

of France, and had entered into an alliance with heretics, such as the English and the Dutch; nay had intended to do what was worse, and had actually sent to Constantinople to negotiate a league with the Turks, but his most Christian Majesty, had been unluckily beforehand with him there. Catinat laughed at the officers who had forced this keen repartee from Santena, saying, this might teach them not to insult brave men under misfortune.

Mr. F. going out one day from his chambers in Gray's Inn, Holborn, wrote on his door in chalk, "I shall not be at home till midnight, if it is too dark to read this, borrow a light in the opposite chambers."

*Authentic copy of a letter from Sir John Lesley, to Sir Thomas Riddle of Gateshead, upon the siege of Newcastle by the Scots in 1640, preserved in the Antiquarian Repertory.*

SIR THOMAS,

Between me and God, it maks my heart bleed bleud, to see the warks gae thro soe trim a garden as yours. I hae been twa times wi my cousin the general, and sae shall I sax time mare afore the wark gae that gate, but gin a' this be dune, sir Thomas, yee maun make the twenty pound thretty, and I maun hae the tag'd tail'd trooper that stands in the staw, and the little wee trim gaeing thing that stands in the neuk o' th' ha' chirping and chiming at the noon tide of the day and forty bows of beer to saw the mains with, and as I am a chevalier of fortune, and a limb of the house of Rothes, as the muckle maun kist in Edinburg, auld kirk can weel witness for these bught hundred years bygane, nought shall

D. 11 Horse. a. Cloot. 3. Two bushels. d. Barley. 5. How lands. 6. Eight.