

A.D. 1575.

Nov. 26. **467.** DR. DALE to [SIR THOMAS SMITH and FRANCIS WAL-
SINGHAM].

Sends letters from Sir Henry Cobham in Spain. There is great difficulty in executing the articles of the truce. The towns that are to be delivered to Monsieur refuse to submit themselves. Ruffecq, Governor of Angouleme, says he has nothing in recompense for all his service but that government, and therefore refuses to depart till he be otherwise recompensed by the King. La Chastre has put them of Bourges in that courage that they have prepared themselves to stand to their defence, and not to receive Monsieur. It is said the Duke of Nevers claims a right in Mezieres either within the town or the faubourgs, and withstands its delivery. The Guises, the Duke of Nemours, and the Chancellor do all they can to hinder the matter at every occasion that is presented, and put in the King's head to treat of a full conclusion of peace before he puts in execution the capitulations of this truce. Notwithstanding, the truce is published in the army of Monsieur, and the King has already discharged half the number of his bands of footmen, and has reduced every band that remains undischarged to half the number they were wont to have. Biron has come back from the Queen Mother to persuade the King to cause her agreement to be performed. Monsieur has sent one expressly to the same effect. The King is advertised that the Prince of Condé and the reiters march very strongly, so that he cannot assure himself of any truce that way. There have been many loving meetings between the Queen Mother and Monsieur. She would have treated also for a peace, but Monsieur's Council said they would not hearken thereunto until the articles of the truce were put in execution. She is gone to Poitiers attending answer from the King. Is advertised that she has given Monsieur money at two several times, but not past 4,000 francs at a time. It is said Saumur is in readiness to receive Monsieur, but cannot understand that it is delivered; many of Monsieur's army are within the town already. The truth of the report that they of the religion had taken Pont St. Esprit is, that there was a mutiny between themselves, and the Governor for the King was put to the worst and constrained to send to the Duke of Uzès for succour. Had news John Furrier is passed Bordeaux.

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Nov. 26. **468.** THE PRINCE OF ORANGE to WALSINGHAM.

Mons. St. Aldegonde and others having been sent over by the States on a mission to the Queen of England, he has directed them to address themselves to Walsingham, and begs that he will give them all the assistance that he can.—
Rotterdam, 26 Nov. 1575. *Signed.*

Add. Endd., with seal. Fr. P. ¼.