

Madrid April 17/27 1650.

Sr,

As far a long & tedious Voyage by 3yrs [Sea] & journey by land (for I disimbarqud at Malaya) I am now by Gods blessing, safely arrivd in this Court. A few days before my setting sayls from {Ire}land I wrote to you largely by Captain Braithwayt, sending my {?word}?unto him ^to^ Limirick from whence he embarqud, & it was my good fortune to meet him afterwards at Sea, by wh {opportunity} he, finding that another packet, wh I had addressed to him ^likewise^ for you after those wh he carried, had mist of him, I supp{osed} it as well as in so much had I would, 3 y ^a^ We immediatly written upon the {plan}.

I hope (as by computation &, according to the indifferent good winds he had, he well might) have arrivd wh you so long since^e^ that I shall {?word} & ^a much desird^ an{sweard} to whom wh in a viry few days, & {?word} a farther testimony of yr {?word} need {?word} if not, both for what warrants my {?word} to his ma^{hrs} {?word}, & allso my Residence

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in this court wh such {?word} & support from our Royall {mastr} ({?word} {hi} way how to yr favourable contrivances) as {?word} this comfort to my {self} (being the thing wh is least materiall) may the {bothrs} {inable} {?word} to most to {?word} his ma^{hrs}.

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I shall trouble you at present wh nothing of Affayers, not well knowing as yet where I am, & knowing that my Lords the Ambassadors {has} writtin. I am wh much riason

Sr

Yr most faithfull & humble
Servant

Rif\c Fanshawe