

CHARLES

I.
1627.

not think there will be any money at all left in the island. If I speak more sensibly of this than I ought, your Lordship will excuse it, upon the affection that I owe, and which I will bear as long as I live, unto my country. One thing more I have to recommend to your Lordship, and that is Sir Philip Carteret's business, on whose side you shall find, upon examination, more justice than hitherto hath been conceived of his cause. As for myself, your Lordship will be pleased to think upon me when occasion serves, as upon one that will always be

Your Lordship's most humble,
and most devoted servant,

HEN. DE VIC.

St. Martin's,
this of August-September, 1627.

Duke of Buckingham to Lord Conway.

My very good Lord,

THE hope which your last I received, dated from Bagshot, the 14th of August, gave unto this army, hath bred in it an eager and impatient expectation of supplies out of England; since which time, the certain intelligence of this King's preparations for the recovery of this island, hath much augmented the importunity of our officers, who now give themselves for men neglected and forgotten in England. Of the strength of the French King's army, wherein is a collection of the most eminent and resolute spirits of this kingdom; his correspondency with Spain; and his intention to engage us in a fight at sea, that in the mean time his boats of succours may pass the more easily into the citadel, this bearer will inform your Lordship at large, unto whom I must refer you for the history of particulars, and by whom I have sent a list of those necessities, our wants continually call upon us to be furnished with; which

19th Sept.