

To m<sup>r</sup>. Witt.  
Princ, Pastour of <sup>Witt.</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> English Church  
in Amsterdam. ~~I did expect~~

~~of my~~ <sup>for the</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>about</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>poor</sup> <sup>Poetry</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>intended</sup> <sup>journey</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>Amsterdam</sup>  
~~of my~~ <sup>being</sup> <sup>suspended</sup> <sup>for</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>time</sup>, I thought <sup>my</sup> <sup>self</sup> <sup>obliged</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>discharge</sup>  
~~me~~ <sup>of</sup> <sup>that</sup> <sup>duty</sup> <sup>by</sup> <sup>these</sup> <sup>lines</sup>, <sup>W<sup>r</sup>. J<sup>r</sup> <sup>intending</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>renew</sup>  
<sup>as</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>faithfull</sup> <sup>testimonie</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>what</sup> <sup>I</sup> <sup>do</sup> <sup>acknowledge</sup>  
<sup>to</sup> <sup>you</sup> <sup>for</sup> <sup>such</sup> <sup>an</sup> <sup>excuse</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>kindness</sup> <sup>towards</sup> <sup>me</sup>. <sup>You</sup>  
<sup>must</sup> <sup>give</sup> <sup>me</sup> <sup>leave</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>write</sup> <sup>it</sup> <sup>so</sup>, <sup>and</sup> <sup>conclude</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>all</sup>.  
I am not so unknown to my self as to ~~owne~~ <sup>owne</sup> the  
least of those praises <sup>you</sup> are throwing <sup>over</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>head</sup> <sup>long</sup>  
de plumes. The chiefest <sup>and</sup> <sup>perhaps</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>pride</sup> <sup>is</sup>  
to have gotten so <sup>notable</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>reader</sup>, who bring a stranger  
and <sup>unacquainted</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>me</sup> and my language dole <sup>conduce</sup>  
to direct from the eminence of <sup>his</sup> <sup>profession</sup> into the valleys  
of my <sup>poor</sup> <sup>stomach</sup>, to ~~see~~ <sup>hear</sup> <sup>me</sup> <sup>tell</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>daily</sup> <sup>dreams</sup>,  
for so I must <sup>name</sup> <sup>all</sup> <sup>those</sup> <sup>productions</sup>, for <sup>W<sup>r</sup>. J<sup>r</sup></sup> <sup>can</sup>  
assure <sup>you</sup> I did <sup>never</sup> <sup>sit</sup> <sup>downe</sup>, <sup>but</sup> <sup>one</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>them</sup> <sup>bring</sup> <sup>borne</sup>  
as in <sup>the</sup> <sup>strong</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>many</sup> <sup>more</sup> <sup>wischie</sup> <sup>occupations</sup>, as in some  
page of the books <sup>you</sup> may have observed. I do not know,  
I wish my Latin Poems have had the happiness to come to <sup>your</sup>  
hands. If not, I am ready to put <sup>you</sup> to an other trial of <sup>your</sup>  
patience in the reading of them, and will receive the use  
of <sup>you</sup> <sup>Terphila</sup> againe so <sup>poore</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>poor</sup> <sup>as</sup> <sup>you</sup> <sup>see</sup>  
<sup>had</sup> <sup>never</sup>. What my judgment was of the learned  
sermon at Maldrick <sup>you</sup> put me in mind of. For <sup>you</sup> <sup>know</sup>  
and <sup>his</sup> <sup>doctrine</sup> could <sup>be</sup> <sup>taught</sup>, and if <sup>you</sup> had need of <sup>such</sup>  
<sup>libium</sup>, a good many more. I will be more gracious to  
<sup>you</sup> <sup>modest</sup> <sup>than</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>speak</sup> <sup>any</sup> <sup>thing</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>it</sup> <sup>else</sup>  
but that even the remembrance of that action and  
the many reports I heard of <sup>you</sup> excellent doctrine and  
virtues, <sup>have</sup> <sup>made</sup> <sup>me</sup></sup>

S<sup>r</sup>

Y<sup>r</sup> most affec<sup>t</sup>  
J<sup>r</sup> <sup>Edw</sup> <sup>Edw</sup>