

Sr Constantine Huygens.

I must request your pardon xx
for my utterance for kind a letter, and rare full advice
concerning my burnt house, that hath bin so long
in Solicitation, that a man may well say (that a house
is sooner burnt then paid for) And how not all this
while, neither returned you thanks nor answer, wth
by these I doe, in the most thankfull manner, the
fault hath not bin mine, but Monsieur John who
hath spent a great deal of time in undervaluing
my house, to make the expence seeme as little as
he could in the States opinion, for his own advantage
as likewise Mr. David hath done the same, that was
most guilty in the busines, Another cause of delay
was that Mr. John did treat wth mee, before
he knew where the money was to satisfie mee
for that the money was made over by Burlemacke
to pay it there, here we spent a great deal more
by me, here to get by merchant to pay mee here
wth wth much ado we have obteyned wth the condition
that I must staye two or three monthes for it
for that in payes I am satisfide though not in silver
or gold, For my house I am sorry that by reason
not of building it after by Italian manner it indged
after the Dutch, for if the ornaments and goods
and the interest of the money my house cost mee

Above but for his valour, it would come to mood by
the satisfaction & all to home, but since you have given
me counsell not to dispute it, but to get it now it is offered

I have followed your counsell, and think of nothing else
but that when I lett a horse to our Ambassador I will
not take his horse's words, but doe as others doe now by him

You have so much humanity in you more then ordinary
men have that invites me, to desire another letter of
from you, and I the rather believe that you will do so
for that you are a person of much honour, and would be
glad of any occasion to serve you here in requitall, wth
it was otherwise to desire you to do me the favour to
remember his Ex^{ty} of his promise, that my
company shall remaine in a frontier garrison for a
certaine regiment, so long as it shall be mine, according
to the favour that his brother did Sr John Digby when he
resigned his Regiment wth the like articles signed under
the promise hand signifying that his Ex^{ty} will think
that if Sr John Digby's company that arrived but
a hollowed shell had the regard that a
Cornwall's Gullet might have had, for
favour I shall not most bound to his Ex^{ty} and you for
the promoting of it by whom whose hands it must
pass.

The more I think of all nations I thank you for your
and should be glad to have the joining of your self for
the to impede but for the English march that is
gone to the downe we hold it here most convenient
Therefore his Majesty is minded to get it shall be sent

order more corrected and mended, not to be any more
forgotten; I will be not longer, but in desiring
you to honour me in your good opinion, and not to
change me for any servant you have here, for
I dare say that no man here or any where else
but only you, and more than I do, or it more
servant than I am for I will.

Your most affectionate servant

W. Brouwer

I hope you will forgive a sick man for writing a longer man's
hand, and I desire you as soon as you read over my letter
to write the enclosed letter to be delivered.

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