A la Haye
Swarm.
6. Jan. 1665.

Madam;

Il estoit mal no place to be made between Vr. Lad.
and me but by the intervention of so kind a letter
as Y. A. was pleased to send me, when indeed
I did believe Y. A. at Hambourg a good while
ago, Y. Cousin Sir Th. Ewing assured me of it,
and much confirmed me in that opinion by telling
me how Y. Lad. had found in Ed. Exam to
be a Whole night at the Hague without giving
any notice of it to those who did pretend
to be in an ancient possession of some little comm.
of that Estat. In good earnest, Madame,
I was something grieved at the news, and am
scarce yet returned from. I know not, my
displeasure or my anger. However, seeing
Y. A. are pleased to pay us in Words, patience
must be taken; Of one thing I may assure Y. Lad.
that if ever I came so near Hambourg as
Utrecht is from the Hague, I could not leave
my Lady more unvisited; [illegible]
[illegible] if the Winter prevailed, as I am now, out of
a new pair of Virginals of the Hague
of 4. Octaves & ½ and a quarter. I could
tell Y. A. wonders, Madam, of Fitz mouth
excellent sound and other perfections &c.
a time was when they could have charmed Y.
but seeing Y. A. quite out of all, & light of
love of [illegible] but what consisteth in Division (Division
upon strings) but of Gold and Silver &c. I have little notice)

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I saw it were in vaine to obtaine y^e^ sute
such trifles, and therefore have sought some other
with all
diuersion that shall to pas y^e^ time in-
travelling home. For that purpose I intreate
y^r^ Lad^p^ to receaue these poor presents. One
of the Bookes will informe y^e^ of what Greate
of me since I had the honour to see y^r^ Lad^p^
in England, and how not unwellcome a guest
I was at Orange, after that affli'ted people
had been deliuered bi my endeauours. y^e^ Will
find their expressions, and Ladyships, concerning
my unworthie person, beyond all reason and truth.
but, madam, y^r^ charitie must impute it to the
the readines of
extreame bi the Whole Countrie was in, for the
Easie recouerie out of the Lawe oppression thei
had groaned under, considering, it was the people
Lath that spoke and not their Brains. The
second Almanack is the youngest, and, as y^e^ Lad^p^
somewhere
finds in the Text, the last of my productions
of that nature, upon our illustrious new Waie
digged and paued through the sand-downes
from Hage to Scheuening. y^r^ Lad^p^ Would not
Vouchsafe to come and see the original, and so at last
the shadow of it must come to see y^e^. I hope
y^e^ Will find some idle Howre to peruse it in
Earl, wherin there shall be no diuision more
to be played. and so, sweet Madam, Mi Lord
y^r^ all Happines, both Here and in Heauen, where
We are more like to meet then anie where
else. I rest as ever I was and for ever

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