To my ladie Swann.
17/27 march 1654.

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Madam;

Seing my Embass.rs are more powrfull then my
Letters, to make a silent Woman talke, I would fayne
employ such a minister againe to intreate y.r Lad.p that by
her favour I may be informed of what is come to y.r
notice about our fortunes Sybilla and the altering of her religion
so much talked of in these parts: But having no fitt
matter at hand to save y.r the paines of writing, I shall
to my ancient importunities, and enquire most humbly
of y.r Lad.p if it be pleased to let me know what may have given
occasion to this calumnie, for so indeed I dare stile it,
nor will I ever be able to give any further credit to it.
My imagination is, that she will have Rome in construction
of the one Jesuite or other, and that those rogues reserve
begging of an apparent victorie and conversion of her
noble soule, which God forbid (we should say) I have to see
I dare not hope to see y.r Lad.p stopp so farre back from
the intention of her journey hither. But every one is to take
the measures of his owne commodities. Whensoever y.r come
and find me alife, y.r are to heare wonderfull new
compositions, both upon the Lute (in the new tunes
and the Virginals: Lessons, which, if they come not
short of y.r ears with their harmonie, are to astonish
y.r eyes with their glorious titles; striking nothing
like this Plainte de Mad.e la duchesse de Lorraine.
Plainte de Mad.e la Princesse sa Fille, Tombeaux,
et funerailles de M.r Deodate, and such gallantries
more. Do not y.r think, madam, to have me ly out,
at the stop of an exchange, What do y.r Lords, Ladys,
Honor, Seekings, What do y.r Lack? for indeed I am
provided of all kind of stuffe. Do but adventure to come
and see it. But as y.r owne commodities, as I have said
for an earnest, there is nothing else worth y.r hearing,
unless y.r will take the paines to hear me sing
and ply y.r many times over at Game.