Petition to Charles I for his Son (February 1630)

Henry Cary, Viscount Falkland

Transcript

British Library, Additional MS 22959, ff. 38r–38v

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To the kings most excellent Majestie

[*Left margin:*Feb. Carie uise. Falkland.] The humble petition of the Lord Vicount Falkland one of the Lordes of his Maj[estie]s most hon[ourable] Privy Councell

Most humbly shewing that I had a sonne vntill I lost him in yo[u]r highnes displeasure, where I cannot seeke him because I haue no will to find him there. Men say that there is [*Left margin:*for a challenge of a duell.] a wild young man nowe prisoner in the Fleete for measuring his actions by his owne priuate sense, but now that for the same yo[u]r Majesties hand hath appeered in the punishment, he bowes & humbles himselfe, before & to it. Whether he be mine or not, I cannot discerne by any light but that of yo[u]r Royall Clemency, for only in this forgiuenes must I owne him mine. Forgiuenes is the glory of the supreme powers, & this the operation that when it is extended in the greatest measure, it converts the greatest offenders into the greatest lovers, & so makes purchase of the hearte in especiall priviledge peculier & due to Soveraigne Princes. If yo[u]r Majestie will

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vouchsafe out of yo[u]r owne benignity to become a second nature & restore that unto me, which the first gaue & vainly depriued me of, I shall keepe the reckoning of the full number of my sonnes with comforte & render the tribute of my most humble thankfulnes, else my weake ould memory must forget one.

And pray

Other manuscript witnesses

- British Library, Additional MS 44848, ff. 262v–263r
- British Library, Hargrave MS 311, f. 208r
- British Library, Harley MS 3638, f. 140r
- British Library, Harley MS 4761, ff. 124r–125r
- British Library, Harley MS 6447, f. 1*v
- British Library, Hargrave MS 225, ff. 65r–66r
- British Library, Stowe MS 180, f. 54x
- Beinecke Library, Osborn b32, p1
- Bodleian Library, MS Ashmole 830, f. 128r
- Bodleian Library, MS Rawlinson D 692, ff. 104r–v
- Bodleian Library, MS Tanner 169, f. 203r
- Bodleian Library, MS Tanner 227, f. 6r
- Bodleian Library, MS Tanner 395, reversing volume, 101v
- Bodleian Library, MS Tanner 82, ff. 349r–v
- Cambridge University Library, MS Gg.4.13, p146
- Hampshire Record Office, 44M69/G2/132
- Huntington Library, HM 36836, ff. 84–85

- Huntington Library, Hastings Legal Papers Box 5, item 1
- Woburn Abbey, MS 4E-60, f. 141r

Seventeenth-century print exemplars

- *Scrinia Sacra* (1654) [Wing S2110], pp. 242–243

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