

Sr Constantine Huygens.

I must thank you for your pardon & for  
having my statements for kind a letter, and careful 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 have not all this  
while, neither returned you thanks nor answer, w<sup>th</sup>  
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 purchase 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 business, Another cause of delay  
was that Mr. John did treat w<sup>th</sup> mee, before  
he knew where the money was to satisfie mee  
for that the money was made over by Burlemack  
to pay it there, here we spent a great deal more  
by mee, here to get by merchant to pay mee here  
w<sup>th</sup> w<sup>th</sup> much ado we have obtained w<sup>th</sup> the condition  
that I must stay two or three months 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 countell not to dispute it, but to gett it now it is offered

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

You have so much humanity in you more then ordinary  
men have that invited me, to desire another letter of  
from you, and I the rather believe that you will doe  
for that you are a person of much honour, and would be  
glad of any occasion to serve you here in requitall, with  
it was the more to desire you to doe me the favour to  
remember his Ex<sup>ty</sup> of his promise, that my  
company shall remaine in a frontier garrison for a  
year and regiment, so long as it shall be mine, according  
to the favour that his brother did Sr John Digby when he  
resigned his Regiment with the like articles signed under  
the promise hand signifying that his Ex<sup>ty</sup> will think  
that if Sr John Digby's company that arrived but  
a hollow shell had the regard that a  
Cornwall's Gullett might have had, for  
favour I shall not most bound to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> and you for  
the promising of it by you 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  
to my self but for the English march that is  
gone to the down 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 note of man's  
hand, and I desire you as soon as you receive my letter  
to send me the enclosed letter to be delivered.

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