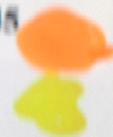


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**Mark Antonio Erizzo's Contract
for the supply of sulphur and saltpetre
1561**

For asmoche as I marke Anthony Erizzo have heretofore offered to serve youre Ma^{tie} in two yeres of twentie thousand bowstaves/for ix^{li} the hunderithe by nomber, that is to saye fyve score to the hunderithe, Six thousande bowstaves made savinge the hornes/at xv^{li} the hunderithe, by the said nomber, Two thousand hunderithe weight of brymstone at xx^s the hunderith by the same nomber/ and one Jwell of golde wherein is set a faire and lardge Rok spenell, one faire triangell dyamont p'fite, and one pearl orient/pendant weinge all six ounces and half a quarter, for two thousand and fyve hunderithe poundes, to be paied for the same/wares and Jwell accordinge as in his former offer in conteyned/

Which offer I have rather made to retorne w^t youre good will and favo^r, and under the name of yo^r Gracis Agent in this behalf/unto my contrie, then for any benyfyte that shall or will rise thereof to me, trustinge that yo^r ma^{tie} one daye will have in remembrance/my good will/

And for that nowe I have informacion that if I will serve yo^r grace of the said bowstaves at the price of ix^{li} the hunderithe/and the bowes made w^tout hornes at xiii^{li} x^s the hunderithe, the brymstone at xviii^s the hunderithe accordinge to the pryce rated/by master bromefelde Lewtennte of youre ma^{ties} ordenanncce, that then it is supposed youre ma^{tie} will have them w^{ch} I am also/redy to accomlishe bycause I am desierous to be resolved thereof. And as for the Jwell I am content shall remayne in the handes/of them whom your highnes shall thinke best for the assurance of the accomplishment of this bargayne and for the money I/shoulde receyve presently and my bande besydes; And at suche tyme as I shall have consigned the moietie thereof, that then/the same Jwell to be preysed by two indifferent p'sons, that is to saye, the one to be elected by yo^r Grace assigneis, and thother by me/or my assignes And if the same two cannot thereof agree, then the same two to chuse a thirde p'son, and that if any two of them/thereof agree, then yo^r highnes to accept the same Jwell accordinge to their valuation, and to paye for the same as for the same/goodes in maner followinge/

And for somoche as I am enformed that yt shall not stande w^t yo^r ma^{ties} comodetie presently to disburse redye money for the/thirde parte w^{ch} the same goodes shall amounte unto, w^{ch} wilbe to my great discomoditie yet I wilbe content to receyve forthewth/a warrant for the same thirde parte, to deducte the same thirde parte aswell of the custome of bere, and other goodes aswell brought/into this realme as conveyed out by me my assignes or frendes to be deducted at the rate as Straungers do paye w^{ch} thirde p'te/amountithe a thousand foure hunderithe thre score and tenne poundes sterlinge/

And for the other thirde p'te for that I also will not chardge yo^r ma^{tie} to disburse redie money I am content to receyve the vallo^r/thereof in tynne and leade; of the tenthe w^{ch} app'teynethe to youre Grace at suche pryce as yt hathe ben paied lately to others And/also all the oxe hydes, Calve skynnes, fells and lambe skynnes w^{ch} shalbe made in yo^r ma^{ties} courte, at the pryce w^{ch} others lately have/had them So that I or my assignes maye transporte the same goodes out of this Realme w^tout any ympedymnt payenge the/custome as straungers do paye And to have lykewyse a warrant ymediatly to begyn to receyve and transporte the same/

Declaringe to youre ma^{tie} that I or my assignes shall put in sufficient suerties for the vallo^r of the said goodes w^{ch} shalbe receyved/daly, untill suche tyme as I or my assignes shall make consignacion of the said brymstone and bowestaves

And the other thirde p'te at the delyvery of the same in redy money/And as towchinge the salte peter w^{ch} I have offered to serve for iii^{li} x ^s a hunderithe pounce weight, and youre ma^{ties} Lewtennte hathe set the price iii^{li} v^s if yt maye be possible to get a lycence to transporte yt from the Realme of Neopells, for the same I/live nothings in hande, but to be sure when I or my assignes shall certifie that I will furnishe the quantetie whiche/yo^r ma^{tie} will have, to have the thirde p'te in redy money (puttynge in good and sufficient suerties to make consignacion/and the rest at the delyvery thereof/