

Dear Daughter.

This Gentleman Mr. Margaret Beauj
giving me notice from St. Malo, of his intention for England
and of his kind resolution to make you a visit at Deptford. I
could not but accompany him with the few lines, repeating
what I have formerly acquainted you, that she is the d. d. r.
ing's daughter, of a worthy Gentlewoman his mother, to whom
I was much oblig'd for several favours, in whose untimely
loss, I may safely affirm, I, and all who have for me a
Relation to me as you, have had a great share. I pray therefore
value and treat him in that qualification, adding something
if you can, to the value due to merit and virtue, upon this
my recommendation: who, in requital, give you and yours, the
heart's blessings of.

Paris this 4th Day of
the year 1659. R. B.

Your indulgently loving father.

Richard Browne.

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SIR RICHARD BROWNE Bart. was born in 1605, and his grandfather Sir Rich. Browne was employed under the celebrated Earl of Leicester in his government of the Netherlands. He received his education at Merton Coll. Oxford, and in 1646, we find him Resident at the Court of France; for on the 27th of June in the same year, his daughter Mary, to whom the above letter is addressed, became the wife of John Evelyn at Paris. In 1673 he was Master of the Trinity House, and died of the gout & dropsy, 12th of Feb: 1683, aged 77 in his own mansion, Says Court, Deptford, in which his son in law subsequently resided. Agreeably to his own request, he was buried in Deptford Church yard, under the S.E. window of the Chancel.