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but his Majesty's temper and wisdom will be sufficient to prevent all inconvenience which their force or passion may contrive. There is one Sir Thomas Gerard a recusant, brought up hither out of Lancashire, being accused of some treacherous design against his Majesty's person.

CHARLES
I.
1625.

Rochelle is so straitly blocked up by sea and land, as no intelligence can be sent into the town.

We have not as yet any clear categorical answer touching the restitution of our ships. As soon as any thing more worthy of your Lordship's knowledge shall occur, you shall not fail to be advertised from him that is eternally vowed

Your Grace's, &c.

From Hampton Court,
the 20th of November, 1625.

CARLISLE.

Secretary Conway to the Duke of Buckingham.

Gracious Patron,

THE care is nothing now so great to write to you, as to hear from you. The return of the Charles, wherein Mr. Johnson the engineer was, hath spread a rumour of a great storm you met withal, which cast you into so many difficulties, and so far to the northward, as they could not conceive your Grace could recover Flushing or the Brill in eight days after they left you. But besides that my affection, and your Grace's good fortune, can never consent that such a disorder as seldom or never befel any man in that passage, should happen to you, I find in the very relation that the great leak the Charles had, the want of a pilot, and the ignorance of all the mariners, none of them having been so far northward before, put them

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