

A.D. 1577.

April 5. 1370.

WILSON to WALSINGHAM.

Is fully persuaded the Spaniards will away out of all these countries. They have in their power only Maestricht, where they remain for the exchange of certain French money, refused by them as counterfeit, and for the small portion of the first pay not fully answered to the horsemen. Escovedo goes from Antwerp in all haste possible to satisfy them that they may forthwith begone, for so is the express commandment of Don John. The interview betwixt Don John and the Prince was offered without all doubt, and if the Prince would yield in religion he shall have more than he will desire, by which he gathers that a farther thing is meant than the only appeasing of this country. Neither France nor Spain shall persuade him to believe their words, except he see better deeds; will never think that any perfect or assured amity will be amongst any that are divided in religion. Would rather be blamed for his free speech than that the Queen should hereafter feel the smart for want of advertisement given. Has had great speech with the Duke of Arschot, Baron de Ruissinghen, and Vicomte of Ghent, and told them there is no greater praise to get the Spaniards away than it is to keep them out for ever, and said the Queen was as pleased as themselves they were restored to their liberties and privileges, they thanked him, and said they were all marvellously bound to the Queen. Don John has given special warning to the Estates that the castle of Antwerp be well and safely looked to, for fear the Prince should make some attempt that way, who is the only man Don John fears. Cotton is dead. Lays wait for Haggerston, who lurks in Brussels for his suit he has in Antwerp.—Brussels, 5 April 1577. *Signed.*

*Add. Endd. Pp. 2.*

April 5. 1371.

DON JOHN to the ESTATES at BRUSSELS.

Desires that Escovedo may be furnished with the money for the payment of the Spaniards, which was agreed on in the Articles of Pacification.—Louvain, 5 April 1577. *Signed.*

*Endd. Copy. Fr. P. 3.*

April 6. 1372.

THE PRINCE OF ORANGE to DON JOHN OF AUSTRIA.

Has understood from Doctor Leoninus his intention to maintain the pacification of Ghent, and re-establish the ancient privileges and liberties of the country. As he desires nothing more than to see the King's subjects maintained in justice and peace, he thanks him therefor, and more especially for the restoration to him of his son, the Count de Buren, with all his goods. Prays that the continuation of these things may be worthy the commencement. Having spoken at length with Doctor Leoninus, he leaves everything to his report, and therefore ceases to trouble him.—Dortrecht, 6 April 1577.

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