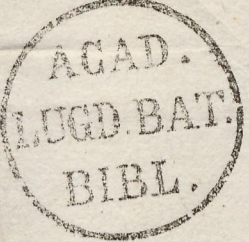


Noble and renowned



Et Constantijn Huygens Lord Secretary unto his
 highnes I am no more my owne then I desire to be yours
 in all serviceable love and hearty prayer for long life
 with increase of honour and happines unto your Lordship
 and all your worthy and hopeful plants. Let mee beseech
 you to accept the acknowledgement of a poore, but true
 well willor of grace and vertue where ever it is. and
 excuse mee I praye for I can not but call to minde
 first your owne free and noble promiss of intended good
 for our somes intortainment. next how carefully your
 Lordship was pleased to make use of that promiss of good
 when occasion was offered concerning the Synicrand,
 at which time all things could not concur to your
 liking or for o^r somes admittance. Next this last
 somer upon y^e death of on of your servants: at which
 time, you did not forgott our some, but did express what of
 love and affection you did beare towards him, but only
 that the long endeavours of an old and faithfull ser-
 vant could expect noe less from your noble and generous
 disposition. for so indeed we did apprehend it. besydes
 your Lordships words unto the virtuous Lady Morganie
 as also your Lordships expression to my selfe in your
 chamber At y^e princes court here in Bergen as also
 your Lordships promise unto my wife in y^e house of
 Jonvrowd Arnoudt which makes us that weo dare
 not to harbour so much as a thought contrarye to
 our confidence in your faith and favour. and as the
 occasions present our prayer to god is that y^e noble
 worthynes maye crowne our desires with good lucke
 success: that weo for our some, and our some for
 himselfe maye always have cause to praise god for
 your honour. whome god has raised up to be our noble
 friend here in a strange land and that as a patron
 for the good and comfort of vs and ours. not doubting
 but your reward will be double from y^e Lord. except
 I humbly intreat you of y^e afforesaid as y^e expression
 off his heart who desires ever to remaine yours.

Bergen op zoom
 this first february
 :1646:

Yours in all humillity and
 Faithfullnes to serve you
 Stephanus Payne

Aug. 27.

It was this night to visit my Lady Morganie who wished me
 to remember his respects unto your Lordship and could
 not visit at present but is very confident of y^e favour in
 respect of o^r some and so as weo.

Notes and comments

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To the Honourable S^r
Constantine Huygens
S: Secretary to his
Highnes the Prince
off Orange
put this