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young Lansac is of this match, la Roche making account of 15 ships and 1,500 harquebusiers. He says, too, that dining with la Roche in the company of other gentlemen, he took occasion to say that her Majesty was the mightiest princess of Christendom on the seas; whereso la Roche replied that though he were a poor gentleman the Queen of England had 'doubted' of him before now, and had written to the King to stay his preparations. He affirmed that the enterprise of England is not so dangerous as is thought; there are many descents without peril or difficulty.

I will not trouble you with the report of the dangerous broils occasioned by a quarrel, in the King's chamber during a dance, between Bussy and Grammont. It will suffice you to know that Bussy will take no wrong where Monsieur can defend him.—Paris, 12 Jan. 1577.

Add. Endd. 1 p. [*France II.* 3.]

Jan. 12. 593. RANDOLPH to DAVISON.


You have heard so lately from the Court by your servant, and now by this bearer from Mr. Secretary, that I think there is nothing left for me to write more than what concerns myself, either for my abode here, or for my going into Scotland, which is now in consultation, and my labour as great as may be that any man take this journey in hand than I. I assure you it neither agrees with my years, nor any way to my contentment. If ought can make me willing it is that the errand is good if it take effect as the 'plate' is laid. A league offensive and defensive between us and them; pensions to be bestowed among the worthiest sort; agreement to be made between the portions now discontented, some with the government, some with particular actions. This is the sum of the negotiation; God send it to be well followed here and executed there as the importance of the cause requires.

As concerning your doing there, I find them all well 'liked of' here, and wish your reward might be according to your deserving. This bearer is servant to my Lord Cobham, and serves under me at Canterbury; always at your command as myself. And so with commendations to my good gossip and your young son, I commit you to God.—London, 12 Jan. 1577.

Add. 2 pp. [*Holl. and Fland. V.* 16.]

Jan. 14. 594. The PRINCE OF ORANGE to BURGHEY.

You will hear from M. de Famars, who is being sent to her Majesty to entreat her to carry out the promise made to us through the Marquis of Havrech, what is the state of this country, both general and particular; also what forces the enemy has, and how much will to injure us; and you will know how necessary it is for us to be succoured from the resources which her Majesty has in plenty. For my own part, I beg you to aid us as you have done before. If you will oblige us in general I shall in particular be bound to serve you.—Ghent, 14 Jan. 1578. (*Signed*), Guille de Nassau.

Add. Endd.: The Prince of Orange to my L. by Mons. Famars.  mark below. *Fr.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p. [*Ibid. V.* 17.]