The cause I am to trouble y^e. withall at this present, is so full of iustice on my side, that, first, I dare dispute it even before y^e., the next interessed in it of all men, and secondly, doe presumie to guie over the advantage of my better known and accustomed language, ~~[illegible]~~ to free y^e. of the pains of interpreting what shall be said to Mylladie Killigrew, against whome by her own will, ~~and~~ knoweth, much against mine, I am to undertake indirectly this ~~[illegible]~~ quarrel ~~[illegible]~~; my custome being not to enter into contestations wth. Ladies; as indeed I would have been loth to stirr even by reflexion ~~[illegible]~~ in this particular, were it not that ~~I thought~~ finding my honour so farr attained by it, ~~[illegible]~~ ~~for shame~~ I could not for shame neglect ~~[illegible]~~ to disgage it.

~~To~~ The ground of all ~~[illegible]~~ may be laid open by a plaine ~~[illegible]~~ recital of y^e. sonn Charles his life, ~~and proceedings~~ carriage and ending in these Countries. It was, as y^e. may remember, about my returning home from ~~of~~ the last journey I made into England, that y^e. thought fitt to send him Page to the late Prince of orange, desiring me wee I should come to the Hague again to have an eye upon him, and direct his youth the best I could. A thing that I was not more bound and willing to promise the actually readie to performe. How I performed it, as it is not convenient to be told by my self, so I dare call to witnesse for it not onely the Courts of both Princes (nay this living Prince himself) but even the cheef an principal English gentlemen that lived here all the while. The same Courts and Gentlemen ~~[illegible]~~ shall testifie ~~[illegible]~~ how little I gained upon the poore youth, nay, how, notwithstanding chiding, prayer, admonitions from the very beginning to the

[illegible] and entertaining [illegible] him at my Mothers [illegible] and mine afterwards

^ it was not possible to divert him from the vilest and most infame Company in the Hague afoards as Players, Lacquays and the like with whom [redacted]

ende of his service, he rann headlong after all kinds of debauching. Even so farr, that for the conclusion of all, ~~he left Prince, Court and friends, and never would give me any reason why, though, as I thought, the reason was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]~~ finding himself desperately engaged in many debts, and ayming at a full ~~[illegible]~~ liberty of life without the bonds of obedience. ‡

‡ he left Prince, Court and friends, without so much as pretexted ever giving me reason of so shame full a retreat, notwithstanding I did earnestly urge upon it, seeing him inclined to such a resolution

Since, as I conceave, his business for debts going worse and worse the next expedient was to turn souldiour. So wth the English troopes he into Denmarch, suffered, as may be thought, want and miseries, and finally turned home into England, where having need accused not, as the lost sonne himself, but others ^ to justifie his own faults before his parents, he ~~[illegible]~~ come again to us, at the siege of ~~the Bush~~ Bolduque, reconciled as I saw, to his father, and wth new adresses from yr selfe to be received Gentleman of the Prince his chamber. By the answers of Sr Ed. Harwood and mine yr saw the how the Prince agreed it conditionally, so that having first ~~[illegible]~~ trained a pike under Sr Ed. Company for some months, he should by degrees be brought to the Court against, where, for consequence sake, he mought not be received so suddenly. ~~[illegible]~~ The resolution taken, he ~~goeth~~ getteth leave to goe for some business, as he told us unto the Hague, groweth sick in the way at Rotterdam and suddenly dieth.

^ and such others as I had desired it, from wth the truth is I did endeavour to pull him of by all kind of friendly and sometimes threatning exhortations.

After all ~~[illegible]~~, as I wondred why Aylodie yr wife would leave dives of my letters touching this and other matters unanswered, or ~~at least~~ else, how so many

could miscarrye, Sr. Ed. Harwood did me the favour
putt me out of that by certainty wth the last of all wch being directed by him
I gott upon it, a kind of answer of wch (to be the shorter) I will deliver yr here a copie.

Sr. Yt say not but wonder that yr Roede think it brass.
What shadow reason Meyladie Kill. had to deale wth me in this
fashion I refer it to yr owne consideration, and to the truth
of the things before recited. Onely intreating yr to beleeve
that whereas by many a witnesse and in christian conscience I do know my self free from
doing otherwise wth yr sonne then I would others did to me and mine,
it greeveth me exceedingly to see my sincere will and
affection payed wth brass and opinion of the vilest of all vices,
unthankfullnesse of wch for all that I think nor yr countrime
nor mine did ever taxe me but injustly. My calling sir,
grieveth me occasion to doe good to many, my inclination to
more, and this is the reputation I dare brage of before
the world. Were it not so, could I have so barkly
as to neglect both my promise, and the many reasons I
had in yr Lowre to think my self bound to the
good and service of yr and yrs. It greeveth me, I say, to the
soule, and this is all. To Meyladie yr Wife, who
for a conclusion doth wish me all misery, I wish from
God all mightie, all good and happiness, desiring this
onely favour at her hands, that when at one time or
other, passion (wch indeed in the fresh wounds of a mother heart is to be excused)
shall have made some wonne for reason in her mind, she
will be pleased to consider that as for the maint faulty

she ~~[illegible]~~ ilties of, for leaving her sonn a dying without assistance or consolation, the same thing could have happened to my wife or brother, while full of perpetuall businesse, and yet ignorant of what might happen to him, I lay in the fields, some fortie miles from Rotterdam, ~~and~~ banished from my owne house and children the space of a full half yeare. As for the stalmaster ye Ladies thinkes I durst not displease, seeing rather her sonn miscary, besides that I should little feare to displease him for a lighter cause, if he went out of reason, ~~[illegible]~~ the letter he writeth may speake for him, and free him ~~for~~ of the cruel reproch I never saw layd upon his good name, the truth being in this particular (and he is ready to swear it solemnly) that he did never use whisping against ye sonne but once, where, God knoweth (and I am loth to speake it of a dead man) he deserved it ~~[illegible]~~ daylie. Wee indeed both he and I, did pitty his youth as we ought to doe, the one for remembring of his parents love and ~~[illegible]~~ the other ~~[illegible]~~ for hoping to deserve it, as the ~~[illegible]~~ ye coming ~~[illegible]~~ Ambass. was held out of question, and so, little likelyhood that either the stalmr would willingly displease ye or I feare to displease him upon the certain losse of ye friendship. Thus farr, Sr, innocent forced me to stammer out my wit and necessarie defense, by wch having once decharged my self I rest with the same affection to love and serve both ye selfe my Ladies ye wife, and who soever shall claime the same right in the name of both, so that if my ungraciefull words are unable to bred a new impression of me in ye minds, by a better argument and demonstration of a true and well meaning inclination to ye service I hope at last to shew ye that without reason I have been thought unworthy the title of ye most affect.

Whither now falling sicke at Rotterd. he lacked meanes or money, ~~to be assisted~~ I can not tell, Sr Ed. Harwood at that time had take him, as is told before, into his speciall care and I am sure ~~[illegible]~~ would not see him wante as more than I of what he might have need of for his pretended journey to the Hague. Besides that for my part, seeing him in better order and apparell then he was wont to be, I did not doubt but that upon the reconciliation wth his parents he came well provided from them of necessarie meanes. So that then I must confess I offered him no monies, nor was asked any of him, as more the one heretofore ~~[illegible]~~ was accommodating him with what shall know more, nor ~~[illegible]~~ was resolved to make an ~~[illegible]~~ knowing how much I owe ye beyond it ~~[illegible]~~ by the way.

Bo. March 1629.