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officers of justice whereby the suitors are forced to begin their causes over again to their great inconvenience and cost. That whereas he has restored according to the treaty the confiscated lands and goods in his hands, yet there is no like performance on the part of the States of Holland and Zealand. If the Prince should speak to them of Breda, they are to say that there is no difficulty in restoring it to him, to hold as the King's vassal, but as Breda is close to Gertruydenburg which is occupied by his force, the soldiers will not leave it till arms be laid down throughout the country, and as for his estates in Burgundy and Luxembourg, though they are not comprised in the agreement, yet he may look for contentment at the hands of the King. They are also to assist the deputies of the Estates who are going to the Prince of Orange and the States of Holland and Zealand to complain of the new impositions on merchandise in those countries.—Brussels, 15 May 1577.

2. Having had his attention called to a placard issued by the Prince of Orange in the name of the King of Spain announcing the sale of the property of the Roman Catholic clergy and religious houses in Holland and Zealand, and the proceeds of which he and the States of Holland and Zealand intend to use in the service of their own faith, he commands them to protest against it, as directly against the pacification, and as tending to cause further inconvenience, and therefore to command that the said placard be instantly revoked. *Signed by order of his Highness.*—Berthy.

*Copy. Endd. Fr. Pp. 5½. Enclosure.*

May 23. 1459. *Propositions of the Deputies of the Estates of the Low Countries to the Prince of Orange and the Estates of Holland and Zealand.*

They call their attention to the chief points in the foregoing document, and express a hope that matters may be brought to a satisfactory accord.—Gertruidenburg, 23 May 1577.

*2 Endds. Fr. Copy. Pp. 3. Enclosure.*

June 1. 1460. *The Prince of Orange to Dr. Wilson.*

Desires to know the opinion of the Queen on the points sent by Mr. Rogers, so that he may know how to conduct himself with the deputies of Don John of Austria.—Dortrecht, 1 June 1577. *Signed.*

*Add. Endd. Fr. P. ¼. Enclosure.*

May 16. 1461. *Don John of Austria to the Prince of Orange.*

A letter of compliment in which he tells him that his greatest desire is to bring peace and prosperity to the Low Countries, but this in a great measure depends on the Prince, and therefore he desires that he will give a favourable consideration to that which the Duke of Arschot is charged with on his behalf.—Brussels, 10 May 1577.—*Signed.*

*Endd. as "escrite de sa main propre." Span. Pp. 1½. Enclosure.*