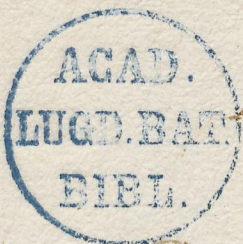


Right Hon: Sir.



the comon calamitie of our cuntry  
 and of euery one of us in particular (espotially  
 seruants of y<sup>e</sup> King) by odd, and ill Accidents, are  
 euin becom<sup>d</sup> prodigious. The tenth of this present  
 Month, my poore wife, w<sup>th</sup> hir 2 mayors, bidtwin  
 Gand and Bruges, by a Partie of Hollands soldiers  
 were pillagid of all they<sup>had</sup> she lost 2 trunks w<sup>th</sup> hir  
 cleaths and all she had. among others ther was one  
 caried prisoner to Slues, he was once Sir Antony  
 Van dykes man, he is releast, and sent me word  
 y<sup>t</sup> he solicited much y<sup>e</sup> Ryngrauw for my wines 2  
 trunks, telling him y<sup>t</sup> she was a friend, and retayner  
 to my Lady of Arundell, he would not deliuer y<sup>e</sup>  
 trunks, but promised y<sup>t</sup> if my Lady would writ to him  
 w<sup>th</sup> in a fortnight, they should be deliuerd. I haue  
 procurd y<sup>e</sup> fauour from hir. But dare not presume  
 to importune you for a line to him. not knowing, perhaps,  
 how it may be too troublesome, or not conuenient w<sup>th</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> more  
 serious affairs. But Good Sir (setting all modestie aside)  
 I cannot choos<sup>e</sup> but humbly to intreat yo<sup>r</sup> fauour for y<sup>e</sup>  
 procuring his Eccelentiss pass for my selfe w<sup>th</sup> 2 casses  
 of Payntings, and one seruant. to come into Holland, or  
 if this be too much, that I may haue such for y<sup>e</sup> flat, or  
 contribution country. y<sup>t</sup> (by yo<sup>r</sup> fauour) I may take  
 some breath out of this town, or rather prison, or Dams  
 of thoduis, (for my selfe was robd returning from  
 France hither) if this fauour may be obtayn'd, I most  
 humbly desire, it may be directid for me to M<sup>r</sup> d'wart  
 dwelling in this town. Sir if you shall please to add this  
 fauour to y<sup>e</sup> many fauours I haue heretofore receaued  
 from you. Yo<sup>r</sup> Charitie, will putt an eternall obligation  
 upon me. Thus (about all) most humbly crauing pardon  
 for this my boldness. I shall eu<sup>r</sup> remayne  
 Right Hon: Sir.

I humbly desire to be pardoned  
my negligence scribbling.

Antwerp this 18<sup>th</sup> of March.  
1646. st: 20:

Yo<sup>r</sup> most humble, affec<sup>t</sup>  
and obligd seruant.  
Rich: Lanier

Hug. 37.



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A Monsieur  
Monsieur Le Chevalier Huygens  
seigneur van Sulchum, et  
Secrétaire de son Excellence  
Le Prince d'Orange

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