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and Bourbon should be rooted out clean. He answered he would be sorry to hear of any such marriage. Hears Dennis and Twyne are continual waiters upon Vasseur, Don John's secretary; has prayed Mr. Copley to understand their doings, but he is so fearful and precise he cannot get anything particular out of him. One of the Hamiltons said to a countryman of theirs that the Scottish Queen, being moved to devise with others for her liberty, when any attempt shall be made to get her out of prison, said she would not stir upon any such practice except some nobleman of England should first take arms upon him and make a commotion within the realm. Cannot tell what to say to this world; here men say their pleasure of the Queen for keeping her in prison; thinks it is a gentle prison when she has such liberty to write from time to time as she does, and what she list, with such allowance and company as is about her.

2. When he had written so far received his letters of the 12th, unto which he answers thus. Nothing of moment comes from Mr. Copley. Minds on Saturday to go to Louvain to Court, and will say somewhat to Don John, unto whom four posts are lately come out of France, four from the Pope, and two from the Emperor, and yet Mr. Copley is ignorant of all things. Fears there is some great matter in hand against the Prince. For the captains of the camp and the Almaines, has satisfied them with four letters and good words for this time, being willed to do so by the Earl of Leicester. Now as he is persuaded of the Spaniards departing, so does he verily believe of some division among the Estates. The merchants will neither give him instructions nor send any to Bruges to follow their suit. This other day was informed by M. Swegenhem that one Dr. Michael, an Italian well known to the English merchants, had cured divers carnosities, and one especially of the town yet living that had the disease 40 years together. This physician is contented to come with him upon his return if he be disposed to have him.—18 April 1577. *Signed.*

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March 30. 1396. *Speech of Dr. Leoninus to the Prince of Orange and the Estates of Holland and Zealand.*

Assures them that the general Estates of the country intend to keep fully the pacification of Ghent, and also the peace made afterwards with Don John of Austria. They have had and must daily sustain great and excessive charges for the more assurance of their country's rest and welfare, and they therefore request a contribution to the ease of these charges and the advancement of the payment of the Scots and other soldiers sent by the Prince and the Estates of Holland and Zealand to their aid. And as it is conditioned in the pacification that all matters shall be restored to their former state, the States request them to cease all licences and passports and all other like extraordinary charges made during the troubles, to the end traffic might be enlarged and made

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free, wherefore they also request that the ships of war lying before Antwerp may be also called back, with the ship lying upon the Meuse about Bois le Duc, that they do no harm to the merchants, and the rather because Don John is ready to fulfil the peace in all points. He has caused the Spaniards to depart out of the country, and has consented to meet the Prince at Middleburg to declare his good intention to him, and he is content to make such further assurance as the Prince might desire. He was contented to accommodate himself to the restitution of the Count de Buren and to the restitution of the goods of Burgundy and former Estates, and to come and commune with him himself. Desires it will please them to give such satisfaction as reason and the contents of the pacification require, and that they will send the mintmasters to Brabant to agree with the mintmasters there to make the coins and values of money equal to the welfare of the inhabitants generally.

Copy. Endd.: "The translation of Doctor Leoninus' speech out of Flemish into French uttered to the Prince and the Estates of Holland and Zealand and delivered to me as his own act this 6th May 1577" (*sic*). *Fr. Enclosure. Pp. 6½.*

March 30. **1397.** Another copy.

Endd.: "30 March 1577." *English. Enclosure. Pp. 2½.*

April 18. **1398.** *Thomas Copley to Dr. Wilson.*

1. Is very sorry he makes so light'account of the advices he has given him. It were an easy matter for him to forge such as should answer his imagination, but then should he charge his conscience with untruth, which he will never do to please any man. It suffices him that what he says is true, and what he (Wilson) will needs persuade himself are but mere imaginations proceeding of causeless fear which some man has put in his head. Upon his life there is no danger or blow to their country half so near as is imagined, but as any such danger shall ripen he shall be sure by him to understand it, having so vigilant an eye thereon as he has and means to have, for though for the time he lives abroad he cannot cease to be an Englishman, and to love that soil best where he has most freehold, and that account he may boldly make of him if it please him. Prays him not lightly, and upon only imagination of that which is not in truth, to reject so loyal a servant, but to continue to cherish him, so shall he reserve to the Queen a true servant and to himself a most assured friend. —Louvain, 14 April 1577. *Signed.*

2. P.S.—Since writing hereof Mr. Rogers has been with him, by whom he understands he still retains his good opinion, which he prays him not to lightly lay aside.

Add. Endd. Enclosure. P. 1.