



Sir

Since I was with you I come to hear that yr. Partic at Amsterdam being in treaty with yr. Agents for Venice, was Ask'd why he would prefer that Service before the other of the Duke of Orleans in wh^{ch} he was engag'd, And that he returned this answer, That the Duke would give but one months pay, & intended they should subsist by robbery. If this had not been related by persons who could not invent it, I should believe the man to be too much a gentleman, to be guilty of any such dangerous discourse w^{ch} might but indirectly frustrate the small remaind^r of hopes w^{ch} are now left to support the most distressed & best King alive. Wth conjectures may be drawn fr^o his discourse & comportment in that place I know not; but am of the opinion some speedy course ought to be taken, to invite or command him hither. I leave this unto your consideration, and believe the business it selfe (notwithstanding all this) in a good condicion, because you are pleas'd to give it your protection and to allow this liberty of importuning you about it unto

Worthy Sr

Hage. Jan: 20.

Your most Obed^t & most humble
servant

Stephen Goffe.

Hug. 37.



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A Monsieur

Monsieur de Zuylichem
Conseiller et Secrétaire de
Son Altesse. / 3.

