

Powder Plot. S^r Walter Raleigh.

1605. Nov. 9.

I have not had any other affair with Cap. Whitlock, than familiar & ordinary discourses, nei: ther do I know any other cause of his writing un: to me, than to visite me, having not much worke: with to busie him self. I have sometimes spok: en to him to finde the Earle of Northumbers: lands disposition towards me, from whom I never receiv'd other than a drie & frindless answer, From the Earle I neither receiv'd Letter or sent him any, either by Whitlock, or any man else since my troubles.

With the French Ambassador I have no affaires, his wife came hither once wth the Ladie of El: -singam & the pale being ^{then} down, she salute d me, & desired me to give her a little Balsome of Guiana, Whitlock being then in her company, I sent it by him to her.

W Raleigh

I sent your self in the beginnings of my troubles a letter from S^r John Bodley concerning Acusay & others & the same was my utter mine, I did it to do the Kings service. If I now know any thing, or could devise how this horribble & fearful practise might be discovered, then if it were with the loss of my own life, as God liveth, I would give the one to perform the other. I beseech you wd to call to mind my many sorrows & the causes & to remember my services & love to my Countrey, & I beseech you in charitie & for the love of God not to make more odious then ever the earth brought forth any by suspecting me to be knowing this unexampled & more then deathlike invention. Y^r humble Serv^t

W. R.

Indorsid in S^r Salisburys hand. 1605. 9. November.
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