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1458. EDMUND WALSYNGHAM TO CROMWELL.

The people here are quiet, as far as I can learn, except the simple people, who will not give over their babbling tales. You wished me charitably to handle your gentle chaplain, Curtoyse by name, mild in countenance and crafty in conditions. This I have done; for he says mass every day, "and prayeth for you as I think Dr. Coke and Abell see one of them another at the church some time, but they speak not together." Abell would fain have one of the books in answer to his, but without your consent I will deliver none. The old monk lieth with Dr. Coke; the other three, as yet, lie together. **Two of [616] them wear irons. Frythe wears none. Although he lacks irons, he lacks not wit nor pleasant tongue. His learning passes my judgment. As you said, it were great pity to lose him if he may be reconciled.** Our greatest comfort here is to hear of the King's health. God send him a safe return. At the Tower, 21 Oct.

P.S.—Have in remembrance Dr. Coke, Chr. Coe, Will. Umpton, and other prisoners remaining in the Tower. Umpton has been here 15 months.

Hol., p. 1. Add. : Right worshipful.