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them into such an amazement, as they kept no reckoning with the winds, nor did they consider what way a strong ship, and bold upon the wind, can make; remembered their own distress, saw themselves by chance upon the coast of England, and spake fearfully and doubtfully of your landing.

We have heard from Calais that your Grace landed at Flushing the Tuesday following your going aboard. I was sorry to think the sickness was so much there, and that you should have a tedious broken passage to Holland. But I am comforted with this, that the same God keeps you at land and at sea.

The French Ambassador * here with us, knows not which way to turn himself, to find contentment; he would fain have it believed, that he hath power to accord much for the public good, if it were sought from him. He hath given an answer to the overture made by De Vic, in his Majesty's name to the French King, but not satisfactory. He pursues his demand of the St. John, and some other things, which your Grace will best see by the note inclosed. He seems to assume, that his Majesty shall not be refused in any thing he will propound to the French King concerning the Valtoline, Italy, or any public enterprize. He makes himself afraid lest your Grace may fail of those acceptances of your person, honours, and receptions, which you may look for, besides the dignity of your condition as Ambassador. And withal doubts, lest you, missing of those easy passages, and good successes in your business which you expect, may return offended, which he should be very sorry for; acknowledging the great powers and abilities which are in you, which worthily give you interest and power with your Master and the State. And now I have translated to you the words as near as I can, you may be pleased to make the construction by your own wisdom. The Ambassador gives much trouble to the household here. He hath pro-

* Blainville, a Boutefeu, and violent Minister.

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