

CHARLES
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1625.

King Charles to the Duke of Buckingham.

STEENIE,

Nov. 20.

I WRIT to you by Ned Clarke, that I thought I would have cause enough in a short time to put away the Monsieurs, either by attempting to steal away my wife, or by making plots with my own subjects. For the first, I cannot say certainly whether it was intended, but I am sure it is hindered. For the other, though I have good grounds to believe it, I am still hunting after it; yet seeing daily the maliciousness of the Monsieurs, by making and fomenting discontentments in my wife, I could tarry no longer from advertising of you, that I mean to seek for no other grounds to cashier my Monsieurs, having for this purpose sent you this other letter, that you may, if you think good, advertise the Queen Mother with my intention; for this being an action that may have a show of harshness, I thought it was fit to take this way, that she to whom I have had many obligations, may not take it unkindly; and likewise I think I have done you no wrong in my letter, though in some place of it, I may seem to chide you. I pray you send me word, with what speed you may, whether you like this course or not, for I shall put nothing of this in execution, till I hear from you. In the meantime, I shall think of the convenient means to do this business with the best mien, but I am resolved it must be done, and that shortly. So longing to see thee, I rest

Your loving, faithful, constant friend,

Hampton Court,
the 20th of Nov. 1625.

CHARLES R.