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Noble and renowned

Sr Constantijn Heugens Lord Secretary vnto his highnes I am no more my owne then I desyre to be yours in all serviceable love and hartly prayer for long life with increase of honour and happines vnto your Lordship and all your worthy and hopefull plants. Let mee beseech you to accept the acknowledgement of a poore, but true will willer of grace and vertue where ever it is. and excuse mee I praye for I can not but call to minde first your owne free and noble promiss of intended good for our somers intertainment. next how carefully your Lordship was pleased to make vse of that promiss of yours when occasion was offred concerning the Lynegraaf, at which time all things could not concure to your liking or for o^r somers admittance. Next this Last somer vpon ye death of on of your servants: at which time, you did not forgett our losse, but did express what of Love and affection you did beare towards him, but only that the long indeavoures of an ould and faithfull servant could expect not les from your noble and generous disposition. for so indeed wee did aprehend it. besydes your Lordships words vnto the vertuos Lady Morgame as also your Lordships expression to my selfe in your chamber At ye primes court here in Bergen as also your Lordships promiss vnto my wife in ye house off Jonvrouw Arnoudt which makes vs that wee dare not to harbour so much as a thought contrary to our confidence in your faith and favour. and as the occasions present our prayer to god is that y^r noble worthynes mayd crowne our desyres with good Success: that wee for our losse, and our losse for him selfe may allwayes haue cause to praise god for your honour whome god has raised vp to be our noble freind heere in a strange lande and that as a Patron for the good and comfort of vs and ours. not doubting but your reward will bee dalle from ye Lord. and I humbly intreate you of ye afore said as ye expression off his heart who desyres ever to remaine yours.

Yours in all humillity and faithfullnes to serve you
Stephanus Payne

Bergen op zoome
this first ffebruary
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I was this night to visitt my Lady Morgam who wisshes me to remember his respects vnto your Lordship and could not with at present out a part of y^r favour in

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To the Hommorables Sr
Constantine Huygens
L: Secretary to his
Highnes the Prince
off Oraingie
put this