

CHARLES

I.

1627.

King Charles to the Duke of Buckingham.

Steenie,

THIS day I have received two letters from you, but much after the order of our times, for the first was last, which made me at first much blame the messenger, but when I saw it was a Lord, I readily excused his laziness, for you can make no Somer. As for answer to your letters; not differing with you in opinion (as I do but seldom) it is needless to make any.

I have sent you here inclosed a letter to my wife, in answer to one that Lodovic brought me, which was only a dry, ceremonious compliment, and answered accordingly; by which I see, that my last denial is not digested yet, which you would do well to find out (of yourself, without taking any notice of knowledge from me), to set her in tune against my returning to London; for if I shall find her reserved, froward, or not kind, at my return, we shall not agree; which I am sure cannot fall out between you and

Your loving, &c.

Friday, 23d of February,
1627.

CHARLES, R.