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To the Lady  
Marquise of  
Newcastle.

Madame;

This is my second journey from the Court of France  
 into this, within the space of but one year; and I <sup>may</sup> ~~do~~  
<sup>rather</sup> call it my second misfortune, since my occupations  
 here will not give me leisure to go and ~~visit~~ <sup>visit</sup> my  
 humble respects unto y<sup>e</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup>. And this mortification  
 hath so much heavy<sup>d</sup> upon me, Madam, because from  
 beyond sea I am informed of y<sup>e</sup> <sup>most undignified</sup> ~~exceeding~~ <sup>exceeding</sup> good will toward  
 me, and that y<sup>e</sup> good friends at Antwerp have ~~presented~~  
 my library <sup>by order of y<sup>e</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup></sup> ~~by order of y<sup>e</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup>~~ <sup>with a new store of y<sup>e</sup></sup>  
<sup>valuable</sup> ~~valuable~~ productions. I hope Madam, y<sup>e</sup> will not stand  
 upon a ~~too~~ rigorous account w<sup>th</sup> a man whom <sup>almost</sup> ~~my~~ <sup>my</sup> minister  
 maketh unexcus<sup>ed</sup>. Being ~~just now~~ <sup>just now</sup> ~~disputed~~ <sup>disputed</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~King~~ <sup>King</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~France~~ <sup>France</sup> -  
 I am <sup>instantly</sup> ~~instantly~~ <sup>sent</sup> ~~sent~~ again to the King of France -  
 about whom having spent the time of above two  
 year<sup>s</sup>, and being almost ~~grown~~ <sup>grown</sup> a ~~stranger~~ <sup>stranger</sup>  
 to my own Country, I have a more y<sup>e</sup> ~~strong~~ <sup>strong</sup> ~~desire~~ <sup>desire</sup>  
 this year, the fine things I am to find at home  
 by y<sup>e</sup> favour will spur me <sup>diligent</sup> ~~diligent~~ in such a manner  
 that, as we say in a Dutch proverb, the Court of France  
 shall see me make slow miles w<sup>th</sup> her, and  
 y<sup>e</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup> I hope receive in brief my more particular  
 acknowledgements for the <sup>noted</sup> ~~benefit~~ <sup>benefit</sup> she hath been pleased  
 to bestow upon me, who shall always reckon it  
 for one of the greatest blessings of my life to  
 be beloved, as I am faithfully y<sup>e</sup>

I make bold to present my  
 humble and obedient service  
 to my most honored Lord (Marquis)  
 Ex<sup>ty</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup>, supposing he cannot receive it  
 from a more beloved land.