

Noble and truly renowned

My duty and humble respects presented. if I exceede my limits I shall desyer your  
 honour to excuse mee, as proceeding from weaknes and not out of any desyer to bee  
 to troublesom vnto your Lordshipp. for the truth is that I hold my selfe bounde  
 as A father for the expected good of his some to continue the office of a suppliant  
 to refresh your Lordships memory, till god make all things to concur and your  
 Lordships as ready to performe those ancient and laater vnderstood promisses  
 for the happye intertainment of our some into your Lordships service which  
 is the highest of our ambition, and shall bee the crowne of our age and a greatt  
 increase of happines vnto vs. That when wee see your Lordships grant and our  
 desyer to meeke together in one. wee maye then haue cause to rejoyce in  
 thankfulness vnto God as the author and vnto your honour as the instrument  
 raised up by god in A strainge Land for such further hopes of good vnto vs and ours.  
 being gladd of the happines that our Noble friend the virtuos Lady Morgaine  
 doth honour vs so farre as to bee the messenger of this my letter of desyred  
 love and respect vnto your honour and shall bee most gladd if it maye finde such  
 grace in your eyes, that our soules maye bee lifted up in thankfull praises vnto  
 the Kinge of heaouen, and for A larger increase of honour happines and prosperity  
 vnto your Noble selfe and all your Noble and hopeful plants as the diuided parts  
 of your noble selfe and lively image of your Noble virtues. Noble and  
 honorable Lord let not my calling as A minister of god nor meani quallifi-  
 cations bee A hinderance to my desyer: but that my person maye finde acceptance  
 and this opening of my heart a gracious approbation in your eyes. who doe  
 desyer to bee not more my owne then yours to serue you in the best of my  
 pious desyers and indeavours and so ever to remayne

Bergenopzome<sup>is</sup>  
 17: April: 1648:



Yours ever your Lordships ever  
 Devoted and obliged to his power  
 Stephanus: Payne

*[Handwritten flourish]*

Hug. 37.





To the Honorable Lord off!!!  
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to his highnes the Prince  
of orange present  
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