

A.D. 1577.

Sept. 29. 279. LEICESTER to DAVISON.

K. d. L. ix.
550.

I wrote lately by M. de Famars, yet I would not let this messenger pass without revisiting you. Use your best means to make them there know it is altogether done for their own best good. That her Majesty may be persuaded from them, and specially the prince, how necessary it is to have some of our nation forthwith to be sent, and not to tarry the coming first of any other strangers, French or others. And this must be set down gravely and substantially by them with as many just persuasions as may be. And myself most ready and willing to be an executor to the furtherance thereof. --September 29.

P.S.—I assure you the Marquis uses himself here very discreetly and modestly.

Add. Endd. 1 p. [Holl. and Fland. II. 134.]

Sept. 29. 280. WILSON to DAVISON.

K. d. L. ix.
551.

Though you have not written to me of late, whereof I make no account, much less will I pick a quarrel, yet others that are our betters, especially my Lord of Leicester, have given a good report of you to me; the fruit whereof I hope you shall reap all in good time.

I have prayed my Lord to join with me in getting you 200*l.* over and above your allowance, which his Honour has promised to do. If your "diet" might be increased, I would like it well, and that you had fully my allowance. I will also confer with Mr. Secretary Walsingham for your aid and relief; and if you would declare your expenses in writing I would, perhaps, show them to the Queen herself. The Marquis's behaviour and wisdom is highly esteemed here, and he is likely to get what he demands, as this bearer, M. de Famars, can more at large declare to you. Remember to deal against the rebels as I have written, and take advice of the Prince, to whom I pray you make known my affection and excuse my not writing at this time. When M. de Lyra comes (who remains here), I will not fail to write to his Excellency. Pray excuse me also to the Duke of Aerschot, M. de Hèze, M. Liesfelt.—Windsor, 29 Sept. 1577.

Add. Endd. 1 p. [Ibid. II. 135.]

Sept. 29. 281. THE PRINCE OF ORANGE to the ESTATES of HOLLAND and ZEALAND.

The English Ambassador asks me to favour the suit of an Ipswich merchant named Robert Cutlar for payment of 230 pounds Flemish, the balance of 1,200 owed by the Estates to his father of the same name. As he has also represented that Cutlar's welfare depends on it, I have written according to his desire, begging you, in the interest of the Ambassador, who is daily using his good offices for the furtherance of our cause by her Majesty, promptly to pay the 230 pounds to the said Cutlar.—Brussels, 29 Sept. 1577.

(Signed) Guille de Nassau.

Add. Apparently the original, Flem. 1 p. [Ibid. II. 136.]