

A.D. 1583.

M. de Guise is looked for here within these four days.

Articles are come to this Court of the accord between Monsieur and the States, which I have seen.—Paris, 15 March, 1582.

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177. The DUKE OF ANJOU to (1) The PRINCE OF ORANGE ;
(2) The STATES GENERAL.

(1) I thank God heartily for His favour in inspiring us so well that we are happily reunited one to another ; and I hope that with His aid this will for ever be. I assure you that from my side no failure herein will occur ; and I am sure that you for your part, continuing the good will which you have always borne to me, and which I have so often well experienced, will assist me, and bear a hand in so sacred a work ; as I shall try to recognise by all good offices.—Teurmonde [*sic*], 26 March, 1583.

(2) We are sending you the articles negotiated with us by your deputies, in the same form as that in which they were presented to us from you. It now only remains to execute them, which I desire may be as promptly done as possible, having nothing so much at heart as to prove how much my courage is increased, and the devotion which will ever continue with me to assist these peoples and provinces with my resources, power, and authority, employing and risking my own life on all occasions which present themselves ; praying God that He will preserve me from ever seeing anything conflicting with (*contredict à*) my desire, nor approaching the disaster which has occurred. I pray you to assist me on your part, according to the loyalty and affection you have always borne me. The hope I have of confirming to you by word and by act more than I can write, will prevent me from saying more. I cast the rest on M. Taufin [*qy.* Taffin], the bearer of this.—Termonde, 26 March 1583.

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178. THOMAS DOYLEY to WALSINGHAM.

Since my last letter there have grown certain difficulties, moved chiefly by those of Ghent being very jealous of the duke's actions ; first being hardly drawn to make any appointment with him. they have now agreed to give him 60,000 guilders for the contentment of his soldiers, provided always that it be not paid him before he have redelivered Dermonde, the other articles standing as before.

The Prince of Parma now begins to advance and draws his troops together, some towards 'Berghes Winnoe,' others to Eyndhoven, where he has reinforced the siege, his camp being 10,000 strong, horse and foot ; Count Aremberg joining with 'Grave' Mansfelt the companies which he brought from Cologne.