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Sir,



I should be much wanting to me self & 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 beleve, I have lived with Your Sonne ever  
since our first meetinge and cominge 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 assist me.  
And wither-soever My Lords went, the first Gentleman  
was called to their attendance, was Your Sonne. Whereby  
My Lord Cats so well is informed of his good parts and  
abilities, (I can say no losse for his worthinesse, and  
will say no more for to avoide all suspition of flattine)  
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, neverthelorse 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 passeth in his study. For besides that  
he is

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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 necessitios  
to trye and make the best use of what he studied  
and learned hitherto. And really (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 together. Nay surely I  
beleieve, before the other moneth will be ended, he shall  
be able to teach me better English, then untill now  
he had from me. For his particuler endeavours, and  
too often lucubrations I need not commend him to You:  
His weekly letters can witness 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 <sup>me</sup> any more.  
You need not to thanke me for what I have <sup>done</sup> in  
order to my duty: But I must thanke You for this  
happie opportunity You gave me, to intimate me self  
more and more in the acquaintance of Your truly  
noble family; and alsoe to consider in Your Sonne  
the sure fruit of a good Education; besides the  
truth of that morall Poets sayinge,

*Fortes creantur fortibus et bonis, 29.*

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-Englisk. For the end I would intreate  
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, I with all I rest,

Sir,

Your most humble Servitor

In haste, the  $\frac{26^{th}}{26}$  Jan<sup>y</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 Worshipfull,  
Sir Constantin Huygens, Kn<sup>t</sup>.  
Lord Zulechem 29. of the pri-  
-vy Counsell of his High<sup>ness</sup> the  
Prince of Orange 29. this prof.  
at the Haghe.

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