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During a ten week Short term Scientific Mission in the Netherlands I aim to examine a digital solution for the addition of keywords to correspondence meta-data, in relation to the Early Modern Letters Online project. Firstly I will focus on the addition of keywords from the editor's perspective, looking at the creation of an international and practical list (or lists) of keywords. My work as a Digital Fellow for EMLO allows me to concentrate on this challenge first-hand and in addition I will collaborate with Charles van den Heuvel (of the ePistolarium project). By using a topic-modelling approach a first selection of words and one or more hierarchies of subjects could be formulated by extracting them from early modern letters and by using modern categories as well as historical classifications. Secondly, I propose to focus on the topics of letters from a scholars' and (future) contributors' point of view by uploading the correspondence of scholar Hadriaan Beverland (1650-1716) into EMLO. A 10 week stay in the Netherlands will allow me to complete the primary material for my mission and to work with designers of the ePistolarium project and scholars of the Huygens Institute for six weeks, using Beverland's correspondence to experiment with keywords and the use of topic modelling to formulate practical, durable, and international lists of topics. This mission will engage with the different tasks outlined in the agenda of Workgroup 3 of this COST action chaired by Charles van den Heuvel, which is focused on Texts and Topics. By concentrating on 'topic modelling' (III.2) and the development of a virtual research environment (V), bringing together temporal, spatial, and topical aspects of letters in an integrated online interface, this mission aims to contribute to solving different challenges formulated by this workgroup.