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prise, wherefore the Duke of Alva has sent to levy cavalry in Germany.—Antwerp, 21 March.

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March 28. **2226.** NEWS from ANTWERP.

Peace concluded in France. The Duke of Nevers wounded. The French desire to borrow the money stayed by the Count Palatine to pay the foreign soldiers, offering interest at the rate of 16 per cent. per annum.—Antwerp, 28 March.

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March 31. **2227.** BENEDETTO SPINOLA to ———.

Conditions of the peace in France. Great levy of soldiers in Germany to aid the Prince of Orange. It is hoped that the Duke of Alva will shortly proclaim a general amnesty. Points out the advantages which will grow to the Queen of England and her country by encouraging a certain company established for the purpose of working copper mines.—Antwerp, March 28. *Signed.*

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April 11. **2228.** NEWS from ANTWERP.

Publication of the peace in France. Treasure for the King of Spain. Levy of men in Germany. Truce between the Emperor and the Turk for eight years. Severe persecution on account of religion in Italy.—Antwerp, 11 April.

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April 19. **2229.** NEWS from ANTWERP.

Departure of the reiters by way of Burgundy. Levy of troops in different places. The Duke of Nevers is cured of his wound. In Spain it is forbidden to speak of the Prince's matter. Truce between the Emperor and the Turks.—Antwerp, 19 April.

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April 25. **2230.** NEWS from ANTWERP.

The Duke of Alva has sent to demand the intentions of the reiters who were in the pay of the Prince of Condé. Levy of troops in different places. Plot to betray the town of St. Omer to the Prince of Condé. Twenty-seven burghers arrested in Brussels on the charge of intending to make a Sicilian vespers for all the Spaniards. Intended insurrection in the Low Countries, and condemnation to death of more than 600 persons.—Antwerp, 25 April.

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April 29. **2231.** The PRINCE OF ORANGE to the QUEEN OF ENGLAND.

Has received her letter and message, and thanks her for her good will, and expresses his desire to serve her.—Hornbach, 29 April 1568. *Signed.*

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