

ad. Killigrew.
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Madam:

I was ^{fully} resolved never to trouble y^r Lady with the ^{uncertain} ~~uncertain~~
~~of y^r son~~, after a long and ~~some~~ deduction I made over to s^r
A. Killigrew for the justifying of my proceedings wth him
w^{ch} in a word is such, as I wish to be said to my children
wherever they shall fall into the ^{hand and} care of strangers.

Two points only of s^r Rob. his answer, of w^{ch} ~~one~~ there is
but one belonging to y^r Lady. Do as y^r mother ^{and press} me, to speak
wth y^r this last time about so tedious a ^{matter}. The reason
of my long silence upon it, I do shew it to y^r ^{last} ^{husband} -
The point itself is, that ^{I speak of} (as y^r wife inform'd)

I did on ^{the field} give s^r Rob. some for the buying of a
dust, and ^{so} passing for wars, he dyed without consolation.

Now, Madam, I have nothing to oppose against so false
a ^{lie} ~~the~~ the true truth, w^{ch} is, as he said to ^{repeate} ^{at his last expiring} ~~repeate~~
an honest man, than I did never hear from him so much
as the least mention of war. At butt, he could have no
need of being under the eye and protection of his Council,

and, I hope, at least would have had his s^r Rob. skill
upon his pay. S^r Rob. skill: I do not know how
to offer him at that time, when, as coming but newly from
his Darts, I saw him in very good and proper appparell,
and like to be provid'd of all necessaries wh^{ch} concern'd
^{specially considering} ~~being~~ ~~being~~ he was the son to be received the Prince's Kitchin
and your, Madam, s^r Rob. skill: (if he had had occasion
to ask them) I do not know how I refus'd him, at such
a time, when (as I told s^r Rob. before) ^{in the Ordre time} ~~was as all by the~~
w^{ch} he was to be disband'd while any money was to be borrow'd,
and ~~had~~ ^{was} furnish'd him ^{part of compass} ~~many~~ ^{many} times more money
the perhaps I ^{ought} ~~could~~ have done; now, surely, the day I should
have told y^r without being thus forced to do. But in this

fixed, I say he is a ^{impudent} braut Liar ^{and} the ^{most} ^{vicious} body: that ever
 the he spoke in ^{the} one of any assistance of money. This is
 the ~~same~~ truth against it, whereupon I shall die. As for
 y: ^{Lord} then (notwithstanding both my letters and the desire
 my friends were pleas'd to make of my ^{involvement}) y: would
~~yield~~ to no reason or likelihood, but still show an off-hand
 heart against me, I am so well informed of it, and more
 displeas'd wth it than perhaps y: may imagine, but am so
 much indeed as I could be, knowing my self guilty of no
 base a fault against my best and noblest friends. y: ^{Lord}
 then either by words or thoughts may ^{think} dispose of me as y: shall
 think fit. y: utmost hate and ^{for my undoing} wishing ^{for my undoing} shall
 never be recompens'd but as ^{the} ~~the~~ and endless continuance
 of my trust love and service both to y: and y: ^{Lord} (wherein
 I shall have occasion to show it, For if ever I may see
 I am for ever
 Madam

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