Elizabeth Butler (née Preston), Marchioness of Ormond, to James Butler, Marquess (later first Duke) of Ormond

21 May [1660]

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My Deare

I have made many addreses to you

of late by severall persons, but by non I am shure, that is

a more fathfull one unto the kings Intrest, and your Selfe, then

this berar Cap Power, whoe is soe transported with the hopes

of Seeinge you, as knowinge I could not oblidge hime more

then by givinge hime the oppurtunitie of it, have Chossene

hime to bee the Mesenger of This, and the deliverer of some

other perticulars, which I have intrustede hime with, more

fitt to bee toould you, then put in writinge, soe as I will make

the troubell of this letier the [-- brifer] briuefer, and only desier,

that I may reseve your derections consarninge my comminge

over, whoe am the mene time indevoringe to put My Selfe

into a redenes to obbay the first sommons that shall Come

from you, and to intreat, that you will reseve with kindnes

such, as has in your absense, and my [-- Extremities] Neseties bine frindlie

to mee, whereof Bouth Bucke and Stivene Smith are abbell
to informe you, as one m’ Chidslye that Maryede My lady

Savelle and m’ Edward Heath bouth which¹ I have bine very
much oblidged unto. The layter of thes, I find has somthinge
to propound, that hee beleves willbee for your advantage as well
as his owne, but what it is I know not, but desier that if it
appiere resonabell and rationall in your Judgment, that you
will give hime such furtharanse therein, as may bee to his
Satisfactione, and the desier now made in his behalfe by
your trulye affectionat wife

E: Ormonde

[postcript]
I must not forgett to give you an accompt, and
Thanks for your leter, sent by Bucke, though I Confess
I had allmost forgott to doe it, The good Neuse
Haveinge made mee allmost as wilde, as it has
Done many wisser Persons. I pray turne the leafe.

Thers a gentellman that had onse a relatione to you, m’
Walter Plunket and had your Promis for the Prothonotars
offiss in the Court of Common Plees in Ireland which his
Father had, and hee as worthye to hould upon the accompt
of his honnestye and loyalte as anye Man I know heare

¹ Crossings out underneath.
and one whoe has retaynede the greatest affectione for
your Person, and kindnes to mee and your relations and Frinds
that it was possibill to Expresse, wherfor I beseche you
to make good your Former promise to hime, by interposinge
soe far as noe othar may gett it from hime, or bee Joynede
with hime, which I doe thus timelie intersede in, by resone
that I heare that Patricke Tallon a Clarke brede under his
Father dous hope by mř Anslows menes and Sř Mawres
Eustis\(^2\) whous Neese hee maried, to gett himself Joynede
in the Patent, and soe by the Exsecutione of it would make
it of litell or noe profitt at all unto mř Plunket , wherefor I pray
have an Eie after of it, that the grant may not bee givine from
him, and that you willbee pleasede to louke with favour
[u]pon your ould Sarvant Jo Burdon whoe is now as Sober and
abbell a Secretarye as anye that I doe beleve you Cane light
upon and willbee very ussfull to you upon Sondrie ocations whoe
I doe therefor intend to bringe a longe with mee

[Further postscript]
Just now I resedvede 2 leters
from you by mř Carpenter the Contents
wherof I shall obaye in Makinge
all the hast over that I Cane

\(^2\) Maurice Eustace (c. 1590–1665) was an Irish politician, barrister, and judge; see R. M. Armstrong, ‘Eustace, Sir Maurice (1590x95–1665)’, *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford University Press, 2004).
Dublin the 21 of May

[Endorsed]
My Lady concerning Jo: Bourden & mr Plunckett &c

[Address]
For the lord Marquis of ormonde
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