1064. T. Warley to Lady Lisle.

His long absence has been sore against his will. If he had known he would have been so long, would not have passed the sea, and would have saved 20l., which he has spent in following Mr. Secretary. The lord Chancellor and others have spoken to him, and he has always promised to be good and despatch him, but he has come in an evil time. At first nothing could be done because of the Parliament, and then for devising and writing the Queen’s dowry and matters of my lady Princess, lady Katharine Dowager, lady Mary, &c., and after that for taking oaths of the lords, judges, sergeants and other the King’s subjects, about which the lord Chancellor, Mr. Secretary and Dr. Fox, the almoner, were daily occupied. Then the Scotch ambassadors came to London, and the ambassadors of Lubeck. Besides this, there has been much business about the setting forth of Mr. Skevyngton into Ireland, whence news has come that lord Garrad has killed the archbishop of Dublin, his chaplains and servants, and spares neither man, woman nor child who were born in England. Daily his power and the Galentynes (Geraldines’) increase. On 2 Aug. peace was proclaimed between England and Scotland. Dr. Barnes and others daily dispute with the bishops and doctors, but what they have concluded is kept secret. The Spanish ambassador has been with the lady Katharine, where they had good cheer. Lypingkot is sore handled with the yellow jaundice. He lies at the sign of the Rose in Fleet Street, between Ludgate and Fleet Bridge. Sends by Hugh Cotton the bearer a small venison pasty, the first that has come to his hands this year. Has been promised four bucks, and she shall have part when he gets them. That the pasty should not be changed, [416] has written his name with a marking stone in the bottom. Recommends a priest, a very honest man, who would gladly serve them. “He writers a very fair secretary hand and text hand and Roman, and singeth surely, and playeth very cunningly on the organs, and he is very cunning in drawing of knots in gardens, and well seen in grafting and keeping of cocomers and other herbs.” Hopes to be in Calais in 14 days, whether despatched or not. Intends this week to ride to the lord Chancellor at Colehester, which is 45 miles from London, and take leave of him. London, at the house of Robt. Spicer in Lombard Street, 13 Aug.