

Sir,



I should be much wanting to me selfe & to those duties  
your many favours did impose upon me, if I should not  
give You an accompt of what I have done in performance  
of Your last commandments about Your Sonne. And  
that You may have the summe of all at once, You may  
be pleased to beleive, I have lived with Your Sonne ever  
since our first meetinge and comeinge away like fellow-  
travellers, nay, I shall say more. in truth, like brothers  
in such occasions ought to doe. No commission, no mes-  
sage, no visite, nor publick, nor private, I have been  
charged withall, in which Your Sonne did not affect me.  
And whither-soever My Lords went, the first gentleman  
was called to their attendance, was Your Sonne. Whereby  
My Lord Cars so well is informed of his good parts and  
abilitie, (I can say no lesse for his worthinesse, and  
will say no more for to avoide all suspicion of flattery)  
that no message of his Lop. was delivered or trusted  
to any of our Gentlemen, but to him. And although  
by this continuall imployment many dayes are spend  
abroad, neverthelesse I can assure You that they are  
as well bestowed, both in exercising the English tongue  
and seeing how publick matters here now are han-  
dled, as any he passed in his study. For besides that

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he and I doe use almost no other language in our discourses upon the way, he findes also in meane while many opportunities, nay sometimes necessities to trye and make the best use of what he studid and learned hitherto. And realy (if you thinke me able to judge) I may tell you, he alone hath more advanced in this moneth, and gotten more English, then all his companions put togather. Nay surely I beleue, before the other moneth will be ended, he shal be able to teach me better English, then untill now he had from me. For his paricular endeavours, and too often lueubrations I need not commend him to you. His weekly letters can witnesse that better, then I. And in deed, may I advise him by your favour, I would rather see to spare him his youth, then to spoile it too soone for want of rest. Hereby I hope,

Sir, You will be pleased to acknowledge only what power Your commandements wrought upon me and withall to consider if you will trust me any more. You need not to thanke me for what I have <sup>done</sup> in order to my dutie: But I must thanke you for this happe opportunity you gave me, to intimate me self more and more in the acquaintance of your truely noble family; and alsoe to consider in your sonne the sure fruite of a good education; besides the truth of that morall Poet's sayinge,

Fortes creantur fortibus et bonis, 28.

For the little good newes we have here as yet, I shall  
referre me to Your Sons better relation: I pray You  
only to pardon me the boldnesse I take to offend  
your delicate eares and curious eyes with this my  
bad Delfs-English. For the end I would intreat  
you to have a care ~~of~~ that poore city, I lived in,  
and perishing Colledge without your aide. And  
hereupon I shall pray God to blesse and prosperate  
all your good intentions, & with all I rest,

Sir,

Your most humble Servitor

In haste, the  $\frac{26}{16}$  Jan<sup>ry</sup> 165 $\frac{1}{2}$   
(for so they write here still)  
London<sup>in</sup> the fields. Postday.  
Dedelys Sabrinus S.P.D.

J. van Vliet

To the right Worlhyfull,  
Sor Constantijn Huygens, Kn.t.  
Lord Zuleckem 28. of the pri-  
-vy Counsell of his High: the  
Prince of Orange 28. this pref.  
at the Hague.