

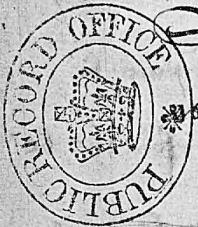
In moste humble wise shew and declare unto your Ma^{tie} The knight hood / gentlemen
 and townes. off hollande and Scalande. That whereas thie have alwaies dutiefullie
 obeyed. ituted and serued your Ma^{tie} and your predecessors (of moste famous
 memorie) and as good and faithfull Subiectes. have in all matters / w^{ch} concerne
 to the conservation off your Ma^{tie} dignities. lordships and Dominions
 their obediencie and due service hath bene requirid So as thie doe not doubt
 but that your Ma^{tie} good affection towards them ys the more thereby furtherid
 to keep and maintaine them wth good Justice and pollicie in their rights /
 liberties and quiet And although the Duke off Alia as Gouverneur
 for your Ma^{tie} oughte accordinglye vsid and demeaned himselfe. hath notwithstanding
 = dinge under tytle and protecte off his gouernment / wth moste iniustice and
 force so misgouernid the saide your Ma^{tie} Countie and Subiectes. both
 spiritual and temporal / noble and inoble / That your Remonstrantes for
 conservation off them. their priuileges / rights / laudable customes and
 liberties / (not wth out greate remorse and unwillinglye) haue bene constrained
 by forcible power and armed hande to wthstande the misgouernment / w^{ch} do
 and cruel procedings off the saide Duke off Alia and his adherentes
 the outlandishe nations. vsid by pernitious inuasions / unaccustomed
 exactions / suppression off your Ma^{tie} good Subiectes and disturbange off
 all common rest and quietnesse / Seeking and labouringe for nothinge els
 then to seduce and bringe the saide Landes and Subiectes into extreme
 pouertie and tuerlastinge bondage / to the greate contempte off the

service of your Ma^{ty} and your Dominions // which the said Remonstrants have before
openly and sufficiently showed and protested / as the States of the other
Countries, and provinces have in that behalf: by their remonstrations, also
diversely done / which notwithstanding the Duke of Alva perswading
in his evil presence through the pride and arrogantie of the said
outlandish nations, and persons enemies to the common quiet and lunds,
hath brought not onely your Ma^{ty} Countries, Subiectes and Inhabitants
into misery through the warres and debate: but also into division, hatred and
disfaour of other circumuoyne Kingdomes, lunds and neighbours /
and the losse of all humite and trafficke, handicraftes negotiations
and common wealths / And whereas the said Remonstrants have alwaies
sought (as still they doo likewise as in them letters) the redreame of
the common wealth of your Ma^{ty} Countries for the service of your
Ma^{ty}, as to good Subiectes do the iustams, Their obedient and humble
sute therefore ys, That yt woulde please your Ma^{ty} (as father) wth a
longe and pittiful eye to beholde the present miserable and no lesse
lamentable state of your lowe Countries, and to reduce the same to
unitie, mutual helpe and quietnesse / whereby your Ma^{ty} dignitie
may increase, and the common wealth of your Subiectes begynn to
increase for the contentment of your Ma^{ty} service / which undoubtedly
will neuer be brought to passe; so longe as the said strange nations
have heare, either rule, power or jurisdiction, whose profit cometh
more in the disquietnesse and disorder of the Countries, then in the
quietnesse, and good ordering thereof / beinge naturallie bent (as by divers
examples



examples we are taught) to set more their own luste and profit then the
common wealthe of the Contrie. vnto which there are but Strangers, which
hath given occasion of the present commotions and warres, That therefore
it would please your Ma^{ty} to cause the saide outlandishe and strange
nations to indee and departe the contrie. and by free remouation and
admitt of the natural Subiectes and states of their Lowe Contries in general
therunto duehly assembled, suche good order and pollicy rule maye be
establisshid that your Ma^{ty} Landes and Subiectes maye from henceforth be
founde and maintayned in suche an assured vntie and concord that al
dangers, perturbacions and tumultes maye be prevented And considering
that through the continuance of their warres and commotions (be yt
boldly spoken) nothinge els ys to be looked for, then depopulation, desolation
and ruine of your Ma^{ty} Landes and Contries off all goodes for that (the
longer they maye) yt appeareth the Inhabitantes to give themselves to take
on armes, leaue their accustomed trades and occupations, whereby the
people are soone suchlynd to give themselves to a licentious libertie, which
out off the souerayn scanty to rise; so as through longe continuance in
warres, your Ma^{ty} Subiectes beinge dayly bent the one against the
other, a perillous and dangerous alteration mighte followe in all mutual
haunted, trafficke and mercandysinge by Sea, whereby the Reuue of
your Ma^{ty} mighte greatlye be demynisshid. The saide Demonstrantes doe
also requeste your Ma^{ty} that a special regard maye be had howsomto
to thintent aswell the Landes off Hollande and Schalmeis as other prouinces
and Contries adioyninge vnto them, maye by authoritye of your Ma^{ty}

be fourthly avoided and discharged of all private nations and Soldiours
and that also all occasions off wars, may cease and be suspended
So as to good assurance for conservation and tranquility of the
Inhabitants and your Ma^{ty} Subiectes, maye the better in processe
of tyme be renewed and established, and the Subiectes broughte to
a mutual reconciliation the one with the other, wherein the
Suppliantes on their behalfes, wil not omitte to doe their Endeavour
as good and faithfull Subiectes off your Ma^{ty}



In the margent was written in forme of apostillation

his Ma^{ty} humblye sende this request and beinge informed off the damages, outrages
destruction, desolation, miseries and calamities, whiche here his Ma^{ty}
lowe countries have suffered, deservyng and myndyng, as to a good father
and benigne prince dothe extaine to set all thynges againe in rest and
quietnesse to the honour of God and common wealthe off his
Subiectes, as contented with his pittifull, lounge and fatherly
eyes to consider the afflictions off the saide Subiectes, as here
his lowe Countries, and to provide a remedie therein, as to reason
equitie and disposition off this case dothe extaine, humblye to request
intent vnder Commissions to rotate wth the Deputies off the
Suppliantes, and more nearer upon all that whiche this Hall
propone upon this request, and that whiche here wil further declare, to be
joyned effectually in one article, and consequentlye all at one tyme
(wthout makinge distinction off y^e matter) by mutual rotation, to be
holden the beste waies and remedies maye be provided for satisfaction
off the same, This done at Bruda the vth of Marche 1574
This done: Signed by the Secretaris De la Torre.

Noble righte respectfull wyse and learmed Sirs, The Princes Ex^{ca} wth the states
of hollande and Scalande wth their complices / Semge by reporte of certaine
committees by vs sent / and the openinge and readinge off the wryttings on
bothe partes exhibitid informid off our proceedinges. Here / and spially
haunge considered the hypostillation. set downe by you in the name of
his Ma: the 6th of Marche wth the towne of Breda in the
margin of the reqst before by thes of hollande and Scalande
directid to his Ma: and also your wryttinge and demaunde deliuerid vnto vs
bearinge equal date wth the saide hypostille. The saide Prince and States
haue charged vs in their behalfe manifestly to declare / that they cannot
be satisfied wth the saide hypostillation wth not fullie answer
vnto their reqst and humble intreatie, and muche lesse correspondinge to that
which in the name and behalfe of the grand Commandador was declinid
vnto them / and whereupon thes pnt assembly was foundid and agreed vpon
as also your w: commission thereupon followinge consequently / expressly
contayninge and declaringe your power authoritie and commandment
for to giue vs answer in the behalfe of the Kinge vnto our foresaide
reqst To which intent principally the Lorde Princes off Orange
and States vnderstande to haue sent vs hither / wth sufficient minge
appare by the charge and commission gntu vnto vs and by all that
which for to procure and prepare thes assembly hath bene treated off
his Ex: and States. haunge alwys vnderstandid, that accordyng
thereto and your w: saide commission thes haunge howde and

wherein he foregoeth himself, in his small further demonstration of such effect
pointed and articles, as there shall think good and meet, which there
cannot conveniently doe, excepte upon their foregoeth as in articles and
promises himself be given unto them.

The States hauinge obtained in effecte, that the outlanders by ordinance of
his Ma^{tie} beinge retyr'd out off the Contrie, by force violation and aduize
the generall States off the Lowe Contries. such good order pollicie and
rule mighte be establish'd. That the saide his Ma^{tie} Landes and Subiectes
mighte from henceforth wth all quietnesse be preserv'd from all ill
inconueniencies and tumultes. And the better to obtayne therunto,
That aswell the Landes off Hollande and Zeelande as other mighte
at the leaste (by promise) be discharged off straunge nations and
Souldiers, and all states and occasions off warre be suspend'd
as by the saide request more at large declared :

Whiche his Ma^{ty} dothe consent and agree vnto, his Ex^{ty} and the States.
doe not presently knowe anye pointed or articles more to be proposed. And if
his Ma^{ty} dothe denye their demaund, he shalldo the to attende
nothinge els, then that by his Ma^{ty} (soe muche to reduce the Lowe
contries into a quietnesse in a common wealthe) somme good and conuenient
meanes therunto shalldo be set forth, wherin his princely Ex^{ty}
and the saide States (beinge so requir'd) wil not refuse to declare
their aduize, as there (like to faithfull Subiectes) shall wth
springe confidence, fynde comfort / for the aduancement of God



his glorie, the service honour and reputation of his Ma^{tie} and his Princes
peace unitie and common wealthe of the Countie :

The Princes of Orange and the States haue not great forevnderstanding
that his Ma^{tie} now at the laste hath bene advertised of the mischiefs
and depolitions of the Countie and speciallie of Hollande and Sealund
with their associatio^{off} Despayre that for the full information thereof mighte
be anye thinge lackinge speciallie of the begynnynge and occasion of
that which ye passed, and for which men haue bene forced to take
armes upon them. That you the Commissioners whos haue bene and
partlye bene forced to execute the wicked sentences, comminations
and imonitions, of the Duke of Alva and his unblinded adherentes,
will of your knowledge supplye the same, whereby (as the Princes and
States doe not doubt) but that his Ma^{tie} (whiche ye thoughte
before to haue bene ignorant of all the occasions and matters aforesaid)
will by good aduise and Com^{of} remedie the same;

But as your w^o doe maintaine, in the behalfe of his Ma^{tie}
and the States, anye further promyses or articles w^o other particularities
besides their forsaide requeste shoulde be putpomed, they can not conserne
that thereupon anye vnderlye businesse or resolution mighte proceede,

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but rather in confusion and dispute, how and in what forme and order might
be proceeded in the one or other, to the great delaye of the matters
and prolongation of an unprofitfull assembly

Wherefore his Ex^{ty} and the foresaide States, doe instantly require
an absolute categorical and manifest answer unto the foresaide request
except your w^{ty} hath therunto any speciall authoritie charge and commaund
sent wherof the saide Prince and States, doe require a plaine
declaration, wher accordinge to your request hath beene exemplified vnto
his w^{ty} shall put more at charge by the next letter vnder seal



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Remonstrance of the Prince and
States of Holland, w^{ch} on
the way of aposthacie
subscribed by Henry la Torre

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