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Goode Master Carleton, I know you lookt longe ere this time to have
heard from me, and so might you well have don, if Painter the post had
not kept your letter of the eight of May aseasoning till the sixt of this
present June. I received a little billet before, by your sister Williams,1
in the way of an interim till you had better leasure, but presently upon
yt went to Askot 2 where I met with your brother Carleton 3 (comning
from the buriall of your uncle Goodwin,) 4 who told me Tobie Mathew 5
had shewed him a letter from you wherein you complained much of want,
and what narrow straights you were like to be driven to, marvayling you
had toucht no such matter in your letters to him; and therewithall began
to dilate to me what he had don and could do for you, but the conclusion
was that his abilitie is not to supplie all wants, and therefore you must
trust to yourself and make your owne fortune. I replied little to yt but
only in generall termes, the rather because I hope yt is but a borrowed
complaint to distast younge Mathew from following you into Fraunce,
then for any true cause. I am exceding glad to heare how well you arc
entertained by my Lord Ambassador: 6 of whom I presumed no lesse, for
though I alwayes knewe him to be paucorum hominem, yet he hath ever
shewed himself an honorable fast frend where he found vertue and desert.
Master Evers 7 is in Ireland with the Lord Borrough 8 between whom
and Sir John Norris 9 there is lately a solemne pacification made with

1 Elizabeth, wife of Alexander Williams.
2 Ascott, Oxfordshire, the home of Michael Dormer (knights, 1604).
3 George Carleton of Huntercombe, Oxfordshire.
4 Brother of Carleton’s mother, and son of John Goodwin.
5 Knighted, 1623. Son of Tobias Mathew, Bishop of Durham, and later
Archbishop of York.
6 Sir Anthony Mildmay, ambassador to Henry IV.
7 Cousin of Ralph, third Lord Eure or Evers, Lord Warden of the Middle
Marches.
8 Thomas, fifth Lord Burgh, appointed Lord Deputy of Ireland in 1597.
9 Lord President of Munster, second son of Henry, first Lord Norris of
Rycote.
much counterfeit kindness on both sides. The old Deputie is come home very fat they say both in body and purse, having made a lucky conclusion of his government with the overthrow and death of Effie MackHugh an ancient and troublesome rebel: upon which service he made three knights at his coming away, viz. Calisthenes Brooke, Thomas Maria Wingfeld, and one Trevire a Welchman. Sir Thomas Norris lady was lately brought abed there of three daughters, which the Lord Norris imputes to the fertilitie of the soyle, and exemplifies yt by a mare he sent two years ago to his sonne Thomas that brought two foales. We have great preparation here for a sea viage, which troubles our discoursers how or where yt shalbe imploied: the common sort talkte of Callais, others of the ylands of Tercera, but the most likely in mine opinion, is to set upon the King of Spaines navie whersoever they can finde yt, or to meet with the Indian fleet. Theyre whole number consists of fifteen of the Quenes shippes, besides the two Spanish shippes that were taken the last yeare, (which be new fashioned after the English manner), and of two and twenty men of warre of Holland, and some fourre and twenty fielboats and hovies that serve for carriage of men and vitayles. They have with them 4000 prest men, and 1200 musketters that come with Sir Fra Vere out of the Low Countries; the voluntaries are thought will rise towards 2000. The erie of Essex is generall both at sea and land, the Lord Thomas Viceadmirall, Sir Thomas Maria Vingfeld, and Sir Richard Calisthenes Brooke, Sir Thomas Maria Wingfeld, and Sir Richard Trevor were knighted May 8.

19 Sir William Russell (created Lord Russell of Thornhaugh, 1603), fourth son of Francis, second Earl of Bedford. He was Lord Deputy from 1594 to 1597. "Russell was called home; and in place was substituted Lord Deputy Thomas Lord Borough, a sharp man, and ful of courage, and of little skill in the warres; and this beyond the opinion of all men, and altogether against the expectation of Norris, who in respect of his deserts, and skill in military matters, had promised to himselfe this place... and now overcome with griefe of mind, fell sick, and shortly after died." (Camden, Annales, p. 482.) Queen Elizabeth wrote his mother a beautiful letter of condolence, September 22, 1597. (S. P. Dom. Eliz., cclxiv, 259.)

20 At the Glynnes, May 8, Fegh MacHugh was captured and his head presented to the Lord Deputy. (Sir William Russell's Journal in Carew MSS., 1590-1600, p. 259.)

21 Sir Calisthenes Brooke, Sir Thomas Maria Wingfeld, and Sir Richard Trevor were knighted May 8.

22 Fifth son of Henry, first Lord Norris of Rycothe. Later in the year he succeeded his brother as Lord President of Munster.

23 Henry Lord Norris of Rycothe.

24 The expedition usually known as the Islands Voyage. The leaders hoped to destroy the Spanish war fleet in the harbor of Ferrol or at sea, to capture the treasure and merchant fleets from the West and East Indies, and to establish a foothold in the Azores. Their plans failed, and in October they returned to England.

25 Robert Devereux, second Earl of Essex, Queen Elizabeth's troublesome young favorite.

26 Thomas Lord Howard of Walden (created Earl of Suffolk, 1603).

Walter Raleigh, who is newly restored to the executing his place in court of capitaine of the garde. The erie of Southampton, the Lord Mountjoy and the Lord Rich go as adventurers, though some say the Lord Mountjoy is to be lieutenant-general at land. The erie of Darbie, the Lord Gray, the Lords Windsor and Compton pretend likewise to go but yt is thought shall not get leave: the provisions are hastened on very fast and yt is sayde the erie of Essex takes his leve at court on Sunday next the 12th of this present and hopes to be gone within ten days after. The presse of gentlemen wilbe very great, but I will not stand to set downe any but one or two of your acquaintance, that is your cousin Mighell Dormer whom I can by no meanes yet disswaie, and Hugh Beston that stands to be Treasurer of the jornto though I doubt he shall not be troubled with much receit, for I am half of our Doctors opinion that warrants him yt he have yt, that a well sadled rat may carry all his accompts. But his true errand is to be knighted assone or before Sir Peter Evers neither doth he dissemble yt greatly to his friends but says merelie he hath ben a scab squire a great while, and could now be content to be a paltrie knight the rest of his time. Sir John North died here on Sunday last, and is thought to have left his lady but a meane widowe. Sir Thomas Wroughton went likewise much about the same time, and old Duns when I was in Oxfordshire. Sir John Payton is lately made lieutenant of the Towe, and Sir Henry Cocke either is or upon the point to be sworn Coferer of the Quenes houshold. Phillip Scudamore is very forward and like to have Mistris Lovell the last Coferers widow, to the great dislike of Sir John Chambeirain had lodgings in his house on St. Peter's Hill.

28 He had been forbidden the court because of his marriage five years before.

29 Henry Wriothesley, third Earl of Southampton.

30 Charles Blount, eighth Lord Mountjoy (created Earl of Devonshire, 1603).

31 Robert, third Lord Rich (created Earl of Warwick, 1618).

32 William Stanley, sixth Earl of Derby.

33 Thomas, fifteenth Lord Grey of Wilton.

34 Henry, fifth Lord Windsor of Stanwell.

35 William, second Lord Compton (created Earl of Northampton, 1618).

36 Hugh Beston (knighted, 1603).

37 William Gilbert, who in 1601 became physician to Queen Elizabeth. At this time Chamberlain had lodgings in his house on St. Peter's Hill.

38 Knighted, 1603.

39 Son of Roger, second Lord North. His wife was Dorothy, daughter of Sir Valentine Dale.

40 Of Broad Hinton, Wilshire.


42 Knighted, 1603.

43 Dorothy, daughter of Michael Greene, and widow of Gregory Lovell, Coferer of the Royal Household.
some of his best friends. And your Lady Umpton 34 is in parlia with Master George Sherly of Northampton or Leicestershire. This term here was one Longe a captain of Somersetshire condemned in the Star-chamber in 500 markes and to stand on the pillorie for chopping and making resale 35 of his soldiers. We have here a new play of humors 36 in very great request, and I was drawne alonge to yt by the common applause, but my opinion of yt is (as the fellow sayde of the shear­ing of hoggges) that there was a great erie for so little wolfe. This is all I can bethincce me of for the present neither can you chuse but be reason­able satisfied, for what you want in weight you have in measure. Yet is the greatest newes behinde that I am upon a viage into Ireland with Master Wallop, 37 who with his wife, her mother, and your cousen Lytton have so earnestly intreated me, that partly at theyre request and partly being weary of ydlenes I have yold, and hope to sette forward within this moneth and to be here againe before Bartlemewtide. You be like enough to heare of me before I go yt here be ought worth writ­ing. Your sister Alice is close prisoner ather ladies; the rest of your friends are in state as you left them and so you all health and goode hap I bid you farewell. From London this longest day of 1597.

Yours most assurly

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN.
Goode Master Carleton, I have missed you so often and so narrowly in the country, that I made sure account to have better fortune and to have founde you here at my comming to towne about the beginning of this weeke, but here I am worse then before, for I cannot learne where nor when to looke after you. This towne is as empty as if yt were dead vacation, no body at the Doctors, no body in Powles, solitudo ante ostium in Little Britain, and all as close and quiet as if yt were midnight. I could be melancholike but for certain reliques of a merry progress that run up and downe in my remembrance and will not out till they be committed tuis auribus, and laide up in safe custodie, and therefore I longe for your comming, as well for your companie as to burthen my self of many odde stories and adventures. You have wisht for more then once, and in more then one place, where I have ben, but specially at Knebworth and Farley. Here is litle forrain newes but only speach of a great blow the French king hath receved in Savoy but the particulars are not yet knowne. The fable that Sebastian king of Portugall shold be al live is revived, and as freshly talked and beleved in the exchaunge as ever it was, and they say further that the king of Spaine hath lately don great execution in Portugall. The carraques are come home very rich from the East Indies, and so are the Quenes ships that lay for them at the ylands poore enough. Our marchants are in hand to send foure very goode ships and two pinnasses to seeke traffique in the East Indies. One Ben: Woode an adventurer that hath ben out these foure yeares and had taken great riches in the South Sea to the value of two millions and better, in his returne homeward was driven to that want that they were faine to eat one another, and forced at last to put into Porto Rico, where all that were left are taken and theyre wealth lost. Out of the Lowe Countries we have nothing at all, but that we wold faine kepe the treaty of peace on foote, which otherwise were like enough to fall to the ground. Here is a great ambassador come from Moscovie who hath not yet had audience but shall shortly now the court is setled at Richmond, whether they say yt came yesterday. The erle of Essex is here and at Barnels. His frends make great means that he may run on the Queens day and are very confident to see him shortly in favour: you may beleve as much of yt as you list but I nere a whitt: for till I see his licence for sweet wines renewed (that expired now at Michaelmas) or some other substantiall favour aunswe­rable to yt, I shall esteem words as winde and holy water of court. The erle of Southampton and the Lord Gray are come out of the Lowe Countries unhurt, though yt were constantly reported they had fought and spoyled each other. We heare that Sir Rob: Mansfeld and Sir John Heydon two Norfolke knights have slaine one another in the field. Yt shold seem by the number and the manner of theyre hurts (the one having sixe, the other foure) that they ran at tilt with theyre rapiers. Yt is every day expected that Sir John Stanhope shalbe made chauncellor of the Duchie. Sir Wal: Raleigh hath ben in Gersey to take possession of his new government. His lodgings at Durham House were almost burned the other day with fire that began in the stables. A pcece of the south battlements of Powles fell downe lately and kild a carmanes horse without doing more harme. Here were five or sixe souldiers handg the last weeke in divers quarters of this towne for running from theyre captains. Sir Ant: Sherly with his Persian ambassagc is gon into Germanie to the emperor and other Princes to sollicite a legue the Turke. I can bethincke me of nothing els so that with my best wishes I commit you to God. From London this 10th of October 1600.

Yours most assuredly

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN.

To my very good frend Master Dudley Carleton geve these at Ricot or elsewhere.

1 The house of Dr. William Gilbert on St. Peter's Hill. Cf. Letter 1.
2 St. Paul's Cathedral, the meeting-place of Londoners.
3 Alexander Williams and his wife, Carleton's sister Elizabeth, lived there.
4 The Hertfordshire house of Rowland Lyttton.
6 A Spanish letter found among the papers of Hakluyt throws light on this tragedy. (Cambridge History of English Literature, iv, 114.)
The Archbishop, the Lord Admirall, the Lord Chamberlain and other of the counsel were of it. The world expected great matters of such an authenticall hearing, but in conclusion the woman scaped better cheape then was looked for, having only sentence of separation a mensa et thoro.

Sir Rob: Drury is committed to the custodie of Alderman Saltingstall, for speaking and hearing certain buggswords at his being in France as is pretended, but this is rather thought to be colour then true cloth. Little Britain remembers you with all kindnes: I am going to morrow God willing to Knebworth where I know you wish us a merry Christmas, and we pour la pareille will wish you many goode yeares. From London this 22th of December 1600.

Yours most assuredly
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN.

To my assured goode frend Master Dudley Carleton geve these at the Haghe.

36. TO DUDLEY CARLETON.


[London, February 3, 1601.]

Goode Master Carleton: Till your letter came that brought Christmas commendations, I looked dayly for you, for so did the housekeeper of Puddlewharfe informe my man when he went to learne how I might send to you, and found the letter I wrote before my going to Knebworth not sent away, at my return from thence two or th'ree dayes withen the terme, which did not quite discourage me, and made me presume that yf I shold write, you woold kepe your old wont, and meet yt or misse yt by the way, and I was the rather perswaded, because in yours (otherwise stored with much goode matter) you made no mention at all whether you meant to abide at the Haghe, or remove further or return: but now upon pause of seven or eight dayes after the receit of your letter, seeing I heare no more, will defer no longer but shoote one arrow after another, and let them take theyre fortune. Sir Gerrard Harvy with his Lady, mother, and sisters, kept theyre Christmas at Knebworth, where I had much goode companie of his brother John, and ran over many old stories of you and Ostend. Your cousen Lytton is in towne and tarries all or most part of the terme: your brother Carleton came yesterday: and your cousen Acron is looked for within two or three dayes to come and sojourn in Little Britain. For matter of newes I know not where to begin, unles I shold continue a petti chronicle from my last: which though yt be somewhat laborious, and perhaps wilbe unwelcom to send you cramhen bis coctam, yet to punish myself for flattering my ydle-nes, and seeking to excuse yt, I will make yt my penaunce. Upon Twelft Day the Quene feasted the Moscovie ambassador, who hath ben since invited to divers other places, and taken his pleasure abrode in hunting. During the holydays here was the Duke of Bracciano (cheife of the familie of the Orsini by Rome) that came into France with the new Quene his cousen germane. The Quene entertained him very graciously, and to shew that she is not so old as some wold have her, daunced both measures and galliards in his presence. He was feasted by the Lord Burleigh for some favor shewed to Will: Cecill or his other sonnes at theyre being in Italie: and shold have ben by the Lord Treasurer, and by Grayes Ynne that made preparation of shewes to entertain him, but he made such haste away that they were disappointed. The Quene at his parting sent him a cup of gold of sixescore pound and a jewell, for the which he gave the bringer Michaell Stanhop a chaine of fowrescore pound. He went hence to visite the Archduke, and Infanta, leaving behinde him a generall report of a very courtlike and compleat gentleman. Somwhat more than three weekes since the Lord Gray and earle of Southampton had a little bickering in the Strand on horsebacke, for the which the Lord Gray was committed to the Fleet and hath lien there till yesterday that he was releas'd, notwithstanding all the frends he

14 John Whitgift.
15 Charles Howard, Earl of Nottingham.
16 George Carey, Lord Hunsdon.
17 Authentic, authoritative.
18 "Better cheape" = "cheaper."
19 Sir Richard Saltenstall.
20 Terrifying words.
21 Asserted.
22 Pretence.
23 Alexander Williams and his wife, Carleton's sister Elizabeth, who lived in Little Britain.

1 The London house of Sir Edward Norris was at Puddle Wharf.
could make. During his restraint the old Countesse of Bedford died, and left him not above 300. The greatest part of her wealth she bequeathed to younge Norris, and yet the world says by that he hath discharged her funerals and other legacies, there will not be 3000 left for his share. The earle of Pembroke died a fortnight since leaving his Lady as bare as he could and bestowing all on the young Lord even to her jewells. Michael Henneage died in Christmas and his office of keeping the records in the Tower was promised to Dr. James of the court, but he followed him within a fortnight after, and now Lambert of Lincolnse Ynne hath the executing of yt but not the grant. In the absence of the lord chamberlain Sir John Stanhop was appointed to serve as vicechamberlain, which most men interpret to be a goode step to the place. One Radney of Somersetshire, nephew to Sir Ed: Dier was lately knighted, but whether he were overjoyed with that dignitie or overawed with the love of Mistress Pranell, (whom he woed and could not obtaine) or as some say so doted upon a greater mistris, that his braines were not able to beare the burthen, but have plaide bankrout and left him raving. We have great speach of building twelve galleys, fowre by the Quene, two by this citie, two by Essex, Suffolke, Norfolke and Lincolnhire, two by Kent, Surry, Sussex, and Hamshire, the rest by Somerset, Devonshire and Cornwall: for the speach is that the Spaniards are to bring more galleys along with them into the Low Countries and we must leare to fight with them after theyre owne fence. Yt was reported awhile that they were severd by tempest and twelve or fifteen cast away on the coast of Ireland but there is no great credit given to yt. But we heare for certain that two Spanish fregates arrived at Sligo with powder, munition and money to furnish the rebells. The Lord Deputie hath done some very considerable exploits of late upon some petty rebells about Dublin: and surprized the castle of one Fclom Mac-Toole another notable call and taken him prisoner. Sir Richard Wimrfeld the marshall of Ireland is lately dead there. We are here coyning base money for Ireland, hoping thereby to hinder the rebels from providing theyre wants from abrode; but I pray God yt worke no worse effect, and some men begin to feare yt is but a preparative to purge out owne many of the best juic. The new fort at Plimmouth was lately defaced and blowne up with powder: the Dunkirkers are very busie all aloigne that coast, and take prises even in the very harbour. They stay thereabout to convoy the Spaniards that are comming for the Lowe Countries. Here be privy seals for 20000 come among the strangers, which mony is to be repaid by the States. We have much speach of a new master of the rolles, and yt is thought Sergeant Heale bids best for yt: but Justice Gawdie, Secretarie Harbert, Dr. Caesar, the atturny of the wardes, the atturny of the Duchie, and Thomas Spencer are in some consideration for yt: the matter troubles the Lord Keper very much, for he hath lately had some schooling about yt, but yt seems he cares not greatly who [gets yt] so Heale may misse yt. The Quene hath made choice of her phisition, but he is not yet sworne. I doubt our collidge will be dissolved, and some of us sent to seeke our fortune. Dr. Dove deane of Norwich is made bishop of Peterborough. The earle of Rutland and the earle of Hartford stand in election whether shalbe sent into France to congratulate with the new Quene. Yesterday a sonne of Harry Butlers of Hartforde shawd one mussel (a kinsman of my Lord of Bedford that married Mistress Skidmore sister) in my Lordes yard and he died presently: Butler escaped through the Covent garden and is not yet heard of. Your cousen Alford hath married one Momparsone late husband to the old Lady Dudley.

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17 Phelim McToole.
18 This is an error. March 29, 1600, Sir Richard Wingfield was appointed marshal of the army in Ireland, was confirmed in the office by King James, was created Viscount Powercourt in 1619, and died in 1634.
19 John Hele.
20 Francis Gawdy (knighted, 1603), Justice of the Queen's Bench.
21 John Herbert.
22 Thomas Hesketh (knighted, 1603).
23 Sir John Brograve or Blagrove, Attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster.
24 Sir George Careby, Lord Hunsdon.
25 Sir Thomas Egerton.
27 Household. Chamberlain lived with Dr. Gilbert.
28 Thomas Dove.
29 Elizabeth, daughter of John Oglethorpe of Newington, Oxfordshire, and widow of John Alford of Fawley, Buckinghamshire, married Richard Monporsone (knighted, 1603). His first wife was Mary, sister of Charles Howard, Earl of Nottingham, and widow of Edward Lord Dudley.
Our Lady Wallop is with child, to the no small joy of all the beholders. I remember nothing else but that the crosse in Cheape is going up, for all your viccchauncellor of Oxford, and some other od divines have set downe theyre censure against yt. We have dayly here many new experiments made, as the last weeke one came hoppung from Charing Crosse into Powles bounde in a sacke, and this morning another carried up a horse and rode upon him on the top of Powles steeple: with divers other such wagers, and among the rest Green that was lately your cousen Lyttons man hath set up a printed paper and doth challenge all commers at wrastling. When I was now bidding you farewell brother Carleton comes in and prayes me to put in his commendations, and to tell you that your place in Oxford will tarry for you one more. Vive vale. From London this third of February 1600.

Yours most assuredly

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN.

To my very frend Master Dudley Carleton whoe gave these at the Hague or elsewhere.

37. TO DUDLEY CARLETON.

[S. P. Dom., Eliz., cclxxviii, 110.]

[London, February 24, 1601.]

Goode Master Carleton, Yours of the 14 of this present found so reddy passage that I marvayle how ours at other times stay so longe by the way. This is my fourth letter since the middle of January that I came from Knebworth, besides one I sent at my going there, and yt is strange to me that our yll newes shold flie so fast as to overtake you in five dayes, when our ordinarie letters can not find the way in five weckes. I was out of the way when your letter came, and when the messenger gave warning of his sodain departure, for the covie is now dispersed, and we are driven to seke our feeding farther of, our doctor being already setted in court, and I redy to go to Askot, and there and in such like places to lead a country life, so that you must make a short pittance, sith I am so shortened in time. I wrote you in my last as well as I then could, the beginninging of our troubles and as many particulars as I could bethinke me of in such huddling haste. No doubt you have many relations there by this time of all that happened, and you must excuse me yt I do not ingulfe my self into a long narration without a constant setted winde to carry me thorough. I do not well remember whether I sent you word of Tom Leas traiterous enterprise to possess himselfe of the privie chamber, which he communicated to Sir Henry Nevill that married my Lord Treasurers daughter and to Sir Rob: Crosse, who revealed him both atonce, and he being apprehended confess his meaning was but to have gotten the Queene to have signed a warrant for the noble mens deliverie, wherein yt he had found difficultie he knew not what wold have followed, and those should have ben guilty of any harme might come to her that had hindered his attempt, but at his arraignment though he were confronted by Sir Rob: Crosse and the rest, yet he stode to the deniall, affirming his intent to be onely to have angred her for one half howre that she might have lived the merrier all her life after, and in this tune died the 17 of this present at Tiborne, very resolutely and to seeming religiously. The 19 herof the earles of Essex and Southampton were arraigned at Westminister, before the Lord Treasurer Lord high Steward of England for that day, and 25 of theyre peers wherof were 9 erles and 16 barons. The only matters objected were his practise to surprise the court, his comming in arnes into London to raise rebellion, and the defending his house against the Queenes forces: to the two later he answerd that he was driven for safety of his life, to the former that yt was a matter only in consultation and not resolved upon, and yt yt had taken effect yt was only to pros-

1 Dr. William Gilbert's household. Cf. Letter 36.
2 This letter, doubtless telling of the Essex outbreak of February 8, is missing.
3 Captain Thomas Lee, "a kinsman of Sir Henry Lea the famous Knight of the Garter, a man of remarkable boldnesse, captain of a company in Ireland, ... and devoted to Essex." (Camden, Annaies, p. 542.)
4 Mary, daughter of Thomas Sackville, Lord Buckhurst, married Sir Henry Nevill, son of Edward, sixth Lord Abergavenny. He succeeded to the title in 1622.
5 "A captaine of a ship." (Camden, Annaies, p. 542.)
6 Plot.
trate himself at her Majesties feet, and there manifest such matters against his enemies as should make them odious and remove them from about her person, and recall him to her former favour. This was the summe of his answer, but delivered with such bravery and so many wordes, that a man might easilie perceve that as he had ever lived popularly, so his cheife care was to leave a goode opinion in the peoples mindes now at parting. But the worst of all was his many and loude protestations of his faith and loyaltie to the Queene and state, which no doubt caught and carried away a great part of the hearers, but I cannot be so easilie led to believe protestations (though never so deep) against manifest prove, yet I must needs say that one thing sticks much in many mens mindes, that whereas divers preachers were commanned the Sunday before to deliver to the people among his other reasons that he had conspired with Tirone, and was reconciled to the Pope; and wheras Master Attorney 7 at Tom Leas arraignment, averred the same combining with Tirone, and that he had practised by the meanes of seminarie prises with the Pope and the king of Spaine to be king of England: there was no such matter once mentioned at his arraignment, and yet there was time enough for yt, from nine a clocke in the morning till almost seven at night. At his comming to the bar his countenance was somewhat unsettled, but after he was once in, I assure you I never saw any go thorough with such boldnes, and shew of resolution, and contempt of death, but whether this courage were borrowed and put on for the time, rather as Master Secretarie 8 well termed yt to his face) his impudent behavior at his arraignment: and which is more, to lay open the whole plot, and to appeach divers not yet called in question. His execution was expected on Saterday, then yesterday, now to morrow or on Thursday. Most of the counsayle have ben with him these three or foure dayes togethert. The earle of Southampton spake very well (but me thought somewhat too much as well as the other) and as a man that wold faine live pleaded hard to acquite himself, but all in vaine for yt could not be, whereupon he descended to intretie, and moved great commiseration, and somewhat too much as well as the other) and as a man that wold faine.

8 Sir Robert Cecil.

9 He was executed February 25.

10 Sir Edward Coke.

11 Sir John Scott of Nettleshead, Kent. His wife was Katherine, daughter of Thomas Smyth of Westenhanger, Kent, and sister of Elizabeth, wife of Chamberlain's friend, Sir Henry Fanshawe of Ware Park, Hertfordshire.

12 Thomas Smythe (knighted, 1605) and his wife, Sarah, daughter of William Blount. He was the second son of Thomas Smythe of Westenhanger, Kent.
Goode Master Carleton, I am driven to such straights that I know not what to say, but *quid scribam aut non scribam?* The uncertainty of your stay, my long absence from this towne, the unluckiness of my letters to be lost or overlooked, and the difficulty of finding fit messengers have almost quite discouraged me, and made me a truand *en vostre en-droit*, for so will I acknowledge yt to you, howsoever to others I could salve and make all whole with passable and prcgnant excuses, but with so goode a frend I will never disguise but tell the plaine troth, and (which is worst) without hope of amendes; for I know not how to redeem that is past with future diligence, being (since the dissolution of our societe) become altogether a countriman and not appearing here but as termere. I could dilate longe upon this theme, but having very short warning of my Lord of Northumberlands departure, I am forced to knit up all I have to say in a narrowe roome and time and rather ac­quaint you with particular affaires, then any publike busines, which you may better learne from this brinlrcr. who as your sisters tell me is to go this and now yt is even supper so that you must accept in goode part v,·hatsoever comes next to hand in this haste. Your frends have not ben unmindfull of you, for upon the first bruit that Master Cecill shold go ambassador ligger into Yraunce, your cousen Lytton was with him to make your way, but both he, Master Bodley, Sir Rob: Sidney, Sir Ed: Wotton, Sir Tho: Parry, Sir Ed: Wotton, Sir Tho: Parry, Sir Ant: Mildmay, and some others that were named in that place having flatly refused or avoyded yt, as yet *sub judice lis est* which of them or whether any at all is to be sent. In the meane time Master Winwood supplies the place and hath the Quenes letters to the French king for his credence. Sir Harry Nevill is in the Towre which at first made many men thinke

1 Dr. William Gilbert's household. Cf. Letters 36, 37.
2 Henry Percy, ninth Earl of Northumberland.
3 Report.
4 Presumably Edward Cecil (knighted, 1601; created Viscount Wimbledon, 1626), third son of Thomas, second Lord Burghley.
5 Rowland Winwood.
6 Sir Henry Neville, ambassador to France, 1599-1600, imprisoned for complicity in the Essex rebellion.

he shold come to his answer, but this whole terme having past without any arraignment, makes me thincke there shalbe no more bloude drawne in that cause, the rather for that there is a commission to certain of the counsile to ransom some and fine the lords and gentlemen that were in the action, and have already rated Rutland at 30000£, Bedford at 20000£, Sands at ten, Mounteagel at 8000, and Cromwell at 6000. Catesby at 4000 marks, Tresham at 3000 marks, Percies and Mannors at 500£ and 500 marks; the rest at other summes et sic de cateteris. Only my countryman Massam is not yet dispatcht, nor knowes not his paine. Our two new knights of the garter the earle of Darbie and the Lord Burgley were installed yesterday at Winds­ore. The earle of Marre went away the last weeke and left behind him the report of a courtly and well advised gentleman. The Lord Zouch is come out of Gernsey being sent for as is thought to go ambassador into Scotland. The Moscovie ambassador tooke his leave at court on Sonday was sevenight like a dauncing beare and is gon homeward. The Spaniards have taken a rich ship worth 40000£ of our Turkie marchants comming out of the Levant. There is a commission for a new sale of the Quenes lands. The Lord Cobham hath married the Lady of Kildare but I heare of no great agreement. Here were lately 15 or 16 youths of goode houses taken as they were going over to the seminaries. Antony Bacon died not long since but so far in debt, that I thincke his brother is little the better by him. I heare that Sir Ed: Norris shold be daungersuc sicke. He was noted of late...
to make money by all means possible as though he had some great enterprise or purchase in his head. The young Lady Compton 27 is brought abed of a sonne, and yet the hardhead her father 28 relents nere a whit. I send you here these shreds as patterns, that by these gentlemens means that come over with my Lord of Northumberland you may match them out of the whole cloth. I go to morrow to Knebworth 29 though I came late thence about the middle of this last terme, being sent for from Askot 30 some three wecakes before to meet your cousin and Mistris Lyttton at Farley 31 about a match for my wife 32 which is since dispatched with younge Gifford 33 a kinsemans of her owne: she asked me kindly for you, and willed me to remember her to you. Your cousin Lyttton with her two daughters the Lady Wollop 34 and Mistris Cary 35 are all with child and my cousin Stukeleys wife 36 comes in to make up the masse. Kate Cheyne is toward a husband, and Master Edmunds 37 your good frend, hath married a sole daughter of one Wood clerke of the signet. You see this is a great yeare of wiving and childing; yf you were here of one of them, and the other not as Master Vinwood wrote me lately of a priest at Paris that is with child at this instant. I know I have forgot many things and put that last that I meant first, but you must equi bonique consulere whatsoever cannot now be amended and so wishing you all health and goode hap, and to know how you will settle and how I may send, I bid you farewell this 27 of May 1601. From my lodging at Wingfield House in more then post haste.

Yours most assuredly

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN.

To my especiall goode frend Master Dudley Carleton geve these at the Hagle or elsewhere in Holland.

27 Elizabeth, wife of William, second Lord Compton.
29 The Hertfordshire house of Rowland Lyttton.
30 Ascot, Oxfordshire, the house of Michael Dormer.
31 Farleigh, Hampshire, the seat of Sir Henry Wollop.
33 Sir Richard Gifford of Som bourne, Hampshire.
34 Elizabeth, wife of Sir Henry Wollop of Farleigh, and stepdaughter of Rowland Lyttton.
35 Anne, stepdaughter of Rowland Lyttton, and wife of Adolphus Cary, son of Edward Cary of Aldenhun, Hertfordshire.
36 Elizabeth, daughter of John Goodwin of Over Winchingdon, Buckinghamshire, a relative of Carleton. She was the wife of Thomas Stukeley, son of Hugh Stukeley and his wife, Chamberlain's sister Elizabeth.
37 Thomas Edmunds married Magdalen, daughter of John Wood.

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39. TO DUDLEY CARLETON.

[London, July 8, 1601.]

Goode Master Carleton: I am glad you are so well lodged and setted at Paris, where I hope my letters shall have better lucke and meanes to finde you out for though you complains not, yet I must accuse my extraordinary yll fortune since your last going over, that though by reason of my absence I wrote not so often, nor as yt were weekly, (as I was wont to do,) yet of those I did write I cannot perceive that halfe are come to your handes, and I take the losse of the last more impatiently then the rest, which (by your sisters meanes) was committed to Master Burbage that went over with the earle of Northumberland: for therein I certified you of Sir Ed: Norris sicknes and some other things I was willing you shold know. I wrote not since that time by reason of the uncertainty of your abode, and your brother Carleton (who was here in the terme) made full account, you wold be here without fayle: which I could have wished had so fallen out, for I perceive by him that Sir Edward is not so thoroughly recovered, but that he is in daunger of a relapse, which yt were goode you listened after: for though he had dealt very kindly and bountifully with you if he had gon in his last yct I am perswaded your presence had doubled his kindenes, for I presume he had as much confidence in you as in Captain Wainman and Cap: Whiddon, whom he had made his executors. I know nothing more in this matter then I had from your brother, who no doubt hath certified you of all to the full, yt he have written since that time; or els Master Bolton, yt he be so kindle to deale plainly with you: wherefore in my opinion yt were not amisse (yt you understand Sir Edward to continue still crasie) to take the first opportunitie or least invitement to come over and he about him, but you are best able to give yourself cousayle in this case, and I at my going to Askot within these three or foure dayes, will learne what I can and geve you advertisement, and cause your brother to do the like. Your sister Williams and her crew went to Aldersbrooke in Whitsonwecke, so that I saw them not since I delivered them my last letter to you to be sent, which (as I say) I am

1 Sir Richard Wenman and George Whidden.
2 William Boulton wrote Carleton telling him that his master, Sir Edward Norris, had made his will, and left Carleton a lease of £60 a year and some money. (S. P. Dom., Eliz., July 11, 1601.)
3 Ill.
Upon the posts lingering I have kept this letter open a day or two in which space I have learned that the bullet is lately cut out from the bone of Sir Fra: Veres eye, and that he is perfectly cured. The Queens letters have wronge from him a captaines place in the Briell Warberton warriour. I forgot to write you that Clarke the gentle-man-usher died before Mighelmas. Your old frend Captaine Calfhill was employed in the Queenes ships, and came home sick to Plymmouth before the rest of the fleet: where he was brought very lowe and leane, but upon his recoverie, and his stomacke comming to him againe, he so laid about him, that they say he burst with eating. The Lord Keper is gone into the countrie upon pretence that the small poxe be in his house, but some will needs suspect that to be non causa pro causa.

The Quene dined this day at Master Secretaries, where they say there is great varietie of entertainment prepared for her, and many rich jewells and presents. Yt is somewhat spoken of about the court that they heare no oftener out of Fraunce, and you are counted but slacke there amonge you but this is to your self and so kepe yt. *iterum atque iterum vale.*

This 6th of December 1602.

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57. TO DUDLEY CARLETON.

[S. P. Dom., Eliz., cclxxxvi, 13.]

[London, December 23, 1602.]

Goode Master Carleton, I am little beholding to the post that brought Master Winwods letters and yours of the 23th of the last and 7th of this present: for he kept them a whole weeke in his hand after his arrivall, so that I had scant leysure to run over the inclosed discourse, for that your brother was to go that day homeward, and Sir Edward Norreis went away not past two dayes before. A third of the 12 of this present I receved three dayes since. In aunswer to all which I can say litle for the present, being full fraught with splene and indignation of such unworthy usage, and he were a wise man could tell what were best to be don in the case, but at all adventures I wold you had sett all at sixe and seven in the instant, and left him in the lurch: whereas now *lupum auribus tenes* and it is alike difficult and daungerous to hold or let go. I understand Master Winwood is to come shortly away, but I doubt his absence will not remove the mischief, for there is some further matter of degenerate jeolousie that will not endure your sun shold dimme his torch. Howsoever yt be I looke for no goode ende of so bad beginnings, but wish you to resolve some other way, and what course soever you take shall have my voice, for I know yt wilbe grounded upon reason and judgement; and no man can give you better advise then your self, because all circumstances and your owne inclination (which is not the least point to be considered) are better knowne to your self then to any looker on, but yt you rest unsatisfied in your self, and relie more upon other mens opinion I dare not alone undertake such a taske that requires the heads and hands of all your best frends. I am going to morrow to kepe Christmas at Knebworth, whether I am so vehemently urged, that yt were no goode manner to forsake them now in theyre solitarines, havinge alwayes had so great part of theyre pleasure and plentie. I mean not to stay there long, and whatsoever we can hammer out there together you shall heare by my next. I make full account that when your honorables friend shall understand the whole matter, he will not be quiet till he see you better provided: and that this disgrace will double his care and kindnes towards you. I have pacified Wat Cope in shewing him what you write touching his papers: Master Secretarie did him a very extraordinarie favor to admit him a partner in his entertainment to the Quene and to permit him to present her with some toyes in his house, for the which he had many fayre wordes, but as yet cannot get into the privie chamber, though he expect yt dayly. You like the Lord Kepers devises so well, that I cared not to get Master Secretaries that were not.

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1 Sir Thomas Parry, the ambassador at Paris, who had left England unwillingly and only after many delays. Carleton, as one of his secretaries, had preceded him. Thomas Edmondes wrote Carleton: "I dealt with him concerning you and the others namde to be his secretaries, and he promised not to wrong you nor pester himself with men of their extravagant condition. Master Winwood is to stay there some months, until it be tried how your master will discharge the business." (S. P. Dom., Eliz., July 7, 1602.)

2 Rowland Lytton's home in Hertfordshire. Lytton's wife had died recently.

3 Sir Edward Norris, to whom Chamberlain was requested to mention any's treatment of Carleton.


5 The devices presented at Sir Thomas Egerton's house at Harefield, Middlesex, July 31-August 3. (Chambers, *The Elizabethan Stage*, iv, 67-68.)
much better, saving a pretty dialogue of John Davies 6 twixt a maide, a
widow and a wife, which I do not thinke but Master Saunders hath
seen, and no doubt will come out one of these days in print with the
rest of his workes. The Lord Admiralls 7 feastings the Queene had
nothing extraordinarie, neither were his presents so precious as was ex-
pected, being only a whole suit of apparell, whereas yt was thought he
would have bestowed his rich hangings of all the fights with the Spanish
Armada in eightie eight. These feastings have had theyre effect to stay
the court here this Christmas, though most of the cariages were well
onward on theyre way to Richmond. The Queene christned the French
ambassadors daughter, by her deputie the Lady Marquise,8 the countess
of Worcester 9 and the Lord Admiralle being the other assistants. There
is some fertile planet abrode that lays downe our Ladies so fast, for the
Lord Thomas Howards, 10 Sir Rob: Sidneys 11 and young Mistris Hat-
ton 12 are all in the straw, and the Lady Wallop 13 with our Mistris
Anne or Smith 14 are pretelie forward. You may tell Master Saunders
that the Bishop of London, 15 Sir John Scot and the Lady Hatton 16 were
gossippes to Master Fanshawes sister 17 and have made another grand
Christopher.18 Here is a buzze already that the Lord of Northumber-
land 19 shall go to the christening of your Fille de France.20 Yf yt so
fall out, you may bethinke your self what use might be made of yt. Dr.

6 John Davies, author of Orchesistra and Nocte Triump. (Ibld., iii, 248-
249.)
7 Lucy, daughter of Thomas Cecil, Lord Burghley, and wife of William
Pauler, fourth Marquis of Winchester.
8 Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Hastings, second Earl of Huntingdon, and
wife of Edward Somerset, fourth Earl of Worcester.
9 Katherine, daughter of Sir Henry Knivet of Charlton, and wife of
Thomas Lord Howard de Walden.
10 Alice, sister of Henry Fanshawe of Ware Park, Hertfordshire, and wife
of Christopher Hatton (knighted, 1603) of Kirby, Northamptonshire, kinsman
and heir of Lord Chancellor Hatton, who died in 1591.
11 Elizabeth, stepdaughter of Rowland Lyttelton, and wife of Sir Henry
Wallop.
12 Presumably Anne, wife of William Smith, and sister of Chamberlain's
friend, Dr. William Gilbert.
13 Richard Bancroft.
14 Catherine, daughter of Thomas Cecil, second Lord Burghley, Widow of
Sir William Hatton, and now the wife of Edward Coke, Attorney General.
15 Presumably the "young Mistris Hatton" of the preceding sentence.
16 Chamberlain sometimes let several days intervene between beginning a letter
and finishing it.
17 This child probably died in infancy. The eldest surviving son was also
named Christopher and was baptised at Barking, Essex, July 11, 1605.
18 Henry Percy, ninth Earl of Northumberland.
19 Cf. Letter 56.
Spaine hath sent out eight men of warre to way-lay and intercept yf he chance to touch at the Terceras or thereabout: and some coming to the coast of England. One Griffith a Welch pirate lately taken at Corke in Ireland and his lands which some give out to be 500 a yeare given to the Lord Gray to hold him up a while longer. The last I wrote you was about the tenth or eleventh of this present, and I sent yt (with a booke or two) by one Gresham that kept a bugle shop in St. Martins.

To my assured goode frend Master Dudley Carleton geve these at the Lord Ambassadors in Paris.

62. TO DUDLEY CARLETON.

[S. P. Dom., Jac. I, i, 6.]

[London, March 30, 1603.]

Sir, I have not written since I receved yours of the 8th of this present after your stile, for we were held in suspence and know not how nor what to write, the passages being stopt,1 and all conveyance so dangerous and suspitious. I make no question but you have heard of our great lose before this come at you: and no doubt but you shall heare Majesties sicknes and manner of death diversely related: for even here the papists do tell strange stories, as utterly voyde of truth, as of civil honestie or humanitie. I had a goode meanes 2 to understand how the world went, and finde her disease to be nothing but a settled and unremovable melancholie, insomuch that she could not be won or persuaded neither by the counsaile, Divines, phisitians, nor the women about her once to tast or touch any phisick: though ten or twelve phisitians that were continually about her did assure her with all manner of aseverations of perfect and easie recoverie yf she wold follow theyre advise. So that yt cannot be saide of her as yt was of the Emperor Adrian that turba medicorum occidit regem, for they say she died only for lack of phisicke. Here was some whispering that her braine was somewhat distempered, but there was no such matter, only she held an obstinate silence for the most part, and because she had a persuasion that yf she once lay downe she shold never rise, could not be gotten to bed in a whole weeke till three days before her death: so that after three weekes languishing she departed the 24 of this present being our Ladies eve between two and three in the morning, as she was born on our Ladies eve in September: and as one Lee was maior of London when she came to her crowne, so is there one Lee major now that she left yt. The archbishop of Caunterburie, the bishop of London, the Almoner and other her chaplains and Divines had accessee to her in her sicknes divers times, to whom she gave good testimonie of her faith by word, but specially towards her end by signes when she was speaches, and would not suffer the archbishop to depart as lange as she had sence, but held him twise or thrise when he was going and could no longer indure both by reason of his owne weakenes and compassion of hers. She made no will, nor gave any thing away, so that which come after shall finde a well stored jewel house and a rich wardrobe of more then 2000 gownes with all things els aunswerable. The nobilitie and counsaile came from Richmond that morning and before ten a clock had proclaimed Kinge James at White-hall, Templebar and so forward in Cheapside and other places. Sir Rob: Carie was the first that of his owne motion carried newes of her death into Scotland. The next day the Lords sent Sir Charles Percy and Thomas Somerset with the proclamation and letters to the Kinge: and yesterday Master Carie a master of the chauncerie and Master Lakes were dispatcht about other busines. There is much posting that way and many run thether of theyre owne errand, as yf yt were nothing els but first come first served, or that preferment were a goale to be got by footmanship: among whom Nevil that pretends to be Lord Latimer and earle of Westmorland, Sir Henry Bromly, Sir Thomas Chaloner, John Davies the poet and Payton the lieutenants sonne of the Towre hope to be with the formost. We attend him here with great devotion and begin to thincke long till we have him. The Lords have sent to know his pleasure Whether he will come by land or sea, for which purpose there be eight or

1 On account of Queen Elizabeth's death, March 24.
2 His friend, William Gilbert, physician to the Queen.
3 Perhaps Piers Griffith, who died in 1628.  
4 Thomas Lee or Leigh.  
5 Thomas, fifteenth Lord Grey of Wilton.  
6 John Whitgift.  
7 Richard Bancroft.  
8 Anthony Watton, Lord Almoner and Bishop of Chichester.  
9 George Carew.  
11 John, the son of Sir John Peyton.  
12 Await.
ten ships ready that were going for the coast of Spaine, but do now tary to kepe the narrow seas. Surely the counsaile dealt very providently and beyond that was to be expected or hoped for in so sodain an accident: and no doubt but God did direct them seing all things past so quietly and in goode order. During the Queenes sickness some principal papists were made sure, and some daungerous companions clapt up, among whom Sir Edmund Bainham was committed to the Marshalsee for some desperat speaches (they say) against the Kinge: but yt shold seeme there was no great matter, for I heare he is now at libertie again. Here was a rumor two dayes since that the Lord Beauchamp 13 stoode out and gathered forces, but yt was a false alarme for word is come since that his father was one of the formost in his country to proclaime the Kinge. The counsaile went on Satterday to Richmond and that night late brought the corps with an honorable attendaunce to Whitehall where the houshold remains: the body was not opened but wrapt up in seareclothes and other preservatives. Sir Henry Davers was dispatcht on Sonday to carrie the proclamation into Ireland, whence we have heard nothing a goode while. Your old frend and acquaintaunce Dr. Doyly 14 died about a fortnight since, and Sir Harry Killigrew 15 much about the same time. Archimbald Douglas 16 the Scot that had ben a dealer and jugler on both sides, died here likewise in a goode howre before he was afraide. The Lord Chandos 17 that had secretly maried the Lady Strange and younge Egerton 18 the Lady Frances her sister do now publish theyre mariage and make no more daintie. We heare the Archduke 19 hath great store of men, shipping and gallies at Sluse, and because yt is knowne that Spinola 20 hath ben covertly in Zeland and taken view and measure of theyre dikes yt is supposed that he hath some desseign to cut theyre sea-walles and drowne the whole yland. The Dunkirkers have ben very busie with us of late, and betwene Quinborow and Lee tooke three pinckes comming from Flushing whereof one was better worth then ten thousand pound. We heare that the kinge of Denmarke is dayly looked for in Scotland, and yt he come before the kinge get thence yt is thought he will come along with him. The Lady Wallop 21 was brought to bed of a daughter here in towne the 23 of this moneth. The Lord Cobham is even now taking poste to go toward the kinge and do his wonted goode offices: but the Lordes do so little like his going that I thincke he errend wilbe there before him, or some overtake him. This alteration hath reculed 22 Master Winwoods employment till the kings coming or some commision from him. I know not whether you have seen the kings booke 23 before, but I send yt at all adventures, for yt is new here. The other booke will serve when you have leysure to laugh, for both in the matter, and manner of setting yt downe you shall finde pretty knavery. Your frends are all in goode health and so wishing to you, I commit you to Gods holy protection. From London this 30th of March 1603.

Yours most assuredly
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN.

To my assured goode frend Master Dudley Carleton.

63. TO DUDLEY CARLETON.

[London, April 12, 1603.]

Sir, Yt may be you have not heard of Sir Edward Norris his sicknes, wherof though I can send you no certaine tic, (I meane touching the daunger or hope of recoverie) yet I thought goode to geve you this notice as a matter that neerely concernes you, and that wold require your presence yt you may be spared: and of that minde are your other frends who have likewise to confer with you about another busines, wherin I can say little, but only of a foolish prejudicate fansie of mine owne, and therefore will leave yt to your owne discussing. I confesse all likelihoods and
Towards you. In truth I forgot to tell you of yt till now, so that you have no notice of yt by other means, you may do well in your next letter to make mention of yt as from me. We hear that the King begins to digest his late loss, and seems to have no more feeling of so rude a blowe, but gives order that the young Prince be kept within a stricter compass than the former, and not to exceed his ordinary in diet or followers, or any other course of show or charge: from Roiston he was to go yesterday to the Lord Chamberlains new house at Audley End, from whence we expect some resolution in some matters that have hung so long in suspense, but fall backe, fall edge, I am fully resolved not to wearie nor trouble myself any further with the greedy and anxious attending the issue of such uncertainties. The cry runs now these two days full and whole with Sir Thomas Lake: the beginning of the week was all with Sir Fra: Bacon, and the later end of the last with a new man never named before, which was Sir Fulke Grivell, who came in so freshly that he was certainly said to be as if were in possession; thus you may see how we are carried about with every wind, and indeed I never knew the like variety and uncertainty of report and discourse. The same rumors we have about the Lord Treasurer who alters almost every day, and now is lighted on the Lord Coke as most likely and there hath rested already four days. The counsaille have been busied all this week in examining certain persons about reports given forth touching some differences shold fall out at the counsaille table twixt the Lord Archbishop and the Lord Privie Seal. Divers have been committed (as they say) to close prison for yt among the rest one Varney and one Minor of the court, Sir Richard Cocks sonne to the bishop of Ely, with some others of Grayes Ynne and other places. The world doth marvel how such a matter shold be taken so hainously, and think vix Priamus tantis. Baylie that made the sermon I wrote you of the last weeke was before them on Monday, and how he behaved himself I know not but he was dismissed without disgrace, and walks the streets. On Sunday night seven seminarian priests brake out of Newgate and I hear not of any of them taken again but one. Much about the time of the Princes sickness there was a chapter of the garter held or to be held wherein the Count Palatin and the Grave Maurice were to be elected into the order. The last weeke Norton the Stationer died of this new disease, leaving a great estate they say as well in land as goods. Yt is observed that without any blasing star or other extraordinary signe this hath ben a dismal yeare to great personages, and that within the compass of little more then twelve moneths, we have lost an emperor, a king of Sweden, a Queen and a daughter of Spain, a Queen of Denmarke, a prince of Britain, a duke of Orleans, a duke of Venice, two electors, besides our little great Lord Treasurer, the Count Soissons, Count Hanaw and others. This day Sergeant Dodderidge is made a Judge of the Kings Bench and Sergeant Nicolls of the Common pleas. So with all due remembrance to my good Lady I commend you to Gods holy protection. From London this 26th of November 1612.

Your Lordships to command

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN.

I have made shift to send you Sir Walter Copes oration.

To the right honorable Sir Dudley Carleton knight his Majesties Ambassador at Venice.

156. TO SIR DUDLEY CARLETON.

[S. P. Dom., Jac. I, lxii, 65.]

[London, December 17, 1612.]

My very good Lord: Since I wrote last I have received two of yours dated the 6th and the 20th of November. Touching the advertisement from the Haghe I know not what to answer. For mine owne part I

\[11\] Frederick, who was soon to marry the Princess Elizabeth.

\[12\] Count Maurice of Nassau.

\[13\] John Norton.

\[14\] Robert Cecil, first Earl of Salisbury.

\[15\] Sir John Dodderidge.

\[16\] Sir Augustine Nicolls.
am sure I have given no cause of venting any piece of that design, and
for the Agent yet never came within my conceit, neither can I imagine
whence you should proceed, unless you were from some great ones to whom
perhaps you might be imparted by way of assistance: or rather to tell you
my opinion plainly, yet is most likely to be some 

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out or given to some few but not publicly sold; but they are now very
busy in preparing exercises and plays against the Palgrave's coming
who is expected there soon after Christmas. The Lord Lisle\(^\text{10}\) hath lost
his eldest son Sir William Sidney of the small pockes, which were well
come out and yet he went away on the sodain; he hath now but one
son left. Old Sir Thomas Sherley,\(^{12}\) Will Stafford,\(^{13}\) and Sir John
(or Ajax) Harrington\(^{14}\) are dead of late. Master Rosingham\(^{15}\) came
some three weeks since out of Spaine, so Spagnolised, that I scant knew
him till he saluted me. I hear the chief cause of his return was the
depth of his wife. Master Trumball\(^{16}\) (as I understand) is to come
over shortly, and shalbe sworn clerk of the counseil. The King came
from Roiston to Tilhams on Tewday and is expected here about the end
of this weeke or the beginning of the next. We looke now dayly for
the naming of new officers, and Sir H. N.\(^{17}\) was never nearer the marke,
which yet he hit not now I will believe no more secret assurances. Sir
Henry Savile comes to towne to morrow or next day to Sir Edward
Hobbes house in the Blace Friers, and there to kepe Christmas and
tarry the most part of this winter, which hath ben hitherto so wet and
warne as I never knew the like. Sir Fraunces Bacon hath set out new
essays, where in a chapter of deformatie the world takes notice that he
paints out his late little cousin\(^{18}\) to the life. Sir Harry Wotton hath
printed a sheet of paper for an apologie in the matter objected to him
by Schoppius,\(^{19}\) and dedicated it to Velser of Augusta. I have ben prom-
sised a sight of yt once or twice but cannot yet light upon yt. There
was a priest one Latham or Mollineux hangd at Tiborne some ten dayes
since, who died very confidently or rather indeed desperatly in such a
cause. The matter is not well handled in mine opinion, to suffer them

\(^{8}\) Epicedium Cantabrigiense in obitum immaturum semperque deflendum
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to brave and talk so liberally at theyre execution. And this being
I can bethinke myself of, with all due remembrance to my Lady I
mend you to the protection of the Almighty. From London this
of December 1612.

Your Lordships to command

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN.

To the right honorable Sir Dudley Carleton knight his Majesties Ambas
dator at Venice.

157. TO SIR DUDLEY CARLETON.

[S. P. Dom., Jac. I, lxvi, 70.]

[London, December 31, 1612.]

My very goode Lord: Upon the receyt of your letter of the 27th of
the last I made an errand to Sir Henry Savile, (who with his lady
and theyre whole houshold lies at Sir Edward Hobbies house in the Blacke
Friers,) and acquainted him with the summe of what you had
written in your two last touching some tricke that might be put upon you by
occasion of your friends desire to have you neerer, and some conceit
(you know not how) that you mislike the place where you
made very light of yt, and wold have you do likewise and not to appre
hend, and cast doubts where there is no daunger: for mine owne part I
was much of that opinion before, and am now thoroughly confirmed by
his approbation, for I never heard the least inckling of any such meaning
of you: indeed I come not neere court nor counsaile, where many
things are don and in doing that come not within my kenning: but yet
for ought I could ever perceive there is no probabiIitie for any such course.
Master Waake 2 courts yt daylie and me thincks shold smell yt out of
there were any such matter: he was yesterday to take a journey into the
country for eight or ten dayes to visit his friends, yf the fowle weather
did not hinder him: some busines he hath that belike finds slove dis
patch, so that he cannot make that haste backe that at first he pretended
but sure I am deceved yf he do not, or may do you as good service here

2 Cf. Letter 156.
2 Isaac Wake, Carleton's secretary.
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So wishing all health and happiness to your Lordship I commend you to the protection of the Almighty. From London this 7th of March 1625.

Your Lordships most assuredly at command

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN.

To the right honorable Sir Dudley Carleton Lord Ambassador for his Majestie at the French court.

APPENDIX

THE WILL OF JOHN CHAMBERLAIN

[Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Barrington 25.]

In the name of God Amen. The 18th day of June Anno Domini one thousand six hundred twenty seven And in the third yeare of the Raigne of Charles by the grace of God Kinge of England Scotland France and Ireland I John Chamberlaine of London gentleman being in reasonoble health and perfect memory thanks be to god, but mindfull of the uncertainty of mans life, doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament as followeth. First I give and commend my Soule into the hands of allmightie God the Father, the Sonne, and the holie Ghost with a constant faith and assured hope that as he hath created Redeemed and hitherto directed mee, soe he will make good his mercies to the end, and for his Sonne Jesus Chists sake our blessed Saviour, and thorough the merritts of his bitter death and passion forgive mee all my Sinses, and after this transitory life bringe mee to life immortall with his Saints in glory. My body I leave to the discretion of my Executor hereafter named, yet (wishing it maie conveniently bee don) to be buried in the parish of St. Olaves in the Ould Jury where I was borne five pounds of lawfull money of England and to the poore of St. Marie Aldermanbury tenne pounds to bee distributed as my Executors shall thinkes fit. Further I bequeath to the poore prisoners in Ludgate ten pounds, to the poore prisoners in the Counter in Poultry five pounds, to the poore prisoners in the Counter in Wood streete five pounds, and to the poore distracted people in Bedlem 2 five pounds. Item I give and bequeath to the Right Honorable the Lord Carleton Baron of Imbercourt 3 a basen and Ever of silver of an hundred ounces or there about to the value of thirtie pounds of English money, likewise to the Lady Winwood late wife to Sir Ralph Winwood knight principall Secretarie to Kinges James, and to the Lady Fanshawe late wife to Sir Henry Fanshawe knight to each of them a basen and Ewer of silver to the same value of thirtie pounds.

Item I give and bequeath to Sir William Borlas knight (the elder) a ring of gold of fortie shillings, to my sister Poole a ring of gold of 40s, to Master Alexander Williams of the Pipe Office and to his wife to each of them a ring of gold of forty shillings and to Master Dudley Carleton Sonne of Georg Carlton Esquier a ring of fortie shillings, And to Mistris Anne Smith 4 Sister to Doctor Gilbert and wife to ... Smith gentleman a ring of gold of fortie shillings. Item I give and bequeath to my Nephew Sir Thomas Stewkely 5 knight the some of two hundred pounds of lawfull money of England and to his eldest Son Sir Hugh Stewkely knight and Baronett and to his second Sonne Thomas Stewkely to each of them the some of Twentie pounds and to my Neice the Lady Drewry twenty pounds and to my nephewes Edmond, John, Zacharie, Francis, George Sonnes of my Sister Windham deceased, and to my neece the Lady Stroode theire Sister to each of them the some of twentie poundes of lawfull money of England, and to my Cosin Edmund Windham the like some of twenty poundes. Item I give and bequeath to my god daughter Rebecca Tothill daughter to my Cosin Tothill widdowe dwelling in the parishe of St. Giles without Cripplegate the some of twenty pounds. Item I give and bequeath to Anne late wife to my brother George Chamberlaine deceased and now wife of John Poole Es-

1 Chamberlain was at this time a resident of the parish of St. Mary Aldermanbury.
quire and Alderman of the City of London one annuity or yearly rent of fifty pounds of lawfull money of England for the tearme of her natural life to be issuing out of all that my Mannor or Lordship of Sutton Gannocke with the appartenances in the Countie of Lincolne and out of all my lands Tenements and hereditaments in Sutton Gannocke in the same Countie of Lincolne to bee paid to her or her assigns at the feasts of the annunciation of the blessed Virgin St. Mary and St. Michael the Arch Angel every yeare during her natural life by even and equal portions, the first payment to begin and to bee made upon such of the said feast daies as shall happen next after my decease which said annuitie or rent charge I doe give and bequeath to the said Anne Poole in lieu and recompence of one annuitie or yearly payment of fifty pounds per annurn heretofore usually paid unto her the said Anne by my late brother Richard Chamberlain deceased during his life in consideracion of accounts cleared betweene my said brother George Chamberlain and my said brother Richard Chamberlain as being joint Executors of the last will and Testament of my late brother Robert Chamberlaine Esquier deceased. Item I give and bequeath to my dearest friend Mistris Alice Carleton one annuitie or yearly rent of forty pounds of lawfull money of England for the termes of her natural life to bee issuing out of all that my Mannor or Lordship of Sutton Gannocke with the appartenances in the Countie of Lincolne, and out of all my lands Tenements and hereditaments in Sutton Gannocke in the same Countie of Lincolne to bee paid to her or her assigns at the feasts of the annunciation of the blessed Virgin St. Marie and St. Michael the Archangel every yeare during her natural life by even and equal portions the first payment to bee made upon such of the said two feast daies as shall happen next after my decease. Further I give and bequeath to the said Anne Poole and Alice Carleton or theire assigns during their natural lives as aforesaid as likewise all other lands that I shall leave undisposed or quillets or houses in Greenwich, Solihull, Studley or elsewhere and likewise all my parts and shares title and interest that I shall have at the termes of my decease in the Bermudaes or Summer Ilandes or in Virginia to have and to hould to him and his heires for ever. All these legacies and somes of money mentioned and given by this my last will and Testament I will to bee paid within sixe moneths after my decease. The rest of my goods undisposed (my debts, legacies and funerall discharged) I wise make and appoint my whole and sole Executor desiringe and charging him upon his conscience to see this my last will and Testament performd in all pointes as neere as he can to this my true meaninge and intent, and this have I devised and written with mine owne hand hoping it will serve to expresse my meaninge, and that my Executor will truly and readily performe it as my trust is in him. Signed and sealed as my last will and Testament this 18th daie of June 1627. By me John Chamberlain. In the presence of Antho Ouldfield, Law: Chambers, John Burton, Richard Reeve.

Small plots of ground.
9 Solihull, Warwickshire.
8 Small plots of ground.
10 Studley, Warwickshire.