

fires. I have no more to say at this time, but conjure thee, for my
 sake, to have a care of thy health, for every day I find new reasons
 to confirm me in being

CHARLES
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1627.

Your loving, &c.

Whitehall,
 the 6th of November, 1627.

CHARLES, R.

King Charles to the Duke of Buckingham.

Steenie,

I HAVE written 'to you by Will Murray, and Montgomery, Feb. 23.
 having sent them to Plymouth, thinking you would have landed
 there; but understanding of your coming to Portsmouth, I have
 sent Porter to assure you, our misfortune has been not to send
 you supplies in time, that all honest men cannot but judge, that you
 have done past expectation, and (if a man may say it) beyond possi-
 bility. Your letter, and my Lord of Westmeath's relation, has much
 comforted me (the first news of your retreat being far worse than I
 thank God it is) but principally to see how nobly thou carriest it, an-
 swering the rest of thy actions. As for your design upon Calais, I
 much approve of it; let me but know what is necessary for it, and I
 shall see it provided with all diligence; and for secrecy, I shall speak
 of it to no living soul but to Jack Epslie, whom I have sent for.
 So referring myself to the bearer, I rest

Your loving, &c.

Wednesday night.

CHARLES.

You cannot come before you are welcome, which I leave to you;
 the sooner, I think, the better, at least best pleasing to me.