

XLIX. (7).

THOMAS BECKINGTON TO THE LORD CHANCELLOR.

REVERENDE Fader in God, and my most singler and gracious good Lorde,— I recommend me unto you, in as lowly wise as I can or may. And, please it yo^r good lordeship to wite, that, in ridynge towards T., I hard of the late arriving and commynge of my Maister E. Hull. Wherupon I, desiryng to have knowlege of the disposicion of the countrey that he commeth fro, sent unto hym a servant of myne, by nyght tyme, praying hym not to departe from his hows, unto tyme that I might have communicacion with hym. And so it is that, this day, right timely, I rode from Tawnton unto his place, and have hadd there communicacion with him at large, by the which, as fer as I fele, this ambassade, in which my M. (Master) Roos and I be sent, at this tyme, shulde be nowt or litel fructueux; and natheles the jepart of owre persounes, which as for myself peradventure is of litell charge, shuld be right dangereous, on lese thanne other provisions and meenes be hadd, before the tyme of oure passage; as I doubte not ye shall understand more at large, by the reporte of the said E[dward] H[ull]. Wherfore I beseche youre good and gracious lordeship, in the which I have right singler and special affiance, that I may have sone and hastely knowlege what I shall doo, and whether, by th'advys of the King oure souvereigne lorde, and yow, and other my lords of his Counseil, I shall holde forth journey, or returne. So that by me the Kinge may be as litel charged as may be possible. To the which, I take God to record, I shall, with all myn herte, entende. And I pray almightie God ever to have youre good and gracious lordeship in his holy and blessed saufgard, and send yow youre noble hert's desire, with lif longe enduring. Writen,
etc. ut sup. T. B.

To the Chaunceller of England.