

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

yo<sup>r</sup> Lordsh: alwayes to comaund  
Will'm Bysh[op]

*Endorsement in same hand.*

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

London.

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

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

Rt. Honorable,

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

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

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

catholike preist: & notwithstandinge y<sup>t</sup> I was sent by his holynesse himself in as much grace & favoure as any before or since (though of far better talents) as Card: Tollet did wnesse vnder his hand & seale whose letters I have yet to shoue, yet so far did the mallice of those Jesuits extend, y<sup>t</sup> when I should have passed thorow y<sup>e</sup> Archducke his cuntrey, y<sup>e</sup> next & safest way into Holland, f. Holt a Jesuite informed y<sup>e</sup> Archduke & his counsayle y<sup>t</sup> I was an enemy vnto y<sup>e</sup> Kyng of Spayne & had opposed myself vnto those proceedings in Rome, & was like to w<sup>h</sup>drawe mens harts from that part & do greate harme in England. By whose suggestions all passadge was denyed vnto me & furthermore some of y<sup>e</sup> same crew were plottinge to clap me vp prisoner in Antwarpe. By w<sup>h</sup> meanes I was enforced to steale backe againe forth of his cuntrey in disguysed apparrell & hazard my selfe thorow y<sup>e</sup> cuntreyes of Leedes [Liège] & Colon, pestered w<sup>th</sup> freebooters in such dangerouse sort y<sup>t</sup> every man told me how, twenty to on, my throate would be cutt before I should gett to Hollande. Neyther did they so cease to abvse me, but seeinge y<sup>t</sup> I had thus escaped for England they or their followers presently sent the next way into London to give warning of my comeinge to discredite me for a spy, & to prevent y<sup>t</sup> I should not be received & relived by catholikes. Divers other wronges have I sustayned by them both before & sence as I can easily prove, yet could they never drive me to stope or yeld to their designes eyther by subscribeinge at their request (thoughe diverse tymes they have attempted it) or els by flatteringe or applaudeinge their plotts of state & forrayne invasion, but have ever freely opposed when opportunity served. Thus have I truly & syncerely sett downe my carriage & dealinge in these affayres & how dutifully and loyally I have behaved myself towards my Prince & cuntrey, meerey of conscience & naturall duty when I never expected any favoure for it. But now if it shall please her Ma<sup>tye</sup> to reward my loyalty w<sup>h</sup> some ease from y<sup>e</sup> rigor of her lawes I will, God willinge (as never the lesse I am bounde to do), continew as trew & faythfull a subiect vnto her, as

54, f. 378b.

any catholike preist doth unto his prince in catholike cuntreyes, or as ever any preist was faythfull to her grandfather of famous memory or to any her prediccors before his tyme. And so in most humble manner I take my leave this 14<sup>th</sup> of Novemb. 1602

Your Honors to command.

*Endorsement :*

To the R<sup>t</sup> Honorable my very good Lord y<sup>e</sup> Lord  
Bishop of London.

23. *Letter from Anthony Heborne to Blackwell.*

54, f. 240.

Nov. 11, 1602.

To the R. R. Mr. George Blackwell archp<sup>st</sup> of England  
R. R.

The 30 of the last moneth I receyued l<sup>res</sup> from my bretheren the Appellants in Fremingham of their extreme distresses sustayned now for a long time, & because they intreat my labour for some reliefe, I haue therefore thought it meete to acquaint your R. w<sup>t</sup> their wants, who by yo<sup>r</sup> charitable hand to them & yo<sup>r</sup> letters to others in their behalfe is well knowne to be best able to doe for them. It was my chance in June last to come to y<sup>t</sup> castle, at w<sup>ch</sup> time the sayd Appellants shewed me how that many moneths together, they had not receyved above the rate of ij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> by the week in common dividit: and now they write, that they haue not receyved after the rate of xxiiij<sup>d</sup> by the weeke of the sayd common charitie for these three laste moneths next before their present letter, in w<sup>ch</sup> also they declare how they be furder tould y<sup>t</sup> they shall receyve yet lesse than they doe.

Yo<sup>r</sup> R: knoweth that they be catholik priests suffering for the name of o<sup>r</sup> Lord Jesus; & of what necessaries for life, winter, & their condition, they doe stand in neede. you likewise knowe that they haue noe livings, but doe whollye rest for meate, drinke,