6720. [De Vaux to Montmorency.]

Has communicated to the King the substance of his letter of the 23rd, who was greatly pleased with it, and trusted that if Mons. de Noircarmes or De Robadanges had carried from the Emperor to Francis a thing of any consequence his good brother would have informed him. He desired Francis most urgently to write as often as possible about himself and his mother, and of any news that might occur. In a long conversation I had with the King that day, and again yesterday, he appeared anxious for a familiar meeting with Francis without ceremony. He thinks he will cross the sea, and that the interview might be had about Ardres; but I passed this over on both occasions without reply, the thing being of so great importance. I was also not certain how far it would serve your interests. For the rest I refer you to letters to the King and the bishop of Bayonne about the danger (caso) of the Cardinal. London, 8 Nov. 1530.

P.S.—I have delayed this despatch to learn more about the poor Cardinal; concerning whom the King, and the lords of his Council, have assured me, with oaths, that they have not the slightest suspicion of me, but have every good opinion, and hold me as a dear servant. Norfolk and Suffolk have begged me firmly to believe it; but as to the Cardinal, I fear he cannot do well. They say they have many important causes against him; and the King says he has intrigued against them, both in and out of his kingdom, and has told me where and how, and that one and perhaps more of his servants have discovered it, and accused him. I am much grieved for his danger. Norfolk yesterday spoke a word to me about the proposed interview, so that it seems there is plenty of inclination on this side; but the thing is so important I do not know what to say. I have just received your letter of the 3rd, and in answer may say that I have given to the King the packet addressed to him, who thanks you for your diligence. They have letters from Rome of the 24th ult., which are later than these. As to the pension of the marquis of Ossester (Exeter), Francis, I think, has done well to make it die with the the person. 10 Nov. 1530.

*Ital. Add.*