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citadel, to keep all succour from coming that way. They begin to be in want; and every day their soldiers run away from them. Monsieur Torras hath promised to keep it till the 10th of September after their account, and we hope he will not exceed that month at farthest, if we can hinder him from being succoured. Our officers are now at their old ward, and they do it exceedingly well. Thus, with my humble duty remembered to your Lordship, I remain

Your Lordship's most humble and most devoted servant,

HEN. DE VIC.

St. Martin's,  
4th of September, }  
25th of August, } 1627.

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*Mr. De Vic to Lord Conway.*

Right honourable and my singular good Lord,

WHAT I have hitherto written to your Lordship, hath been September:  
out of duty; this is by command from his Excellency, to intreat your Lordship jointly with Mr. Secretary Cooke, to enquire out one whose name his Excellency cannot remember, neither his condition, unless it were that of Provost Marshal of London; only this direction he can give you (which his Excellency doth not use to forget) that he did good service for repressing the insolency of the mariners, when they came up to Whitehall, in that tumultuous manner to demand money, and as he thinks, hath served in the wars; and that you would be pleased to send him over to his Excellency by the next. To this, I have nothing to add of my own, but that upon Saturday here arrived about fifty sail of Dutch, which came here for salt, and have assured us, that his Excellency the Prince of Orange hath taken Groll. The enemy holds out as yet, though he be reduced to great necessities, as we understand by