substitute o Religious Kings & you are yet come from fearfull billowes unto a quiet & smooth sea by wth meanes no question yet may attaine the blessed haven of a faire after this life, & in this pilgrimage goe out wth much patience & constancie God Blesse yet.

Your father. Castlehaven/

Castlehavens Lre to his Sisters/

God hath given & God hath taken. Blessed be the name of the Lord who hath redeemed my soule out of misrie. Give ye praise my eyes to see my sinnes & him. My deare sisters the shortnes of my time is such that I cannot particularly write to yet all. But know yet all to yr Comforte: the great & infinite fauor that the blessed Trinitie throw Jesus & one God hath bestowed upon me through the sufferings of my Saviour Ie: Christ. upon whose merits & supplycations I wholly build. And find A force of faith to rely and trust in my life (I thanke God) In all my Tribulations, In all my sinnes wth word infinite before my Deline maker. I neuer tooke so much Comfort as I doe in this wth the world calls miserye & Affliction for upon I have drawne my Cogitations together by what meanes I should be drawne to scorne & Contemne the world. I can thinke upon none but this yt God blessing be showed upon me: God hath given me teares wth haue Detter. And I doubt not but by the Assurance of the most glorious spirit shortly to be upon the blessed man hath sis to ascendemonstrate wth Salvation. The God of heaven blesse yet all and send yet his holy spirit that yet may turne to him wth Contrite & sorrowfull hearts so shall yet at the end of yr Tedious journey find A happie repose wth that great Lord of Lords yt hath bestowed this blessing upon yr late and most unfortunate brother.

I thanke Almightie God from the first of my Tribulations I laid my selfe and all Earthly things at the feete of the quick And sinne not blessed be his name repined at any thing wth it hath pleased him to lay upon me. But I have gone on

Cheerfully

Cheerfully & humbly God be blessed. And I pray God bless yet all pray for me for yet know the time will be brief. God send my Tould word it may have the vision of my Saviour

Farre ye well

Your brother

To the right honble my deare sisters the Ladie Anne Blunt. the Ladie Elizabeth Griffin. the Ladie Christian Meruin, the Ladye Elenor Douglas. or to Any one of them these

what Title I may give my selfe I know not A Christian I know I am: yr our Deare Brother.

Meruin/

After some time of Intermission it pleased his Matie to signe A warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower for the said Earle of Castle haven Execution. But fearing the manner of his death from that wth by his Contents he suffer. into A behaviour wth warrant occasioned this Ensuing Petition unto his Matie Interposed by his sisters on the behalfe of the said Earle their Brother as followeth. Viz

To the Kinges most Excellent Matie

The humble Peticion of the Ladie Anne Blunt Eliz: Griffin. and Christian Meruin. sisters to the Condemned Earle of Castle Haven/ &c

That whereas Cas yr Petitioners are Doubtlie Informed yr maties warrant is gone forth for the Execution of the Sentence of death upon yr loyall Subject the Earle aboue said. yr Petitioners doe humbly beseche yr Matie to remeane that yr in mouing yr royal hart to give the said Earle some Dayes respite for preparation hath thereby given yr Matie Cause to confirme the hope of yr Justice. And the Feare of yr tender Compassion by preuenting the Effusion of Noble Christian & Innocent Blood.

May it therefore please yr most Sacred Matie to make soe gracious use of Deering

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