

54, f. 391.

4. *Copy of letter from Cecil to Watson. Jan. or Feb. 1602.*

Good M^r Watson, I cannot but acknowledge your loving letter, albeit, that by yow in printe, and by you in p^resence of o^r supreme iudges in o^r late controversyes, I have had my patience very extraordinarily exercised. I have towards yow performed the parte of a frend in place where pregnant perill was thereto annexed: w^h good office being of you so frendly accepted I cannot but correspond and give contentm^t to yo^r desyre of intercourse. Setting asyde then all ceremonyes and needles complem^{ts}, this I must advertise yow, that from henceforth yow conferre with o^r brethren, and make your election of some one man to whom you may direct yo^r letters: for yo^r last indorsed to so many was not so gratefull. M^r D^r Bagshaw or M^r Hill, eyther of them, are men whom yow know yow are beholden to, and may vse wthowt all offence in a farre greater matter. If you please to send yo^r letters in a cover to y^e Embass: it will be farre more acceptable domi forisque and we lesse beholden to base companyons. O^r brethren at their departure hence desyred me, no wayes inclined to stay behinde them of my selfe, to stay here and to deale in theyr affayres w^h this K.^a I desyre yow to sounde herein the minde and opinion of o^r estate: for vales they like both of the negotiation, and of the person: I will in no case medle with theyr disliking. Yow may also if yow please desyre o^r brethren to interteyne no kinde of negotiation, directe or indirecte, offensive to y^e state.

I take that m^r Hill or D Bagsh: are farre more proper for this place then my selfe: ffor to tell yow plainly my desyre is rather domi consuescere, if I may vnderstand by yow that I may have any oversight, or may be admitted to that grace my companions have obteyned.

^a This letter seems to have been written from Paris before Cecil resolved to take part in the deputation to Rome. His three companions left Paris on Jan. 1, and the letter was probably written early in the same month, notwithstanding the endorsement of the copyist.

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

Usque ad aras

J. Cecyll.

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

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

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

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

54, f. 243.

Feb. 7, 1602.

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

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

^a Sic, for "hot"?

^b The Bishop of London.