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will never surprise him who admires you too much to consider himself to be anything extraordinary since he hath been of the quality of

> My Lord Your most humble and most obedient servant

> > de Montagu.

Greenwich the 22 of May Old style.

Autograph letter.

PORTLAND TO RICHELIEU.

6 Dec. 1633.

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My Lord

Philippe Burlamachi has informed me that there was only left for him to receive certain arrears of the Stocks given him in payment of the Monies owing by His Most christian Maty to the King my master as also he claims that Monsieur Deffiatt of happy memory had assured [him] that if he lost on the price of the Stocks in turning them into money he would be compensated. He assures me that by the delay of the Contracts of the said Stocks which were kept from him from the month of March 1631 Till the month of March 1632 He was much Involved in the Interests wherein he suffered, and that in order to turn the said Stocks into money He has lost at least the amount of Six thousand pounds Sterling without reckoning those which he advanced to the French Officers sent back to france, and others that were assigned on the same payment. He also told me that the Company of New france is withholding from him the Sum of Fifteen to Sixteen thousand livres tournois, for Provisions and supplies which on his order and Credit the Scots of Port Royal Sold to the Commandant de Rosilly Which sum according to the order of the said Commandant as shewn by his bill of exchange he paid here to the said Scots in virtue of his promise, without however being able to obtain payment of it Up to the present from Seig^r de Lauson at whose request he gave Credit to the said Commandant. I beg that Your Eminence will lend him your good offices in order wherein he has a Just claim he may receive it, and that wherein he shall have need of His Most christian Maty's favour he may [also] receive it to relieve him of this so serious loss. It will be a work worthy of Your Eminence's greatness and which will constrain me on all occasions wherein it may please him to command me to prove to him by lively efforts that I am

London the 6. of december 1633. My Lord Your Eminence's Most humble and Devoted serv^t

Portland.

(Endorsed)

The Grand Treasurer of Eng^d of the 6. Dec. 1633. Seen

Autograph signature.