

To the Lady Swann
Maye the 7. of may 1660. Copie.

Madam;
Mr Witt Swann hath done me the favour to assure me, that my last
forlorn letter did find some gracious acceptance in y^r. favour goodnesse,
And although it be no new thing to me, to see y^r. Lad^d. iudge misericordly
of my infirmities, this extraordinary civillitie doth make me smile to so
light a pitee of pride, that I can scarce beleave any presumption follow
of mine be able to put y^r. Countie out of joynt. And here, Madam,
I have a notable example of it. A brave Historical narration it is
of o^r. last wedding feast. Order of the original being sent to o^r. lovely
Cousin, my Boye had the curiositie to keep a Copie of it. Now if
y^r. think worth the paines to peruse, these shall be do intricately
that they may have it againe wth. the first. It is a kind of Poetico
in prose: that's the English title I can give it. I have not heard yet
how the Dutchesse hath received it. But if she be Triump^{ph} Comelis still
as she was, I can not fere she will take it unkindly. May I give
it out for a piece of civillitie, to tricke sometimes her spleene, amongst
so many troubles she is tossed in by the light companion, her Duke.
Had she to meddle wth. so Loyall a Prince as the three distracted
Kingdomes may will be sure to find the most noble King they are
now a la wille to restore to his glorious right, then she might
beleave her hopes to be built upon a rock, wth. till now I
see grounded but upon sand and water. Good Madam, whilst
y^r. are there neere the spring of the sunne, let me have
a share in them by y^r. favour, as soone as y^r. shall have the full
joyfull shoke of the Hill that I am confident was a casting upon
Wednesday last in Westminster. I was day before yesterday
a great while upon those matters wth. the queene of Holandia
and our conclusion in behalf of the King his Obedience was, that
the chief point of his glorie and felicitie will be, to see his Ma^{ty}.
settled without any the least obligation but to God alone. The next
article was, that we must see his Ma^{ty}. free from Envy in a
full intelligence wth. this state, and this (sayd the quene) nous
from la nique a tout la ~~saute~~ ^{Conscience}. God graunt it, madam,
and bless his Ma^{ty}. wth. no more Sapphirre and perisphirre
then I wish him; and this no more will exceed all the more
of all Kings in the world.

V. f. l'abbé de la Haye
Le très-humble serviteur

To the noble Lady Stanhope
my humble service and respects.
I hope y^r. shall have y^r. letter
frashed at Brida wth. the excellent
Guitarr of o^r. sigⁿ. Corbitt. wth.
which is worth y^r. serving and admiration,
as I can testify by the favour of Mr R. Eijgen.