nesses greater good, or to the advantage of the Common Cause of the Considerates. But because I do not question, but that such a Neutrality will be extreamly displeasing both to his Imperial, and to his Catholick Majesty; therefore in Answer to that Letter wherein your Royal Highness Communicated to me the Proffers that are made to you by France, your Royal Highnels will give me leave to Exhort you to persevere in the League, and to continue the War with that Constancy, which has rendred your Name so glorious hitherto, and made your Conduct to be highly applauded. I cannot deny, but that (besides those other offers which France makes to your Royal Highness) the Restitution of Pignerol, tho' Demolish'd, is an Article of great Consequence. But, considering the Magnanimity and Generosity of the Confederate Princes, the great Power of their Armies, and what I know of their Intentions, I think my felf bound to promise your Royal Highness, that you shall at length, when the War is at an end; reap as great, nay far greater and more fecure Advantages, not only as to Pignerol, but likewise toward the raising of your Family to a higher Degree, and more agreeable to your Interest. All which I refer to the mature Reflections your Royal Highnesses great Prudence is capable of; being always ready, with inviolable Conflancy, to render to your Royal Highness all possible Service.

From the Camp at Normont the 22th of July, 1696, &c.