

Hague 7. Oct. 1731.
Richard
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my account.
If your Lordship thinks proper, you
may prepare Mr Finch, to come here
in about six weeks time; for I am
perswaded, that by that time, I shall
have finish'd every thing here.

I am with the utmost respect
Your Lordship's
Most humble and
Most obedient servant
Pesterfeld

P.S. The Garde des Sceaux acquainted Mr
Van Hovey, that the Cardinal had receiv'd a
letter from Mr Walpole, to excuse the separate
negotiation with the Emperor; but without com-
municating any of the particulars of the nego-
tiation. The Garde des Sceaux accompanied
this communication, with many unkind expressions
both from himself, and the Cardinal.

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Hague April 3. 1731

My Lord.

I am oblig'd to trouble your Lordship
at present about a very silly thing
because I know you either have been,
or will be apply'd to about it.
My Lord, or I believe rather my Lady
Denbigh, has a great mind to succeed
me, as Minister here; and in order
to bring that about, they made one
Mr Toovies a Merchant of Amsterdam
and who married a Sister of Lady
Denbigh's, come to me here, to desire
me, to recommend to your Lordship,
My Lord Denbigh for my Successor;

as a Person whom he (Mr^r Jovies) would be extremely agreeable to the Town of Amsterdam, as well upon account of his Alliance in this Country, as of his excellent personal qualifications and endowments. I told Mr^r Jovies, that, in the first place, Mr^r Finch was already nam'd, and that I expected him here soon, and in the next place that I was determin'd for reasons of my own, to have nothing to do with the recommendation of my Successor. Mr^r Jovies reply'd, that Mr^r Finch being destin'd for Spain, would probably not stay here long, and desired that since I would not recommend, I would at least relate to your Lordship the fact, of his solicitation; which I promis'd him to do. And I begg that when you are apply'd to by

Lord or Lady Denbigh, as I dare say you frequently will, that you will say that I have related the fact. But I begg too at the same time, that your Lordship will ^{not} take this relation of mine, as a recommendation ^{from me} of Lord Denbigh; because it is a matter I am resolv'd not to meddle in, nor am I enough acquainted with Lord Denbigh, to be a proper Judge of those perfections Mr^r Jovies has discover'd in his Lordship.

Monsieur Stersum having had very great occasion, for the six hundred pounds, due to him last January; and his Successor in the Province of Overysse, being of very great Consequence to the Prince of Orange, I have advanc'd him that sum, of my own Money; by which I hope I shall be no loser; whenever it is paid, I begg it may be paid to Mr^r Bower Clerk of the Treasury, upon