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CORRESPONDENCE

To Elizabeth Taylor, of Durant [or Durrant] Hall, Chesterfield.¹

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| 1. | Hull.
31 Mar.
1669 | Charles Whittington to [his aunt]
Elizabeth Taylor, at Chesterfield.

Her's of the 20th he had received
and would have answered her sooner
but had not had time by the last
post. Was glad she had received
her wine, which he hoped would
prove good, but prayed her let her
servants be careful the white wine
was not left untapped, that it lost
not its colour. Was sorry the sack
had been 'abused by the way', but
did assure her that all 3 casks had
gone into the storehouse at Bawtry
as full as an egg, 'for I sent it
with some other wine of y ^e duke of
Newcastle[']s: & I hired the Keele
man to goe with it from Stockwith
to bautery: which he did, soe yt
what was done was betwixt Bautery &
Chesterfeild[.]' His mother had
received her kind token, but they
imagined she had sent a letter,
which they had not received, 'but
2 Cheeses my Mother haith sent |
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[1. Her daughter and heiress Esther, married Charles, later Sir Charles Skrimshire, who subsequently married Frances, widow of Ralph Sneyd (d.1695)].

as directed to Aunt perkins & y^e bakon in y^e Canvis to m^{rs} Thompson: which shee Supposes right: & y^e booth: Returne you Very many thanks[.]' They were joyful to hear by Cousin More that the writer's grandmother, Cousin Easter, and all friends with her [Elizabeth Taylor] were well.

2. Hull.
28 July,
1669

The same to the same.

His mother had for some time had by her the several things mentioned in the inclosed note, and not having a convenient opportunity to send them, they had lain by them. Adam Jell being then in town, he had sent the things with his goods. The writer's service to Cousin Easter, '& tell her I have at last sent her a Cradle & babey, which I am Confident will please her - she is a Very lustey Gentle Wooman & had shee had 1 gowne & [the] rest of her apparell made in holland[,] It would have been a good pattern for Coz: Easter[']s workman: in the Countrey;...' Had with her things sent Cousin Easter a runlet of Rhenish wine, which was extraordinarily good, and with the double refined sugar, would please her.

3. London.
3 Aug.
1669

Jo: Taylor to the same.

Had received her lines of 30 July, for which he returned her his real thanks, and for her well wishes 'in referance to my health:...' His distemper had had some kind of seizure upon him, but he blessed God he found himself much strengthened since his coming to London, and hoped that time and means would perfect his recovery. Heartily thanked her for her kind invitation. Had so little doubt of her real friendship and kindness to him, he would with his usual freedom visit her whensoever he came into her parts. Would furnish her with a suit of black mourning knots of the newest mode, '& allso w[i]th a black lutt string dressing hude w[i]th tabes', and should either bring them with him or send them.

4. Northampton.
14 Aug.
1669

The same to the same.

Had sent her hood and knots in his own trunks to Mansfield, which had been there since Friday last, and had intended then to have been there himself, to have sent them to her, 'but thrugh my wekenes & soarenes I have beine laide up heare ever sines friday last,' and should not stir till he had the opportunity of a coach, which would not be before Thursday next, 'by w[hi]ch time I hoape god will fitt mee for y^e performance of my jorney & then I will take care to send them by a carefull messinger,....'

5. Worksop.
4 Sept.
1669

The same to the same.

Begged her pardon for his long silence, and entreated her to pardon him in not sending her knots and hood sooner. The reason of his thus long

silence and of her things' slow motion proceeded from his extraordinary weakness, which had made his journey both tedious and long. God willing, as soon as he was able he would give her the trouble of a visit. Was fearful it would not be speedy. Hoped the hood and knots were to her liking, they were 'as good & fashionable as London could afoarde'. Doubted not but the small token he had advised her of would be safe with her some time the following week, which craved her acceptance.

6. Worksop.
8 Sept.
1669

Jo: Taylor to the same.

Had received her kind letter in which she had expressed so much kindness that he wanted words to express his thankfulness. Was still sore handled with his distemper, which made him at present incapable of removing, but, he blessed God, not so ill as formerly. Found every day 'an amendment but can not boast much in my recoverye as yet'. Returned her her kind respects and cordial thanks for her kind invitation, and for all her other favours. His desires were with her and, God willing, as soon as he was capable any way of coming, he should wait upon her at her house. Prays respects to Cousin Paul Webster and their other friends.

7. London.
8 Nov.
1670

J. Taylor to (?) the same.

Yesterday he had come to that city after having wearied himself in a sickly journey. Since his departure he had spent some thoughts in relation to that kindness she had been pleased to receive him with, and owned himself thereby under such an obligation as required a thankfulness too great for a paper messenger. Hoped it would not be long ere he might have a better opportunity of declaring how sensible he was of her favours.

8. London.
22 Nov.
1670

The same to the same.

Had formerly advised his getting safe to town, and since had endeavoured to perfect the business he had come about, which looked with a good face, so that he was in hopes of visiting Derbyshire ere long, 'being perfectly weary of this place, w[hi]ch gives noe satisfaction but at certaine howres when I contemplate yo[u]r favours, & please myselve w[i]th y[ou]r remembrances of some of yo[u]r expressions w[hi]ch I would gladly make my owne construction of, & modestly crave yo[u]r allowance for it, that I may be less regardfull of other concerns, & wholely adress myselve to yo[u]r service. I beg yo[u]r pardon if my affections carry mee beyond what becomes mee, (& yet I know noe reason why to love should be accompted a Crime)[.] I have noe ends but what are just & comendable; & noe feares but ye offending you by y^e offering of what is under vallue, but you can have noe more then there is,

& that you may comaund when you please, I have his word for it that gives you all ye assurance imaginable that may truly render him...', etc.

9. Hull.
10 Jan.
1670/71

Charles Whittington to his aunt, the same.

Was now to crave her pardon for his omission in not writing her, and sending her goods sooner, but had had some extraordinary business that commanded his absence from home these 10 days, and going out of town suddenly he had forgotten to leave instructions with Luke. The goods cost, according to the inclosed note, £12.6.6. They were much dearer then than ever, 'for the parliament haveing laid 3:^d a quart extraordinary on French: wine. 4:^d on Sack, which you pay more then formerly, and a Great Imposition being to be laid on groceryes and all other Spices, the[y] who have goodes on their handes at present will not dispose of them, but for as great rates as if ye duty was allredy laid on them, because w[ha]t the[y] have on their handes the[y] expect to save the duty of. and theirfore. take their. advantaidge now[.]' The sack was very good, sound Canary, but not so pleasant as he could have wished it, for now, by reason of the great duty, sack was very scarce. The white wine was very pleasant and fit for drinking, and the claret would be rare wine in summer, for it was a rich, strong wine, and would be better a year hence than then, if bottled. There was in the dry cask 3 boxes of 'Prunellayes' from Aunt Perkins, 1 for herself, 1 for Uncle Milnes, and 1 for Cousin More. Gives details of other goods sent, including a looking-glass for Cousin Betty Leeis of 'Lady-Hole', which was sent for into Holland by his mother on purpose for her; three rings, 1 for herself, 1 for his grandmother, and 1 for Uncle Milnes, which he requests them to wear in memory of his parents and sister; a pair of his sister's stockings and her thimble, for Cousin Easter; and his mother's bodkin. Had given over housekeeping, so had no maid. Would have seen her at Chesterfield that Christmas, but was preparing for a journey to London and had something to settle before he went, and had given over [his] horse, for he found it inconvenient, especially being often from home, and in that town there was good accommodation for young men, but one great reason was that when he went to London he did not know whether he returned in 3 weeks or 6 months. Had also written to Aunt Whittington, if she knew of any that would buy his land at 'Buarpērd'. Adds a postscript, that there was £9.2.1 due to him from her.

10. London.
23 May,
1671

George Franke to the same.

Had received hers of the 20th with the enclosed bill of exchange for the £30, which he had not so soon expected, for which he returned his hearty thanks and should send her a receipt for it, and for the last year's, which he had omitted through forgetfulness, in the box with his cousin's things.

It was so busy a time by reason of the great access of shipping, he had scarce time to write to her, but his wife would take care of all her particulars, though the woman who was to make the gown feared it would not be done within the time, though promised her utmost endeavours. Her cousin Whittington was still in or about town, though he scarce saw him once in a fortnight or three weeks, and had been a little bold with him upon that point, but he had pretended a great deal of profitable business, 'tho I much doubt it,...

11. Wallingwells.
29 June,
1671

J. Taylor to the same.

It had been his full purpose to have waited on her 'ere I went to the Spaw', but whether he could make himself so happy he was in some doubt, 'being troubled w[i]th great Folkes, & knavish folks, & worse folks &c.' He longed to see her, to kiss her hand, or read her hand. Had sent this messenger on purpose for his trunk, to colour a letter which he dared not else have (?) adventured on, because he held her commands in so great veneration. 'I am tongue tyed, & I feare hand bound, yet if my pen slip a word or two can I be blamed?' Etc.

12. (?) Derby.
15 Nov.
1671

Samuel Doughtye to the same.

Was heartily glad to hear of her's and his cousin's welfare, and did give her many thanks for her last kindness to him and his. Had come there that day to serve her and his cousin as to the receipt of the rent and had cleared all but [certain persons mentioned - MS. imperfect]. If she pleased to send any of those things of his uncle's, he had spoken to the (?) post to bring them.

13. London.
26 Feb.
1671/72

J. Taylor to the same.

The Duke having told him that the ship would be ready in about 14 days, he judged it full time to kiss her hands by this letter, being deprived of other means. Had written 20 letters in conceit, but had dared not actually write one for fear of offending, till he had no more time left him, then what would make him happy would be a line from herself, if that might be hoped for. 'Love is reciprocall, it is a Passion that makes all yeild, let it have ye same effects upon you it hath upon oth[er]s. why should yo[u]r wisdome exempt you from its Jurisdiction? show yo[u]rselfe a woman & extend yo[u]r compassions, receive & returne freindshipp (I dare give it noe other Terme). Tell mee how farr I may profess w[i]thout yo[u]r displeasure & if I exceed my limitts (except in thoughts) I will lay my selfe open to yo[u]r censure & acquiesse in yo[u]r Will...'

14. London.
8 Mar.
1671/72
- The same to the same.
- 'Dearest Voluntine', for so he must by good fortune call her, with thankful acknowledgment to that hand that had made him so. Had had hers of the 6 February, and had been sorry to find any expression of his should look like a-taxing her that could do nothing unpleasant to him. Had more esteem for her virtues than to court any further interest in her than what might suit her prudence and conveniency, '& cannot but congratulate my happyness in haveing a relation so quallified for that trust God hath called you to, by makeing you a Moth[e]r of soe hopefull a plant as God hast blest you w[i]th.'. Wished them both all the comfort of their conditions, and that she would only honour him with 'owning mee next to what is not fit to be expected from you; as yo[u]r kinsman & voluntine, & more I will not pretend to...' Etc.
15. London.
2 April,
1672
- The same to the same.
- Gave her his hearty thanks for her kind letter of the 16th March, which would enable him to kiss her hand till she made him happy in another 'that shall be newer'. Was now to tell her the ship was prepared, and the fleet in which they were to pass, intended to be ready in 10 or 12 days at most. Could not say he was sorry that he had to go, because he rejoiced to keep his word, but he might without offence acknowledge his sorrow to part with his good friends, his dearest relations, 'yo[u]rselfe my Dearest Cosen.' Etc.
16. Wallingwells.
7 May,
1673
- The same, and Richard Taylor, to the same.
- Should rejoyce to know this letter found her well. Was that night for Ferrybridge. His brother would see her on Saturday or sooner if she desired it. Had sent the horse and saddles, the man might bring the foal with him in the morning, but the beasts might continue longer to lead some coals if the weather had made the ways fair. She might consult his brother in those things, and what was about assessments consult him and Cousin Mower, who might do that business, 'let complaint be made according to y^e act, & personall estates & stocks & trades bee assessed if they goe by pound rate &c.' Had waited till 12 o'clock for Mr Lee's answer from Mr Barker and Mr Wigfall, but not hearing anything from them, they could not take it ill 'that I will endeav[our] not to loose this warrant.' If the bailiff of the hundred were not ready to go the next day with the warrant, then he desired his cousin Roger to go to them and let them know he had sent the warrant for them to see, and desired an appearance, if they pleased, but he could do no more than acquaint them with it, but if Mr Parker were at home and would undertake it, the writer should desire him to execute the warrant to take an appearance. Would have him do

it with all possible civility, but to do his business if he could, and get so many as he could to give appearance, but it must be done the next day. Gives further instructions.

[Richard Taylor to the same]: Adds a short note about the same business, with respects to herself and his cousin.

17. London.
10 May,
1673

Charles Whittington to the same.

Having met with a few of their Derbyshire friends since he had come to town, till last week, was the reason that till then he had not written her joy, for her townsmen were the first that told him of her marriage. Was sorry it was so long before he had heard of it, and was sorry she had been so long of considering on it, that he might have wished her 'a Lustey Buoy at the Yeare[']s end', however God's blessing and her brisk endeavours might do much, 'for I assure you Aunt I shall be very glad to com to the Christning feast'. Was fitting out with all expedition for sea, and had been ordered for the Straits, 'for at present Littell probabilitie of a pease this Sumer.' Would continue in town those 20 days, so if she or his uncle had any service there, he requested her to lay her commands on him. Would be joyful to hear how his grandmother and all friends did.

18. Bolton.
13 May,
1673

J. Taylor to [his wife] the same.

Was troubled at his leaving her not well, and want of knowledge of her health. Hoped his brother and other friends would assist her in her business, and that it would not suffer for his absence... [MS. imperfect]. ...of her and Hussy's welfare, which would console him under the loss of her company and want of her pleasing society. They might send her letter by the return of that post to Doncaster, directed to him at the post house in York, where he hoped to find it the 22nd, but if it required haste, direct it for him at Widow Padley's at Beverley and recommend it to the postmaster's care at Doncaster, to send it by the York or Hull post. Longed to hear from her and would make all the haste he could to see her.

19. London.
24 Nov.
1673

The same to the same.

Had received hers of the 21st, which next to herself was welcome. Had written her the week before his full purposes to quit the employment, but was so pressed to go that he could not find any fair way of refusal, but to put the business on the Lords Commissioners, who could not provide things necessary, whereupon he might rather be delayed than quit of the employment, 'but since it is thy pleasure to preferr mee before Ritches & hon[ou]r, I cannot but retorne thy Love, & shall as plainly tell thee I have as great pleasure in thy Loves as it is possible thou can have in mine, and shall preferr it above all

hopes or expectations of future preferment in y^e world, & w[i]th thee blesse God for what hee hath done for us.' Had had her letter on the Exchange, where immediately he had met Sir Hugh Cholmeley and told him he could not have her consent to go, and therefore must quit the service, who had assured him he would assist so as to bring him off without disrepute. The following morning the writer intended to go to Mr Creed and let him know he had a greater tie to her than to the service of the Lords Commissioners. Was heartily glad to hear her distemper abated, yet feared it would not leave her without something more to be done. Would leave the city on Monday next and, if nothing intervened, see her within 5 days after. Love and respects to her and his relatives.

20. London.
29 Nov.
1673

The same to the same.

Had received hers with the enclosed from Cousin Cooper, and was sorry George was in so bad a condition and must make the best of a bad market. Discusses business matters. Had that day been with some of the Lords Commissioners, and had ordered matters so as not absolutely to deny and yet so as to leave himself a liberty of staying, and as occasion should offer thereafter, intended to take any measures by which she might keep him at home, or let him go abroad, as suited her best. That day he had accidentally met with Charles Whittington, who told him he was going to the Duke of Monmouth's, and was for the Straits, or East Indies. He had promised to see the writer that evening or the next. By the carrier he had sent 3 boxes of things for them, 'one of things for us. a[noth]er w[i]th my Daught[er]'s things. & a 3^d a square boxe w[i]th Oringes y^e best could get. A barrell of Oysters, & m^r Hill[']s mare[,] w[hi]ch is to be kept till I come & then intend her to run at Wallinwells,...' The news varied every day, one day talk of the parliament's prorogation, the next of its certain meeting. The great game was playing between Protestant and Papist. The new duchess and her mother had been oddly received, 'shee went to whitehall by water, ye City as is s[ai]d denying her reception there.'

21. Bristol.
21 June,
1674

Mary Gregson to the same.

Having so fit an opportunity by a gentleman which was travelling into her parts, she would take the boldness to give her the trouble of a line or two, which had no other errand than to return her her humble thanks for her good entertainment when she had been with her, and for all her respects to her. Hoped the letter might find her better than she had. Had been there something about a fortnight. Had found her sister but ill, she was not sick but looked ill and had no stomach for any meat. She was going 'to brie the Contrey aire' which the writer hoped might do her some good. Begs her to present her duty to her grandmother and uncle, with her humble service to Cousin

Eather and duty to herself.

22.

Derby.
20 Jan.
1674/75

Samuel Doughtye to the same.

Was very glad to hear by Cousin Mower that she was upon the recovering hand and heartily wished her continuance of it. Should observe her commands concerning Sir Harry and should not come over with him if he desired him. Had done his best to serve his cousin in her commands there, and should be ready to serve them both elsewhere 'if I bee Cawled to it. I understand theare is but A Bad interp[r]etacion mayde of my true pideners [? pretences] to serve both you and my Cozen in youre last Concernes at Chesterfeild. Tho god is my Judge I designed nor intended anything more then youres and my Couzens Peas [? peace] and happenes and settlement of all youre Afayres, however shall not be wanting to performe my promis to your deseased husboond my good unckle...'

23.

Turnditch.
29 Jan.
1674/75

George Gregson to (?) the same.

There was, as he was credibly informed, an execution in the under sheriff's or bayliff's hands against his brother Philip, for £400, which made a great noise in their country. Had formerly received an account from Major Taylor that such a course would be taken, and how he had resented it he referred her to his in answer. Discusses the matter and pleads in his brother's excuse. Since his marriage he had looked upon him as a careful husband and one not likely to run out of his estate, nor did any person but herself fear any loss by him. Reminds her that her mother was his sister and his brother her sister's son, 'relations neer enough to have inclined you to some prudent compliances,...' Etc.

24.

4 Feb.
1674/75

Ma: Cage to the same.

How ever her many adversities had made her a stranger to her, as also they had swallowed up and eclipsed her comforts in that remote pilgrimage life from her native 'sosiaty', yet it was that which had been preserved in her memory with a worthy esteem, and the kindness of her daughters to the writer's niece Rose, for which she must express her sympathy for her 'in y[ou]r present treubell, and I wish y^e weare not owte done...'

25.

'Findorne'.
20 Feb.
1674

Samuel Doughtye to the same.

Had received hers and had been with (?) Captain Every and had told him her resolution not to dispose of the writer's cousin as yet, she being young, and likewise her desire to more concerning him, but perceaved by him he was loth to accept of a denial. His father and he had intended to be at Chesterfield on Monday, but thought (?) they would not now. 'I knew nothing of y^e Capt[ain]

Coming at first Neather shall Incoridge him to anything but what yow & Coz Mower thinke is Convenient and may Consist with my Cozens good[.]' Had intended to have been with her but was not very well, but should before long give her a visit.

26. Egginton.
5 Mar.
[? 1675]

[Sir] H[enry] Every to the same.

Since his son had made a second visit to Chesterfield she could not be ignorant that it was to make his address to her daughter; 'give mee leave to say, though her fortune is greate, that is not the onely motive, the character all that know her give of her sweete disposition is as much valewed by mee as her estate; herselfe it is that pleaseth the Captayne, and if hee is acceptable to her, I will waite upon you and for estate dout not to give you a iust satisfaction...'

27. Sutton.
27 Mar.
1675

Thomas Freeman to the same.

When last he had waited on her with his friends, whom, he understood, she had rather admitted for his sake, he had then wanted the opportunity to render her his due thanks for that favour. As her free entertainment had enabled him to gratify them in what was desired of him, so he begged she would give credit to that real truth, that he had no design upon herself or the young lady, nor had urged any untruth in the gentleman's behalf, who for family, estate and person, the writer had thought might be esteemed a suitable match.

28. Nottingham.
7 Apr.
1675

Edward Greaves to the same.

According to Dr Thorolon's order he had sent her ingredients for a diet drink, which she might please to put into a canvas bag (with a weight in the bottom of it) and hang it in 2 gallons of small ale. When it was 4 days old she might please to drink every morning half a pint more or less, according to the working of it, and if she pleased as much at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. There was also a powder, of which she might please to take as much as was in the little paper mixed into a lump, with the quantity of a nutmeg of conserve of red roses, every night going to bed, as long as it lasted, but none of it until she had finished her diet drink. Adds a postscript, that when the diet drink was 10 or 12 days old, 'lett it be drawn out into bottles.'

29. Turnditch.
3 May,
1675

George Gregson to the same.

His man coming to Chesterfield, he had bidden him see her and bring him an account of her health, and Cousin Hester's. His wife and he were well. Must crave a kindness from her. His brother Philip had given Major Taylor security for £200, '& demanding a reason why hee was soe cruelly urgent, hee told him that it was long of mee & that I did write to him to sue out the execution...' Took it

much amiss from the Major that he should be guilty of such a piece of wickedness and lay him under such imputations. Appealed to her for the truth of it, never having written but two letters to her about it, the first his brother Philip had seen, the other he desired she would send a copy of, or if that were impossible, she would by his man signify whether he had endeavoured to hasten execution or not.

30. Wirks[worth]:
Greenhill.
12 June,
1675

Mary Beighton to the same.

Having so convenient an opportunity by Cousin Parkins, she took the boldness to give her the trouble of these few lines, which had no other errand but to manifest her duty and enquire after her's and Cousin Esther's good health. Had designed to have waited on her before that time, and should have done it, had not that which was the greatest of all other concerns prevented her, but her husband had promised her he would bring her over as soon as they could conveniently leave there. Had written to Cousin Esther one time by Dr Potts, but she would never be so kind to let her hear from her, 'but I here her time is soe much imployd in Corteship that I doe the more excuse her:....' Had heard last week that she wanted a maid to wait on her, if she pleased she thought she knew one which would fit her very well. She had lived at Brother Gregson's two years, and had gone away that spring on the account of waiting on a lady, 'but lost her place by reson of a Letter which miscarried[.] She is a very good natured, sivill maid and [?] of good frendes but hath nether father nor mother liveing...'. If she wanted one and was pleased to make trial of her, she could send her over.

31. Greenhill.
15 June,
1675

The same to the same.

Had received hers and heartily thanked her for her good wishes to them and kind invitation of them to Chesterfield. The maid she had written about was one and twenty years old and had lived at Mr Adrian Monday's either two or three years, before she had come to Brother Gregson, 'and that was all y^e places which she ever Lived at'. She had been brought up at Derby with an uncle, her father and mother being dead. She had had about £100 left her and was brought up 'pritty handsomely and can sue and writ pritty well[.] She can make pies[,] though not very handsomely[,] but Is pritty handy about most thinges[,] and one which you may very freely trust and a very handsome[,] slender maid and goeth lienteall in her Clothes in such as she wereth she doth not goe in silke gouns:....'

32. Wirksworth.
5 Oct.
1675

The same to the same.

All the news now there was of Cousin Esther's being stolen away, which till that day the writer

had not believed, 'especailly hereing by who it was for I did not thinke that he of all persons would ever have attempted such a thing[,] for I know his father is soe honest a man that he must needes doe it alltogether unknown to him: but however I am hartily glad to here that she is escaped from them: for I soepose she will ere Longe prevent anny such danger: and pray God it may be for her great Contentment and happiness: my sister Ruth Brown was tould by a gentle man that if she had stay[']d a day Longer here she had bin taken goeing home by one which did not here of her till that day she went[,] and was trobled he had mised such an oportunity[,] but sister Could not gette him to tell her who it was...' Begs her excuse for not having sooner returned her her humble thanks 'for Cosen Easther[']s good Company' and for her noble present. Cousin Esther had been pleased to promise her when she had been there that she would let her hear from her when she had come home, but she had not been so good as her word. If her time and thoughts were not taken up about greater concerns, she should be very glad of that honour.

33. London.
23 Oct.
1675

Samuel Franke to the same.

His letter had found his mother 'something better', but had found her and them all under very sad, dolorous and great consternations of mind 'for my poore father[']s affliction, not knowing whether this sick bed may not prove a death bed,...' Describes the circumstances and symptoms. His mother, if she could leave his father, would buy her things herself. If not, she would get some friend who was both honest and able to do it, and she should have an account by that day sennight's post, if things were no worse with his father.

34. London.
23 Oct.
1675

Humphrey Horne to the same.

These were to let her know that yesterday he had received her letter and should be very careful to get all things as she wrote for, against her time, 'I understand your letter, aboute the pin up pettecote, to bee to ware, with the black Lased gounse althoughe, you have plased it in your letter after the Mantuaplace, which I intende to bee awrought silke, with goulde and silver Flowers, which is all the mode...'

35. London.
6 Nov.
1675

Samuel Franke to the same.

These might inform her that his mother had, in a box directed to herself, sent down the several particulars she had written for, which she hoped were every way as fashionable and cheap and desirable as any could be worn, and hoped they would be much to her content, although she could not buy them herself, such was his father's condition, and now there was, through God's mercy, some hopes of recovery.

36. (?) 'Innston'.
28 Mar.
1676

Jo. David to the same.

He therein enclosed Mr Charles Cotton's bond, she being one of Mr Taylor's executors. Wished Mr Skrymsher might get the money and interest and charges. There had been a judgment entered against Mr Cotton in Trinity term last, the charges of which came to 33/1ld, which the writer's brother, Mower, had paid him. Prayed her send him two words, that she had received the bond, 'w[hi]ch is but reasonable you should doe:....'

37. London.
21 Apr.
1676

Humphrey Horne to the same.

These were to let her know that he had received hers and had, according to her order, sent her a 'Rosetta goun trim[']d with bone Lase, and black Gause pettecote, which I hope will fitt you well, and bee to your good likeing, and alsoe I have sent you a shape and falls and ruffells, and 2 peakes, all which I hope will come safe to your hands, I have made your goun, rounded before, and with slashed slefes[,] because it is soe generall a fashyon, and a Lase goun now unslashed, will looke, like an olde goun, I have sent you as much of the same silke as will make you, a pare of slefes, if you shoulde please to have them whole in the winter,....'

38. London.
12 Apr.
1679

The same to the same.

When he had written his former letter he had supposed he might have had an answer by Wednesday last, but had not had it until the day before, by which time he had sent all her things to the carrier. 'I did suppose you were a widdow, by writeing for a longe vayle, and you did desire them withall expedition...' Had sent her a gown and petticoat of as good cloth as any in England, made in a widow's fashion, and all things of mourning to wear with it, 'and a morninge goun, of black Crape lyned with French sarsnett, which is the only thinge worne in such Garments, in your Condition[,] and alsoe two pare of stockings, and 4 pare of Glofes...'

39. 1 July,
[2nd half
of 17th cent.]

Anne Stringer to the same.

These were to acquaint her that the writer was very much dissatisfied with the pretences that her [the writer's] brother Rogers, and sisters made for the disinheriting of her son of his right in Whiston, both as he was the heir at law to his grandfather and his uncle, George Stringer, lately deceased. Had heard that her former husband, the writer's brother Taylor, took the lease in his name for the writer's father, Stringer, and how they derived their title to dispossess her son, they were not willing to produce, and therefore the writer was constrained to exhibit a bill in chancery, to make them show their title and produce the original lease, and in it the writer

must name her and her daughter, and send them both 'sapenaes' [? - subpoenas], for which she desired her pardon. It would not be a charge or trouble to her.

40.

Derby.
27 Oct.
[2nd half
of 17th cent.]

Samuel Doughtye to the same.

That messenger was to acquaint her that the gentlemen she was expecting that night would not be with her till the following day. Esquire Pole and Esquire Skrimshire were there with Mr Bateman, getting the business in hand.
