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Guy Fawkes is recruited as the explosives expert

[Thomas Wintour]

I crossed the sea and found the Constable of Castille near Dunkirk where I delivered our appeal. I was helped by the intelligencer, Mister Hugh Owen, who, for his part, felt himself bound in good conscience to help us. I asked Owen if the Spanish would faithfully help us. The answer was no. The Spanish sought peace with England. They held us Catholics in small account. No plot would now be encouraged. And so I began to enquire of Mister Fawkes.

[Guido Fawkes]

There is a natural hostility between English and Scots. There always has been and it is increasing now. Even if there were one religion, it will never be possible to reconcile our two nations for too long. The Scottish King is a heretic. And the Peers are unhappy with those miserable Scots for their crudity and ceaseless quarrels in court.

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