

Sir Ambrose Cave wrote unto me concerning the changing of a name at the confirmation; I have learned that I may not change usual or common names but only strange and not common; and further if the name be changed at confirmation it taketh effect but from the confirmation. And thus wishing your honour preservation and health, I commit you to God, who ever preserve you.

Your honour's to command,

EDMUND PETRIBURG.

*From Peterborough, this
xxxth of M.y, 1563.*

Mr. Al. Nowell, Dean of St. Paul's, to Sir W. Cecil.

After my most humble commendations to your Lordship, these are to certify the same, that whereas the copy of the catechism which I caused to be written out for your honour, to whom the book is dedicated, came to the hands of the bishops and clergy assembled in the late convocation; and by reason that certain places were by their judgment altered and interlined, and somewhat blotted, I have caused it to be copied out again, and sent it to your honour. not now in my name as afore but in the name of the clergy of the convocation, as their book, seeing it is by them approved and allowed. And I would have sent it sooner, but that I thought your honour to be so occupied with certain most weighty public affairs, by occasion rising and necessary in the meantime, that you could have no leisure to view this or any other book. Which great public business, seeing they do not so speedily as I trusted draw towards an end, but continue and augment still, I thought it well that the copy of the book at the beginning appointed and dedicated to your honour, should remain with the same; that when opportunity should serve, your honour by leisure might view it and judge whether it were not unworthy by your honour's help, to be made public by the Queen's majesty's authority. For how expedient it were that some treatise of religion should be set forth, publicly in the name of the country, your honour doth well understand, seeing the opinion beyond the seas is that nothing touching religion is with any authority or consent of any number of the learned here in this country taught or set forth, but that a few private persons teach and write their opinions without any authority at all. For my