

Sir.

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I have receaved a letter from my wife wherin shee writes of one
which you shoule haue written by order from his Highnes to me
I Confesse I wondered at first where it might be stayed, unto such
Tyme as enquiring verid earnestly after it, I find that the Ma-
gistrats of this Towne (the most unmerciful men upon Earth)
have delayed the same, as an Englishman a Printer here says,
Who is employed in interpreting all such letters, and it seeminges
the substance of yours nott pleasing them they haue kept it up
But that is nott so strange if you knewe the basse vaine and
unworthy entaynement we receave of this people; for neare
were men of fashion so dealt with; they haue shewen us upp
in a basse Tayle wher we are so fasse besett with strong
guardes and enclosid like birds in a Iron cage, that except
it be the good will and pleasure of the BurgerMaisters, (but
a Sparrow) no creature can speake with us nor bring us any
newes; you may judge Sir in what care I am be handing no
more fauour shewe mee nor libertie; as prisoners of this
sort are accustomed to haue; I bookee never any of the Kings
officers were so scrubily handled by us, Neether are any of
ours so unchristianly treated in the other Townes, only we
here find the extremitie of Tyrannie; But I hope a Tyme yet
shall come when I shall see all wrongs repayed, You will
be pleased Sir to remonstrate my case vnto His Highnes, and
present my humble seruice vnto him, I dare not say any more
for this Tyme for feare of being importune; Only I will say
hands and desire to haue from you if it be possible, mean
while be Confident there is no man al liuid who is more
dreadly debouled vnto you, then is in prison

Mechlin 21 of
August. M. 1648.

your most humble and ever
obliged Servant
J. Sandfordis



A Monsieur.

Monsieur de Zulithem premier Secretair
et Conseiller de Son Excellence.

a Rome.

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