

W^h my humble dutye. Paris. this 29 of September 1602.

Your H^r in all syncere affection

Christopher Bagshaw

Endorsement (in another hand):

To the Right hono^{le} his very good Lo: the Lo: B^p of
London.

14. *Letter from Dr. John Cecil at Rome to James Hyll, Esq., at Paris.* 54. f. 238

Oct. 7, 1602.

Ryght Wo^rsh^h

The laste we receaved from yow was of the 17 of August: It seemeth by o^r calculation that yow have neclegted to write or that yo^r letters have miscaryed some 2 postes: We cannot remember eny omission one o^r partes: before I fell sicke the 2 postes immediatly precedent I delyuered to the Embassador 2 general pacquettes for yow, w^{ch} I suspect myght come to yo^r handes both together, because at the delyuery of the fyrst he was in dowbte yf he shoulde by that ordinarye dispatche his private pacquate. in those of o^rs weare letters to D. Bagshowe m^r Pagget, Capten Eliot and good m^r Bossvile from me, to D. Bishop & others from my colleges. I sente in the same the declaration of the Inquisition & the replyes we made agaynste the continuation of the Archp: & other heddies. after my sicknes my companions writte twise w^hout intermission & now it hath pleased God to give me so mutche strenghte & comoditye of helthe I returne to my former diligence in saluting you. The cause of the miscaryinge of o^rs & yo^rs we impute to the absence and sicknes [of] the Embass. private Secretarye; the Secretarye estab. not beinge acquayn[ted] w^h the sendinge of o^r, we f[eare] putt them w^h oth[ers] in a cover to the post master, and so may they [lie] perhappes at Lions or at the postes in Paris wher [you] shall doe well to inquier after them. thus mutch for that poynte.

My companyons have written to yow & others . . . the tyme of

my sicknes & therefore I wyll make no farther repetitions then of thinges faulen owte sithe[nce] theyr writinge: we expecte euery daye o^r dispatche, ye sight of the Breve w^h is vnder Vestrios handes. [I] vnderstande there be 2, one as a private [re . . . est] . . . to the [Archpa:]^a annother in general to al the p[ea]ple.^b The pope styll sayeth he wyll give vs con . . . yet Parsons by authoritye & arte hadde like to have . . . vs, the 3 of this present, into suche a brake that [should] have intangled vs terribly yf not vtterly vndonne [us]. He hadde vnder pretexte of peace & friendship p . . . the pope to sende for vs to be at the palace prec . . . of the clocke on thursday last, wyllinge likewise that [yf I] weare owt of my bedde I show[ld] not fayle to be pre[sent] . . . We weare ryght gladde of the appoyntment hopinge his ho: would give vs the bull & dispatche vs. We went [at] the hower appoynted, wheare we stayde some haulf hower, & behould Parsons w^h his procters Parker & Archer appeareth, he saluteth vs and we hym w^hout farther coniunction or communion: when we sawe hym and o^rselves theare, one the stage together, we beganne to suspecte that that was indeede to wytte that a[ll] his stratagemes weare not yet at an ende, & feared the pope showlde commaunde vs to ioyne handes w^h hym & in his syght to make a peace. We conferred for the breuitye of the tyme howe to avoyde this inconveniens, but w^hal secretlye and in o^r hartes we recurre[d] to God & o^r blessed ladye that they woulde diver[t]e this malheure from vs, interim cometh in Card: Farnesius in whose presence this solempnitye of pacification must be performed, but for the providence of God almightye: The Card., deputed for examen of bushoppes, came in so fast in the taylor of Farnesius that, after a 2 howers expectatio, Parsons fearinge we shoulde not have tyme inowghe that daie wente to the porteco & gott a worde of the master de Camera, and so departed: imagine yow yf we weare not gladde men to see the storme we feared to be so for the tyme diverted: yet the good manne of his charitye sent the 2 procters vnto vs to advertise vs that we showlde

^a Or, fath. pa?

^b Or, priests? The writing is scarcely legible.

54, f. 238b.

lose o^r tyme to expecte farther that daye: aunswer was made that we came not thither but for o^r owne private audience & hadde nothing to doe wth Parsons or his audience and so stayde tyll the master de Camera came owte wth a Cardinal, at w^{ch} tyme I stepped to hym & towlde hym that according to the popes order we weare theare expectynge his pleasure. I asked yf he commaunded vs to attende farther or no. he sayde he cowlde not tell what to saye but he was [of] opinion that rather no than [yes]^a. We departed somewhat recreated that we hadde gotte respirandi tempus, seinge o^r selves browght by this artifice into termes either to displease the pope & protector to these f . . . , or to faule owte wth o^r best & surest patrone & protector.

We post in hast to o^r asyllum, to o^r only refuge & redresse in al 54, f. 239.
o^r exigentes, o^r good Embass. whose audience was the nexte daye. We informe & give hym o^r reasons: he the nexte daye dealeth so effectually wth the pope that he gatte promise th[at] his holynes showlde not vrge vs to eny such inconvenience: The pope confessed that his intent of caulinge vs together was that to make vs frendes and to embrace on an other before we wente oute of his chamber doore; This borasca was like to come vppon vs Thursdaye last the 3 of this presente: w^{ch} we shall desyre you to communicate wth o^r brethren wth o^r hartye comendations to them all: To D. Bagshawe my comendacions in particular to whome I have writen so often wthout aunswer, a postscript in annother man's letter only excepted, that I ame a werye of the occupation. We are vncerten as yet who shal returnne or who shal remayne, & canne deliberate or determine nothings in that kynde tyll we see the bull.

7th of Ottobre 1602 [*in another hand*].

Endorsement I. (in same hand as letter):

To the Right Worshipp^l his very lovinge [fren]d
m^r Jame Hyll Esquyer give thees
Paris

^a Some Italian words erased.

Endorsement II.:

l'ès de m^r Cecile de 7^e d'ottobre come par [un] billet qui y fut enfermé [est] apparent. Rsp. le 25^{me} d'ottobre 1602

54, f. 393.

15. *Legal questions as to the force of the Papal Brief of October 1602.*

Qualis publicatio istius brevis requiritur vt obliget in conscientia, aut in foro exteriori?

Vtrum ex eo quod quis legerit vel lectum audiverit originale aut copiam authenticam obligetur?

Vtrum declaretur Archipresbiter excessisse suas facultates in condendis decretis, v^l solum prohibetur ne condat in posterum?

Vtrum illa particula prætensi idem sonat quod falsi et iniusti?

Qui libri dicendi sint criminosi, iniuriosi, et calumniosi aut qui sunt illi libri aut literæ quæ excitare possint in posterum dissidia?

Vtrum prohibemur servare processum huius negotij, aut eum imposterum typis mandare aut socijs communicare aut apud amicos deponere?

54, f. 394.

Replies to the foregoing questions by Mons. Seraphin.

Ad p^m. Si publicatio non potest fieri per affixionem ecclesijs Catholicorum poterit fieri per eos qui habent curam administrandorum sacramentorum in conuentibus et congregationibus eorum, in presentia eorum quorum curam gerunt animarum. Et etiam publicatio fieri poterit in regnis vicinioribus Catholicorum in locis propinquiore et vicinioribus ecclesijs.

Ad 2^m. Ex lectura originalis et copię authenticæ obligantur qui legerint ad obseruationem, cum habita eius notitia non possint excusarij apud Deum.

Ad 3^m. Non legitur expresse declaratio Archipresbiterum ex-