

CHARLES

I.
1627.

making shows, or being indeed desirous of a treaty, before they of themselves demand it, may much hurt us, no way help us. I have seen a draught of a manifest which ye have sent my Lord Conway, which, if ye have not yet published, I would wish you to alter one point in it, that whereas ye seem to make the cause of religion the only reason that made me take arms, I would only have you declare it the chief cause, you having no need to name any other; so that you may leave those of the religion to think what they will: but I think it much inconvenient by a manifest, to be tied only to that cause, of this war; for cases may happen that may force me to go against my declaration (being penned so), which I should be loth should fall out. I have set three main projects a foot (besides many small), mint, increasing of the customs, by imposing on the book of rates, and raising of a Bank. The two first, I shall certainly go speedily through withal; the last is most difficult, but I have good hopes of it. So going to bed, and wishing thee as much happiness and good success as thy own heart can desire, I rest,

Your loving, &c.

Windfor,
the 13th of August, 1627.

CHARLES R.

I cannot omit to tell you that my wife and I were never better together; she, upon this action of yours, showing herself so loving to me, by her discretion upon all occasions, that it makes us all wonder and esteem her.