

STATE PAPERS.

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all things are at a stand for want of money. The Ambassadors press earnestly to have liberty for the ships under the arrest of prize. The Judge of the Admiralty wants proofs yet, to make them prize. The danger is, if the Ambassadors have not contentment, they will make stay of the goods in France, in the United Provinces, in Denmark, and in the Hans Towns; in all which places, are infinite more goods of the English, than in these prizes, and all the rest of theirs in the kingdom.

CHARLES

I.

1625.

The Judge of the Admiralty, Sir Dudley Carleton, and myself, by the directions of the Lords, went yesterday to the Dutch Ambassador's, and gave satisfaction to suspend him in patience, and some kind of contentment, until the Lords shall have resolved, both concerning the ships already arrested, and for a reglement for the future.

Sir John Cooke was sent for to have been here on Thursday, but excused himself, and desired me to excuse him; which I have done, until your Grace shall be present at the approving the reglement and debate concerning the increase of mariners pay.

God knows, I did not mean to have drawn on your Grace's trouble half so far; yet with the same and more zealous duty, I will give your Grace this sign, that nothing you will, passeth by me without due observation. I will remember to your Grace, you did wish that the questions between my sister Conway and me were ended. I hear she is now at Burleigh. In the humble acknowledgment I owe to you, if my sister do desire it, and that your Grace will vouchsafe to hear the state of the business between us, which may be contracted and prepared into short heads, I will be bound, in all I am worth, to submit to, and perform on my part, whatsoever your Grace shall order in it. And in all, through my whole life, show how much I esteem the honour to be,

Your Grace's, &c.

EDWARD CONWAY.

Windfor Castle,
the 16th of Dec. 1625.