

officijs rite perfuncti reditum in patriam parent; Nos quibus eorum uitæ innocentia, modestia, atque morum grauitas eo, quem in Ecclesia obtinent, gradu digna, satis perspecta et probata est, præsentibus illis ultro dedimus, quibus et nostram in eos beneuolentiam testatam reddimus, insuperque omnes et singulos Principes, Respublicas, et quoscunque potentatus rogamus, ut eos per ditiones suas libere transire permittant; nullumque eisdem impedimentum, sed potius auxilium et fauorem præstari curent, atque adeo tractari ut decet ministros Christi. Ecclesiastici uero status Prouinciarum, Ciuitatum ac locorum Gubernatoribus, Præfectis, cæterisque Magistratibus quibuscunque districtè præcipimus, ut pari modo supradictos Sacerdotes honorifice ac beneuole tractent. In quorum fidem his subscripsimus et sigillum nostrum apponi mandauimus. Datum Romæ xxij Octobris.

P. Card^{is} Aldobrand^{us}

[Loc. Sig.] Henricus de Valentibus, Sec^r

21. *From Dr. William Bishop to the Bishop of London.*

54, f. 376.

Paris, Oct. 27, 1602.

Right Honorable

Beinge aduertised that yo^r L. had written, howe our friendes about you do complaine of our slack giuinge them notice of our affaires: I tooke it for an opportunity of addressinge these vnto yo^r L. aswell to testify the obligation I take myselfe to haue (amonge the rest of my bretherne) vnto yo^r L. for the compassionate and honorable affection w^{ch} you have shewed towards such of our order and religion as are free from all vndutifull practises against our soueraine Lady and deare Country: as also to lett yo^r L. vnderstand, why we can not giue better intelligence of such matters whereof we can say noe more then that wee haue before heard from others. and in truth it hath befallen out that

since the last of July vntill the 26 of october, I receiued noe letters but once, at what tyme I wrote presently vnto Mr. Watson asmuch as I had heard. Nowe I have receiued such articles as the inquisitors agreed vpon: w^{ch} as oure friendes write, were shewed them rather to trye what they would mislike in them, then to haue them published before the Breve wherein it is thought the most of them shalbe couched: w^{ch} notwithstanding as they came to vs we doe nowe send with our friendes comon letter to passe through yo^r L: handes, that you may the better perceiue howe matters are like to goe. Wherevpon I desire yo^r L: to beare with me yf, consideringe the state of our affaires I be bold toe redooble that our common petition and suite vnto you: w^{ch} is, that it may please yo^r L. to deale with her Ma^{tie} or the LL: of her honorable counsell, for the free and safe passage of some of our company vnto you. the wch yo^r Wisedome cannot but see, howe necessary it wilbe for the maintenance of our cause: not only to settle better correspondence and to instruct our party, but also to strengthen and countenance it, that it bee not ouerborne [?] by the contrary faction for the Archpr: standinge, who is wholly deuoted to the Jesuites, and diuerse men of marke on their side entringe in, to fortify their party: yf none of like reputation come in on ours, it must needes bee noe smale discouragement to the rest, wherefore I beseech yo^r L: to consider well of this pointe of importance, and yf it shall please you to make choice of mee for one of them to whom such licence shalbe granted, I hope to cary myself so in that negotiation, that yo^r L: shall haue noe cause to repent him of his choise. for I thinke I knowe an expedient, howe without seeinge soe far of, our aduersaries shalbe soe weakned that all their canvasinges and vaine pretences will of themselues fall flatt to the grou[nd.] I desire therefore that I may haue yo^r L: answere vnto this my petition. Thus fearinge to be ouer tedious I humbly request yo^r L. to continue his honorable good affection vnto vs and assistance vnto our reasonable demaundes; so you shall for ever bind us in all dutifull sorte (the case of religion reserued) to honour yo^r L:

and serue our countrey vnto the vttermost of our power. at Paris
the 27 of october.

yo^r Lordsh: alwayes to comaund
Will'm Bysh[op]

Endorsement in same hand.

To the right Honorable and his very good Lord the
Lord of London at his house by Paules.

London.

22. *To the Bishop of London from a priest.*

Unsigned, Nov. 14, 1602. 54. f. 378.

Rt. Honorable,

Whereas her Maiesty in her late Proclamation^a hath left some hope of fauoure vnto such of our brethrene, as shall present themselves & manifest y^t theire harts ar not poluted wth vnnaturall disloyalty to theire Prince & cuntrey. Therefore may it please your honor to vnderstand, y^t when I had lived but smale tyme in our colledge at Rome & saw y^e ambitiouise & sinister dealings of those Jesuits then superiors, I grewe into such dislike wth theire proceedings y^t I was on of y^e first w^{ch} began to oppose them in these last dissensions of the colledge & on of y^e first seven y^t ioyned hands in memoriall to his holynese agaynst them, w^{ch} action wthout waveringe or startinge I did as earnestly prosecute as any man there duringe my abode in y^e colledge. And at y^e same tyme f. Parsons booke of succession comeinge forth I did freely & openly disclame from it & all Spanish factions & tampering in state matters, as I can prove by good witnessse. By w^{ch} acte I did so highly incur y^e Jesuits displeasure y^t notwthstandinge y^t they could not lay any act agaynst me at my departure vnfittinge a

^a The proclamation of Nov. 5 offered indeed small "hope of favour" to those who dared almost to insinuate "that we have some purpose to grant a toleration of two religions within our realm."

All priests were to be banished except those who should publicly acknowledge their allegiance. With these the Queen would take further order.