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The obligations and many instances of affection which I have received  
 from your Eminency, do engage me to make returns justable and  
 commensurate to your merits: but although I have this set down upon  
 my spirit; yet I may not, (shall I tell you, I can not) at this juncture  
 of time, and as y<sup>e</sup> part of my affairs now stand, answer to your call  
 for Celebrations, I say, I can not as to a publick declaration of my  
 sense in that point, although I believe that under my Government  
 your Eminency in the behalfs of Catholics has less reason for  
 complaint, as to rigour upon mens consciences, then under y<sup>e</sup> parlia-  
 ment. For I have of some; and those very many, had compassion ma-  
 king a difference. Truly I have, and I may speak it with thankfull-  
 ness in y<sup>e</sup> presence of God, who is a witness with me to that truth,  
 I affirm, made a difference, and as I do speak, pluckt many out  
 of the fire, y<sup>e</sup> raging fire of persecution, which did tyrannize, overthrow  
 consciences, and overruled by an arbitrariness of power upon their  
 Estates. And herein it is my purpose, as soon as I can remove impedi-  
 ments, and some weights that presse me down, to make a further  
 progress, & to discharge my promise to y<sup>e</sup> Emi: in relation to that.

And now I shall come to returne your Eminency thanks for  
 your judicious choice of that person to whom you have entrusted our  
 weightiest affairs, an affair wherein your Eminency is concerned,  
 though not in equall degree, and in case w<sup>th</sup> my selfe, I must confesse  
 that I had some doubt of it, hence, till providence led me to me by  
 the effects. I was not truly, & to speak ingeniously without doubtings, &  
 not doubtings; I did fear that I should not have been able  
 to goe through & carry on that worke, that either the Duke had wold  
 in his judgement, or recommended to his brother. I doubted also that those  
 instructions which I sent over w<sup>th</sup> 290 were not clear enough as to  
 expressions; some affaires had engaged me leasure at that time to be  
 so particular as to some circumstances I would. If I am not mis-  
 taken, greatly mistaken in his character, as I received it from y<sup>e</sup>  
 Eminency, that fire which is kindled between them now will not aske  
 bellows to blow it, & keep it burning; but what I thinke further  
 necessary in this matter I will send your Eminency by Doc Hart,  
 binded with confidence in y<sup>e</sup> Lord, for I distrust not but if this breach  
 be widened a little more, & this difference fomented w<sup>th</sup> some  
 caution in respect of the persons to be added to it, I distrust not but  
 that party which is already forgiven of God, (as to any outward dis-  
 pensations of morris) & notwithstanding to their Contentation, will grow  
 lower in y<sup>e</sup> opinions of all the world. If I have troubled your Emi:  
 to long in this, you may impute it to the resentment of joy which

I have for y<sup>e</sup> ifno of this affaire, and will conclude with giving  
you assurance that I will never be backward in demonstrating,  
as towards your Brethren and Confederates, that I am

Your Servant

December 26<sup>th</sup>  
1656

O. P.

By His Emynency  
Card. Mazarine  
from M. Pomme