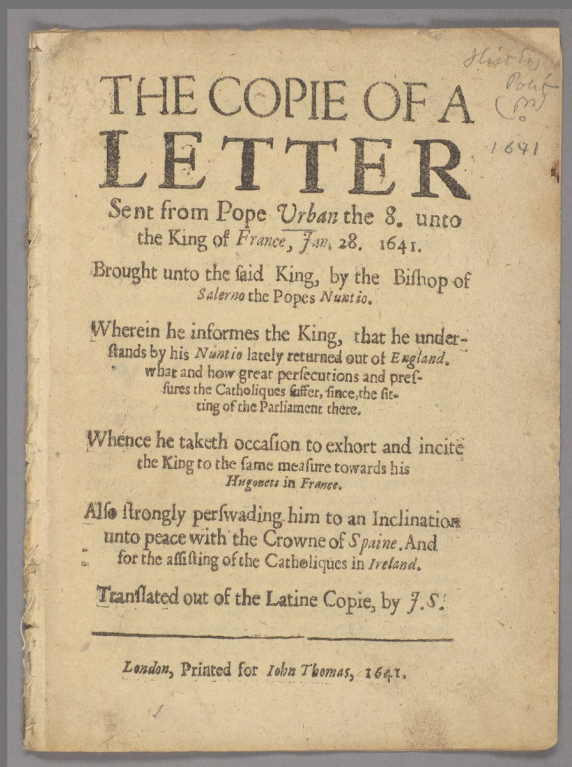


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# THE COPIE OF A LETTER

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Sent from Pope *Urban* the 8. unto  
the King of *France*, Jan. 28. 1641.

Brought unto the said King, by the Bishop of  
*Salerno* the Popes *Nuntio*.

Wherein he informes the King, that he under-  
stands by his *Nuntio* lately returned out of *England*.  
what and how great persecutions and pres-  
sures the *Catholiques* suffer, since the sit-  
ting of the Parliament there.

Whence he taketh occasion to exhort and incite  
the King to the same measure towards his  
*Hugonets* in *France*.

Also strongly perswading him to an Inclination  
unto peace with the Crowne of *Spaine*. And  
for the assisting of the *Catholiques* in *Ireland*.

Translated out of the Latine Copie, by J.S.

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London, Printed for *Iohn Thomas*, 1641.

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*Urban* the eight, by the Divine Providence  
 Pope of *Rome*, Bishop of Bishops, and servant of  
 the servants of God. To the most *Christian* King  
 LEVVIS the 13.<sup>th</sup>, By the grace of God King of  
*France*, and *Nazarre*, our thrice beloved Sonne in  
 Jesus Christ, and the Faith *Cathelick*; Greeting  
 and *Benediction Apostolicke*.

**W**Hereas we are given to understand *Ian.* 13.  
 by the relation of Count *Ruffere Nuntio* of  
 our Sea Appostolique, unto *MARIA HEN-*  
*NERETTA*, dearest Sister unto your Majesty  
 and Queene unto *Charles*, King of great Brittain, what, and  
 how great miseries our Catholiques, living in *England* have  
 endured since the Scottish Invasion, and convening of the Par-  
 liament there holden, how cruelly and barbarously persons  
 in Order and sacred Ecclesiasticks, how opprobiously and  
 unworthily the *Layicks* have beene handled, theyr under-  
 going Racks, tortures, Gallowes, Gibbets, quartering of their  
 members (yea notwithstanding that some of them were eight-  
 tie yeares old, suffering Imprisonment, reproaches, losse of  
 Honours, confiscation of Goods, bereaving of their Children,  
 sequestration of Revenues, alienation of Lands, counted meere  
 dung and the off-scouring of their Country, and that for no  
 other reason but that they have testified to the World in the  
 two late Northerne expeditions, Fidelitie not to be parale'd,  
 Obedience not to be blamed towards their King, to the great  
 impairing (at least) if not to the utter decay of their estates.

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And seeing that by things there already enacted as farther to be enacted, it may evidently appeare how not onely ominous, that contagious quag of Heriticks is unto the undoubted Catholique Roman Fayth, but also to the established State and settled Government, of Hæreditary Kings and Monarchs, not only contrary but pestiferous, where once they have got the upper hand and gained the masterie, we would that your Christian Majesty should be most seriously admonished, that yee may with mature care and seasonable prevention foresee those distempers which are a foote with your neighbouring Prince, that King Charles and great Brittain's disasters, may prove unto your Majesties instructions, and when it is likely that the nefarious deeds of the Heriticks which now carrie all before, them in *England*, are knowne unto your Majesty then to us, as who are nigher; and that yee have the deformed notoriousnesse of them as it were drawne in a Table before you; hereupon wee councell your Majesty to consider what so nearely concernes you, that millions of Heritickes lurke and harbour in your Dominions, we wish we knew not, who have the same mind, the same opinion of you and your believe, and had they but strength, what they approve in the *English* they would exploit themselves, let your Majesty take heed yee foster not a Viper in your bosome, whose feebleness is yet the cause it doth no mischief, not its disposition, when they shall find themselves able they do not domineere but rage, neither contemne they the Crowne but trample it, wee adjure your Majesty by all that is sacred, by the sweet cognomination of the most Christian King

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first granted to the Kings of *France*, for their famous defence of Catholique-, and chastising Heriticks (and derived unto your Majesty, as in the same sence, so to be no other wayes injoyed) by all your rather to be admired, then credulous Heroyick Acts, and glorious enterprizes, with the which he that led Captivity Captive hath crowned you with Lillies, by the obedience you owe unto *St Peter*, filiall recognizance to us, diligence in advancing the Catholique fayth, which your Majesty swore at your sacred Coronation and anointing, by all the foresaid, wee beseech your Majesty, that not only yee would endeavour the suppression and abatement of the Heritiques that nestle in your Realme, but their totall ruine and extirpation, which thing wee more earnestly request of your Majesty, by how much wee desire the flourishing of your Monarchie, your Scepter and Magnificence, the fayth Apostoliques prehemences; when did more lustre attend your Crowne, then after the surprizall of the *Rotchell* Heritiques Denne, when your Authoritie greater or more enlarged, then upon the disabling those Rebels of *Montauban*, what stops the free current of Catholique faith, wholesome and fresh streames through *France*, but this choaking fenne of Heresie: Let it be taken away therefore not onely bow and twig: but both stock with strings be rooted up, least by their Commission the sincere flocke of Catholicks may be drawne into consent of the putred and ulcered Cattell, and seeing that it may shame us, that those malevolent should labour more the devastation and laying wast of Christs blessed body, then we its propagation, that your Majesty

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may the sooner not suppress or diminish, but wholly blot out and extinguish that Contagion, let your Majesty under most heavy paines strictly forbid not onely the publike convent in Churches of that heriticall Conspiracy, but all private exercise and use of this seditious Leaven, even within private walls, let fit Officers be set over that charge, and let them taste of their owne sawce, as they use your Catholiques, so you must handle them, your Majesty being a Member of that body they thus persecute, let them perceive that in the ancient Catholique Roman faith, distance of place, diversity of Nations lesseneth not our sympathy in the cause, nor affection to the afflicted, put the Ministers of your Hugonets to death when your Catholique Priests are hanged on Gibbers, what reason is there that their beardlesse impudent Bblers should range so unbridled throughout *France*, unpunished? when your poore Religious more ancient then able (a thing odious to *Barbarians*) have vndergone the raking out of their bowels, let others vndergoe Fines of Crownes, confiscation of goods, losse of Office, banishment out of the Realme, depriving of their children, losse of Vote in Courts bands, imprisonment, that it may appear to all the world that your Majesty hath as much power over your Hugonets, what others have over their Catholiques, and that your Majesties esteeme is neverthelesse of them for other, notorious debasing of them, neither let your Majesty desist before you have either vanquished your owne Hugonets, or purchased some ease for the *English* Catholiques; Being certified by the Agent of the *Irish*, that they burdened with heavy pressures, threatned by the  
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now sitting Parliament with heavier, as who are utterly debarred the free use of the Roman Catholique Religion, put out of their houses, Lands, Honours, and when they would have submitted, denyed Pardons we entreat your Majesty that you would by your Ambassadour sollicite the cause of the distressed Nation, with the King of great *Brittaine*, and that you would put that King in mind of the *Rouchellers*, whose notorious rayning of Armes, and Rebellion, yea, pardoned at the intercession of that King, granting them also all their former Priviledges and Liberties as your Majesty writ unto us by your Ambassador *Monsieur du Fresac*. Anno Dom. 1628.

But if your Majesty shall perceive, that you can prevaile nothing by that Mediation: We exhort your Majesty, as is our duty to vndertake the defence and Protection of that Nation in all Ages, so constantly obedient vnto the Roman Catholique Religion, which defence will well become the Arms of the most Christian King; We farther desire so your Christian Majesty to send Grave and temperate Ambassadours vnto us to *Bononia*, for the conclusion of that so much wished for, and heartily longed after peace betwixt the Christian, and the Catholique Crownes, let both your Majesties thinke on peace, doe yee both desire it, let each in something depart from his right, give yee way on both parties, and the Spirit of peace shall accord you, and the happie agreement of these two Glorious Crownes, shall crowne my old Age, and rejoyce all Catholique Regions, When we shall see two great Princes having bin so long at such Mortall dissention, at length to the vnspeakeable Joy of all, to  
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"fall at vnitie, and two the very Eldest Sonnes of the  
Catholique faith professing betwixt themselves a Ca-  
tholique consent to employ their Armes onely against  
Heretiques, and Ethnickes.

Which we cease not day and night to begge on our  
knees in the blessed Sacrifice of the Masse of God Al-  
mighty of our Blessed Mother of God, and of him  
that being God became man, of the Blessed Apostle  
of our faith St. Peter, and of all Saints.

*Given under the Seale of the Fisherman.*

*Jan. 28. Anno Salutis, 1641.*

*And of our Popedome the nineteenth*

*Subscribed, Rancone, S, R, E, P, S.*

FINIS.