

CHARLES

I.

1627.

Mr. De Vic to Lord Conway.

Right honourable, and my singular good Lord,

CONTRARY to my promise and duty, I am now again surpris'd; but it is no news to your Lordship, to see me fall in the same fault more than once, especially in fault of negligence. I must confess I could never have met with occasion that could have made my haste more excusable, having little else to write besides the remembrance of my humble duty to your Lordship, to which, whatsoever I shall add, might have better become the relation of this bearer; with whom I mean to begin, letting your Lordship know, that his Excellency doth place a great deal of confidence in him, and makes him partaker of his chiefest Councils, for the advancement of his designs, not without the envy of most of the officers who are jealous of that privacy, as trenching (as they conceive) something upon them. Your Lordship doth know the man and what parts he hath, by which you may judge whether any extraordinary worth in him, or the scarcity of able men, as some would have it, have approached him to his Excellency. For my part, I am not able to judge of it, but I think his activity, industry, and application of himself to those things which others as able, but less industrious, look to be called unto, have made him so useful, and so much employed by his Excellency. The cause of this his voyage you will learn of himself, according to the directions he hath from his Excellency, who in my hearing told him (after an honourable mention of your worth and affection to him) he placed his chiefest confidence of his expedition, in your Lordship's care.

Sept. 4th.
Aug. 25th.

Sir Edward Conway is some days since returned from Rochelle, and is pretty well recovered of his wound. His Excellency was very glad to see him, and expressed a great deal of contentment in his

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