

11 June n.y.[1642]¹. Elizabeth née Feilding Boyle, Viscountess Kinalmeaky (1619-1667) to her brother, Lord Basil Feilding (Warwickshire County Record Office [WCRO], Feilding of Newnham Paddox, CR 2017/C2/129). Autograph.

Deare Brother

If I trouble you blame the kindness of your leter that hath given me new couradge to consent to make my selfe your scorne by my see often writing ^\without halfe soe many returnes/ nor can I thinke any sufering can be suficient[sufficient] t̄ that may bring me the good fortune of your becoming a gr̄ true servant to the King , but alas I desceive my selfe if I thinke you will beleeve a freind that \hath/ bine soe long [illegible]² long mislead by your enimyes[enemies] if you will truly consider how far your wayse are from being honorable and how much against the King , I make noe dout but that you would sounē alter your f̄ opinions, you say that you are the only creatures for him , truly thats a strange mist thats before your eyes, an̄ canot the intention of a warr against \him/ which is dayly spoke of in London , remove it from you , doe you [f.129v] thinke the \king/ knoes not what is good for him , you'le find he doth I hope eare long. my Deare Sister[Elizabeth Feilding]³ write me word that you weare goinge into the cuntrey which I am extreamly glad of , for next serving him the best way is to retire from ~~those actio~~ the doeing of those actions that are against him . pray [illegible]⁴ present service to my Sister[Elizabeth Feilding], I cannot but tell you that is was a misleading light that gave you a hopes of such an accomodation as you wish for, I am confident the King will dye and soe will many thousands rather then he shall yeeld to any thing that wil leason[lessen] his power God hath given him , and I hope it will be in none of your powers to hurt him , [~~as much as illegible~~]⁵ \any way/ Deare Brother except of my will to serve which is set on by soe passionat an afecion , that the not being able to \doe it/ [illegible]⁶ is soe greate a greefe to me that it cannot be exprest by

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Your servant EKynalmeaky

¹ On 23 February 1642 Elizabeth Boyle, Viscountess Kinalmeaky travelled with her aunt, Mary Stuart, duchess of Richmond, her mother, Susan Feilding, countess of Denbigh, and Queen Henrietta Maria to The Hague in order to deliver Princess Mary to her new husband, Prince William III of Orange. The royal entourage remained in Europe raising funds for the royalist cause, before returning to England in late January 1643. See Caroline M. Hibbard, "Henrietta Maria,[Princess Henrietta Maria of France] (1609-1669), queen of England, Scotland, and Ireland, consort of Charles I", *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* [ODNB].

² Erased, three to four words.

³ Elizabeth née Bouchier Feilding married to Basil Feilding on 8 July 1641.

⁴ Erased, one word.

⁵ Erased, ?three words.

⁶ Erased, ?three words.