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pay according to the value of his goods if they are not sold, and if they have been sold, that he renounce all claim to them, and be obliged to serve three years or more without pay.

*Endd. Fr. P. 1.*

Feb. 1. 1225. ADVICE of the PRINCE OF ORANGE to the COUNCIL OF STATE.

To a similar effect as his instructions to MM. Haultain and Mansarde (see February 7) strongly urging them to insist on the withdrawal of the Spaniards and the fulfilment of other conditions before definitely concluding matters with Don John of Austria, and in the event of Don John refusing to grant their demands the Prince offers to come himself to them and aid them to the best of his power.

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Feb. 1. 1226. DR. WILSON to LORD BURGHEY.

As he will understand by Mr. Horsey how matters have fallen out between Don John and the States he minds not to make any rehearsal thereof. Mr. Horsey at the delivering of her Majesty's letters to the Council of State having declared to them her earnest desire for quietness and peace if it might be with their safety, and besides that they should be very careful in their proceedings with Don John for advantage taking in their treaties and conferences hereafter; and, thirdly, showed the good opinion that the Queen had of the Prince of Orange, notwithstanding that her merchants had been somewhat injured by those of Flushing. Horsey was earnestly requested to repeat the same to the States General, which he did at length to their great rejoicing. Mr. Horsey can tell him what was done at Marche by Sir Francis Englefield in presenting a roll to Don John of those belike who were Catholics, and the Queen of Scots' friends. Has not yet found out any more matter amongst Cotton's papers, only concerning his service at sea, and the charge that he had then in hand. Don John sent to the States yesterday that the Bishop of Liege and Octavio Gonsaga may come and treat with them for a final and speedy quietness. Desires his recall.—Brussels, 1 Feb. 1577. *Signed.*

*Add. Endd. Pp. 2.*

Feb. 1. 1227. DR. WILSON to WALSINGHAM.

Is a humble suitor for his return, which will be much more joyful to him than his coming ever was, for which he will not thank anybody, but if he hastens his return he will thank everybody. The Bishop of Liege is coming hither. The Emperor's ambassadors continue prosecuting the peace, and are to deal with the States. The Prince of Orange's presence is desired of many. It may be Don John will come in person. Desires him to consider that he is not to deal with any of these without commission.—Brussels, 1 Feb. 1577. *Signed.*

*Add. Endd. P. 1.*