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310. TO: WILLIAM PITT, KEEPER OF NEWGATE GAOL, OR HIS DEPUTY. Whitehall. 29 May 1711. [Contemporary copy in an unidentified hand.] Text: MS, National Archives, London, SP 44/77, fol. 113.

Henry S.^t John Esq.^r one of Her Maj.^{ties} most Hon.^{ble} Privy Councill Principal Secretary of State &c.^a

To the Keeper of Newgate or his Deputy.

These are in her Maj.^{ties} name to authorize & require you, to receive into your Custody the Body of William Bromfield, herewith sent you, for High Treason in coming out of France into this Kingdom without Leave from her Maj.^{ty} contrary to an Act of Parliament; and you are to keep him in safe Custody, untill he shall be delivered by due Course of Law; and for so doing this shall be your Warrant. Given at the Court at Whitehall the 29.th of May 1711.

H. S.^t John

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1. An extract of this letter written in an unidentified contemporary hand is preserved in BL Add. 22205, fols 116–17.

311. TO: THOMAS WENTWORTH, 3rd BARON RABY, afterwards 1st EARL of STRAFFORD. Whitehall. 29 May 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, National Archives, London, SP 84/241, fols 154–5v.¹

Whitehall 29th. May 1711

Lord Raby.

My Lord

I had the Honor of your Excellency's letter of the 2.^d of June N. S. last Sunday, and to day I have received that of the 5th.²

I have laid the former befo[re] [*tear*] the Queen, who has given me very little in Command to say to your Ex.^{c^{ly}} [*tear*] upon it, and the less, because Her Majesty³ thinks it necessary that you shou'd come hither as soon as possible, by which you will have an opportunity of being more fully acquai[n]ted [*tear*] with

her sentiments upon the sev[era]^{ll} important heads of business now depending, than you can possibly be by my letters.

⁴The Queen approves of you[r] [*tear*] Excellency's Conduct in relation to th[e] [*tear*] Treaty with Denmark, and the Metho[d] [*tear*] which it is putt into; with which you may be pleas'd to acquaint the Pensioner, and leave the finishing of it to the Management of the States Ministers.

But I am to observe to your Ex.^{cy} that the Queen is not a little surpriz'd at the extravagance of the King of Denmark's proposition, and the new demands which he makes without any appearance of reason.

⁵I was glad to find in My Lord Marlborough's letter of the 4th. from the Army, that the Prince of Treire had sent his agreement to the King of Prussia's Demands, so that we hope that matter will be ended, without any ill consequence to the Common Cause. The Journey of Mons:^r de Bonrepos's Nephew⁶ gives us some alarm, since we cannot help calling to mind the just occasion of Ombrage, which the Prussian Court gave in the beginning of the Year 1706.

The Queen looks upon wha[t] [*tear*] the Pensionary said to your Ex.^{cy} in yo[ur] [*tear*] discourse upon naval affairs to be as provoking as the most sullen silence.

⁷Your Ex.^{cy} will find by what I write to M^r. Whitworth, and by the Instructions which I send him, that this attempt for procuring a reinforcement of 8000 men for the army in Ita[ly] [*tear*] is the last the Queen designs to make a[t] [*tear*] the Court of Vienna, in which if She do's not succeed, Her Ma.^{ty} will conclud[e] [*tear*] the Common Cause abandon'd by the Hou[se] [*tear*] of Austria, and will direct Her Ministe[rs]⁸ [*tear*] to declare her thoughts very plainly [to] [*tear*] that effect, and the Imperial Court wi[ll] [*tear*] find themselves extremely mistaken if they shou'd not beleive those to be the real sentiments of ours.

⁹The account which your Ex.^{cy} gives of what pass'd in your Conversatio[n] [*tear*] with the Pensioner and Mons:^r Slingerland concerning the Dutch Battallion a[t] [*tear*] Gibraltar affords great room for reflexion, and I may say some degree of Indignation. Her Majesty thinks that you ought to take the turn of pressing them with a great deal of earnestness to recruit that Battallion, and endeavour to persuade them that you had no other view by your first proposition.

¹⁰It is very natural for Count Tarouca to put that gloss which your Ex.^{cy} mentions upon what has been lately discover'd in Portugal, but there is too convincing proof that a separate Treaty was carrying on, at least with some of the Ministers of that Court; which we hope is now prevented, and perhaps it may have this good effect, that the Portuguese will exert themselves with more than ordinary vigour, with a prospect of obliterating those impressions which their late behaviour in particular has given us of them.¹¹

I am ever with true respect
my Lord y^r Excellency's most
Humble & obedient servant
H S^t John

I send y^r Ex:[cellency] enclos'd a copy of my letter to C:[ount] Gyllenberg¹² in answer to one I rec[eive]^d from him demanding y^e Guaranty of y^e treaty of Alt Rastadt

Endorsement (in another hand): From M^r Sec^{ry} St. John/y^e 29th March. 1711¹³

1. An extract of this letter written in an unidentified contemporary hand is preserved in BL Add. 22205, fols 116–17.
2. Raby to B., both letters dated at The Hague: 2 June n.s. 1711; 5 June n.s. 1711. NA, SP 84/239, fols 211–20; 237–43v.
3. A vertical line appears in the left margin from here until the end of the paragraph for emphasis.
4. MS note written beside this passage in Raby's hand: 'Treaty wth Denmark'. This refers to the renewal of a Treaty of Alliance between Great Britain, Denmark, and the Netherlands, signed at Copenhagen, 3 November 1690, which was due to expire on 15 June 1711 (see letter 258 note 9). Raby told Hans Heinrich Ahlefeldt (Danish envoy to The Hague, 1710–14) that it was the Allies 'undeniable right ... [to] keep those troops during the war', and refused Ahlefeldt's demand that the Allies pay 30,000 crowns a month for the troops. Heinsius agreed to meet Ahlefeldt in conference on 3 June n.s. 1711 to receive the Danish propositions. NA, SP 84/239, fols 214–15v; cf. *MD*, vol. 5, p. 363.
5. MS note written beside this passage in Raby's hand: 'K.[ing] of prussia.' MS note written beside this passage in another hand in extract of this letter, BL Add. 22205 fol. 116: 'K.[ing] of Prussia & P.[rince] of Triere [Trèves].' Karl Joseph von Lothringen, Elector of Trier (Treves).
6. Jean-Louis D'Usson, Marquis de Bonnac (c. 1672–1738), described as Bonrepos's nephew in *Daily Courant*, 2587 (7 February 1710). In May 1711 Bonnac was appointed French Envoy Extraordinary to Spain in place of Jean-Denis de Blécourt.
7. MS note written beside this passage in Raby's hand: 'The Detachm[en]' from Hungary.'
8. 'Ministers' is written in extract of this letter, BL Add. 22205, fol. 116v.
9. MS note written beside this passage in Raby's hand: 'Gibraltar.'
10. MS note written beside this passage in another hand in extract of this letter in BL Add. 22205: 'Portugall carrying on a Separate Treaty w:th ffrance.'
11. Remainder of letter including signature in B.'s hand.
12. Letter 309.
13. 'March' written in error. *Endorsemet* (in extract BL Add. 22205 in another hand): 'Extract of M^r. Secretary S^t. John's/Letter to the Lord Raby/Whitehall May 29: 1711/O. S./Contents/Acknowledges L^d. Raby's Lett.^{rs} of the 4. & 5. June N. S./ L^d. Raby Order'd to England./Dispute between the P. of Treire/& K.[ing] of Prussia./suspition of the K.[ing] of Prussia's/treating privately w:th ffrance.'

312. TO: CHARLES WHITWORTH, afterwards BARON WHITWORTH. Whitehall. 29 May 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, BL Add. 37358, fols 239–40v.¹

Whitehall 29.th May 1711.

Sir

Your Letter of the 19th ins.^t O. S. came to my hands this morning, & I shall take the first opportunity of laying it before the Queen.

Tho' we have Letters from Lord Peterborow dated at Genoa the 16.th of this month, by which we find that his Lord:^{ps} intention was to return to Vienna immediately; yet her Ma:^{ty} considering the possibility of his Journey's being prevented by one accident or other, & the pressing necessity which there is of being at some certainty concerning the Imperial Troops² desired for the reinforcement of the Duke of Savoy's Army, has thought fit to direct you to repair forthwith to Vienna, & to take upon you the Negotiation of that affair, which is of the greatest importance possible, and upon which her Ma:^{ty} thinks the fate of the Campaign & perhaps of the whole Warr do's in great measure depend.

By the Queen's Instructions which I inclose to you,³ together with a Copy of the Answer which Prince Eugene gave in writing to my Lord Marlborough upon this head, as also of the Letter which, by the Queen's order I writ in French to his Grace,⁴ on purpose that it might be shown to the Prince of Savoy, & by an Extract of some other Letters of mine upon the same subject, you will be fully appriz'd of the directions which have been given to the Queen's Ministers employed in this matter.

Her Ma:^{ty} makes no doubt of your discharging this Trust with your usual sufficiency, but She commands me to recommend to you all the diligence possible in arriving at Vienna, & in obtaining a positive Answer from that Court, since it is very visible, that the Season of the Year will admit of no delay, & since you will observe by what is expressed in the Queen's Instructions, that her Ma:^{ty} will look upon any loss of time to be equivalent to a flat denial.⁵

You will observe from the tenor of your Instructions that it is the Queen's Pleasure, that you not give the least expectation of her being at any expence for the March of the Troops, till you find they are not to be obtain'd without it, nor any hopes of 160,000 Crowns being allowed, till you are sure that the first offer of 80000 will not be sufficient to induce the Court of Vienna to make the Detachment effectually and in time.

If upon your coming to Vienna you should find my Lord Peterborow there, you will be pleas'd to give my Lord the inclosed Letter, to communicate your Instructions & the other Papers which accompany this Packet to his Lord:^p, & to desire him to join his Services with yours upon this occasion,⁶ which he is

directed to do in the same manner as if the instructions were sent immediately to him.

I am S^r
y^r Excellency's
most humble & obed^t
servant
H S^t. John⁷

1. Contemporary copies of this letter are preserved in NA, SP 84/241, fols 150–1, and BL Add. 22205, fols 118–18v (extract).
2. MS note written beside this passage in Strafford's hand: 'about the Detachment from Hungary'.
3. A copy of Whitworth's diplomatic instructions, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Czar Peter I, for a mission to the Court of Vienna, dated Kensington 29 May 1711, are preserved in NA, SP 84/241, fols 144–8. A letter from Eugene to Marlborough, dated 25 May n.s. 1711, about difficulties in transferring 8,000 Imperial troops from Hungary to Italy to relieve the Duke of Savoy is printed in *MD*, vol. 5, p. 354 note.
4. Letter 304.
5. See Whitworth's instructions of 29 May: 'You will let the Empress and the Ministers know, that you are desired to look upon any answer which will require a dispatch to be sent hither, and a Reply to be expected from here, as a Positive Refusal, since it is evident that the loss of so much time must disappoint y^e service, these troops being expected by ... [the Duke of Savoy] ... at furthest in the middle of Sep.' n.s.' NA, SP 84/241, fols 146v–7.
6. Remainder of letter including signature in B's hand.
7. *Endorsement* (in extract BL Add. 22205 in another hand): 'Extract of M^r. Secretary S^r./John's Letter to M^r. Whitworth/Whitehall 29:th May 1711/O. S./Contents/Inclos'd in a Letter to L^d. Raby/of the same date/ M^r. Whitworth Order'd to Vienna/His Instructions enclos'd'.

313. TO: THOMAS WENTWORTH, 3rd BARON RABY,
afterwards 1st EARL of STRAFFORD. Whitehall. 1 June 1711.
[In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, National Archives,
London, SP 84/241, fols 156–7v.¹

Whitehal June y^e [1] [*tear*]

Ld Amb: Raby.

My Lord

Your Excellency's letter of y^e 9th is Just now come to my [h]and.

In my last I did not speak {to your} [*tear*] [Exce]llency upon several hea[ds] [*tear*] of bus[ines]s co[n]tain'd in some of y^r forme[r] letters. {Hav}ing before acquainted you wit[h] her Majesty's sentiments therein, & cou'd only have troubl'd y^r Excellency by repeating y^e same again. besides I had great hopes y^r some of our

Packet boats might hav[e] gain'd [τ]heir [*tear*] passage to Holland, & hav[e] carry'd you a Summons which I believ[e] [*tear*] you will receive with pleasure.

By tuesday's post I hope to write to your Excellency upon those points in which you desire y^e Queen's directions, & sooner I shall not be able to receive them from her Majesty. As to y^e Succession of Spain, & y^e Duke of Savoy's pretensions,² those points will be more properly referr'd to y^r arrival here; & y^e opportunity which her Majesty will have of explaining her self to y^r Excellency, & of instructing you very fully therein, is one g[r]eat reaso[n] [*tear*] why She is so earnest {for} {y^r} h[astening]{*tear*} hither. I cant help however {telling} [*tear*] {y^r} Excellency before hand y^r you {w}ill {find} [*tear*] y^e Queen's opinion upon these s[entiments] [*tear*] very different from y^t whi[ch] seems to be entertain'd in Holland. As to y^e particular of y^e Duke of Savoy we look upon his present demands not to be ill founded both in reason & Justice, besides, nothing can more effectually conduce to y^e maintaining a ballance of power in Europe, & consequently nothing can be more agreable to y^e true interest & character of y^e crown of Brittain, yⁿ taking every opportunity of aggrandizing y^e House of Savoy[.]

As to y^e giving of {an} Archdutchess to y^e Prince of Piemont,³ it is so reasonable, y^t we think she cannot be dispos'd of in any other family without a real injury to his Royall High[ness.]

Y^r Excellency will be plea[sed] [*tear*] to insinuate upon all occasions y^t y^e Ma[r]quis del {Borgo's} [*tear*] coming hither was {part of the} [*tear*] {oper}ations [*tear*] of y^e War; & y^e co{m}mis{sion} g[iven] to M^r Whitworth to execute att Vie[n]na, which y^r Excellency has been {a}cq[ui]anted with, may, when it comes to be known, be pretended as an effect of y^e Marquis's Journey to Brittain[.]

The wind having continued Easterly for some time I have sent to y^e Lds of y^e Admiralty to desire y^t a Yate{h} [*sic*] & a ship to convoy her, may be order'd to Holland by y^e first fair wind, y^t y^r Excellency may cross y^e water with y^e greater conveniency.

I send y^r Excellency enclos'd a memorial or project of making some provision in y^e Spanish Netherlands for y^e Marquis Paleotti,⁴ who is I beleive in want of it. The Queen recommends this affair to y^r Excellency{s} {care}, & would have you use her {name} [*tear*] in y^e instances you make.⁵

I am my Lord
y^r Excellency's most humble
and obedient servant
H S^t John

Endorsement (in another hand): From M^r Sec^{ry} S^t John./y^e 1 June. 1711.

1. This letter is damaged and has several gaps in the text. Cf. Summary of this letter in 'Contents' list of B.'s correspondence with Raby written in an unidentified hand. BL Add. 22206, fol. 445: '1.st O.S. M^r. S^t. John to Lord Raby. Duke of Savoy's Pretentions reasonable.'

2. MS note written beside this passage in Raby's hand: '[Duke] [*tear*] of Savoy.'
3. See letter 270 note 4.
4. Ferdinando di Paleotti, Marchese, Imperial colonel.
5. Remainder of letter including signature in B's hand.

314. TO: MATTHEW PRIOR. Whitehall. 3 July 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, Longleat House, Prior Papers. Vol. I, fol. 184.

Whitehall July 3^d
1711

The bearer hereof Jeremy Matthews being sent by her Majesty's particular command, & on her especial service, into Forreign parts, on board y^e William & Mary, Hoy,¹ you are hereby in her Majesty's name strictly charg'd & requir'd to suffer y^e said Jeremy Matthews to go out of y^e Kingdom of Great Brittain, & to return into any part thereof, without y^e least hindrance or molestation, but on y^e contrary you are to afford him all possible aid & assistance.²

H S^c John

1. Prior visited Paris in June 1711 to hold peace negotiations with Torcy, travelling incognito under a false passport with the name 'Jeremy Matthews'. Charles Kenneth Eves, *Matthew Prior, poet and diplomatist* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1939), p. 237. For records related to HMS William and Mary, see letter 422 note 2. Whitworth reported that the news of Prior's journey to France and 'the Reservedness of the Queens answer to Count Gallas' caused 'much uneasiness' in the court of Vienna. Imperial Vice-Chancellor, Count Frederick Charles Schönborn, told Whitworth that the House of Austria had been 'undeceived by sad experience ... [and henceforth] should onely endeavour not to grow less; but that the House of Bourbon if left in possession of Spain would be an overbalance for the rest of Europe'. Whitworth to B., Vienna, 12/23 September 1711. NA, SP 91/7, fol. 122v.

315. TO: THOMAS WENTWORTH, 3rd BARON RABY, afterwards 1st EARL of STRAFFORD. Whitehall. 5 June 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, National Archives, London, SP 84/241, fols 158–9.

Whitehall 5th June 1711.

H.[is] E.[xcellency] L^d Raby.

My Lord.

The delay of the letters by the long continuance of the wind at East gives us, as I am sure it must to your Ex:^{cy}, very great uneasiness. whether our packets could go more regularly or not I cannot tell, but surely your Ex:^{cy} took a very proper

occasion to reproach the Pensionary with that scandalous Deficiency in the Sea Force of Holland, which has been so often & to so little purpose represented.¹

I have nothing to write to your Ex^{cy} in the affair of Bindon, since the papers,² which you give us reason to expect, must arrive before the Queen can form any new Judgment, or give any fresh Orders.

³Concerning the Renewal and perpetuating of the Treaty of Norlingen your Ex^{cy} may expect Orders by the next post, unless the wind should come fair for carrying the Yacht & Convoy over immediately. in which case we shall take it for granted that you will leave the Hague and hasten to come hither.

The Minister of the Czar at our Court has made the same step, as that which your Ex^{cy} mentions to have been made in Holland.

⁴Mons^r Bonet has not failed already to demand the payment of the Queen's proportion of seventy thousand Crowns on pretence that the Prussian Recruits are march'd. and he assures us, as Mon^r Ilgen⁵ does your Ex^{cy}, & as the Velt-Marshal has done M^r Whitworth, that the eleven Battalions are now compleat. but I must tell your Ex^{cy} that we do not believe one tittle of these accounts, neither will anything but the return for which we have writ, and which we expect from Italy, satisfy the Queen as to the real strength of this Corps. Your Ex^{cy} knows too well how grossly & how frequently we have been imposed upon, to wonder at our present caution.

⁶On the subject of the four Battalions wanting for our Northern Contingent and of the four others wanting of the Dutch Quota for the Service of Spain, I can sa[y] [*tear*] nothing more, than to desire your Ex^{cy} to pursue the measures which you have hitherto taken.⁷

I transmit to your Excellency a copy of the report made by my Lords of y^e Admiralty to her Majesty upon what you writ some time since concerning the Pirates of Barbary.⁸ my Lord Dartmouth has had orders to write to y^e several Consuls herein, & I doubt that is y^e uttmost which we can do.

I am ever with y^e greatest respect
my Lord y^r Excellencys
most humble & obed^t
servant
H S^t John

Endorsement (in another hand): From M^r S^t John y^e 5th June/1711.

1. In January 1711 Sir James Wishart was appointed special commissioner to the Netherlands on a diplomatic mission to negotiate the Dutch quotas of ships.
2. For papers related to the case of David Bindon, see letter 284 note 1.
3. MS note written beside this passage in Raby's hand: 'Treaty of nortlingen.' The Association agreement between the Circles of the Rhine, Austria, Franconia, Suabia and the Upper Rhine, was signed at Nördlingen on 16, 17 and 20 March 1702.

4. MS note written beside this passage in Raby's hand: 'Prussian Troops.'
5. Heinrich Rüdiger von Ilgen (1654–1728), Prussian statesman. Following the dismissal of Wartenberg in the summer of 1711, Ilgen occupied the first position in the Prussian cabinet. Count Christopher Dohna, former envoy to England, was recalled and appointed Ambassador Extraordinary. In addition to Dohna, Frederick's new privy council consisted of Kameke, Prinzen, and Ilgen. NA, SP 91/7, fols 7, 10.
6. MS note written beside this passage in Raby's hand: 'Troops.'
7. Remainder of letter including signature in B's hand.
8. Lords of the Admiralty (letter signed by William Drake, Sir James Wishart, and George Clarke) to B., Admiralty Office, 26 May 1711, regarding the Barbary Corsairs. NA, SP 84/241, fols 162–3v. Cf. letter 317 and note 4 to that letter.

316. TO: NATHANIEL BARLOW. Whitehall. 6 June 1711.
 [Contemporary copy in an unidentified hand.] Text: MS, National
 Archives, London, SP 44/77, fol. 114.

Henry S.^a John Esq.^r one of Her Maj^{ties} most Hon.^{ble} Privy Council, Principall
 Secretary of State &c.^a

To Nathaniel Barlow one of her Maj^{ties} Messengers in Ordinary.

Whereas John Franklyn stands charged upon oath of uttering Treasonable Words against her Maj:^{ty}.¹ These are in her Maj.^{ties} name to authorize & require you forthwith to repair to Portsmouth, and there (taking a Constable to your assistance) to make strict and diligent search for the said John Franklyn, and him having found, you are to seize & secure & bring him & his Papers in safe Custody before me to be examined concerning the Premisses, and be further dealt with according to Law. In the due Execution whereof all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Constables and other her Maj:^{ties} Officers both Civil & Military, & Loving subjects whom it may concern are to be aiding & assisting to you as there may be occasion, as they will answer the contrary at their Perills. And for so doing this shall be to you and them a sufficient Warrant. Given at Whitehall 6th June 1711[.]

1. Anthony Hedges was called upon to give evidence against John Franklin at the next Assizes held in Southampton. NA, SP 44/77, fol. 117 (contemporary copy); cf. fol. 118 of the same MS.

317. TO: THOMAS WENTWORTH, 3rd BARON RABY,
 afterwards 1st EARL of STRAFFORD. Whitehall. 8 June 1711.
 [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, National Archives,
 London, SP 84/241, fols 160–1.

Whitehall 8th June 1711.

H.[is] E.[xcellency] L^d Raby.

My Lord.

I don't doubt but that the change of the wind to the West has brought your Ex:^{cy} the yacht, which was ordered for you, as well as the several Mails, which wer[e] [*tear*] detained on this side. And I hope now very soon to have the honour and satisfaction of seeing your Ex:^{cy} here. But if this should find you still in Holland, your Ex:^{cy} will be pleased to take occasion fro[m] the King of Prussia's coming into those parts to renew the Assurances you hav[e] [*tear*] formerly given upon the subject of Religion, and the Offers and Advances made from Berlin relating to a close Union with the Church of England.¹ your Ex:^{cy} knows how much the Quee[n] is concerned that some proposals of thi[s] [*tear*] nature have formerly met with so cold a Reception & so little regard here. her Majesty is her self very well disposed to forward so pious a work. and most of the Bishops, and the Body of the Clergy of this Church show a great Inclination to contribute on their part towards the success of it. When your Ex:^{cy} speaks to the King of Prussia upon this head you will observe by his Ma:^{ty's} Answers with what readiness he embraces the matter, and accordingly you will enter further into the discourse, or let it rest in general TerMS² for altho' our disposition on this side towards that business are at present very good. yet we would not appear too eager in it, or go faster than they do on the other side of the water.

³I have already sent your Ex:^{cy} the Opinion of the Lords of the Admiralty concerning what Mon^r Sinzerling mentioned to you in relation to the Corsairs of Barbary. you have herewith what S^r Charles Hedges has writ to my Lord Dartmouth upon the same subject,⁴ by which you will see that it is by no means adviseable for her Ma:^{ty} to giv[e] [*tear*] passes to the King of Spain's Ships. {but} the Queen's Consuls on the Coast of Barbar[y] [*tear*] are directed to do what Service they can in that matter.

⁵In relation to the Treaty proposed to be made with the four Associated Circles I am to desire your Ex:^{cy} to inform me whether the several Quotas of Troops to be furnished by the Parties contracting have been mentioned to you and in what manner, and according to what proportions they are to be provid[ed] [*tear*] and whether the Circular Troops are to {be} exclusive of their usual Contingents.⁶

I am my Lord with very great

respect y^r Excellency's
 most obedient and
 most humble servant
 H S^t John

Endorsement (in another hand): M^r S^t John y^e – 8th –/June. 1711.

[a second endorsement in a yet another hand]: M^r. S^t. John y^e./8th. June 1711.

1. MS note written beside this passage in Raby's hand: 'about Religion.' This refers to proposals of Daniel Ernst Jablonski (1660–1741), Prussian court preacher, for uniting the Prussian churches by adopting the Anglican liturgy and church government. In 1711 Jablonski announced plans for endowing scholarships for Prussian students at Oxford and Cambridge. Frey, *Frederick I*, pp. 137–8.
2. Frederick I gave enthusiastic support to Jablonski's plans. Linda and Marsha Frey, *Frederick I*, p. 138
3. MS note written beside this passage in Strafford's hand: 'Pirates X'. The 'Opinion of the Lawyers at the Hague on the Case of D Bindon', n.p., n.d., is preserved in BL Add. 22266, fols 187–91v.
4. Sir Charles Hedges to Dartmouth, 1 June 1711. This refers to passports issued to British ships carrying Spanish subjects, and the ill treatment of these ships by Barbary corsairs. NA, SP 34/31/19, fol. 33.
5. MS written beside this passage in Strafford's hand: 'Associated Circles. X'. In May 1711, Anton Günther von Heespen, the Associated Circles' envoy in the Netherlands claimed that Rechteren 'wished to renew the perpetual alliance' (1702) between the Associated circles and the Netherlands. Roger Wines, 'The Imperial Circles, Princely Diplomacy and Imperial Reform 1681–1714', *Journal of Modern History*, 39:1 (Mar. 1967), pp. 23–5.
6. Remainder of letter including signature in B.'s hand.

318. TO: CHARLES WHITWORTH, afterwards BARON WHITWORTH. Whitehall. 8 June 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, BL Add. 37358, fols 259–9v.

Whitehall 8th June 1711.

Sir.

I have had no letters from you since my last, which I dispatched by a Messenger; all the packet Boats have been on this side for some time; but the wind having been westerly since yesterday I hope the Orders I lately sent you will reach you soon; and I wish you success in a Commission, which is of very great importance to our affairs, & which we have very much at heart here.¹

I was in hopes to have sent you by this post her Ma:^{ty's} Answer to the letter She received from the Empress Dowager upon the death of the late Emperor her

Husband. but the Queen has not been able to write of late by reason of the gout in her hand; otherwise the Answer had been sooner returned. in the mean time you will please to make the proper excuses to the Empress, to whom her Ma^{ty} will not fail to write as soon, as She is in a condition to use her own hand.²

I am S^r
y^r Excellency's
most humble & obedient
servant
H S^r John

1. Whitworth was Ambassador Extraordinary to Russia in 1711–12; during this period he also held commissions in Berlin, Vienna, the Palatinate, and The Hague.
2. Remainder of letter including signature in B.'s hand.

319. TO: THOMAS WENTWORTH, 3rd BARON RABY,
afterwards 1st EARL of STRAFFORD. Whitehall. 12 June 1711.
[In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, National Archives,
London, SP 84/241, fols 164–5v.

Whitehall 12.th June 1711.

H.[is] E.[xcellency] L^d Raby

My Lord.

I am to acknowledge the honour of your Ex:^{cy}s letters of the 12th, 16th, & 20th instant N.S. the two first I received late on Sunday night by the Messenger, and the last came by the Dutch Mail this morning.¹

Tho' I am in hopes of seeing your Ex:^{cy} very suddenly, yet I venture to send this letter to you. but M^r Harrison² has at the same time Directions by my Order to open it in case your Ex:^{cy} should have left the Hague; particularly to take care of communicating to some proper person among the States the Orders³ which the Duke of Queensberry sends to M^r Jackson⁴ concerning the Declaration made by Sweden about interrupting our Trade with the Towns taken from them in Livonia⁵ her Ma^{ty} thinks it proper, according to what your Ex:^{cy} wrote in yours of the 16th, that the States General should be acquainted with her Instructions to M^r Jackson upon that matter,⁶ before they are forwarded to Stockholm, that the Dutch Minister there may be directed to act in concert with him.

I have the papers⁷ which came in your Ex:^{cy}s of the 12th relating to M^r Bindon's affair, & am directed to put them into my Lord President's hands to be laid before her Ma^{ty} in Councill.

I find your Ex:^{cy} takes all opportunities of reminding the Dutch to send a Squadron to joyn her Ma^{ty}s Fleet in the Channel. their neglect in that point is

very provoking, and your Ex:^{cy}s zeal and firmness is highly to be commended in not being discouraged in your instances on that head.

⁸I understand that her Ma^{ty} is extremely apprehensive least if we & the Dutch should pretend to meddle too much in Ecclesiastical affairs in the Spanish Low-Countrys, it may produce very ill consequences there. and I have writ this night by the Queen's Comman[d] [*tear*] to my Lord Orrery to send over a fu[ll]⁹ [*tear*] state of the matter relating to the Arch-Bishop of Mechlen, directing his Lo:^p at the same time to proceed with great caution in it, & not to make any step where the business is not very clear, without having fresh Orders from hence.

¹⁰His Lo:^p has likewise the Queen's directions to go to the Hague if his health will permit him to do it. so that he being upon the spot together with the Deputys of the States may, if it be possible, adjust with them a better Regulation for the Government of the Spanish Netherlands, which is extremely necessary for the relig{ion} of that Country. this journey of my Lord Orrery to the Hague will be more lucky for the service, since it will fall out at the same time that your Ex:^{cy} is absent; so that if any thing extraordinary should happen a Minister of weight and Character may not be wanting to take care of it.

¹¹I have already spoke to the Duke of Queensberry about the uneasiness of the Muscovite Ambassador¹² at the Hague concerning M^r Whitworth's being employed for the present in Germany; & I shall now write to his Grace, & send him Extracts of your Ex:^{cy}s letters, that he may make the Muscovite Minister here sensible that M^r Whitworth's Embassy to the Czar is not laid aside; but that his journey is only suspended for a while for her Ma^{ty}s immediate service in the Empire.

¹³As to the renewing and perpetuating the Treaty of Norlingen, the Queen will not declare any thing more at present than her good Inclinations in general, till she has an account of the several proportions of Troops intended to be furnished, which I expect to receive in pursuance of my letter to your Ex:^{cy} of the 8th instant.¹⁴

I am my Lord y^r Excellencys
most humble & obed^t
servant
H S^t John

Endorsement (in another hand): M^r S^t John 12th June./1711.

1. Raby to B., all letters dated at The Hague (all preserved in BL Add. 22205): 12 June n.s. 1711, and a private letter of the same date, fols 142–3; 144–5v; two letters of the 16 June 1711, fols 145–9; 150–4 (private letter); two letters of the 20 June 1711, fols: 156–7v; 158–60v (private letter).
2. For Harrison, see letter 246 note 2.
3. MS note written beside this passage in Raby's hand: 'Trade in the Baltick. X'.
4. Robert Jackson, the Queen's resident at Stockholm.

5. Following Charles XII's defeat at Poltava in 1709, Russian forces invaded the Swedish possession of Livonia. Frey, p. 192.
6. *what your Ex:^{ty} wrote in yours*: Raby to B., The Hague, 16 June n.s. 1711: 'The Pentionary read me a letter from their Minister at Stockholm, ... [who] writes that according to their orders, he was ready to have told them, that y^e States insisted to have a free Commerce, & would not suffer it to be interrupted, but would take such care to support it against any one, who should offer to molest them; he did not (says that Minister) make this declaration because M^r Jackson had no orders to make y^e same; tho I find by M^r Jackson's letter he is of y^e same opinion, we ought to make some vigorous declaration to the Swedes to hinder y^e matter from spreading, it was the Pentionary first proposed it, ... it would not do amiss that you would ... send y^e Queens orders to M^r Jackson to declare likewise in y^e Queens name, that she cant allow any interruption of the trade in the Baltick, & therefore in Concert with y^e States Generall.' BL Add. 22205, fol. 148.
7. 'Papers relating to M^r Bindons case. given in y^e 8th June 1711./' BL Add. 22266, fols 184–6; cf. 'Opinion of the Lawyers at the Hague on the Case of D Bindon.' BL Add. 22266, fols 187–91v.
8. MS note written beside this passage in Raby's hand: 'A[rch]B[isho]p. of Mechlen.' Humbert Guillaume de Precipiano, Archbishop of Mechlen or Malines, 1690–1711.
9. See B. to Orrery, Whitehall. 12 June 1711, *HSJ.O.1*, pp. 174–5.
10. MS note written beside this passage in Raby's hand: 'affairs of the Netherlands.'
11. MS note written beside this passage in Strafford's hand: '[Mu]scovite.' [*tear*].
12. Count Andrei Artamonovich Matvyeev.
13. 'Associated Circles. X'. The Association agreement between the Circles of the Rhine, Austria, Franconia, Suabia and the Upper Rhine, was signed at Nördlingen on 16, 17, and 20 March 1702.
14. Remainder of letter including signature in B.'s hand.

320. TO: WILLIAM PITT, KEEPER OF NEWGATE GAOL, OR HIS DEPUTY. Whitehall. 20 June 1711. [Contemporary copy in an unidentified hand.] Text: MS, National Archives, London, SP 44/77, fol. 115.

Henry S.^t John Esq.^r one of Her Maj.^{ties} most hon:^{ble} Privy Councill Principal Secretary of State &c.^a

To the Keeper of Newgate or his Deputy./

These are in her Maj.^{ties} name to authorize and require you to receive into your Custody the Body of Thomas Waples, herewith sent you for Felony in Counterfeiting a Benefit Tickett in the Million and half Lottery established by Act of Parliament in the year 1710. And you are to keep him in safe Custody, untill he shall be delivered by due Course of Law. And for so doing this shall be your Warrant. Given at the Court at Whitehall the 20.th Day of June 1711.

H: S.^t John

321. TO: CHARLES WHITWORTH, afterwards BARON WHITWORTH. Whitehall. 22 June 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, BL Add. 37358, fols 288–9.

Whitehall 22th June 1711.

Sir

I am to acknowledge the favour of your Letter of the 15th N. S.¹ which I received yesterday, & was glad to see by it that you was got safe as farr as Dresden; this I don't doubt will find you at Vienna, and I hope successfully employed in your Commission at that Court.

I shall not be able to lay your letter before the Queen till Sunday next. in the mean time I shall take leave to observe to you that your endeavours to shorten the Term for the Election of a new Emperor are very agreable to the Queen's sense, and of undoubted advantage to the Common Cause. & I shall be glad to hear that his Polish Ma:^{ty} has not the same scruples,² that his Ministers seem'd to have upon that point, or if he had, that you have not wanted an opportunity to remove them.

You took notice very properly of the Recruits for the Saxons in Flanders not being yet march'd. I think next to the recalling their Forces, they cannot do a greater disservice to our affairs than in keeping the Recruits for them in their own Country. I am sorry to see that the delay in assembling the Army of the Neutrality must so immediately affect us, since I can assure ^{you} we have done all we could to hasten the march of those Troops; and I believe you are not unacquainted that many difficultys we have met with are owing to the Intrigues of the German Princes themselves, & not to any designed slowness in us.³

As to your own particular, I believe the Duke of Queensberry will by next post have her Ma:^{ty}'s Commands to direct you, as soon as you have executed your Commission at Vienna, to go and find out the Czar. As we have a very great Interest to keep him stedly & in a right temper; we are in pain to hear that Mo:^r Baluze³ is with him from France with a Character, and that he makes impressions upon him on one side, while on the other it appears that his Czarish Ma:^{ty} is in no good humour towards the Allys. We understand by all accounts that Mon^r Mattueof his Ambassadour at the Hague insinuates matters to the prejudice of our affairs, & shows a particular pique against Britain. these ill influences you will agree ought to be prevented in time; and no one is so proper & so capable to do it, as your self. Prince Kourakin⁴ you know is recalled; this some will interpret as a mark of dissatisfaction. but I must say that that Gentleman has behaved himself with great modesty & discretion here.⁵

I am S^r y^r Excellency's
most humble & obed^t
servant

H S^t John

1. Dated at Dresden on 4/15 June 1711. BL Add. 37358, fols 256–8v.
2. Augustus II, Elector of Saxony and King of Poland, was one of two Vicars of the Empire with overall responsibility for the administration of the Empire until the election of a new Emperor.
3. Following Charles XII's defeat at the battle of Poltava (July 1709), Frederick IV, Augustus, and Peter I leagued against Sweden to assert their respective claims to the Swedish kingdom. This jeopardized the anti-Bourbon alliance as the Germans threatened to withdraw their troops from the French front. Cf. *MD*, vol. 5, p. 389.
4. Jean-Casimir Baluze (1648–1718), a 'French Emissary in the Czar of Muscovy's Court, does all he can to bring the two Northern Crowns to an Accommodation through the Mediation of his Master; but the Conditions proposed being by no means agreeable to the King of Sweden, it is not doubted but that his Majesty will reject them.' *London Gazette*, 4856 (2–5 June 1711).
5. Prince Boris Ivanovitsch Kurakin.
6. Remainder of letter including signature in B's hand.

322. TO: CHARLES WHITWORTH, afterwards BARON WHITWORTH. Whitehall. 26 June 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, BL Add. 37358, fols 302–2v.

Whitehall 26th June 1711.

Sir

I hope this Letter will find you arrived at Vienna,¹ and that your Commission will have had it's effect. Should that Court go about to amuse and to protract time, I make no doubt but you will represent how little delay the Season of the year will allow, & by consequence that the Queen will look upon the least as a peremptory refusal.

It is with sorrow, that I consider I am going to lose a Correspondence for which in the short time I have enjoy'd it, I have conceived so great a value, but I suppose the Duke of Queensberry sends you the Queen's Orders to proceed to the Czar's Court according to the Directions which he some days ago received from her Majesty.²

Mons.^r Balhuze the French Minister is in Muscovy very full of intrigue and very well treated, as we are informed.

I shall not presume to go out of my Province, but wish you all imaginable health & Success in your Negotiations for her Ma:^{ty's} Service and the advancement of the Common Cause.³

I am S^r

y^t Excellency's

most humble and obedient

servant
H S^c John

1. Whitworth arrived at Vienna on 24 June/5 July 1711. NA, SP 91/7, fol. 48.
2. Shortly after arriving at Vienna, Whitworth wrote to B. in despondent mood saying there was 'little or rather no hopes of success in my Commission' of preserving neutrality in the Empire. The chief reason for this, he claimed, 'not being as they [Bohemian chancellor, Wratislaw, and the Savoyard Minister, Count Provana] allege the dangers apprehended from the Turks & Muscovites, but the timorousness of there Ministers to take any Resolution of weight without positive orders from King Charles [III of Spain]'. Whitworth to B., Vienna, 27 June/8 July 1711. NA, SP 91/7, fols 48–9.
3. Remainder of letter including signature in B.'s hand.

323. TO: JAMES DAYROLLE. Windsor. 10 July 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, BL Add. 15866, fols 216–17v.

Windsor 10th July 1711.

M^r Dayrolle.

Sir.

I received here on Sunday last five of your letters together, which are of the 3, 7, 10, 14, & 15th instant N.S.¹

As to the affair of the Neutrality concerning which you find such pressing Instances made, all that I can say to you is that there has been very little motion given to that business from hence. the Queen, since I have had the honour to come last into her service, has chosen rather to leave the management of it to the States General, and to follow such measures as were concerted at the Hague. and I find her Ma^{ty} more confirmed in her Resolution of proceeding in the same manner by all that has hapned in the progress of that matter; which is come now to be so very nice, that it seems dangerous to do nothing, and impossible to do any thing that will not be lyable to very many objections.

I think you cannot well be at a loss for excuses concerning the Deficiency of our Contingent for the support of the Neutrality, since you must know that every thing that could be done has been done by the Duke of Marlborough and my Lord Raby towards procuring three Battalions, besides that of Oettingen,² to compleat the twelve which are the Quota of her Ma^{ty} & the States. And since even a General Officer belonging to King Augustus himself has been for some time employed to negotiate these Forces in the Empire with very ample authority from the Duke of Marlborough; if he did not succeed in his Commission, it will be attributed I suppose, to the real difficulty of finding the men, and not to the want of inclination on our side to procure them. but if the Polish Ministers

continue to reproach us with that Deficiency of our Quota, which is neither willfull nor designed; we may very well turn the objection upon them in relation to the great number of Recruits, which are wanting to compleat the Saxon Troops in Flanders, which are ready, have been often promised to march, & will be render'd wholly useless to us for this Campain.³

As to the other propositions of Count Werthern⁴ of taking into our service some Saxon Battalions, as part of our Contingent; that was a point attempted when we had first the thoughts of assembling the Corps of Neutrality. but as the objections were then found to be insuperable, they are so still, & always will be so. for to employ the Forces of one who is a party concerned in the Warr, will always be look'd upon as laying aside the Character of Neuters; & therefore we cannot come up to it; much less can we come up to the two other propositions of giving the Command to King Augustus, and engaging to attack the Swedes in Pomerania,⁵ which it seems the Ministers of the North do now make instances for at the Hague. but nothing having as yet been pressed here upon these two last heads by King Augustus's or the Danish Ministers, the Queen will take no notice of them. and it is proper for you to say that you have no directions on that subject, & that you know of no instances of that nature, that have been made here. I don't doubt but you will inform me by the first post with the answers the Dutch have made to these Representations and Demands of Count Werthern.

As to what you mention concerning the demand of Bread & Forage for the Palatin Battalions employed in the business of the Neutrality, I can give you no other answer at present, than what I take for granted that you have had already from the Duke of Marlborough, that it is highly unreasonable. the Excuse of my Lord Raby's absence is what you will do very well to make use of in such cases where the latest answer is the best. and that you expect his Ex:^{cy}, will be over in a very few days.

I have renewed her Ma^{ty}'s orders to M^r Pulteney to act in concert with the Dutch Minister at Copenhagen on the subject of the Treaty with Denmark.

The Disputes with the King of Prussia seem to have an unfortunate end put to them at present by the death of the poor Prince of Nasau.⁶

I am S^r

y^r most humble servant

H S^t John

1. Dayrolle to B., all letters dated at The Hague: 22 June/3 July 1711; 26 June/7 July 1711; 29 June/10 July 1711; 3/14 July 1711; 4/15 July 1711; 6/17 July 1711. BL Add. 15876, fols. 363–70v.
2. Major General Seckendorff signed a treaty in June with the prince of Ottingen for an infantry battalion for the Neutrality Corps. Seckendorff to Marlborough, Leipzig, 11 June 1711. NA, SP 87/6/73, fols 154–5.
3. See Marlborough's arguments in defense of the shortfall in the Queen's quota of the corps of the neutrality, *MD*, vol. 5, pp. 405, 408, 416.

4. George, Graf Von Werthern, minister from Saxony-Poland.
5. See letter 338 note 2.
6. Remainder of letter including signature in B.'s hand. Prospects of an accommodation between Prince Nassau-Friesland and Augustus in their negotiations over the Orange inheritance were brought to an abrupt halt on 14 July n.s. 1711 when the Prince was drowned. Boyer, *Annals*, vol. 10, p. 111.

324. TO: CHARLES WHITWORTH, afterwards BARON WHITWORTH. Whitehall. 13 July 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, BL Add. 37358, fols 323–5.

Whitehall 13th July 1711

Sir

I acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 22^d, & 25th of June from Toplitz, of the 30th of June from Dresden, & of the 2.^d of July from Prague.¹

Of the two principal Points contained in these Dispatches, the first is over, King Augustus having refus'd to shorten the term fixed for the Election of the Emperor, and I shall only say upon that Subject that whatever reason we may have to desire to hasten that great work and to give as little time as is possible for the Common Enemy to intrigue, and for new difficultys to arise from the Ambition or Piques even of Friends, yet the King of Poland was not much mistaken when he told you that the Election once over the Austrian Family would have no great regard to any of us[.]

As to the Second Point, the affairs of the North, that is indeed an Article of very great difficulty. Your Letters, those of M.^r Jefferys from Bender,² a Resolution of the States of the 17.th ins^t. put yesterday into my hands by the Dutch Secretary, wherein is contain'd an Account of the Conference held by the Deputys of the States with the Ministers of King Augustus, & all other advices relating to these affairs, were this morning lay'd before the Lords at the Cockpit. On Sunday at Windsor the same matter will be again consider'd before the Queen, after which my Lord Raby will be dispatch'd to Holland, & I shall have directions to write to you, to M.^r Scot,³ & to all the Queen's Ministers employ'd in the North. In the mean time I am to let you know that the whole Conduct which you held with the King of Poland & all your reasonings with that Prince are extremely approv'd here; so that I need not furnish you with any arguments proper to be us'd on this Subject, neither shall I say any more upon it untill I acquaint you with the Resolutions which her Ma:^{ty} may take on the extravagant Message brought by Count Werthern to the Hague.⁴ And this I hope to do by the Post of Tuesday next.

Whatever Success you have had in the Commission which you went to Vienna to execute, the matter is by this time determin'd. The Queen therefore

commands me to let you know that She thinks it proper you should hasten to the Czar. We are told, that this Prince has declared that he will allow no foreign Minister except those of his Allys to attend him in the field, you will however be as near him as Balhuse can be, & I hope by your general Capacity as well as particular knowledge of that Court,⁵ you will be able to preserve the Muscovites from being the Dupes of the French, who after having us'd their utmost efforts to engage the Turks in the War, are now modestly attempting to gain a merit with the Czar by offering to mediate a Peace.

Prince Kourakin some time before his departure from hence deliver'd a Letter to the Queen from his Master. The Duke of Queensberry did it seems, not take care to dispatch the Answer, and I find by a Letter writ to his Grace from Amsterdam & come to my hands since his Death, from this Minister, that he is a little piqu'd at the delay.

I will not fail to lay one before the Queen in very few days, & to transmit it to you next week. I shall excuse the not sending it to Prince Kourakin by the uncertainty I am under where he is,⁶ or to what place he may be ordered, and you will please, if you find it necessary, to excuse the delay by the Duke of Queensberry's Illness and Death, which could not fail to occasion some disorder in the Course of business belonging to his Department.⁷

I am S^r y^r Excellency's
most faithful humble
servant
H S^t John

1. Whitworth to B., (letters dated at) Toplick: 11/22 June 1711, 14/25 June 1711, NA, SP 91/7, fols 28–30v; from Dresden: 19/30 June 1711, fols 32–7; from Prague, 20 June/2 July 1711, fols 40–1v.
2. James Jefferyes arrived at Bender on 18 April o.s. 1711 and had his first audience of the King of Sweden the following day. Jefferyes to Robethon. Bender, 18 May 1711. BL Stowe 224, fol. 71. Jefferyes failed to persuade the King to 'admitt of the Neutrality ... as far as it relates to the Provinces of the Empire'. Jefferyes had little hope that Charles would 'yeild to any thing in favour of the allys, unless they shew him more real marks of their friendship, then what he takes the Act of Neutrality to be.' Jefferyes to Robethon, July o.s. 1711. BL Stowe 224, fol. 94.
3. James Scott, Envoy Extraordinary to Augustus II, King of Poland.
4. On 14 July n.s. 1711, Count Werthern delivered a message from Augustus signifying his refusal to consent to the election of the new Emperor on that day, demanding the election be referred until three months had elapsed from the time of Joseph's death. *Post Man and the Historical Account*, 2021 (7–10 July 1711).
5. Whitworth wrote an *Account of Russia as it was in the Year 1710*, published posthumously in 1758.
6. B.'s letter to Prince Boris Ivanovitsch Kurakin is printed below (letter 329).
7. Remainder of letter including signature in B.'s hand.

325. TO: JAMES DAYROLLE. Whitehall. 17 July 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, National Library of Scotland. MS 580, fol. 39.

Whitehall 17.th July 1711.

M.^r D'Ayrolle./

Sir

Your last of the 23.^d came yesterday to my hands, and I am oblig'd to you for the several articles of news contain'd in it. the last Paragraph I must own is very extraordinary,¹ and I am as much at a loss to imagine why the persons you mention shou'd be preparing their Equipages, as I am why there shou'd be any Jealousy of the Proceedings of Britain.

My Lord Strafford will be hasten'd back to you and I shall be inform'd, as soon as you can send me a certain account, what Minister we are to have from the States.²

I am S^r

y^r most humble

servant

H S^c John

1. In the paragraph referred to, Dayrolle wrote: 'The news they have here from Paris of Marquis d'Uxelles and Mons.^r de Polignac's preparing Equipages for a voyage, renew the Jealousies here of a Peace being negotiated in England, our Imperialists chiefly shew a great deal of uneasiness on that account'. Dayrolle to B., The Hague, 12/23rd July 1711. NA, SP 84/238, fol. 99v. Melchior de Polignac was Torcy's principal negotiator at the peace conferences held at Gertruydenberg (1709), and at Utrecht (1712–13) where he was assisted by Nicolas du Blé, Marquis d'Huxelles.
2. Remainder of letter including signature in B's hand.

326. TO: CHARLES WHITWORTH, afterwards BARON WHITWORTH. Whitehall. 17 July 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, BL Add. 37358, fols 330–1.

Whitehall 17.th July 1711.

Sir

Your Letter of the 11.th of July¹ gives us greater reason to expect what by your former we were prepar'd for. I can only say that the Queen has in this instance as in many others gone the greatest lengths imaginable for those who will do nothing for themselves, & whatever the Events of the Several Schemes now driving are, whatever form the present Ferment of affairs in Europe subsides in, her Ma:^{ty}

will have the Satisfaction of being conscious to herself that it is not her fault if the Common Oppressor be not reduc'd, & if common Liberty be not restor'd.

It is very happy that the Electoral Prince of Saxony has not yet changed his Religion,² & We have reason to believe by our advices from thence, that he has an aversion to that base dishonourable act. M^r. Scot is directed to insinuate himself as far as he can into his Confidence, & to encourage this disposition in him. Count Wratislaws affirmation that the Imperial Troops buy their Forrage in the Emperor's own Country, who do not pay for it in their marches thro' the Countrys of other Princes, will not make us believe it, and we must think it a little hard that the Troops which we send for the Protection of that Frontier shou'd cost us more than they wou'd do in any other Place. But I'll say no more to you, upon a matter which is in a way of being settled, & which there is no need of your being troubled about.

I must observe to you as I have done to my Lord Marlborough, that whilst Prince Eugene³ to justify his march from Flanders, affirms that he is tyed to do so by a positive order which leaves him not the least discretionary power, it is a little extraordinary to hear that the Empress Regent excuses her not sending directions to that Prince to continue in Flanders from the impossibility of giving positive Commands & leaving nothing to the discretion of that General.

Upon your departure from Vienna, you will please to let me know how my Letters may be best directed & convey'd to you in that wild Country to which you are going.⁴

I am S^r
y^r Excellency's
most obedient
humble servant
H S^t John

1. *Your Letter of the 11th of July*: Pleading as their excuse 'the dangerous and yet uncertain situation of their affairs in Hungary & the Empire', the Imperial Ministers spoke of the 'impossibility of their furnishing larger supplies' to reinforce the Duke of Savoy in Italy. Whitworth to B., Vienna, 30 June/11 July 1711. NA, SP 91/7, fol. 50. See letters 305 and 335.
2. Frederick Augustus II (1696–1763); see letter 391 note 4.
3. Eugene had received orders to march to the Upper Rhine. *B. Corres.*, vol. 1, p. 260; *MD*, vol. 3, p. 1671.
4. Remainder of letter including signature in B.'s hand. Expecting that his next posting would be to Moscow, Whitworth wrote: 'I shall endeavour to get as soon & as near as I can to the Czar; For as he refused to let any Forreign Minister make the Campaign, so I can scarce tell where he is at present'. Whitworth to B., Vienna, 14/25 July 1711. NA, SP 91/7, fol. 70v.

327. TO: WILLIAM LEGGE, 1st EARL of DARTMOUTH.
Whitehall. 20 July 1711. Text: MS, National Archives, London, SP
34/16, fols 31–2.

Whitehall July y^e 20th 1711

My Lord

I take the opportunity of y^e Messenger whom M^r Warre¹ dispatches with y^r Lordships letters, to let you know y^t after a long conference with y^e Count de Maffei, my Lords seem'd more & more convinc'd that the resolutions taken with respect to Savoy are right, but att y^e same time more & more perplex'd how to put them in execution. the whole has therefore been taken again ad referendum and Maffei expects no answer till tuesday. the matter relating to y^e Convocation of Ireland has been consider'd, and I shall bring to Winsore with me minutes for an answer upon it.²

I have no news of any moment in my letters, except an account from Breslau of a great overthrow given to y^e Czar's army by the King of Sweden att y^e head of y^e Turks, but these advices are too uncertain to be rely'd upon.³

no new turn has happen'd in negociations att y^e Hague concerning Northern affairs, except an insinuation y^t y^e Confederates would compound with us for a sum of money.

Be so good as to assure her Majesty of my most humble duty & to believe me my dear Lord & Elder Brother⁴ y^r ever faithful

and most humble

servant

H S^t John

Endorsement: M^r Secretary S^t John 20. July 1711.

1. Richard Warre, Under Secretary of State.
2. See a letter from Edward Northey, Attorney-General, to Lord Dartmouth, 7 June 1711, respecting the right of the Convocation of Ireland to select their own canons. NA, SP 34/29/23A, fol. 43.
3. For reports from Breslau of fighting between Russians and Turks - both parties claiming victory, see *Daily Courant*, 3077 (23 August 1711).
4. *Elder Brother*: used in a figurative sense to refer to his fellow secretary. As Secretary of State for the Southern Department, Dartmouth would traditionally have been regarded as senior to B. who was Secretary for the Northern Department.

328. TO: ABRAHAM STANYAN. Whitehall. 20 July 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, New York Public Library, Manuscripts and Archives Division. Montague Collection of Historical Autographs, Box 10. Unfoliated.

Whitehall 20.th July 1711.

M.^r Stanyan.

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 15.th Instant, and am surprized at the villainous attempt which was made to murder M.^r Manning.¹ I have laid that matter with your Letter to the Canton of Zurich upon it before the Queen, who approves of the steps you have already taken to procure satisfaction for so barbarous an assault upon Her Minister, and to detect the assassins and authors of it, and have them punished with the utmost severity. And Her Maj:^{ty} has Commanded me to signify her pleasure to you, that you should push that matter as farr as you can carry it, and endeavour to fix it upon Merveilleux,² who by the circumstances you mention seems to have been the contriver of this base and infamous action.

You will have heard before of the Death of the Duke of Queensberry.³ since which her Maj:^{ty} has thought fitt to put the dispatch of Foreign Affairs into the Ancient method, whereby I have the Northern Kingdoms, added to my department, and the Cantons of Swisserland, together with the Grisons and Lorraine, return to my Lord Dartmouth, nothing which used to be in the Southern Province remaining under my care, except the Spanish Netherlands, so that you will please hereafter to address your self to his Lord:^{sh} in all matters relating to your Post; but as to your own particular you may assure your self that I shall be as ready to do you all the service I can, as formerly.

I should be glad that you were removed into my Province, that I might still have the satisfaction of your Correspondence; but I find by several Incidents that have hapned that Her Maj:^{ty} has not yet been pleased to give any directions upon that subject; so that you will continue to act in your present Employment till you receive the Queens further Orders.⁴

I am S^r
y^r most humble
servant
H S^t John

Endorsement (in another hand): M.^r. Secry S^t. John/20.th July 1711.

1. Stanyan to B., Berne, 15 July n.s. 1711. NA, SP 96/13. Unfoliated. This refers to an attempt on 7 July n.s. 1711 to murder Francis Manning, Secretary to the Republic of

- the Grisons. For Manning's own account of the incident, see Boyer, *Annals*, vol. 10, pp. 144–5.
2. Merveilleux was a French agent in Switzerland. Manning claimed his two would-be assassins were employed by Merveilleux. Boyer, *Annals*, vol. 10, p. 145.
 3. When the Duke of Queensberry died on 6 July 1711, the post of third Secretary of State was abolished, and B. took on some of its administrative duties.
 4. Remainder of letter including signature in B.'s hand.

329. TO: PRINCE BORIS IVANOVITSCH KURAKIN.¹
Whitehall. 24 July 1711. [Contemporary copy in an unidentified
hand.] Text: MS, BL Add. 37358, fols 338–8v.

De Whitehal ce 24^{me}
Juillet 1711

Monsieur

²La lettre que vous avez écrit à Monsieur le Duc de Queensberry étant arrivée après sa mort, elle m'a été remise.

Comme les affaires du Nord vont dorénavant passer par mes mains, J'aurais été ravi d'avoir en à négocier avec un aussi habile Ministre, & un aussi galant homme que vous l'êtes.

Quoique nous ayons le malheur de vous perdre, Je vous supplie d'être persuadé pourtant que vos ordres seront toujours bien venus auprès de moy, & que Je m'en ployerai avec plaisir dans toutes les occasions qui peuvent s'offrir, pour entretenir la bonne correspondance des deux nations, & pour marquer l'estime. que J'ay pour votre personne.

Celle[-]cy est accompagnée d'une lettre de la Reine en réponse à celle qu'elle reçut de Sa Majesté Czarienne.³ La Maladie de feu Mons^r le Duc de Queensberry, Sa mort, & quelque désordre qui est inévitable dans de pareils occasions, ont été causes que vous ne l'avez reçu selon la promesse qui vous avoit été faite, plutôt.

Je suis avec toute l'Estime
possible de Votre Altesse
le très Humble & très obéissant
Serviteur
H S^r John

Endorsement (in another hand): Copy of M^r Secry S.^r John's/Letter to Prince Kurakin

1. Russian Ambassador to the court of Great Britain.

2. *Translation*: The letter which you sent to the Duke of Queensberry having arrived after his death, it has been forwarded to me./As the affairs of the north will henceforward be dealt with by me, I should have been delighted to have had the opportunity to negotiate with such a skilful minister and such a gallant man as yourself./Although we have the misfortune to lose you, I beg you nonetheless to be convinced that I will always welcome your orders, and that I will take advantage of every occasion which may arise to maintain a good correspondence between the two nations and to show the respect that I have for you personally. This letter is accompanied by one from the Queen, in reply to the one which she received from His Majesty the Czar. The illness of the late Duke of Queensberry, his death and some confusion which is inevitable on such occasions are the reasons why you did not receive it earlier, as promised./I am, with all possible respect, ...
3. Queen Anne to the Czar. [Windsor, 23 July 1711] (Copy). BL Add. 37358, fols 340–1v (replying to a letter from the Czar to Queen Anne, dated at Jawarow, 29 April [n.s.] 1711).

330. TO: WILLIAM LEGGE, 1st EARL of DARTMOUTH.
Whitehall. 24 July 1711. Text: MS, National Archives, London, SP
34/16, fols 37–8.

Whitehall July y^c 24th 1711

E: Dartmouth.

My Lord

Inclos'd comes a draught of an advertisement¹ which my Lord Treasurer desires may be publish'd in North Brittain if her Majesty pleases to allow of it.

y^r Lord^{sh} will return it to me with y^c Queen's pleasure.

The pass for S^r Tho:[mas] Gage² is prepar'd att the Duke of Shrewsbury's desire. the Gentleman is a Roman Catholick but there can be no objection to it, since he goes only to travel, and is not design'd to be sent to any Monastery for education.

The Count Maffei met the Lords this morning, he was acquainted with the answer directed on sunday to be given to him. he insisted a good deal to have an imediate declaration that whether the Dutch agreed to y^c propositions or no yet still the Queen would procure the Milanese for his masters security. he was told y^r my Lords had no power to give any such promise in her Majestys name, & that the Queen thought till we knew whether the States would concur or no it would be very precipitate and improper for her to make any further declaration of her intentions.³

I give my Lord Orery full directions on this head by to nights post.⁴

C:[ount] Maffei having been likewise acquainted that her Majesty will appoint a person to be arbitrator in her name, on y^c disputes concerning y^c treaty of 1703, it will be necessary that such a person be soon pitch'd upon.

Is not here a fair opportunity to get rid of Chetwynd?

I am my Lord ever y^r faithful

& most obedient servant

H S^c John

Endorsement: M^r Secretary S^c John/24 July 1711.

[a second endorsement in pencil]: 24 July 1711

1. Missing.
2. Sir Thomas Gage, eldest son of Joseph Gage (1652–1700); he was educated at the Jesuit college of La Flèche but afterwards conformed to the Church of England; elected MP for Minehead in 1717; created Viscount in 1720. His brother, Joseph Edward (c. 1687–1766), attempted to buy the Polish crown in 1719. See Pope, ‘Epistle to Allen Lord Bathurst’, line 128.
3. By the Treaty of 1703, the Emperor had promised to cede the Milanese territory to Victor Amadeus. John Chetwynd (c. 1680–1767) was Envoy Extraordinary to Savoy, 1706–13. Horn, p. 121.
4. B. to Charles Boyle, Earl of Orrery, Whitehall, 24 July 1711, *HSJ.O.1*, pp. 182–7.

331. TO: CHARLES WHITWORTH, afterwards BARON WHITWORTH. Whitehall. 24 July 1711. [In a secretary’s hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, BL Add. 37358, fols 336–7v.

Whitehall 24th July 1711.

Sir

I have laid before the Queen your Letter of the 15th, that of the 17th which I receiv’d by Barlow, & one of the same date to the Duke of Queensberry.¹

Her Ma:^{ty} directs me to let you know, that She approves very well of your Conduct in the Commission which you were to execute at Vienna, & since that Court insisted upon the impossibility of detaching Troops, & not upon the want of Money to enable them to march, the Queen thinks you were very much in the right not to let them know what offers you were empower’d to make; for they are as inexcusable now as they could have been in the other case, & you have given them no handle for Pretensions of that kind upon any other Service.

The Queen observes that the Objection of Mons.^r Br^uyninx’s desiring the Detachment might be made for the Rhine at the same time that you ask’d it for the Duke of Savoy, which the Ministers at Vienna so readily laid hold of, was very clearly answer’d by your joining in a Proposal of having it march immediately to Austria, which left them no room for any pretence of difficulty upon that Point.

If you can certainly be inform’d, that it is the Czar’s Resolution not to have any Ministers with him but from his Confederates in the Northern Warr,² her Ma:^{ty} directs me to let you know, that her intention is to employ you some time longer in the Empire, as her service may require; but I am at the same time to acquaint you, that if you think it practicable to gain access to his Majesty, the Queen would have

you hasten to him as fast as possible, in consideration of the ill humour he has lately been in, & the present scituation of the Northern affairs in General.

In the first case you will take care in your Letters to the Czar's Court to say that you were on your way to Muscovy, but that her Ma:^{ty} being inform'd of his resolution to allow no foreign Ministers to attend him in the field, had thought fit to suspend your Journey till towards Winter, & in the mean time to employ you in the Empire where you hope you may be of some use to him and particularly in contributing to compose the Troubles of the North.

The time of your seeing the Czar being uncertain, I chose to commit the Letter her Majesty³ writes to him to the care of the Person who was entrusted by Prince Kourakin with his Letter to the Duke of Queensberry, and I shall write my self to the Prince upon this occasion.⁴ The Copy of which shall likewise be inclosed in my Packet.⁵

I am S^r
y^r Excellencys
most humble & obedient
servant
H S^t John

1. Whitworth to B., both letters dated at Vienna: 4/15 July 1711; 6/17 July 1711, NA, SP 91/7, fols 52–5.
2. See letter 326 note 4.
3. Queen Anne to the Czar (letter countersigned by B.) [Windsor, 23 July 1711]. (Copy). BL Add. 37358, fols 340–1v (replying to a letter from the Czar to Queen Anne, Jawarow, 29 April 1711).
4. Letter 329.
5. Remainder of letter including signature in B.'s hand.

332. TO: ?WILLIAM LEGGE, 1st EARL of DARTMOUTH.
Whitehall. 31 July 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text:
MS, National Archives, London, SP 34/16, fols 50–1.

Windsor Castle
July 31st 1711

My Lord

The Queen commands me to return y^e enclos'd^l into y^r Lordship's hands, which I receiv'd from you, & to acquaint you with y^e minutes which I have taken upon y^m.

Her Majesty will send an Arbitrator to adjust y^e differences between y^e Imperial Court & y^e D[uke] of Savoy, but y^e C[ount] de Gallas² is to explain himself

as to y^e word Mediator us'd in his letter, y^e King of Spain's answer mentioning an Arbitrator, & her Majesty having determin'd to send under no other character.

As to y^e 4 ships desin'd for y^e security of Naples, I have no other minute yⁿ y^t General orders are already given for y^e preservation of y^e territorys belonging to K[ing] Charles.

The Queen thinks y^t if an exemption of dutys for y^e provisions bought for her fleet in y^e territorys of K[ing] Charles has not been insisted upon already, it ought to be so, since we are att a constant expence in sending fleets for y^e security of those Countrys from which such Provisions are demanded.³

I am my Lord
y^t L^{ps} obedient humble
servant
H S^t John

Endorsement: M^t Secretary S^t John/Jul. 31. 1711.

[a second endorsement in pencil]: 31 July 1711

1. Untraced
2. Johann Wenzel, Graf von Count Gallas, Imperial representative in London. In September 1711, Paul Methuen (1672–1757) was appointed arbitrator of differences between the Duke of Savoy and the Emperor but he declined the post. HOP, vol. 4, p. 811. Instead the post was given to Abraham Stanyan. See letter 360.
3. Remainder of letter in B's hand.

333. TO: WILLIAM LEGGE, 1st EARL of DARTMOUTH.
Windsor Castle. 1 August 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, National Archives, London, SP 34/16, fols 52–2v.

Windsor Castle Aug
1st 1711

R^t Hon^{ble} Earl of Dartmouth

My Lord

By my letters from y^e North & particularly from Hamburg, I find y^e Plague begins to spread itself in those parts & y^t one Fustman's¹ Regiment march'd through Holstein is infected with it.

I thought it proper to give y^t Lordship this notice y^t you may communicate it to y^e L^{ds} of y^e Council of y^e necessary precautions may be taken for keeping y^e contagion from coming into this Kingdom.²

I am my Lord y^t Lords^{ps}
most humble & obed^t serv^t

H S^t John

Endorsement: M^r Sec.^{ry} S^t John/Aug. i. 1711:/R.[received] 2.^d
[a second endorsement in pencil]: 1 Aug 1711

1. Major-General Fustman, referred to in *Daily Courant*, 3173 (13 December 1711).
2. Remainder of letter in B.'s hand. In his reply to this letter, Dartmouth promised to lay the matter before the House of Lords on 3 August. Dartmouth to B., Whitehall, 2 August 1711. NA, SP 44/112, fol. 107.

334. TO: GEORGE GRANVILLE, afterwards BARON
LANSDOWNE and Jacobite DUKE of ALBEMARLE. Windsor
Castle. 2 August 1711. Text: MS, New York Public Library,
Manuscripts and Archives Division. Montague Collection of Historical
Autographs, Box 10. Unfoliated.

Winsore Castle
Aug: y^e 2^d 1711

Sec: att War

Dear S^r

The want of Brigadiers for two Brigades of Horse & one of Foot in Flanders having been again represented to y^e Queen, I have att last her orders to issue the Commissions to M^r Pantom M^r Knappier & M^r Preston,¹ which have layn so long sign'd in y^e office, upon the signification given in y^e Winter for them.

you being att London her Majesty directs me to let you know that she would have you acquaint the officers who may complain, as injur'd by this promotion, that her service in Flanders requiring two Brigadiers of Horse to be added, and one of foot, she has thought fit to appoint the three collonels who are on the spot & next in course in their several Corps, and that as her service may require either in Flanders or any other place another promotion consideration shall be had of every mans pretentions, & justice be done.

you will please to bring to Winsore with you y^t minute of y^e Committee of Council relating to y^e promotion of Gen: officers which her Maj: approved.

Endorsement (in another hand): Copy of a letter to Sec: att/War Augst 2^d 1711²

1. B. wrote to the Duke of Marlborough on 2 August 1711, requesting commissions for Thomas Pantom (d. 1753), appointed Brigadier-General, 12 February 1712; Robert Napier (also known as Napper), appointed Brigadier-General, 12 February 1711; and George Preston (d. 1748), appointed Brigadier-General, 12 February 1711. *B. Corres.*, vol. 1, p. 290; Dalton, vol. 5, pt. 2, pp. 5, 23, 48.
2. Written in error – this letter is in B.'s hand.

335. TO: JAMES DAYROLLE. Windsor Castle. 3 August 1711.
[In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, BL Add. 15866,
fols 218–19.

Windsor Castle Augst 3^d
1711

M^r D'Ayrolle

S^r

I acknowledge y^e receipt of your letters of y^e 31st of July & 4th of August NS.¹

I desire you will please to send me an account as soon as you can what resolution y^e States have taken to prevent y^e interruption of their trade to Riga, & other places in y^e Baltick which y^e Czar has conquer'd from y^e K[ing] of Sweden.²

Those who complain y^t timely remittances are not sent to Spain shou'd consider, how difficult it is with y^e money given for y^e service of y^e present year, to supply not only y^e expences of that, but of proceeding ones too. The people y^t make y^e greatest clamour upon this article are those who have y^e most reason to be silent. I mean y^e Ministers of y^e Court of Vienna, who by sparing us 8000 men out of y^e great number now useless in Hungary to reinforce y^e Duke of Savoy,³ might have put it in his Royal Highness's power immediately to ease y^e war in Spain by his operations on y^e side of Italy. & my L^d Treasurer wou'd have had time to settle y^e share which we have in y^e Spanish War upon a foot of better œconomy, without which y^e mines of Mexico & Peru wou'd not be sufficient to answer y^e demands made for y^t service.

I dont question but y^t you, as becomes a servant of y^e Queen, return y^e proper answers to those who have y^e assurance to find fault so unjustly with us who have so much real occasion to complain of them.

I am not surpriz'd att y^e rumours which are in Holland concerning private negotiations of Peace, nor att any insinuations of y^t kind from France, since it is so much y^e interest of that Court to create Jealousys & uneasiness amongst y^e Allys.⁴

I have presented to her Majesty y^e Princess Dowager of Nassau's⁵ letter to which an answer will be given very shortly.⁶

I am S^r

y^t most humble serv^t

H S^t John

1. Dayrolle to B., letters dated at The Hague: 20/31 July 1711; 24 July/4 August 1711. BL Add. 15876, fols 374–5v.
2. In his reply to this letter, Dayrolle sent B. a French translation of a resolution of the States-General, n.p., 24 August n.s. 1711. Dayrolle to B., The Hague, 14/25 August 1711. NA, SP 84/238, fol. 140; resolution at fols 146–7v.

3. Vienna refused to transfer 8,000 troops from Hungary to Italy unless the Queen agreed to pay for them. *MD*, vol. 5, p. 372.
4. On 8 October 1711, Count Gallas was informed of the preliminary articles of peace between England and France, signed separately from the allies. Article VIII of the Second Grand Alliance between Austria, England, and the United Netherlands, signed at The Hague, 7 September n.s. 1701, stipulated that 'neither party shall be permitted to treat for peace with the enemy, except jointly and after his designs have been communicated to the other party.' Henderson, *Prince Eugen*, p. 185; *Eu.Treat*, vol. 3, p. 86.
5. In August 1711, following the death of Prince Nassau-Friesland, Queen Anne received requests seeking protection for the Princess Dowager of Nassau-Friesland. *NREG*, p. 27.
6. Remainder of letter including signature in B.'s hand.

336. TO: CHARLES WHITWORTH, afterwards BARON WHITWORTH. Whitehall. 3 August 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, BL Add. 37358, fol. 356.

Whitehal Augs^r 3^d
1711

S^r

One M^r Perry having put y^e enclos'd petition & affidavits¹ into my hands, concerning some goods of great value detain'd att Archangel, I cou'd not refuse transmitting y^m to you: & I desire y^t you will be pleas'd to give this Merchant what assistance you think reasonable, without which he is likely, as he represents, not only to be a great sufferer but entirely ruin'd.²

I am S^r
y^t Excellency's
most obedient
Humble
servant
H S^t John

1. Stephen Perry, merchant of London. Petition and affidavit to Queen Anne, 1711. BL, Add. 37358, fols 357–8.
2. Remainder of letter including signature in B.'s hand.

337. TO: JAMES DAYROLLE. Whitehall. 7 August 1711.
 [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, BL Add. 15866, fols
 220–1.

Whitehall 7th Aug^r 1711.

M^r Dayrolle

Sir

I am to acknowledge your letters of the 7th, 11th, 14th & 15th instant together with the papers inclosed.¹ the two first I received last Sunday at Windsor, & the two last came to hand here this morning.

I thank you for the several accounts of occurances contained in them. you may be sure we were equally pleased here with the success of the Duke of Marlborough in penetrating into the Enemy's Lines,² and by that means putting the Campaign upon a foot of action, which we judge to be our Interest, as it would have been that of the Enemy to have continued dodging behind those Lines, and to have made the Warr languish on that side.

Many objections might be made to the three points agreed upon as the Expedient for accommodating our Disputes with the Northern Confederates. but our affairs were brought to that pass, that no method could have been proposed, which would not have been lyable to many Exceptions, and perhaps this may have fewer than any other. I suppose by next post the Resolution of the States on this subject will be communicated to the Queen; and then my Lord Strafford, who will I hope be dispatch'd by the end of this week, may carry over her Ma^{ty}'s Determination upon this head; as he will on all other points at present in agitation.

If the news of the Defeat of the Turks, and of the Treaty signed between them and the Muscovites, exclusive of the King of Sweden, proves true in its full extent, our apprehensions indeed will be lessen'd on one side;³ but perhaps may be too justly increased on the other. since as it was not our Interest by any means that the King of Sweden should have been able to have pursued the Designs which he had projected; so neither is it for many reasons to be suffered that Sweden should be quite crush'd, and the Ballance of power in the North destroyed.⁴

I am S^r

y^r most humble servant

H S^r John

I add this postscript to desire y^t you would as opportunitys may offer try the inclinations of y^c Dutch Ministers about attempting to dislodge y^c enemy from Brezil [*sic*], if Mons^r du Guay⁵ be really gone thither.

The Count Taroca⁶ may probably speak to you upon this subject, and you will please to let him know that her Majesty has all the inclinations possible to

it, and y^e she hopes to find y^e same disposition in y^e States, to promote which you have been instructed.

H S^t. J.

1. Dayrolle to B., letters dated at The Hague: 27 July/7 August 1711; 1/12 August 1711; 3/14 August 1711; and 4/15 August 1711, preserved in NA, SP 84/238, fols 120–6v.
2. On 5–6 August, Marlborough successfully breached the French lines at Arleux, part of the *non plus ultra* lines, and then besieged Bouchain which capitulated on 12 September 1711.
3. In a letter to B., dated at The Hague 4/15 August 1711, Dayrolle referred to reports he had received from the Saxon Ambassador, von Werthern, of a 'very bloody action between the Turks and Muscovites, which having begun on the 21.th of July and lasted three days, the Turks were at last totally defeated, 30.^m of them being kill'd upon the spot and that immediately after the battle, the Turks having demanded an Armistice and the Grand Vizir a pourparler with the Czar, a perpetual peace was agreed and signed to the Exclusion of the King of Sweden, who joined the Turkish army the third day of the action.' NA, SP 84/238, fols 126–6v. In fact, at the battle of the Prut (28 June/9 July 1711), the Turks defeated the Czar forcing the Russians to sue for peace. According to reports in the British press, Russia and Turkey had agreed a peace treaty whereby Turkey would abandon Charles XII on condition that Russia restore possessions belonging to Turkey. *Daily Courant*, 3077 (23 August 1711). See a Treaty of Prut between Turkey and Russia, signed on [1/]12 July 1711. BL Add. 61368, fols 50–1. Jefferyes wrote to Robethon from Bender on 12 August o.s. 1711, apologizing for errors in a translation of the 'late conditions of peace between the Turks and Muscovites' (sent to B. in his last letter). Jefferyes observed that 'the Suedes begin now to abate somewhat of their great expectation of a rupture between the Port and the Tsar of Muscovy; but still flatter themselves that they will be assisted against king Augustus.' BL Stowe 224, fols 128–8v. See also Articles of a Treaty between Russia and Turkey, n.p., n.d., preserved in NA, SP 91/7, fol. 104. A text of the Treaty of Peace between Russia and Turkey, signed at Prut on 21 July 1711, is printed in Parry, vol. 27.
4. Remainder of letter including postscript and signature in B.'s hand.
5. René DuGuay-Trouin (1673–1736), French Intendant of Marine at Dunkirk.
6. João Gomes da Silva, conde de Tarouca, Portuguese Ambassador at The Hague.

338. TO: CHARLES WHITWORTH, afterwards BARON WHITWORTH. Whitehall. 7 August 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, BL Add. 37358, fols 365–6v.

Whitehall 7th Aug^t 1711.

Sir

I received together on Sunday last at Windsor the favour of your letters of the 22th, 25th and 29th July.

I can say nothing more to you either as to your Commission in Saxony, or that you went to Vienna¹ to execute. both we here, and you there have I think

discharg'd our duty in those Negotiations, as fully as we could; and there seems to be nothing further incumbent on you to do in relation to them.

I have laid before the Queen the reasons you mention in your letters, and such others, as occurred to me, against your proceeding immediately^{to} find out the Czar according to the first Orders which were sent you. and I observe her Ma:^{ty} to be still of the same opinion, which I communicated to you in a former letter, that if it continues to be impracticable to see that Prince during the Campaign, you should not attempt it, but content your self to joyn him as soon as you can towards the end of the Summer. but in that case you are to write to the Muscovite Ministers, and let them know that this is the reason for your delaying your journey[.]

I believe, as you do, that the Czar's sentiments as to us will depend a good deal on our conduct with respect to the Project his Allys are carrying on against Pomerania. but whatever measures might have been taken formerly in the affairs of the North, I am afraid at last that temporizing must come to be the best thing we can do.²

I think that the sending the Corps of Neutrality to its Rendezvous, the leaving such a number of Saxon Recruits, who are in our pay, and above all the sending back three Saxon Battalions from Flanders, with the other Expedients, w^{ch} I find by letters of the 14th have been agreed upon at the Hague, & which I doubt not when sent in form will have her Ma:^{ty}'s approbation here, will furnish you with sufficient matter to justify, or even to make a merit of our conduct to the Czar, since we have certainly gone further than our Treatys, and perhaps our true Interest would have carryed us. And thô in truth necessity has forced us to all these Lengths, yet you need not be told that the turn of Inclination, and good Will to the Northern Confederates, and to the Czar in particular, is to be given by you to them.

Although I have no business to write upon by this post, which relates to the Court where you are at present; yet it is likely that in a few days I may have something particular in command from the Queen; unless I hear that you have hopes of meeting the Czar, and have taken the Resolution of proceeding on that journey. in the mean time you are so well acquainted with the present state of the Empire, & the Queens Intentions for the publick good; that you will be very well able to guide your self in any occurrences which may happen till you can receive her Ma:^{ty}'s pleasure.

I cannot conclude without making one observation upon a passage in your letter to me of the 25th. the Ministers at Vienna it seems affect to condemn the Expedition on the side of Savoy as impracticable, & show as if they apprehended that the Duke of Savoy had some design of exposing their Troops. whereas we cannot help thinking that the Impression that his Royal Highness has already made on that side, and the Detachment which we hear the Enemy has been obliged to send that way from the Rhine, do sufficiently demonstrate that this Scheme of pushing the Warr is neither impracticable nor useless.³ and all circumstances considered we judg it to be equally wonderfull that the Duke of Savoy

should at this point of time desire more Austrian Troops, & that the Austrian Ministers should be unwilling to send them.⁴

I am S^r y^e Excellency's
most humble & obed^t
servant
H S^t John

1. On 15 August n.s. 1711, Whitworth conveyed Queen Anne's condolence on the death of Joseph I to the Empress Dowager Amalia. *British Mercury* 214 (3–6 August 1711).
2. In September 1711, following Charles XII's rejection of the Conventions of neutrality for preserving peace in the Empire, Augustus II, King of Poland, and Frederick IV, King of Denmark, invaded the Swedish possession of Pomerania. Boyer, *Annals*, vol. 10, p. 100.
3. The French were forced to detach 6,000 men from the Rhine to the Duke of Berwick to prevent Victor Amadeus from advancing into Dauphiné. Boyer, *Annals*, vol. 10, p. 82.
4. Remainder of letter including signature in B's hand.

339. TO: ABRAHAM STANYAN. Whitehall. 10 August 1711.
[In a secretary's hand but signed by B.] Text: MS, New York Public Library, Manuscripts and Archives Division. Montague Collection of Historical Autographs, Box 10. Unfolded.

Whitehall 10th Aug^t 1711.

M^r Stanyan.

Sir

You will have found by my former letters that the affairs of your Country are at present out of my Province, and that it is from my Lord Dartmouth¹ that you must expect the Queen's orders upon any heads of business contained in your Dispatches. but I cannot forbear acknowledging your letters of the 29th of July & 1st of August which I lately received, & returning you my thanks for them.²

The affairs of the Grisons I find are come to such a pass, that there is an absolute Breach between them and the Court of Vienna. The Queen has likewise resolved to recall her Minister,³ as a mark of her dissatisfaction at the Conduct of those people. so that I cannot help thinking that the Grisons will soon feel the inconveniency of wanting the Queen's support, as well as the friendship of the Court of Vienna. but I must observe to you that I take the Issue of the affair of Mons:^r Masner to have been very unhappy, since without saving him, the warm manner in which his Cause has been supported has kindled the present Flame, and brought matters to this extremity.⁴

I am extremely sensible of the hardships, which you and the rest of the Queen's foreign Ministers are exposed to by reason of the great arrear which lyes

upon you; and I shall take the liberty to go out of my present Department to solicit my Lord Treasurer again particularly for you.

I am S^r
y^r most humble servant
H S^c John

Endorsement (in another hand): M^r. Secry S^c. John/10.th August 1711.

1. William Legge, 1st Earl of Dartmouth (1672–1750), created Viscount Lewisham and Earl of Dartmouth on 5 September 1711.
2. See Stanyan to B., 1 August n.s. 1711. NA, SP 96/13. Unfoliated.
3. Francis Manning, British Secretary to the Grisons.
4. In March 1711, a Diet of the Grisons resolved against the Court of Vienna and Bailif Thomas Masner of Coire, demanding the immediate release of Phillippes de Vendôme, Grand Prior of France, whom Masner had taken prisoner in reprisal against the French who had kidnapped his son. Masner published a Memorial invoking the protection of the Austrians and the British who both came to his aid. For the Masner affair, which divided the Catholic and Protestant cantons, see Boyer, *Annals*, vol. 9, pp. 149–59. Peter von Salis, Grisons' Ambassador at The Hague, sent a Memorial (c. May 1711) to B. accusing Francis Manning, British Secretary to the Grisons, of unfair bias in favour of Masner. (Printed in Boyer, *Annals*, vol. 10, pp. 140–2). For Defoe, the principal importance of the Grisons was their geographical location between powerful enemies. They managed without a standing army, he claimed, because 'when ever one side Ataques them, the other defends them.' *PED*, vol. 1, p. 50; vol. 5, p. 68.

340. TO: WILLIAM LEGGE, 1ST EARL OF DARTMOUTH.
Whitehall. 16 August 1711. [In a secretary's hand but signed by B.]
Text: MS, National Archives, London, SP 34/16, fol. 87.

Whitehall 16. Aug:^t 1711

L^d Dartmouth

My Lord

The inclos'd papers¹ relate to the money which my Lord Peterborow took up for the use of the German Troops in Italy, I transmit them to your Lo:^p according to direction & am²

my Lord y^r Lordship's
most humble and
obedient servant
H S^c John

Endorsement: M^r Secretary S^c John/ab.^t money taken up/by¹ L^d Peterborow./
Whitehall Aug. 16.1711.

[a second endorsement in pencil]: 16 Aug 1711