ve cōtynnyd f^{ch}me as shal be to the kyng byg^{ch}th honor
 and y^e g^{ch}et p^{ch}ysse and l^{ch}ve w^{ch} and w^{ch}ly shal shewe
 yf ye cōf^{ch}nde y^e cōmynent w^{ch} wande me and men paye
 that by y^e cōwyllyd and d^{ch}er^{ch}tyng I shalbe w^{ch}lyd. and in

thys my calamyte helpyn / at the reverens thirfor of god
myn done goode an secretury and refugy indue set to yo hande
that I may come to a laudable ende and repose. Saying that
I may be furnished after such a sort and manner as I may
ende my short tyme and lyft to the howe of Criste church
and the commonweal And besydes my dayly prayer and truer hert
I shal so requyte yo kyndnes as yo shal here cause to thynke
the same to be wel employed lyke as my lord truely prynces
shal more amply shewe oute yow to whom yt may please
yow to geve forme credens and lymyng and yens And I
shal pray for the increase of ys honor every tyme at after
wth the trowthyng^{full} and fmy hert of yo affynge lover
And bodyman)

T Car^{ls} 6002

To the myght honoralli
And my synguler goode
frende Master Secretary

Right worshipful maister Crumholpe afte most hartly
 commendacions & I doubt not but you do right wel
 remember that my lorde of Bocheste and maist' ayoze
 were contented to be sworn to the acte of the kynge
 succession, but not to the preamble of the same.
 what was the cause of thair refusal therof I am
 uncerteyn, ~~but I suppose it must be~~ & they wolde
 by no meanes expresse the same: notwithstanding it
 must needs be either the diminution of the auto-
 rity of the Busschop of Rome, or else the repro-
 bation of the kynge first promised matrimony.
 But if they do obstinately p'st in thair opinions
 of the preamble, yet me seemeth it shold not be refused
 if they wil be sworn to the veray acte of succession
 so y^t they wil be sworn to maintene the same
 agaynst al p'dors and potentates. For hereby shal
 be a greave occasion to ~~prove~~ satisfie the princeesse
 Dowager and the Lady Mary, which do thinke
 that they shold dampne thair souls, if they
 shold abandon and relinqush thair estat. And not
 onely it shold stoppe the mouthes of they, but
 also of th'empour and other thair freinds, if they
 give al moche credence to my lorde of Bocheste and
 maist' ayoze, ^{speaking or doinge} agaynst they, as they hitherto have
 done ~~could~~ & thought y^t ~~at~~ al other shold have
 done when they spake and did with they. And
 peradventure it shold be a good quietation to many
 other ^{shold} men this realm, if such men ~~may~~ say that
 the succession comprised wth the said acte is good and
 accordyng to godde lawes. For than I thinke to go.

it not one wite in this realm y^t wold not
reclayne agaynst it. And whoso abideth p^rsonel
either of a wilfulnes wil not, or of an indurate
and inextingible conscience can not, altho fro their
opinion of the King first p^rposed marriage (wherin
they have once said their mynde, & p^rcase have a
p^rsuasion in their head, y^t if they shold now vary
therfrome their fame & estimation were distayned
for ever) or else of the auctorite of the Busshepe
of Rome: yet if al the realm wold accorde wold
appoynde the said succession, in myngement it is
a thinge to be amplexed & embraced. Whiche thing
althoughe I trust surely in god y^t it shal be brought
to passe, yet God wille might not a litle wayke
the consent and other of these two p^rsones the
Busshepe of Wyche and maist^r are in their adve
rents or rather confederat^y. And if the King
pleasure so were, their said other myght be suppressed
~~but when and where~~ ^{but when and where} the Highe might take some com
dite by the publisshinge of the same. Thus our
lords have you in this copulation. Fro my man
at Croyden the xxij day of April.

Wth shew assured on
Thomas Cantuar

I thank you very much for your commendation of my letter by
 the bearer thereof and for the favour of your return
 at my request and my further understanding it is desired
 that I should be your special presence by the king's letter who may
 take it your diligence and advice therein by the way of
 sending you answer of his grace's pleasure in all things as by
 his said letter your special presence I doubt not but your special duty
 discharge your duty in the setting forth thereof as your grace
 by his letter, I advise you to take patiently your abode there
 until I should and to send me word what money your special
 order to have sent. Write you for I shall expect you. Assuring
 you that I could not see you that winter and laste abode
 there honestly furnished to returne home and at the latter
 end to returne home and discharging I do better than
 the king's grace? and I think you better than so to suffer you
 to leave. Advise you nevertheless that I think your grace
 should not stay so long unpaid you may your grace's money
 you are content to depart with it and lend it as you
 did lately yet I do to my hobby for which I think
 had no need of them for you had large furnishing of money
 at his grace's grace and he wrote at his grace's grace and as such
 not to send me disapproved. So here take heed therefore
 how your departure of your portion as you may and for peace.
 rather to be paid your self than for the promise of offer
 to leave your self much politer than you may not that
 way. If your special advice in what sum your special need
 I shall take away that your special presence I require you
 to pollin an answer of the same. By the king's grace and as
 shortly as you may and as often as you may have opportunity
 to advise his grace's grace of all manner of things from
 your grace's well from London this 21st of January 1538

Your assured friend
 Thomas Cromwell

My very good lord after my moste hartly commendacions
 shew y^e to give your lordshipps thankes for
 the goodnes that y^e have alwaies shewed
 y^e y^e maye can never be deforget on my
 parte, but y^e ther be any thinge y^e me
 of an honest man your lordshipps gentlines
 shal be shewed me, moste hartely desiring y^e
 lordshipps to have me y^e remembered y^e the
 p^{er}formance of an obbey, and if y^e were your
 lordshipps pleasure the way of burden lyfte very
 conveniently for me, but that y^e refer to your
 good lordshipps pleasure, y^e whom y^e putt all my
 trust, y^e shal be able much more my comfort
 to becom afuter to your lordshipps my selfe but
 that y^e shal be glad god to assist me and my
 to comen to the mesage, so that of y^e I dare not
 be so bold to com to your lordshipps till y^e know
 further your lordshipps pleasure, that y^e maye
 sende your lordshipps of good longe life of your moste
 hartly wille desire, from y^e the xxijth day of
 february by your lordshipps aford to amende //

Francis
 Hastings

Right honorable, Salute in chreste.

And yet, when I was at ~~the~~ ^{your} lordship's
 last, you were desirous to know, when
 you might have good news, I killed
 you of 100, at my lord of Wiltshire's,
 I told him that name ~~that~~ ^{that} to you
 but now I see the way is called
 poor way, the other clerk both Canterbury
 long of dominion, will be my
 of right judgment, at my house
 now, the poor of country, as I
 have say 125 den, the man is
 whether ~~my~~ ^{my} to the ~~given~~ ^{given}
 And I be so far forward, if you
 put the 100 of help ~~my~~ ^{my} hand
 I doubt not but my brother
 abbot of Wiltshire, as ~~it~~ ^{as} he might
 spare ^{the} you with 100 ~~that~~ ^{that}, for such
 a purpose, but much the rather
 if he can - 102 plus ~~that~~ ^{that}

I wold have wrytten vpon y^e lordshippe
my selfe as my deere hart desire, but
forsooke by y^e doo whan I caⁿ so able my
selfe to stande in the pulpytt vpon
sunday, I a^m a faynt wrytter
and all my booke, but chifferly in
the small of my backe, but I have
a good wrytter good matter
Aathaz, wch^{ch} by y^e whan I
was in hart felyce me boone
to have done howe, and doo
repeare me vpon it all day
for I for a refection, but yet
malyth bynt man for me
pray god. I the y^e lordshippe
longer in hart, so all such
good purpos^{es}, as god hath ordeined
you too

In after Aathaz howe
by I am
very of red. W. W. W.

my very good lord after my last remembrance
 the grace be most surely to desire you
 to advertise me in all speed by his bearer
 when my lord of Wyndesore shall be at
 Calais for it would not be long after a great
 thing for his maie's service but
 if Antony were should speak at my lord
 Lord before his departure whether
 intend immediately upon your advertisement
 to send him to my lord with diligence
 to answer upon his lordship for further
 resolution off things as regards
 to his maie's service ^{your} desiring you my
 lord to take me surely commended to
 him / thus with your lordship's leave
 to do as my self among things
 I am off October 1545

Yours loving ally

L. SURREY

where as I have been advised and wotage by standers
 a great sickness off my lord's hand in Calais which
 is blind and wounded I am assured to get him but
 if it please him to take him till I be able to get him
 a letter / I shall desire him to do

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This may be to require yo^r Lordship to be
 vigilant & permit it in the matter & give
 now yo^r hand in hand & gappy. For I am
 & the I & the other things may to be
 left. say be content. that it may, be wrapped
 up in silence & to say it is not expected
 it should come in gappy. But god knows
 if yo^r lordship saye given yo^r matters know
 that would bring it in gappy & not to be
 it & other, (now now will not understand
 the thing) to be left, we of the body
 of the value in my instance forced to.
 exoner yo^r making meaning. mark well
 the word that later with due state in
 the huge present coming the fact of any
 now must be imputed to the Lord. well I
 hold with. advice for the safety of the
 huge matter as for the time of the matter
 may be not be against the first reforming
 of it now. specially saye yo^r gappy
 pass beate. in I & the other things
 thing praye yo^r to the other things
 Lord. praye beate. and so I should go
 both to the things of yo^r Lord at present
 the day of January. 1550

yo^r Loving friend
 J. Dudley

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In my devery remembrance I had thought to have
 desired you to write thanks to my coffeee for his
 gentle liberalities towards me wch way the first
 of y^e lre frankly and like your self did not offer
 me hence also avoiding to your request but would
 needs scost me to your satisfaction that
 if I having any little desire towards your coffeee
 the same (not as monks & abbates) but in
 good faith, simplicity and partly so that I desire
 your judgement of your to be no less certain
 and assured than if I have known it to be
 in many other things And now considering
 any gratuity taken from me (as I understand)
 shall hereby I must dwell I have desired
 my duty amongst your commands by manifest
 benefits, as in some part I have satisfied my
 coffeee's goodness I am not only assured to take
 his gentle coffeee but also assured to be assured
 of you as my great and brightful of benefits
 wrought, wch I know to be vanquished of no
 laborious pains wch you may require a
 syndrome I am assured that y^e lre
 be the probate. your self as y^e would
 have it although neither I nor you
 are of your self in it is sure is good
 problem for you so as the from my paper
 no sure is y^e good fortune but yet if
 I had gone to Cambridge so might I have
 done for you no useful service (I say)
 but only exhibited unto you an argument
 of my indifference good will, not for me
 and not for you here I have a large playne
 to play on but I will not trouble you
 I left one for no thing all by to for key for
 my probate coming to Cambridge and yet
 I have now first of it by one of my coffeee
 friends I desire you do as y^e to now to be
 is to place my influence it y^e do not have
 me from drayn the standing y^e do must under

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& remembrance of your grace that you might please wth the
 p^{re}sent me writing at most convenient in my poor judgment
 to be comend^d & spoken of to you wth your gr^{ace} and to your
 presence hereafter.

first of all that I make hold true from your remembrance of the large
King's history given them at the Deputy, with being reduced to the
archbishop in writing. It seems well if some of the ladies for your sudden departure
after the large had not the time in writing that it was given to be said & given
with them. With affection to employ at the Deputy for the same reason
Hence.

And whereas amongst other things it is said that those that he named in the
first part of the letter were all present in the whole of his first ^{and last} ^{meeting of the}
may require him that they do observe. Especially to take care of the matter
that he now is found. The hymn to take being so short and the pleasure
is common to you. And that the king's pleasure of all the matter be exposed
in the council. After the further reception of them to be your and
your to find his pleasure therein. And amongst other things and
being in reputation to find the other resolution of the whole writing
those matters that he is to be involved in his pleasure that of that
you make likely to find of them that day to find with all speed to
the king's pleasure.

And whereas for the dilation of the Kings journey y^e ma^y thoughte well to put
in w^{ritte} w^{ith}er it was better w^{ere} to make a dilacion & prorogacion of the
parliament to Candlemas, beinge y^e house of the opinion that for necessity of money
prorogacion of the shoulde be more expedient: y^e ma^y not disallowing for
the the dispatch of the present necessity, w^{ith}al requyryng present paym^{ts} of money
paym^{ts}, as for the Kings returne & w^{ith}al for the import passage &
now as cause, as for the y^e arduous w^{ith}al for the payment of that is
of paym^{ts}: & for the debt of Ireland also. w^{ith}al w^{ith}al may please y^e
make to knowe y^e day of y^e grace w^{ith}al to do.

Lyke as the monumentes of auncient authors (moste triumphaunt, moste victorious, and moste gracious Princesse
 declare, how that a certayne excellent musician, named timotheus musicius, was wounte with his swete proportioned,
 and melodious armorye, to enflame Alexander the great Quonquerour and King of macedonia to ciuill warres,
 with a moste seruente desire: Euenso, I remembring with my self oftentimes how thatouer and besides suche
 manifolde benefites, as your highnes heretofore haith bestowed on me it haith pleased your moste Excellent Maie-
 jestie laith to accepte a litle plete of my simple penning which I termed, *Utopia Libana* for the which
 it being base, vile, and maymat, your Maieshie haith gyven me a riche theame of golde. The noyse, I say,
 of suche instrumentes, as I heire, now and then although ther melody distre muche, from the swete strokes
 and foundes of King Alexanders timotheus do not only, perswade and moue, yea pricke, and spurre me for-
 ward, to endeaoure my wittes daylie all vanities set aparte, to vertuous learning and study, being ther-
 to, thus encouraged so oftentimes, by your Maieshie's manifolde benefites, giftes and rewardes. But also
 I am enflamed and stirred euen now, my tendre age not withstanding, to be seruing your grace, wis-
 shing every haire in my heade for to be a wourthy souldiour, of that same self heret, myrde and stomache
 that I am of. But when, as I perceaue that neither my wite power, nor yeares ar at this present core-
 pending unto this, my good wille. This shall be therefore (moste gracious Princesse) moste humbly rendring
 vnto your Maieshie immortall thanks for your riche beane, and other your Highnes syndrie giftes
 gyven unto me, without anny my deservings, from tyme to tyme. Trusting in God, one day, of my van
 bounden dutie, to endeaure my self, with my faithfull heritie seruite to remembre the same. And being
 afraid, with this my superfluous wordes, to interfurb (God forsende) your Highnes, whos Moste Excellent
 Maieshie is alwaies, and specially now, occupied in moste weightie maters, thus I make an end. Praing unto
 Almighty God, moste humbly, and faithfully, to preserve, keepe, and defende, your Maieshie long reagi-
 ning ouer vs, all your true and faithfull subiectes, a moste victorious and triumphaunt Princesse, Amen.
 From Temple Newsome, the xxviij of marche. 1554.

Your Maieshie's moste bounden, and obedient subiecte, and seruaunt.

Henry darnley.

It may please your most excellent Ma^{ty}.
Ma^{ty}.

With a sorrowfull harte, and watery eies, f your poore suant and most lowlye Subject, an unworthy Secretary, besech your Ma^{ty}: to pardon this my lowlye suite. That considering the proceeding in this matter for removing of y^e french out of Scotland, doth not content your Ma^{ty}, and that I can not wth my conscience gyve any contrary advise, y^t f may be wth your Ma^{ty} favor, and clemency, be spared to intermeddle therein, and this I am forced to doo of necessity. for I will never be a minister in any your Ma^{ty} service, wherunto your owne mynd shall not be agreeable. for therunto I am sworn, to be a minister of your Ma^{ty} determinations and not of myne owne, or of others though they be never so many. and on the other part to serve yo^r Ma^{ty} in any thynge y^t my self can not allow, must needs be an unprofitable service, and so vntoward, as therein I wold be loth your Ma^{ty} should be deceyved. and as for any other price, though it wer in your Ma^{ty} Kitchen or Garden from y^e bottom of my harte I am redy wthout respect of estimation welth, or ease, to doo your Ma^{ty} Comandment. to my lyves end. Wherof I wish wth all my poore sorrowfull hart y^t yo^r Ma^{ty} wold make some proosse. for this I doo affirme y^t I have not had sence your Ma^{ty} reigne, any one dayes joye, but in your Ma^{ty} Honor, and wele.

[illegible]

F. C. Lynskey

Your humble my loving good L. after my most joyful greeting
 frome I trust you have to of my mite mune shewing against
 me for so far from abroad that it may also shew you
 David. I know no more in my self saving we must
 affecting god have granted to our well worshipful the good
 will I have to you some wege of my duty and
 the intertainment of some mutual duty to be long for our mutual
 And being that my first intention grounded upon a good
 faith say engaged to me the peace of our country
 I and all my life in the realm of Scotland. And knowing
 you good, L. must affecting you in your power to
 and to you same end. I then it my duty to give
 you, L. to understand the same knowing what you
 as you good will I must to of your so far you will
 and place of power to be shown the same in our great
 part. Especially being this some must dangerous and
 my own to of it by our way more you becom
 we will not and for my own I must directly
 craft of you know to stay off we be all undone
 than power of you, L. for more to be found all
 your to do And so as matters fall further they
 to of strength we may trust further and further to
 toward. as of our to give god have granted to know
 the subtle device of our against the innocent
 of of you to know our power of
 the world against you same and to be many ways
 I say to be his interposition. And thus no
 doubting of your good will I commit your humble
 L. to the protection of god from Scotland your aff
 of July 1565

Your humble L. must
 assuredly. 222
 James Stewart

My very good Lords, although I know my self ignorant
 byddeth me rather be still, then by writing to yo^r wisdomes
 move myne owne tale in telling: yet presuming upon the
 generall fauour yo^r godly & noble natures shew to all sufers
 I, poor captiue, am bold to lay my griefes as well as I can
 before yo^r fauorable iudgements. Among w^{ch} griefes
 though myne owne long emprisonment be great: & hers
 greater, who for my sake hath bydden here longer: yet
 the greatest grief & inward sorow is the losse of the
 Queene Maies^{ties} fauour through my unfortunate
 desert. The recovery whereof resteth only in her
 highnesse mercy through yo^r honorable mediations. To
 offer satisfaction for my offence I am not able, neyther
 do I seake to excuse my fault, & much less: will I
 enter into the particularities of my case. Only my
 humble petition is upon this my lowly & reuerent
 submission yo^r honours will be means to restore me unto
 fauour. Touching the fine, though it be greater then
 I am able to beare, yet is it not so great (as if I were
 able) I am willing to pay; so as therth shall might be
 obtained the Queenes Maies^{ties} to be my good & gracious
 Lady, my former fault forgiven, & some fauorable
 order & end taken in this my unhappy case. And
 therefore good my Lordes, so indge of me, as that I
 think my life, my lining, & all I haue to liue to
 spend, to remove my gracious Queenes displeasure,
 & indignation, from me. Further upon my knees
 I humbly beseech yo^r honours to haue some fauorable
 remembrance concerning the long captivity of the Queenes

Hignesse poore kinswoman, & that she & I both, after
this long emprisonment may, by release from this thrall,
feele the sweete benefite of her Maies ties pardon, whereof
all sortes of late have tasted. Good my Lordes, procure
some mercifull consideration & tolerable end of our
lamentable estate. Geaunt us some occasion by service to
shew our redy willes, to recompense some part of our faulte
Thus, my Lordes, I must needs end before I have haile
doon, aswell for not being tedious, as also for that I
know your honorable considerations can deale better for
our furtherance, then I know to desyre. And therefore
on Gods behalfe, committing the same into yo^r honorable
handes, & trusting you will interpret this my
writing, according to my good & sound meaning, I
cease further to trouble your Lordships, & rest in
prayer for the Queens Hignesse long preservation,
& your honorable Lordships.

Your Lordships in all respects
at commaundment.

Edward.

The lamentable complaint off my oppresyd mynde.

Although the lord knowthe, I ^{am} made in lawe and also made in all worlde affectios never
 thought to have putte penne to paper agayne, yet by profe hanging ~~off~~ ^{from} naturall afflictions ys able
 to worke that wyche terror off death could not doe. I would not forbear to wyte this short p^{er}tying
 wherby to explicate the bytter p^{er}sons off my mynde. I expectyng the ever when I shuld be commanded
 to hasten my selfe to paye the due dette off flesche, and also to satisfye my judgement in lawe for
 my dyso^bedience, I wrote as I thought my last letter to my ~~dearest~~ ^{belovyd} boye, in the wytyng wheroff
 I protest b^{er}for almyghty god, nature wrought as furder to me then that to admyre the hymne I thought
 sommuch off my ^{cherished} p^{er}sons, hymne well bestowd, p^{er}tye for good wyl wyche I have to hym his brothers and sisters
 but chiefe for that my selfe bound in conscience in my last farewell to forwarne them off thours heynous
 faults that I ~~my~~ ^{found} my selfe bound to all, in generalltye because hym would not permytt me then
 to enter ⁱⁿ p^{er}tyculars, as also because I had att hande h^{er}tye in my former wytyngs suffyng^{er}lye
 admyred them. Touchyng my forgettyng off my bounden dewtye to almyghty god and my dysloyall
 dealyngs towards my most gracyous (and by experyence I have ~~to~~ ^{wonderfull} profe) my most mayestfull
 soverane ladye D^{eu}me, and my l^oves. But when the care off the world and all worlde afflictions,
 the feare off death, and the bytter compunctyons theroff, by the most blisshyd strengnyng off me off my
 omnypotent father in a strong and firme fytthe in my onyge savyour I^{esu}s crist, could not move my
 morefynd dede caryon, then came warnyng unto me that my tyme was differnd wyche speche
 what effect ytt wrought in me att the first god knowthe, flesche and blood dede so p^{er}tye it
 my spirytual soule, but well I remember after w^h tyme I recoverd my soden sonychment I found
 in my selfe that ytt was not somuche the care betwene lyfe and death that dole so much worthe
 in me suche an Amazement (wyche be bothe naturall, longe or schortz accordyng to the lords plesur),
 But rather to see nature overcome nature wyche in this my case dede so manye wayes appeare. O
 lord howe can nature worke to yeld to that wyche ys thought to be h^{er}tyfull to ytt selfe, No more can
 one earthelye p^{er}ynce p^{er}tyer a corruptyd member w^hin ther state, When I nowe wayd my ~~face~~ ^{face} extror=
 dynarye stage, w^h my y^ldeserts as also havyng harde y^{et} even the contynnyng grafe off my most
 gracyous queene p^{er}ys my condempnation. I chide then conscience to my selfe that all this mayestfull
 respects that I have receayd procedyd onyge off her mayestyes most gracyous and tender harte
 wyche dede so farre overcome me as ytt bare more vigor and force in me ~~then~~ ^{then} ~~either~~ and wrought
 that wyche lyfe and death could not p^{er}sewte. But o unhappy wreche that ~~wreche~~ that I am
 that my y^l deserts shuld be such as that I shuld geve this occasyons off p^{er}tyons to my so
 worthe and mayestfull my l^oves, thus her h^{er}tye to p^{er}secute her lawes agaynst me
 makes me upon inst grownd to gather, that too nature p^{er}tye in her most gracyous mynde the
 one for that off her goodnesse, ~~for~~ ^{for} her mayestye the ~~not~~ ^{not} forgett that I was ~~poore~~ ^{poore} unworthe
 kynsmen wyche nowe by my mysdoles are not worthe to clame p^{er}tye off my meanest
 kynfolkes muche lesse ones to thynke what p^{er}tye I was to her most excellent mayestye
 The other for that ytt shuld seme that my wretched lyfe shuld be h^{er}tye to brende parrell to
 soe blyssyd a fo^lowes. O lord god ytt the case stand so alas whye shuld I lyve one daye to
 brende but suche a fawe in her h^{er}tye most gracyous harte but ytt the contynnyng off my
 lyfe shuld brende parrell to so p^{er}tyous a p^{er}tye whye rather shuld not I rather
 be p^{er}tye to a hundred deaths, and whye shuld that naturall affectyons off her mayestye
 wyche in kynred off my fast deserts I have ~~lost~~ ^{lost} ~~lost~~ ^{lost} beare more swage w^h her then I
 care off her owen most royall p^{er}son whyche her mayest nature dothe move her to be most
 carefull off, and the schewyng off this over naturall cuntrye dothe onyge p^{er}tye off god off his
 mayestfull goodnesse p^{er}tye in to her h^{er}tye harte that wyche maye make most ~~off~~ ^{off} ~~for~~ ^{for} the
 p^{er}tye off her mayestyes most p^{er}tye p^{er}son, and my death maye eny waye p^{er}tye ~~for~~ ^{for} the
 one p^{er}tye that I have not a thousand lyves that I mygt yeld the one to the satisfactyon
 off her h^{er}tye lawes, and that mygt p^{er}tye the rest eny waye that mygt ~~for~~ ^{for} the
 or p^{er}tye her ^{mayest} overmayestfull soverane ladye and my l^oves. My dyso^bedient deserts have
 bene suche as I knowe not howe I can ever deserve lyfe, nor yet can I be so impudent

as once to have one onlye thought that I schuld presume to sue for that wyche my yll defects
hathe so justlye lsd. I saye onlye I wyll praye to god for, that ytt maye be hys litle wyll to geve
me grace ether it my lyfe yff ytt please hys wysse & vnderstandyng to grant ytt, or wth my
death to make as muche satisfactyon in the one or the other ^{as my power and myghte} for my offences in this world chertye
comytted agaynst her most gracyous maistye. And then yff my wretched death come best serve
her wysse & most humble beseeche the heavenly lord to putt in her most gracyous mynde
to doe that wyche maye be most for her maistyes sake, and to strenguen me wth hys holle spyrte in
my faythe onlye in Iesus Cryst that I maye dye hys fervant, yff otherwyse my lyfe maye enye wayes
be able to make some litle recompence for the number off my great offences, done to her wysse then
I doe most humble beseeche hys devyne godhead that ytt wyll please hym to putt into her
maistyes most mercifull mynde that wyche maye enable me to make profe yea (even wth
the last droppe off my houlde blood, howe faine I wold venter this & my wretched carcase to
doe her wysse the best servys that myghte be in myss small power, in whatt state or degree
so ever althowh ytt wem never so base or meane. Well I wyll end this my lamentable
wrytynge wth this prayer that ytt wyll please my Almyghtye father for hys deare son Iesus
crystys sake, to grant me grace whether I lyve or dye that ytt be to hys honor and
glorye, and to the satisfactyon off my most gracyous soverayne ladye and mystrye and
yff ytt wem hys litle wyll that her maistye knowe the secrets off my inward
harte. and then her wysse schuld knowe that whether I lyved or dyed I will
by gods grace doe neither the one nor the other, but as faine as my repentant mynde
could, to her & maistyes ^{most} satisfactyon, honor, and servys whom I beseeche the heavenly
lord for hys mercyes sake longe to preserve, and send her manye servants wyche
maye beare her as true harte as I now doe, and att my last breathe by gods grace
schall, howsoever hertofore most dysloyallye I forgott my selfe Amen 12 Febr 1571

By the wretched hand off hym that lokyd not to have
bene a lyve nowe in this world But god and her maistyes
wyll be done Amen. Tho Howard.

I have not yet been by his brother who brought me also
 orders for the R. I. mother and myself, where I perceived
 that concerned very good opinion of my daughter for the
 furtherance of the matter of marriage with her. I must
 I have brought good presence to the brother again, for her
 so desired good desire. I would I have enjoyed the
 state of her matter, as only she said that her
~~father~~ of the whole for religious of her must will
 by no means colour. All other articles as necessary
 to her must satisfy her demand to the end.
 I have expressed her for as yet as I think will
 where upon her, for her other good bringing
 where, as I might advise her her father
 not speak of it at all, for some time she must
 avoid to bring her to his sister her full name her
 interest in her to be her husband. Thus by an
 oath or other declaration. And finding she must
^{discontinue} her agreement of her matter with so good
 as she has found in her matter, I cannot but for
 of being good service. I being as for in support
 of her must satisfy. I hope of my place good to her
 range of oblige. I must say for well of her father
 but I am avoiding to be advised, where I have to
 can add to her consideration to her.
 The brother will further declare to her of my mind
 to be as I know. It is to be a good and happy
 and desired to her mother, as her range of oblige
 The most fully remembered and loved father.
 To your brother of mine with assured friends
 I remain
 Your loving friend
 R. Dudley E.

my good Lords These are to Let you Understand,
 if this gentleman, now after he hath halpyd to see for
 ward & thynge conceyved in & Comysion for & musters,
 as if he wold suffer for it cause onelye being in his
 Journey towards London, of hym selfe he returned by thys.
 And now he comyth uppe to goo thorrow in his accounts
 wherein he desireth your L. good favor, if he may

come to a good end. and for if purpose
 he hath desyred my Lres to your L. at this tyme. And this
 good, & crays, so well knowne to your L. dothe
 require your ^{righte} most sufficiente for hym.

Wee have here begonne & musters, and in sum places I
 have gone my selfe, for my better knowledge of & Cuntrye,
 and setting forward of thers, then els I wold have seen;
 where I founde greate numbers of able men,
 and a people most wyllynge and readye to serve hyr maj^{ty}
 even in Craven where they are most favorant of god and
 religion. So as if they may have good guydes, In my opinion
 no parte of this realme ~~my~~ dothe breede better subiectes, then
 they wyl be heare. As your L. dyd once wyte, ^{then now be heare,} many
 ysons of honor. I have in mynde well affected to Religion
 and Justice, myghte be heare well bestowed, to if glorie of god
 service of if prince, and comforte of if Cuntrye. but one greate
 one of if contrarie disposition, may doo heare muche more harme
 then in any parte of if realme, as I knowe. I was at Skipton.
 where I sawe somewhat if makyth me remember this now. I trust
 if younger Lorde be well broughte uppe. of late he had sum of
 his cuntrye men attendynge upon hym, but if he had none, yt wold
 be better. I am sure none can be more desyrous to graffe in hym all
 vertue, then if good Earle who ys his gardeyn. I feare to trouble
 your L. and therfor do desyre of your laste fulle favor for if leave,
 and in wyshe to you of all felicitie in if Lorde, I take my leave
 yorke 26. of April. 1575. your L. assured to be
 Huntingdon. ~~Edw~~

My Lord the malice off ^{is} Enemyes to the more Jewesses
 against us of this sort have been caused by the Co. may will
 & now to show the cause at the English hands and therefore we
 doubt not but they will be able by all means possible to
 procure a misfortune for us of their evil will. All these
 they do that is necessary to create a blood at the English hands
 But what shall we do? The malice to you say we fear you
 shall take such knowledge with you as to know the principles
 have to do with you many good profits to the world
 off the enemy & my Lord nature of you may not mistrust
 the first example off the enemy shall show upon
 you the have to do with the way natural - parcere
 subiectis & debellare superbos. Now have I said of self to the
 may will to some Countrymen you would not have done
 for no extremity my have done / now trust for may will
 not put it out off the hands to make any other
 specially of mortall Enemyes of the may will / if it be
 please for may will to extend for most gracious clemency
 towards us the may be as assured to have us spiritually
 at the liberty as any off this nation you as any subject
 off the crown. For more that you may sleep of
 please to the may will further they be for you my Lord
 the may will be for will by us spiritually in the
 roots we are by we must stop us off small value
 you may for may will be as of the great character some
 away we will be able to show for may will turn, no of any
 being off will assuredly the shall be in the off good
 will / you L. knoweth already what is against us / now
 pray you L. to further the / that we may have hymnifying
 you L. friend ship my Lord we by for stand for us

before of twenty years ago I have tasted the off paper which
 pray you to be in the same manner with the off the last
 great misery which now I have more made this and now
 had what I fear of the service of I have been before me you own
 good natural if by y^e mediation of my father and y^e L.
 shall have now especially bound to do you service / be sure of
 me will endeavor to please to make so good cause to get
 me y^e L. now but no more shall have occasion to think for
 been fit will be bound to do so if misreports off it
 encourage private against me / so that I am not by the me
 hands of you may make off what please for what I fear
 you will be of service now with also for the L. your
 who is known to be a true & sincere friend may so far
 that I have off all of which I am both in the L. & both
 & is as well minded as now as I have in the me
 I have will be able to do for you as much as I can
 as any subject off both. now so that I am
 so that I am so that I am so that I am so that I am
 by course of my y^e L. now I am omitted / the
 make sure of me so that I am so that I am so that I am
 y^e L. now I am so that I am so that I am so that I am
 and so that I am so that I am so that I am so that I am
 first off June 1875

y^e L. alway so at
 to command

J. Martland
 M. Lyberty

So to transmit a sharpe message that m^r D. wilson saith
 y^e willed him to saie to me, concerninge certaine strangers,
 howe larkie peradventure of information y^e L. is offended.

Thus standeth the case, I am not greatlye starte to my ut-
 termoste habilitie to provide for strangers, whose state I have
 alwaies pittied. Deus novit. / No for counte montgomerie &
 those ministers of ffraunce exiled, I did not onlie procure by
 collection a good portion, but also gave them of my owne purse
 a large and an honest portion amongst them, rejoysing I have
 not yett myse blessed, nor entende not, lett offe men deligeat
 in there gloria patri, I will doe but what I can quietlye.

I sawe a lre that y^e L. shoulde sende to the B^r of Loppes
 London that he shoulde provide for an Irish b^r of Loppes.

The truth is one Irish b^r of Loppes came to me sometime I returned
 at my table, and gave him certaine crowns. / The Italian M^r
 Alexander poppon y^e letters I returned him both frendlye and
 gentlye, I thinke he cannot saie the contrarie, I gave him
 also certaine ffraunce crowns, I returned him ~~at~~ at my house.
 And offered him in my hall when he cometh. / I offered him
 also his entertainment with in my house, & to provide him finge
 necessaries. / My L. of Bedford and himselfe refused it, as not
 convenient. I signified unto him that the Q^{ueene} might give
 him the next advowson of a prebend in Dunsterberie & Exeter, but
 y^e L. liked not that, as to him I did promise my diligens
 in the same. I also gave written for him to receive of my
 B^r of Loppes, for some prebends, but I heare not that they have any
 void yett. I wrote to the B^r of L. for him, for a prebend
 in

in his church, he writeth unto me that he hath sent p^{er} one to y^e
for him for the next voyage. Also I am contented that he may
give out of the prebends w^{ch} I give in Chambe^{re} of Exchequer for the
advancements of the same till they fall. / Furtherm^{ore} one malap^{er}ias
sumtime in fustes Bussepe, w^{ch} he hath been longe in prison, &
w^{ch} I knowe that he gave papist^{er}all comitell to him of my
foulle cominge to visit him, but nowe he saith he is returned fro
papist^{er}, and saith y^e fav^{or} him, and that y^e are above to give
him an fustes Bussepe. / He came to me to requite a
pluralitie, but I tolde him it shoulde be a comitadam that he
must see first for at the C. handes, and I would give him
my fees and dismissed him and gave him an honest p^{er} of gold. /
If y^e knewe the truthe of myabilitie, y^e shoulde see I doe
as much as I can, I am not gath^{er}er nor will be, w^{ch} soever the
state abroad. / Coram Deo non mentior, I am compolled to borrowe
tutis half y^eart before my munnye runneth in for my owne
expence. / Exceptinge a litle monie that I gave to burie
me, I have not superfluitie, sed haec domestica p^{er}. /
As I was thus writinge m^r Alexander Artolinus came to dine,
not sittinge with my self, for that I am distempored, & kept
my chamber, so dined in the hall, after dinner I sent him
wordes of gladnesse of that prebend that he is of the
shoulde give him, and I caused him to be asked, w^{ch} ever he
would god with me into Kent, he made no grinte thereto,
but would first commun with y^e or my L^o of Bedforde. /
Thus I commend y^e L^o to the favour of almighty god.
From my house at Lambeth the 10th of April. /

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y^e L^o Lovinge friends in Christe. /

Matt Cantuar

My very good L^d. as you sh^d great rurshe out & our omben
 dnd me to trouble you further, I sh^d not like to do it I have
 presumed; & emoynd as well by you^r L^d. direction, as also in private
 prescribed by you^r L^d. rurshe ^{ought} of my Obedience. To write
 at this point unto your Maty. I sh^d not according by your Maty's
 bounden duty. Wh^{ch} I sh^d not do of the same unto you^r L^d. I sh^d not
 the consideration of the same to be as well favorable,
 owing to by you^r L^d. greater judgment; as also the imperfections
 and errors, to be amended and supplied by you^r L^d. perfect
 wisdom. I sh^d not as you^r L^d. sh^d not ^{not} but your Maty.
 the advice & counsel of my noble and honorable estate, & by
 your singular favour, & since the more ordered & better, I
 must say so. So I sh^d not say you to address unto you^r L^d.
 most worthy & virtuous day by, sure increase of yours of good
 fortune, but the happy estate, to the comfort of all your
 friends, maye many yours & more. The blessed family of
 you & my excellent and me. And by this last of Decemr

Yours L^d. most humble
 & obedient & devoted
 Son. Philip Howard.

My good Lord. I hartely thank your L^y for
your letters sent by this bearer to m^r Attorney
C. to y^e Solicitor, in furderrance of my causes. But
most for your kind and graine iadains to my
self, w^{ch} I will follow ~~as~~ wth such patient
as it make for ~~these~~ ^{these} that
though I must confess, that loss of rooke and
wealth are growing sundries to such as be of any one
sort, that cannot remove ^{out} ~~them~~ ^{out} ~~sees~~ out of y^e
Fire of y^e World, as men of meaner pathing
may. It semeth to her maty, by giving order
for y^e settling of my doct, (th^{is} ofend wh^{ch} of
appoynt under m^r secretaries hand) had resolved
to make this her last benefit, wth out respect
other of my credit, ~~these~~ ^{other} ~~honor~~, or in England.
Wherof I have published my ^{owne} wth such
confidences, as ~~that~~ ^{her} maty ^{first} by lres, gave
and within two ten daies, wth greeting Wordes,
did give me cause to hope constantly of
but I protest that as the first cause of my going
was y^e prophogen benefit, ^{of both parties} and her mat^s prinal
service, and my ^{owne} ~~altruism~~ ^{will} to go again wth
like mynd; So I will wth as small ^{wishing} ~~giving~~ as
so great loss of expence and my mainf^{est} ~~disfavour~~
~~loss~~, will suffer, ~~for~~ accept this difference wth a
patience and quiet mynd, and thynke every thing

equall that her maty shall impose upon me
for she is my ^{only} sovereign, And as long and long
have Drapers met I this opinion: So in the
minds of my troubles, I find this a principall
comfort, that your L: both weigheth ^{and} ^{me} ^{adviseth}
so savingly freely and withdraweth not your
good opinion, ~~which~~ ^{which} ^{is} ^{my} ^{harder} of my fortune
for which I will always be thankful to
your L: This rest that cometh with my busyness
I refer to the bearer; being ^{now} ready to go
towards ground to meet you in L: of Oxford,
to which I know I am heartily glad. And so
wishing your L: health I comitt you to god
At Driffield House 27 of April 1526.
your L: most assured
to. Comander.

W. L. S.

[illegible]

My very good Lord I have receaved your comfils om
the, wherein you I doth commend to me, y^e honorable ca
that your state and price now in hand doth vifor, wherof
truly my Lord I do assure you no kifs a portio of my
care om dravell for many vifor, as y^e furtherance of
your own honor than if it was as most man
kynsmen in blood, and for y^e avacment of y^e adve
if I shuld not wth all y^e powers of my heart
continually doth wish and work avacment thereof
I was to be an accused p^{te} in y^e sight of God
considering y^e vifor of this laste tyme to y^e
glory of God, & y^e safety of y^e 2. p^{te}, to y^e vifor
of this vifor. In a p^{te} vifor, wherein
for my p^{te} vifor I doth both for my self and
my posterity, I have as much p^{te} vifor as any
of my devert. And this I pray you my Lord
make a p^{te} vifor accept of me and for my
devert. If vifor y^e report to Mr. Foxe, who
hath this afternoon had me in most vifor
p^{te} vifor at his place, to favor and maykean you
and your adve, as the vifor means at this tyme
to vifor vifor to p^{te} vifor.
for my couch in my ch^{er} not yett habb to vifor
for wth God send you from a p^{te} vifor
this vifor of Dec^{er}. vifor vifor as my
W. B. M.

I pray you have care of my Cousin South Grenill for
 his company of Lances. The opinion of service encreaseth
 and he is already at the Camp you shall do him and
 me a great favour so cause his dispatch. For myself
 I made yesterday night a resolute end wth the G. H. for
 she told me of herself, that she would not have me
 discontented though she disposed of the office of Lt
 generall of the horse about her person on some other
 w^{ch} she did resolve upon. I told her Ma^{ty} I could be
 as well content to serve her privately in the field
 as to take an office here wth such conditions. Upon Wednesday
 I meane to goe to the Camp w^{ch} I do humbly desire
 you to further for as you well know yt is not now
 fitt for me to tarry heere. And so recommending my
 Cousin Grenill suite to your speedy remembrance I
 humbly take my leave from your horse at midnight
 this 29th of July. 1688

Yours most faithfully
 J. J. Hall
 J. J.

Sacred Majesty

While I labor to hew
downe this overgrown tree off rebellion, your Majesty
do but marke how much is yet uncutt, you will
thinke my worke to bee farr from the ende, but if
you be safe to take how nere the axe w^{ch} you have
given me is to the harte off the tree, it will appear
how easely if you use force it wth your fayre and
myghty handes wth a suddaine though but a shorte
strength, it will fall wth his stone weyghte. If
I did love my wages better then my mistress, I should
desyre to bee payed by the day, and to prolonge my
worke, but I have taken this task in great, in
great obedience, for it was by your absolute com-
mandement, in great desyre to accomplishe it, for it
is my duty. And I do labor in it wth so great
scale and sincerety, that I am nott affrayde off the
eye off my mistress, but wish that what so ever
is betwene her bright sight, and the labors off
my harte were transparent; if my travayle be
deceptable to your Majesty I have my ende, and desyre
no greater reward; and if I with all that I have
may stopp the quill off the war, by throwinge
my selfe to bee swallowed up therein, I shall be
a happy and a contented Curtius, and one grating
thought off yours throwen after mee shall be more
precious then all the Jewells off the Ladys off
Rome; but while I live I lett me live in your
favor, for I am your

Yours truest servant

Shuntio

8th June, 1600

T. Sackville E. of Dorset, to Sir Julius Caesar. 1606. (Ces: M.S. 12507. fol. 9.)

myⁿ Chamberlaine / for that the E. ma^{ty} returned
on Monday next by 7 of the clock after dinner
and will take for release of a matter that
Dorset concern his special service / & in which your
assistance is also specially commanded by his ma^{ty}
therefore I must pray you not to fail to be at
my house between one & 2 in the afternoon
the morrow being Monday / for that without
you I cannot perform that service according to
his h. commandment in that behalf / which I
must request you not to fail in no wise
And so I rest

Sunday 22 March
Wm. Dorset Esq

Your very loving &
affured friend
E. Dorset

To my very loving friend
Sir Julius Caesar Knight
Chamberlaine of the Kings

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My dear friend
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines
will find you the same. I am sorry I cannot write you more
often but I am so busy at present that I have no time.
I am, however, thinking of you very much and hope to hear
from you again soon. I am, dear friend, ever your
affectionate friend,
John G. Thompson

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New York

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I have sent you herewith a petition
delivered unto mee in the behalf of cer-
taine poore men dwellinge at Gosport
who have been hardy used by winter,
who under colour of beinge Caplayne
of the Kinges pinnace hath committed many
insolencies, as also a waile of divers other
his misdeameours wth the neglect of his
duty & charge, all w^{ch} & much more
(as I am informed) will be proved
against him, if it will please my lo:
givinge Seale to appointe some to examine
the parties that unplayne, & some other
dwellinge thereabouts, who will be redy
to justify these thinges & more, but
they beinge poore men would be utterly
ruddone if they should goe to London to
be examined, wherefore my lo: weave
best to appoint my: who hee shall thinke
fitt to take their examinations here in
the contrie. My lo: Shandos hath dyed
for I heare no newes of him & am therefore
overlayne of my cominge into the playnes
but if I come you shall heare from mee
otherwise I hope we shall make all your
returne wth when wishinge you good sport
I rest
your assured friend

J^h Southampton

The 17 of Octob.

To the right honorable, the Lords of his
Ma^{ty}: most honorable privy counsell,

Right honorable and my very good Lords. I am constrained
to trouble you, rather then be guilty of the danger of
life whearin Hugh Crompton, and Edward Reenes,
two of my servants lately comitted to the Marshalsea,
for my cause, remaine. I am informed diuerse neare
that prison, and in it, are lately dead, and diuerse
others sicke of contagious and deadly diseases. /
Whearfore I humbly beseech your Honors to comiserate
theyr distresse, and consider that they are servants,
and accoumptable for diuerse debts and reckninges,
which if they should dy would be a great
preiudice to me and others. And thearfore I humbly
beseech you to moue vnto his Ma^{ty}: my most
humble suite and theyrs, that it will please his
Ma^{ty}: they may be remoued to some other healthfull
Aire.

Arbella Seymaure.

take hold of to do you all the right j could; And truly j must
tell you that j finde very good inclinations towards you,
and j attribute the not clearing of y.^r business onely to a
certaine slownesse that unless it be quickened now accompa-
nieth all things; and that quickening must procede
mainely from y.^r selfe; y.^r friends can but dispose things
fairly, y.^r owne sollicitation must be the ground to move
upon; and j doubt not but you will have a faire passage.
In negotiating all w.^{ch} and all things else that may be
of service to you, j will employ my selfe w.th as much
affection and heate as any servant you have. I pray you
excuse me j waite not on you my selfe now, for j am not
very well and my coach is lame; within a few daies j will
attend you, but j thinke j shall first go to Court againe—
where j will not omit to remember serving you if j can.
Thus kissing y.^r handes, j rest

Charterhouse yard this

present Thursday — y.^r humble servant

Kenelm Digby

Right honorable

I meete th of favours in so many of my occasions
that I were happy, if in this ~~negation~~ employment wherein
I am, or by any endeavour I could yeeld y^e ho. some real
testimony, of my humble respect & service to y^e, bespeaking y^e
ho. to continue that good inclination to mee, for besides
the discouragement, I stand by it, I shall stand cause
to hope that y^e plentiful & honorable assistance & good
wishes will bring wth them good success to the action
whether I am going. Though by this lamentable accident
of the French L. we ster but to leaden scales. if the
French aydes should faile we all know that his Ma^y will
indge the supporting of the Princes an action so full
of religion & honor, that he will joyne wth they states
in supplying royally the want of French Leases
wth out to indeed the cause must loose reputation & the
House of Austria be invited, to put abroad his horns
& brag that our side can not find a ^{protector} ~~defender~~
no man can better indge of these things the y^e honor
so that it were ill manners to speake more of it. All
I will add shalbe a true unfayned love to doo y^e
service & be thankfull to y^e worthy lady, for that comfort
I find by my wives letter. she affords ~~to~~ ^{to} her
I desire that my service to Lov^e La. & both y^e worthy
daughters may be remembered, & that y^e ho. will
ever ascribe mee

y^e Ho.

most affectionat friend
& servant

Edw. Cecil

from the House of Cecil
of Mayo.

Dear dad and Gosope

The chiefest advertisement of all, we omitted
in our other letter which was to let you know
how we like your daughter, his wife, and
my late mistress, ~~with~~ without flattery I think
there is not a sweeter creature in the world
~~the~~ babe Charles him self is so much at
the hart, that he confesses all he ever yett
saw is nothinge to her, and ~~he swears~~ ^{if that} ~~that~~
he want her there shall be close, I shall
lose no time in hastening there conjunction, in
which I shall ~~pleas~~ ^{pleas} him her you and
my selfe most of all in ~~it~~ ^{thereby} getting
Libertie to make the speedier hast to lay
my selfe at your feet, for never none
longed more to be in the armes of
his mistress, so craving your blessing
I end

I have inclosed ~~to~~ ^{to} or
three letters of the
conde of Olivares to Gundenar
where by you will judge of
his kind carefullnes of you
some

Your humble slave
and doge

Jeemie

S^r

now we have left rowling our progres
and are come to a place of more seridnes
I will intreat the fauour of you I had
at my coming last fro my house in the
lone of that booke of letters of S^r
Thomas Moore and Fisher, w^{ch} this
beares my seruant will bring -
safely vnto me. and withall if you
will lett me haue the perusal of -
such special writings you haue
touching the Admiraltie, ~~that~~ it
will be a double obligation: wherof
I will studie to acquit my self in
all thinge w^{ch} concerne y^r seruises
and our x^{ch}

yours to be commaunded

Dorchester.

Hamp. ton court
this 27 of 7^{ber} 1628.

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the
and have given it the consideration it deserves. I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the
and I am sure that you will be able to find a more satisfactory arrangement in the future.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

Yours very truly,
J. M. Smith

Received of J. M. Smith
the sum of \$100.00
for the purchase of land
the 10th day of May 1861

Noble Sr

'Tis well for mee that letters
cannot blush, else you woud easily reade
mee guilty. I am ashamed of so long a
silence and know not how to excuse it
for as nothing but businessse can speake for
mee, of wth kinde I have many advocates
so can I not tell how to calke any businessse
greater then holding an affectionate cor=
respondence with so excellent a friend. My
only confidence is I please at a barr of
law, where ~~perjury~~ ^{absolution} an much more frequent
then censures. Sure I am that conscience
of right doth not accuse mee; though
evidence of fact doth. I woud add more
but yr entertainment of a stranger friend
calls upon mee; and our other unavoidable
occasion; hold mee excused therefore from
further; and if you vouchsafe mee a letter
lett mee begg of you to teach mee
some thrift of time; that I may imploy
more in yr service who will ever be

Yr faithful servant
& affectionate friend
J. Hampden

Hampd: Commend my service to
Marth. 21. yr sonne if not gone
to his colony.
1631

To my honored and dear friend sr
John Eliott at his lodging in the Tower

My Lord.

I have received yours of the twelfth of this month and here give you thanks for it. This Parliament hath given subsidies forre, and expressions, declaration, and Ordinance of Parliament, beyond beleefe, to supplie his Mat^y further, to the uttermost of ther abilities, as the occasion shall require, and to my oune particulare shewen as much confidence and beleefe of my respect and affections towards them, as is possible. wch I trust will have his operation in your Parliament of England, as allwth the covenanters of Scotland. Perchance wthin tow or three moneths My son of Hollande his Excellence may finde, that however I may be to him, yet that I am not that hatefull person to god and man wch he reported me; I sweare I take myself to be faire better beloned then himself, by as many as knowe vs both, intus et in cute; as they say.

we are infinitely busye in ordening and prauding our levies of eight thousande foor, wch I trust shall be on foore by the middst of May, wth a thousande horse, thirye peeces of Cannon, and all other incidents belonging the men and Ordinance, wch as you are beholden unto me in this preste for writing myself

Dublin 28th of Marche
1640.

your selfs

most faithful humble servant.

I begin my journey towards England
on Wednesday next following

Wm. Strafford

Lo. Conway.

M^r Lord

I am ~~not~~ going to Shewbery a step
nearer your Lops were I doubt not
I better be able to assist you. &c^{ch}
I assure shall be done as for as ^{much} I shall
be able. The messenger is such fast
that I have not time to say any
more therefore I shall only assure
you that I am for ever

Y^r aff^{ch}

Most faithfull
friend & servant

W^m Herbert this 15th
of Feb 1693

RUPERT

Mr. Speaker.

Besides the Generall Account, I have already given, by one of my servants whom I sent up to London: yesterday. I thought fitt, ^{to send} this bearer Mr. Bolles who may more particularly informe you. Concerning the Abundant goodness of God to this Army; and the whole Kingdom in the late victory, obtained at ~~Walsby~~ ^{Walsby} Fielde. The whole body of their foot, ^{and} taken, such a list ^{of} the prisoners could bee made up in this short time. I have sent. The horse all quitted the Fielde; and were pursued within three miles of Leicester: Their Ammunition, ordnance, & Carriages, all taken. Among which there were, two demy Canons. A whole Culverin. and a mortar piece. besides lesser peeces: were intended to move to Leicester. as soon as we have taken order with our prisoners, and wounded men: All that I desire, is, that the honor of this great & glorious to bee forgotten mercie, may bee given to God. in an extraordinary day of thanks givinge; And that it may bee improved to the good of his Church, & this Kingdom: which shall bee faithfully endeavored by: sr

Harborough

June 15. 1645

Some fresh ran among the prisoners as I am informed. I have not time to make inquiry into it: I desire they may bee secured agt abuse: according to ordinance of parliament

Yr most humble
servant

Thos Fairfax

Macol Genl. Skipton was shot through his side. but not with standing he continued in the field: with great resolution: And when I desired him to goe of the field. He answered: he would not goe for long as a man would stand: still being his officer as a valiant & well commanded. Hee of the butler. & of the greene upon their first charge were both dangerouslie wounded, & havinge themselves very gallantlie. I would have much more to say of the courage of many, commanded both horse & foot in this day of battle.

S^r it hath pleased God to raise me
out of a dangerous sickness, and I doo
most willingly acknowledge, that the
Lord hath (in this visitation) exercised
the bowells of a Father towards me.
I received in my selfe the sentence
of death, that I might learne to
trust in him that raiseth from the
dead, and have no confidence in
the flesh. It is a blessed thing to
see daylie, for what is there in
this world to be accounted off,
the best men according to the flesh,
and things, are lighter then va-
nity. I finde this only good, to
love the Lord, and his poore depri-
ved people, to doe for them, and
to be ready to suffer wth them,
and he that is found worthy of
this, hath obtained great favour
from the Lord. and ~~He~~ ^{she} that is
established in this, shall ^{bring confirmed} ~~(after confession)~~
wth Christ, and the rest of the
(bodies) participate in the glory of
a resurrection, w^{ch} will answer all.

S^r Mr. Rushworth, I must humbly confesse your favour in your last letter, I see I am not forgotten
will write to you about once truly to be kept in your remembrance is very great satisfaction to me, for I
the quarterly can say in the simplicity of my heart, I put a light and kind value upon your
the better lately sent you, and I wish when I forget I shall dare to be a grateful, and an honest man, if
thou art forward most humble beg my service may be presented to your lady, to whom I
wrote, in 1647 with all happiness, and establishment in the truth, so my prayers and for you
as becomes your excellencies most humble servant Oliver Cromwell.

S^r I have ~~under~~ the best con-
sideration I can for the present
in this business, and although I
believe Capt. Hubbert is a worthy
man, and heard so much, yett as
the case stands, I cannot with
satisfaction to my selfe, and some
others ^{reioyced} ~~the~~ confession I
had given to Capt. Empson, wth
offered to them, and reflection
upon my owne Judgment, I pray
lett Capt. Hubbert knowe I shall
not bee unmindefull of him, and
that no disrepect is intended to
him. But indeed I was not satisfide
with your last speech to mee about
Empson, that there was a better pre-
chre then a fightre or souldier
on words to that effect. Truly I
thinke there that prayers & preches
best will fight best, I know nothing

Dec: 25: 1650
will give like courage and confidence as the knowledge of God in Christ
will save I hope God to send in this time and also send with us to
impaint the knowledge they have for the good of others, And I expect it
will increase by all Christe officious in this time and especially, and I hope you
will do so of every man and every officer, I would be glad to see you
good in me and of good officers, I would be glad to see you
your loving friend Oliver Cromwell

My Lord:

By y^e hand of his trustie Bearer I pray you of
his paper remembrance & salutation from him who both upon
y^e publick & his owne private Account is verie much y^e
Detted. & n^t the lesse y^e poore friends he prayes for
adored & many f^ram of gods gracie & p^rsence wth you &
in all y^e w^ordly Affaires w^{ch} ad they are undertaken in
honor to gods glory & his peoples good, will strength in
continuaunce of y^e same divine p^rsence & mercy be crowned
wth insurmountable success, & his p^rsence belong to God in y^e
nation where you are will in y^e Close of all ~~man~~ hand
Causse to say, Perissem^{us} & nisi Perissemus. / In y^e meane
tyme God Oun & will take host stubborn heartes &
Commence them of their Hypocrysy, who create you all this
trouble & give a mercifull testimony to the Sinceritie
of his poore Slaves hearts who have appealed unto him.

My Lord: I forbear particularizing things here: Onely this
God is graciol to us in distancer of many of our Enemies w^o
designes (w^{ch} heretofore have proved abortive) & delivring his
Commence in a good measure into our hands; & in wat^ring his
y^e soon Puritie there is much acknowledg^{mt} due to the
indefatigable Industry of m^r. god^d. Harrison y^e faithful
Slave & Subscriber in y^e worke here. / y^e Lord will shortly
teare off some number of godly Slaves in a Regimentall forme
here in Londⁿ. w^{ch} example will be followed by others of
like good mynd in North. Kent & other places who have sent
for Comnd. to us for y^e purpose & a Resolution is, they shal
shall not want an Involvement.

My Lord: I will trespass no f^rther upon y^e Divine / the
Lord of Hosts be wth you the God of Jacob be y^e Refuge.

Whitchhall

30 Aug: 1650

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Edw. Innes of y^e Wiltshire

Friends & Slaves

For his Excell^{cy}.
Gen^l. Generall
Cromwell

To: Bradshaw

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Yours:

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It hath not been a little trouble to me, that I
 have not written sooner to you; but I am not
 without a lawfull excuse, and that every eye
 is a witnesse to it: as I know will have a good
 construction when I can more safely, & privately
 relate to you. This is only to assure you in
 the meane time being informed suddenly to send
 a person whome I dare rely upon with matters
 worthy yo^r knowledge, they making ~~me~~ a just
 reason why my penne hath not sooner visited
 you in answer to that large relation w^{ch} yo^r
 made. I thanke you for yo^r sense of my
 affairs, they are very heavy, & ~~might be~~ dif-
 ficult, I can not tell you the plimors, ~~not~~
 but you will understand it & you will see ~~plain~~
 Colody such as will doe all yo^r eyes. The ~~same~~
 as to ~~your~~ ~~disposition~~ ~~will~~ what you have
 desired ~~not~~ concerning yo^r journey must not
 be committed to paper, we shall send a very
 substantiall person for integrity, whome will be
 fully informed. Yo^r lastt letter for monyes
 I have taken notice of, & am very sensible
 of those difficulties yo^r journey are put to for
 want of pay, it is ill in England, & Scotland, all
 bring in very great Arrears, yett your
 friends moste our Navyes are much behind
 these with other weighty considerations hath
 caused us to call a Parliament. we intend
 to try yo^r skill for Ireland, it did usually find
 us over good, & there is as much necessity
 now as ~~they~~ there were at any time. O^r
 hopes are only in God whoe is wisest & order
 will all things as he pleaseth. ~~pay~~
 Forgive you to continue yo^r affection

The messenger should have been sent over before
 this, but then hath fallen out as occasion was.
 The young messenger is supposed of his mother
 to have a little spirit more, but it will not be long
 before he shall be as good as you.

Yours affectionate brother
 Richard J.

Whitehall
 9th 30th 50.

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Though I expected when you came to Bristol (which I hear
will be on Monday next) you will receive a letter from the King
directed to you and to the Mayor, yet I promised his mat^y to write
to you at home as I came hither, to recommend very earnestly to
your care, the examination of the disorder there, that his mat^y may be
well informed when the fault is, and so apply remedy accordingly:
the truth is, it is a very just thing, that from so ridiculous a con-
fession should come such a rebuke, that should such serious animosi-
ty arise, at the view the very eyes of the city. Whilst from these
amulations, the malicious and malicious people take so much heart
that by all the information we receive, there is a great danger
dawn in them who with a general disturbance, upon the party in
about Bristol, there is any part of the mischief, upon which
and I know there is a great deal now fitting the C^{ty} to send the orders to
the neighbors, I hope some of them are by this time taken by the care
of H. C. Knight, to whom I sent some directions to Salisb^y to
that purpose: I pray do not suffer any continuance to change the
old rows of clothing the Mayor for the next year, out of any
other rank than the Aldermen: this being now some design I
have to keep a commonwealth man: if all be true that we
hear of St. Tho. Lane, he doth not deserve the favour he hath re-
ceived from the King, I judge of his ill attendance at Salisb^y
When you return home I shall be glad to see you hear, that
we may receive upon some way to remove the great disorder
in the Fleet: I wish you all happiness, and am

Yours truly
Wm. Clarendon

Your affec^tionate son.

CLARENDON

14 Robert Atkins.

For my good friends
Robert Atkins Esq. of the Bath
C. Solicitor General to the
Queen's mat^y

At Sayerton.

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Madam

I beseech God preserve you, & make you happy I pray lett yo^r Lord know, that I do count my selfe very much obliged unto him, & wish him as well as may be. I pray lett him know that I have the sword that was our great Ancestors att the Battle of Flodden field, with w^{ch} wee have a Tradition in our family, he kille the King of Scotland, this sword was alway's much esteemed by my father, I do now give it unto yo^r Lord my Nephew, I have taken order it shall be brought unto him; I give it upon this condition and no other that he leave it to the Heirs Males of himselfe, w^{ch} I hope will be many, & their Heirs Males for want of such unto my Nephew Thomas his Brother, And for want of his Heirs Males, to returne unto my Heirs, God Bless you all, I am near my death, and with that will averre my innocence, that am

Yo^r Laps Faithfull humble William Howard.
serv^t and ob^d

(Address on the Cover.)

* The Sword here alluded to is now in the Bertrams College. It has been exhibited as "the Sword of the Scottish King used at Flodden Field."

J. Nethercote, fac. 21m

For my Lady

The Countesse of Arrundell

Lord Arlington to the Duke of York. 1673. (Lansd:Ms. 1236. f. 142.)

Whithak. May. 20. 73.
Thursday at night

In my last to y^e H. I gave you
an account of y^e Lodne I had
from his Ma^{ty} to goe take y^e
air for a few days into the
country from whence from this
evening and about at home
y^e from moment of showing
my correspondence wth y^e H.
though I had nothing to tell
you but y^e satisfaction I finde
his Ma^{ty} had in y^e sight of the
fleet. I finde also a power of
y^e dutch flew home and into
y^e haven which I my wife
finde presently untraded from

from yr packet four or five
we had torn amongst those
Hamburgers w^{ch} occasioned yr
mistake. wth this yr H. will
receive yr extracts of yr news
from H^l Mondo and Flanders
I would to god yr H. at yr
leaving I could put it
into a way of sending weekly
and frequently after you w^{ch}
would be a great satisfaction
on both sides. God give yr
H. good success.

Brlington

My Lord.

As persons inclined to corroborate
the intentions of other men, are
ever more incumbent to a voluminous
ubiquity, than any way condescending
to the notions of a just medium.
We all true lovers of art, do
naturally prefer the cimeter, of
revolutions, before the corruscation,
of any concatenations whatsoever.
and the reason of this is plain
because else all vernal determinations
would be frustrated, and then (as
Aristotle observes very well) no man
could properly say *consummatum est*.
The meaning of this simile is,

that if your Lordship will give
mee leave, I shall immediately
waybe upon you, with the best
pack of Hownds that ever ran
upon English ground. I had done
it sooner but that I stayed for
my Lord Dorsets and Mr Sheaplards
company. But they having both
failed mee, and not knowing how
long your occasions will give you
leave to stay in the Country
I thought fit to know of your
Lordship by this bearer whither
it would not bee inconvenient
to you at this time to receive a visit
from My Lord
Clifden
October 8.
1677.

Your Lordships
most humble and most
obedient servant
Buckingham

For The Earle
of Rochester.

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Oct= the 6

I hope you will pardon me to say veris
 I still sot to leave you to Laidwards
 Letir firs it has been bothe our
 practises ever so to du, and I being
 now going to the Articles his L^{ty}
 him at hoorn to ureat and I can
 he will give you a full and perfect
 a compt of all b^{ys}ines, I shall invest
 the beris may not stay manie ours
 for he is to retorne with me, I hope
 you will represent to his majestie how
 the Chancelor never durst adventur
 to dispathe packets in the taym of
 the Earle of middeltouns comysion
 and that nae he durst so much as threat
 it fit for him to aquant

your most humbell
 Servant Rothes

The 22 of Jan: (1684)

S^r

I received your papers that are unanswerable
in Equall times, and all the Bennifitt we can
reape by them are the will remaine upon
record, wistminster Hale is so sett, as Little quarter
is to bee expected to Obey, or my selfe who are
both upon the Tappye, if any new thing accure
to you, you will pleas to Communicat it to mee by
the 28 of this month, what you have sayd is
both so ingenious and Learned as would be
enough to Answer m^r Holt, m^r Williams makes
the Argument who by the way, they doe demurr
to his plea whether to bee argued this Terme
I know not the forms.

I being a ^{weake} &erry brother I apply my selfe to the
strong, ^{the law} and to truth, if popery and trans
greuaile I will not bee found amongst them
God bles the King and this Gouverment by law
establisht and direct his judgments
I am with all Cincerety sr

Your most humble
Most faithfull servant

Maclesfeld

To sr Robert Atkins Kny
of the Bathe at the Lower
Swell near Ston on the
Wolde: Glostershire

Sub 3 Dec 84

When it has heretofore pleased y^e King
to give mee successors in this Governement
I have endeavored to let them see the
respect I bore to y^e his Ma^{ties} Choyce &
as far as they gave mee leave was to
pander with them & gave them all
y^e lighter I could of persons & things relate-
ing to y^e Kings service here, & sure your
M^y may well expect all that at least at
my hands, but y^e have truth is I have
been so long suffered to mistake what was
or was not for y^e Kings service, or what
I thought was or was not so that I
wonder how y^e imperiencce of y^e things
I will propose & worst was so long borne
with & I confesse I am at this time more
confounded in my notions then ever I

was, not from y^e reports we have of al-
most a totall change in all y^e changeable
partes of y^e Governement of this Kingdom
but from what y^e King himself was pleas'd
to intimate to mee to y^e same purpose
for w^{ch} alterations, I must say let y^e
consequence of saying is see what is worth
to mee there whether is not can be any
necessarily or good reason at this time, &
this your inquiry in particulars might
manifestly appeare, & therefore for y^e
honour of y^e Kings Justice & for his
service of hope that intimation will at
least be againe ~~be~~ considered before it
be put in execution, If w^{ch} y^e liberty
so in best y^e Kings Justice in this

case not but that I know his ^{we} may might
 change his servants & give no reason for
 it, but if he gives any that reason should
 be well grounded, especially if he such
 as gives a mark of incapacity or infidelity.
 If I were not out of ye case by ye delinea-
 tion his Ma^{ty} has made in ye scene tways
 Chamber, to my self so much in my former
 & to my advantage I should not say thus
 much, but by ye delineaⁱⁿ I am of what
 is really intended by so: goes how much
 able I am of communicating my self full
 thoughts of mine to you he is th so
 much more in yth of yth 20: of ye last —
 Month,
 As to my private concerns y^e most difficult
 please will see how to dispose of your

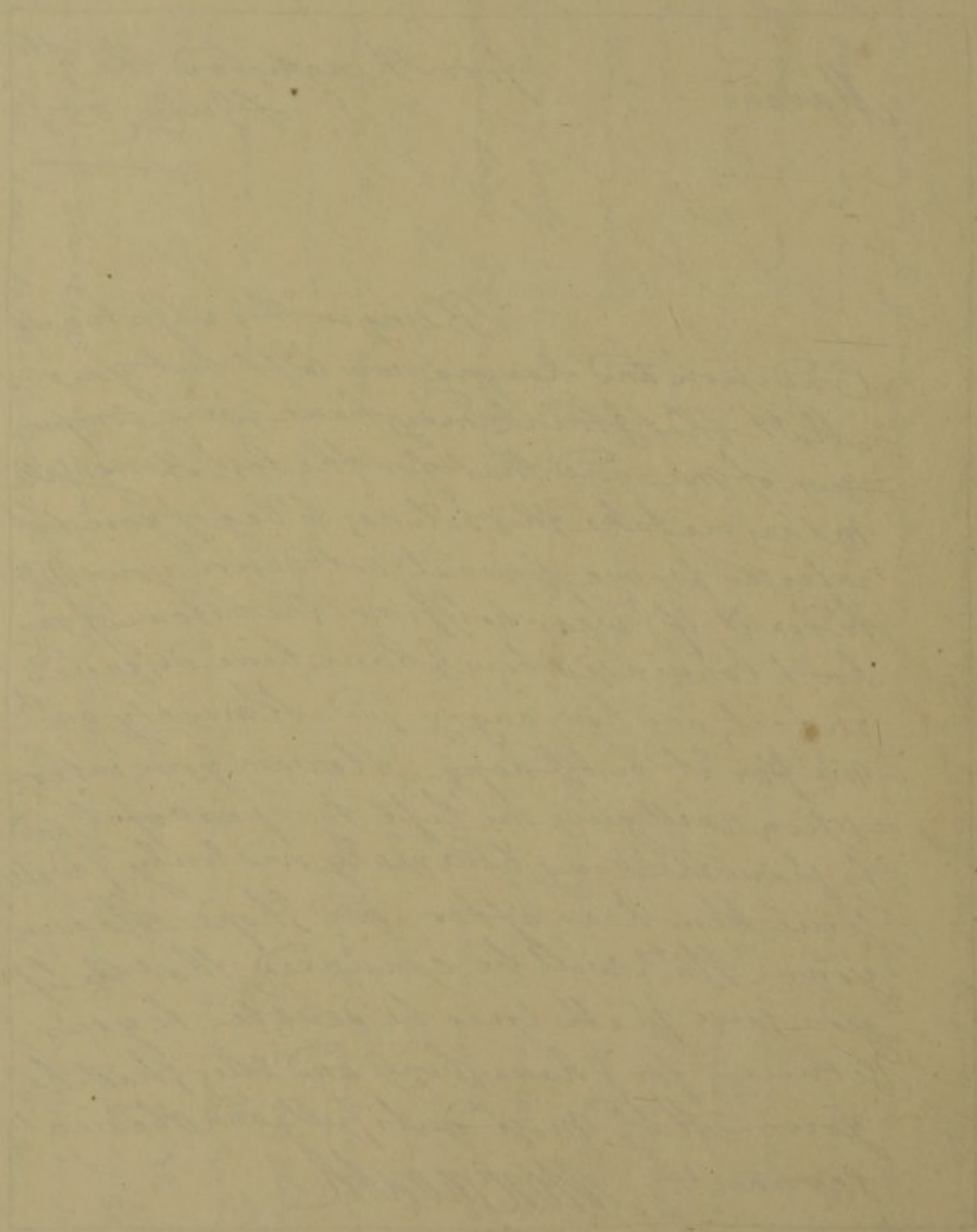
Daughter & my grandson, I am satisfied
that y^e former place for him to live in will
be in his Kingston where if he chooses he
may employ himself in looking to y^e Con-
tingent so: as to avoid being again em-
ployed with my father & with people
he must have need, for England I fear
he will not better his price so well, & so
deal freely with y^e service to you
I fear appears I have to live or rather
y^e little time I am to see in this world with y^e
little possibility of disquiet or constraint
as I can put on white when I care to,
wear clothing at ease, but am nervous if
I can do it so myself, I cannot must
keep & keep to obey to whom to deliver &
swear before y^e comes because there must
be some time before this plate for you & I know not
where to carry while, yet to y^e most full amount.
Yours &c.

Madam

from Ringwood the 7th
of July 85,

Being in this unfortunate
Condition and having now left but your
M^{ty} that I think may have some compen-
-sation of me and that for the last King's sake
makes me take this boldnes to beg of you to
interced for me I woud not desire your M^{ty}
to doe it, if I wear not from the bason of my
hart convinced how I have bine diseased
in to it, and how angry God Almighty is wth
me for it, but I hope Madam your inter-
-cession will give me life to repent of it, and
to shew the King how really and truly I will
serve him here after, and I hope Madam
your M^{ty} will be convinced, that the life
you save shall ever be devoted to your
service, for I have bine and ever shall be
your M^{ty} most dutifull and obedient
servant. MONMOUTH

To The Queen
Dowager.



Lord Halifax to the Lord Chief Baron. 1689. (Wilmot Ms. f. 17.)

London, Aug. 29.
89.

I have not fail'd, my self to
 lay your services in this cir-
 cumst before the King in such
 a manner as to do you right
 and not without putting him
 in mind of what you have
 done formerly upon other oc-
 casions, of which I am a witness
 and am ready at all times
 to give evidence in your be-
 half. His M^{ty} seemed to be
 so well satisfied with you
 that I did not think fit to
 pursue the ~~intention~~ ^{intention} or give me
 in the latter part of your letter;

and must therefore appeal from
your first resolution to your
second thoughts, before I do
any thing in it, not believing
it to be for your service, and
supposing that occasionally may
come of taking away the
dissatisfactions you may be
under at present, in which
you may be sure I shall en-
deavour to do my part in
the mean time, I hope your
next will tell me your opi-
nion is altered in this particular,
but not in believing me,

my ^{self}

your faithful humble
servant. Halifax

For Mr L^d (Chief
Baron at Lower
Swill near New-
in G. Id.
Gloucestershire.

19. Aug. 93.

My Lord

The Queen has received Infor-
 mation of very intolent & seditious
 behavior of several persons at Bath
 & she thinks it of great consequence
 that some of them should be made Ex-
 amples. She has, to that End, directed
 mee to recommend it in a very particu-
 lar manner to yo^r & yo^r L^{ty} Mr Justice
 Cokeby, not doubting but the utmost
 care will be taken to put a stop to
 such bold Assaults to the Govern^t.
 So y^t intent y^t yo^r L^{ty} might see the
 necessity of taking some immediate &
 effectual course I have sent an Extract
 of the account wch Mr Secretary
 Frenchard has had of one days behavior,
 I have wrote this day to my Lord Lucas,
 who is now at the Bath, & will be
 assisting to yo^r L^{ty} in the prosecution
 of the offenders, as yo^r L^{ty} shall think
 fit to Desire. I am wth very great
 respect

My Lord
 yo^r L^{ty}

most faithfull
 humble serv^t

Somers.

London Oct. 26th 1708

My Lord.

I have the honour of y^r. Grace's Letter
 & am heartily sorry y^r. ^{late} accident should
 have happen'd, so occasion a delay in
 y^r. coming to town, for indeed it is of
 the last Consequence, to ^{have} all our friends
 together at this juncture & I am sure
 there's none whose Presence is of so
 much Consequence & weight as y^r. Grace's;
 so that you will give us leave to depend
 upon y^r. hastening all you can; I am
 now desir'd by those Lords y^r. h. servants
 that I mention'd in my last, to beg you
 would either speak or send to Mr. Jeffes

about this matter of the Speaker to engage
him, for Mr. Peter King, & that he would
take what pains he can among the
Northern Members, among whom he has a
generall acquaintance, besides the weight
in using y.^r name. They beg too that
you would write upon this occasion
to Mr. Monkton & Mr. Peyton; ~~because~~
I beg a thousand pardons for this
trouble & am ever with great truth &
respect

My Lord

I have obeyd y.^r Commands &
to Dr. Halifax & Mr. James
Montague who present their
kth service & are truly sensible
how much they owe, to y.^r kindness
in this affair

most obedient
humble servant

Sunderland

St Germain ce 29 Dec
1710.

Mon Cousin. j'ay reçu ce matin vostre lettre du 12. ou vous me rendez bien justice de croire que les nouvelles d'Espagne me feroient plaisir, car Il m'en ont fait un très sensible, par rapport aux deux Roys dont les Interests me sont autant à cœur que les miens propres; et outre cela en particulier, par rapport à la gloire que vous avez eüe, de remettre si subitement les affaires d'Espagne, qu'on croyoit presque perduës, auant vostre arrivée. je suis ravië que vous estes content du Comte Mahony, et d'apprendre que les autres Mandois ont bien fait leur devoir; quoique j'ay la consolation de voir qu'ils le font bien — par tout, je suis cependant persuadé, que la confiance qu'ils ont en vous, et de se voir sous vostre conduite, n'y aura pas peu contribué dans ces derniers Reversions; je suis très sensible des bontés que vous avez pour eux, et de répondre, qu'ils ne s'en rendront jamais indignes. La Reine me charge de vous faire mille compliments, et de vous assurer que la part que vous avez eüe dans les derniers evenemens luy a fait un sensible plaisir; M^r de Lunig nous a rendu compte à l'une et à l'autre, de tout ce qui s'y est passé et Il me semble qu'on peut raisonnablement esperer, de voir bientôt le Roy d'Espagne en

paissible possession de ses Royaumes, au moins je
le souhaite de tout mon cœur, et que vous ayez
l'avantage d'achever vous même ce que nous
avons mis en si bon train si je n'avois pas été
un peu incommode ces jours passés, je vous aurois
écrit plutôt, car quoiqu'il y a longtemps que
je ne vous ay écrit, je ne m'intéresse pas moins
dans tout ce qui vous regarde, n'y ne pourra
jamais oublier l'amitié que vous m'avez
toujours témoignée, soyez je vous prie bien persuadé
de la mienne, et que je vous envoie

Votre affectionné cousin

Jacques R.

Puisque vous m'avez écrit en cérémonie je
vous ay répondu de même; mais je vous prie
de retrancher cela une autre fois, car je vous sauy
d'avoir quelquefois de vos nouvelles, et suis
très persuadé de vos sentiments à mon égard
pour que les compléments soient nécessaires.

Et Mon Cousin le
Duc de Vendôme,



My Lord

Oct. the 2. 1711

I receiv'd this morning the honour of
your Lord's letter of the 22. Sept. and return you
many thanks as well for your obliging congra-
tulations on the reduction of Bonham, as for your
good wishes of success to our future operations,
which we might reasonably hope for, if all
partys concern'd were as hearty and sincere in
their desires and endeavours to promote itt,
as you my Lord have already shewn your self,
but to my great mortification I have receiv'd
a letter from Lth Albemarle of monday last, together
with a Resolution of the States, brought me just
now by the Deputys, which I transmit to m^r.
Secretary, as I have hitherto done what

has pass'd on this subject, & these last papers have
 quite destroy'd the small remains of hopes I
 had left of his Lord^{ship} prevailing upon the States
 to contribute their part towards the execution
 of a Project which I am still persuad'd will
 prove the most effectual, and in all probability
 the only means of bringing France to reason,
 I can not tell what to attribute this extraordinary
 backwardness of the States too, unless it be some
 unaccountable fatality, & they have not so much
 as kept the secret, which your Lord^{ship} seem'd to
 apprehend from the beginning, however such kn-
 owledge as the Enemy have at last got of what
 they would not be able to prevent, has alarm'd them
 to such a degree, as might serve for a good argu-
 ment to incourage us to go on with a designe

which I have so fully consider'd and am so clearly
 convinced of the advantages which wou'd result from
 it, that I pray your Lordship will move Her M^{ty} to re-
 commend to the States, in such manner as she shall
 think fit, an affair on which so much depends,
 and which has the approbation of all such as have
 the least knowledge of it, except our Enemies,
 it is what I know your Lordship weighs so well before
 you wou'd encourage me to proceed in it, that
 I likewise pray you will favour me with such
 advice, and other good Offices, as may if possible
 wil open the Eyes of the States to see their own
 good, and that your application may have it
 due time to come upon them, I am taking mea-
 sures to keep the Army in the field to the end
 of this month: This my L^d is an affair of so
 much consequence, and as such my heart is so

And of it, & that I at this time for bear mentioning
any other, and conclude this with assurance of
my being with the most perfect truth.

My Lord

Your Lordships
most obedient
humble servant
Marbborough

You will observe my L^d by L^d Albemarle letter the
backwardness the States are in in reading up the
forage for the Winter Magazines, that we may not
be under the same inconvenience, I must entreat
Your Lordship will enable Mr. Bridges to remit twenty
or five and even by thousand pounds for paying
the advance on the forage contracts

Reverend Sir

London 29 Jan^{ry}
1714

According to your directions I sent a Book to Mr Wyal where your order will find it and when you have found the leisure to get thro it I am in hope that your zeal for Truth and your goodness for my selfe will prevail over that modest aversion that you express to the censuring of what you may find amisse in it.

I do not deny that I thought a late Volume was written by some in St Johns Colledge some there as they had much ^{less} were very Capable of composing that work that way written with a great deal of gravity and decency I never think the worse ^{of men} for their different sentiments in such matters I am sure I am bound to think much the better of them for adhering firmly to the dictates of their Conscience when it is so much to their Losse and when so farred a thing as an Oath is in the Case I wish all who had the same persuasions had acted with the same strictnes and tender res. But I beseech regard both for your selfe and your friends that as I am extremely sorry that the Church has so long lost the service of such worthy men so I am very glad to have it in my power for what you are pleased to write to me to Undervalue both you and them in that particular for I am with a true and high esteem

Reverend Sir

your most obedient and most humble
servant

W. Sarum

The stile of y^r L^{ty} last thought —
 kinder than I deserve, is not without
 some alloy from y^r late conversations wth
 those whom I should extremely honour, if
 they would doe mee the right and you
 the justice never to come neare you
 when I am really as well wth you as
 I wish as you pretend I shall at least —
 obtaine that favour; in the meane time
 I will exercise my usuall talent of
 patience & submission. I would bee very
 glad to employ my self. in those affaires
 you have to bee done here, had I the least
 hopes of doing them to y^r satisfaction, —
 but despairing of that happiness pray send
 y^r cousin as my friend to towne, & lett her
 please you better, I know not who has
 perswaded you that you want five pounds
 to pay a servants wages, but next weeke
 Blanconit is going in to the West, at
 whose returne you may expect an Account
 of y^r intire revenue, w^{ch} I will bee bound
 to say has hitherto, & shall (as long as I
 can gett bread without it) bee wholly employd
 for the use of y^r self & those who depend
 on you, if I prove an ill steward at
 least you never had a better, w^{ch} is
 some kind of satisfaction to

Your humble servant

R. Rochester

Kensington July 4th 1749

My Dear Generall I received y^r
late last night, as the Duke of
Montagu is not yet dead, & even
some say recovering nothing can
be said with regard to his succession
yet I'll not fail to mention y^r
request to y^e King but can answer
for nothing on that head as I dont
know what promises his Majesty may
have made you may be assured of
the continuance of my Friendship
on this or any other occasion, your
affectionate friend William

For
Major Generall J^r
John Mordaunt

Dear Sharpe

Newcastle Home April 15 1750.

I have been in such a constant Hum, of
Business this week, that I have not had time,
to send for you, or even to return my Thanks,
for your continued Goodness & Friendship to me.
The Bishop of Newcastle is quite in love with
you. You know I have been to a great deal.
I must beg you to settle our affair with me,
upon the best Terms you can.
That is to reduce the Debt by the immediate payment
of the Bond, & take further part of the Mortgage
in a convenient Time, as may reduce their
Mortgage to a considerable sum by ~~affixation~~ ^{affixation}.
The great point of an act, to give the Accounts
from Mr. Postelkwaite by the time the
Bishop of Newcastle returns from leave home.
To see the Return on the ~~first~~ ^{first} account, &
whether it belongs to me, as the abt^d has always
Mr. Sharpe

opened the N. do, & pay & immediately into
Mr. Hoare. The only Doubt I had, was, whether
the Banker was I go to visit the purveyor,
but the Attorney Genl. has always seemed clear
& positive in his opinion. I wish some
means could be found out, to discharge the
Mortgage on the Sussex Estate, so
that my Lord's debt might be carry on
that account; For this? perhaps is the person
I should parlay with, & ⁱⁿ whom; I wish to see
the Sussex Estate, ~~now~~ I send him your
letter to him, & to Mr. Fred. Frankland upon it.
I hope Mr. Mason will no longer delay the sale
of the Timber, & approving early notice to it.
The Dutcher of Newcastle gives me hopes from
you of great Remittances immediately from
the Howard. Do you do business? for
Gray Buller Ltd's' have agreed for the plan of 200,000
I am ever most sincerely & Gratefully Yours
J. H. H. H. H.

Sir

All Souls College. 2 Jan. 1756.

Enclosed is a Transcript of *M. Charta*, which I had *l* Honour to shew You in Oxford at *l* last Affairs, & of which I then engaged to send You a Copy. This could have been done sooner, but that I could not procure an amanuensis sufficiently skilled in *l* Hand of the Times, & therefore was obliged to wait, till I had leisure to transcribe it myself. I believe this Copy is tolerably exact, except perhaps a few Variations in *l* Orthography (as *e* for *æ*, &c.) which, not being used to the Business, I could not easily avoid. The principal Variations of this Charter from that of *l* Hen. 3. usually printed in our Statute Books, when they are such as affect *l* Sense, I have scored underneath & noted them with a M. in *l* Margin. Others, which are mere Transpositions of *l* Words or a Change of them for such are synonymous, I have taken no Notice of. Where anything is redundant, omitted, or plainly erroneous, I have marked it in *l* Margin with, Sic M. S. The Preamble & Conclusion seem to be the most remarkable Parts, & these (or somewhat like them) are to be found in Hemingford's Chronicle, printed among other Monkish Historians at Oxford, A.D. 1687. pag. 664. But *l* Date there assigned to this Charter, viz. *l* Hen. 3. is manifestly erroneous, for *l* Pope's Legate ^{mentioned therein} left England before he landed in Nov. 1210. *l* Hen. 3. So that this Charter was certainly made very early in *l* Henry's Reign, i.e. within *l* first two Years of it, for his Accession was 19 Oct. 1216. Probably *l* Names of *l* two Bishops; of York & London, might fix the Time still more exactly.

Having some Room at *l* End of *l* Sheet I have added, from *l* same Collection, two original Confirmations, under *l* Great Seal, of the Charters; as well that de Foresta, as the Great Charter. And am, with great Respect,

Sir, Your most obliged & obed^t humble Serv^t

W. Blackstone.

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Grosvenor-Sq. Jan: 23rd, 1763.

Dear Sir,

After You left the House of Lords to day, I was inform'd by a good hand of a matter, which I think You should be apprized of. It is that the Quotations in Mr Lockhart's Argument are not to be relied upon for exactness; words, & sometimes Sentences, being left out, which change the Sense. I did indeed shew it ^{my self} in the passage cited out of Craig de padis, which is shew'd in the same manner in the appellants printed Case, at the end of which is added, ^{in the Book} Et Matræ cum vniâ Mariti transpre-
tauent. From hence it may be collect'd that he meant a Case, where the Father remain'd in Scotland & the Child happen'd to be born in parts beyond the Seas by reason of the Mother's going abroad. — The same person assur'd me that the Decree of the Court of Session was by the unanimous opinion of all the Judges. I am, with great esteem, Dear Sir,
Your most Obedient humble
Servant Hardwicke.

Photography of the 23rd

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Lord Mansfield flatters himself, that upon
 reconsidering his last note, Mr Fitzroy will see
 that it could not avoid alluding to that state
 of the case, with He has always relied upon,
 & that it starts no difficulty, but acquiesces in
 every alteration proposed, only says, that one
 of them is already complied with. for in fact
 He pays the Land Tax, with is a matter of
 the shortest discussion, & never can create a
 difficulty. If Mr Fitzroy will order his
 own attorney, being apprized of what is past,
 to settle the draft, Lord Mansfield is sure
 there will be no difference whatsoever.

Bloomsbury 29 april 73

For
 The Hon^{ble}
 Mr Fitzroy
Mansfield &c &c

Sir.

Downing Street.
Jan: 31. 1774.

I am directed by the Lords of the Cabinet to apply to you, & the Lord Chief Justice de Grey upon a point of great importance & of some difficulty: The Attorney & Solicitor General differ in opinion with respect to some parts of the intended Charter of Justice for Bengal; our request is, that you would be so good as to meet my Lord Chief Justice upon this business, & favour us, as soon as it is convenient to you, with your opinion upon the Charter, & the amendments proposed by the Solicitor General. The Charter, & all the other papers relating to it

have been sent to, ^{the} Lord Chief Justice, who
will communicate them to you. Were I not
perfectly well acquainted by experience with
the readiness which you always manifest to
assist the King's servants, whenever the
State of his ^{Majesty's} affairs oblige them to call
upon you, I should make many apologies
for the trouble I am giving you at present.
I shall only say, that your advice upon this
occasion will be a great service to the Public,
& a very essential obligation to the Cabinet
Council; I am, with the greatest esteem & respect,

Sir, your most faithful humble servant.

North

Jun. 6. 1778.

Dear Sir Eardly

I should not have writ even
the short note, I to inform you, that Mr
Wilkes is appointed; the thing is too slight; nor
to make you any general compliments; they
are not worth your reading: but I wish to
make you understand, and be assured, that, if,
while I hold this office, any occasion should
present itself of doing an agreeable thing to
your wishes, it will cost a ray of pleasure upon
Power, which has no other charms for me. And
the possibility of deriving such pleasure extends to
a very small number of persons indeed; so narrow
have been my habits of intercourse with the world.

I am
most sincerely yours
Thurlow.

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Sir,

It is probable in a Post or two you will receive accounts of the Death of Lord Macleod, his Physicians have no hopes of his Recovery. If this Event should take Place, May I presume to beg of you to lay my Name before the King for the vacant Regiment. If there were any General officer or Colonel on his Majesty's Service, who had given up as much as I did, in order to raise a Regiment, which was an effective one, and who is now so unprovided for as I am, I should not use my Pretensions. I have now served considerably upwards of Thirty years, I have laid out a considerable part of a small fortune on the Service, and I have not at present Forty pounds a year more, than I had the day I entered the Service. I have the Honor to be
Sir

Edinburgh June 9th 1788.

your most obedient
and humble Servant
R^a. Abercromby: M^r. Genl.

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Crishna-nagar:
20 Sept. 1789.

My dear Wilmot,

Every sentence in your letter gave me great pleasure; and particularly the pleasing and just account of your truly venerable father. L. Jones, after the first pang for the loss of her, resigned herself with true piety to the will of God. He is very weak and always ill during the heats. I have been, ever since my regaining, as they call it, perfectly well, notwithstanding incessant business seven hours a day for four or five months of the year, and unremitting application during the vacations to a vast and interesting study, a complete knowledge of India, which I can only attain in the country itself, and I do not mean to stay in the country longer than the last year of the 18th century. I rejoice that the king is well; but take no interest in the contests of your aristocratical factions. The time never was when I would have enlisted under the banners of any faction, though I might have carried a pair of pistols, if I had got spurned them in either region. My party is that of the whole people; and my principles, which the law taught me, are only to be changed by a change of existence. Morgesby will soon visit England with a good fortune if only wanted power, not inclination, to squander it. Farewell & assure yourself that I am, my dear Sir, your faithfully affected P. Jones

Paris 1 Sept. 1771.

If I had known, Madam, of your being at Paris, before I heard it from Colonel Blaquiere, I should certainly have prevented your flattering invitation, & have offered you any services that could depend on my acquaintance here. It is plain I am old, & live with very old folks, when I did not hear of your ~~arrival~~ arrival. However, Madam, I have not that fault at least of a Veteran, the thinking nothing equal to what ~~they~~ they admire in their Youth. I do impartial justice to your merit, & fairly allow it not only equal to that of any Actress I have seen, but believe the present age will not be in the wrong, if they hereafter prefer it to those they may live to see.

Your allowing me to wait on you in London, Madam, will make me some amends for the loss I have had here; and I shall take an early opportunity of assuring you how much

I am Madam,
yr most obliged
humble Serv^t
Horace Walpole

Madam

You may certainly always command me & my House. My common custom is to give a Ticket for only four persons at a time, but it would be very insolent in me, when all Laws are set at naught, to pretend to prescribe rules. At such times there is a shadow of authority in setting the Laws aside by the Legislature itself - & tho' I have no army to supply their place, I declare Mrs Abington may march thro' all my Dominions at the head of as large a Troop as she pleases - I do not say, as she can muster & command, for then I am sure my House would not hold them. The Day too is at her own choice, & the Master is

her very obedient
humble Serv^t
Hor. Walpole

Strawberryhill
June 11. 1780.

Dear Sir,

So far as I am acquainted with the Debate, which is very imperfectly, I agree with you in opinion about their spirit & tendency. The people as you say, ought to be made to know their danger in its full extent; not only its nearness but its time & nature. They ought not to be lulled into security. To debate the question of peace at all in our circumstances is not a good symptom. But to suffer it to be debated, as a thing within our power, looks almost desperate. In one sense, to be sure, it is in our choice. We may have it, on the terms, on which Holland, & the Austrian States land, & the Cantons on the Lower Rhine enjoy it.

I am but a poor Judge of official arrangements. I hear of them late, & irregularly, & so mixed with true & false reports, that I hardly know what to make of them. If the Duke

Duke of York be at the head of the army, as you say he
is, I am not at all sorry for it - provided he has
good support & good military Councils. I have
a very high opinion of him; & his rank, & title & pro-
-perly supported will be of great use in keeping the
great Machine in order. As to experience, he has
more than enough. The world has been undone,
by looking to experience, in a case to which no
experience applies. He is as old a man, I believe,
I have as much experience, as Pichegru. We want
energy, we want enterprise, much more than we
want Experience; for, if that could have saved Europe
it was full of old officers - In a case like ours I have
no opinion at all of old men. If nothing can be done
by the young; nothing can be done at all, I verily believe
there is not, in the Government of France, or in the Command
of its armies a man of above five & thirty.

I have the honour to be with the most sincere respect
yours ever

Edm Burke

Feb. 12. 1795. Wm. Pitt Esq.





