

To Mr. Ruyter
L. H. Bronghe. Sr.
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Copie.

By the noble care and direction of
 I had the happiness to receive at my coming some from the
 Court of Great the gracious testimony of y^r. undevoted kindness
 towards me, a man of no proportion to so much favour
 as I fear, s^r. y^r. are to perceive by these poor productions
 of mine the said noble Lady thank me she hath returned
 to expose to y^r. censure. The Golden I have taken to give y^r. a sight
 of them, is partly grounded upon some favourable instruction
 m^r. Lanier would make of them, which, some two years past I
 had occasion at Antwerp to detain him an hour or two on the
 my rude fiddle. But, s^r., as long as I do not find one in
 y^r. approbation, I do not hold my self to be half way of my
 journey. And so in no less than this hope I am expecting
 the gracious sentence of y^r. will be pleased to pass over my
 faults, only driving, that y^r. corrections may be accompanied
 wth. some examples of y^r. own most excellent skill and hand,
 so that in being punished, as undoubtly I shall have deserved,
 I may be taught to fiddle less and less, and not only be a
 proper admirer of y^r. skill knowledge and modesty in this
 noble profession, but also as a most obedient scholar and
 imitator of y^r. method and steps, w^{ch}. I am to embrace
 as devoutly as I desire to be able to serve y^r. I am most
 passionately y^r

Enbeaucht. W.
