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fee the issue of our other business to precede their engagement. Notwithstanding, they give us assurance of their affection to the union, and acknowledge the great favour that God doeth unto them, by this his Majesty's real and powerful assistance; which that they may be fully persuaded to be sent only in their behalf, and the rest of the churches, I have, by the advice of Monsieur de Soubize, made a declaration of his Majesty's intention in that behalf, the copy whereof, and of the letter I have written to Madame de Rohan, concerning it, I send herewith. I have sent the original to Rochel, there to be printed, and thence to be distributed to the several places where Madame de Rohan shall think fit. But the main point of this union, as I conceive, depends upon the success of this enterprise, which being once at an end, a strong party will come in of itself, which is one of many commodities that would be gained by this conquest. Others there are, as the impositions upon salt and wine, two of the chiefest commodities of this kingdom, of infinite profit to those that are masters of the islands, with other advantages not unknown to your Lordship, and fitter for our enjoying than for our discourse. I hope ere it be very long, we shall do both, and I make no question we shall have your best wishes for it, answerable to that affection your Lordship hath always shewed to the good success and prosperity of

Your Lordship's humble servant,

G. BUCKINGHAM.

From the camp at St. Martin's,
this 28th of July, 1627.