

A.D. 1575.

Nov. 26. 469. The PRINCE OF ORANGE to LORD BURGHLEY.

To the same effect as his letter to Walsingham of this date.  
 — Rotterdam, 26 Nov. 1575. *Signed.*  
*Add. Endd.*, with seal. *Fr.* P.  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Nov. 26. 470. LETTERS of MARQUE.

1. It having been reported to William Cotton and Henry Carew that divers captains have abused, to the injury of the King of Spain's and Queen of England's subjects, the commissions granted to them by virtue of letters of marque given by the Commendator of Castile to the said William and Henry, they hereby appoint John Story, captain under their said commission, to be overseer of all such as have any authority under them.—Nieuport, 26 Nov. 1575. *Signed.*

2. The effect of the Commendator's commission, empowers them to set forth all the power they can make upon the seas against the rebels, but strictly forbids them to do anything prejudicial to anyone else. One tenth part of all prizes to be for the King's use. By virtue of this commission the said William Cotton and Henry Carew have authorised all such as shall serve under them against the rebels to do whatsoever they might or ought to do themselves, observing certain additional conditions for their better government.

*Copy. Endd. Pp.* 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Nov. 27. 471. INSTRUCTIONS for M. DE LA PORTE sent by the DUKE OF ALENÇON.

After having delivered his letter to the Queen of England, because she may think it strange that he has so readily agreed to the truce with his brother the King, he is to assure her that the conditions are so favourable and honourable that at another time it would have been difficult for him to have obtained such at the cost of two battles. Besides this, he had not been able to obtain sufficient provision of money for successfully carrying on the war. As his Highness cannot depend on his brother, La Porte is to assure the Queen that his principal reliance is on her, and to endeavour to get her to join in the league which is at present made between him and the Elector Palatine. He is further to tell her that his Highness has seen certain articles proposed for their marriage by the King his brother, and to assure her that the principal reason why he withdrew from the King was that he might have the opportunity of an interview with her. He is to request her that this matter may be arranged between them through the means of their confidential ministers without any further intervention on the part of his brother. La Porte is to do all in his power to get the Queen to join in the league with the Elector Palatine, and to establish a firm intelligence