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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. 4.*

**796.** Another copy.  
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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. 1½.*

May 31. **799.** The PRINCE OF ORANGE to LORD BURGHELY.

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

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by them will be contented and will see how displeasing such actions are to the States.—Vere [Campveer], 31 May 1576.  
*Signed.*

*Add. Endd., with seal. Fr. P. ½.*

May 31. **800.** The PRINCE OF ORANGE to WALSINGHAM.

Begs him to use his influence with the Queen to induce her to take their answer in good part, especially as he does not doubt, but that there are some who will endeavour to set her against it. Campveer, 31 May 1576. *Signed.*

*Add. Endd. Fr. P. ¾.*

May 31. **801.** M. DE ST. ALDEGONDE to WALSINGHAM.

To a similar effect as the Prince of Oranges letter of this date.—Campveer, 31 May 1576. *Signed., Ph. de Marnix.*

*Add. Endd. Fr. P. ¾.*

May. **802.** The PRINCE OF ORANGE'S answer to MR. BEALE.

Although the inhabitants of Holland and Zealand have often made great complaint to him of the wrongs and damages received at the hands of the subjects of the Queen of England the Prince has not thought fit to trouble her Majesty, hoping that she, seeing the good affection borne towards her, would find some convenient remedy for these grievances. Since, however, Mr. Beale, being sent from her Majesty's council, has required him to make some declaration of them, he has collected some of the most notorious examples, which he begs her Majesty to take in good part. [Here follow a number of notices of pillages perpetrated by her Majesty's officers and others her subjects on the Hollanders and Zealanders since the year 1572, for which he begs that restitution may be made.]

*Endd. 1576. Fr. Pp. 3.*

[May.] **803.** AFFAIRS OF FRANCE.

1. List of the names of the Councillors, &c., of the Dukes Casimir and Alençon and the Prince of Condé.

2. The covenant of the pensions for Duke Casimir.

*Endd. Fr. Pp. 1½.*

[May.] **804.** AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

Articles for the exercise of religion and the administration of justice in France, accorded between the King and the Protestants.

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June 1. **805.** OCCURRENTS IN FRANCE.

Commission was given yesterday to put M. de Montagu, Lieutenant of the Prince of Condé, in possession of Peronne. The inhabitants retired thence with their goods to neighbouring towns. A garrison is sent to Abbeville. Yesterday morning a placard was attached to the street corners with threats against the first President and President Seguier. The