Hon: Sr

Having ye honour of ye: Acquaintance: as also ye happyness of being ye: Relation and yet heighly obliged by ye most noble favours, I can not but cast my selfe at ye footstole of ye mercy, humbly imploring ye pardon for all my grand disobedience, and high Ingratitudes committed against you, notwithstanding every day has had ye honour of being witness of ye most abundant obligations to ye contrary. Sr: I confess, if I had expended one whole year in contrivance for unthankfullness, I could not have more grossly manifested it, then in this present action, ye neglect of writting which is a fault so greatly heinous, yt: I should utterly dispaire of obtaining ye pardon, did I not mightily confide in ye: most rare vertues, by whome I am imboldned to offer: up my selfe, and extyles, on ye Altar of ye: Sensures and Exceptance. Sr: I had not so long neglected my duty of writting (and then needed not have thus apologized) I had not been Liable to those troubles and care: yt all young men and elder bro are: ye providing mat: for their young, and wifes for their selves, wh: I confess hath been ye troublesome condition of my selfe and only reason of my not returning soon thanks unto you. I hope for ye future I shall have more Leasure to gratifie you for ye: favours allready bestowed, as likwise for this I am about to beg. I having two or none friends at all in London I have presumed (hoping that you would pardon my presumption) to Intreate you to buy me a suite of Clothes according to mode and fashion; they are Intended for my wedding: let them be sent w:th out their appurtenances, belt, sowrd, and silk stockings: let there be as much more of ye same Ribbon yt ye suite is trimmed with, as will be about it, that if ye shelifters deprive me of any I may be able to supply my ~~what~~ want. I know not whether you know with whome it is therefore I think it fit for to inform you: it is m:r Eliz: Martyn eldest daught:r of Will: martyn Esq: w:th whome I am to have a [illegible] besides she is a discreet, virtuous and Religious woman. I make ye more haste to be married by reason, her eld: Bro: is going hence, for London about a fort night: cr: works hence, but resolving with all to see his sist: married before he departth; wherefore let me humbly intreate you to send me my clothes as soone as possible; I have sent my mother bear-mtlof: If you answer my request I shall be right into a great Labirinth of difficulty to return you thanks equallo to ye: favours then was stretches to distroid ye seven head Monster: This at yt: time acknowledging my selfe eternally obliged to remaine

Sr

Your humble servant to command

Eliz: Martyn

Sixth March 10:th 1673

as sone as I rec: ye: ball
together with my clothes
I will send you ye: money