

CHARLES
I.
1627.

for which I give God greater thanks than for your victory, hoping to have oft cause of rejoicing for the one, no more for the other; and upon this occasion I pray you take my counsel, that for my sake, you will trust as little as may be any papistical French rascal. Your recommendation of Halie and Coningham came too late at this time, but ye may assure them, that I shall not fail to remember them with the first occasion. So praying for your good success in all things, and (with your wife) hoping and longing for your safe return, I rest,

Your loving, &c.

Whitehall,
the 2d of Sept. 1627.

CHARLES, R.

King Charles to the Duke of Buckingham.

Steenie,

Sept. 20.

I HAVE received yours by this bearer Dalbier, whom I have dispatched as soon as was possible, and to whose relation I shall need to add little; for I think he deserves the character that you put on him, and I assure you, it rejoices me not a little, to hear him (being a stranger and a soldier) give so just a description of your inclination (which I know to be true); that making me believe the rest he says concerning your proficiency in the trade you have now so happily begun, which, though I never doubted, yet I am glad to see that truth forces all men to approve my judgment of you. Within a week after you have received this, I hope Holland shall deliver you another from me, therefore now I haste to end, only I must chide you (if it be true that I hear), that you hazard yourself too boldly: This I must command you to mend and take care of; there being more inconveniences in it than I (almost) dare write, or
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