To m^r. Witt
Price, Pastour of Sir;
the English Church
in Amsterdam. I did Expect
1659. 7. March. to give y^u thanks by Word of mouth
for the favourable entertainment
make about my poore Poetry: from that
I was resolved for a time, I thought my self obliged to discharge
me of that duty by these lines, Wch. I intended
to owne as a faithfull testimonie of What I must acknowledge
to owe y^u: for such an excesse of kindnesse towards me. Y^u
must give me leave s^r. to take it so, and conclude w^th ale.
I am not so unknowne to my self as to owne the
least of those praises y^u are throwing over my head by
de plano. The deepest object of my satisfaction and pride
to have gotten so noble a reader, Wch being a stranger
and Forreigner to me and my language doth confesse
to discend from the eminencie of his profession into the Valleys
of my publicke stirres, to peruse me tele my dayly dreames.
for so I must name all those productions, for w^ch I can
assure y^u I did neuer sit downe, entire one of them being borne
as in a hurry of many more wightie occupations, as in some
preface of the booke y^u: may have observed. I doe not know,
s^r. Wether my Latine Poems have had the happines to come to y^r.
hands. If not, I am redie to put y^u to an other tryal of y^r.
patience in the reading of them. and will recane the, acte
of y^u: Philophila against so prove a forreiner as I doe
Salmasius. What my judgment was of the learned
sirnon at Maldyke y^u: put me in mind of; Gr. Grunne
and Ei Dorder could testifie, and if y^u: had need of more
witnes, a great many more. I will be more gracious to
y^u: make this to stande my thing of it selfe
but that even the remembrance of that action and
the many reports heard of y^u: excellent doctrine and
virtues, have made me

S^r

Y^r most affected
servant