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fit for you to hear, but it is enough, that you are willed to preserve yourself for his sake, that is and ever shall be

CHARLES

I.

1627.

Your loving, &c.

Theobalds,
the 20th of Sept. 1627.

CHARLES, R.

This bearer will tell you that I approve all your designs; and be confident of what succours these froward times can yield, which, though they cannot be according to mind, yet, by God's grace, shall be enough for your fortune to maintain a just cause.

King Charles to the Duke of Buckingham.

Steenie,

I HAVE received your dispatch by Jack Ashburnham, by which

October 1.

I have understood the necessity in which ye are, and I am much grieved and ashamed, that I must make an apology for our slowness here in giving you supplies; the cause whereof is, the hardness of getting mariners, and the slow proceeding of the commissioners of the navy (which all commissioners are subject to) money being readilier furnished than I could have expected in these necessitous times; but for that our best answer is (as the school-boy says) pardon this, and we shall do so no more; and now, by the grace of God, ye shall have no more cause to complain of us, for now we know how to prevent those faults, which we, without some experience, could hardly foresee. Holland, within two or three days, will attend you with supplies, wherefore at this time I shall say little more, but concerning the instructions ye sent me for Ned Clarke, and Will. Haydon's place of the ordnance. For the first, the King of Denmark's Ambassadors being here, for an accommodation between France and me, I have sent them away well enough satisfied, yet

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