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suffering the adversaries to furnish their ships, fiercely discharging their ordnance from the Castle called North upon the King's men and receiving the fugitive adversaries at the last overthrow at Jemminghem, into the town of Emden, though he might justly in his own defence have done so, he has forborne forcibly to enter her country.

2. Has no other commission from the King of Spain but to use his power against his rebels and their adherents for the maintenance of due obedience amongst his subjects, and trusts that without great occasion given, none shall have cause to complain of his men and soldiers. Notwithstanding that according to the constitutions and ordinances of the Empire, no man leigable to the same should attempt anything against the Low Countries, the fugitive rebels by the help of their friends in many places throughout Germany have gathered a huge power to invade and annoy them. Humbly desires him to take these afflicted Low Countries as other obedient subjects of the Empire into his protection and tuition, and to show his imperial power and authority against these manifest disturbances of the common peace, and to prevent their unlawful and forcible enterprises.— Hertogenbush (Bois le Duc), 20 August 1568.

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August 22. **2258.** The PRINCE OF ORANGE to SIR WILLIAM CECIL.

The cruelties and notorious tyranny of the Duke of Alva have compelled him to make use of such remedies as the bearer M. Delhaim will inform him of, to whom he desires Cecil to give credence, and if necessary procure for him an audience with the Queen.— Romersdorf, 22 August 1568.

Signed.

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

August 29. **2259.** JOHN MARSH to SIR WILLIAM CECIL.

Has caused the Spanish Ambassador's letter in behalf of Randal Starkey and George Knightley to be delivered, whereupon there is granted to them four months to make their repair hither. It is advertised that there are 8,000 reiters and eighty ensigns of foot in the camp of the Prince of Orange. The Bishop of Luke [Liege] has easily consented to have a garrison of Spaniards, but the townsmen will not. Duke Augustus of Saxony being put in remembrance of the great friendship which the late Emperor showed him, has withdrawn 2,000 horsemen from the Prince. The Duke of Alva departed on Thursday from Hertogenbosch towards Maestricht, "in a scarce and no cheerful countenance." The Duke's preparation has been great, even to the disfurnishing of most of his garrisons. There are arrived here 500 Spaniards, very young and rascals. The town consented on Friday to give credit by their bond for 50,000*l.*, but the money cannot be found. Three ensigns of Spaniards making spoil of the Boers about Groningen were every one of them