

To the Lady M. Killigrew.  
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Madams;

Peace and prosperity be upon y<sup>e</sup>. and y<sup>r</sup>. for ever, since  
 Heaven hath given his ancient possession of y<sup>e</sup>. heart, and Peace  
<sup>against</sup> the way betwixt y<sup>e</sup>. Lad<sup>d</sup>. and me. So that at last, without  
 miracle, a Spaniard and a Hollander doe partake equally in the  
 blessing of England: but that the one hath been presented by  
 the other by a few weeks. It is my witness, I did never  
 forfeit y<sup>e</sup>. friendship; But y<sup>e</sup>. since y<sup>e</sup>. could find in y<sup>e</sup>. heart  
 to punish me w<sup>th</sup> the privation of it, and in y<sup>e</sup>. noble discretion  
 againe, to restore it kindly; I will take it from y<sup>e</sup>. Lad<sup>d</sup>.  
 not as one gift twice given, but as a double prize, once given  
 and once againe, and never divid<sup>d</sup>. Honest Gentler, but  
 now departed, to whom I made my just complaints of  
 y<sup>e</sup>. late rigours against my innocencie, understood friendly  
 the defence of my cause, by what he had had occasion to learn  
 of my inclination toward strangers. I am gladd y<sup>e</sup>. would  
 send him the paine; and now, deal as y<sup>e</sup>. self, I do  
 desire y<sup>e</sup>. this might bring past, as all things of this  
 world doe, but we never think <sup>in private</sup> againe of the sadde  
 of it. Let us be children of light, and exercise such works  
 as become them, Peace and Love above all. In this resolu-  
 tion, on my side, I do kiss y<sup>e</sup>. noble hands, holding them  
 to be blessed, as the first one of those that do announce  
 peace, and so, wishing to y<sup>e</sup>. and y<sup>r</sup>. againe Gods sweetest  
 peace, I rest as yet I was

y<sup>e</sup>. most humble and  
 assured servant  
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