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My Brother's former will w^{ch} this opportunity (I presume) let you understand his opinion concerning Mr. Hart's intentions.

My Sister bids me tell you that the suspicion of a frost hath
been the principle cause shew hath so long desired her journey to
the Hague. Though shew be very well contented here, shew is not
altogether so possess'd either w^{ch} the air, or the company, but that
shew could suspend both upon so good terms as shew is well assur'd shew
shall meet wth there; but her fears is shew shall nothing answer
y^or expectation, & her own desires. By reason of a raging cold w^{ch}
hath hit her long, & much afflicted her head, & lungs, & caus'd
such a stoppage in the pipes that beside the self-quilt shew hath of her
mability to satisfie y^or judgment, shew hath much reason also to doubt
the possibility of pleasing y^or Ear; her voice being much impaired,
& that causing a neglect in her of the exercise of those parts w^{ch}
will grow less familiar if not more conversant withall, but it shall
be my industry to keepe up the acquaintance though more than usual
hardness pass between the ditty, & her expression.

The conversation of Doctor Johnson, Mr. Jell, & other fellows
here have made me more than half contemplative; if I were not
sworn to my sword I wou'd almost be perswaded to turne altogether
other philosopher; but being so much a stranger to that profession
I am loath to quit old acquaintance for new, yet if I thought I
should be forc'd to spend an other twelve-months as voyde of action
as those last I should go ware to turne my horse, & pistols into
Dogms, & problems, but though y^or draw here seeme to per-
swade as much, yet there is fire enough in other countries to
keepe the steel from rusting, w^{ch} I shall not put to y^e trial
till I am convinc'd that the good intentions I am confident his
Highnes hath for me, are not capable of execution. I shall humbly
intreate you as you see occasion not to suffer them to decay, but
to keepe me still in his good opinion, w^{ch} you will have no whit
the less reason to do if you please to believe this truth,
that I most infinitely desire to become his, & am already no
less
y^or
y^or most humble servant.
John. C. H.

Dated January 9th 21





A Monsieur.
Monsieur de Zuylencom Secre
taire de son Altesse le Prince
d'Orange A la Haye.

