

STATE PAPERS.

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CHARLES

I.

1625.

ing, was the day the sheriffs were pricked; and Mr. Knightly was one of those extraordinarily recommended, being none in the Judges bill, and never man was more perplexed, arguing that all the world would think, it was a punishment laid upon him for my Lord Vaux. But when he saw the rest of his company, then he was like to have lost his sense. He protested the continual and sole dependence he had upon your Grace, and declared his speeches, and the endeavours he had used in the parliament, for the service of the king, and honour of you.

I enquired of Sir John Cooke, and others, of him, who all justified his good behaviour; but he continues in the school of patience, and seems to promise himself that your Grace will justify him, and repair him with the King, and all the world, when you return.

Sir John Cooke, whose discreet diligence and care make him best understand all that concerns the shipping and the prizes, and all things else worthy of your knowledge, will give you an account; and to that purpose, I direct this messenger to pass by him, and do confess, that the narration of this brabble hath taken up my time and my paper, and, I am afraid, put by some things that had been more proper for me to have said; and which is worse, I am afraid they will abuse your time in the reading. But I beseech you pardon me, the rather for the punishment I lay upon myself; although the error rise from a desire to tell you all, and to serve you continually, and in all things, and that with faith and duty, and in the condition of,

Your Grace's, &c.

EDWARD CONWAY.

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