

To the Dutches  
of Newcastle  
Lond. 9 Sept. 1672.  
Madam;

When the Prince my master, parted from this Court  
I pleased his Highness to leave me here, for the  
prosecution of some business depending partly of the  
Parliament and partly of <sup>other Court and officers</sup> ~~the Lords~~ ~~Committee~~ of the  
Travelling. Mr W. having <sup>kept</sup> me here beyond <sup>all</sup> ~~my~~  
~~expectation~~, <sup>by</sup> <sup>reason of</sup> many impediments unexpectedly  
fallen in, I have ~~struggled~~ <sup>all the while</sup> been in hope to have had  
the honour to see y<sup>e</sup> Grace <sup>in this party</sup> here, being my self  
unable to spare so much time as I had need of  
to ~~see and kiss~~ <sup>make a visit to</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Grace here in his own dominions  
as indeed I had wished, to see W. a great deal of  
joy and delight. Now the time of my <sup>departure</sup> ~~expedition~~  
beginneth to draw near, I being my self bound  
to return home directly, and so frustrated both of  
my said hope and wish, I could not forbear  
to send y<sup>e</sup> Grace by these lines <sup>with</sup> ~~some~~ <sup>very</sup> mindfull  
I am of the many favours she hath been pleased  
to bestow upon me <sup>in former times</sup> ~~before~~ <sup>especially</sup> of those favours  
Madam. W. I remember did call y<sup>e</sup> Grace many a  
White pitted a White. I make no question,  
~~Madam~~, but the same noble Wine is producing  
still some new rarities, and pray God it may  
continue to doe so many happy years to the  
glory of y<sup>e</sup> name and satisfaction of the  
world. in W. as long I shall remaine I shall  
undoubtedly be found y<sup>e</sup>