

To the Lady Madam.
Utricia Smoorel Madam.

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I was so surpris'd to see in a country I never saw
before the reverend man I could hope to see upon the late,
to be afford to the reverend Lady I know and the worthy,
friend I have left me in England, that I could not forbear
to intimate him to be the bearer of these lines, to put y^r
Lad^{ship} in mind that in what corner soever of the world y^r
desire will send me I will be the same I was in the
w^{or}ld y^r most humble and obedient servant. This could
be the conclusion of a complimental letter, but I have no
mind to finish, Madam, without asking how y^e doe
what y^e are doing and how long to stay in England.
Because I was inform'd, to my great satisfaction, y^e
M^{rs} Swann was to be employ'd at Stamborough or these
abouts. Y^e Lad^{ship} must pardon me, if I am too inquisitive
about another's business. As sometimes I have endeavour'd
to do what lay in my power towards that noble
Gentleman's Portion, I will always be glad to see
so good a Work profited by the hands even of y^e illustrious
Sovereign: Who having us'd made of y^e M^{rs} Swann
Madam, what it was reason he should make of them
I make no question but his good will of time past
will be turn'd into good deeds for the future, and can
assure y^e that whatsoever his Majesty will order
to doe for y^e good, shall be as much and my desire
at home than y^e desire. Here I am chain'd
to this Court till y^e noble Lord Hollis appears to
L^ord's one. Y^e make take it for a criddle if y^e
please, but such is the ground of the truth. In October
next it will be a year I left my dear friends and
Country. God knoweth when, and if ever we are to see
one another againe. Y^e Lad^{ship} may consider if so long an
absence be a joyfull pastime. And y^e I have no consolation
but patience; w^h I never had more need of. In the same
time y^e will find it like and reasonable enough. If I doe

don't my fancy upon the handsome things that are done
in abundance. do not insipiditate it upon y^e light wittie,
modern, and such words. All the time I can spare is
given to Musick, both in hearing and in doing. So I have
found my self to have composed about 30. new pieces, since I came
from home. M. du faur hath heard some of them, and
made a show to be something pleas'd wth my trifles; but
wth the figure of y^e Lad^e. would doe me the favour to
showe as Critique. If he will make y^e a relation
something like his discourse in province, I will begin
to enter into a wondrous full assumption of my selfe.
Surely he is the rarest composer that I ever heard
and the sweetest humor of a man. My paper is almost
to an end. If y^e Lad^e. hath the good will to let me hear
from her, the letters must be directed to such a one,
depute' du Prince d'orange auport du Roy Louis-Constantin
à la Rue s^t. Honoré, chez madame Hollande au Confrere
Pige Livest, who is to say,
Madam,

Je suis
vostre
très humble
serviteur
J. L.