

To the queene of
Bohemias
Madame;
Her excell^{ty} may^{ty}

According to the ¹¹ commands of the King, ^{and} ^{the} ^{late} ^{King} ^{has} ^{been} ^{graciously} ^{pleas'd} ^{to} ^{send} ^{me} ^{with} ^{the} ^{most} ^{unworthy} ^{of} ^{his} ^{servants}, I have used all possible means to give the Prince a strong impression of S^r. James Sandilands his childrens poore and pittifull state, being now, as I was told since, deprived both of Father and Mother, and so reduced to the case of an ~~single~~ ^{entirely} ^{utterly} ^{deprived} ^{and} ^{rained} family. And would to God, Madame, the effect of my sute might be like to my affection. But the ^{too} ^{low} ^{and} childish youth of the Boy, doth overthrow all the hopes I dare ^{make} ^{my} ^{conceit} of the Prince his mercy. And indeed, this unfortunate yeare hath discouraged ^{so} ^{many} ^{old} ^{Officers} to be but children, that for everforth I perceive it will hardly be persuaded, ^{to} ^{make} ^{of} ^{children} ^{young} ^{Officers}. -
Howsoever, Madame, I do most humbly beseech your Majesty to have such opinion both of my obedience and duty, that notwithstanding the deprivation of the sute I will see ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{best} ^{possible} ^{way} by the utmost of my endeavours that ~~the~~ the sight of my ambitions is to be assured

Madame

Your most
humble
faithfull
servant