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instructions shall serve as an assurance.—Heidelberg, 13 April 1575.

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April 13. 94. Another copy.—Heidelberg, 13 April 1575.
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April 13. 95. M. HENIN to WALSINGHAM.

Sends a letter from Mr. Stafford to his mother. There is little hope of peace as the demands of both parties are so opposed. They have made some "constitutions," and wish to innovate some ordinances in the Franche Comte on the part of his Excellency, but they will in no wise admit them or suffer their ancient liberties and privileges should in any way be meddled with or lessened, and say that they would rather die than accept any new laws. They expect at Strasburg M. de Pibrac, the Marquis D'Elbœuf, and the Marshal Bellegarde, whom the King of France sends into Poland, where the Diet commences on May 12. The deputies of Basle are gone to the King. There is little appearance of peace for France. M. Pinart passed through this town yesterday on his return from Sweden. Refers him to Mr. Rogers for further news. Report of the death or illness of the King of Spain. The Earl of Westmoreland and the others are at Cambray. Brussels, 13 April 1575. *Signed.*

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

April 14. 96. LOUIS DE BOISSOT to WALSINGHAM.

Has seen two of his letters, in one of which mention is made that the Merchant Adventurers have received licence from the Commendator to come with their vessels to Antwerp. As they have to do with a crafty and artful enemy, they have desired for their surety to know the conditions of the licence, and in the meanwhile have allowed them twice to pass without interference, and have granted the merchants the space of one month in which to inform them. As for the second matter, about Mr. Southwick, he was allowed passports for certain Spanish merchandise, as fruit and oil, but being refused one for salt, he erased with a knife certain words and inserted "gros saut," for which if he had belonged to this country he would not have escaped exemplary punishment. Trusts that neither the Queen or her Council will allow any arrest to be made on these complaints or false reports. Middleburg, 14 April 1575. *Signed.*

Add. Endd. with seal. Fr. Pp. 13.

April 17. 97. The PRINCE OF ORANGE to WALSINGHAM.

Takes the opportunity of Mr. Roger's return to write and desire him to continue his good offices with the Queen, above all that she will not believe anything to their prejudice without having heard their defence. The negotiations for

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peace have not been successful, the principal difficulty being on the question of religion.—Dortrecht, 17 April 1575.

Signed.

Add. Endd. Fr. P. 3.

April 19. 98. The REGENT OF SCOTLAND to the QUEEN.

Thanks her for her gracious favour shown to John Seyton his cousin who has lately repaired to her court where he is in attendance upon the Earl of Leicester.—Dalkeith, 19 April 1575. *Signed.*

Add. Endd. P. 4.

April 19. 99. ALEXANDER LYNCH to LORD BURGHELY.

Offers his services for collecting and forwarding such news and advices as may come from abroad, and desires that he may have a pension of 300 crowns annually for life.—Antwerp, 19 April 1575. *Signed: Alexandro Linzeo Irlandez.*

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April 20 100. *Advices.*

1. Venice. The new Turk has got out with an armada of 600 vessels and more than 100,000 men, as is said for the capture of Malta.

2. Milan. The Venetians doubting the intentions of the Turks have sent 4,000 infantry to Candia and will send 4,000 more. At Genoa there is a great contest about the authority of the magistracy.

3. Spain. Don John of Austria has had conferred on him the title of Vicar General of all the King's dominions, and certain noblemen have been appointed to assist him in his office. Soldiers are being levied for Italy to serve under more than 50 captains. The Estates have granted him an augmentation of more than 3,500,000 ducats per annum. It is reported that the Grandees and Estates of the West Indies and the adjacent islands will present the King with 50,000,000 crowns in the course of six years, in return for which certain privileges will be granted to them.

4. Vienna. The Emperor wishes to abdicate. From Paris they write that the King of Spain and the Emperor want to make a marriage between the King of Portugal and the Dowager of France.

5. France. It is said that the French King wishes much that the Duke of Ferrara shall be elected King of Poland. The Muscovite has made a great inroad on the Duchy of Lithuania and led away a multitude of captives.

6. The Spaniards will not willingly leave this country, and the Protestants will not lay down their arms until they do so, so that there is fear of great calamities and want to follow.—In Antwerp, 20 April 1575.

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