

CHARLES
I.
1627.

Gerbier's treaty is at an end, wherein he has showed both his honesty and sufficiency, but mightily abused by the King of Spain's ministers. So referring you to Holland, I rest (though not in quiet, until I shall see thee safe and happily returned)

Your loving, &c.

Whitehall,
the 13th of October, 1627.

CHARLES, R.

King Charles to the Duke of Buckingham.

November 6.

Steenie,

I PRAY God that this letter be useles, or never come to your hands, this being only to meet you at your landing in England, in case you should come from Ré, without perfecting your work, happily begun, but, I must confess, with grief, ill seconded. A letter you sent to Jack Epslie, is the cause of this, wherein ye have taught me patience, and how to seek the next best in misfortunes. This is therefore to give you power (in case ye should imagine that ye have not enough already) to put in execution any of those designs ye mentioned to Jack Epslie, or any other that you shall like of. So that I leave it freely to your will, whether after your landing in England, ye will set forth again to some design, before you come hither; or else that ye will first come to ask my advice, before ye undertake a new work; assuring you, that with whatsoever success ye shall come to me, ye shall be ever welcome, one of my greatest griefs being that I have not been with you in this time of suffering, for I know we would have much eased each other's griefs. I cannot stay longer on this subject, for fear of losing myself in it. To conclude, you cannot come so soon as ye are welcome; and, unfeignedly in my mind, ye have gained as much reputation, with wise and honest men, in this action, as if ye had performed all your desires.