

Transcripts of some Gwysaney Letters and Papers

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f. 1

Charles R.

Right trusty and wellbeloved Wee greete you well. Wee having given our Comission to our trusty and wellbeloved Colonell Thomas Davies to raise one Regiment of ffive Hundred ffoote and Dragooners for our service and the defence and security of our Counties of fflynt and Denbeigh have thought fitt to recomend unto you, and to lett you know that although other persons may have received Comisions to raise forces in those parts who have thereby the precedency yet wee knowing the ability of Colonell Davies who hath served us, and our late Royall father of blessed memory in all our expeditions, cannot but esteeme him fitt to have that respect as to be preferred to the Priority of Comand (especially in the County of fflynt) which our pleasure is your Lordshipp see performed upon all occasions that may offer themselves for our service. And so wee bid you heartily farewell. ffrom our Court at Oxford this 19th of July 1643.

To our right trusty and wellbeloved -
Arthur Lord Capell our Lieutenant
Generall of our forces in the –
Counties of Chester fflynt &c.

Ld Capell.

f. 3

Charles R.

Charles by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith To our trustie and wellbeloved Colonell Edward Woogan and to all others whom it may Concerne Greeting. Knowe yee that wee reposing speciall trust and Confidence in the fidelitie Courage and Abilitie of yo^u the said Colonell Woogan Have nominated constituted and appoynted And by these p^rsents doe nominate Constitute and appoynt yo^u to be Colonell of a Regiment of horse in our service Giving yo^u hereby full power and authoritie to Leavie raise and Arme within Our Kingdome of England and dominion of Wales the said Regiment wch is to Consist of Sixe hundred men with horses fitt for our Service To be devided into Sixe equall Troopes And being leavied raised and Armed as aforesaid To order and in manner the same And to doe and performe therewith against all in Rebellion or opposicōn to us whatsoever and the duety and place of a Colonell of horse doth in any wise apperteyne and belong Provided yo^u bring them in and Muster them wthin Twelve weekes from the date of this Comission before us or our Comand^r in chiefe in the park where yo^u shall be takeing his Certificate thereof or otherwise to be voyde, unle upon addresse to us or the Comand^r in chiefe aforesaid wee or hee shall give longer tyme willing and requiring yo^u to observe and followe all such orders and direcons as yo^u shall receive from us or from any other y^r superio^r officer To whom of right and according to the custome of Warr yo^u are or ought to be subordinate For wch this shall be yo^r warrant. Given at Ashton the 15th day of Augt 1651. And in y^e 3^d yeare of Our Raigne.

f. 3^v.

County of
Chest^r

These are to Certifie all whom it may Concerne that upon y^e desire of S^r W^m Brereton Barronett I have given liberty unto M^r Mutton Davies now Prisno^r in Chest^r to goe to Woodley in y^e sayd County upon his p^oll for the Space of one moneth next after the date hereof And then to returne and render him selfe Prisno^r to mee againe at Chester or sooner if hee bee required and in the mainetyme not to Act any thinge prejudicall to this Present, and the Comonwealth: Given und^r my hand at y^e Castle of Chest^r the 28th day of January 1659.

Thomas Croxton.

To all whom it may
Concerne.

f. 3a.

[*Typed from 'King's Pamphlets', 16 - 31 Brit. Museum*]

Sir,

I had intelligence that there was some ammunition come from Anglesey towards Chester and being come on this side of the Dee I marched into Flintshire to meet them, but they hearing of us got into Hawarden Castle, whither the country people drove in many carriages, and the malignants fled thither with their wives and children, thinking that we would only have faced that place; but I have a strength before it, who are undermining it, which stands upon sand, therefore the more easy to dig. There is a good store of powder and ammunition in it. And leaving a party there I marched to GOOZANNA, and fell upon the enemy there, which garrison I took from them, and therein the Governor (a Captain) and 27 prisoners more, amongst which some officers. And from thence we marched to block up Chester on the Welsh side, which we have done. The enemy at our approach set fire to Handbridge, but by reason of our speedy march we gained Manly House from them, killed divers, took a captain and many other prisoners, and wounded many more besides, and pursued them to the bridge over which they fled into the city. Of which, if the Irish rebels come not, I hope shortly to give a good account.

William Brereton.

April the 4, 1645.

f. 4

Oliver P.

Wee doe hereby will and require you upon receipt hereof to sett att liberty Robert Davyes Esq. now in your Custody first taking fro' him suffitient security that hee shall render himselfe to you upon sumons, by order frō us, or our Councell, att ten dayes warning; for w^{ch} this shall bee your warrant.

Given att Whitehall this 30th day of June 1658.

To Colonel Croxon Governor
of our Citty of Chester.

f. 5

To the right Wo^{ll} Thomas
Ravenscroft George Hope and
Robert Davies Esqrs my very
assured frends and loveing Cosens.

Good Cosens. I doe muche desire to have my Cosen William Ravenscroft of the Parliam^{te} howse for the Burrough of Mint this nexte Parliament, w^{ch} is to beginne the xvith of January nexte, whereof I intreate your selfe and suche as are my friends to take knowledge. I alsoe desire that the Indenture may be sent up to me wth a blancke to the end, that if I provide him a place in the meane time, the Towne maie be furnished wth another of my nominacōn as sufficient; And if the Burgesses of Mint shalbe curious to send suche a blanck, and not be content to repose so muche trust in me therein, then inserte my Cosen William Ravenscroft his name in the Indenture, for my cheefe care is to pleasure him, and to see that place be well supplied; And soe assureinge my wife that this my recomēdacōn of this busines unto yo^u, and by yo^u to my good freinds the Burgesses of fflint (though all not a like knowne to me) wilbe sufficient to make me beholden for this respect and curtesye. I bidd yo^u fare well and rest.

Yor verie assured frend
and Loveinge Cosen

J. Bridgewater.

7^o 9^{bris} 1620.

f. 6

To the right wors^{pl}
my very loving Cosen
Robert Davies Esqr at
Gwyssaney.

Good Cosen.

Y^r letter of the 21st of this p^rsent I have rec^d and the money y^u sent by him my servant Will^m Wilkes hath likewise received, but it falleth shorte in waighte. I have appointed Wilkes to write to y^u thereof; had it been p^rsently to have beene paide some p^rjudice might have cue thereby; but i[t] seemeth the worke is not yet done w^{ch} shoulde have enhabled S^r Jn^o. North to have received it; when the Businesse is dispatched the money God willing shall be safe and safely paide; In the meane time I shall desire y^u to take care for the delivery of the lett^{rs} w^{ch} y^r servant will bring unto y^u, and lett me heare from y^u wth what speede y^u may, at w^{ch} time I shoulde be gladde to heare of the ceasing of the Plague at Wrexham, & in Shropshyre w^{ch} I shall pray for; And thus in hast wth remembrance of my Loving salutacōn to y^r selfe and my Cosen y^r Bedfellowe I bidde y^u farewell and rest.

Yr very loving frend &
Cosen

J. Bridgewater.

Barbycan
29^o Julii 1631.

The Letter sent unto y^u from S^r Jn^o. North I opened at y^r servants desire, & after I had read it I sealed it up & fastened it as y^u may perseave. It appeareth to me to be a very honest & kind letter.

f. 7

for his Ma^{tyes} speciall affaires

To my very lovinge and well respected
frend and Cosen Captaine Thomas
Davies att Gwisaney.

Hast Hast
Post Hast
Hast Post

Gentle Captaine

I am sorry yo^u have had so foule a Journey, & I assure yo^u you were neither unpittied, nor unremembered (by us here) upon y^e day you went from Ashridge, but we are all glad to heare y^t yo^u are safely come to y^e Journeyes end; for what yo^u write of y^e opinion of the two lords w^{ch} yo^u mett wth at Stony Stratford it is no other then what you & I thought form'ly; yet since y^e letter doth expressely mencōn y^e Trained Bands, I would first have y^t course observed w^{ch} is therein directed, & I thinke it will not be a misse if some other men may be brought in unto you, w^{ch} may either helpe y^e Trained men for supplies in their places, or els geve ease to yo^r selfe, & y^e rest of y^e deputy Lieu^{ts} if there bee occacōn for a quest w^{ch} I imagine, & beleeve there wille, in respect there is somuch liberty geven unto y^e Trained men by the Letter. Thus wishing yo^u good speede, & good health, I comend yo^u to God's direccōn, & p^rteccōn, restinge ev'.

Yor truly Lovinge & assured
frend & Cosen

J Bridgewater.

Barbacan
6^o April 1640

I thank God we are all well here but my sone John who had his fitt this morninge, but as I ame tould though sooner by 2: or 3: houres then it ordinary time yet it was not so long nor so violent as his form' fitt was hee & all y^e rest here comēd themselves unto yo^u.

My Kinde commendacon̄s to all at Gwissaney, Doddleston & Bretton, wth all the rest of my kinde frendes: S^r Tho. Middelton & S^r Edwr Broughton have effected their Businesse for Denbighshyre.

f. 8(i)

To my very loving
frend & wellrespec-
ted Cosen Lieut-
enant Colonell
Davies
at Gwissanye.

Gentle Captⁿ

I have rec^d yr Lett^r (together wth a Booke sent by Mr Reece Griffiths), the 3^d of this instant, as also yr Lett^r sent by post, the 5th of the same, and ame not hable at this time, nor have I Leasure, to write many Lines: onely I have thought fitt to geve y^u notice of the receipt of y^{rs}. For M^r Griffiths I have been willing to doe what in me Laye for his dispatche out of Towne, & did put him in as right a waye as I could thinke of to accomlishe it, but since the time he first came to me, I never sawe him untill the writing of this Letter. Touching the Businesse of the Marches y^u may hereafter heare somewhat; in the meane time I ame gladd I was not ov^r credulous to beleeeve flying reports concerning S^r R:E: for I perceave this to be an age wherein fewe men are to be beleaved. For Newes I can sende y^u little, save onely that the E. of Strafforde's Businesse held so long yesterday that all weere almost tired, as ill as himselfe, - the same continuing from 8 of the clocke in the morning untill neere 6 at night, as my sonne John toulde me, who after he came home from thence was ready and willing to Leape at a Cruste. I thinke if there be many suche dayes as that was, my daughter Alice & y^r wife will be content to staye at home, & forbear to become states-women. So in hast with my Loving salutacons to y^r selfe, y^r Nephewe, & all the rest of my good frendes in those partes, & the kinde remembrances unto y^r selfe from all y^r frendes here. I bidd y^u farewell & rest.

Yr very assured Loving
frend & Cosen

J.Bridgewater.

Barbacan
6^o April 1641.

I knowe that y^u houlde him an honest man that gave me the information concerning S^r R:E: & I can hardely perswade myselfe that he woulde wrong either S^r R:E: or myselfe by false informacōns.

f. 8(ii)

ffor Lieutenant Colonell
Tho: Davies.

Good Cosen

Y^{rs} of 4 instant I have receaved & ame sory for that I heare of Wa: & WE:, sure there was a fault somewhere, either T:S: or Lo.C. was too blame, it seemes W.B. was more heedefull &c. I knowe no particulars. Wee are here as when I wrote Last both at home, & abroad; woulde God wee might finde amendement every waye, & these times of distraction weere at an end, w^{ch} shall be & is my prayer, as it is my desire to be kindly remembred to my Co: Do: & all the rest of my good frendes wth y^u & in those partes. God keepe us & direct us; in hast I rest.

Y^{rs} after the ould manner
as y^u Knowe

J. B.

Ba: 6^o Junii 1643

I shoulde be gladd to knowe howe parson T. F. did speede at Wh:

f. 9

To my very loving
& well respected Cosen
Colonell Thomas Davies.

Good Cosen

Y^r Lett^r w^{ch} y^u sent to my Nephewe Fortescue concerning y^r paim^t of 50^{li} to him at Bartholomewetide I delivered to him; & did what I coulde to make him confident that he should not be disappointed; & nowe that y^u have parted, I knowe not what opinion he maye have of us both; but I must Learne to be wiser hereafter. I ame sory I confesse for y^r sake; but that I shoulde Loose the good opinion that some have formerly had of me, & by no faulte of myne but my credulity, I will not deny but it doth mucche trouble me. I sende y^u herewith a letter sent by my Nephewe to y^r selfe, & like wise a copy of the Letter w^{ch} he wrote to me (wherein y^{rs} was enclosed) that y^u may thereby the better see what is expected both from y^u & me; & indeede I can not but at his request, & for y^r owne sake desire y^u to be more carefull in making good y^r undertakings, & performing y^r promises; els I doubt both y^u & myself shall sustaine prejudice & disreputation & whilst I sollicite for others I must not forgett my selfe, but desire y^u to consider any pressures & necessityes (whereof y^u have beene in parte both an eare and an eyewittnesse) and as my Nephewe Fortescue woulde have y^u to remember that he is y^r frend & servant, so I wishe y^u to remember that I ame & ever have beene

Yr very affectionate frend
& Loving Cosen

J. Bridgewater.

Barbacan
31^o Aug: 1647.

I desire to be kindly remembered to my good Cosen y^r wife, & to y^r Nephewe & Neisse.

f. 10

To my very Loving
& much respected
friend & Cosen Coll.
Thomas Davies.

Good Cosen,

I have received your letter concerning y^e division of Mould tythes, I hope this my answer will come safe to you, though letters are now much intercepted. I am indeed very willing such a division might be made as you desire, but I doubt this yeere it can not be done, because though y^e Townships be knowen yet y^e rate & value of each Township is not so sufficiently discovered as without further inquiry to admit of such a division, although I very much desire you had y^t share y^t lies next you, & most for your convenience; further there is a maine stop w^{ch} I thought not of, nor I beleeve you, when you & I spake together about this businesse in y^e Country, & y^t is, y^t although y^e one halfe of those tythes is in me, & a quarter fully in you, yet the other quarter is so left by my Father, y^t it is in y^e hands of S^r Edward Spencer & S^r Bevis Thelwall, for y^e paiment of y^e debts they stand ingaged with my Lord for, & so no such division as you desire, can be made without their consent. I shall therefore againe intreate you, y^t for this yeere, you would put to your hand, y^t such course may be taken, for y^e setting of those tythes, as may be most to y^e advantage both of your selfe & me, as the case now stands, hoping y^t by the next yeere such a course may be taken, as may be to y^e satisfaction of your desire, so wth my kind remembrance & my wife's, to your selfe, & your Wife, I rest,

Your truly Loving
Cosen,

J.Bridgewater.

Bridgewater-house:
July: 2^{do}: 1650.

f. 11

For my Loving & much respected
Cozen, Mrs Dorothy Davies, at
Guissanny, in Flintshire.

Good Cozen,

I am very sorry to heare by your letter y^t my Cozen your husband is in so ill a Condition of health, & earnestly pray for his recovery, & hope y^e worst of y^e disease may be past, & y^t notwithstanding his age he may returne to his health againe, at least be troubled wth no other infirmitie but onely age, w^{ch}, as I have often heard him say, is a sicknesse y^t will not be cured, but y^t he may enjoy as perfect health as age can permit is my serious prayer. For y^e division of y^e Parsonage of Mold w^{ch} you desire in your letter, it hath often beene mentioned to me by my Cozen your husband, & I have ever beene very willing to hearken to his desire in it, & truly it had not beene thus long undone, had it beene in my power to have done it, but my Cozen knowes y^t though y^e one halfe of y^t Parsonage be undoubtedly in me, & one fourth part as undoubtedly in him, yet y^e other fourth part is in S^r Edward Spencer, & y^t is y^e cause why no agreement can be made in this businesse as you desire; I thank God we are all in very good health here, & my Wife remembers her kind respects to you, & your welfare is very earnestly wished by

Your very Loving Cozen,

J.Bridgewater.

Ashbridge
May 14: -53.

ff. 11^v, 12

For the Comission^{rs} for Raiseing of
money in the County of fflyntt
for disbanding the Army.

Gent'

You Knowe the trust reposed in us by the parliam^t and how strict an Accompt willbee
Expexted from us of that worke which according to our duty Wee have vigorously
entred uppon and made greate progresse in butt find that the want of Care in those whoe
are intrusted to bring in money upon the Bill Intituled an Act for the speedy provision
of money for disbanding & paying of the fforces of this Kingdome And the money
uppon the three moneth Assesment ending the 29th: of this instant September now
Assigned to us for this service, doth much retard this greatly desired worke. And will
double the Charge uppon the Nation besides free Quarter and other Inconveniencies that
may happen if the Army bee not forthwith disbanded which (if the want of money
hinder-not) by Gods helpe wilbee speedyly effected All which wee have thought
Convenient to acquaint you with to the end you may give such timely remedy as the
worke requires And that such Accompt may bee given of it when the parliam^t: shall
meete as they will expecte both from us and you. And soe wee rest.

Yo^r freinds & servants

Albemarle
John Bush
Wm Prynng
Edw. Kinge
Will. Doyly
Rob. Scawen

Com^{rs}: for disbanding the
Army 27th ... of
Septemb' 1660

f. 13

For Robert Davis Esq^r
Denbighshire.

Badminton 28th Sept: 1688.

Having had the Kings Leave by his Gracious Letter under his Privy Signett & signe Manuall to give Deputations to as many of those gentlemen whose Comissions I had by his Order called in, as I should judge ready & fitt to serve him againe in that Employment, you cannot imadgine from the good opinion I alwaies had of you & the Loyall & hearty expressions you made mee att Ludlow of y^r readiness & Zeale to serve his Ma^{tie}: But that you must be one of the first I should think fitt to readmit into that Trust, I therefore (wth greate satisfaction to my self) send you this to Let you know you are restored & I desire will Act by the Comission you formerly had, w^{ch} I here returne you, (the Supersedeas to w^{ch} I hereby Supersede) & w^{ch} I am sure you will make use of for his Ma^{ties}: service; And so bidding you heartily Farewell I remaine

Yr Loving Friend
Beaufort.

To Rob^t Davis Esq^r Com' Flint et Denbigh.

f. 14

Sr,

The Confidence I have in your goodness to me has em[bo]ldend me to trouble you and desire you would be pleas'd to appoint a day for meeting w^{ch} I'm confident the Gentlemen nam'd in th' Commission will be farr fm refusing. Sr y^r favours to me have made me thus confident, and that I may obtaine an excuse for it.

Sr

to Yr: obliged freind, &
servant

Derby.

Doddleston 12th o' March
1652.

f. 15

To all my loving tenants
and my other good friends
in y^e County of fflint.

Loving friends

After my hearty Comēdations. Having had several testimonies of y^r Affection and Respects to mee in y^e worst of Times I am now y^e freer to desire you to hearken to my advice in disposing of y^r votes in y^e choyce of Members to serve for y^r Country in y^e next parliamt. And I think I shall not much divert your owne Inclinations by moving you to appeare at y^e Election and bestow y^r votes as Robt Davis Esq y^e late High Sheriffe of y^r County shall direct, and for such p[']sons as he shall nominate. His Loyaltie to his prince, his affection to his Country and his freindlynesse to his neighb^{rs} are sufficiently known so y^t y^e worth and fittnesse of such p[']sons as he shall propose to you can not be doubted of. I question not y^r readynesse to comply wth my desire. And therefore I comēd mee kindly to you, & remaine

Your assured freind
Derby.

Chester Aprill
y^e 8th 1661.

f. 16

For Robert Davies
Esquire
At Gwesannay

Bold 23^d: Oct.
1663:

Sr

I receaved the enclosed just now w^{ch} I transmitt unto you; if it may not be prejudiciall to you I could wish the tryall may be putt off as is therein desired; I shall only further acquaint you that upon examina of deeds, & antient Records I doe finde that what I have done as to Hawarden, Hope, & Mould can but barre myself not my issue, w^{ch} I hope will enjoy what formerly belonged to my ancestours, w^{ch} is soe much the greater comfort to me because I doe finde so much kindnesse from your self, & the rest of the Gentry of those parts; I will adde nor more but that I really am

Sr

Y^r very aff^{te} freind
to seine you
Derby.

f. 17

To the Kinge's most excellent
Maiestye.

Yt maye please your heygnes to understande that I have receyved your letters of the 25. of Januarye, beyng much unworthye for whom your heygnes shulde take so muche paynes to wryte so longe letters by the whyche I understande your heyghnesys gode opynion of me whyche duringe lyfe I entende not to deceave. Further I understode your Heyghnesys good consyderation as tuchynge my moyles whyche I dyde think my selfe to be as your heyghnes wrytethe, and as for the 300 crownes I receyved them a monthe paste but understood not that they were for that purpose befor your Maiesty's letter. Further also amongeste othe nues that your Heynes took paynes to wryte to me I understode of a certayne great floud as well in Flanders zeland and holand as also in Inglande, the whyche ys now made true by the report of al men here, and as for the revoltynge of the Duke Mores we had hyt here a greate whyle a gooe, but I durst not wryt to your heyghnes because yt was tolde so manye wayes, for one tyme they sayde he was revolted and an other tyme that he had receved a greate sum of mony and had moked the frēche Kinge, and an other tyme that he was not yet revolted but would revolte whene the frenche Kinge dyd enter germanye, but nowe they report as your heyghnes dothe wryte. I have no nues to wryte to your Maiestye, therfor I wyll not trouble your heyghnes longe wythe my rude letter but gevinge your heyghnes most hūble and hartye thankes, for your liberalite extended towardes me at thys tyme the whyche I can not deserve but duryng my lyfe shal be bound to praye for youe for the same, and seinge that your Maiestye doth saye that my letters ar so pleasant to you I were to far to blame yf I would suffer you to want them the whiche god wyllynge I wyll not, Thus I wysh your heyghnes better to doo then myn own hart. From Paris the 4 of Marge. at 2 of the klok after midnigthe.

Your heyghnesys duringe
Life

Barnabe Fizpatrik.

f. 18

To the wurshippfull
John Edwardes, esquire,
highe Sherif of the
Countie of fflynt.

After my vearie hartie Comendacons wheare as my veary frende One Serjeant Davyes feares to be trebled by you or some of yo^r Bailiefs for certeyn Rents in dolvechles, llysten henneth, nannergh or Eskeviock, w^{ch} were sometyme charged in Thexchetors Accompt Untill A p^rchace made of them in the furst yere of the late Quene marye by John ap dd ap gr ap lln, sythens w^{ch} tyme the said charge hathe bene discontynewed by vertue of her heighnes lr̄s Patente under the Great Seale Therefore you nor any of your Bailiefs are now to moleste or truble him or any his Tenants of the p^rmisses And the rather by reason the same was never heretofore in your charge or any of your p^rdecessours Sherifs of that Shire And so fare you well from London the vith of m^rche 1576.

Yo^r Loving frende

Robert Multon.

S^r I most hartelie praie you to make mye
humble and hartie Comendacons to my La. yo^r good
mother.

f. 19

To his assured
good mother m^{res}
Ann Conway
wydowe geve
this.

Jesus

Yr wu fi yn dymuno ych bendith ach gweddi ag yn dda iawn genni glowed ych bod chwi mewn ieched duw ai Kynhalio rhag llaw. rwi fi hefyd un dymuno pardwn am fod kyd heb yscrifennu attoch. yr wi fi un kydnabod fy mai ag ni na i mwy; yr achos oedd yn wir pen euthym i gynta i feddwl am byriodi o ddiferi, nid oedd yno i ddim and muddulie trwblys ag anwadalwch. ag am hynnu heb chwanychy yscrifennu attoch nes gwobod beth a nawn ag or diwedd mi eythym yn wysk fy mhen ag heb neb im gynghori mi a byriodis eneth ymddifad heb na ddad na mam na mawr ffrends iw helpio nag iw thrwblio, fo bared i mi goilio y kawn i gida hi ddeg punt a deigen o ardreth bob blwuddyn, a saith kant o bynne yn arian iw talu mewn dyddie ag yn y kyfamser peth llog ag ar ol hynnu nid oes mwu iw ddisgwil mae hi yn ifank a ffyddelw y prwfa hi, ni wyr neb and duw. a ffyddelw bynnag rhaid ydiw bellach i chymeryd hi fel y bo; duw a nelo iddi hi fedryd rhyngu ych bold chwi a gweythyd i chwi wsaneth ag os gwna, fo fydd haws iddi rhyngu fy nodd ine, yn wir y mam yr oeddych i ag eraell om ffrends yn gweled arna i fai mawr ag am hynnu mine a neythym y peth a neythym. duw a droetho bob peth it hyn gore, nid oes gen i and rhoi ar dduw a bid i wllys o am y cwblwl. yr ydwi yn pwrpasu (a duw yn y blaen) ddwad adre attoch i ar ol y term nesa. ag yn y kyfamser dymuno ych bendith ach gweddi, drwu weddio ar dduw ar ych kynal mewn ieched. dymuno arnoch fyn gorchymun i at fy modrib Marged wen yngefender Edward Jones ai gywelu. Sionkyn a Thomas Sion ab William a ffawb om ffrends: duw a ro i chwi ieched ag a ddanfona i ni gyfarfod llawen drwu i llys o amen.

Ych mab ach
gweddiwr

P. Mutton.

Lincolns Inn
this 17 of Jan: 1604.

[*Endorsed:*

Sr P. M. of his first marriage.

Sir P.Mutton Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas married Elin the widow of Evan Griffith Gent of Pengwern in Flintshire for his second wife who was a Sister to the great Archbishop Williams of York formerly of Lincoln & Lord Privy Seal.]

f. 20

To his mu^{ch} respected
good cosen Robert
Davies esq.

S^r

I am to complaene to my frends that there is a forcible entry made uppon my land and the possession kept by force and of my selfe I am not able to remooove the force wthout the helpe of my good frends. I did purpose to goe mountgomery Sessions and be ther this next weeke but nev'theles som of my frends did undertake the bussnes in my absence and this force is a grevance to myselfe and my neyghbours a privie sessions is appointed to be uppon Towsday next in the morning, and a Jury resorved and somoned and it may not be well put of nor delayed any longer and yf it were not to be unmanerly uppon such short warning I would desire yo^r assistance, my wyfe is a partie greeved and beares a merciles mynde to theese delinquents and this morning she did drinke hartely to yo^u in a cupp of good ould meth. and yf (yo^r leasure permitting) yo^u would be pleased to take a bad lodging wth her uppon moonday at night and to help to suppress these rebells w^{ch} are my wyfes spitefull and hatefull enymys that she cann not prosper by her houswiverie in geese, hens, nor duckes theese her enymise are so strong and powerfull. the trueth is that I have in my land and nere my house two litter of cubbs, that trowble my wyfe and her neyghbours and y^t this my request comes unreasonable that yo^u cann not come then my request is that yf you have any terrier that will goe into the earth that we may know whether the ffox be in the earthe or no, I will not offer to borrow such a dogg w^{ch} I p^rsume yo^u esteeme very much, but yf it please yo^u to send a man wth such a dogg, who may bring yo^r dogg safe agaene I will consider yo^r mans paens and take it kindly at yo^r hands and so wth my wyves request to M^{rs} Davies that yf she send yo^u at this tyme I shall be sure to be sent uppon any bussnes that may concerne yo^r wyfe or any of her frends.

Yo^r cosen frend

P. Mutton.

f. 22(i)

To my noble & worthy freind
Liuetenant Colonell Davies
at the right hon. the Lord
President of Wales his
house Barbican London.
These p^rsents

Worthy S^r

You^r lres of the 16th of January I have received you must give me leave to give weekly salutation, and thanks for your favours, and if I had noe other occasion but that it were enoughe, but to publish my obligacon to such a firme freind I'll reserve my reall thanks till I come and see you; for my p^rticular busines I'll use noe other meanes but what you knowe; there bee many sutors I heare; lett them try their honorable freinds, and soe shall I; I heare besides W:R: there is another of this Court a close sutor for the busines; I'll give you noe character of his name, my only comfort is this, there be many hopes of remove And he sues for soe many that he may hitt upon some & misse of this, which he is not yet ripe for I pray you p^rsent my humble service to my Lo: President & that nobler Countesse by whose sicknesse I suffer, god restore her to her health, though I loose my deseigne, but I hope she may live to see the end of this poore sute, and to say she hath as faithfull and thankfull a servant, as any competitor and that is

Marmaduke Lloyd

Ludlow Castle
25^o Janu'y 1635.

f. 22(ii)

To the wor^{ll}. my very
worthie frinde Live-
tenant Collonell Davis.

Noble Captayne Davys

I must in short lines, write you speedy newes of S^r John Bridgmans deathe, he dyed this day att of i the clocke, I am sure, there wilbe many sutors to succede him, If you please to sticke to yo^r olde frende, & use yo^r power to bringe him backe againe to yo^r cuntry, (w^{ch} loved him) as firmly, as you used yo^r power to remove him, you may be sure of a faithfull frende, & my Lo: President of as faithfull a servant, as he can preferre to the place, & my Lo: shall not finde me but thankfull bute in as nighe a measure as any sutor, to expresse my thanks; The sute I leave to you, & to my noble Lordes, favors who shall have the other great Lorde to joyne withe him, & the successe I leave to god, to whose protection I leave you, & will ever rest.

Yor true affectionate frende

Marmaduke Lloyd

Ludlowe the 5 of
February 1637.

f. 23

To the woor^{ll} my muche
honored frende, Lieutenante
Colonell Davys at the right
honorable the Lorde President
of Wales his house in Barbican,
London, this be dd speedily.

Noble Captaine Davis

While you and I live there must bee entercourse of lrēs as remonstrances of love and althoughe I have noe busines of importance to move you in, yet Ile make this of importance to tell you that I love you and ever will; I cannot forgett favours past, and must at least remember them with thankes, And when I remember thankes to you Let me desire you to remember my most humble service to my most honored Lord The Lord President of Wales whose devoted servant I professe my selfe to bee. There is like to be some variance between mee and Sir Walter Pye touchinge the judiciall seale, which ought to remaine in the chiefe justice of every Cirkuit in Wales hands by the Statute made 34 and 35 H: 8: and the Justice is to accompte for the p'fitts of the seale to the Kinge or to his ffarmer; and by the same Statute the Justice is allowed a ffee out of the p'fitts of the seale; Nowe by reason of Sr. Walter Pye his keepinge of the seale there is a greate delay of Justice and expedicon of causes; for hee remayninge in London the greatest p'te of the yeare and my selfe remayninge in the farthest p'te of Wales businesses cannot be effected; And I must be enforced to petition to the Kinge to have a reference to my Lord Keep' and my Lo: President of Wales to consider of his pattent and of the inconveniences that arise by his custody of it; unlesse I may have it upon such termes as his father had it of Barron Snigge his p'decessor, I am enformed that his ffather paid but three score pounds to the Barron for it, But James Newton tould me in London that S^r Walter Pye deceased paid sixe score pounds for it, but he had 3 lives in it and now one liefe is determind so that after that rate hee can demande but fowerscore pounds for the two lives remayninge, and I doe assure you by those of that cirkuit that knowe the profitt of it that it is not worth yeerly (*comunibus annis*) above the kings rent which is x^{ll} p' ann', fortye markes a yeare, Let mee desire you favour mee so much as to conferre with James Newton about it and afterwards that you will be pleased to conferre with S^r Walter Pye to knowe his lowest demannds; I shall referre my selfe to you for my p'ticular and let him choose whom hee will for him selfe to compose the busines to avoyde trouble and clamor; And soe with my kinde salutacon to you and yo^r good bedfellowe I rest.

Yo^r ever ffaythfull ffrinde

Marmaduke Lloyd.

Ludlow Castle
ix^o Maii 1636.

I have sent you that clause of the act of parliament touchinge the juditiall seale, to acquaint my Lo: President withe it: I beleeve I must peticion to have a reference to my Lo: Keep', & my Lo: President, before that busines bee effected, for my sons busines I relye wholly upon you, and tis effected, his thankes shall appeare to you: other meaner hee will use now.

M. ll.

f. 24(i)

To my verie loving freind
Thomas Davies Esq.

S^r

I understand by my father screven that at his request you became surity for mee that I should well passe my Accounts to his ma^{tie} for this yeare of Shrevalty w^{ch} as I acknowledge as a great favor from you So I lay it to heart also that you may be free from anie sufferinge. The businesse is a thing of course more than hazard yet that you may be more secure I hereby promise to see you saved harmelesse & doe by this my hand & seale bind mee and nay heires to p'formance and if you please to conceive anie better way or anie farther securitie let it be sent to my father & he shall see it executed & sent you thus as unknowne yet uppon occasion you shall find me.

Your very loving freind

Rob: Corbett.

Stanwardine
Aprill 27
1636.

f. 24(ii)

To the Mo'full his very good freind
Liuetenant Collonell Davis
Att Bridgewater house in
Barbican.

Worthy S^r

trusting to the continuance of your favour and love and that in many respects shewed to mee I presume uppon your worth and goodnesse to begg this one more att your hands and y^t you will not only favor mee so much in the deliverie of this petition to my Lord but also be (as I doubt not you may) a speciall meanes in a favorable answeare to it, I hope my petition is fayre & honest in respect my ancestors have beene tenants to these lands and wrested out of my hands without anie iust cause and for ought I knowe unknowne in pl to the Lady Derby during whose time I was dispossessed of them, in this if you please to graunt me your countenance I shall acknowledge my service to his utmost power ever readie to attend you. and now for my Lords speciall favor to my Cousin Corbett in his desire of having him elected for the shire he is not only stiffly opposed by S^r Richard newport S^r Richard lee & M^r perepont but wth all it is given out and y^t by S^r Richard lee his neere freinds & servants y^t except he can have M^r perpoint elected wth him he will not stand but I doubt not by the continuance of my lords favor my Coosin will make his part good thus desiring wth my petition you will p^rsent my humble service to my lord I take leave & rest.

Your reall freind in his power to Comand

Robert: Corbett.

Stanwardine
Feb: 1^o 1639.

my wife desireth her service p^rsentted to you and your bedfellow and doe mee the like I pray.

f. 25

To the right wor^{ll}
Leiftenant Coronell
Davies att Barbican.

Worthie S^r

my humble service remembred y^t I must crave pardon for my neglect in not writeinge unto yo^u afore this tyme I knewe of noe urgent occasions that concerned any busines of yo^{rs} to induce me therto, and for me wthout cause to write unto yo^u I tooke to be overboldned in me to p^rsume soe to doe, but saveinge soe fitt an opportunitie att this tyme offered unto me I could not lett slippe the presentinge of these fewe lynes as an acknowledgmt of my true love and service unto yo^u. As concerneinge the Lo^{pp} of Ewloe for w^{ch} I beleeve yo^u expect some Accompt of me for, yo^r courts I doe constantlie keepe there and doe endeavo^r what in me lieth to see things well and faire and for yo^r rents there Steephen hath accompted before M^r Edd Morgan and John Goughe the w^{ch} I shall referre to Jo: Goughes relacon, I onelie received of the cheef rents and encroachm^{ts} 8^{li}.3^s.7^d & for the rest unreceaved Steephen hath received pte. The rest be unreceaved but I hope shall be shortlie gotten in, or adistress for them, I have also received from Steephen of yo^r rents 21^{li}.16^s.5^d w^{ch} comes in all to 30^{li} the w^{ch} upon demannd yo^u shall receive from my cosen Thomas Edds. for I have disbursed them upon his occasions in this countrey, these receipts I accompted for to Mr. Morgan and John Goughe can acquaint yo^u therewth, I doe what in me lieth and soe often as occasion requireth looke after yo^r affaires in Ewlowe and knowe of nothinge amisse there but what John Goughe can acquaint yo^u wth all as well as my selfe thus craveinge pardon for my bouldnes and tediousnes herein, I most humblie take leave and ev' rest.

Yo^{urs} in all assurednes

Griff: Williams.

15^o Ja: 1637.

f. 26

Lieutenant Colonell Davies
at Bridgewater House.

S^r

I understand that M^r Soletitor (haveing received an answere from this Townesmen not answereable to his expectation) doth diclyne his desier of being a Burgess for this corporation, & recomends his frends & these votes for M^r Baldwine who importunately Labors heirin by his frends & Purss wth the bare Burgeses. M^r Goodwine appeares noe less earnest & wth his Christmas chear hath feasted the Burgeses & endeavours by their Bellies to gaine their Tounge; yet it is thought by some that hee hath Less certainty then the other, the Burgess gen'ally being not well affected to him. I have by my selfe & others putt divēs of the Burgeses in mynd how much it concernes them to respecte my Los herein (whereof some seeme to be sensible) and that their free conferring of the Place will be much more acceptable than if his Lōp should by his Lrē desier the same; for w^{ch} purpose it will be requisitt that in conveneint tyme I maye give them the name of the gent' (y^u p^rsume) my Lod will be pleased wth if they shall make choise of him you nominated in a Lrē S^r Rob^t Napier, I shall desier in due tyme to knowe whether I maye name him or another (as y^u think fitt) unto them S^r I rec^d yr Lrē in the Pacquett sent by Postes & deliverd that to S^r Mar. Lloyd who (as I hear) moved the Baliffs & some of the Burgeses in his eldest sonns behalfe to be a Burgess &c but doth little hope to attaine it for him. I have not more at this p^rsent to advertise you of but to render you thanks for the newes in the postscript of yr Lrē w^{ch} wth your other favours shall all wayes be acknowledged in the services of

Yours to Comm̄d
E. Martyne.

Ludlow Castle
17^o Janii 1639.

Noble S^r

this letter I receavd twoe days yon agoe by w^{ch} you may perceave theare remanys some hopes yeat. I have retturnen an a[n]ssweare and wishte hime to howld on his Course wth those puryttan Burgesses, this retturne to me [].

The Death of the Lord Keeper is stalle but the newe on is news w^{ch} is the Cheiffe Justice of the Common Pleas and Lyttelton succeeds him and Harbottle Sollyccytor Secretary Cooke hawlds his place still, and S^r harry Payne is licke to stay a while for y^t. My Lord is reasonable well and for any the reeste the are god be praysd in good health my wiffes prayers and myne attend my Lady and your sealf Ma^r John and Ma^r Tho: wth oure kynd wishes to Ah a Dobbe and My a Dobbe So I conclude wishinge you to come to towne to ryde wth my Lord Keeper the ffirste day of the Tearme.

Yo^{rs}
Tho: Davies.

18th Feb. 1639.

f. 27

To the Wor^{ll}
Captaine Thomas Davyes esq.
att the hon^{ble} the Earle of
Bridgewaters howse in
Barbican.

Good Cosen, Since o^r Last unto you touching the serving M^r Duckworth wth the proces
Wee understand that there is noe suite comenced in that Courte against a Minister butt
first the Lord Arch-Bushopp is made acquainted therewth To w^{ch} purpose o^r writing unto
you nowe is that you will either by yo^r selfe or some other as you shall thinke fitt make
my Lord ArchBpp knowe howe M^r Duckworth hath demeaned himselfe towards us.
And wth all wee are to lett you understand (as wee heare) he meaneth not to appeare
butt will crave a Comissioⁿ to answeere in the countrey by reasoⁿ he is nowe treasurer of
the church of Chester, and must att this time make his accompt, to w^{ch} end he hath sent
a man up to make affidavitt thereof, whether this will p^rvail wee knowe nott, butt desire
yo^u to acquaint M^r Brierwood hereof.

Wee rest

Yor verie Loving Kinsmen

Tho: Ravenscrofte
Richard Grosvenor
George Hope

If my Lord president would
be pleased himselfe to acquaint
the Lo: ArchBpp wth this cause
and to take notice wee are his
kinsmen, wee should be much
honored by it.

Bretton this
16th of Novemb^r
1637.

f. 28

To my much honored
friend Captaine Thomas
Davis Esquire att
Barbicon house.

Ah my faithfull frind: I received a letter fr̄ my sonne John by w^{ch} I can stile you no otherwise if itt displease you I can saye noe more but you must take heade howe you have to doe wth cruntrie clounes heare after for wee must cale a spade a spade. I should and would have write to my good Lorde him selfe and manners would have it soe, but that I licke a thrasher where I finde love laye one lode - therfore I intreat you hide me onse more under your wings the truth is S^{ir} Robert Banester had provided the monie for my Lord but that quit against his meaninge and will hee is compelled to paye this sises his sonnes detes w^{ch} is 8000^l but hee sayeth there is on M^r Warren w^{ch} much desireth to bie his lande in Lankeshere hee sayeth my Lord Knoweth the busines he must paye for it 6000^l hee expecteth to macke that bargaen att the beginning of the tearme if that come in my Lorde shall have all of itt or what hee please; I can saye noe more for your poore prisoner since his service is not worth the presenting to my good lord nor you but crave the same of Mersie: for I am nowe at Alsburie assise.

faithfully yours

Robert Lovett.

[March 23, 1639]

f. 29

To my much honord Cosin
Capten Thomas Davis

Worthy Cozen

On the xiith of August I received two lr̄s one of the third of July from yo^u, the other of the viiith of August from M^r Morgan, and according to M^r Morgans direc̄con I have paid over to one owner William Bwoy(?) the threescore and thirteene pounds vi^s viii^d received of Moore for the paym^t due the last of June last, the money was paid by Bartholomew Moore brother of the deceased Moore.

By my lr̄s of the xxth of July sent by M^r Ravenscroft I signified to yo^u that I had with much difficultee gotten in fowrtene pounds arrears of yo^r Church-land but have not yet received direc̄con from you or M^r Morgan to whom to pay it, As soone as I understand yo^r mind therin, it shalbe paid as yo^u shall direct.

Hast calls mee away, I am s^f

Yr faithfull loving Cosen
and servant

Paul Davys.

Dublin 19 Aug:
1640.

f. 30(i)

To y^e right Wor^{ll}
Lyftenant Colonell Davies

Noble S^r

My best wish' unto you and to my mystres, this is to certefy yo^r wor^{ll} what I have done all this tyme at Ewlow, I have gotten all y^e corne in good order, all y^e Barley and wheat is in y^e Barne for those two kynd of grayne hath fylled the foure Bayes, and some Oates and Barley doth ly one y^e thrassing floure, and y^e reast of y^e Oates is in astacke by y^e Barne end, and all y^e fittis are in stakes by y^e Oates and are well hegged about y^t noe Cattell can doe noe hyrt and here is a noat y^t you shall know y^e number of Thraves(?) and concerninge Ewlow Rents I have reseved some five and thyrty pounds w^{ch} I have delivered to John Gouch for John Edwards I have slayed his Corne and as for John Gri: John Howell his wife there is two onnest men bound to paye that w^{ch} was behynd time and y^e reant tyll maye next at maye daye and for John Price Roger Phillip hath under taken to paye at Moulde fayre next in default that doth not paye and for M^r Moore he hath payed seven pounds tene shillings all w^{ch} was due but his cheefe reant w^{ch} I Can not geat as yeat if he will not paye I will strayne one y^e land I reast wth my dayly prayer w^{ch} are(?) yours

your servant John Williams.

Gwyessanay y^e second of November [1642]

f. 30(ii)

To his much esteemed
freinde & cosen
Thomas Davis Esq.

Good Cosen Soe sone as I receaved your letter I acquainted the Kinge with it, who truly did expresse as much as was possible of his assurance of your affection to him and to his service and was very willinge to putt into any imployment you would desyre; which has beene the cause of your mans soe longe stay heure for as you directed mee in your letter to advise with M^r Griffen I did, who toulde mee hee woulde send one a purpose to you to knowe what it was you desyred, and aboute a weeke after hee toulde mee you woulde bee putt into the Commission of Array (w^{ch} was appoynted by the Kinge himselfe to bee dunne when I first spoke with him concerninge you) and hee gave mee to names more to putt in the Commission one M^r Salysbury and one Hughes but because I hearde nothinge from you concerninge them I have not dunne it; I woulde it weare in my power to favor you in any thinge I assure you shall commande

Your cosen & friende
Dunsmore

Oxford July 4th 1643.

My wife and my daughters desyre to have theare favur with myne presented to you and to my cosen your wife. The newes that is heare your man can tell you I thanke god all is very well.

f. 31(i)

ffor my much honrd Kinsman
Collonell Tho: Davis
Gousanah

Novem^{br} 26th [1648]

Good Cossen

I must intreate a favour of you, which is that when my lease of Yelow woode is expired I may have the refuseall of it before a nother, & that you would give John Duckar leve to build a cottage of a bay or two upon that part of mine which Dorothy Daniell held. I have write to you formerly & desired my Cosen yo^r wife to speake to you a bout sumthinges of my husbands which he left in yo^r Custaty, he much desires to know whither you have them, or hour the weare disposed of, but as yet I could not receve any answeare, Good S^r let me heare from you conserninge all these thinges, by this beaor my Cossen Birckhened & therein you will very much oblige.

Yo^r most affectionate
Kinswoman

Elizabeth Gamul.

be pleased to present my
respects to yo^r bedfallow
my Cossen Daves & his
wife & let them know
theres are well.

f. 31(ii)

For my noble Friend
Colonell Davyes

Sir

I have sent yo^u a barrell of powder. The enemye stole away yesterday. Brereton of Borrass and dick Middleton are at Chester under examination all the forces are here. Waller being beaten from Basing the Lo: Hopton advanced by String and in hope to cleare Sussex and to beseige him at Farneham my Lo: Byron is by this time at Shrewsbury. O^r forces are now quartered at Chester. It is impossible from heare without supplys long to provide for them. I pray put the gentlemen of y^r country in mind of their promise for apparrell are(?) valuable. In great hast I rest

Yr humble serv^t

Orl. Bridgeman.

Sunday 2 a clock

if y^u see S^r Ri: lloyd pray tell
him if possible wee would see him by
night at Chester.

f. 32(i)

To my noble and most honored
freind Collonell Davies at
Gwasanna.

Noble S^r

I have consulted wth som that have past from the Armie and doe not fynd it soe safe as to iustifie p'sons that only goe to looke on the scoutes both of Nantwich and Wem familiarly crossing the rode the newes from Oxford you had from my cosyn Eyton on saturday and wee heard nothing since. Som expectation there is of ammunitiion and powder to be brought into Lancashire by sea from Scotland and that some of the Scotch forces are to followe. That Brereton's letter to Darley and Armin to hasten them was intercepted that Brereton hath 400 foote and 3 troopes of horse coming to his ayde from Lancashire That my Lord Gray offers to ayde him wth 2000 men and armes but he will have the money for the armes deposited. Generall King is marched up as farr as Wingfield Mannor near Derby. Nothing remarkeable don since fryday by o^r Armie but the taking of Bartamley church where all the men were put to the sword to deterr any from the like insolence to face an armie wth soe inconsiderable force wth my humble service to yo^r honoured Lady yo^r nephewe and neece to my sweete Cos: Eyton. But for the secretairie qualificat he is out of my Kalendar. God send you a merry Christmas and a peacefull New yeere

Yo^r very faithfull servant

R: Lloyd

Wrexham Christmas
day.

f. 32(ii)

Copy letter on verso of 32(i)

Charles R

Trusty and welbeloved wee greet yo^u well. Wheras the p^resent better condicōn of our Affayres in our Counties of Salop & Chester. And since the Retreit of the Rebels and the successe of forces from Ireland affoards a very fair opportunity for the effectuall settlement of those parts and prosecution of our service there. Wee have therefore thought fitt to recomend it to yo^u to keep yo^r chief Residence (during the L^d Byron's absence) in our Towne of Shrewsbury aswell for the security of the Towne and the parts thereabouts as for the advancing and gathering of the contribucons that are in Areare or shall become due in those parts concerning w^{ch} we have allsoe written to our high Shirief & Comissioners there.

At Chester we would have you to leave S^r Abraham Shipman (or who els shall iudge fitt for our service) yu^r deputy for the defence of that place. Wee having releived Shipman because he hath heretofore very carefully p^rformed that charge. And wheras at the late incursions into Cheshire and N[or]thwales divers of their forces adherents did then manifest their evill affections to us and their dispositions to cleave to this wicked Rebellion ags^t us. Wee will and comand yo^u to enquire after all such disafected p^rsons who any way applied themselves to Brerton Myddelton or any other of [t]hose Rebels or who shall wilfully oppose the paym^t of necessary [c]ontributions for the maintenance of our forces in those partes and to cause them p^rsons to be app^rhended and sent prison^{ers} hither to us where wee shall order for them to be p^rceeded against according to their deservings for w^{ch} these our lre^s shalbe yo^r Warrant Given at our Court at Oxon the 11th day of december 1643.

By his Ma^{ty} Comand

E Nicholas

To S^r Nicholas Byron.

f. 32(iii)

To the Hon^{ed} Robert
Davies esqr.
At Llanarch.

Hon^{ed} S^r

Being come home my wife shewed me your letter which I hope may be answered by me because I perseived last time at Mold you were for S^r Roger Mostyn & if you continue of the same mind my wife & I would very willingly serve you what lies in our power otherwise I cannot comply with you at this time (unless you or some of your family stood & then we should never faile you) because S^r Roger engaged me in his interest at London which you know cannot be countermanded with any reputation.

Sr

Y^r most obedient humble serv^t
& kinsman

Richard Lloyd.

My wife & all here
desires you & your
family to accept of
their most humble service.

We have lost a true lover of your family my uncle Thomas: Lloyd who died last Saturday.

f. 33(i)

To my Lovinge
Brother Robert Davies
Esqr at Guissany
in fflintshire.

Good Brother,

I am assurd you would be glad to heare how things passe wth us of our p'ffessions and wee liekwisse as desyrous to understand how things goe wth you Since my laste letter wee are Marchte beyond Rayes and lye in Campdo by zantam a place Peeter Hanmer knows well the enymye lye some twoo hours goings from us twoe nights agoe the fell wth theare horsse uppon our horses quartter, wth threescore tropes and tooke the Brave van Stearme prissoner, and myne Heere van Palles (?) and four Corvettes, wth some 3 hundred horsse w^{ch} the caryed away. theare was not a hundred kilde of both syds now wee are studdyinge a revenge w^{ch} I doubt not but we shall executte ere longe I make no question but you shall heare strange reports of this amonge the papists but what I write be assurd is true, wee are licke to lye in the feild till November, and then wee expects no other than Cashiringe, the King had never more need of good men then now for all parts are a bleedinge, I will assure you wth out partiallyty that as wee are now theare are not better men in Crystendume, all our kindred are well that are wth me especyally Ed'. Will: Ma^f Price his brother I entreated you to send me word what means he shalbe allowed for I have hitherto supplyde hime, he came both bare in mony and cloths to me, If he will not once aquinte me wth thear mynde I will send hime some, yeat he shall not want that w^{ch} wth reson I shall thinke fitte, I have given Edd: Will: halfe his mony allredy, and five pounde to my cosen homfres, I would desyre my sister to receive heise debts and be the steward for me, for all, hope Mi^{rs} lloyde hath payd her, some more reckoninge I have to send hur wch are not heare, Thus wth my beast wishes to you all, and my daylly pray[er] for my Robin, I reaste your brother to be ever commanded by you whilste I am

Tho: Davies

ffrom the Leager
by Zantam this
8th of Octo:
our stille

my Love to my Cosen the Collyes and his neyghbours the Morhopyans.

f. 33(ii)

To my very good
Brother Robt Davies Esq
at Gwissany
in fflintshire

Brother,

I have hardly tyme to write at Large in respecte I am redy to March and this bearer is in haste.

[... ~~I had not time to~~] be three dayes at the Hayge, but doubte not he will [...], when I come over, w^{ch} I am doubtfull will not be this yeare, I will not faylle to be myndfull to bringe letters from the Queene and the Prince of Oreng to the Lady, that shall have some power to strengthen us wth hur.

Since I laste write wee have faylld in a dessigne wee had in fflannders and now wee are goinng upon some new action, w^{ch} I pray god to p'sper us in, Since I write to my Unckle we have receavd unfortunate news of a great overthrowe the Kinge of Denmarke hath receaved, he hath loste 70 Collours and himsealfe is gott into Wontffenbotle (?) wth fourteene horsse never man for his owne person searved braver, for his horsse was kild under him and had not the Ducke of Wayncarke given hime his, whoe dyed for yt, he had gon in his place, yt is thought that he kild twenty of the enmye wth his owne hands that day for he was all in blood, all his horsse playd the Faydl for want of pay w^{ch} is ever the Duch excuse. Commend me to my Cosens of Gouldgrove S^r John Conway and my Lady wth the reaste of our ffrends, fforgeet not my true respectes to my good Sister inlawe, my prayers shall ever attend hur and littell Robin, w^{ch} I pray god to preseeve wth as much health as I wishe to my sealfe, Wee doe thinke all of us that we shalbe for Denmacke, to ayd the Kinge this wintter, y^f y^t prove to be true, god knows when wee shall meette, Commend me to my Uncke Will: and let him knowe this ill newes of the overthrow. So adew and be ever assurd to Command your Brother

Thos Davies.

My Kinsmen are all well and non better then Edd: Will', whoe will outlive his brother, tell my beaste Dorothy I would have write to hur, but I want time, I hope the Coollpitts are overcome then I wishe Monnsyer wth me

ffrom the Leager beyond Rinricke (?), this 16th of Sep^t our stille.

f. 34(i)

To my very Lovinge
Brother Rob^t Davies
Esqr of Gwessanney
in fflintshire.

Brother,

I am newly arived in these parts and all my frends wth me very well, Thes are gon to garrison but I am at the Hayge p'vidinge for my off reconinge and then I wilbe a settelled man wth my Company till Wintter, wee heard littell as yeate of our goinge to the feild, for the Enymye doe not stur, by reson of theare scarcetty of vittills, w^{ch} coms by the stoppinge of the Lycense by the statt'. the kinge of Denmarcke and Brunswicke have put Tylly to distresse for his p'vission for the have belayd the passages aboute hime; and leaste non but on to relive himesealfe, w^{ch} the are now in hand to bar hime of, Ellansfeilde is beatten and hath loste 15 hundred footte, his horse ran away moste shamfully, the Kinge of Denmarke hath sent hime newe forces to supply hime, Cap^{ten} Tho: Wilbraham went to convoye our marchants flette to Hanborowe w^{ch} he broughte selfe thither and goinge in his longe botte ashore was caste away The Queen of Bohemya is well, I was wth hur an hower yeasterin whoe useth me after the ould manner Thus desyringe you to remmember me to my Cosen Puleston and excuse me not writtinge to hime at this time by reason the messenger is in haste, my Love to my Cosen Morgan and all his house, my beaste love to your sealfe and bedfellow So I reaste your brother to command

Tho: Davies

Hayge 20th of
Maye.

f. 34(ii)

Written on verso of 34(i).

Brother,

I have once write to yo^u before, and doubte not but yo^u have receved my letter for newes I thinke yo^u expected to heare frome me more then any thinge ells, for oure goinge to the feild, wee are all in redines no great p'babyllytie when wee shall march for the Enyny have disporcht some of theare troop & up to Tylly and Wallestine, and some for Spain the floure of theare Army lyes in fflanders but what desire they have in hand is not known but much doubted that wth theare sloopes & flatte boottome botts the purpose some thinge upon our dominiones, the Kinge of denmarke Army are much trubled for want of meanes in respecte England not Keepe tuch wth them Manfleid [recte Mansfeild] is downe the winde and I doubte will not be able to shewe him sealfe in the field this yeare, The state men of warre have sunke the vicadmirall of dunkayke and taken another of 26 peces ~~wch was brought in his day.~~

f. 34(iii)

Lovinge Brother

I have received your letter datted the 17th of October w^{ch} I thanke you for I will not faylle at alle times to retturne you three for one, as for our occations heare, are at a stande for wee are p'vidinge for the feild by the end of March, then I assure my sealfe wee shall decyde the bussnes betweene us for Breda the are weell in the towne for vittells this three months, the sicknes is greate heare amonge the Burgers, but not the Souldyers, I spoke wth a Cap^{tens} wife that came hence yeasterday whoe toulde me Spinila woulde fyre the towne wth in this twoe days, but wee beleve non of his bragge, S^r Charles Morgan behaves himsealfe bravly theare, we expecte Mansfeild hourly for wee shall all be at worke the same time if not together, Tilly is comminge downe wth all speed, this sum̄er will give on of us a blowe, for theare was never the licke p'vision made heare, the buy all the corne is to be goot looke for a deare yeare and p'vide for yt, wee are raysinge three thowsand horse more and 5 thowsand foote, If you meete wth anny made fellows desyre to see blowes send them hither, so the be not flintshire nor Cheshire men, I have had many dead, but non I am sure wanted my care, tell my Unckell Ravenscrofte John Tho: Parry is dead, Commend me to them all theare at Bretton, and Brodlane, and Codelston, If I live and please god I will be wth you the next wintter, thearfor desyre my Sister from me to be at Gwissanny and that Robin make much of the doggs, forgeet me not to all at Gouldgreave, but cheifly to my Cosen Need and my deareste cosen Dorothy, and Pegge Vaughan, for you at Gwissany my prayers attend you all and the littell ons at both houses, adewe your Brother to Commannd whilst I am

Tho: Davies.

Gittenberge this 20th
of ffebrui New Stille.

f. 34(iv)

To my very loving
brother Robert
Davies Esqr att
Gwissana in fflint.

Brother, my unckle I hope will furnishe me wth money this weeke, and then I am redy for the firste winde, I can not finde any certayne resolution in the Kinge for the sendinge of anny men over, yeat the Lords offer largly, and so doe the Cittizens, for the woulde give a 1000^l a weeke towards the ware, if the Kinge will send men, the Low Counttreys doe give 1000^l a monthe as longe as the ware indures, the kinge was at Sermon at Poules yeasterday, theare was greate expectation that he woulde have declare himsealfe theare, but nothinge was donne, my Lord of Bridgwatter is ill of the goutte, all the reaste of your frends are well, I founde Lucke heare at my comminge, but ill p'vided for such a journey, he shall not wante, If I have yt, I hope to prefer hime well afore I goe, my Unckle will see the discharginge of my debts, I thinke yt be beaste for me to have my leasse sent up instantly that I may assynge y^t over to hime for I fynde hime kindder then I expected, yeat I will not doe but as you will advise me, Need Tommassons dead, tell John Wine theare is a warrante from my Lord Admy: to be a surveyar of the Kings Carpentars theare is greate fame of hime heare for Ladinge as well as buldings Command my beaste Love to my good Sister in lawe, Harry lloyde and Katty, my Cosen Dorothy and my cosen Anne, wth my true and unfayned prayers for littell Robin whom I pray god to bleasse, and make his Servants forget not Bunch, my cosen Need Morgan, Robin and his sonne B: [...] we heare from you the nexte day after the receapte hearof, write to my unckle to give hime thanks lett John Gorge send up my reade shutte and garden and hangers, for the are lighte, Mathew of Chester will travell well, I will pay hime, I lye at S^r Raphes and dyat heare

T. D.

London this
26th of March [1624]

[] daughter A: desyre John Wine to commend me to his wife. So adew yor brother to Command

Tho: Davies.

f. 35(i)

To my verie welbeloved Cosyn
Mr Mathewe Davies

Good Cosyn

I receaved yo^r Le^re by yo^r boy, and will doe the best I can to beleve (that yo^r kyndnes is so much improved in three yeeres) that yo^u sent him of purpose to see me: Howsoever I am glad to heere of yo^r heath and my noble cosyn yo^r brother are in health: w^{ch} I lykwise enioy (I thank god) and have donne verie well sythence my cominge over.

Touching cuntrey newes I can certefie yo^u of none but what yo^r selves doe knowe: onelie I left all our frends well and in health and my cosyn Davies footinge yt as nymblic as a catt. I protest he ledd me on day such a jauntinge journey as I would not undertake agayne for ten pownds, for it pleased him one morninge to call uppon me at my howse, and havinge talked and rested a while, he intreated me to bringe him on his way towards Ewlow, and by a lyttle and a lyttle drewe me thither and verelie beleve a nymble galliand in Court was never so frisked about, as he made me skipp over diches and traverse his intended demasne, and the rest of that land in so much that when I was redier to call for a porter then to travell and trott further, no remedie but I must goe wth him to the Smyths at the Knowle where he fayned he had a Colepitt Cheyne in makinge: when I had drawne my leggs thyther, then he dealt playnlie wth me and tould me he had appoynted to meete my cosyn Anne and his daughter and my Cosyn Dorothie at Hartsheath, the choyce beinge indifferent to goe home or thither and not beinge so able as willinge to have died in the place then to have marched 6 yerds further I demanded in serious earnest whether my honored mystres would be ther; he asured me uppon his word shee would. The attractive vertue of such an addamant, together wth the remēbrance of so good company, and the excellent Creame and straburies wee were to eate, drewe me on so forcibly, that and putt such fresh vigour into me that I flewe thether lyk an other winged Mercurie: and to be short from hence to Mould and so home agayne not wthout many prayers said backwards and crosse blessings bestowed uppon him that ledd me so astray but I will forbere to bee over tedious in discribynge my travells, and take som other fyttter tyme to writte a booke of them.

As for the newes of Ewloe: the next day (as I remēber after my cosyn Davies was served wth p^res as the Capteyne should have byn yf had byn at home) he came to me to Soughton, and (as yf I had byn a judicious man) desired my oppinion: uppon our discourse pro et contra I co[n]ceaved the case to stande thus:

The whole lordshipp was forfeyed to the Kinge by atteynder of said – whose name I have forgotten and so seised into the kings hands.

Divers surveyes made both for divers kings and divers princes and the rents four tyme enhanced somtymes deminished accordinge as those most turbulent tymes offered occasion for proof wherof the records are manifest since Edward the first his tyme successivlie untill this day w^{ch} is an argumēt infallible that the tenants hould at will, for yf they had held in fee, their rents must of necessitie have bye certeyne.

Touchinge what is inclosed I have hard as yet no question made And for the part w^{ch} the tenants chalenge; I think they wilbe forced to pay the arerages of rent before they can have any lease; for beside that they are bownd therto by composition: they can not plead that they have not had any p^rffit for thes yeeres past: for yt was their fault they had not inclosed yt or made their p^rffit otherwise of yt: and wthall my Cosyn davies and I went one day to examine the cottagers that dwelled on the land and wee fownd

that my Cosyn Whittley and others had made them pay rent unto them for what they held the receipt wherof make them actuallie possessed.

But trulie I am absolutlie of oppinion that by lawe they can never recover any part of that land: for first, the composition by consent of private p'sons will not preiudice the kings title at large for so the revenues of the Crowne would soone be deminished and yf yt would hould, yett the composition w^{ch} Sir John North was ~~made~~ that the whole tenants of Ewlowe Joyntlie should have a joynt lease of the 3d part: to w^{ch} my Cosyn Morgan (beinge one of the tenants) will never agree, except he may have such a part as he shall desire: and I doe not know what joynt action they can bringe but that my Cosyn Morgan beinge one of the p̄l may release at his pleasure.

Touchinge the present case of sute I can say nothinge for I knowe not what is demanded, the bill beinge not come downe before my Cominge away but this I knowe that beinge at my Cosyn Whittleys house one day upon his earnest intreatie he tould me after longe discourse and great complaynt that both he and the rest of the tenants were determined to spend 1000^{li} in defence of their interest, and to that end they had appoynted that day to meete, that everie man might be cessed for the expendinge of that same ratable accordinge to the lande he enjoyed wthin the Lordshipp. I advised him (as my frend and kinsman to the Contrarie) alledginge for my reason that they had nether Record Charter, Court rowle or other materiall evidence for their pretended right but onlie a bare and naked possession, w^{ch} the longer yt Continued the stronger yt would be and therefore desired him in p'ticuler not to kick before he were prict his answer was, that he thanked me for my advice, but he was resolved (as the rest of them were) not to be a share to the house Gowysaney, but that he would knowe his danger, and yf his lands were lost farewell yt: for ~~wee are never resolved~~ seinge our fayre motions, yea, and submissive requests, were denied, wee are nowe resolved to feele nothinge by Curtesie of those that treacherouslie betrayde the trust of their neerest frends and kinsmen so that to make an end I fynd betwixt Coller and distraction amongst the' selves, theie are growe desperat beinge willinge it should seeme to strike and to wound depe (yf they could but I think they fynd their weapons over dull). Howsoever this sute hath made an overture to my cosyns title to their p'ticuler estates w^{ch} he could not so well have caled in question wthout some note of averice.

This is all I can think upon for the satisfacōn in p'ticuler w^{ch} yo^u desire but onelie this that my cosyn davies toulde me he was not resolved to send for ye Capteyne untill hee had gott sight of the Bill: and then yf they questioned the whole he would send for him p'sentlie ells not. Soe havinge nought els for the present I comend my unfayned love to yo^u, and yo^r good self to god and rest

Yor faythfull lovinge Cosyn

Hughe Conway

I pray yo^u comend my love and service to my noble cosyn and tell him I did not see his boy before my cominge over nether had Ned received the hauke he writs of. I protest unfaynedlie, though the wether be fowle, and the wayes worse yet I would make a j'rney to see him and abyde wth him one month but that I heare by his bearer that he goeth forthwth towards Dublyn to whome I wishe good success and a safe returne.

Lysney Court the 27th of Aug: 1632.

f. 35(ii)

To the worll his verie
much Respected cosyn
Robert Davies Esqr
... at Gwysaney

Sr

I pray yo^u excuse me that I have not acordinge to my desyre satisfied yo^r Request touchinge the proposition yo^u willed me to make to M^r Chave: My Lorde beinge in the Cuntrey untill wth in this fortnight and then my beinge at Court untill 2 dayes before my Comynge from Londoⁿ hath byn the cause I could never sett ey on him: yet was I 4 tymes in those 2 dayes at my lords to speake wth him but could not meet wth him.

I am sent by M^r Secretarie with his lēre to my lord President about some busnes w^{ch} yf yt take yt will be verie beneficiall to me, yf wonted ill fortune be not accidens inseperabile to all my designes howe my Lord will relish yt I knowe not, for I stay heere this daye to attend his cominge from Ludlowe I have hard latelie by my wives lēre that yo^u and all yo^{rs} are well, in w^{ch} estate I hope yo^u continue, and w^{ch} I will pray may longe endure to gods good pleasure.

I will increase my lēre wth advertismēt of such news as is heere Count Mansill is gonne about x^{en} dayes agoe with his six Regiments of fote and 2 companyes of horse to their Randesvovs at Ramikins: 3000 ffrench horse are imbarqinge at Calis to followe him as fast as they can.

The Valtalina is wholie taken by the french, the Poyes forces havinge marched away uppon Composytion.

The Cunstable of ffrance hath ioyned his forces wth those of Savoy and everie day is expected newes of some matter of great Consequence to be p'formed by them. The Iland of Rees* w^{ch} was taken by Mons^r Subiza is quit by him agayne, and he gone to sea wth some fyve or 6 ships.

The whole boddie of the Religion, and Mons^r de Rohan who is Sobiza's brother and the Rocheliers have all given good satisfacōn to the Kynge of ffrance: protested agaynst the action and declared them selves to be Sobizas enemyes. Bredah hath victuals for some 6 weeks. The armies of the Prince of Orange and Spinola are both toyled out and extremlie weakned by sicknes.

Great Reanforcemēt̄s are cominge from the infanta from Germany towards Spinola: and the Stat are levinge 5000 foote and 2000 horse.

There is a great fleet preparinge, 12 of the Kings ships, 20 Marchants and 50 Newe Castle men: yt is given out that they are to fech the ladie of ffrance: but many of good judgmēt̄ thinke yt is intended for some other great busnes. I could (yf I durst) informe yo^u of other secret newes of great consequence, but I cam not trulie by yt, and therefore I dare not comitt yt to paper. as soone as I have donne wth my lord I hast to London agayne where I will attend yo^{ur} comandmēt̄s that I may obey thē wth that afection I have vowed to yo^r service in w^{ch} I will ever Remyne

Yo^r affectionat lovinge Cosyn

Hughe Conway.

Bewdley the 12 of ffeb. 1624.

* Île de Ré

f. 36(i)

To my worthy Cosen
Robt Davies Esqr

S^r. true it is that up^o Conference wth S^r Thomas dutton, he towld me y^t he had all the forts in Ulster & Conaght whose estates weare not graunted by the King to any other formerly amongst w^{ch} he towld me of the fort of the Lifford & the lands belonging, but for S^r Richard hansard his estate we have noe speach therof nor did I expect otherwise to any I did then request him to confere wth yo^u before he treated wth any other & towld him that I hard of a bargayne yo^u had mad for that Land w^{ch} he p^rmitted me to doe had I known of yo^r being in town thene I would have brought yo^u & him together about yt, yt was at my L:^s table I had this conference wth him on fryday & would have bin glad to have don yo^u any service eather in that kind or any otherwayse & soe wth my Love I rest

Yor Loving cosen
Edw: Trevor

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Hono^{ed} S^r

There shall not be any time Lost nor labour Spared to doe yo^u all service in my power. But though I named in mine to yo^u that yo^u must putt in a bill in y^e High Court of Chancery yet I meant y^e Chancery in the Excheq^r: Chamber being more proper there for reliefe since yo^u pay the king soe great a rent as 6^{li} in Dinerth (as I am told) and it is presumed probable y^t y^e rent reserved upon yo^r graunt of E: Leic: being 2^{li}.16^s. is pte of y^e 6^{li}. And then have yo^u paid all y^r rent in yo^r wrong since yo^r Auncestory purchase, however This will have a just countenance in a court of Equity. I can promise yo^u: noe more then that I will (god a willing) hammer out such a rough peece of a Bill as that a good workeman wth polishing and Ordering may make it hold out a good suite, & yo^u be settled in yo^r possession for ever after one triall att law w^{ch} yo^u are in hand with, w^{ch} must be expected as y^e course of the Courts are now, there is noe danger but yo^u shall have an Injunction without any great trouble towards y^e latter end of the next Terme to prevent their breaking up of the Marsh & soweinge it. I will send yo^u a rough draught of a Bill in few daies w^{ch} after yo^u have p'used shall be sent to be polished in London by some curious honest Lawyer (if possible to meet such) I thinke yo^u shall not need to send to Councell in this matter till yo^u heare from me & see the draught, and then if there be cause there is a litle of y^e selfe in this matter to tell yo^u y^e trueth w^{ch} must be settled before I can well shoote off all my shaftes, I wished M^r Griffith to give yo^u: a hint of it And that I could not be soe exactly vigorous till y^t be settled, w^{ch} is this, I owed Mr Pughs Aunts 118^{li}. And I gott at St. Asaph Adm'stracōn for one John Williams a Tennt of M^r Holland, But by Tricking & y^e p'rogative Court extorting a Jurisdiccōn to themselves that they ought Not to have assumed, & my nowe Lord B^p of Assaph would not minde it M^r Pugh hath gott an Administration But yet y^e Estate of his Aunts is to be shared & divided between both, onely M^r Pugh hath but y^e name if he bee just & honest, Now my Question (unlucky upon me) is whose debtor I shalbe of the Two, if Mr Pughs I must forthwth raise the money & pay him, If it happens that John Williams hath me his, then I have paid neere 30^{li}. And I shall have time to looke about me, but paid they shalbe (god willing) however, And this Affair was in Agitacōn yesterday (as I am told) at Ruthland, Rest assured that there shalbe noe one tittle lost of any opportunity but yo^u shalbe safe as possible & noe punctilio lost that is requisit to sett yo^u streight. As to y^e suing for our damage for y^e stopping y^e fresh water It cannot come to be tried till Spring Vacacōn And I may begin at any time before y^e 18th of January. This is the onely Iron I forebeare to put in the fire at present till I heare y^e successe how they divide the Estate of the Aunts & whose debtor I am. I beg yo^r pardon for stayeinge yo^r young lad yesternight Occasioned by my being from home when he overtooke me at least 2 miles distant from home & soe I had not an Opportunity of writeing last night. My humble duty to yo^r selfe & good Lady who am

Yor most affeconat faithfull servt
Edward Peirce

Octob. 10th (93).

These pap's that I have with me will be sufficient Instruccions for y^e bill in y^e Excheqr.

f. 37(i)

To the Right Worshipp^l
my moste assured frend
& Cosen Robert Davies Esqui^r
at Gwaysaney.

Good S^r I muste nowe come wth a newe Crye upon y^u, It is thought heare vearie pertinent to o^r busenes that we have my fathers presence evermore wth us whoe is the fittest because the neareste to importune & to shoa him selfe in all verie urgent necessities, we thinke that the sute of an olde father will ever be harde when it comes in the behalfe of a childes liefie & will geave beste Coullor to o^r greate frendes to worke Kynge & Judge wth all Instances to pittie & dispatche o^r trubles Our good Lordes will never shrinke I hope from us but it is fitte theire shoulde be wrought wth the honesteste & best meanes that canne be devised that the worlde maye take notice howe theie are wroughte to such honorable feelinge of o^r misfortunes eaven by the iuste petitions of a sorowfull father for the liefie of a distressed childe this wilbe I knowe expected & therefore good Cosen doe what y^u canne to worke my father to take the paines to come againste the begininge of the tearme heare we doe not doubtte we shall then make an ende of all these newe busenes & beginne handsomelie some newe Corse of liefie M^r Cosen Thomas is in good healthe he was latelie wth me, he attendes vearie cloase Sir (?) Richmonde, he toulde me he woulde peradventure enter unto a busenes w^{ch} laye in the Princes gifte if he coulde be enformed that it were upon a sure grounde w^{ch} mighte be woorth him some spendinge moneye for a tyme, I spoake wth him about my Cosen John Wynne & he tells me S^r John Eger promiseth him to cloase up the busenese as his nexte cominge hither, there is no newes but that of Cleaves S^r Thomas Dutton is like to doe well, his Company is for a tyme taken from him but yet it is certen he shall have it againe, the worste is the Lo: Generall & all the greateste men of the Armye miste to make them frendes so that the quarrell still depends. The towne was taken upon composition & the Duke of Brandeburge invested in it w^{ch} was the onelye place that resisted him in the whooll dukdome The Armye is nowe readie to breake up & so th'olde soldiers readie to departe to there Garrisons. My Lo: of Malden is upon his waie to Engelande he came to the siege a little before the yealdinge of the towne when he shoad himselfe moste valiante & wente one so farre as he was recoverde againe Allmoste beyonde hope this is from the Lo. Generalls owne letters to some of the greates personages of Englelande & for my parte I make no manner of doubtte of it for I have seene good experiance of his noble courrage in some other places My woundes are not yet skynne whoall & I am most assured I wanted neather arte nor fidelitie I hope though theie make a longe Cure of me yet theie will be sure it shall never fall to relapses I thanke god my bodie otherwise is in good strengthe & I hope I shalbe able to besturre my selfe this nexte tearme early & late wthout danger. S^r I shall not neede nowe to write unto y^u for suche thinges as I have touched in former letters & therefore wth my ever bounden good wishes to y^u & y^r house wth hartieste Comendacoñs to my good Aunte that is indeede my mother & my deere Cosen y^r bedfellowe for whom I will ever praye I betake y^u to gods protecion not forgettinge all my younge Cosens Salusbury o^r []

Y^r ev' bounden & assured
Cosen

Ed. Morgan.

16 September 1620

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M^r Robert Davys, I have not forgotten y^r busines w^{ch} you trusted me wthall; & now being at the sea side in the open aier ready to take shipping I have remembred to write these few words unto you you shalbe assured to obtayne y^r desire, & I had brought an expresse letter from his Mr in that part, if I had any certificate that you had performed the articles of plantation in a reasonable p'portion. Trust to my (?) care that you shall obtayne y^r desire if ev^r you & I meet in Ireland in the meanetyme I pray god almighty to send us a joyfull meeting their & so I remayne y^r

Very assured loving frend (?)
to do you all kind service

Jo. Davys

Burton head

30 Octobris.

This bearer Edw. Davys will be ready to receive the coales w^{ch} you kindly promised if this bearer meet not wth you then I pray you to agree wth some owner of (?) a bark to transport the coales & I will pay him.

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To the R: Wo^{ll} my lovinge
Cosen Robert Davis Esq.

S^r; the Bearer hereof Hugh ap William one: of my mynrs hath beene very earnest wth mee to moove yo^u to spare him from this Irish service. I chalenge noe p'viledge for them they be as fitt as others to p'forme that duty. But yo^u may be pleased to respect his age, and charge of children, and his weaknes by reason of some hurts he received not longe agoe in the works. But specially (if I mistake not) hee hath a privie mayme in his hart, w^{ch} will by noe meanes suffer him to feight. All w^{ch} I refer to yo^r pleasure. And will ever rest

Yor lovinge Cosen

Richard Grosvenor

Chester:
Febr. 25. 1624.

Cōmend mee I pray to yo^u to my Cosen; and yo^r sonne

There came letters from my Lord of derby, to his deputy Livetenants, that they should not send the soldiers to the ports before the 16th of March.

f. 38(ii)

To my much respected freind
Robert Davies Esqr.

Worthie S^r

Att my coming home I found a letter sent me from my Lord of Derby; wherein he desires me to assure all his freindes that he has not parted with his interest in the Lordpps of Harden and Mould, and therefore I shall advise you that if anie motion be made to you concerning the thinges you spoke of att our parting that you wilbe pleased to returne a delatorie answer not doubting but you will verie shortlie heare more from my Lord of Derby although in my letter he speakes nothing of his coming downe, and I shall not faile to give you present notice if anie thing come to my handes; and so with my good respects presented to the noble Colonell and his wife with my hartie thanks to yourself and your worthie consort for all your kind favours I take leave ever remaining

Sr

Your verie affectionate friend
to serve you

Christoph: Pasley.

Shotton Septemb 19th 1652

I beseech you doe me the
favour to remember me kindlie to
M^r Price.

f. 39

To my worthy & esteemed freind
M^r. Robert Davyes at his house
Guissany in Flintshire.

S^r

Y^r brothers servant brought mee last night a letter frō you & another frō y^r brother wth the nag w^{ch} you promised I thinke the youth was very carefull in bringing him up for hee seemes to be in good case & I like him & his going so well, as I thanke you heartily for him, & will not fayle to satisfy for his price, when you please to have it. I am glad of y^r brothers safe returne & I pray tell him, I thinke my selfe beholding to him for his care of my busines w^{ch} my Lo: Cromwell recomending it, as hee hath done, but I wonder at my lo: Deputy his reservednes towards him, his lo^p: being to close & darke for mee to see into his disposition. I thanke you for giving mee notice of Barō Denham whose carriage I shall. have cause to remember, & may live to requite for y^r busines of Ewlo, I can assure you some attempts have been made to draw me frō you & to leave you to y^r owne proceeding, w^{ch} in playne terms I told them was not fit for mee to do, & that I would no more heare of any sich motion nor imploy my selfe to pleasure them, that had pregiudiced mee all they could. I trust whatsoever you heare reported you will be confident of mee & I will inquire after their doings heere to prevent & discover any ill meaning towards you And thus wth my hearty service to you & y^r brother untill further occasion I rest

Y^r most aff^{te} freind to dispose of

Jo: North.

frō y^e Charterhouse
this 10th of Augst
1633.

I pray tell y^r brother y^t M^r Fitzgeralds busines came to late for me to do good upon it I shall expect a footboy frō you.

f. 40

To the wor^{ll} & my
much hon^d friend
Robert Davies
Esq^r att
Gwysanna.

Noble S^r.

By chance meeting wth a servant of yours & findeing to wh^o he did belong & whence he came I could doe noe lesse then send him backe to you, app^hending his departure fr^o you was wth out yo^r leave or likeing: Should the like mischance happen to mee att any time I am confident (especially hearinge how much Gentleman you are, by soe good an Intelligencer as my Sister Pope, whose man on Purpose I obtained leave of her to p^rsent yo^r owne unto you) you will doe mee the like favour, thus joyfully embracing y^e opportunity to manifest my civilitie to you herein, I humbly take leave & rest

S^r

Yo^r very servant

Rich Mytton.

Hordley
March 15th.
1652.

f. 40^v

Dr. Uncle

My father has received a letter from M^r Falkener and another from M^r Read with different accounts of my Uncles Will and would be much oblig'd to my Aunt if she'd let him have a Copy of it.

My Brother has had a fall a hunting & has broke a small bone in his hand but is in no great pain and I fancy will soon be well All here join in Compt' to the family at the Mount & Court with your Affect^{ly}

M. Davies

Llannerch Jan^{ry} y^e 17.

f. 40a

[8th June 1864: Copy of a letter from Mutton Davies Esqr of Gwysaney to Thomas Edwards Esqr of Rhûal dated 12th March 1680 now in the possession of Frederick Philips Esqr. of Rhûal who kindly lent it to me to copy.]

Mar: 12th 80.

Dear Bro^r.

I much wonder that the K's* coming unexpectedly among those gentⁿ. you mention (all drunk as the story go's) should prevaile to much upon the beliefe of either friend or adversaries as to occasion those romances that fly about Town. I thought to prevent the same in the country, by giving my bro^r Pent[†] a particular relation of it, who I doubt hath not been so comūnicative as usually he is, els you and others would not have been put to conjecture the truth of the passage which in short was thus:

There were half a dosen gentⁿ most of your acquaintance treated at dinner by Mr Chiffins[‡] whose chamber is under the Kings, and about an hour or two after dinner, about candle light (for it was in Jan^y and we dined late) the K^g (I supposed privately inform'd of the Company) honour'd us with his presence. When we all with profound respect (and mimicall gestures as your author has it) Kisst his hand; he pleasantly said he came to drink a glasse of wine with us, and it should be to the happy meeting of his Parl^{mt} at Oxford where he would go as far as any man (that was his expression) for the preservation of the protestant relligion as by law establish'd, and the utter extirpation of popery, whereupon S^r Tho: Vernon said, "amen, and Presbytery too", to which the K. rejoyn'd with all my heart for I have smarted from those people allready, afterwards the discourse leading his Maj^{ty} to tell us how the Irish bill had like to have been miscarried had he not put the Chanc^r in mind of it, I took the occasion to say that not only we there present but the loyallest part of the Kingdom were infinitely oblig'd to his Maj^{ty} for his care in that particular and if we were not bound by higher obligations yet the sense of that should cause us to stand by him with our lives and fortunes, this was that speech over which the gentleman you mention and his mimick made so wide a mouth. This was all that passt unless it were some occasionall discourse, only pardon the vanity if I tell you that when at first I kiss'd amongst the rest his Maj^{ties} hand and Mr. Chiffins telling him my name, the King said he knew Mr. Davies to be an honest man; pray pardon this tedious story which hath help'd to fill my letter as it did yours and with service to our friends at Rhual I rest yours &c.

M. Davies.

Commend me kindly to Councillor Ned, whose condition when you writt your letter shall be printed when the first volume of his drunken reports comes out. I am sure had he swallow'd downe law in his life time as freely as he hath done ale Plowden had been a foole to him.

* Charles II

† Mr Pennant of Downing

‡ confidential servant to Charles II, *vide* Macauley's *Hist. England* Vol. I, pp. 438, 453.

f. 41(i)

To my honoured ffather
Robert Davies Esq^r
at Gwyssaney.

Hono^red ffather

Since my arrivall here I have longed for an opportunity of p^resenting my duty w^{ch} as soon as offered I have here embraced; I came from England ye first day of August, and landed the next day att Deepe a haven-town in Normandy where I rested one night, and came ye next day to Roan ye place where I do at p^resent reside and purpose to continue untill ye returne of this post, w^{ch} I am told will come to passe in ten dayes, I had ye happinesse as I travelled from Deepe hither to fall into acquaintance wth a ffrench Merchant who was likewise bound for Roan who gave me his assistance to my no small advantage having both languages English and ffrench perfectly. I accompanied him hither where he staid two dayes making me acquainted before he went with a ffrench gentleman of quality who can speake ye English tongue he hath carried himselfe exceeding civill and courteous to me so farre as to offer me a chamber in his house while I make my abode here, but for that I pleaded an excuse and by his meanes pitcht upon a convenient chamber in Towne where he hath given me severall visits besides kind entertain[ment] at his owne dwelling ye next place I intend [to] see (God willing) is Paris, which as I designe will be a fortnight hence for I cannot afford myselfe lesse time to take a view of this place, w^{ch} though it may want something in proportion yet in stateliness of building and in all manner of accomodation fals nothing short of London ye country all along as I passed exceedingly abounding wth all sorts of ffruites so that a man might in a manner tearme it one continued Orchard Thus S^r I have given you a short accompt of my travells hitherto having good health (I thank God) very well and for ye present want nothing; I shall not omitt any opportunity of writing in the meane time wth my humble duty to yo^r selfe and my Mother together with my due respects to my Uncle and love to my Brothers Sisters and Cosens, as likewise to M^r Price I rest

Yor dutifull and obedient sonne

Mutton Davies

Rouen Aug: ye 10th/54.

f. 41(ii)

Tolon March ye 19th/57/

Honoured ffather

As I failed not to acquaint you how I designed my journey when I parted wth Rome, so since it hath pleased God to make it successfull hitherto I judg'd my-selfe no lesse obliged to present my duty unto you att my arrival in this port of ffrance, w^{ch} is of great satisfaction unto me inasmuch as I am at p^rsent both quitt of Rome that of late moneths had been so daungerous a prison, and delivered of ye tediousnesse of a sea-voiage having been toss't upon't for twenty dayes, without re[]eption into any harbour, nor is there any admittance into this Towne for any that come from Italy untill that after forty days living at a distance it may be evident that our barke is free from all infection, these conditions though very inconvenient are unavoidable, and will be easier digested in so good company as I enjoy besides that I stand in no need of that w^{ch} is of greatest concernement to a traveller your care having so provided for me that I was furnished from Genoa wth a hundred pound w^{ch} enabled me to discharge my engagements at Rome and my defrays hither, I shal employ my best husbandry to stretch ye residue as farre as may be in ye steorage of my course homewards in ye meane time I beg your pardon that I performe this duty of writing so hastily my present unsettlement denying all manner of conveniences that I can adde no more then my humble duty to my deare Mother wth my kind love to all my relations for whose safety and yours are directed ye prayers of

Your most obedient and dutifull
sonne Mutton Davies.

f. 42(i)

ffor my deare Cosen
Robert Davies, Esq^f
att Gwysanney.

Honourd Cosen

My interest in my Cosen Madrin was so effectually imployed in behalfe of yo^f freind that I have gaind his condiscention to yo^f desires the terme expiring next michelmas or All Saints. I could wish you would direct yo^f command in somthing of greater moment you should finde a very unfeigned readinesse to serve you. I am to make yo^u a Present by this Bearer which may probably finde acceptance, a ffaulcon brought in lately out of Ireland, I shall give her no Character but referre you to his letter that thought to gratifie mee thereby. Lett not the meanesse (I beseech you) of this testimony take of your esteeme from my affection which upon all occasions shall be cordially signified by

Honourd Cosen

Yo^f most affectionat Kinsman

Roger Mostyn.

June ye 7th/55/

I wish she may prove the best Hauke in the world for y^{er} sake. my service to my honor
Cosen & all your good family.

f. 42(ii)

Robt. Davies, Esq., att Gwesaney

Most honored Cosen,

I have att last procured a tassell Gentle(?) for y^e from my Brother (?) Bulkeley w^{ch} to my knowledge is the finest Hawke of the 3 that were in the Stacy (?) I wish he may prove the best Hawke to y^{er} content that ever y^e were m^r of & that it may Lie in my power in some considerable measure to give you a faithfull testimony of my gratitude & affection to y^e & y^{ers}: my wife desires y^e be please to my make her service acceptable by y^{er} tender of it to y^{er} most vertuous bedfellow & y^{er} whole family she will not have it forgott to yerselfe that y^{rs} be (?) accept of the same to y^{er} selfe and Lady is his request who is resolved to Live & die

Y^f most faithfull

Cosen & true serv^t

R. Mostyn

Glothaith

July 12th 1656.

lett us goe both one way hand in hand about this Election of Par: men.

f. 42(iii)

Robt. Davies at Gwasaney

Worthy Cosen

I was encouraged by yr noble promise to my serv^t Roger Willims to send my falcon unto yr servt & f'alkner to be trained this first yeare, if shee prove a hauke fitt for pleasure (as now she very fairely promises) I shall be as well pleased she give y^u content as myselfe onely the title I must owne because of her donor, S^r, were I mast of any thing that might doe y^u reall service, most cordially should both myselfe & mine be att y^{ur} disposall, w^{er} I shall entreate y^u to beleieve as I shall make it my busines to aprove myself in all things

Yr most assured Lo:
Cosen & Humble serv^t
R. Mostyn

Mostyn

July 19th 1686. [*in pencil*: ?1656.]

my service to all y^{ur} noble family. I am in such hast to returne that I cannot possibly make a step over to ye according to promise. Hugh Pennant is y^{ur} very Humble serv^t.

f. 43

Robert Davies of Gwysanney, Esqr.

Most honoured S^r

I have hitherto forborne to write because I had nothing of concernend^t to acquaint yo^u wth And that I now give yo^u the trouble of reading a few lines, expect not any thing of consequence from me, for my designe mostly in these, is to let yo^u knowe that I neither doe nor can forget yo^r multiplied and long continued favours upon my undeservednes. S^r. Be assured that my ambition is to proportion my thankfullnes (if it were possible) to yo^r Lord wherein if my endeavo^{rs} fail, the cause will be in yo^r selfe, who have soe far out stript me, that the most I can hope for is wth a thankfull eye to Looke after you. We have here nothing that is new to impart unto yo^u: All is quiet here, but the Presbeterian party: better is not to be hoped for from that turbulent generation; yet they will not be perswaded wth reason, I beleieve they shall soone be dealt wth all by Law. My affaires are very perplexed, yet since I have set forth, on I will in the name God, who ever hath bene wth me in all my troubles. On Sunday next, or the nex following my consecration is intended. I must breake of being calld at this instant away. Be pleased to Let M^{rs} Davies knowe that I love and Honour her, no man more My constant prayers are for yo^r whole family. When you see Cap. Lloyd present my Love and service to him. I am not unmindefull of his brother but as yet unable to serve him. I doe remember all my parishioners wth true affection giving them a place in my dayly prayers. God keepe us

Yo^r most obliged friend
and humble serv^t
Tho: Price

Dublin March the
6th 1660.

f. 44(i)

Robert Davyes Esq^f
high sheriffe of flintshire

London 7th March -60.

Honored Cosen

I was loath to answer y^r last of ye 22^d febr: before I had confer'd more fully wth my Cosen Eyton about ye Particulars therein contayned, but fearing least y^u should thinke me dilatory therein I went yesterday into London & found him out; ye Result was that ye Lands at shorley should be surveyed by 2 such frinds as would be sure to agree in ye points for all o^r satisfactions: & for ye other termes I will referre y^m to my Cosen Eyton (who is coming towards y^u) if he will take upon him to be o^r Umpire; w^{ch} if he refuse then will I give him such Instructions as may end ye Businesse & I doubt not but to y^r content./ I am much ashamed of these Delayes; but y^e Reality of my Intencōns to serve my Cosen, will (I hope) make my Apology./ Worthy S^r. I understand from all hands y^e constancy of y^r favor & kindenesse to me, w^{ch} shall ever oblige me to ye Paym^t of all Respect &. Service to yu; y^e Parlem^t. writs are sealed, but not deliver'd out: o^r newes is but little; onely from france ye great newes of their great Cardinalls Death; & ye young Queens being wth child; o^r Princesses mariage is putt off till Easter; y^e last night some body [] had a minde to have their child well educated & provided for, left it at y^e doore of my L^d Chancelors Lodgings in Whitehall./ y^e King is gone this day to a horse race at Bansted Downes: here is great p^rparacon of Pageants & scaffolds in y^e streets, especially of fine clothes, agst the Coronacon; I pray S^r let y^e tender of my most faithfull services be acceptable to y^r selfe & honor'd family from

Honored Cosen

Y^r Most humble &
obedient servant

Ro: Whiteley.

f. 44(ii)

Robert Davyes Esqr.

London 10th May 1661.

Honored Cosen,

I should sooner have p^resented my thankfullnesse for y^e late honor y^u have done me, in making use of my service for this Parlem^t (wherein I assure y^u all zeale & Diligence for y^e concernes of my contrey) but y^t I intended (at ye same tyme) to have given y^u an accompt of my Proceeds wth my Cosen Eyton about my Cosen Hope's Businesse; but really I finde him soe unreasonable in his proposalls since his returne hither, y^t I sometimes thinks he hath noe mynde to bring it to a conclusion especially seeing he proposes a far lesse fine then my Cosen Hope offer'd (as Will' Ravenscroft writ me word) at there last meeting; hearken's to noe agreem^t. concerning y^e Arreares; I desire to have y^e advise of Councell about this last particular for y^e other, my Cosen Hope's servant (who was to goe hence yesterday) will offer something to y^u w^{ch} I hope y^u will agree to; I pray let us have y^r ansere as soone as conveniently y^u can; for I assure y^u I am not at Rest till this Businesse be finished; & y^t by one way or other I discharge my Engagem^t of respects to y^r Daughter & y^e other obligacōns wth y^r many civilityes & favors may justly chalenge from

Worthy Cosen

Y^r most humble
faithfull serv^t

Ro: Whitley.

f. 44(iii)

London 17th 9^r 60.

S^r

I must acknowledge my selfe obliged to you for very many favors & especially this last, that y^u are pleased wth y^e Rest of o^r Good frinds in flintsbire to vouchsafe me y^e great honor to choose me y^r Member of Palem^t. I beseech y^u accept of my humble thanks, & be assured y^t I will always testify my Gratitude, by all true Respect & service to y^r Particular as I hope to doe to my Contrey in Gen^{ll}. by my Integrity & zeale for all its Concernes./ S^r I have desired my Cosen Eyton to acquainte y^u how well satisfied I am at y^r choice of him for your Knight; esteeming my selfe abondantly honored y^t you thinke me worthy to serve you in y^e other capacity: I was onely troubled that there should be any Dispute about it; being resolved (by all meanes) to wave it; except it were in obedience to y^e comands of y^e contrey to receive it; & I pray do me y^e Right, to thinke this of me. S^r I pray let my services be acceptable to y^r selfe, Good Lady & family, in Particular to my Cosen Davyes (yr sone) & honest Robin; & please always to esteeme & use me in the quality of

S^r

Y^r most obliged Cosen'
& humble faithfull serv^t

Ro: Whitley.

f. 44(iv)

M^r Robert Davies at
Gwysane

Sir

You know that there is noe povertie like to the povertie of expressions espesially in him that wants a tounge to expresse his owne minde in the first place I must complaine unto you of a thing w^{ch} grieves me much that a neighbour of ours doth endeavour in the mountaines to spoile our sports by killing the garowse there in the summer time the w^{ch} thing you could easily prevent for the future by commanding the party to forbear which I shall nominate unto you when I shall have the happines for to see you: I intend (God willing) to goe to morow for Llyn Aled to see what kind of fishing I shall get thither and if your worshipp shall thinke it fitting to use me in any service that I can doe you I shall leave my sport and take my pleasure in executing that w^{ch} shall be your pleasure Thats all but my choycest respects unto you and to your deare consort and to all other deare relations in your familie I rest

Your most humble servant

Robert Wynne.

Llansannan

March 31st 1661.

f. 45(i)

To the Wop^{ll}. Robt. Davis Esqr
at Gossane.

Worthy S^r

Under ye protection of S^r John Salusbury I have adventured, although a stranger to all but the ffame of yo^r Loyalty and hospitality, to undertake the p^rsent Adresse: It is at the Request of ye Right Hon^{ble} ye Countesse of Huntingdon, ye Glory of her Sexe for Virtue and all Kinde of Learning, who vouchsafing to take notice of my studdies, hath layd her Command upon me, in the course of my Reading to Collect & Report unto her what I meet wth touching her Extraction: and [] that her Lapp. is descended of yo^r Wop^{ll}. and Antient ffamily []ticularly from one of Seaven Brothers that planted hims[] or fower Ages since in ye West, whose Grand-son, Sir John Davis, an Excellent Poet and Lawyer of Queen Elizabeths Times, afterwards Attorney Gen'all of Ireland & Lo^d Cheife-Justice, left this, sole daughter Lucy Heiresse of neer an hundred thousand pounds, marryed afterwards to fferdinando last Earle of Huntingdon: but such was either the carlesnesse of the Herald in Vissitacōns or the dependency of the House betwixt Wiltshair & Barkeshair, (in both w^{ch} they had faire Estates) or the Neglect of theise ye Kinsmen themselves (scorning probably to register themselves in any Tribe but yo^{rs}) or else their hard ffates, that now her La^p. cannot recover any Authentick Pedigree of her Ancestors: for supply of w^{ch} by her Command I apply myselfe to you whose Records and Traditions can doubtlesse put an end to my serch: wherin I have no other designe but her Lapps. Contentm^t and the Reputation of yo^r ffamily w^{ch} must owne itselife honor^{ed} by so high an Alyance as this with the Earldome of Huntingdon, & particularly with my young Lord, whose budding yeares give abundant prooffe that he will be the heire of all the severall Virtues of those two hob^{le} ffamilies, his owne, allyed to the Crowne itselife and yo^{rs} so long flourishing in Wales. Therefore Good Sir, be pleased to gratify her Lap' wth a Cobby of yo^r Pedigree descent & Matches, w^{ch} I cannot but thinke you have bin as carafull off as other ffamilies of those parts; and direct it unto mee at Coll: Gowers neere the Post-house London: and I shall transmit the same to her, and remit an acc^t of her Laps reception of it unto you; and owne the ffavour as one of the greatest you can conferre upon

S^r

Your humble Servant

T. H. Salusbury.

Highgate

24th 8ber 1663.

f.45(ii)

Honourable S^r

It was this day ordered in court that Richard Raph should make unto us a firme conveyance of the Lands for the uses mentioned in Owen Jones his will which Council contained a farre stronger confirmation then a decree from Channcery in consideration of which they thought fitt to award unto him ten pounds for his submission to seale the Deed aforementioned and that he should have a lease of the Lands (giving sufficient securitie for the payment of the rents) according to the rate which you should appoint & order, which I well know will bee according to the testators purposes and bequests which being observed his bargaine will not be verie fatt when I manifested some unwillingnesse to yeeld to the premises, it was urged that they could not be displeasing unto you nor any gentleman of understanding and discretion and that if I did not concurre I should but bewray an unreasonable refractarinesse; which was enough to stop my mouth, this I thought fitt to certifie you of as speedily as I could and with my prayers a blessing upon you and your pious familie to subscribe myselfe in haste.

Your most humble servant

Archibald Spark.

Flint 27^o

April 1665.

f. 46(i)

ffor the worthily honoured
Robt Davies Esqr at his
house Gwisanne

Honoured S^r

the favourable aspect you were pleased to cast upon me y^e other day hath occasioned my Grief y^t I had not y^e happiness to wait upon you favour. But a main Business w^{ch} I intended was then forgotten vizt. to make any iust Excuse of a seeming slaight wherof I was once charged. S^r ye Case was thus. I (haveing ever had a fonde Ambitōn to mount such horses as others could not rule) was upon a young nagg (w^{ch} had not only severall times cast my Sonn Orl: but alsoe ye horse Ryder Rich: ffrances) & haveing passed through ye Town in my Return I Confess I saw two Gent. comeing upp Griffis his yard towards ye Street, but I call God to witness I knew neither of them & therefore kept my hands on ye Reines not touching my hatt lest my due Civility might have caused ye horse his Lib^{ty}. And it was afterwards told me y^t you were one of those Gent. w^{ch} hath been a Trouble to my Spirit since yet I know yo^r Ingenuity will accept this true Apology.

S^r I p^rsume heerwth to tendo^r you a Toste of a Sub^t w^{ch} seemed savory to you. And desire y^t none but yo^rself, & yo^r discreet Lady may try it & (if it please yo^r palate) you shall at yo^r Comānde be furnished wth a Larger dish of the like dress. In ye interim wth my hearty Service p^rnted to you both & my prayers to ye Almighty for his Blessing on you & all yo^{rs}, I rest

S^r

Yo^r most ffaithfull & Thankfull
Serv^t

Ro: Fogg.

Hawarden 6 Nov

-65.

f. 46(ii)

Robt. Davies Esq.

S^r

My L^d Licatē n^t of Ireland purposing to stay part of X^tmas with my L^d Bp. of S^t Asaph considering how little wherabts lodging is to be had in any Inn there, my Brother S^r John Arderne being engaged by promise to his excellence who takes his younger son over with him I request of you one bed for my Brother and his son, and halfe of one for his footeman with yeurs, his horses I reckon will have standing at St Asaph, w^{ch} city being too small for so great a Court, I who love not road & noise shall scarce make any part of it except for a few houres to returne homewards the same day, but in a greater calme I shall waite on you and youre Lady with much respect and thankes to acknowledge my selfe

Yourē obliged Serv^t

& Kinsman

Ja: Arderne

Decemb. 19 [16]85

deanerie Chester.

f. 47(i)

Robert Davis Esq.,
at Llanerche

9th October 1688

Honored S^r

I received yours by fryday post & Monday your second letter with the Bill of exchange which is presented & if he hath advise of it which he expects tomorrow will pay it next weeke I am sorry the Parliament is put of. feare we shall not enjoy your good Company. This Winter we have great talke of the Dutch Coming & that they intend to land. great preparations making. horses of 15 hands sell well. I will write my Cousen in apost or two. Pray give her my service. I prayse God all all mine & at Greenwich are well. & at your service I am

S^r

Your humble Servant

William Hooker.

f. 47(ii)

Robert Davies Esqr.
att Llanerch.

28. 1688

Cosen Davies

I desire the favour of you to be foreman of the grand inquest and to make the bearer your clerke and in so doing you will oblige your servant and kinsman

John Conway

and if it may be in your power pray make use of the same for Denbighshire my wife presents her service to your Laday and will waite on sundenly; pray my service to your Laday and little Robin your pretty son. S^r I shall return your visit as soon as possible with manay thank for all your kindnesse.

The bearer is my frind and was my clerk att denbigh.

f. 47(iii)

For Robert Davies Esqr
at Llannerch

Weston under Lyziard

Decemb^r 28th [16]88.

Honoured S^r

Yours of y^e 22^d rec^d this morning per post I shewed to S^r Thomas and his Lady who return theyr service. The great & repeated rumors of the Irish burning and laying wast Ailesbury Coventry &c proved no more but flying feares helpt on as is suspected by some of the red letter: But had this effect that it shewed the readiness of the Country to oppose such villany. Those of this county sumōned to Hampton and designed to join others at Birmicham went no further than the former place some of the chiefes sending as far as Coventry found they were dispersed and laid down theyr armes before they came neare that place, upon the approach of my Lord Delamere with part of the princesses horse (according to the information returned) S^r Thomas sent in ten horses well armed and others to theyr proportion, neare 200 in all and many foot. At Shrewbury were a thousand men in armes under my Lord Herbert and the like in other places. Our men returned the next evening, when the rest were dismissed, after they had been drawn out in the field under theyr old comānders Captain Lane, Mr Levison, Captain Ward (my Lords brother). In theyr return they found nine horsemen (who had been plundering, and designed to search Tongue Castle (Mr Pierrepont being from home) and made bold to take theyr armes and the plundered horses from them, leaving them in the Constables hands to bee owned, which are all I think restored. some belonged to Mr James min^r of B. who read the Declaration, others to Roman Catholicks. There were afterward near 100 gathered of the mobile, to Mr Giffords of Chillington but S^r Thomas his men went out and Mr Levison of Hampton & Cornet Whitwick met there and prevented theyr breaking that house letting them understand they should be dealt with as robbers that offered to search houses without lawfull comānds, and at last have quieted the Country. The Generality of the nobility Gentry &c met at Stafford last weeke, agreed upon an address subscribing it there and designed to keep horse in readinesse in the severall Hundreds to keep order and suppress any insurrections. S^r Thomas and many staid all night. The earl of Meath was here in the meane time, went for London this day was sevenight. Other papists &c hereabouts received damage by the mobile. But now all are down and quiet. Several Irish have passed this way but unarmed and quiet 2, 4 or 10 sometimes together; some taken up but being submissive let goe again. I can adde no more when I have entreated my most humble service may be tendred to yr good Lady, with you &c. I am always ambitiouise to serve you

for I am y^{rs} cordially

Ja: Illingworth.

f. 48(i)

Robert Davies Esq.

Hond Cosen

Somew^t Mr Lea presses me to write to yo^u, but I am to seeke w^t, not y^t I thinke enough may not be said on his behalfe; but y^t I know y^u are not to learn from me, w^t to speake as a gentleman; & as to ye Law part, ye case being removed frō ye Judge & Lawyers, it will not be expected, y^u Gentlemen should argue ye case in point of Law. It will I presume be granted Mr Evans intended his daughter a portion, & if he had left her none, sure no gentleman but would conceive her B^r concerned to make provision for her. But in this case ye father did p'vide for her & y^e son did Article to pay it. Why then will he not p'form? Ye objection of ye other side is yt she was not to have yt porcōn if she married (as in trueth she did) in ye old gentlewomans time. S^r to y^t ye answer is double. first it is confest in law upō ye Articles it might goe hard wth her; but we are now not in law but in Equity. & then 2^y w^t is so ordinary as for fathers to leave 500^{li} a piece to divers younger children to be pd by his heire, provided they marry wth ye Consent of mother, B^r, or other friend, & if any marry otherwise her portion to cease or to goe to another sister, yet in these cases it is most certein, yt notwthstanding a daughter marry wthout such consent yet shall she in Chauncery have her portion, and yt for 2 reasons, first for yt ye law favors not any tyes y^t restrain ye liberty of marriage & secondly for yt such tyes & restraints are looked upō but as the kind menaces of parents, who though their children obey not exactly will not yet quite cast them off. This being granted it is hard to find a differrence to cast off Mr Lea, for his case is even ye same in other words. And Mr Evans hath ye lesse to say agst it, for yt in trueth he hath an advantage by her marryeing in ye meantime, for he was by ye Articles to maintain her during ye old Gentlewomans life, w^{ch} he hath now escaped. The sum is I conceive yr businesse will not be to argue whether her porcōn be due. But onely to mediate w^t must be pd when & how & whether Interest & costs be allowed or not? in w^{ch} pticulars Mr Lea wilbe at y^r Elbow to declare his like or dislike of w^t wilbe offred. I shall not enlarge yr trouble, but beg pardon for thus much given y^u by

y^r assured loving Cosen

Eubule Thelwall

Nantclwyd 15 Apr.

1661.

f. 48(ii)

Robert Davies Esq^r
of Llannerch.

S^r

Yo^r Kind Letter Dated July 12th for which I returne my grateful acknowledgmt, Came not to my hand, I being forth of Towne untill ye 23th I was to meete yo^r Bro: halfe way from his abode in Kent, and there I shewed him yo^r Letter, and he informeth he sent you the Coppy of the suredy which I sent him and the Bill of what I had layd out with Chetwin is att the Bottom of itt and I doe remember in one of yo^{rs} you take notice of the receiveing of itt, but as for the remainder of the moneys I have re^{ce}ed (which att sev'all times was 3^d) I can give noe acct of. Itt being expended in waiteing upon the dilatory Deputy Auditor, And I may venture to say I have not beene noe ill Steward, S^r you are pleased to order mee to sett downe distinctly such things as relate to yo^r busines that if you have occasion, what and where to make search, S^r there is two other Serveys appertaining to Reynold Conways estate, which I remember I wrote you word on But nothing belonging to this Marsh of (Morva Dynerth) If you have any occasion or desire them I can, I p^rsume have them of Mr Evans, att reasonable rates then of his honest Master, And if he had not taken paines in searching, wee never had obtained what wee have already, S^r the last part of yo^r Letter is very acceptable, I shall make noe discovery of itt to any of the Credito^s (but to the poore widd' to buoy her upp). I did call as I went to meete yo^r Bro: att Madam Hikes, But yo^r Aunt was abroad, the Old Gentlewoman told mee the Long sad tale of her Daughters poverty, and that she wondred she had noe returnd from Wales, I would not stay to heare her out, she and I being att some difference Pray S^r excuse my tedious Epistle S^r I have noe more But to assure you (if you have any farther occasion to use mee you shall ever find ready

Yo^r most Humble Serv^t

J. Calcott.

July 25th [16]92.

f. 49(i)

To the Worpp^{ll}. Robert Davis Esqr
at Llannerch

Christ's Hospital London Novemb' 20th 1699.

Honoured S^r

I cannot but retain a gratefull remembrance of yr many & great Civilities to so undeserving a Stranger. The advantage of y^r conversation would not a little improve the pleasure of that I enjoy here: & I will not despair of seing ye day when London may afford a test of it. Y^r friend Mr Hawley has been several moneths upon his voyage. I have heard nothing lately concerning him but hope all things are prosperous. It has been reported among our Merchants that Mr Dampier (who sail'd about the same time) is turn'd pyrate, Mr fford having determined to keep the manuscript I mentioned to you, & signifying his purpose to new bind it for his own use & to entertain his friends; I could not urge him to send it so far. I hope I may erelong both see M^r Davis & M^{rs} Davis if in London. Inclosed you have ye paper Mr Williams induced you to desire. Yr candor will excuse the defects of it. I could not have had y^e vanity to think it worthy so many miles carriage, much less of yr view. But any commands from you ought ever to be obey'd by

Honoured S^r

Y^r most faithfull humble &
obliged servant

Sam: Mountford

Be pleased to give my service to Mr Williams when you see him.

Since the above written I recollected y^r enquiry concerning the design of Mr Hawleys voyage. He promised me to be mindfull of ye obligations he had to write to you, & then I supposed he would have given you better satisfaction than I can. a little before his departure he signified his uneasiness that he had not done so & desired me (who knew he was press'd with business & in a perpetual hurry) to make his excuse & present his humble service among other things intended by him, is (I am told) ye observation of the Longitude of all shoars, in order to ye rectifying of mistakes in Geography, the variation of ye Compass in all latitudes, & (if possible) to solve the Phenomena. to search the Northwest passage, & to make observations of the stars he omitted last time.

f. 49(ii)

Robert Davies Esqr.

Honoured Cosen

Cosen Margarett Salusbury desired mee to acquaint you she is by Counsell advised to sue in Chancery my Brother Salusburys trustees to yt end she humbly begges ye favoure you would be pleasd to come to flint next Assises & appeare with mee & ye rest of us as defendants in ye case, it shall cost you nothing; & beggs your pardon for ye great trouble shee gives you. M^r John Lloyd hath promised to deliver this message to you w^{ch} I hope he hath donn, & yt I may have by ye bearer some account of my one businesse; with all due respects to your good Lady & family I am

S^r

Your most humble servant

Pyers Pennant.

March 25th 1698.

I hope to see you shortly at Llannerch my head is much better I have taken phisicke & shall bleed shortly. Simon was well this morning.

Endorsed: Uncle Pennant's last Lett^r. 1698.

f. 49(iii)

Robert Davyes Esqre
at Llanerch

De^{br} 13 : 98.

Honored Sir,

I had before this returned yⁿ thanks for the favour of y^r letter had I not wayted for Some thing remarkable to have acompanied my acknowledgment, neither is there yet any thing more remarkable then that yesterday, S^r Tho: Littleton Speaker of the house of Comons reade his Ma^{tie} Speeche to the house, & w^{ch} you have Enclosed, & the house has voted shall bee taken Into consideration to morrowe. nothing Else being done more then apointing the Standing Comittees, & receaving Petitions against some sitting members w^{ch} are things of co^mon course. I can onely adde mine & my wifes humble service to yⁿ y^r Lady & my Cosens, who am with greate sinceritie

S^r

Your most ffaithfull &
oblidged servant

Rob. Cotton.

f. 50

To the Wor^{ll} Robert Davies Esqr
att Llanerch.

S^r

Since I recd yo^{rs} of the 27th of Aprill last I have had noe person with mee from you; and the troubles under which I labour being sharpe at p^sent (which nothing but money will remove) make mee trouble you with these lines beseeching yo^r pardon and that I may once more receive a line from you; and if yo^r worshipp would this once enlarge yo^r Charitye to mee and bestow fforty shillings on mee (although the next yeare (if I live soe long by gods p^mission) you gave mee nothing) it would be a great Advantage to mee att present soe I rest

Yo^r obliged kinsman

[] Baber

May the 10th /94.

if you please Direct yo^r answer to mee liveing neere the Golden Anchor in pe[] ffrance in Westminster.

Just now one was giveing mee [an] Account of one Mr Davies a very neere Relation of yo^{rs} if I am not mistaken; who one S^{ir} Charles Barrington (who hath married the Daughter of the Lady Monson Sister to Sir John Pelham of Holand in Sussex Barronett yo^r neere relation) hath taken to bee his Chaplin; and they went out of Towne on Tuesday last.

The Right hono^{bl} ffrancis Lord Viscount Newport Treasurer of their Ma^{ties} household is made Earle of Bradford in the County of Salop.

f. 51(i)

For the much Honoured
M^{rs} Broughton at Broughton
this with my service

Good M^{rs} Broughton

I am sorry your letter surpris'd mee in that juncture of time that I had not the freedom to make a speedy return unto it by the Messenger you sent but was forc'd to make use of that liberty you allow'd mee to send it by some other which I have now done to express my readines to serve you in any office of your faith. I have rank'd the severall Queryes in your letter for Methods sake into this order following which include the whole substance of your proposalls.

Q. 1. Whether the Scripture doth prescribe a Rule or enjoyne a particular gesture to be used in Receyting the Sacrament of the Lords supper.

Ans: I conceive no one particular gesture enjoynd or particularly commanded but left unto the churches liberty as a thing indifferent provided that all things bee done decently and in order according to the Apostles Rule 1 Cor. 14. 40. for although the Church of England required Communicants to kneele, yet it always profess'd that it did not look on that gesture as absolutely necessary, but as most reverent and suteable to the solemnity of that Celebration wherein we receive as humble suitors the greatest gift from the hand of God Almighty, and if conformity was requir'd with some rigour it was to preserve the discipline, & obedience to it, not to put an absolute necessity upon the gesture; And as for sitting, it cannot be urg'd as absolutely necessary from the gesture of our saviour in the institution of the sacrament, since there is no expresse command for it, the argument drawn from Example is not, cannot be conclusive for it since the table gesture (if us'd) was occasionall only as succeeding the feast of the Pascheover, and if one circumstance be binding why not all. and then supper time [in?] an upper Roome: unleavend bread; thirteene persons and those without any woemen might all of them stand up and call for our conformity so that I conceive there is no prescribed Rule in Scripture particularly enjoyning any one Gesture, but is left to the prudence of the Church to choose and establish, relation had to that Rule 1 Cor. 14, 40.

Q. 2. Whether the ffathers for the first three hundred yeares after Christ received the Sacrament sitting or kneeling?

Ans: As far as the recollective thoughts of my reading suggest to mee (wherein Tertullian and the other ffathers before the end and the Nicene Councell in the close of that period of time are my directors, Beeyde's M^r Hooker and Doctor Hammond men of no small names in these latter tymes, are my Vouchers) standing was the posture most frequently used in this Celebration, However this I am confident may be concluded that the same gesture was used by them in the Administration of this sacrament, as was used by them in theyr prayers. this might bee made out by quotations which I need not to trouble you with.

Q. 3. Whether sitting at the Receiving of this Sacrament was Received in the Church till the Popish doctrine of Transubstantiation got footing in the world.

Ans: To give you my Apprehensions of it, I conceive that the commonly received Custom of sitting hath a later date then that opinion, for for ought I have reason to understand this gesture hath its originall and occasion from that Romish Tenet being taken up by some Protestant Reformers abroad as a visible and reall opposition of the Popish practice of worshipping and kneeling before the consecrated heart at its elevation and lifting up.

And as sitting is probably presumed to bee taken up in the Geneva churches upon this account, so was it (not long since) by a full Synod of Protestants in Poland forbidden if not condemned, because they found it used by the Arrians, as complying with their opinion, who hold our Saviour to bee a meere Creature. So that upon occasion this Gesture hath beene both approved by some and disallowed by others.

Q. 4. Whether Luke 22. 14 doe at all concerne the Lords Supper, or the Passeover only.

Ans: Calvin looks up that mentioned in the 17v. (And hee took the Cup and gave thanks and sayd take this and divide it amongst your selves) as an intervenient passage betwixt the observation of the Jewish Pass-over and the institution of the Christian sacrament, Interposed by Our Saviour for this end to stirr up the Apostles expectation and intention to that higher institution and more solem mistery, it was to usher in.

Piscator and Bora on the other hand looke upon it as an Appendix to the Passeover or Paschall Cup as he calls it./ these autorityes I mention as beeing the testimonies of men most Classicall in these our dayes. Others whom I have consulted of do not receyve it as an ingredient in the sacramentall institution, and that most rationally if we consider the series of the text which calls this whole transaction as relating to the Passeover our Saviour desyrd to eat with his disciples.

Q. 5. Whether Hebrews 13. 17 bee a binding precept for Church-members to submit to the judgment of theyr owne Pastors?

Ans: The Judgment of the Pastor heere mentiond may relate eyther to matters of doctrine or matters of discipline;

1. The Pastors Judgment in matters of doctrine is to be first sought unto, for the Priests lips are to preserve knowledge and the people to seek the Law at their mouths. yet so that the people are to use the judgment of discretion, to search the scriptures and to examine whether these things they teach bee truth or no as appears by that example of Bertans commended for it Acts 17. 11. by that injunction of the Apostle. John 1. 4. 1. for we dare not tye the spirit of infallibility to the Pastors pulpit, as the Romanists do unto the Papall chayre, this were to set up a Pope in every parish.

2. The Pastors judgment in matters of discipline (in such a juncture of time when every man may do that which seems good in his owne eyes) when there is no established goverment in the church, hath not a coercive power, may not

use the power of the keyes, these are not fastend under ye girdle of any single person. neyther in Episcopacy, Presbytery nor Independency. Nor is it rational it should because of that partiality may attend the administration of it. But yat hee hath a Directive persuasion and exhorting power to draw the Members to a Conformity. And if in all things the Pastors Requirements reach not up to the peoples mind or desyres, yet to avoid scandall and offence, divisions and breaches: to preserve unity and peace concord and charity in a Congregation. This text (I conceyve) enjoynes a submission. Provided that complyanse be not with a contradicting conscience, or a playne & resolved conviction of its unlawfulness. for in that case the Apostles Rule directs Rom. 14. 23.

Thus I have with as much speed as my occasions would allow endeavoured to Returne my answer to your Queryes wherein I have contracted what might have more fully beene sayd, lest my letter should swelle to a volume; If what I have sayd tend to your satisfaction it will be my great Content, however, Resting upon your assurance to keepe it for your owne private use, which I desyre as loath to have a hand in widening our too many sad divisions. I refer my thoughts to your Judgment; and with the tender of my heartyest salutes to M^r Broughton and your selfe, Commending you both to the blessing and protection of Almighty God. I take leave & Remyne

(Madam)

Your assured ffriend to serve you in
any office of your faith

Will^m Holland.

Malpas

Novemb^r 23^d
1659.

f. 51(ii)

To all to whom these p'sents shall come to be read seen or heard I Thomas Davies of London lynen drap' send greeting. Whereas my brother Mutton Davies of llannerch in the County of Denbigh, Esqr. hath heretofore by his deed granted unto me one anuitie or yearely rent chardge of thirty pounds law^l english money to be issuing or goeing out of certen tenem^{ts} & hereditaments with thapp'tennces lyeing & being within the County of fflint as by the sd deed related being thereunto had it doth more at lardge appeare. Now I the said Thomas Davies for & in consideracōn of the sum of two hundred & fivety five pounds law^l english money to me in hand payd & satisfied by the sd Mutton Davies. the receipt whereof I doe hereby acknowledge & thereof acquitt & dischardge the said Mutton Davies his heirs exec^{rs} & amdm^{rs} have remised released & dischardged & hereby doe remitt release & dischardge the sd Mutton Davies & his heires of & from all & singular the said anuity or yearely rent chardge & doe remitt & release unto the sd Mutton Davies & his heires all the estate right title & clayme w^{ch} I have or ought to have in & to the tenem^{ts} and hereditam^{ts} in the sd recited deed mencōed or conteyned And also for the consideracōn aforesd doe for me & my exec^{rs} & adm^{rs} acquitt release & dischardge the said Mutton Davies, his heires exec^{rs} & adm^{rs} of & from all māner of bills bonds debts anuities rents arreages of rent accompts and demands whatsoever which I now have [~~or w^{ch} hereafter for my exec^{rs} or adm^{rs} may can or ought to have~~] against the said Mutton Davies his heires exec^{rs} or adm^{rs} for any cause or causes whatsoever.

In wittnes whereof I the sd Thomas Davies have hereunto putt my hand & seale Dated the [] day of december in ye seaven & twentieth yeare of the raign of our Sovereigne lord King Charles ye second & a^o dm 1675.

Tho: Davies

'Mem^{dum} that the 31th line was scord out before the sealing hereof in the presence of Edward Williams, Robert Williams.

f. 52(i)

Mr John Whitehall
in Whitchurch, Cheshire.

Good Cosen,

I acquainted D^r Tinfold wth what you write as he desird & had your Letters to shew (?) Dr Raines the Chancellor of Litchf. at present out of Town but returns on Monday. By the D^{rs} & Churchwardens denying what may well be supposed to be their own act D^r Tinfold suspects they'l surprize you in their proceedings & therefore wishes your Proctor to be very watchfull: & let him know his name & have an account from him what has bene done since the Citation. There are severall waies he says of acting in the Chancellors court & till he know from the Proctor which way they proceed he cannot give you an answer to your Question who must pay if you cast (?) them. for they may go by way of Articles or Information or in the Kings-bench-Court. However if they will, may withdraw their proceedings & then all ceases. As soon as I heare from D^r Tinfold you shall from me, which will be either Tuesday or Thursdays post I suppose. I gave him a Guinny because he must be your Solicitor as well as Councillor & 'tis indeed but an ordinary fee; after all I find him Chancellor of Peterbrough, & well acquainted with Cos. John your good Uncle

My Bro. & selfe do our humble Service to you & the good family with duty to our Moth[er] Love to the good friends about you

S^r

Yo^r Lov. Cos. & humble serv^t

Thos. Hotchkis

Clerkenwell

June 16 - 83.

f. 52(ii)

Mr. Rowl. Whitehall
Whitchurch,
Cheshire.

Honored Cosen'

I left your papers with Dr. Tinfold & had them not answer'd till today. you have all inclosed, & I wish you good success in .your suit.

This day were condemned at Sessions-house in the Old-Baily for High Treason My Lord Russell, Hone, Captain Walcot & Rouse. And yesterday the Earle of Essex cut his own throat in the Tower; before my Lord Russell was got off Tower-hill to be brought to his tryall. Last night Mr. Booth, my Lord de la Mer's son vas sent to the Tower. and to day the King has an Express that my Lord Gray is taken in Holland. There was one Capt. Blayne a Comānder of one of the Kings men of war tryed for treasonous words but acquit by his Guns.

My Bro: & Selfe do our humble service to you and yo^r good family; please to give our humble duty to my Dear Mother with love to Bro^r & Sisters from him &

S^r

Yo^r Cosen & most humble Serv^t

Tho: Hotchkis

Clerkenwell

July 14 - 83.

I gave the D^r a guinnie.

f. 53(i)

Robert Davies, Esq.

Havod y wern

Aprill 7th 1694

Deare S^r

I did meet with Mr Evans the p'son you speake of att the Sessions at Llanvylling I did impart the Contents of yo^r lrē to him; (not nameing of you) and the first time I spoake with him he seem'd to recollect himselfe that there was some searches made in Mr Chetwinds Office ab^t three yeares since for some Grants that were entred in the books there he says some Dr had formerly some Coppies of Grants in relacon to the lands Conteind in this enclos'd paper; (which he brought from home and deliverd to me on the munday following) he tells me the Grant out of w^{ch} he tooke this note he found by chance & believeing it might have some relacon to the former business he searchd for, he tooke this out of it & kept it by him, he found it in a booke now in a Cubbord in Mr Chetwind's office and in the middle of the booke where he found it he turnd down some leafes, if this be of use to you he says it will be easily found, sending but the date of it, for that doth chiefly direct them to find any Grant and as farre as he colde find they enter the Grants for North & South Wales promiscuously in the same bookes & the time directes em to find em, but as for ye volume called Liber F (?) (p'ticularly for North Wales), you mencon in yo^r lrē he told me noe acc^t of it, neither that there was any p'ticular Volume for North or South Wales wherein those Grants are entred he told me that most of theire bookes lie in the office in a place neare the Excheq^r where they often goe to search for business of Anncient standing, & will require some to find out those being not regularly kept, he remembers when the D^r came to search he & Mr Chetwind had very hard words & he believes Mr Chet. was not soe ready to search on that acct and as I understood by him it was abt. fee. I doe not find by him that an Exem^{pl}: of any Grant yt is found in theire books is usuall but an Enrollm^t attested by the Auditor I found Mr Evans very civil and I offer'd him when I receiv'd this note ten shillings, desireing his further assistance if I had occasion to make use of him: he refus'd the money saying he had been payd for w^t he hath done, but will very readily doe any thing that lies in his power, and if you please to give me direicoⁿs to write to him what he shall send to his ffrend now in that office, he doth not doubt but you shall have an effectuall answe^r for his ffrend can wait when Mr. Chet: is abroad, I told him I desired but what was usuall, and he assur'd me of all the assistance he cold; he says he hath noe business now y^t calls him to London. he lives with M^r Lloyd & he will send to his ffrend whenever he heares from me, I doe not doubt but I can send to Mr Evans every weeke I am sorry to trouble you with soe imperfect an answe^r, I should be glad at any time to serve you & I hope you will Comānd

Yo^r affectionate Cosen & humble serv^t

John Puleston

I wish you much joy of yo^r little son.

f. 53(ii)

Mr Rowland Whitehall
at Whitechurch.

Ightfeild

June 14, [16]83.

Dear S^r

Being here wth some of o^r Frds of Whitchurch & hearing of ye unhappy difference betwixt D^r F. my kinsman & you, w^{ch} I am very sorry for & would contribute any thing in my power to reconcile; I have taken ye liberty to entreat yt it may have a faire representation before ye Gent. y^r neighbours & as ye issue of yt (I hope) a composure – I would not have adventured thus farr but y^t I am told I may have some interest in both of you w^{ch} I would improve to ye best purposes of Fdp & accomodation of differences & if I interpose on its (?) acc^t I hope it will not be esteemed pragmatcalness but a hearty & real esteem for you both, as both my Fds & wch is more yt ye co^mon cause may not suffer between men Loyal & orthodox & give o^r enymes too much occasion to despise or make advantages of us – I know you to good a man & so throughly well principled both as to Church & state yt it will trouble me you should have any difference wth yr Parson (w^{ch} will be improved by ill men to ill purposes) & yrfor I intreat you would consider his Age & infirmitys & if any natural inclination to passion may have transported him yt you would bear wth it & hearken to an accomodation in this p^rsent affair according as ye Gent. (who for peace sake & out of just esteem to both of you) shall judge & therin you will justify ye carактер they have recd of you & it will not be a little grateful to me to have beggd this of you as a particular fav^r to yr assured Faithful Servant

Ph. Fowke (?)

f. 53(iii)

Roland Whitehall, Esqr.

July 14.

Honrd Cousen

I am now upon a comission betwixt the Bsp & S^r Andrew Harkett & know not certenly wⁿ it will end nor wt ajeurnments may be made, nor wⁿ my Ld will have a comission on his part soe y^t I am not certen whether I can waite up[on] you at Whitchurch upon y^t day, but if it [] wth y^r conveniency to have executed y^e comis[ion] at Newport I durst have ventured soe far, because then if y^e Bpps comission should happen to be about y^e same time I should be neare, but however if you thinke I can doe you any p'ticular serv[ice] by com̄ing let me know & if wth conven[ien]cy I can com you may expect me, but I th[ink] y^e case is soe plaine that if you have a g[ood] Actuary there is little doubt of y^r success, I had [] account of it from Cos: John this weeke at Litch[fe]ild, wth my hearty service to my Cos: y^r Lady & Co: Susan, I am

S^r yr affectionate kinsman
& humble serv^t

ff: Ashenhurst.

Litchfeild.

f. 54(ii)

Robert Shone, chandler
at his shop in Bridgestreet,
Chester.

Honest and trustie Robert Shone

Whereas there is due unto me from Thomas Roberts the summe of six pounds six shillings eight pence, my request unto you is that you would from mee appoint him to pay the moneys unto Mr John Beevan and Robert Fernall to make it up seaven pounds, it so bee that you have not received it already, my desire is that Mr Beevan would Receipt of him as paymaster, & I shall deale (Godwilling) upon some other accompt with Robert Fernall whom upon second thoughts I wish not to pay any more to Mr. Beevan aforesaid then what will compleat and make Thomas Roberts his six pounds 6^s 8^d full seaven pounds: you will be carefull of the premises and pardon the continued trouble you & your good wife have from.

Your affectionate friend

Owen Jones

28th day of
Octo^b 1658

f. 55(i)

The Honrd Madam Anne
Davies at Gwisaney.

Honrd Madam,

I thinke there was noe mencōn of a Lease Rent in Gwisaney; save onely in my Last Receipt w^{ch} I have seen wth M^r Edward Williams & corrected y^t mistake. I am sensible y^e Lease lands lyes in severall Townships & this was onely an oversight; you may be assured; I would wittingly offer nothings that might be prejudiciall to you, or any that relates to you, If you finde any other acquittances y^t doe not please you; I shall draw them over againe when you require it; I render you my hearty thanks for myselfe & daughter alsoe, and should be glad to serve you as farr as lyeth in y^e power of

Yo^r much obliged
& very humble serv^t

Tho: Williams

16^o Dec. 1682.

f. 55(ii)

To honoured Miss Davies
at Gwysaney.

Honoured Madam.

I spake with M^r Eyton as hee came with S^r Jonathan Rate (?) to Gwysaney concerninge the reparation of your house at Gresford; and hee sayd hee would resolve you that you ought to doe it; and truly it will bee for your profite to doe it, your tenant havinge left it in a pittyfull condition havinge burnt even the very walles of the house; pales, gates; and the quickset (?) all which was left very complete when her honest husband lived; shee herself is removed to Cheshire with all that ever shee had; of purpose to defraud you; but Mr Eyton may overtake her theare in your behalfe; shee left beehinde her, onely a blinde daughters whom (shee sayth) the parish must keepe, although shee hath enough of her owne; your servant Mr David Johnes can informs you of the truth hearof; I pray you let me have my rent for lady day last by the bearer, for you know it is my due; and will doe mee a great pleasure at present; the bearer, my sonne will geve you an acquittance,

I am,

Madam

Your very humble servant

Samuell Lloyd.

Gresford

June 6th : [16]96.

Receaved from Mrs Davies ye sune of 3^s 6^d for the Lady days rent last past for a tennymnt be Longing to the Gleabe of the Vickridge of Gresford I say recd By me Edward Lloyd

The sum of 3^s 6^d

June y^e 7th day [16]69.

f. 56(i)

Robert Davyes Esqr.
at Woodhey

Hon^d S^r

I did torment my selfe that I was unfortunately from home when your Letter carne on Thursday and concluded as it was said you were gond for Oxford But my Lady W. recovered me of that Passion & gave one hopes I might possibly see you and master, before you went to Oxford I enjoyned all to let me know; this Afternoon I received y^r 2^d Letter dated the 6th Instant w^{ch} mentioned your Intention for Monday to be at Woodhay. I sent this scout to enquire whether de facto you were concerned I shall only beg leave to Obey the Queen in the Hast & with what speed I can make my selfe so happy as to kisse your hand & testify

my obeyanse as

y^r vassall S. Edgley.

June 9th betwixt 6 & 7 o clock
1702.

f. 56(ii)

Loveinge frend

And Landlord my love to yo^u remembred. for good man Ormet hee & I are satisfied Conceringe the feilde hee houldes for I had noe thoughts of it but onely a mistake in Callinge the two litle pastures the diglackes. for the grownde I tooke of yo^u god willinge I intend to houlde. but I woonder much that yo^u shoulde send to mee that I must pay yo^u 16^{li} & yo^u bid mee tacke them for 15^{li} for any other business I cannot send yo^u word. but by the next I will satisfie yo^u of all. soe hopeinge of yo^r helth & strenght I rest

y^{rs} in what I may

Rob^t ffeanell

Chester 27th
of January.

f. 57

Robert Davies Esqr
att Llannerch

Chirk Oct: 6

Sr

My stay here is soe short that I cannot possibly wait on you my self as I intended, which makes me send the bearer to know, how you, your Lady and the rest of your familie does. I have likewise sent you a Coppie of the Deed in which you are soe kind as to be a Trustee which I desire you'd keep by you, Mr Kinaston I have likewise sent a Coppie too this day. I intend to goe too London the latter end of this month; if you have any comānds there they shall very redily be obay'd by

Dear Cousen

yr most oblig'd servant.

Rich: Myddelton

pray present my most humble service to your Lady.

John Billingsley
in Mansfeild.

Wormington: July 12th: 1683.

Dear Brother

Yours of June 7 I received the week after for which I return you hearty thanks, & am sorry my last found you in so sad a condition. I did indeed expect to hear of that change which God has made, but did not think it would have been so sudden; the stroke is heavy, but I hope God will support you under it & enable you by an humble quiet submission to submit to it, remembering that the great Sovereign may dispose of us & o^{rs} as he pleases. God made the like breach upon mee, when I was not so sensible of it, & the continuance of yo^r father so long & the great help you had by his Instructions, Counsels & prayers was a great mercy to you, & the like would have been a great mercy to mee if God had seen good to have given it, however blessed be his name, he has in some measure I hope supplied that want, & I trust will be a father to us both & an husband to the two widdows o^r dear Mothers. I shall be glad to hear of God's gracious dealing with my sister yo^r wife in her safe delivery, which if not yet consummate I pray God carry her through with comfort to you both & spare the little one in mercy to you. Let me hear how God disposes of you as to a particular employ in ---, which you write you have some prospect of; the work is great & weighty if thorowly understood, so that we may well cry out indeed και προς ταυτα τις ικανος but wee know where o^r sufficiency lyes. the Lord help us to depend upon him, being altogether unable of o^rselves; Dear brō: how do difficultyes increase daily? & who can see to the end of them? but strong is he that is with us I hope, & has promised to be with us to the end of the world; help mee by yo^r prayers, that I, poor weak sinfull I, may not shrink under any burden: How black are the Heavens over us, which at or first setting forth had but few clouds? but is not God able to scatter these clouds again? surely he is; God strengthen faith & every Grace, & then the crosse will be easy to us. I suppose I need not acquaint you with the seising of arms, which has been in these parts, beleiving it is the same in yo^r parts; they were with us here the last week, & took what arms Maddam E^s (?) had; this is a day of Jacob's trouble, but God has promised he shall be saved out of i[] Madam E^s p^rsents yo^rselfe & Mother with her kind respects; shee is indeed by [] ill, & is longing to be gone from us; & I fear we shall not enjoy her long; M[]clough has been brought very low by a feaver but we hope is something better tho wonderfull weak still. Through mercy I am well at p^rsent, yet can not get my heart to set close to dying work, thō of the greatest necessity of all. Oh! what a bait & clogg is this world to us! Remember mee as is due to Mr Whitlock & his whole family which I suppose is now at p^rsent augmented. My humble service & most dear respects to Mrs S: R: & be such a friend to me as to give mee yo^r advice in that concern, & whether or no you think it will not be exspected that I should write oftener to her; the p^rsent crasyness of o^r family denying mee liberty of coming over. My service to Mr. Crompton with thanks for his letter, but I beg his excuse for not answering it; tell him I deliverd his inclosed, & it was taken very well; & I suppose I shall have some few lines inclosed herein for him. My duty to yo^r Mother, humble service to Madam Jordan, dear love to yo^rselfe & wife, is all at p^rsent but to request yo^r prayers for

Yo^r loving & affectionate
broth &c S. C.

Madam E will do the same for the yong man you mention, that shee has done for Mr Cr –.
Due remembrances to all friends at Chesterfd.

f. 59(i)

Robert Davies Esqr
at Chirk Castle

June y^e 22^d.

Dear

I got hither very well but shall be much bet^r satisfied wⁿ I hear y^u are well at Chirk pray
send me word w^t day y^u think to be at home, y^t y^u may be meet by

y^r dutyfull Wife

L. Davies

I hope Mr Whally made an excuse to y^u for me, I have not fretted so much a great while
for a small mat^r

My service attends ye Ladys.

f. 59(ii)

Robert Davies, Esq^r
at Llannerch

Tuesday.

Dear

I have but iust time to tell y^u y^t frank is hired by my consent to be Lady Otways
coachman be pleased to order Rob^t W^{ms} to send w^t wages is due to him being he is not
to have his living wth him, and y^e poor boy wants all necessarys his wages is 40^s a year,
Robt knows w^t is due I have heard nothing from M^r Whally, who am y^{rs}

dutyfully

L. Davies

our garden goes on y^e old way I find wthout any profit for a very small dish of pease is
all he send me twice a week.

f. 59(iii)

For Mr Davies

Dear

I am very glad to hear y^u are well, I dont know whether y^u want me or no but I am sure I long for y^u, I have sent y^e enclosed y^t y^u may see how to order y^r busnes about sending for y^e maid, Let y^m send to denbigh to see if my box is there, but I fear it comes to Chester but y^u need not troble y^r self abt y^t for I desire to send, pray remember to speak to Robert about hops and to send me y^e sill and pines, if y^e maid does come on tuesday if y^u please to order y^m to Lay her in y^e room by y^e study for I cant sent y^e key of goodriches chamber for all my things are ther pray order some damsons and pears to be sent hither my service to my uncle and blessing to y^e children w^{ch} is all from

y^r dutyfull wife

till death

L. Davies.

f. 60(i)

Robert Davies Esq^r
at Llannerch

Dear

I never miss a post so y^t if y^u dont hear from me it lyes by y^e way, but I am glad they come safe at last. I have rec^d y^e 4^{ll} from Mr H. hay (?) and Robin had his he has seen M^r Pulstsons horse but says tis fitter for a portmantle yⁿ for y^u, tis higher yⁿ y^r mare y^e price 10 guineys and tis 10 year old he says tis much to dear, but goes prety eassy. I was out Munday and tuesday but so very much tired, y^t I c^d hardly stai yesterday, and am not much bet^r today but intend to try once more and if I find my self as bad as I was yesterday Ile er'e be quit till I go to ye coach for good and all the god knows how I shall perform ye iouny for I have little encouragement as to my own strength but if y^u please to order y^e horses hither on munday seven night on tuesday some how or other Ile try to get home and be pleased to order ye wagon to be hear on friday seven night, I hope wone iourny for y^t will serve & ye man y^t is about Gwes^y desires (?) to see ye particulars of ye demesne, I am very well satisfyed y^t he endeavors to hinder ye seting it but I have more hope yⁿ ever to morrow I shall be certain y^u shall have an account y^e soon^r we c^d have ye particulars ye bet^r ye runts ware for y^e sert^s at Gwes^y to be fed Mr Hudson says he writ a note to tell y^u y^t he c^d not get y^e books y^u want^d only y^e sermon sent if y^u please to have any thing bought ether for y^r self or aunt humphrys send word to

y^r dutyfull loving

Wife

L. Davies

June y^e 17th.

f. 60(ii)

Rob^t Davies Esq^r
At Harleberry Castle in Worcestershire

Aug y^e 11th [1]700

Dear

I am sure my last let^r will put y^u into some concern for me but thank god I can now send y^u word y^t my troble is prety well over for this post Selly writ himself and says he is much bet^r and speaks of coming down soon of horsback and desires Mr Babinton may meet him 2 days iourny, w^{ch} I am certain y^u wont be against so will venter to send him, if selly desires it before y^u return, I want y^u home sadly, y^e time pases very slow tho I have had company to, S^r James Poole din'd wone day wth me and left his son and son in law a night wth y^r son and he complemented y^m next day wth hunting ye Bush y^s is all y^e news I have who am

y^r dutyfull Wife

L. Davies

Dont forget diaper.

S^r Roger Mostyn will buy y^r wood at part patrich, I beleive, his agent offers 100^l for it. M^r Babington w^d have writ both posts but I told him I did.

f. 61(i)

Robert Davies Esq^r. at Llannerch

May y^e 9th

Dear

I had no let^r today w^{ch} makes me very uneasy but am a little comforted wth knowing y^t there is no sea between us. I long to be wth y^u, but know not w^t to say as to ye time for I continue as I writ y^u word, and am pritty well if I dont stir, but y^e least hurry, ether of company or any thing more yⁿ usuall makes me so faint y^t I can hardly speak so y^t till I can try how y^e Coach agrees wth me I can make no guess wⁿ to come home, I am very much disatisfyed to be from y^u and fearfull to of y^r being angry wth me but I hope y^u are so good as to consider how sad a life I lead wth continuall illness and y^t y^t will make y^u excuse my fears of stiring till my health is a little more conferrd for tis not to be expressed by words w^t dreadfull fears I have of falling down again tho I w^d venter any danger to my self rather yⁿ displease y^u nor will I stay longer a moment wⁿ I think y^t I can bear ye iourny for I can never be easy in my mind wⁿ y^u are from

y^r dutyfull

Loving wife.

L. Davies

y^e B^p is come down.

M^{rs} Salusbury of ledbrok is dead, & Cosⁿ Berry Booths Aunt Lyes a dayeing all hear are pretty well and give there duty.

f. 61(ii)

Rob^t Davies Esq^r at the house of
Simon Thelwall Esq^r Llanbeder

Aug y^e 14th

Dear

I could not writ before Since I came hear where we came very well, and re^{cd} wth all y^e kindness imagenable and ys much I must say (tho I dont care to trust ye post wth w^{ht} I would not have seen) yt my brother is ye furthest from ye charecter we have had of him yt can be, and if y^u will beleive me, he is a sober civill man mor I wont say till I see ye but y^t Lady Males is as good a woman as ever was, they are both of y^m extreamly desirous y^t I would make my stay hear 3 weeks, and so obliging y^t I am Loth to deny wth y^r Leave but y^t I must first have, before I can promise and [] I told y^m, and they desired I would writ to y^u, and if y^u can spare me I should be very glad of it for I have re^{cd} so much civility from y^m both y^t I would not willingly deny y^m for my Lady is past her reckoning and mighty fearfull I should Leave her before she is donn and can^t go Longer yⁿ [] but w^{ht} y^u please I shall do. my mother is desirous to have mis Lee and says y^t we need but (?) keep her in close as she is now I told her y^t w^t aid y^u I could do nothing therfore if y^u will consider of it and Let me know y^r mind if y^u Let her go w^{ht} goes in her close will be more yⁿ saved in wages for one to teach y^m, w^{ch} need not be yet if she goes for tother are yet Lettle enough to Stay 10^l a year I would allow for cloths w^{ch} is a Servants wages, y^t will be for y^m, I tell y^u w^{ht} tis y^t y^u may consider y^e bet^r, and I think y^u need not fear any thing preiudiccall to us, as I can hear after satisfy y^u but after all I have Said w^{ht} ever y^u resolve on will please me if y^u please to let me hear from y^u by a purpose mesinger for tis imposable a Let^r by y^e post Should reach me time enough assure y^r Self I long to see y^u and wherever I am y^u and wherever I am y^u will ever find me

y^r dutyfull Wife

L. D.

My brother presents his humble Servise to y^u and says he should have been extream glad to see y^u and indeed speaks of y^u wth as much respect as is possible. Lady Malet charged me wth her Servise, so did my Sis^{rs}, and particularly Selly who is as fond of me as ever, he and Severall gentleman meet me at Llanedlass, my mother gives her blesing.

Please let me hear from y^u excuse me to Cosⁿ Thellwall for not writing for my Jurney is still in my bones and makes me very Lazy, but I am both theis and ant T: servant.

I dont mean 3 weeks Longer but y^t my Stay in all may be so much.

Since I writ y^s I thought twas bet^r to Send Owen yⁿ trust to y^e post w^{ch} is very uncertain hear and being yⁿ ware to send anser for I do beleive y^t y^t would be y^e Least troble pray if we have any peaches send a few for Lady Males (?).

f. 62(i)

Robert Davies Eqr.
at Llannerch

June ye 4th
1708.

Dear

I writ my self tho wth uneasiness, but I fear'd if I implyd another hand y^u might be frightend and think me worse yⁿ I am my stich has continued since sunday wⁿ I am up and laced I am a little easier yⁿ in y^e night for ye most part I. am on ye rach all night long ye pain is not more troble some yⁿ y^e thoughts at being thus kept from y^u I never was under so much vexation in my life and to find myself so uncapable at being servisable to y^u grives my soul I dont at all question y^e care y^u take, only wish twas (?) in my power to make every thing easiy to y^u [] I can he[] accept [] kept (?) me a good while on ye Doe & w^{ch} Lett she is pritty well as Soon as ever y^s ugly stich leaves me I will try to go out and yⁿ sure I shall not be long from y^u I can^t wish y^u hear tis so hot ths nothing I long for in y^s world but to see y^u Mr manning has a ship come in if y^u think well of it I w^d desere y^u to writ to him to Let us have some whit wine and if y^u are not sure of red, twere well to secure some for twill be gone presently town and country wanting wine and no other ship expected y^s has been taken and he has p^d 400^{ll} for ye ransome, I hope in a post or too to tell y^u y^t we have a good tenant for Gwesany tomorrow Robin goes to buckly and y^u shall hear how mat^{rs} go then I writ in pain I wish y^u can read it and pray beleive me

y^r dutyfull
Loving wife

L. Davies.

f. 62(ii)

M^r Davies

Sunday morning

My Dear dear

Robins chief busness is to bring y^e inclosed w^{ch} a man of S^r Johns brought hear yesterday I opened it to see if there was any need of sending it to y^u and iudging by y^e contents y^t y^u would be willing to have it before y^e assises I was forct to make him travell today to bring it to y^u I fear I must be wth out y^u all y^e weeke being I fancy S^r John will be desirous to have y^u on y^e way I dont know what I shall do wth myself for I am as maloncholy as ever I can be but twill be a great satisfaction to me to hear how y^u do and y^t y^u will make haste home to me is y^e humble petion of

Dearest Master

y^r ever dutyfull wife

L. Davies

pray despise of my duty and service as y^u thinke fit I have sent y^u all y^e let^{rs} y^t came by ye post and beg y^r pardon for opening it pray send me word when y^u think to be at home and take care of my dear self.

f. 63(i)

Robert Davies Esqr
in Water-gate-Street,
Chester

Sir

Your great civilities demand my most gratefull acknowledgments, and the experience of your former favours encourages me to request you (if possible) to lend me 50^l or 60^l for a little time. I am going to lay out money upon land and the person I treat of is very necessitous, calling for a speedy supply, and I cannot any ways get in my own money upon so short notice. therefore I entreate this kindness from you. I shall be vary carefull to repay you when ever you demand it, by the later end of May at farthest you may have it; your Answer by the Bearer will be acceptable. If you please to assist me in this Iuncture I shall esteem it an Additional Obligation upon

Sir

Yo^r most obedient Serv^t

Hen. Newman.

Wrenbury

Mar. 22. 1707.

My service attends yo^r Lady and Mr Davis and the young Ladys.

I am to pay on the money on Thursday if you can provide it for me. I shall wait upon you, and give security.

f. 63(ii)

Robert Davies Esq
at Marchwiell.

Honrd Sir

If I promis'd my self all y^e satisfaction I could wish in y^e possession of your Sister I never since found reason to complain of my being mistaken till I heard from old podits (?) that your self & Lady were much disoblig'd at our proceeding.

I always wish'd (before I had many advances in her favour) I could have waited upon you my self wth such proposals as you might have expected & she deserv'd but if I could not, it was more my misfortune than fault & I hope you will allow I did not act an unbecoming part on that occasion in applying my self to some of your nearest Friends & Relations, who gave me some reason to expect their Friendship & that they would endeavour to recomēnd me under ye best advantages to your Favour. If you are not pleas'd to credit my authority your Bro^s Whithall & Eyton will do your Sister y^e Iustiee to assure you that no progress was designed in this affair wthout your advice and Approbation & if it came to your knowledge from other persons than were propos'd, it was owing to an unfortunate circumstance which put a worthy Friend under confinement & deny'd himself and us y^e compliment you might have expected and was design'd of being first consulted in the matter.

If indeed you will insist I have been guilty of Rashness & Inadvertancy I can not altogether clear myself from ye charge but I hope you will make same allowances for a very old and substantial plea which is to be urg'd on these occasions & that if you will excuse what is past your Sister & my Self shall wth a great deal of pleasure be hereafter under good behaviour & Conduct in expectation of your countenance & favour & hope in ye mean time our best & most affectionate respects & Service will not be unacceptable to your self & Lady. I am with very much Sincerity your faithfull

& obedient humble

Serv^t Ros: Lloyd.

Leeswood

Feb. 13. 1724/5.

f. 64(i)

Robert Davies Esqr
at Llannerch

Ruabon Aug^t 29. 1724.

Dear S^r

Having had no opportunity of seeing any body or hearing any news from your Parts since the return of the Messenger from Llanvorda, makes me very desirous to know whether you have shak'd off your troublesome companion y^t stuck so close to you when I was last at Llannerch. You gave us some hopes in yours to Bro^r. I. that it was leaving you; & I desire the favour of a line wherein I may be assur'd it has taken its final leave, as well as have the satisfaction of knowing how the country Air does agree with Niece & Children after their late Indisposition.

I pray excuse the trouble I give you in answering this which is occasion'd by the real concern I have for you & your Family's welfare as being

y^r truly affectionate Uncle

& Humble Servant Ri: Davies

I have no news worth your notice. I believe my Bro^r is got home by this time. the Family of Wynstay set out yesterday towards the Bath.

I have S^r L. Jenkins's Life for you, & have p^d one pound eleven shill. for the 2^d paymt. of subscription & binding. Will you have it sent to Llan. or Chester.

f. 64(ii)

Robert Davies Esqr

Chester Jan^y 8. 1755.

D^r S^r

I have herewith returned all y^e papers & writings left with me by your Pr-d. & have read over y^e Release & Memorial sent for you & M^{rs} Davies to execute w^{ch} you may safely do, you will take to observe y^e directions in M^r Rooneys Letter as to the execution of them, lest they shd make some objection in that respect & y^e original Declaration of Trust from M^{rs} Bayley to your Lady must be likewise sent. These are all y^e discharges M^{rs} Bayley can any way expect. As to a L^r of Attorney to receive ye money, I do not think it in any respect necessary for as you have agreed to allow ye Acc^{ot} sent to you you need only write a Letter to pay y^e Ballance due to you into one of y^e Bankers hands in Dublin recomended by M^r Hinks (whose names are inclosed) & to send you a Bill upon Mr Hinks for y^e same. There is an Irish Act of Parliam^t for a Register of Lands in that Kingdom, & I suppose by the Letters, that an affidavit of the execution of Deeds, taken in England will not do it is unreasonable to put that expence on you. y^e mortgagor (Mr Low) I think ought to have been at that charge, however, as you cannot otherwise have y^e money, some person, who can depend upon should be sent, who will take care that he hath a proper Bill of Exchange upon Mr Hincks at y^e same time he delivers y^e Deeds I am

D^r S^r

y^r most obed^t hble
serv^t

Will: Falconer.

The Receipt on y^e back of y^e Deed must be signed in y^e prence of ye Witnesses to y^e execution of y^e Deed.

f. 65

Mrs Davies of Llannerch
at her house in Watergate Street
Chester.

Good Mad^m

I had ye favour of yrs with ye Copie Inclos'd, y^u complain I've done y^u a piece of injustice In mine, Am sorry for it If I was isinf[] hope y^u will make a charitable Construc[] of't, I impute it (ye right way) more to [] varie (?) then malice; for my own-part I [] have no sinister end in't for I never expec[] farthing by it, money out of pocket I'm to bee, ye person yt Inform'd me must b[] very great Imposture, In plain terms h[] not either yr friend or mine, I'm under [] same misfortune y^u mention to bee in y[] must take-all upon credit except ye m[] I myselfe rec[] all [] matters I'm an [] []de maine truk (?) [] will at last bring f[] my weak eyes ca[] discern am of opinion ye mouse in th[] stables will bee ye product & then wee [] all sitt down with Duke Humphrey.

Y^u say wee are also Mistaken about y^c personall Estate. It may bee so 'tis but second part of ye same tune, Mr Witham was my Author he is one of ye Trustees he told us that he himself & my mother in law found a thousand pounds in and about ye house in cash & ye rest in Bills & Bonds w^t reason I gave him to tell me a Lye know not, he was not Importund to make this discovery, it came of himself, what ever shape our affairs take I'm throughly convinced they will not turn out to make me a gainer; however for ye future I've caution given me to stand more upon my guard & can assure y^u w^t comes from me shall offend no body If I bee appris'd of't.

Y^u dont acquaint me whether y^u rec'd ye money I sent last Midsummer by one of our tradesmen y^u being abroad he left it with one of y^r next Neighbours when y^u please to favour us again with a line you'l bee so kind to let me know whether it was right or no.

Y^r Bro. Brockholes has had a very ill fit of ye gravell but is got well again, I importuned him when at Preston upon our Answers to bee so kind to send y^u a Copie he promis'd he wōud I cōud do no more; it seems its like the letter he promis'd, I suppose yu had ye other Brothers, Bro: Tom I'm sure []k a copie of theirs whether yu had it or no yu best know; all are well here your Sister ioyns with me & ffamily in all y^{ts} kind to Sister Niece and ffireside. Beg pardon for this long scrawle. Am D^r Mad^m

Yr very H^{ble} ser^t

Wm: Hesketh.

Mains

Nov^r 29. 1734.

f. 66(i)

London

July 5th/ 1740

S^r

I have with much adoe got the Saddler at last to send down M^{rs} Davies saddle and it went last Thursday by the Carrier whose Name you will see at ye bottom of your bill which I have sent you to look at before I pay it for I think it a very extravagant one. so would not pay the man till you have seen the bill and have sent me word what you would have done about it I shall take a copy of it so can pay him as soon as I have orders to do it or any thing else that either you or M^{rs} Davies wants to have done in this town. Shall do it with a great deal of pleasure I hope you will receive the saddle safe and that you and M^{rs} Davies will like it for I really think it a pretty one I have been so every rude and troublesome yt I am quite ashamed of my self but I no yt your goodness will excuse it so have sent two little parcells in the box with the saddle one for my Brother Mostyn & the other for my Sister Ann which I beg that you will send to Mostyn any time when you send Tom or any of the rest of yr Servants that way I hope this will find you and M^{rs} Davies and her two little ones and M^{rs} White Hall and Daughter all very well my Sis^{tr} Charlotte joynes with me in disireing our Compliments to them all not for geting the same to your self and hope you will excuse this scrawl.

from S^r your most
obedient and obliged
Humble Servant
M. B. Mostyn.

tho you are not so good as y^r word I hope I shall hear from you now I hear no news atall or else I would not send you so stupid an a [sic] epistle. I suppose you have heard that S^r Rob^t Williams has had the small pox but is quite well again and is to go out in a day or two I have have had the pleasure of seeing of your Sister since I saw you she is very well but complains as I do that she has not heard from you since you went down.

f. 66(ii)

M^{rs} Davies of Llannerch.

I sent you a character of Mrs Olderhead ye Person M^{is} Molly menshon'd to yo I will not rescit it cause I hope you'll have y^e letter, but before I writ I sent for y^e Gentielwoman she lodged with to exsamen her but she was gon from home, but since I've seen her & desierd she woad be sincer with me & tell me y^e truth she tould me she was as exactly just as was posable any body to be & gave me many instansis of it & that she thought it was hardly posable to put her out of humour that she was a woman of good sense & what ever she has to do tho she has her Bread to get she never neglects her Duty to God so I can only say as I did before I wish you woud hav her with you for a while & then you would see whether you shoud lik her as well as every body here does & be a better judg whether she was a proper person for your place I am Dear Neice your

servent E. Whitehall

I for got to tell y^o there is a Child in y^e Hose and she's very fond of it.

f. 67

Mr Wattson attorney at Law
Liveing in Whitchurch, Shropshire.

Sept^t 28. [17]52.

S^r

Y^r nephew Last tusday evening payd to me five Gineys by yr orders and I supose by Mrs Huchison orders to you for shee Lett me know at her D^f Sisters Death what she had left me: I am very thankful to you for the care you have took: for me to receive it. my servis to yr spous I was to waite on her but had not the plesure of seeing her she was gone that Day to Lady Betty Egerton my Compliments waits on her and you I am

S^r

Yr oblyged Humble servant

Mabell Whitehall.

next octo^{br} there will be 2 Gineys Due on Mr Whitehalls account Mr Steal reffused paying me Last year because I could not show yr Letter for it as I Dont know wethether Mr Huchson is in Whitechurch I beg Leave to write a line in this to her as I hope for a Line from you to Mr Steell pleas to Lett me know wheer she is that I may writ to her: and if you see her before y^u write to me; pray make my Compliments and Let me know whear shee is & how shee Does Direct for me att Mr Jones in fisher street Red Lyon Squar.

f. 68(i)

M^r Rowland Whitehall
Dodington.

M^r Whitehall

You might have spared your sons labour in enquiring after the Authors of the Judicial Process (not Citation) and have rested satisfyed that neither I nor Church Wardens sent for it nor so much as knew of it till it came late to my hands on a Saturday night; but it is the usuall method of the Court-Proceedings first to issue out a Process to any person to appeare and shew Cause why such or such an Order should not bee made; and there was no danger of excommunication (as you suggest) if you had not appeared: But you may doe what you will for mee, I have put the matter into mens hands, that are more concernd then I, though I beare all the blame from you, and obloquy from your man Cliff: I cannot come to you to begett a right understanding in regard of my lamenes, but in the meane time I desire no slightings may passe upon mee from yo^f wife, son and daughter for they will certaynly bee returned, I rest

Yo^f humble servant

Matt. Fowler.

May 5. 1683.

f. 68(ii)

Tho: Whitehall Esqr
at Chester.

Deare S^r

Wee are very much concerned to heare of y^r indisposicōn & heartily wish you a speedy recovery.

The reason of my giving you this trouble will I hope plead my excuse. I am going to make some alteracōn in y^e Chancell & Church att Worthenbury & by all y^t I c^d Learne or imagine y^e Chancell entirely belongs to me, there has been part of y^e seat in which y^r Lady sitts taken out of y^e seat in which hollyman & Hugh Puleston sitts which as I was inform'd was done dureing a minority I w^d therefore desire to be inform'd from y^r selfe how this matter stands, y^e Chancell must undoubtedly belong to me only in whose family y^e tythes were & if I goe on with my design of building I must believe you'll resign that & I hope the accomodateing this matter in y^r Life time may be so farr from makeing y^e Least breach of friendsh^p between us now y^t it may be a means of preventing any disturbance hereafter of y^e Harmony which I desire may allways Subsit between y^r ffamily & that of

S^r

Your Affectionate ffriend
& serv^t

Tho^s Puleston.

Emrall 9^{ber} 29, 1721.

f. 68(iii)

[Written on the verso of 68(ii)]

S^r

Hapening to be at Chester at the time Mr Jones deliver'd your Letter, I receiv'd my Fathers Commands to thank y^u for your kind expressions of concern for his illness. I thank God he's better than w^t he has been; but he says a matter of such consequence concerning w^{ch} y^u write deserves more serious consideration than w^t, at present, he's able to allow it, before a definitive answer be given: & indeed so great yet is his disorder y^t he finds in himselfe a disposition of consulting not anything so much as his own ease & Quiet. But this he desires I'll remind you of yt ye Family of Broughton have immemorially Buryd on that side ye Chancel where ye Serv^{ts} sit; & he dares say you'll be of an opinion, y^t it is no inconsiderable thing to give up such a Right. It wd be my Fathers greatest pleasure to have it in his pow'r to oblige Mr Puleston; & yt there may be perpetual Harmony betwixt ye two Families is very much his desire; & yet not more than it is ye ambition of S^r &c.

My Father confesses of some part of ye Pew wherein my Mother sits was taken out of y^t in wch I. Holyman & H. Puleston are seated in Church & ye reason was this. The forst (?) Seat to wch you now lay claim, did equally belong to ye two Families of Emral, & Broughton, & usd to be ye siting place of ye younger Brothers of both Houses. But from ye time yt ye Seat y^u mention of my Father's was enlarged, you've had y^t Seat entire to your selfe, & all Right & Title on our part have been disclaim'd This my Father says is ye true State of ye Case & farforth as his memory is capable of Serveing him.

f. 69

Dear Sister

I have waited long & with much impatience hoping to hear from you the news of an happy Recovery.

Some times I endeavored to support myself wth ye old sayings As no news is good News, as we are will^g to catch at any straw to support our sinking spirits.

Tired with these repeted Disappointments I was resolved to beg the fav^r of a Letter by y^e first Opportunity and from your own hand, it will be the more welcome. I hope you have Communicated that Money Affair to M^r W. and that you'l be pleased to have the best security untill that Acc^t be settled.

I have been confined wth y^e Gout near a fortnight [] that as I cu'd not get sight of M^r White, neither have I had the fav^r of hearing from him this long times: be pleased to pay my Compliments as due wishing you all Health here & Happiness hereafter which is y^e daily & hearty pray^r of

Your most Sincere & Affection^{at} Broth^r

Jas. Whitehall.

Enfield

21st of May 1753.

Enfield 22^d Nov^{br} 1753.

Dear Neece

I return you my hearty thanks for fav^r of two last Letters and congratulate you upon this happy Occasion. It is no small additional Pleasure to hear that your sister has had so good & favorable a Time of Lying in and that your Nephew is so hopefull an youth My Congratulations and best Comp^{ts} Pray present to M^r Dod, Lady and the joyous Fath^r. As to Business I rec^d a Lettr from M^r Coke a Councill^r at Darby my Acquaintance and p^rticul^r Friend of Sis H Augst 27th These are the Express Words of M^r Coke 'I communicated the Contents of your Letter to M^r Manning; and his Answ^r was That his Acc^{ts} were ready, and that He had sent them before now, but that He had some Matters to settle wth the tenants, which settled, he w^d send as directed, and Act further for the Benefit of y^e Devises of y^e Darby Estates if proprly impowred by Lettrs of Attorney. These are his Words I shal now leave this Affair entirely wth you, only advise to delay any further proceeding for a week or fortnight till I write to M^r Coke another Lett^r, by wch means we may gain an Answ^r. All Friends here very well & desire y^t Complimnts I hope this Letter may find poor M^{rs} Jenks happily delivered & past all Dang^r to whom my best wishes and to every One Respects as due from

Your Loving Friend & Uncle

Jas. Whitehall.

My best services attend M^r Watson & his Spouse & Family; I beg y^u you wd acquaint him that as to the Money Affair I never yet recevd that Money I expected to be payd in, and so desire him not to neglect this opportunity offerd. Mr White has recevd somewt above 30^l a Composition for a Debt due to my Bro John If you'l please to give Me Ordrs for paying any S^ōm of Money that becomes due, I shall readily comply wth yr Commands which is all at present offers to my Memory.

f. 71

Mrs Elizabeth Whitehall
at West Chester.

Enfield
18th Novbr
1754.

Deer Neece

I receved y^r very obliging Letter, w^{ch} gave Me the greater Pleasure since I feard lest that I had incurred your Resentment. I submitted patiently to y^r gentle memorandms. Since I was persuaded they proceeded from your tendr concern for my Health. Not to make flam excuses abt trifles, I assure you I heard that you had taken wing Early in the Summir and how cud I devin w^t Place in y^r Tour you intended for y^r Residence. I hope you met wth all Friends happy & in good health. As to our Executrshp Affairs you know I have placed all Pow^r in yr Hands & shl readily acquiese in y^r Judgm^t and Discretion upn all Occasns. I once intended this Summ^r to have made an Excurrision as far as Darby whereby We might have been more minutely informed abt the Circumstance and value of the Estate. I met in my Visits the other Day M^r Cowper a Gentleman well acquainted wth Derby & their Trade. from whence hes persuaded that Houses must let well there. I say not this to alter any Determination you might possibly have made, for I myself have but a mean opinion of House Rents at best but more Especially there, wch lye at a Distance. M^{is} Nighingale you know has changed her name for that of Vaughan whereby she claims Relation to yourself. They are busy in rebuilding or rather refilling the Old House wch will take up much Time before it will be finished - I thank God I nevr enjoyd a bettr share of health than at present. and is more welcome at a Time wn most wanted. Poor Allen has been incapable of doing Duty for some time So that the labring Oar lyes heavy upon my hands. from hence you see I cannot have much spare time allowing besides for visitings and other avocations, and sometimes Indolence, you know has too great an Influence ov^r us. So that what remains upon the Ballance, you and my good Friends may upon all Occasions claim, and shall wth pleasure be ready to answer punctually upn Demand

I am Dear Neece

Your Affectionate Friend

Jas. Whitehall.

I pay^d Couzn Mabels Legacy upn my return out y^e Countrey Paid for the Probat of Sisters Wiles (?) looking ov^r a Letter of Sis H. I find thr was ten pound left by Sis W. for mourning wch I dont remembr was evr accounted for. be pleased to call upn at leisure Mr Watson for Interest due fm S^r L. Cotton and Place all to personal Accompt. My Compliments as due.

This moment I recevd a Letter from Sistr Rodes I am obliged to my Good Friends for thr Tendr Concern for Me : Give a little time and Money and I will pay you all that I owe.

f. 72

Mrs Elizabeth Whitehall
att Robertt Dods Esqr,
Whitchurch.

Enfield

10th of Jan^{ry}

1755.

My Dear Neece,

I recev^d your very obliging Letter and return, as due my hearty thanks for the welcome news it contained The Reason I suppose the Legacy of Ten pound for Mourning was never Accounted for, may probably arise from a Mistake never rectified in my Sisters Life Time, I shall take care God willing, the next Time I see White, to have all Ballances Settled and Adjusted. The sum in Dispute was Thirty pounds, which I suppose might be charged both by White, as she Recevd the Money from Him : as likewise prhaps by Me, being General Recevr & Paymaster. If so, upn her Decease, you & I become Ioynt Exscut^{rs} &c and consequently your moiety will be £15. 0. 0. I am since Indebted to y^u upⁿ Arrearages due upn the Executrshp of my Late Bro. £17. 4s. 2d. yr Dividend. In the mean Time, if you want to make an Remittances, you may Draw upn Me and shall be glad of an Opportunity of doing you any Piece of Service. At Bartlangtyde I sent an Invitation to y^t Nephew Jacky Davis the Letter was directed to his Master and not received in Time I was disappointed of his Company. I cud not in Pitty give him an Invitation this Xmas Season, having no Opportunity of providing him Necessaries for Field diversions, and as for Family Entertainments unless attended wth Friendship and Freedom is the worst of Restraints.

As to yr Darby Estate, I shall rejoyce to hear that you have disposed of it upn reason^{ble} terms, and the soon^r I think the better. When the Purchase is made, and Money recev^d, I shall desire the Fav^r of yu to get Information from the Wise Ones how we may dispose of our Riches to the best & surest Advantage. This may throw in my way a temptation to have an Eye thereward and if the Interest is well payd. It may, at least, do somewhat towards defraying the Expences of a Country Journey.

I enjoy, God be thanked, a good State of health and chearful Spirits, the best Security of such comfortable Blessings.

You may take me to be a sowre old Batchlor, and despi^{se} the pleasures of Life when they leave us. & when We have lost our relish for them. but I assure you that I have not yet cloistered myself up nor sequestred from Conversatn but can retire Home full satisfied and betake myself to my peaceful solitary Cell wthout Regret. I hope this Letter may find all my dear Friends in good Health which will be the greastest Pleasre to

Your Most affectionate Friend &c
Jas. Whitehall.

f. 73(i)

Peter Davies Esq^f
Broughton, near Wrexham.

March y^e 4th 1777.

Sir

I have the favour of yours relative to the Whittington inclosure Bill, and will attend the house the 6th of March, ye day when you mention the bill's being read ye third time. I beg my best respects to M^{rs} Davies and am Sir

Your most Obedient Humble
Servant Geo. Hunt.

f. 73(ii)

Peter Davies Esqr,
Broughton.

Sir,

I have had the Honor of receiving your Letter, & have in consequence of it this Day attended the Committee on the Whittington Inclosure Bill. Some Progress was made in the Bill & the Committee is appointed to meet again on Monday, when I shall with great Pleasure give my attendance.

My old Acquaintance M^f Hughes, whose great Civilities to me in N. Wales, I am extremely sensible of I have not been fortunate enough to meet, these many years, but shall think myself very happy whenever an opportunity shall offer of my having the Pleasure of seeing him again

I am Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble serv^t
W^m Lemon.

Great George Street
March ye 6th 1777.

f. 74(i)

Peter Davies Esqr
Broughton.

Conduit Street, March 5th
1777.

Dear Sir

I met Vernon and your letter at the same moment yesterday in the Lobby of the House of Commons. I understand that your Bill is committed only for Thursday, and I have desired that Vernon will give me some previous instructions, that I may be the better able to do it service, in which Mr Lloyd and you have every right of Friendship and regard, to command me. We have nothing very fresh in the Political World; We are likely now to keep our Minister; The alarm expressed by all sides at his danger, bore a very flattering Testimony of the Consequence and character he holds in this Country.

Pray make mine, my Wife's and Miss Custs (?) Compliments to Mrs & Miss Davies and accept them yourself

I am
Dear Sir,
Your faithful
& obed^t Friend
& Servant
Ph: Yorke.

f. 74(ii)

Peter Davies Esqr,
Broughton.

Upper Grosvenor Street
March 7th 1777.

Dear Sir

I had the Favor of your Letter and yesterday I attended the Whittington Inclosure Bill. Mr Baldwyn took the opposition part, & in the first place proposed 5 Commissioners I objected to more than 3, as the smaller number is more likely to attend, he wished Mr Baydell not to be one. He is by far the Best in my Improvement & he is contained He next threw out a hint respecting you as Mr Lloyds Guardian promoting the Inclosure in this I think I had clearly the advantage. S^r Roger Mostyn, Mr Midleton, Mr York of Erthig & others of our Friends were present & I think will tell you that I took an active part there can be no doubt of its passing into a Law. I have the Honor to be

D^r S^r

Your most Humble serv^t

W^m Hanmer.

f. 75(i)

Peter Davies Esqr
Broughton.

Sir

Agreably to your Request, I attended the Committee during the several days it sat on the Whittington Inclosure Bill, & have the satisfaction to inform you that the Bill has past the Committee in that Mode, which answers the wishes of those Gentlemen for whom you interest yourself. I shall not fail to attend when it is read a third Time, tho I foresee no objection likely to arise in its future Progress.

I shall be happy if you consider my attendance on this occasion as a mark of that Regard with which I am Sir,

Your affectionate Kinsman
& faithful Serv^t

Lisburne.

Admiralty
March 13, 1777.

f. 75(ii)

Peter Davies Esqr
Broughton.

London 20 ffeb. 1777

Dear Sir

I am favord with yours, and am extremely obligd to you for the great attention you have been pleased to shew to my request about the Land near Cotton. I expect soon to receive the Draft of the intended Deed from Mr Gregory, which shall be sent to you & the other party or to any Gentleman of the Law to peruse for you & them whom you & they shall think proper before it is Ingrosed.

With regard to the Inclosure Bill you are anxious to have passd which was read the 2^d time yesterday, you may be assurd of my best assistance, & if any opposition should be made to it, which I hear is intended, I will speak to many of my friends to support it, being desirous of making every possible return for your kindness to me & of assuring you with what esteem & respect I am

Your most faithfull
& obliged hbl' Ser^t

T. Gilbert.

I desire you will do me the favor to present my compliments to M^{rs} Davies.

f. 75(iii)

Peter Davies Esqr,
Broughton.

Sir

The Bill for the Whittington Inclosure passed the Committee of the House yesterday, I beleive totally according to the wishes of M^r Lloyd & His Friends I attended it the two first Days but was so Ill the Second Day that I have been confined with a Fever & Cold ever since. I am Sir

Your Most obed^t
& obliged Hbl Ser^t
Noel Hill.

Cleveland Court
March the 14th 1777.

f. 76(i)

Peter Davies Esqr
Broughton.

St. James' Square
Feb^y 20th, 1777.

Dear Sir,

I received your Letter last Post & will certainly with very great Pleasure attend the House of Commons when the Whittington Inclosure Bill is to be brought in I will likewise speak to my Friends to attend My Wife desires her Complements to you & joins me in the same to M^{rs} Davies

& I am dear Sir
with great Regard
Y^r Obed^t Hb^l Ser^t
Wat. W^{ms} Wynn.

f. 76(ii)

Peter Davies Esqr
Broughton.

London March 6: 1777.

Sir

I am favoured wth your Letter, and was this day attending the Committee; we meet on Monday again, and I hope everything will be agreed upon that you can wish for the Benefit of M^r Lloyd of Ason (?) whose Family I have long known, and sincerely wish Happiness to. I am with great Respect, Sir,

Your most obedient
& most humble Servant

Rich: Myddelton.

Berkeley Square.

f. 77(i)

Peter Davies Esqr
Broughton.

Gloddaith Aug: 5th 1783.

Dear Sir

I return you my thanks for the pleasure I have had in the perusal of your Son's exercise which certainly as far as I am a judge does him great credit. I wish that I equally deserved the credit you are so good as to give me for my knowlege in the Greek Language. I am too well apprized of my own inability to risk any criticisms on a performance that has undergone the inspection of so good a judge as M^r Inglis. The happiness which you as a Father feel & enjoy in the very justly deserved reputation of your son, Though a Bachelor, yet I hope I may be allowed to be in some degree sensible of. And I most heartily congratulate you on the prospect he now affords you of being both a comfort & happiness to you, and an honour to a family for which I have always entertained the highest respect.

I am D^r Sir your obliged
& obedient humble Servant

Th: Mostyn.

Sir Roger Mostyn desires his compliments & returns his thanks for the English poem.

f. 77(ii)

Thomas Pennant Esqr
Downing.

Jan. 24th 1784.

Dear Sir

I return you my Thanks for you Letter of last Post. I am sorry that my Political Principles should not agree with yours, and that the Judgement arising from them on the late Questions agitated in the House should displease, and be so disagreeable to any of my Constituents, and to none more so than to yourself and a valuable Friend of the County if I guess him right for whom I have always had much Regard, But I do think it a little Hard upon me, that because I differ from Another on a particular Occasion that I am therefore to be deemed an Enemy to the just Rights of Either King, Lords or Commons. Are All those who voted in the Majority to be reckoned Enemies to Monarchy. It is a Construction upon Mens Actions that neither Truth can make nor any Authority warrant. I knew myself liable to no such Imputation. I am

D. Sir

Your Affec. Humble Serv^t

R. Mostyn.

I beg my Love to my sister.

f. 77(iii)

Feb : 14th 1784.

Dear Sir

Your Letter of the 3^d required no Apology to me for its Frankness, but I have to beg your pardon for not having answered it sooner. Your laudable Endeavours to preserve the Peace of the County were not known to me, nor the purport of your Letters. I did indeed towards the End of the Week after my Coming to Town and having consequently voted on two or three Questions receive a Letter from Mr Pennant stating pretty nearly your two first Proposals, as his Own & the Principles of a Respectable Friend of the County, under which Description I then looked to a less dispassionate & less disinterested Person than yourself. It is then Observable that I was not acquainted with the Sentiments of my Friends (I must be understood to mean of any Number) before I had made two or three decisive steps forward on my own Opinion & Judgement, and I can not now tread those steps backwards without disreputation to myself – what I have done, has been upon Principle not from Party Connexion, and my own Feelings will not suffer me to undo it.

I am sorry my Answer with regard to attendance as well as to the other point was not satisfactory; I don't recollect the Question of Importance (the East India Bill Excepted) which I have not attended, am ready still to attend such but to a further Extent, such as is now chalked forth in the Chester Paper, I can not submit myself, and am apt to think that the Welsh Members must be changed into some Other Description of Men, before They pledge Themselves to that Declaration. I shall always Endeavour to guard & maintain the Royal Prerogative, as it is of most Essential Consequence, but if these are not in the other Parts of the Legislature, particularly in the Commons Powers & Privileges to check & Control that Prerogative, my notion of the Constitution is very imperfect: War & Peace are Prerogatives of the Crown - how often has the one been stopped or the other forced by the House of Comm^s? Upon the same ground I cannot reconcile myself to the 3^d proposition which in a large Sense seems to me to cut up all preventive Authority in the House of Commons.

I am sorry that our Sentiments differ so much – Mine as yours are founded upon the best Consideration I can give the Subject. I had last Night a Letter from Mr Pennant, inclosing one from you to Him of the 11th of last month I am informed (but I forget whether I mentioned it) that there are twelve Tancred Exhibitions, 4 in Divinity, 4 in Law, and 4 in Physic, but I do not know what Line it is intended your Son should take.

I am D^r Sir

Your faithful & obed^t Servant

R. Mostyn.

f. 78(i)

Peter Davies Esqr.
Broughton.

Downing March 16th 1784.

Dear Sir

I am glad you received your Letters & doubt not but I shall have mine in return possibly this day. The insult we met with at Mold was such that I think no man who signed the requisition, if he has a grain of spirit, should attend the Election let it be when it will : Had Mr R. M. been at the meeting he would have acted just as suited his interest. right sorry am I cannot subscribe to your opinion of him. As my conduct has been ascribed to private resentment I am the more solicitous about the dispersion of my my letter.

M^{rs} Pennant joins with my daughter & me in her complmts to M^{rs} Miss Davies & yourself. She desires I would acquaint you that we part with Sally: not for any particular fault, but we have got a person who will act as Housekeeper & Cook. I am, Dear Sir,

Your very affect. kinsman,

Tho: Pennant.

f. 78(ii)

Peter Whitehall Davies Esqr
Broughton

Dear Sir

I quit forgot a most material person for the list of Justices. The Rev^d John Conway Potter of Sychton. He was on the last list but omitted by reason of misnomer.

I am perfectly shocked at the news about Colonel Hughes who has so readily given himself to the will of the Dean for him I consider as the origin of all the evils we suffer. It is now time for every good man to exert himself & not to suffer our once respectable county to be treated as the most dependent borough as you possibly will not like to go to Halkin the day before the election you had best come here with my friend Whitehall. I hope you can persuade M^r T. H. not to pursue his plan & divide the interests. I really now think the county will be so irritated as to give M^r Kenyon a fair chance if Lord Kenyon is not gone he sh^d be told that he sh^d not spare a little money for their end of the county. Let him give M^r Benyon power, & also to treat with other agents. ab^t a dozen votes may be engaged in L^d de Grey's interest, which were in Sir J. Hammers Interest promised by L^d de Grey to L^d Kenyon. The Plymouth interest sh^d be engaged which did go with my son. yr son & mine sh^d confer but so as not to give alarm.

Ask Ld Kenyon to give you the acc^t of the Kings bench prison plot & it will make you shudder. Then you will guess the Dean's business there. Best wishes attend all at Broughton.

Dear Sir

Y^r ever affect. Kinsman

Tho. Pennant.

Downing. Oct^r 19th 1796.

I think for some little time you sh^d have a little more communication with y^r post 3 times a week.

f. 79(i)

Peter Davies Esq^r
at Broughton

Dear Sir

I received the favour of yours yesterday from the Master of the Rolls (who has been here for the last four days at Richmond with his wife) and beg leave to assure you, that there are few things which w^d afford me so much heart felt pleasure as the preservation of the Lannerch Estate, to the name, and very respectable Family, to whom it rightfully sho^d belong, and whom I still hope will very long enjoy it.

Soon after I received yours I waited on M^r Blake, and find from him that many of the Title Deeds are here in Town, in the hands of M^r Woodcock, who is concerned for the mortgagee, and that M^r Blake is taking proper meanes to get an Injunction of them; After which I am to see him again, and hope to be at your Service any time the week after next, to examine the Llannerch writings in case it sho^d be necessary. – Your Niece has wrote me a curious Letter, to caution me against making my searchings at Llannerch, unless accompanied by the Dean of Saint Asaph. – I have answered her civilly, & promised to obey her orders, but tho' I have long known that the Dean was a Ladys man, I did not before think that your niece had been an admirer of him.

The Expence of taking a new Sirname by the Royal Sign Manual, is I am told ab^t £20, but to change the arms also wo^d add £30 more, and if such arms were not already registered in the Herald's Office, there wo^d be a further increase of £20 more. I told the Officer from whom I made these Enquirys, That the Family of the Gentleman for whom I ask'd these questions Had born Arms (being an antient British family) at least as old as Adam, but he said that did not signify, for the additional money must be paid, unless the Arms are Registered.

My Brother says that you certainly may certainly assume what name you please, without Act of parliament or sign manual, those Acts being only necessary, when Estates are expressly given, subject to those conditions, but as your son has already both the name & arms, he thinks it better to Let matters rest at present as they are. – If the Llannerch Settlements sh^d be found insuff^t to prevent that Estate from descending to the Females (and you will excuse me dear Sir in pressing you not to be too Sanguine in your expectations, lest you sh^d be disappointed) it may be material not to give the Ladies who succeed to that Estate any pretence of offence, or they may say, that they wo^d have given their Interest in the Estate back to your family, if you had not considered them as aliens by change of name.

I beg my respectfull Comps. to the Ladies & your Son & am Dear Sir

Your m^t ob^t & obl^d Serv^t

R. Kenyon.

Rolls House

17th May 1785.

I have the pleasure to inform you that my good Sister & her youngest Boy (who was dangerously ill with an ulcerated sore throat the last week) are both out of danger and will I hope be at Gredington by the first of Aug^t at furthest.

f. 79(ii)

D^r Sir

Underneath I send you a Receipt for Sir Roger Mostyn's & your Subscription to the Game Association, and beg pardon for my omission in not sending it sooner.

I most heartily join you in thinking that the times require the united endeavours of all honest men, to curb the furious spirit of the late Minister & his Faction, and was truly sorry to hear that most of our Welsh Members were either absent from their Duty or Voted with M^r Fox. I do not wonder that all the Members in the House, who have no property of their own should Ioin in seizing that of other people, but it is unaccountable how any Gentleman of Independant fortune can Ioin them. I flatter myself however that our Welsh Members will see their Error upon the meeting of Parliament, & that we shall have no Commotions either in this or in your County. I am

D^r Sir

Your m^t ob^t hble Serv^t

R. Kenyon.

f. 80(i)

Peter Whitehall Davies, Esq^f
Broughton.

My Dear Sir,

I am very much indeed obliged to you and your excellent son for all your kindness to me and my family.

I hope the friendship which subsists between the two families will never be interrupted. I do assure you I esteem it as one of the best possessions I can bequeath to my Son. I did not think the House of Mostyn would have been so ill advised as to do exactly what they have done – I tho^t when pressed by a poll, they w^d have withdrawn the young man, and perhaps, suffered the Election to devolve on some compleatly beastly worthless Scoundrel whom they could mould to their purpose. Having choice of the two ways of proceeding they seem to have chosen the worst. It was not very unlikely when one considers that this supposed Adisn (?) is stated by everybody to be the most treacherous abandoned villain that ever lived.

A petition will certainly be the consequence, and this young pageant of the day will, I believe, as certainly be drawn from his station.

If he had behaved with decency & modesty, I never tho^t of my Son (?) opposing him; but he has chosen to exchange the friendship of my family, and many others of more rivetted (?) importance in the County for the unstable support of a miscreant whom one cannot think of with^t horror.

Before you receive this, I presume M^r Bannion will have submitted an Advertism^t to your Judgmt & my friend Whitehall's.

I have sent you some publick papers by this & yesterdays post.

Iam Lloyd of Havodynos is so loaded with debts as not to be qualified, a very honourable Gentleman of the County told me so yesterday.

With every good wish & grateful feeling to all your family I remain

my dear Sir,

Your very faithful & affect^e Friend

Kenyon.

15 Nov. 1796.

f. 80(ii)

Peter Whitehall Davies Esqr
Broughton.

My dear Sir

I am much obliged by your Kind Inquiries & good wishes – they are a part of the constant friendship we experience from our friends at Broughton.

My wife & Sons are very well – I have had a bad cold since I came here, which interrupts my drinking the water, and at present confines me. I hope a little attention and time will get rid of my complaints.

I see no reason to doubt but the petition will come on upon the day fixed; and I foresee no difficulty in convincing the Committee that he is und^r age. The Copy of the Register of his Baptism, and (if necessary) the Evidence of his nearest Relations will establish the fact. You need not have any trouble ab^t procuring the Evid^{ce}, care will be taken of it.

I take it that S^r J. M. must take his Seat if the House sh^d be called over – unless an Excuse shall be made for him – when the petition was presented, I am told a Gentleman stated that he was in Ireland, with what truth I know not.

As the philosopher was 2^d on the poll, he will, I presume, be seated if it sh^d appear that the Freeholder has notice at the time of the Election of the Inegibility of the person returned – if that sh^d not appear, I presume the Election w^d be void. Which do you think the better event? I sh^d think the seating of such a man as the philosopher must be necessary to the House of M, & w^d be felt as an indignity to the County. If he sh^d be seated, I hope he will not give way on S^r Tho^s coming of age. My distant kinsman, Morgan of Golden Grove, has written to me desiring to be a Deputy Lieut^t, as there is none (?) in his neighbourhood. I must not let conduct in voting interfere with the good governm^t of the County, if he be in other respects a proper person, of which I am ignorant.

My wife & all with me join me in every good wish to your family – may you all have many happy returns of this Season – I am, with great respect & regard

my dear Sir

Your much obliged & affectⁿ Friend

Kenyon.

Bath 26 Dec. 1796.

I am truly concern'd to hear of the death of M^{rs} Myddleton.

f. 80(iii)

Peter Whitehall Davies Esqr
Broughton.

Burton Pynsent 12th Sep^r 1796

Dear Sir

Your Sentiments & attachment to Mr Pitt give me great pleasure, I had not seen the advertisement, you were so good as to send me I write into the Country by this post, but fear after so decided a part has been taken by us, in favour of Sir Tho^s Mostyn it cannot avail the poor Little County I fear will be in a Flame. a worthy man must ever be a great Loss, & poor Sir Roger Died at a most unfortunate period – just too when he was likely to Leave a Party so unworthy of him. I am always happy to hear from old & sincere friends, but wish in the present instance a less unpleasant subject had call'd upon your Pen. I am much obliged to M^{rs} Davies, to whom I beg my best Compliments and to your Son & Daughter if at home, hoping you all enjoy health.

I remain dear Sir

always your Oblig'd & humb^{le} Ser^t

Cath: Stapleton.

I am just returnd from looking at a Colt – my Love for exercise & Horses befriend me far more than from dates I have a right to expect.

f. 81(i)

Mrs Kerr,
So-ho-Square,
London.

Hales Owen 15^o Marc'. 1696.

Madam,

Yo^{rs} of the 11th Instant by M^r Slaney I have reced And in answer thereto, Doe faithfully assure yow, and M^{rs} Devereux also (To whom I desire you'd please to com̄unicate this on my behalfe as well as as yo^r owne)

That M^r Pryce Devereux haveing occasion for money M^r Dodd (yo^r ffather) & he gott me to procure him £50 which I did, of M^r Edw^d Jennens; But M^r Jennens would not part wth the money, unles I would also be bound for it.

That at yo^r ffather's request as well as M^r Devereux's By Bond dated 22^o Augt 1667, I was bound wth M^r Devereux & yo^r ffather in 100^{li} for paym^t of 51^{li} & 10^s – 23^o ffeb. following.

That at the same time M^r Pryce Dev'eux executed a Count' bond of 200^{li} penaltye to yo^r ffather to save him harmles and also another Bond of like penaltye to me to save me also harmlesse from y^e sd M^r Jennens Debt.

I suppose yo^r ffather's Bond, is or may be found amongst his papers, And mine I have now before me haveing already shewn it to M^r Slaney, And of which I suppose he has already given you an acco^t.

M^r Pryce Devereux happen'd to be shott afterwards in y^e Dutch Warrs, haveing never satisfied this Debt or any part of it, and which afterwards yo^r ffather & my selfe Did discharge, haveing taken up y^e money elsewhere on our owne Bond, And at last Equally discharged it Debt & Interest, he y^e one halfe, & I the other halfe.

I am very confid^t yo^r ffather never r̄eced any thing in satisfacion of it, nor one penny towards it, haveing heard him speake of it often, And wishing he could some how be advised w^{ch} way we might be reimbursed.

Sure I am I never r̄eced a Penny toward it or y^e Interest ever since. Nor durst I when Old M^r Devereux was high sheriff of Warrwickshire so much as mencon'd it to him, haveing his humor too well to Expose M^r Pryce Devereux for so much money Nor did old M^r Devereux ever make me or yo^r ffather (what I ever heard of) one penny recompence in any wise heresoever.

And therefore hope the Gentleman (now y^e heir to the ffamily) will be so just as to reimburse us both.

I doubt not (Madam) But you will use yo^r Interest to doe me Justice in this affaire as well as yo^r selfe, And to Com̄unicate to me by letter what we may Expect herein; And if there be anything I can further Exhibite to you or M^r Devereux towards yo^r or his satisfacon hereabouts I shall be ready to approve my selfe.

Good Madam

Yo^r most humble Servant

John Harrison.

f. 81(ii)

January ye 15th 1691.

I Robt Dod doe acknowledge to have received from my Couzin John Dod to y^e value of tenn pounds from my Cousins Catherine & Mary Dod to y^e value of five pounds each, which I designe, God willing, to returne to them in Effects from y^e East Indyees, & I am to Consigne y^e Effects to M^r John Strickson in Newmans Court in Cornhill London. my Cuz. Dods to be Markt J. D. my Cuz Catherines C : D. & Cuz Marys M : D & numberd, & to this I set my hand ye day & year above witten

Robert Dod.

My Cousin Robin Dod is gon to the East Indyees in the Sampson Capⁿ Brommell Commander, being bound for Fort S^t George.

f. 82

Robert Dod Esqr.

Good M^r Dodd,

I have obtained the favour of my very good ffreind and Noble Kinsman Major Hopton to take the trouble upon him to ride over and receive the mony due upon yo^r Bond the Eight and twentyeth of this instant October and upon receipt thereof hee will deliver yo^w upp yo^r Bond I expect and desire yo^u would be punctuall in the paiement of it on y^e very day; the place yo^u may remember was not recited in the Bond concerning the payment soe that in strictnes It ought to have been paid me heere in London but in regard I was contented to receive it at M^r Richard Smallbrooke house though to my expence and extraordinary trouble to my ffreind, therefore pray sir faile not herein and yo^u will ingage

S^r yor humble
Serv^t and reall ffreind

Char: Frothingham.

17th October,
1657

pray Sir pay the monye to whomesover shall bring and dd̄ yo^u yo^r Bond and certifie me of the paym^t thereof by the next post after, to be directed to me at my house in Scroopes Court Holborne.

C. Frothingham.

f. 83(i)

Mr Robert Dodd and
Mr Humfrey Jennens.

Gentlemen,

I thanke you for your timely Advertisement since which wee have received intelligence somethinge to that purpose But noe certaine assureance therefore I thinke it not requisite to keep yo^r men together to put them to charge since they are not under pay. But if you see any visible appeareance you may call them together about Birmingham, or Mereden where my men shall bee in a redines in the meane time you may hold correspondence together, Wee thinke good, onely to keep the Trayned Bands moovinge for o^r better safety. As wee shall receive a more certaine information of affairs it shall from time to time bee communicated to you, with such further instructions as need shall require in the meane time I shall p^rsume yo^r vigilance and remaine

Yo^r assured ffreind

Cle Fisher.

Coventry the 24th of
January 1660.

f. 83(ii)

Robert Dodd Esqr.

S^r

I have heere inclosed y^e twoe noatis of chardges The one which concernes y^r brother ay^l Ludeford (?) and y^e other fro Nicholls att ye suite of Wheeler ab^t y^e watercourse which I conceild concerned M^r Bonells Title I shall intreate yo^u of all love to send mee my moneys for I was never soe put to it for moneys since I knewe pratice ffor I am out of purse 200^{li} since I went upp to London and y^e greatest sum y^t I have rec^d since I came downe was of yo^r selfe S^r yo^u will doe mee an exceeding great kindnes & I shall acknoweledge it ffor I p^rtest I must bee forced to take upp 30^{li} of some honest bodye for a monenthe or twoe to supplye my p^rsent occasions althoughe I paye interest for it. And after y^t I hope I shall bee able to furnishe a friend with as much. If you please to helpe mee out nowe I shall bee thankfull to yo^u & shall bee

S^r

Yo^r much assured S^rv^t

John Harrison.

4^o Jan. 71.

f. 84(i)

Good Aunte

I am att p^rsent to acquante you that yo^r daughter my Cosen Bridget hath a sutor, who hath applyed himsealfe to her this two or three monthes, a sober honest man of about 30 yeares of age or somewhat younger, a hosier by trade, hee hath his house and shopp neere the old Exchange, hath itt well furnished wth weare, a good trade and a good shoppman, & I heare a very cleare report of him; hee hath ben 3 yeares set up for himsealfe, his name M^r Robert Birquet, and truely I iudge hee will make a very good husband for her, & I thinke (if yo^r sealfe and my Cosen yo^r eldest sonn doe approve of itt) they in thire affectiones will agree.

Now as to his estate he hath acquainted me he had 300^{li} in mony to set up, w^{ch} by Godes blessing is improved, he owes nothing, and is nott ingaged by Bond or Bill nor never will (as he sayes to me) for any man.

As to my Cosens portion, twas I thought but reason to Let him know as much as I could say, haveing but a slender knowledge of itt, butt I told him I iudged itt mighte be upwards of 200^l what her father had left her, yo^u will please to better informe us of the certainty and of yo^r pleasure heerin. My Cosen Bridget is now in house wth us, and is very heartily wellcom. I doe assure yo^u I shalbe glad to hear from yo^u wth what speed conveniently yo^u Can. myne and my wives service to my Cosen Robert & the rest wth yo^u; my wife prayed be God is pritty well in health: my Cosen Bridget presents yo^u her humble duty and waits yo^r Leave and Blessing in this undertaking, and I studdy in all to approve my sealfe

Deare Aunte

Yo^r Kindsman & very humble Serv^t

Ric^o. Ryves

London the 9th 9^{ber} 1661.

This is Coppie of what I sent by the last post.

f. 84(ii)

Robert Dodd Esqr
Sawteley hall.

London the 31th x^{ber} 1661.

Good Cosen

About some 3 weekes or a moneth since I wrote yo^u, requesting you that my Cosen Brigets portion mighte be provided, for that M^r Briquet did desire itt, & expecte itt; and haveing re^{cd} noe answeare from yo^u nor M^r Briquet hearing any thing touchinge itt, hee came to me yesterday and ask'd me aboute the mony, & seeing it was not ready, told me hee desired to suspend the wedding, w^{ch} (till then) was intended Thirsday next, being ye morrow after new yeares day, w^{ch} was pritty strange newes to me, and in trueth I had begun to make provitiones for y^e Dynner, & all hire Wedding prepearationes are ready, so all ceaseth untill yo^u putt the portion here, I meane as to the weddinge, w^{ch} pray consider of, and let me heare speedily from yo^u; I should be sorry any obstacle should be, for truely I iudge him to bee a good husband for her: his kindred hath put this doubte into him, wee being all stranger to them.

Two days past wee burried my Brother George Lee of the Temple, who dyed of a ffeavor after 5 or 6 dayes sicknes, his friend are very sad for him: his mother is come from Binfeild upon itt and purposeth now to remayne, and not returne againe; wee all p^rsent o^r due respects to my Aunt yo^r sealfe & all the good Company, wishing you a merry Christmas. My Cosen p^rsents her duty to her mother & affec^t. Love to yo^r sealfe and I am

S^r yo^r most affect Co: & Serv^t

Ric^o. Ryves.

f. 85(i)

Robert Dodd Esq
Sautly Hall.

S^r

I have before me yo^{rs} of the 7th instante, and the two hundred poundes I have re^cd, and have acquainted M^r Briquet that the mony lyes ready in my house for him so now they may take their owne tyme for the Consumatinge this marriage yo^u have don yo^r parte & I know nothings now may hinder, and I suppose that y^e former stop was from some kindred of his rather then from his owne difidence: when yo^r wrighting shall come I shall take care to see it sealed.

All are in health heere; so wee hope yee are there I have noe more but my due respects to my Aunte yo^r sealfe &c and to assure yo^u that I am

S^r

Yo^r affec^t Kindsman & serv^t

Ric^o Ryves.

Lond: 21th January
1661.

f. 85(ii)

Robert Dod.
Saltley Hall

S^r

The last weeke I wrote yo^u that I had re^cd the 200^l and now I can say I have paid itt to yo^r brother in law Mr Briquet; whoe wth his wife (yo^r sister) are very well, they were married on Tuseday last, God give them many yeares of Comfort together.

On Tuseday when my Cosen W^m Dod was heere, hee gave me yo^r Letter of the 25th instant, I presume my Last letter answered itt, and when yo^r wrighting comes I doe not question but Mr Briquet will seale itt.

I am sorry for my Aunte's weakenes, God restore her to perfect health. I have acquanted my mother Lee of yo^r respects to her, for she was heere on the wedding day wth us, shee hath Lived ever since shee came from Binfeild wth my sister Wescombe. Wee are all in health God be prayesd and present o^r due respects to my Aunte yo^r sealfe &c and I am

S^r

Yo^r affec^t freend & Kindsman

Ric: Ryves

Lond: the 30th
January 1661.

f. 86(i)

Robert Dodd Esqr
Neere Colehill in
Warwickshire

Loving Brother

Yours I received by Cap^t King & ten pound of a token to by me a Hors but your letter specified it to be a second yeares of the Seaven you weare pleased out of your generous disposition freely to bestow upon me not withstanding Cap^t King commanded me to give you thankes for it & likewise to remember his kind respects to you, but if otherwise you are pleased that it be upon the second yeare I am very well satisfied & return you Humble thankes, I must beg one favor more from you to ad to all the rest I being imbouldened you never denying me anything yee more then ever I did expect, to send me ten pound by a bill I am confident M^r Cotterell who came with me into Ireland will safely returne it he haveing a correspondence here if not he I beleive there are severall in Burmingham will doe it, the reason that forces me to be thus troublesom is, that this time twelve Mounth our Troop weare in Dublin two Mounths & then returned hom but had not stayed there above three mounths but weare commanded neere a Hundred Miles where wee Continued till January & now are Commanded againe for Dublin where wee shall continue till the six of March these removalls have bin a great cost to me & Charge other wise I should not have bin so bould as to beg this greate kindness from you which I hope you will not deny I beseech you give me one line of Answer before I leave this town which will be the six of March but if you think yours will not come by that time to direct it the Boyle my quarters in this town is at the signe of the Bulls Head in Smithfield my best respects to my three neeces & Nephew Deare Brother Excuse him who is

Your most Affectionate Brother

John Dodd

Dublin this 28th
of January 1673.

f. 86(ii)

Robert Dod Esqr
Neere Colshill in Warwickshire

Loving Brother

I writ to you lately by M^f Redman who belongs to the party that is gon for England I haveing not omitted any opportunity but never received one line from you since my Coming for Ireland which makes me jelous that there hath bin som ill office done as to which I protest your kindnesse & care of me whilst I was in England, if I should so soon forget I should be guilty of the greatest ingratitude that ever man was, Deare Brother I shall beg the favour from you that out of y^e gift you weare pleased to bestow upon me to pay to M^f Williams ten pound I haveing since my Coming for Ireland some loss in Mine by M^f Redman I desired you to returne it by M^f Cotterell but this conveniencie will he being my fellow trooper come safe to my hands, my best respects to my Neeces. Brother Bonell Brockhurst Honest Parson Bull M^f Stanton Jack Tandy My wife presents hur servise to you soe doth

Your most Affectionate Brother

John Dodd.

Abbie Boyle
this 17th of Sep^t 1672.

f. 87(i)

Captain Kerr
Soho

Dear Sir

I am mightily oblidge to you for the care you are pleased to take for me I shall ever be ready to own the favour I have received just now: The Thre Hundered pownd you [have] sent me in your letter I found (?) by it what it is to have a reall Freind to deall with I howp My dear Lady is in good health to whom My weiff and all myn give ther Humble Service I wish ther wer any thing hear I could serve yor in I am in all sincerity

Dear Sir

Your most Afft. Cussing
and Most Oblidge Hum̄ Serv^t

Lothian.

Nov^r 15 / 1709.

f. 87(ii)

Captain Kerr
Soho

Dear Sir

This would be but neadless trub' if it were not thankfully to acnoledg the receipt of the two last Bills which make up The twelve Hundered pownd, yow wer pleased to receive for me ther and so kindly and advantagiosiely to remit to me hear, I begin to long to see yow and My dear Lady at yowr Howss in Soho sinc I have not had the satisfaction to see yow hear, but what has beene may be, and I am shur on Thing is That I am in all sincerity

Dear Sir

Your Most Fathfull
and Most Oblidge Humb' Serv^t

Lothian.

Nov^r 22 / 1709.

f. 88(i)

[Facsimile]

Gilbert King Esqr
Charlestowne

Knockband this 27th
of No^{br} 92.

Deare Brother

I have heare sent y^u inclosed y^e convēience of Carrokole from Mathew Prinsby (?) to M^r Edmund Rowleys ffather and hee has gott that hee expects his mony I was forsed to firnish him with forty shillings to goe to his Unkell for this paper I tould him y^u would expect hee should have brought y^u a Coppey of his ffathers will and a letter from his Unkell to y^u of what tells mee hee is willing to doe which y^u will find in his letter to y^u when hee brought mee this paper I offered him five pound more which truly was all I had at present till more cume in but hee made a pufe (?) at it and would not take it therefore what y^u advise to do I will but my advise is y^u keepe a good hanker in your one hands till y^u gett all ye assurance y^u can for feare of farther troble what y^u thinke fit to bee done let mee know by ye bearer and so concluds Dr Brother

Yours whilst

Charles Dodd.

pray if y^u can spare us any mustard seed send it by the bearer who is paid for his iorney. My wife and my unfained love and servis to my Good Mrs King and all ye brave boys pray send us word how your selfe is for wee long to heare.

f. 88(ii)

Brother Dodd

I am soe Trappen'd as never any man was, there is som Cutlary against mee at M^r Maynes suite, p'tended to come to his hands while I went to M^r Kittermaster which soe much troubles mee to bee detained in such a. place that I am scharce my selfe, Soe that unles you please to favour mee soe farr as to come to mee to morrowe Morneinge I feare I must see Warrwicke, which I had rather have never a foote of Land in England, then doe it uppon this schore, But Blewe tells mee that if you please but goe alonge wth mee to the Sherriffe hee will release mee, payeinge forty shillings for the reversinge of the Cutlary and giveinge an appearance unto the Writt, ffor Christ sake doe not denye mee this kindnes & what is in my power you may Co^mand from

Yo^r most unfortunate

Bro: & S^rvant

W. Bonell

I am afraid my Deare wife will bee soe deiected at my stayeinge, that unles you can comfort her wth yo^r p'swasions, that it may doe her some p'uidice.

f. 89(i)

Mrs Catherine Dod
St Albans Street near St. Jamesses
London.

Jan: ye 9th

I wish you & deare Musk a
merry & hapy new year.

If melancholy & anger were compatible I wou'd hide Deare Mrs Dod for her so sildom writting to her poor solitary friend; but my heart is so low with our late great losse, & other accidentall things which happen'd at the same time, that I cant scold, but I will complain of yr unkindnesse, Since were you acted by a tender friendshipp, that alone without thi help of publick & private Town transactions, wou'd be an ample subject for frequent letters: tis my fix'd opinion that in either Love or friendshipp one may make a righter Iudgment in absence than presence upon the score of writting for when the heart is press'd with thought, tis so naturall to unlode it in a belov'd trusty bosom, that whoever pleads want of time or hating writting, I never mind them since that (when absent) is as much the apeteite of the soul as eating is of the stomack, yet none want leisure or desire to do the last, I look on it as a meere pretence of a decaying affection, as eating little & sildom is a sure sign of deprav'd helth. I will not aply this to you since in this Love & friendshipp differ, the first as being an unreasonable passion, is easily mov'd to suspect the worst upon the slightest grounds, whereas the other fix'd on a more solid foundation is hardly wrought to think unkindly of thos, our Judgments not rash Inclinations chose, I therefore will believe Deare Mrs Dod has a sincere cause for her silence & that a few months being partted has not alter'd thos obliging thoughts you had for me when in my little dark room where we have chatted away many an hour & not thought the time long; pray deare child write often & if you & yr Capt; see one another tell him from me that I believe they Terpaulins rare as much guided by the wind as tis said wee are by the Moon, & change as often or I shou'd have had an account ere now how our Fleet fares in the Mideterranian. wee have a more constant planet reigns at Worcester where people run mad or marry (w^{ch} is neare the same) or dye for shire love, wee never mention mony, but Dick, takes Nell, for pure love & begs with her out of affection, were our Colege dedicated to Venus the passion of love cou'd not be more predominant, & if in the midst of this dreadful conflagration I shou'd escape unsing'd I might bare the name of Salamander ever affter; but hitherto (to my shame & grief) none has attempted so much as to warm me which makes me sensible of the coldnesse of this weather my fingers being numb'd with it & my genious too, so you must excuse the dulnesse & accept of the sincerity of

Yr very humble servant

E. Middleton.

f. 89(ii)

Mrs Kerr
Great Marlborough Street
near Golden Square, London.

Madam

I know y^t I shall have your forgiveness if I trespass more than I ought, in writing this letter. The occasion of it is this. Mrs D. left this place this Morn. which I believe will be a Surprise to you, as well as to others. But as she hath made it her constant I may justly say daily practice to render me odious in ye Eyes of the World, I think it but Justice to myself at last, to say something in my own defence, tho' I was to my own prejudice too much silent, when in Town, in ye midst of a Multitude of Misrepresentations w^{ch} she was pleas'd to make of me. As to her going, I can only say, that it hath been her desire ever since she came to this place, even before her goods were arriv'd; In ye midst of my utmost endeavours to please her, & to make ye place as agreeable to her as I could. (as every Soul both in my family and out can testify) she for ever appear'd discontented, & would not accept of any kindness or good office done to her from me. And upon enquiring into ye reason of her uneasiness, nay upon my knees assuring her, & that in ye presence of others, that I would, if in my power, remove every article & occasion of Disquiet, if she would but make me acquainted wth it; I was answer'd by her, y^t y^e only thing she desird, & which would effectually make her easy, was to leave y^e place. And this request she hath renew'd to me often & wth great Importunity ever since. Nay hath applied to Clergymen my friends, to use their Interest with me to gain this point. And upon my telling her that it is what I never would agree to, she then declar'd, that she would go without it. She hath represented me here, as she did in London, in every part of my character as bad as she could contrive it, in order to make her leaving me, appear to be wth reason. But thank God, she hath not succeeded in this place as she did in London. For the clearing up of all her reports of me, have generally ended to her own discredit, being proved to her face to be mere fictions of her own to make her going off more plausible. Finding this repeated Inveteracy against me, & that she had frequently declar'd that I kept her here only to kill her, & that I grudg'd her the very victuals she eat (tho' Every body knows that I have made it my daily endeavour to send far & near for every thing I could get to humour her) finding I say this constant will to me, I have given my consent most willingly for her to go, telling her that her Behaviour had now destroy'd all confidence in her. However if she would take but half y^e pains to repair my Credit, as she had done to ruin it, I would never more think of what is past. Upon these daily discoveries I must confess (however I may be blamd for it) that I became thoughtfull & melancholy, & have carried my self lately very reserv'd towards her, & have been (whether wrong or right, I must leave to others to Judge) very cautious of saying any but Indifferent things before her. & this latter behaviour of mine, she makes y^e present foundation of her going. tho' at the same time I told her, I would behave as usual, if she would but do me Justice in those things wherein she had injurd me. She hath not only aspers'd me, but every one in y^e family, & for no other reason, but because they cannot see ye Ill usage she complains of. Mrs Caryll her own friend & Companion, whom I never saw till she came here, hath met wth the same fate as myself, because she told her she could not entertain that opinion of me, w^{ch} Mrs. D. would persuade her to have; & having venturd to tell her, that she might be as happy as she pleas'd, she hath been most unkindly us'd by her, ever since. But I do Mrs Carryl the Justice to say, that she is as inoffensive a Woman, as ever came into

a family, & hath acted wth that Wisdome, as to avoid being concernd in any thing as much as she could. What you mentioned to me when in Town, I am now fully confirmd in, & that she sometimes makes Complaints of Illness, only to disguise other disorders. This is ye Occasion of my writing, & I do aver literally true. & do appeal for ye truth of it to every person in my family, even to her own Companion, & her own Servant, if ever you should meet wth either, as I hope you will, that you may know 500 things more than I have room for. She hath now gaind her point in leaving this place, but where she designs to go, or whether to return, she hath not done me y^e Honour to make me acquainted, nor ever consulted me whether it was agreable to my pocket, that she could go at this time. I have long forbore to reply to her accusations, in hopes that every thing would drop of course in time. But Mrs. D. perseverance hath made this necessary for my Reputation is as dear to me as Hers to herself. And I hope I shall not be blamd in justifying myself at last, tho' it can hardly be proper at any time, for Man & Wife to talk of each other but for their Mutual Interest. My unwillingness to ly under your ill opinion, to whom I have so many obligations, is the Occasion of this trouble, from Madam

Your much Obligd Hum^{ble} Servant

H. Dawney.

Aug. 27th – 1735.

I have wrote this same account to good Aunt Orme.

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Founthill

Mar: ye 28. 1726.

Dear Madam.

I am ashamed to think I have bin so dillatory in accknowledging ye favour of your letters, & must rely on your goodness to pardon me & own myself a very bad Correspondent. You was obliging in sending me word of Lady Oxfords safety: I think y^e great joy of y^t family, so soon chang'd into Sorrow by y^e loss of their son, was a true representation of y^s world, how Transitory all its Blessings are & well for us they are so, for am afraid, if we could atain to a perfect injoyment of happyness in y^s world, we should Seldom raise our thoughts to Meditate on y^e other; I think reflections arising from these considerations are never unseasonable, let our present condition be what it will: when prosperous, thee reflecting on y^e uncertain continuance of y^t state, will make us not so intirely set our hearts upon y^s present Tranquillity, as if it would never be shaken, but put our whole trust in God, for as Collier finely expresses, in one of his Sermons, is not an all Comprehending Wisdom ye safest director of our affairs; Can we have a better Protection then Omnipotence; & is it possible for any thing to be kinder to us, then y^t goodness w^{ch} is Infinite. I flatter myself from ye subject I have bin upon, you will easilly excuse y^e degression I have made, & now must acquaint you, y^t in case of y^e living of Hatfeild had bin Vacant, it was not in my Power to have serv'd Mr Dawney, for my Lord was engaged some months before, he has so deserving a character it must engage ones wish's for his good Fortune: I am obligd to you for yours, & thank God I injoy a great share of health & y^s place agrees well with us, & have lately had y^e Blessing of both my Sons being perfectly recoverd of y^e Measles. I hope you perfectly injoy your health, & beg you will esteem me

y^r Faithfull & obligd Servant

A. Salisbury

P. S. I hope you receivd my Daughters letter, her Service atends you.

This letter is endorsed: The writer of this Letter was the Lady Anne Tufton daughter of the Earl of Thanet – & wife of Lord Salisbury. It was address'd to Mrs Kerr.

On page 90 is the following note, dated 1895: The Lady to whom these letters were written was a Miss Dod of Cloverley, co. Salop, a maid of Honor to Queen Anne. She married an Ad^{ml} Kerr of the Lothian family.

Portraits of herself & of Ad^{ml} Kerr by Sir Peter Lely are now (1895) at Brompton Hall York^{re} in the possession of Sir George Cayley Bart.

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M^{rs} Kerr,
Marlborough Street, St. James.

Aug^t y^e 6st 1737.

Dear Madam

When some of my friends were in Town that gave me frequent acc^{ts} of your health, it eas'd you of y^e trouble of my dull scribbles, but haveing now no other way of knowing how you enjoy that blessing hope you will excuse this which to make more agreable shall informe you that I have lately had the pleasure (from Holt wth L^{dy} Coventry my Sister) of waiting on the very good Bp of Worcester who I found surprizingly well (at Hartlebury) and had y^e comfort & satisfaction of his blessing which I really think of often with ye greatest pleasure. My Cousen Wilmot desires me to add her complim^{ts} & joyns her good wishes for you, with those of

Dear M^{rs} Kerr

Your faithfull and aff̄c
humble serv^t

A. Coventry.

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[*Incomplete*]

nobody shares more in what my Dear friend suffers then my self having a true value for her thats gon, I wish 'twas in my power to give ease to y^r troubled Mind, but advice in this kind is unnessasary to one that knows so well from whose hand all events proceed & that an intire resignation to the Will of God is our indispensible Duty, & indeed when we have so well grounded hope the Person we Mourn for has only put off Mortality to put on a glorious immortality, it renders our Duty more easie, & ought to moderate our grieffe.

these considerations I hope will weigh with my dear Mrs Kerr & consider y^r own health w^{ch} I'm sure is most sincerely wish'd by me the many many favours I've received from you & that Dear Good Woeman that's gon has made a Lasting impression in my Heart never to be forgot, you shall all ways find me y^r freind in every thing in my power I hope this will find you in Town a place I think much more fitt for you at this time then Finchcliff; I wish I was with you a Little, but since that cannot be, accept of my best wishes & believe me

Dear Madam

y^r affect friend
& Servant

M. Downe

Cowick.

Oct y^e 15 / 1722.

Attached is the following note:

Written by Mildred, Viscountess Downe, married 29 Sepr 1685 to Henry Dawney 2nd Viscount Downe, who died May 1741. She was dau: of W^m Godfrey Esqr. of Thornock, Co. Lincoln. Cowick, Lord Downe's seat is near Thorne, Doncaster.

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y^e Hon^{ble} S^r David Mitchell
At the Admiralty

Bathe y^e 26th May

Sr

I hope this will find y^r Lady safe return'd to London. I have here inclosed sent her the prescriptions I order'd here. The Bolus & Julap were given in the fit. the pills & medicated wine out of it wth ye Bath waters & bathing. To the Bolus at night I once added half a grain of Laud. at night, and to p^rvent purging I gave my Lady the last bolus at night going to sleep. If this may be any wise Serviceable to her Ladyship, I shall be very glad, wth my humble Service to my Lady & madam Kerr I am

Y^r most obedient

Serv^t

W^m Oliver.

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The Hon^{ble} Mrs Kerr
Great Marlborough's Street
London.

Dear Madam

I had y^e honour of your obliging letter some posts ago, nothing is more agreeable to my Mother then y^e affectionete concern you express about her, so you may be sure dear Madam, yo^r letters' are doubly acceptable to me, giving her so much pleasure My Mother is truly very ill, y^e difficulie in her breathing continues rather increases, & is particularly in ye night time w^{ch} robs her intirely of rest, you may Judge how great an addition this is to her other great complaint, & how much I and all concern'd must suffer seeing her in such distress, yet I bless God her Phisicians say her lungs are intirely safe & she has had less pain in her breast these few weeks past then formerly, & it is still disingag'd from her ribs or arm pits, but ye intire loss of appetite & using no excerse sinks & depresses her spirits exceedingly, she bears all her maladies wth y^e greatest patience & resignation imaginable & mightily desires to know ye state of yo^r health w^{ch} we hope is good, her illness is no hinderance to her concern about her friends as indeed all must y^t have ye honour of your acquaintance. I had a letter lately from my Cousin Mr Owen (?) Campbell in w^{ch} he writes y^t their is one Mr Kernay an Irish man now at London who cures without cuting. I wrote to Lord Mark last post to inquire into The Charicter of this man & I take ye Liberty to intreat y^t favour of you Madam since no body can Judge better then you after you have heard his Charicter whither he is a proper person to send here or not, & certainly it wou'd be as highly proper to forward his coming if what he has done in such cases, I mean real cancers are matters of fact, as it would be rediculous to desire it, if his Cures are not sufficiently vouch'd

My Mother offers you her most affectionate Service in ye most regardfull way and I am ye same Manner Dear Madam

Your Most ffaithfull
and most obedient Servant

Jane Douglas

Edin^b
4th Decemb^r
1735.

I design to write to M^r Campbell next post.

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Mrs Kerr
Great Marlborough Street
London.

Ledstone 31 May.

Dear Madam,

Your obliging concern for Dear Lady Betty Hastings must be resented by her self and Sisters in the most kind manner. She desires me to return you her affectionate humble thanks for it, & to let you know she is pure and well, beyond what you can form Idea off after so severe an operation, her apetite and nights sleep are as good as when you saw her, her spirits pure Chearful & she walks generaly for half an hour or more each day up & down her Dining room, and Doc^r Johnson assures us the wound is in as good a way as coud expect or even wish for the Time, which must be allowed for the healing of it, He is very Sanguin & makes us so of its being a perfect Cure & that my Sister will feel no future effect of the Cancerous Tumor, which my Sisters & self are apt to believe was put into motion, otherwise might have given her no disturbance her whole Life And the occasion of its being put into motion was owing to an imprudent action of this Dear Ladys if you can credit she coud be guilty of one, it was the application of Red Sage Leaves to her Right breast which had quite extinguished a Lump occasioned by a voiolent bruise got in October last on her Left Breast when that was well it came into her head that she had had a slight bruise on her right Breast when she was a bout the Age of 38 years & that a smal Lump ensued but that it had lain so dormant from giving her Pain &c as she did not know well as she has since & now owns what part of her breast it was In, so Laid the Sage to her Nipple, which in three weeks time drew in, her breast swel'd, and she frequently felt slight & short shooting Pain in it, one of which was the occasion of our knowing any thing of it, for indeed but on the 15 of Last April my self observing she clap'd her hand on her right Breast in a sudden manner I asked the meaning of it, & if she felt any Pain, when she first discovered to us what I have a bove inserted and upon it Lady Anne and me begd to see the Breast & she let us see it, but affirmed as she had thrown off the Sage she never fear'd its being well again of its self, tho we woud never let her rest till she had taken advise upon it, and she now tells us when she fist showed it Doc^r Johnson which was on the 3^d Day of this month May, she thought it was making an unnecessary fuss a bout a meer trifel which wou'd have grown well without any application, and that she took his advise (without ever designing to make use of it) purely to sattisfie my Sister & self, But we have the greatest reason to bless God she was on any account prevailed with to doe it, since the breast [] off proved the fatal consiquence in [all] humane probability the keeping it on but a short [] longer might have proved to her most valuable Life My Sisters Anne and Margaret desires theirs humble Service to you and believe me

Dear Madam

Your most obliged & faithful
Humble Servant
F. Hastings.

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[A Copy of Catherine Carroll's last letter from Ireland.]

Hollymount May the
29/1798.

Five hundred Rebels have been killed at Hacketstown Dunblain and Baltinglass we (Loyalists) have not lost a man. Baron Oneal Stratford and twenty of his men were wounded The day before yesterday there was an engagement at Gorey in which many fell, last week great numbers 'rose in the County Carlow, and were met by a small party of our Army who had orders to retreat into the Town which they did, and were pursued by the Rebels to the Barracks. this was all that was wished fifteen hundred of the wretches met the fate they so well deserved, fifteen hundred more were killed in the course of the same week so Carlow is completely subdued, at the Curragh 400 were killed, At Dunboyn fifteen hundred Rebels gave battle to four hundred of our troops (Yeomen Militia & Regulars) who totally routed them, there are not the least apprehensions entertained of their succeeding any where, and we who are but sixteen miles from Hacketstown do not feel at all alarmed. There is a flying Camp at the seven Churches, a strong gaurd of yeomen and Antrim Militia at Rathdrum. My Uncles Cavalry, Mr Wests Infantry, a Company of the Royal Irish and ("though last not least in our dear love") a party of the Antient British commanded by Lieutenant Paxton at Wicklow. So you see this Vale is pretty well secured. On the 14th of this month finding the people would not attend to the repeated exhortations of the Magistrates to bring in their arms, My Uncle Alexander (who commands here under Major Hardy) and Lieutenant Paxton burned a house at Munduff. before the next evening thousands of Pikes and all sorts of Arms were brought in. As My Uncle is quartered in Wicklow we had not an idea of any being brought to this house, but from five O'clock in the Morning 'till eight at night the two following days I never left the Hall where I sat receiving Arms and giving receipts for them. It was dreadfull to see many we confided in armed for our destruction.

I trust I shall never spend such another week Many then kneeling in the greatest agonies entreating me to take their confessions, and forward them to my Uncle, as they feared going to Wicklow. this you may be sure I did. The remembrance of you my Dear Mother has created me many friends amongst the poor of this neighbourhood. My Aunt being a Stranger they fear her, though the kindest of human beings, but as they say she is not a Carroll every complaint comes to me. Yesterday while my Aunt and I were at Tea, we heard a female Scream and call Miss Carroll. I ran out and met a woman who told me her husband was just then killed by a Briton I took a servant with me to their cottage and dressed the mans head which was dreadfully cut tho' thank God not dangerously. there was no reason for this outrage but the soldiers are so exasperated it is no wonder that some innocent people suffer. from My Gates to the sea (ten miles) there are not twenty persons who have not been guilty of United Irishism, I mean of the lower class thank God in this neighbourhood none of the higher are infected. Colonel Keating of Naraghmore is strongly suspected his Regiment are almost all traitors, they were brought into Naas by the Wicklow Militia who took their Arms from them, turned their cloaths wrongside out, and whipped them at the Barracks. A brother of Sir Thomas Esmond And two other ci devant gentlemen have been hung at Kildare. I send you a copy of a printed paper found on Counsellor Sheers which was to have been distributed the second day of the intended Masacre "Friends and countrymen, repair to the flag of

liberty which is now flying. Many of your tyrants have already bled, and many will shortly bleed by the decree of the revolutionary Tribunal which will be immediately established. Seize this opportunity of rescuing your Country, it is the only one you may ever have". there's a pretty fellow ere this he is gone to answer for his treason. We never see my Uncle for more than ten minutes at a time he had three Express's sent after him one Morning that he was delayed here taking informations, at last Lt Paxton came for him A Gentlemanly young man but I am too partial to the name of an Englishman to be a fair Judge. The flag of liberty was to have been hoisted on Birmingham Tower at the Castle on the 20th where it is hoped Lord Edward Fitzgeralds head will soon be.

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S^r Wolstan Dixies & all his Familys Compliments attend M^{rs} Boothby & y^e Family at Tooly Park. S^r W. is in hopes M^{rs} Boothby will make his excuse to Miss Boothby for y^e young Ladies not Waiting on her at Leicester to y^e next Ball. S^r W: has lost 5 of his Daughters out of 7 by heats & Cold. at this very age these are except one, his Daughters were very ill for a week after ye Fandango.

Bosworth Park.

Oct. 24th 1763.

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f. 5

To oure trusty and welbeloved John
Pillesdon [Puleston] Sguier.

H[enry] R

By the King

Trusty and welbeloved we grete you wele. And have understande aswel by the writing of oure trusty and welbeloved Knight for oure body of Edward Piking as by other report made unto us the ffectuall and good assistence that ye as our loving and true subget gave unto him for the repressing and subduyng of a riott attempted ageinst him in that Cuntrey ffor the whiche your trewe acquitaill we thanke you hertily praying you of your good contynuanncce in the same Whiche we shal not forget but singlerly remembre it in suche thing as may bee to yo^r wele and furtheranncce hereafter. Geiven under o^r signet at oure mano^r of Thene the xixth day of may.

f. 5^v

Henry R

By the King

We woll and comannd you forthw^t upon the sight of these o^r lrēs and by warrannt of the same ye deliv^r or cause to be deliv^red unto o^r dere and welbelovede dame Elizabeth Savage or to the bringer herof in her name oon buk of season To be taken of o^r gift wthin o^r great p[']ke of holt Any Restraint or comandment heretofore had or made to the contrary notw^tstanding. Geven under o^r Signet at o^r monasterie of Walthm̄ the xith day of Maye the xxxth yere of our Reigne

To the Keper of o^r great parke of
holt and in his absence to
his deputie there.

f. 6

Henry R

By the King

We woll and comannde you forthwth upon sight of these o^r Ire^s and by warrant of the same ye delyv'r or do to bee delyv'ed unto o^r trusty and welbeloved synnēt Syr Thomas Heanage Knight of o^r privie chamber or to the bringer hereof in his name oon buk of season To bee taken of our gift wthin our parc of Marseley otherwise called the holt. Any Restraint or comandment heretofor had or made to the contrary herof notwstanding geven under o^r Signet at o^r mano^r of [] the xxiiii day of July the xxxth yere of or Reigne

To the Keper of o^r parc of Marseley
and in his absenc to his deputie ther.

f. 7

The Earl of Kingston
Mitcheltown Castle
County of Cork
Ireland

Admiralty.
Feb. 29th: 1828.

My Dear Lord,

I have this instant received your Lordship's letter of the 26th instant inclosing the memorial of the unfortunate woman the widow of the Marine Officer.

Unfortunately this year she cannot expect the Compassionate List but I will consider for the next. She will receive the proper papers. In the meantime I am to request your Lordship to give her Five Pounds from me which I will repay when we meet. Till then adieu and ever believe me

My Dear Lord

Yours sincerely
William*

* William, Duke of Clarence, afterwards William IV.

f. 22

To my very loving
& well respected
Cosen Lieutenant
Colonell Davies

Gentle Captaine

Upon perusall & consideration of y^r Letters & M^r John Wynne's I have this day concluded a Bargaine wth my Nephewe M^r Henry Hastings, for his parte of the Rectory of Moulde, & I ame to paye for it fower thousande & five hundred poundes, the one halfe in November next & the other in this Monthe come twelve monthes; but he presseth harde upon me that he may receive one thowsand poundes the next Terme, w^{ch} I thinke I must yealde unto; & I ame to enter upon the Tythes to receive all that doth or shall arise or accrewe since Candlemas Last. Yf I had not strucke up the Bargaine when I did & suddainely, I thinke it woulde have been gone another waye. There was mucche discourse betweene us, too long to write, but I tell y^u truly I presume I have it as good cheape, or rather cheaper then any man els shoulde. This is all my weake handes will suffer me to write at this time, & I thinke I have written a greate deale, & of a greate businesse; & so I will conclude, letting y^u knowe that I have made too deare a Purchase I must blame y^u & M^r John Wynne for misleading me, w^{ch} I hope y^u have not. So wishing y^u a speedy & safe returne I rest

Y^r very assured loving frend
& Cosen

J. Bridgewater.

Barbacan
i^o Maii 1638.

I thanke God wee are all heere in good healte; but I can not yett gett downe the staires, though I praise God, I go every daye to my chappell.

f. 23

Seal.

Whereas the Vicaridge of Holywell in the County of Flint and the Diocess of S^t Asaph is become void by the Promotion and totall Cession of William Ball late Vicar there. We the Principall ffellowes and Scholars of Jesus Colledge within the City and University of Oxford doe name Edward Parry clerk Batchelour of Arts, and late of Jesus Colledge in Oxford unto Robert Davies of Gwysaney in the County of Flint Esquire, to be by him presented unto the said Vicaridge in witteness whereof we have affixed our Seale manual this seaventh day of August 1692.

Jonathan Edwards
Principal

Aug. 24th

Hereupon I sign'd & seal'd a presentation.

R. D.