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under pretence of Aubaine, which right never had place in England against the French nation, and that by right of the last treaty it ought not to take place in France against the

English.

2. M. Brulart answers that the article of the treaty whereof mention is made not being accomplished the right of Aubaine remains still to the King. Had not the Queen Mother already given the fruits and profits of the Vicomte of Rouen to one of his special servants, the King would gladly have gratified the suppliant for the ambassador's sake.—Paris, 30 May 1570.

Copy. Fr.  $P. \frac{1}{4}$ .

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May 31. 797. The Prince of Orange to the Queen.

The bearer, Mr. Beale, brought him her letter which he communicated to the States and the Admiralty, and by their advice has drawn up an answer which he begs she will take in good part, considering the urgent necessity in which they stand and the justice and importance of their cause.—Campveer, 31 May 1576. Signed.

Add. Endd. P. 1.

May 31. 798. The Prince of Orange to the Lords of the Council.

Has received their letter and heard from Mr. Robert Beale the continual complaints made against his people for outrages committed at sea against the Queen's subjects, and especially for the arrest of certain vessels belonging to the Merchant Adventurers. Has not been able to answer sooner on account of having to attend to the revictualling of Zericksee. Expresses his regret that this should have happened, and has consulted with the Estates of Zealand about a remedy, but could find no other more expedient considering the present state of affairs than that reply which they have given in writing to the bearer Buiz than to have regard to the justice of their cause, and the great charges they are at to deliver this poor country from a tyranny which can only redound to the great detriment of religion, and also to the realm of England, and hopes that they will be contented with the said answer.— Campveer, 31 May 1576. Signed.

Add. Endd. Fr. P.  $1\frac{1}{7}$ .

May 31. 799. The Prince of Orange to Lord Burghley.

Was greatly displeased when he heard from Mr. Robert Beale of the injuries which the Earl of Oxford had received at the hands of certain sea captains calling themselves Flushingers. Has taken such order that some of them are already in prison, and if they are found guilty they shall be punished in such a manner that all who have been aggrieved