

Mr. Brereton.¹

Mr. Lee.²

Mr. James.³

Mr. Kinge.⁴

[forget] not my commendations to all the Bathelours and [the] rest, and my name to Sir Usher. Mr. Richardson [] that I know you will bid this bearer hartely welcome and make much of him, because he and yourself [be] [schane] fellows etc. I would have intreated you [stly] to have much esteemed him for my sake. He is Mr. Smiths man (unto whom I am most beholden of anie in this place), and one that doth use me very kindly. I remember I have sent them Commendations in the other letter.⁵

To my dear Friends Mr. Usher and Mr. Richardson Preachers of Gods worde in Trinitye Colledge neer Dublin these gyve.

4 John Richardson to James Ussher, 24 May 1603⁶

[Manuscript original: Bodl., Rawl. MS C. 919, pp 891, 892.⁷]

Mr. Usher, I formly writt by Mr. James, And now againe by Mr. Richards:⁸ And yet I have not hard from you. But I doubt not but you have already written, though the same not as yet to myne hands. Write me newes of our matters, though I write you none. For the bearer our kinde frende can well supply that parte of my letter and the [rather] I beinge now in hast. Yet it cometh now unto my minde, that viz [Fitkok] hath best preachinge.⁹ God keepe you, and sende you shortly [of] againe with good successe. I pray you commende me to Dr Chall:¹⁰ & his wife & houshould are alsoe well.

May 24. 1603.

Yours

John Richardson.

To the worshippfull and my very loveinge friende Mr. James Usher at London this.

1 John Brereton had been made a fellow of TCD in 1599, having previously been master of the Free School in Dublin from 1595 to 1598. He was subsequently appointed physician to the City of Dublin in 1613 (*AD*).

2 Matthew Lee had been appointed a fellow of TCD in 1601. He subsequently became vicar of Kilcowerin in the diocese of Ferns in 1615 and held the prebend of Kilrush in the same diocese from 1629 to 1662 (*AD*).

3 No reference to a fellow of TCD by this name may be found in (*AD*).

4 Edward King (c. 1576–1639), Church of Ireland bishop of Elphin (*ODNB*). At the time he was a fellow of TCD, having been appointed in 1600.

5 No longer extant.

6 For information on John Richardson, see letter no. 3.

7 The pagination of the manuscript is slightly mixed up from p. 890 onwards. It reads as follows: 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 892, 893, 894, 893. Ussher has listed a number of unrelated books by the side of this letter.

8 The former, 'Mr. James', is mentioned in letter no. 3 of Abel Walsh to Richardson and Ussher as a fellow of TCD. Unfortunately no reference to either man may be found in (*AD*).

9 Given the context, possibly a member of TCD, though no reference may be found in *AD* or the Particular Book.

10 Dr Luke Challoner (1550–1613), fellow of TCD (*AD*).