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5679. DU BELLAY TO MONTMORENCY.

What I say in the King's letters of recapitulation is that I could not have sufficiently shown for the satisfaction of this King all the matters of which he has given me charge, but I have made no other despatch. You will see their terms; consider about your own, in which, if you do not make haste, it will be more to your disadvantage, quite apart from the risk arising from delay. For the present all goes well; that is to say, they do not wish to provoke you. But you may be sure they are in great pain, especially from the great suspicion they entertain of the passage of the Emperor, agreed as he may be with you; which, if it take place, they expect the Pope will revoke his commission; and they fear you only offer them comprehension in the peace, and not the honor of being principal contrahents. This they consider as no small beating and diminution of their reputation. I think, therefore, it would be well if you can do anything to satisfy them on this matter, as I wrote to you on the 11th.

I have sent by the bearer some hackneys for Fitzwilliam upon his journey, in order that he may make less diligence. I doubt not that on his receiving the present you will be pretty far gone into the country. It will not be so soon as I could wish, and I declare that I am half dead with the continual rude beating that I am subjected to; but you know I have a good and firm opinion, and will not give up the place easily. Also I have communicated to Wolsey, I think with some adroitness, the will of Francis as you wrote to me, and I am sure I have got him to approve of it. I believe that whatever the others do, the end will be as I have written to you. He is too subtle for them. (*Il est trop fin pour eux.*) It is true that if at this moment your affairs be concluded, they not being the principal contrahents, the people will cry out upon him as a traitor and a Frenchman, as they already give him to understand. He assures you it is an injury to him that this assembly takes place without him. I have written to you, ever since my arrival, all the language he has used about it. You will know from what source it proceeds. I do not say this to excuse it; but, I will answer for it, he would speak otherwise if he dared. So far as I can learn, Fitzwilliam has made good report to his master of the affairs of England, "et a trouvé les propos du Roy totalement conformans les moyens (? myens)."

Yesterday evening the Court arrived here. The King, coming by water, landed, in passing, at my lord of Rocheford's, with a small company of ladies and gentlemen, where he waited for the tide, and then went to Greenwich. The Queen had already passed by land, and had seen Campeggio. Friday¹ is their day. I much fear that for some time past the King has come very near Mademoiselle Anne, therefore you need not be surprised if they want to hasten it; "car si le ventre croist, tout sera gasté." I have heard lately, on good authority, that the king of Scotland has sent to treat with the Emperor, principally for his marriage. In Ireland there were some practices going on by those of the country, to which a stop has been put in good time. I think they are going to send Master Mour thither to treat with them. London, 15 June.

P.S.—I hear they are sending the prothonotary [Lazarus] De Bayf as ambassador to Venice. I think, whoever has made choice of him, it is much to his credit, and that when he has had a little experience he will do great service to the King. The ambassador here complains that the letters of his correspondent are withheld from him.

Fr. Add.

1 The 18th.