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relief that he himself went away without any reward. So Alexander Hay, and the lord of Clisse (Cleish) master of the household to the King, were served in the same manner. Hope is given that the King shall not want aid hereafter. His authority is allowed and a promise made to assist it against all who seek to impugn it. Meantime the Earl of 'Mountrosse,' being commanded to keep his lodging at Stirling, secretly made his escape, and went to the Lords Argyle, Athol, Herries, and Maxwell, together with Drumquassel and others having in their possession Edinburgh and Dumbarton; and are putting themselves in arms to withstand those that will set upon them.—Long Melford, 3 Aug. 1578.

Add. Endd. 1 p. [*Holl. and Fl. VIII. 8.*]

Aug. 3. **142.** COUNT BOSSU to the PRINCE OF ORANGE.

The enemy's rearguard passed yesterday through Aerschot on its return to Louvain and Tielmont whence it came. According to various agreeing reports which I have, they have made more haste about returning than about coming. In the villages where Don John thought to lodge, our light cavalry have seen quarters marked for Pallacio and Octavio Gonzaga, Counts Barlaymont, Roelx, Faulquemberg, and others; and the number of dead reported to me from Aerschot and elsewhere exceeds what I had supposed. Some say that over 1,000 fell, others that there are wells and ditches full of dead, hidden by them on the retreat. Count Hannibal and other captains, whose names I do not know, are named as having fallen. The Burgundian infantry were grumbling, saying they had been led to the shambles. On Thursday I sent a trumpet to Aerschot to take a prisoner there. He saw Don John pass with all his camp, which apart from the Italian and Burgundian cornets, counted 9 'vanes' of reiters, 36 ensigns of Spanish infantry, 10 Burgundian, 15 German and Walloon, with five pieces of artillery. In sum, the lot not having fallen on their side as they expected, they have been received and nipped (*pincez*) in such fashion that as I think, and as we continue to be advertised, they will brag no longer.—From the Camp at Rymenam, 3 Aug. 1578.

Copy, in hand of L. Tomson, and endd. by him: For Mr Secretary. $\frac{1}{2}$ p. *Fr.* [*Ibid. VIII. 9.*]

Aug. 4. **143.** DUKE CASIMIR to the QUEEN.

Your Majesty's satisfaction at learning the advance of my troops into this country increases my longing to perform some noteworthy exploit, in order that the country may feel the effects of my coming for which it hoped, and that you may have greater cause for satisfaction. I regret much that to my infinite vexation I have been detained so long at Zutphen without a chance of doing anything, awaiting the money ordered by you for the first payment to my people; wherein the States-General have shown themselves like themselves, slow and irresolute. They left me squatting for a month, at great loss of time and money, near a town of the enemy's called Deventer, which my army, for which there was at the time no other use, were very anxious to take, if I had had the necessary artillery and ammunition, for which they often asked in vain.