## The Queene of Scotts to Anthony Babbington

Trusty and welbeloved, according to the
zeale and affection wch I have knowne in you
towards the common cause of Religion and myne,
I have ever alwaies made account of you, as of
a principall member, and right worthie to be
imployed, both in the one and in the other,
yet I cannot have lesse consolation unto me to
understand your estate (as I have done by your
last letter) and to have found meanes to renewe
my intelligence wth you, then I felt greife
all this weile past to be wthout the same.
I pray you therefore from henceforth to write
unto me so often as you can of all occurrents
wch you may judge in any sort to be important
to the good of my affaires, wherunto I
shall not fayle to correspond wth all the care
and diligence that shalbe in my possibilitie
for diverse greate and important Considerations
wch were heere to longe to be declared. I
cannot but greatlie praise you for the more
then common desire to prevent in time the
designments of our enemies, for the extirpacion
of our

of our Religion out of this Realme, wch, the
ruyne of us all; for I have longe a good
showe unto the forraigne Catholique Princes
and experience doth daylie approve it, The
longer we delay to put hand on the matter,
on this side, the greater pleasure have
our said enemies to prevaile and wyn
advantage against the said Princes, as they
have done against the Kinge of Spaine, and
in the meane tyme the Catholiques that have
remayned exposed to all sorte of restraynt and
troubled, doe daylie diminishe in number,
forces, and power, so that yf remedie be
not therunto speedilie provided, I feare not
a little, but that they shall become altogether
unable for ever to rise againe and to receive
any ayde at all wherebeyn it were offered
them; For my owne part, I pray you assure
our principall freinds, that albeit I had not
in this case any extraor Interest (that wch
I stand bound to bringe of my consideration unto
me in respect of the publique good of this
Estate) I shalbe alwaies readie and most
willinge to imploye therein my life, and all