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To the most Noble PRINCE,

HENRY,

Duke of *Beaufort*,

Marquis and Earl of *Worcester*, Earl of *Glamorgan*,
Baron *Herbert*, and Lord
of *Chepstow*, *Ragland* and
Gower, Lord-Lieutenant
of the County of *South-*
ampton, Lord Warden of
the New Forest, and One
of her MAJESTY'S most
Honourable Privy-Coun-
cil, &c.

May it please your GRACE,



THE Subject of the fol-
lowing Papers makes it
seem proper, that they
should be presented to your Grace;

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for since you have been admitted to Her MAJESTY's Council, it is convenient you should see all the Measures that have been taken by Persons advanc'd to the like Station. Mr. Gabriel Naude, who was the Author of the French, from which this is a Translation, is accounted one of the most Celebrated Genius's of the latter Age, for his Knowledge of Men and Books, the Variety and Extensiveness of his Conversation, and his good Fortune in being admitted to the Service of the most illustrious Persons then in Europe. His Wisdom, Prudence, good Humour and Temperance recommended him so far, that having studied Physick in Padua, with the famous Mr. Patin, under Mr. Moreau, and being
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return'd from his Travels, he was in the Year 1630, being then about Thirty, sent by Cardinal Richelieu upon an especial Occasion to Rome, where he remain'd above twelve Years as Library Keeper to the Cardinal de Bagni, a Person that had improv'd himself so far in all good Authors relating to Politicks, and especially in Aristotle's Rhetorick, which was his Favourite, that Cardinal Pamphilio, who afterwards succeeded by the Name of Innocent the Tenth, said he fear'd no other Rival besides him for the Pope-dom; but Death prevented it. Mr. Naude was afterwards Library Keeper to Antonio Barbarini Nephew to Pope Urban VIII. Upon his coming back from Rome

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he was admitted into the Service of the Cardinal Mazarine, of whose Penetration into Mankind the whole World is sensible. To these Patrons he owed his Preferments of Canon of Verdun and Prior of Artige in the Limoisin. Queen Christina, whose solv'd to make Sweden famous by her Encouragement of Learning, invited him to Stockholm, where she shew'd him particular Marks of her Esteem. Upon his Journey thence he died at Abbeville in the Year 1653, and so hindered us from several things he had design'd to perfect. Pardon this short Account of the Author, for it is in some Measure an Apology for the Presumption of the Dedication; for I would have nothing approach your Grace, but what had formerly been



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been so far receiv'd in the World as that it might justifie its appearance once again in Publick.

The Author in his Work has made a sufficient Apology for his searching so far into the Secrets of State, and shew'd that a great Spirit can have no Prejudice, but rather reap Advantage from the discovery of them. Now if Youth under all the Temptations of the World, can produce commendable Actions fitting the Dignity of a Person's Birth and Grandeur; If the strictest Rules of Oeconomy are preserv'd, and Temperance mix'd with the sweetest Affability be always the Product of his Conversation, either in Friendship or Conjugal Affection, the nicest Trials of Humanity, what may be expected from the finish'd Tears of
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such a One, when he knows the Rocks and Quick-Sands he is to avoid, and has no other Port in view but where his Ancestors safely harboured. It cannot be doubted therefore but the Virtues and Honour inherent in your Grace's Family and Person, will always conduct you through the Difficulties of State Affairs, and guard you against the Crafts of Policy, preserving you in the Love of your Countrymen and the Favour of your Prince.

That your Grace will accept of this first Essay of my Gratitude, is the utmost Ambition of

*Your Grace's most oblig'd,
most dutiful humble Servant*

WILLIAM KING.