26 Tho Bluet his negotiations at Rome. [Heading in another hand.]

Paris, Dec. 6, 1602

Right Honorable my very good Lord Yf strength hadd been aunswerable to good will my sellue in person had saluted yo^r good Honor and not my fewe trembling lyn[es], but w^th all speade I will folowe: to yeald an accompt of all my [actions ?] and negotiations at Rome and ells where: a poynt not vnfitt to be knowen vnto her Ma^{tie} in my poor indgement: and for that cause I will make the more haste: I meane to come as secretly as may be, to avoyd the speaches of the clamourouse puritans that take upon them to direct her Ma^{tie} in matte^r of government. My Lord Ambassador heare hathe vssed me most honourably I meane to come over vnder the conduct of one of his gentlemen, for so is his good pleasure. thus in haste not forgettfull of my dutie festo S. Nico[lai]

paris At yo^r Honor his command

Tho: Bluet

1 Endorsed (in Bluet's hand):

To the ryght reverent father in Godd my good Honorable Lord my Lord Bushope of London

2 Endorsed on f. 153 (by writer of Narrative, supra, p. 40):

Paris ffesto Nich. 1602 M^r Bluet at his return from Rome 6 Decemb^r.

27. From Anthony Heborne to Blackwell.

Dec. 14, 1602

To the R R. George Blakwel, archpest of England.

R. R. on saturday laste at night being the 11th of December was delivered me his holines breve, and your letter to M^r Colletone

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54, f. 189.

54, f. 399.

shewed me, where you require him that I may publish the sayd breve in the Clinck. The truth is that I am very ready to anything either that catholik religion or the dignitie of my vocation shall require. but in this particuler I find just hindrances, for the last proclamation as you knowe, shewing what opinion the state carrieth of the institution and intent of your office, and my bretherens letters of the proceedings had touching the same in Rome (w^{ch} I have [seen ...]) making apparunt what cause there is so to concevue of it. it semeth evident hereby, that by publishing the sayd breve, I shall contract the like opinion to my self, weh in my indgement I am bound the most I can to avoyd, God and good conscience not violated, I being one of the number y^t is both knowne and already also declared to be of a contrarie mind, as yor self and all I dare say desire to be thought, for that it is the thing w^thout w^ch no favor can be hoped, and the contrarie vrged as the cause of all our besyd, my vsuall repare vpon other night occaoppressiones. sions to the place you name, makethe the same most dangerous for me to publish any such matters in, so many circumstances occurring on my parte to make ye same acte famous; for wch and other respects I retorne the breve againe w^thout doing any thing therein; and thus besiching that yes iust reasones may hould me excused w^th you, as I doubt not but they do me in conscience from accomplishing your desire, I end, ready to fulfill your mind in any thing that shall not be weyted wth these or like incombrances this 14th of december 1602

Yor R. most dutifull

A. H.

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