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by the people, so lately threatened at Hoyer, who certainly ought to be well assured for the future, when they will be disarmed, and Don John will be governor of the country. Express their surprise at the suddenness of this understanding with Don John, especially after all the communications that have passed between them. As, however, it is no use to debate about matters already concluded, they promise that for their part they will observe the terms of the pacification of Ghent, and trust that they are ready to do the same. Will agree to the present accord providing that the States General will give a solemn promise that in the event of the Spaniards not withdrawing at the time appointed they will break off all further negotiations with Don John and proceed to drive them out by force of arms, and that they will not recognise Don John or any one else for governor until all points that may be prejudicial to the stipulations of the Pacification of Ghent may be satisfied.—Middleburg, 19 Feb. 1577.

*Copy. Endd. Enclosure. Fr. Pp. 54.*

Feb. 1284. *The Prince of Orange to Dr. Wilson.*

Thanks him for his advertisement of what has passed in England between M. de Gastle and certain English captains, and also for his advice concerning the pacification with Don John, which entirely agrees with the resolution that they have already come to, a copy of which he encloses, by which he may see that his sole intention is to procure the deliverance of this country from oppression. Trusts that the Queen will assist their just cause, seeing that in their preservation rests the assured peace of England. — Middleburg, Feb. 1577.  
*Signed.*

*Add. Endd.: Rece'd 24 Feb. Enclosure. Fr. P. 1.*

Feb. 22. 1285. PROCLAMATION of the KING OF FRANCE calling out the GENDARMERIE.

Fourteen companies are to assemble at Poitiers under himself on the 25th March to march to Guienne, and on the same day and at the same place nine companies under the Count de Ludde for service in Poitou. On the 25th March, at Bordeaux, under the Marquis de Villars, Admiral of France, 23 companies at Bordeaux for such service as they shall be required. On the 20th March, in Gien-sur-Loire, 18 companies under the Duke of Anjou. On the 25th March, at Vallence, in Dauphiny, under the Sieur de Gordes, lieutenant-general of the province, 16 companies for such service as they shall be required. On the 25th March, at Carcassonne, under the Sieur de Joyeuse, lieutenant-general in Languedoc, five companies for such service as they shall be required. For service in Burgundy and Champagne, under the Duke of Guise, when they shall be called upon, 28 companies are to be in readiness. Other companies are to repair on the 25th March to the governments of Picardy, Normandy, Brittany, Haut Auvergne, Bas Auvergne, Limousin, and Angoumois.