

Instructions given by the King of June
1575. to Daniel Rogers being then
dispatched into Holland to the Prince
of Aurange by the King's order.

First you shall declare unto him that, according
as is expressed in the King's letters, he findeth
the King's subjects much aggrieved to see the King's subjects
almost daily outraged and spoiled as they are
by the use of flustering, who are now grown to a
intolerable insolence - as that they have of late
most presumptuously entered into some of the King's
roads and ports, and carried out of the same
certaine ships laden with merchandize belonging
to the King's merchants. And injuries upon some of the
King's roads, that either he himself, or his chief
ministers, would have caused satisfaction and
restitution to be made therefore to the King's subjects:
and for sundrie other respects he hath bene
forced unto content to suffer. Not now seeing
the King's said injury is frustrated, and having out day
now matters of complaint brought unto the King by
the King's merchants against such as have him at the
sea, he esteemeth it a matter touching the King
in honor, as that he himself will not may suffer
the King's said injuries unrequited, unless that he shall
see good redress to followe thereof.

Secondly, whereas the said Prince restraineth the
King's merchants from trafficking in the Low Countries, pro-
tending therein to followe the example of the Venetians
and, as he in their late warres with the Duke
suffered, as much as have in them no Christian to
trafficke within his dominions, as also some like
example of other Princes: you shall tell him, that
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as she doth not allowe yt in other Princes who have
used the like restraints saving in the Venetians &
that because the Turke is a common and professed
enemy of Christianisme, so can she not approve y^e
same in him; also that his restraints of her merchants
trade into the lowe Countries seemeth to be more
strange unto her Ma^{ty} for that neither France
nor Spaine being both in league wth the Princes
her predecess^{rs}, did at any tyme being at open
warre betwene themselves forbidd or inhibit her
subiects trafique in either of their dominions: where
fore seeing his matter of restraints is a thing that
his Gracious Majesty at no tyme bene acquainted wth
all, and that she in respect aforesaid of her providence
of her subiects as of her own good would not
beare at any of her abovesaid Princes Ledges:
So would she have him plentifully to knowe that
she cannot beare yt at his hand, and therefore wissh
eth him to forbear the continuance of the said
restraints. And whereas yt hath bene alledged
by the said Governour of Flushing, and by his
brother the Admirall, that by a contract betwene
them and her merchants adventured all other her
subiects were excluded otherwise than by sur
rendering as they should receive at their hands. Just
yo^r Grace told him that the same beinge ordered by her
Ma^{ty} order, is founde not to be so: And yt yt
were so, yet the same beinge done wthout authority
is of no force. /

And whereas sundrie strangers beinge neither sub
iects to the King of Spaine nor enemies to the said
Prince (against whom he can pretend no iust
quarrell) trafiquing into her Ma^{ty} Realmes, are
also spoiled by her as sheweth him. yo^r Grace sheweth
him

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him, that for Ma^{tie} doth not onlie mislike his
outragiouſ dealing for that yt impeached free
trafique greatlie to his abatoment of her ordinarie
Customes, but also wissheth him to consider some
howe by he rendereth himselfe, w^{ch} of all sure as
ſerue or fauld him more odiouſ to the world in
that vnder pretext of religion they doe most
irreligiouſlie maintaine a good cause by euill
meanes. And that therefore he shall doe well, as
much as in him lieth, to giue order that hereafter
ward no ſure spoiles be remitted. for otherwise
not onlie the cause he pretendeth to sustaine
shall be dishonorable reported of, but also as
yt be longe, so many of sundrie nations finding
themselues so iustlie grieved as they haue cause
will procure to him for one enemy he neuer lacke
for.

Our helio vnder Ma^{tie} is aduertized that y^e
said Prince is entred into so inward a kinde of
dealing wth the Kinge K. as that he should
meane to yeld himselfe and the Countie he pre
sentlie possesseth into the protection of y^e Kinge
K. y^e shall plainly saie vnto him, that he
findeth his dealing of his so villous to her state,
as he neither may nor will in any case indure
yt. And that, rather then yt should so come to
paſſe that should relieue himselfe vpon y^e said
protection, he mindeth to bend all her forces to
the assistance of the K. of Spaine for y^e impeach
of the same: as also to procure the Emperour and
the Prince of Germany to ioyne wth her in this
action, w^{ch} he doubteth not will be more willing
to concurre wth her herein, seeing some dangerous a
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being it is for the Emperor to save the French
K. save a foot in that country. And in Land
and in his fourth point you shall require him
advisedly to consider of the matter, lest that
in seeking to avoid one, he throw himself into a
greater: and also to forbear for a season to
grant to any such strong conclusion as the
said K. is suspected: for that he meaneth only
to dispatch a gentleman into Spain to the K.
there to persuade him to grow to some such
composition as the King's subjects of the Low Countries
as they may be assured of their safety, and to
obtain freedom of conscience: whereas (for that
he meaneth to deal most effectually as the
said K.) he hath great cause to hope that there
will follow some good fruits. But if you shall
perceive that the Prince is already so inclined
and farre entred into his secret amitie as the
French K. as that he may not easily be dispa-
ched from it by such reasons as before have bene
alloyed for your instructions in his behalf, then
for Ma^{ty} would save you being furnished out
of histories as the such examples as containe
insolent dealing of the French towards the
Neapolitan, Milanese and Sicilian, also upon
like trusts, as he minded to repose in his K.
last rather sought like Donquixotes to enlarge
their dominions, than as proferted to defend their
confederates; lay before him some dangerous
matter yet must needs be for his own sake
to put any such confidence in the French, espe-
cially in these daies when as the said K. own
for the self same cause of religion as the Prince
maintaineth

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maintaineth wth all his forces persecuted
his owne naturall subiects. Yo^w may also put
the p^rimo in mynd of the late murder of
the Admirall and the royst in Paris, being a
drawne picture, and all vnder the roverture of
a mariage; And though his matter be fre-
mouge in his memorie, yet by rompting wth
himselfe w^{ch} were the principall arte in y^e
tragedie, notwithstanding the friendlie wth
names they outwardly bare to the said Adm^r
rall, it may adventure make him enter into
so deepe a consideration thereof as may stawe
him from a hastie conclusion in so weightie
a cause.

Little for that for Ma^{ty} is giuen to vnder-
stand that the Governour of flussing and y^e
Admirall his brother sawe no great liking of
the p^rimo proceedings wth the French. He
would saue yo^w to vse all the p^rsuasions yo^w
may to continue or rather increase the said
mistaking. Yo^w shall also acquainte them wth the
mistaking thereof, and wth the message that he
last sente vnto the p^rimo in that behalf. And
for that the outrages that are done to the subiects
are committed by such as are vnder their govern-
ment, yo^w shall also give them to vnderstand
what he last appointed yo^w to saue vnto the
p^rimo touching the same.

Last of all w^{ch} yo^w shall come to deale in the
particular causes of o^r merchants: for yt is for
Ma^{ty} pleasure that at the same tyme of yo^r
conference

conferre either wth the p^rimo or sur, as he
shall depute to deale wth y^e herin, that y^e
doe admitte at the said conferre s^{ome} m^{er}gants
to be p^{re}nt at the same as shall be chosen out to
be sent over wth y^e by the said that cause some
spoiled, and doe require for consent to recover
their causes. And so having done according to
the instructions, for Ma^{ty} pleasure is that y^e
advertise for what answers the p^rimo the
p^rimo make to every severall pointe of y^e
negotiation, that if any s^{er} occasion be, he may
give y^e further direction how to deale wth the
said p^rimo.

