

To the Honourable Lord
High Chancellor of
England. Paris
12 Decr. 1664.

May it please your Lordship;

N. 422

While I am following your our tedious Orange
business, of which there is some hope I may ere
long be discharged, ^{one way or another} I cannot forbear to look sometimes
backward to my ^{last} English Commission; of which
your Lordship having graciously promised me to
remember at the meeting of this present Parliament
these Lines are to intimate your Lordship to have
so much goodness for his Highness's my Master
as to put the King in mind of what his Majesty
has often done me the honour to assure me
to be his most real intention towards the same
purpose. I can tell your Lordship in truth that divers
Members of Parliament, both of the Lords and
the House of Commons, declared unto me that
for ought they could see, if it pleased his Majesty
to propound the matter, it would prove a
very acceptable motion, and that without
question the reimbursement of the Prince of
Orange would be agreed and resolved, and mine
contradictory both for Capital and Interest,
there being, as they would confess, no reason
why his Majesty should have the charge of
the Prince's ^{the Prince's} wear, his Father and Grandfather have so
generously furnished and bestowed upon their
Majesties royal necessities. The particular
accounts of our provisions (God knoweth and
my Lord of St. Albans can testify, & Edward was
much more furnished at several occasions) will

The Interest
of these huge
sums running
still to our utmost
inconvenience.

All the Vouchers and Verifications belonging
thereto, I left by order of his Ma^{ty} in
M^{rs} ~~Stephens~~ ^{Strom} hands. I have intreated
him by a severall letters to communicate ^{about} ~~reponell~~
wth y^e Lord. w^{ch} I hope will not lett pass
this occasion without giving his High^{ness} a
testimonie of that noble affection we have
always found in y^e Lord. for the good
and benefit of the Hon^{or} of Orange w^{ch}
our selfe be mindfull and thankfull for
so ^{minut} speciall a favour. For my particular,
my Lord, though I am sure his High^{ness} the
Princes dowager will have a care to move
this business unto y^e. I hope y^e Lord.
will vouchsafe to receive in good part then
my ^{private} humble duties, since ~~transacting~~
~~business~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~kind~~ ~~as~~ ~~in~~
~~some~~ ~~of~~ ~~my~~ ~~former~~ ~~letters~~ ~~and~~ ~~what~~ ~~I~~ ~~doe~~ ~~is~~
but *causam non litam* captam pro v^{er}g^{er}.
I kiss y^e Lord. hands wth all submission
and a ~~profound~~ thankfull remembrance
of ~~your~~ ~~mercy~~ ~~and~~ ~~favor~~ ~~w^{ch}~~
~~shewd~~ ~~to~~ ~~made~~ ~~y^e~~ ~~Lord~~ ~~particullij~~ ~~to~~
commune ~~at~~ ~~my~~ ~~many~~ ~~impertunitij~~,
of w^{ch} I hope this shall be the last,
^{as} ~~and~~ I for ever
y^e

[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper]