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April 20. 1399. WILSON to SOMERS, one of the CLERKS of the SIGNET.

Sent to the Secretary a speech in Flemish used by Albertus Leoninus. Prays him, desire it to be sent back to him, as the party of whom he had it earnestly desired to have it returned.

—Brussels, 20 April 1577. *Signed.*

Add., with seal. *Endd.* P. $\frac{1}{3}$.

April 20. 1400. WILSON to SUMMERS.

Is glad he is in the place of the Secretary now in the time of his sickness, and if he were joined with him would think the Queen had made a good choice. If St. Aldegonde had the original letters in cipher he sent to the Secretary, instead of the copies he made himself for him, he would easily explicate all things. Has all the particular bonds, saving that of Middleburg. Has no answer yet from the Estates General for the merchants' demands.—Brussels, 20 April 1577. *Signed*

Add., with seal. *Endd.* P. 1.

April 23. 1401. The PRINCE OF ORANGE to DAVISON.

Thanks him for his good offices to the Queen and the Earl of Leicester for him and his countrymen. Begs him to assist the present bearer in the business he is charged with by him in England.—Dortrecht, 23 April 1577. *Signed.*

Add., *Endd.* Fr. P. 1.

April 24. 1402. JACQUES TAFFIN to DAVISON.

1. Hopes in the matter they know of there will be such result as all who love God shall desire. The Estates have not yet settled on the matters of those of Ipswich, but believes their determination will be such as will give contentment. They have as yet no certainty of the departure of the Spaniards. The Duke of Arschot ought soon to come and meet the Prince at Gertruidenburg, and Don John of Austria soon to enter Brussels. The Almaines are yet at Breda, Utrecht, and Bois le Duc, and will not leave the country unless they be paid.—Dortrecht, 24 April 1577. *Signed.*

2. P.S.—Prays him to remember him to Thomson and Killegrew.

Add. *Endd.* Fr. P. 1.

April 24. 1403. The EMPRESS OF GERMANY to QUEEN ELIZABETH.

Letter of credence for John Preiner Baron von Sterling who is despatched to her about certain affairs of the Emperor.—Prague, 24 April 1577. *Signed*: Maria.

Add. *Endd.* Lat. Pp. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

April 25. 1404. DON JOHN OF AUSTRIA to the PRINCE OF ORANGE.

Has received his letters and the answer made by him and the Estates upon the propositions made on his part by Doctor Leoninus, wherein he has shown himself a true servant, and

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they good vassals to the King of Spain. Does not doubt that perfect repose will come to the country, and with it the ancient prosperity of the country, and assures him and them that he does all in his power to promote the same. Refers him to the report of the Duke Arschot who is coming on his part after the departure of the Spaniards to advise with him on the present state of affairs.—Louvain, 25 April 1577. *Signed.*

Endd. Copy. Fr. Pp. 1½.

April 26. 1405. WILLIAM COTTON'S MEMORIAL to the KING OF SPAIN.

Complains of the conduct of Octavian de Clerke, bailiff of Nieuport in Flanders, who on pretence of searching for a prisoner of his, one Thomas Clerk, an English captain, of whose escape he is totally innocent, came to the ships of war, of himself, of Sir Henry Carew, and other their associates serving his Majesty in Flanders, and would have boarded them, had not the sentinel called together the soldiers and sailors of the ships. The bailiff would have come again to the ships with the Almain in the garrison and others had not the magistrates of the town appeased the tumult. The bailiff then entered the house of the petitioner who was absent in Brussels, and calling them thieves and pirates, took prisoners the officers, servants, and friends of the petitioner as many as he could find, and seized his account books and other writings important to his Majesty's service. Prays him to order the liberty of those who have been imprisoned and the restoration of the books, and that the said bailiff be called upon to answer for his conduct.

Endd. Copy. Fr. Pp. 2½.

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April 28. 1406. WORKS at BERWICK.

Copy of warrant by the Lords of the Privy Council to sheriffs, justices of the peace, headboroughs, and loving subjects to whom in this case it may appertain, to impress artificers and labourers for aiding in the Queen's work at Berwick, they being paid their wage and victualled, and for the providing of provisions of stone, timber, carriage, &c. for the same, the officers at Berwick paying reasonably therefor.

Endd. Pp. 2.

April 28. 1407. PAULET to WALSINGHAM.

Commends the bearer, Mr. Sidney, who brings the Queen's packet. Desires much to hear that he is returned to the Court in good health.—Blois, 28 April 1577. *Signed.*

Add. Endd. P. ½.

April 28. 1408. PAULET to WALSINGHAM.

1. The Queen Mother returned from Paris the 13th, and came to her bed at Orleans that night, a great journey for