

CHARLES

I.

1626.

*King Charles to the Duke of Buckingham.*

STEENIE,

I HAVE hitherto deferred writing to you, both because I wanted subject, and I thought that you would be on your way towards me, before my letters could reach you. Now I send this bearer to you, as well to answer your letter concerning the Turkish Ambassador, as to intreat you not to stay upon uncertainty of winds, but come away, as soon as all the army is shipped, which I hope will be before this can come to you. Your journey to my sister, and France, requires daily more haste than other; for though my uncle \* of late has had good luck, yet he needs present encouragement, and Mansfelt † without instant help, dissolves to nothing. As for news, my wife begins to mend her manners; I know not how long it will continue, for they say it is by advice; but the best of all is, they say the Monsieurs desire to return home; I will not say this is certain, for you know, nothing that they say can be so. So hoping to see you shortly, I rest,

Your loving, faithful, constant friend,

CHARLES R.

\* The King of Denmark.

† Mansfelt died in 1626. This circumstance fixes the place of this letter, which has no date.