

Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir.

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I have not only received your  
favourable Letter w<sup>th</sup> his Excellency's pass, but  
yesterday I had also news, that my wines  
two Trunks are delivered, And I hope all  
things safe. shortly (God willing) I shall wait  
upon you, And in person express my inexpressable  
obligations to you. I have promised to accompany  
a great Lady of ours that is here, who is very  
shortly bound for Holland. This Day at her  
house, I met w<sup>th</sup> father Siagars y<sup>e</sup> Paynter,  
during his maner, and bearing y<sup>e</sup> weighty Cross,  
his Excellency sent him in return of his rare  
piece of Flowers. I would our Crosses of England  
were such. Sig<sup>r</sup> Duarte humbly kisses your  
hands, and is glad of any occasion to serve  
you. by this means Mr Williboirts, may take  
his pleasure of my Lady of Oxford. I  
hope shortly to be an admirer, and partaker  
of yo<sup>r</sup> Harmonious, excellent compositions,  
as I am of your favours, and Charities, that  
hath Eternally oblig'd me to be

Right Honorable Sir.

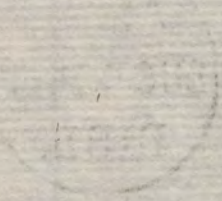
Yo<sup>r</sup> humblest, affec<sup>t</sup>  
and most obliged servant.

Antwerp this 3<sup>d</sup> of April  
1646

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W<sup>ill</sup> Williboirt

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M A Monsieur  
Monsieur le Chevalier Huygens  
Seigneur de Sulckum, et  
Secrétaire de son Excellence  
le prince d'Orange  
alla  
Hays.