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I have procured him a place among the King's guards, till it please God to open to him a door of hope for an honest postliminium into his own country, Transylvania, harassed by Turks and Tartars. This I do with this proviso upon all the premises, namely, *Quamdiu se bene gesserit, et non aliter*. Commending myself to your worthy good prayers, and you to God's holy tuition, I remaine your ancient obliged friend, and very faithful servant,

“ ISAAC BASIRE.

“ Your worthy pupil, Dr. Cartwright, who is to preach this day before the King, presents his service to you. On Tuesday next, God willing, I go for Durham.

“ From Dr. Busby's house, Westminster,  
July 10, —70.”

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*To Dr. Castell.\**

“ Durham, Sept. 20, 1670.

“ SIR,

“ I HAD not been so tardy in giving you my hearty thanks for your singular, rare,

\* *Edmund Castell*, Arabick Professor at Cambridge, King's Chaplain, and at length Prebendary of Canterbury. He was author of the *Lexicon Heptaglotton*, and contributed largely to Walton's *Polyglott Bible*.

and superogation of your pains about the Poly-  
 glot <sup>Bible</sup> } but that unda undam pellit.  
 Lexicon }

The multiplicity of my functions will not suffer me to be so happy as to enjoy a desired correspondence with such worthies as yourselfe.

As for the translation of the Syr-Arabick Confession, studium boni publici, and your eminent gift in the tongues, moved me to offer you that trouble ; with an humble acknowledgement of my distance from you in that and many other ways. Blessed Archbishop Juxon, ὁ πάνυ, and alsoe Bp. Walton, ὁ Μακαρίτης, were very joyfull, and alsoe earnest with me for the publication of soe many Oriental Confessions with their translations. Woe is me that I am not tam felix otii! If I were, I did intend in my preface to mention you cum debito honore, as the expert midwife of these mine Ἐκγονα. I condole the loss of that Jewell, your Samaritan Pentateuch, which, when I was at Jerusalem, I did sollicite Paisius Ligaridius, the then Archbishop of Gaga (where, and at Sychar\* only are now Samaritans) to purchase it for me, but he failed. I bought lately the Lexicon from Mr. Davenport, for our Church Library, which hath the Bible by gift. I have, according to your desire, inserted your name in my poor Diptychs, Jure merito, craving the continuance of yours

for me and mine. I value more this ἀλληλεχίαν συγκατευγμάτων, than the Indian gaza. May God accept us all through him ἐν ᾧ εὐδοκῆσε. Amen.

“ Sir, I pray you assure yourself that I am your much obliged friend

“ and faithful servant,

“ ISAAC BASIRE.

“ Mine and my wife’s service to yourself and lady.”

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*Sir Geo. Fletcher to Dr. Basire.*

“ 22<sup>d</sup>. Oct. —70.

“ SIR,

“ WHEN you open this, I hope you will forgive the trouble it may giue you, its businesse being only to preserue your good opinion, which I have ever much valued, in taking notice of a discourse I had with Dr. Smith, by which I understand that I have been represented to you as a person not favouring the interest of the Church, but in what the Dr. could not tell me; so that I am disabled to give the reasons that directed me in that particular to which this report is intended to be applied, but I hope that your friendship to me, and to truth, is such that you will trye whether my innocence

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Apparently he was in Jerusalem where he wrote in a letter dated 20 Julii (July) 1653. He traveled to Aleppo also.

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