

There passed this way of late one Way: who reported that yow had renounced yo^r priesthood, and all exercise thereof, w^{ch} were to deare a price of yo^r favo^r and liberty: and in any case ne incidas in Syllam cupiens vitare Charibdin. Yow wryte of artycles, but none appeare We have conceyved here an oath of obedyence w^{ch}, if others sende not, yow shall have wth the nexte. yo^r tracte, as appeareth by Mr. Bluetts, pleaseth not him. yow may vse me in all confidence and assurance

Usque ad aras

J. Cecyll.

[*At foot of page:*] [To my] very loving ffriend
[M^r] Watson
give these

[*Endorsed, same hand as copy:*] feb 1602

A copy of D. Cecylls lres to M^r Mush and M^r Watson

5. *From Dr. Bagshaw to William Watson.*

54, f. 243.

Feb. 7, 1602.

Good M^r Will^m I have redd your Quodlibets over, & have asked the iudgement of diverse. The style is misliked for the bitterness, & I pray you hereafter have greate care & moderation, for I can assure you so bitinge a style dothe not good. Much good matter I finde, & if it had bene whote^a only in yt place where your harte was as hyghe as your heade for infaminge owr matters I coulde well have liked it.

What letters come in yours see them delivered. I hope your credit & mine will serve to have them safely conveyed. Att leasure I pray you deale wth my L.^b to whom I have writte[n] the Spanishe faction is on foote & fierce for expectation of future matters. We must have good supporte. If the LL. of her ma^{t^{ies}} Cownsayle will deale wth the Embassador to

^a Sic, for "hot"?

^b The Bishop of London.

come or sende to the secretarie heere present to further vs, we shall doe well.

Heere very wise men will not be persuaded but some greate persons ar Spanified, although yow answeare yt poynte in the ende of your booke, and therefore our sendinge over was not to benefitt our country or procure ease to owre cawse but only for a shoue to shifte of the time.

Have care of Framlingham & of all our friends there. The remoove of some of them was promised.

I pray you write or speake to M^r Church y^t he sende hyther assone as may be.

I will performe yt w^{ch} you write of me & your selfe & the thirde person.^a

54, f. 243b.

M^r Bluett wrote to my L. for to be a meanes for sendinge our letters by M^r Winwoode,^b for that we ar driven to sende otherwise hande over heade. I marvayle we have no answeare. I pray you deale very earnestly wth my L. for M^r Barnbye, who in truthe did more than we all in flanders & was able to relate as muche as M^r Bluett coulde have done & perhaps more. His liberty & perhapps returne were very necessary. It mighte be a good occasion, when he might presently be freed, to bringe vs monye & worde of all things & to goe wth me to flanders, if neede shall be, and afterwards to Rome. I pray yow sollicite this instantlye.

Some passages of your booke make me of good hope as of a college of oure owne to cowntervayle the Spanishe seminaries. What hope of toleracion at least for vs, whose fidelyty I hope is not dowbted of, sende worde. It encowrageth & gladdeth for the time.

By M^r Barnby or some other convenient messenger lett me heare assone & as lardgely as yow can.

^a In the margin are four lines in another hand, tantalisingly illegible by erasure. "This 3rd pson was Mr. . . ." etc.

^b Ralph Winwood, agent of Queen Elizabeth at the French Court.

Pray harde for vs. Wth commendacions to all the honest gentlemen wth yow, M^r Pigott, M^r Kempe, M^r Ledyo [?] wth the rest.

I promised M^r Cole the messanger one of owr books. I did not performe it. I pray you supplie it & commend me to him.

We heare of new preparations in Spayne. Leasure serveth not further. 54. f. 244.

Paris vii^o febr.

yours ever

C. B.

I have written to M^r Clerke, M^r Leake, M^r Bennetts, M^r Smithe, M^r Hebburne, M^r Barnbye, M^r Doleman, M^r Church, M^r Dudley, M^r Charnocke, M^r Copleye, Seal them all w^{ch} be unsealed, & deliver them.

I had thoughte to have sent them all unsealed but it fell owt otherwise. In any case lett them be delivered. There is nothing but ordinarye matters.

I would my L. of London were nowe & then by, when we have talke of him wth some of the byshoppes & nobles heere.

J. Bennetts comminge hath done good to owres & made it more spoken of, & a number of quæstions to be asked abowte my L. who is taken for a speciall meanes therof used by her Ma^{tye}.

6. *Drafts of Six Memorials to the Pope.*

47. f. 272.

I. CECIL'S TESTIMONIALS AND APOLOGY.

Beatissime Pater

Placuit xpianissimo Regi hoc tempore, et cum hisce meis fratribus et in castris dñi commilitonibus, me S^{ti} tuæ per legatum suum recomendare, tum quod ei de zelo meo in causa fidei catholicæ promovendæ sine aliqua rerum politicarum mixtura abunde fuit satisfactum, data huius examinis occasione a legato Angliæ, qui me hoc nomine apud Regem christianissimum accusavit tanquam nimis familiarem ijs qui politicum Angliæ statum perturbarunt, tum quod apud eum frequentissime et instantissime egeram vt interposita eius apud senatores Angliæ autoritate cum eis ageret