their Party might fall downe or overwhelme, and that therefore you might come suddenlie wth ye followers to make ye selves Masters of ye Towne and tarrie no longer, and so you might doe easilie before any member of ye Citie, who lodge in severall places forte their place, as some halfe a mile off, might come to their relief. Whatsoever issue the matter take, I doe and will thinke my selfe obliged to yu so longe as I live, for the offere you make to hazarde ye selfe as yu doe for my deliverie. And by any meanes whatsoever I may have, I shall doe my endeavour to recognize by effecte ye desert therem. I have commanded a more ample Vlegabott to be made for yw, wth greater wth yu shall receive.

Maria Regina

Anthonie Babbington to the Lie of Scotts the 3d daie of August anno dni 1586:

Ye letters I received not untill the 29th Instlie the

They tarie was, my absence from Litchfield contrarie to my promise, gave dangerous the tarie was by my next lett shalbe imparted in the meane tyme ye Mtie maie understande That one Maude that came out of France wth Ballard, who came from Mendoza concerninge their affaire is discovered to be for the state: Ballard arraigned emi wth the Danse of the rominge and late employed emi of late into Scotland wth lett, by whose treacherie unto my extreme danger, I have bine in iopardie, and the whole plott is like to be brought to light, and by what meanes we have in part prevented, and purpose by God assistante to redresse, as ye Mtie shalbe by my next lett informed till when my Soveraigne, for this sake that ye Mtie for our honor good, dismay not, neither doubt of happie issue; It is God tarie, the Queene, and ye Mties an enterprise honble before God, and men, undertaken upon zeale and devotion, free from all ambition, and temporall regard, and therefore no doubt, will succeede happilie; We have vowed, and will performe or dye,

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