



When I shall have told you that I have not yet seen nor heard from Mons. Knijft, whose intentions were after he had waited on His Highness to repaire personally with such orders as may promote the great business you know of. I would not adde any thing concerning the impatience and affliction I have beene in, both for the matter it selfe, and the weekeley account I am to give of it to Her Mats. I believe the extraordinary occasions and motions of yr army have beene the cause He could not pursue those intentions. In all my letters from France since I saw you the Queene presses the accomplishment of it, & for that purpose sent my D. Jermyn to Fontainebleau for further power & directions to accompany the letter already sent to His Highness. And accordingly Mons. D'Estade either hath or shall within few daies receive order in it. I send this in hast by this post ready to go away intending my selfe to follow him to morrow morning there being a necessity of my attendance of you, about some other particulars as well as this, wherein it shall appere how constantly the Queene pursues the old and chiefe proposition, and that this very thing concerning the fleet is looked upon especially in order to that, as the ready means to bring it to a present conclusion. I cannot entertaine you now at large but only this in short, we are now like to proceede in the manner your first answer with I carried to Paris last January, did prescribe, & France intends really & thoroughly to joyne in it. It is uncertaine yet here, where the Prince fastens, but thy discourse of Hulst, and therefore my thoughts are to come to the Polder Van Namur. But I can not determine any thing but this that I am

I must not forget to let you know that your gallant brother in law is so closely & firmly disposed to this great & glorious undertaking, & shall be with digressing the confidence of his present fortune here, that if he never will give His Highness favour in it, He will not easily be diverted.

The Hague. October.
Saturday.

Your most humble & most affectionate servant,
Steph. Goffe

Aug. 37.

For yr selfe.