

A.D. 1568.

Dec. 2. **2655.** REQUESTS of the SPANISH AMBASSADOR.

Desires letters to the Mayor of Southampton, and the officers at other ports on the south coasts, commanding them to see that the King of Spain's subjects sustain no injury within their jurisdictions.

Endd. P. 1.

Dec. 2. **2656.** The SPANISH AMBASSADOR to the QUEEN.

Desires that letters for the protection of the ships belonging to his master's subjects may be forthwith sent.—London, 2 Dec. 1568. *Signed.*

Add. Endd., with seal. Lat. P. ½.

Dec. 3. **2657.** The SPANISH AMBASSADOR to CECIL.

Is surprised at Cecil's complaints, and assures him of his desire to do everything quietly and amicably.—London, 3 Dec. 1568. *Signed.*

Add. Endd., with seal. Lat. P. ¾.

Dec. 3. **2658.** The PRINCE OF ORANGE'S answer to the FRENCH KING'S AMBASSADOR.

Protests that he has not entered the King's territory with any evil intention, but rather with the desire to do him all the service that he can. The Prince perceives by the Edict published in September that it is endeavoured not merely to constrain the consciences of those of the religion, but also that it is determined to put down all exercise of the same. In all matters relating to conscience he cannot but afford the Protestants what council and succour he is able. If he knew that those of the religion had any other object than the establishment of true religion and liberty of conscience he would give them no assistance, but would do what he could to defeat and destroy them.—Sissone, 3 Dec. 1568. *Signed.*

Copy. Endd. Germ. Pp. 9.

2659. Copy of the above in French, dated Dec. 4.

Endd. Pp. 3.

Dec. 4. **2660.** MR. HERBERT to MR. ALFORD.

Embassy of the Cardinal of Guise to Spain about King Philip's marriage with Madame Margaret. Assembly of soldiers in different parts of France. Monsieur lies with his camp about Poitiers. The Prince of Orange has reinforced his camp with certain troops of reiters. The Duke of Alva approaches France and shortly enters. Men attend here but pillage, ruin, desolation, and extreme misery.—4 Dec. 1568.

Add. Endd.: From Paris. Pp. 2½.