



overgrowing and mounted to such a height, that all  
Europe hath occasion to suspect and fear it. <sup>As for</sup> us, we doe oppose Gods Justice against the <sup>unlawful</sup>  
iniquity, and continue to doe our best, to make  
good the honour two mighty Kings doe us, to  
assaile us at once and of both sides, confessing, as  
it were, one alone were to weake for the business  
God, of hope and trust, will confound pernicious  
councels, and have a care of his own cause.  
My Lad<sup>e</sup> doth persist in the curiosity to know  
how our families doe in these troubles, I can  
tell y<sup>e</sup> by Gods grace, verij well, but my good  
old sister of S<sup>t</sup>. Anniland, who since two year  
hence hath lost the use use of both her eyes,  
one <sup>of them</sup> having been spoiled and useless a great  
while before, our late loss of our dearest daughter  
my eldest Grandchild, was a sensible blow to her  
But this, and her owne pittifull incommoditie  
and even the calamitie of the state this  
Exemplary Ladij beareth w<sup>th</sup> such a constant  
moderation of her heart, that, as for God, it is  
a most special grace and benediction upon her,  
and amongst men she is to be reputed one of  
the wisest and discreetest persons these  
Countreies ever sawe. My Lad<sup>e</sup> needeth not to  
enquire how I doe becomen my self, if y<sup>e</sup> doe  
remember my foolish harmonical humour.  
In a word, after, and many times between,  
business belonging to my employment, I use  
as y<sup>e</sup> did, to fiddle my self out of a bad humour.

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either upon a Viol, or a lute, or a Giorbo, or a  
paire of Virginals, w<sup>ch</sup> in my Cabinet I do find  
still ready about me. and as if upon all those  
Instruments I had not spailed and spent good  
hours enough, since a yeare hence I am beco,  
me a notable *Suitarre*-man having  
produced above a thintij pieces of all sorts and  
Crimes upon that miserable Instrument. so  
that there wanteth almost nothing more  
but that I should be exalted to a *Trumpeter*,  
at the head of our Troops. This prattling is to  
long for y<sup>r</sup> sweet Madam, but I am confident  
y<sup>r</sup> will take all in good part of an ancient  
talking and fiding *Seruant*, who could not  
faile to informe y<sup>r</sup> p<sup>re</sup>se mem<sup>or</sup> of what  
y<sup>r</sup> did him the hon<sup>or</sup>. to shew y<sup>r</sup> self careful  
and curious, I pray God to keep y<sup>r</sup> both in a p<sup>er</sup>petual  
health and wealth and prosperitie,  
resting faithfully,

Madam

y<sup>r</sup> Lad<sup>ship</sup> humble and obed<sup>ent</sup>  
Seru<sup>ant</sup>.

If it were possible to penetrate the mysteries  
of y<sup>r</sup> Sabodical crew, by the sincere confession  
of y<sup>r</sup> ancient Sibylle, especially concerning their  
holij matheis and messages upon trijel, as we are  
informed here, we would be verij glad to have y<sup>r</sup>  
Lad<sup>ship</sup> obligation