

Honorable Sir.



Long ere this you had receavd my
most humble thanks for yo^r kind Letter, and
those few ill written, and worse composd Ayns,
by the hand of a particular Gentleman a
Friend of mine, who was desirous to doe me
the favour, and receavd the Honour, and
happinds to be known to you, but a suddayns
accident hath cald him an other way, and left
me no other means to send you this, but by
the Common Post. Good Sir. I know you are
so well stored wth most excellent Italian Com-
positions, that w^ould it not to obay you, I
shoud shame to present you these. But I
most humbly desir. you to consider Indulgent-
ly, that they come from one, old, unhappy, and
in a manner in Exile, Plundred not only of his
fortune, but of all his Musieall Papers, Nay, almost
of his witts, and w^ortue, and hath nothing left him
now, but the happinds to be sincerely ever

Honorable Sir

Antwerp this first of March
1648

Yo^r most obliged, humble
and aff^{ionate} servant
N. Lanier

