

CHARLES

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1627.

both, I have this farther reason, that the Count of Soissons is to marry the Duke of Rohan's only daughter. What other diversions and distractions the death of the French King (whereof we have advice) will produce, I know not; I hope it will not be prejudicial to our designs. Thus, with my humble duty remembered to your Lordship, I humbly remain

Your Lordship's most humble and most devoted servant,

St. Martin's,
this 1st of August, 1627.

HEN. DE VIC.

Sir Edward Conway is not yet returned from Rochelle. We have some 500 French in our army.

Duke of Buckingham to Edward Nicholas, Esq.

Nicholas,

THERE is nothing will more advance his Majesty's service here, than a speedy supply of victuals, and other necessary provisions for his army. Whereupon I would not have you fail to continue your diligent solicitation of the officers to that purpose. But, in the mean time, to procure what monies you can of mine own, to be employed to this purpose; for our business now in action admits no delay, and I know my master cannot at this present levy monies in so short a time, as will be necessary for us to receive supplies in; therefore advise with Dick Oliver and Fotherley about it. I can return you no more ships yet, until the citadel be rendered; till when, this whole island will take up all our shipping in the guard of it, being daily threatened and attempted by this King's forces, and with numerous supplies in relief of the citadel from the main land. And thus, with confidence of your known diligence and discretion