

To the Lady
Mary Stafford.
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Madam;

Some days since I received y^r. Lad^d. most welcome Assurance
without any date upon my letter of the 27th of August. These
lines are, to assure y^r. Lad^d. that those of his noble Land could
never be better beloved than upon me, who am infinitely joyed
to see y^r. L. is in so good a health, that she hath the courage to
think of a journey beyond sea. In good faith, madam, as the world
goeth in y^r. Island, I doe imagine y^r. could as easily and
quietly and y^r. days in these parts amongst some of y^r. obedient
children as there, where publique and private troubles have agitated
y^r. till now. As for dowry for such a family, I make account
y^r. L. may be served here at his ease for 60. 70. or 80. pounds a
year, more or lesse, as she shall thinke fit for herself. If it please
y^r. L. to let me know of what, and how many, and how large
women y^r. would desire to be accommodated, I will make y^r.
acquainted of what is to be had here, at the Hague, which
y^r. may believe, madam, to be one of the sweetest and handsomest
dwelling of the world. But, as I have understood y^r. Lad^d.
intention should be to live in one family wth y^r. sonne and daughter
in law. If so be, an other course is to be taken for this seeme
to have a mind to live at Ma. Bick, which is more than a 100.
mile from Edue; in an excellent air indeed, but as far from the
queene of Bohemia as the Hague from Edue. and no such
consideration there, nor such pictures, nor such perfumers, nor
such musick as we are able to afford y^r. here. To be short,
madam, if y^r. L. doe us the honour to passe the seas, we will
indavour to make y^r. passe y^r. time in such a manner, that
the old da good days of Southwicks house will sometimes come
backe into y^r. memory. In this I desire y^r. L. to let me
keepe a count, upon that ground, that I am always, as
always I have been, and long I live shall be.

I think the bearer of this will be my young Cousin Inouehart,
whose Grandfather, the Ambass^r. Trachini, and uncle M. de
majirac, have had the honour to be acquainted wth y^r. L.
he is a youth of a notable state, and I alone Gift E. Tutor.