

A.D. 1577.

Feb. 12. **1261.** DON JOHN to the STATES GENERAL.

Has signed the proposed draft of the Edict, which he returns to them, and sends Secretary Escovedo to Antwerp to announce to the Spanish soldiers the day appointed for their departure, and is only waiting for the Duke of Arschot in order to set out for Namur and thence to Louvain, there to perform what remains for him to do.—Marche, 12 Feb. 1577.

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Feb. 13. **1262.** ENGLISH MERCHANTS in ANTWERP to the COUNCIL OF ZEALAND.

1. Complain of the detention of their goods and ship, and of the demand of additional duties in contravention of the Intercourse of 1507, and desire that they may be allowed to pursue their voyage towards England, and that some consideration may be had of the loss which they have sustained. *Copy.*

2. *Note in margin.* Order by the Council for them to make a list of their goods and merchandises.—Middleburg, 13 Feb. 1577.

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Feb. 14. **1263.** ENGLISH MERCHANTS to the PRINCE OF ORANGE.

Beg that they may be allowed at once to transport their goods brought from Antwerp without paying any further tolls or customs, as they been put to great expenses, being in number more than 50 persons, besides having to satisfy the masters of the vessels for this detention.

2. *In margin.* The Prince agrees to their departure on giving surety for the payment of the dues for licence and convoy.—Middleburg, Feb. 14, 1577.

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Feb. 15. **1264.** ANTONIO GUERRAS to DON JOHN OF AUSTRIA.

Letter in Spanish cipher intercepted.—London, 15 Feb. 1577.

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Feb. 15. **1265.** DR. WILSON to WALSINGHAM.

A through post came on the 12th inst. to the Bishop of Liege from Don John with letters that he had accorded the peace in all the articles that were sent, saving that he desired to the 30 days after pacification for the Spaniards and other strangers to depart 10 days more of respite, and for the moiety of the 300,000 crowns' pay a shorter day for the latter payment. He comes to Namur on Sundays, and so to Louvain with his ordinary train. Many talk diversely of this accord, and those who are for the Prince of Orange altogether dislike it, suspecting the worst, the rather that there is no assurance of Don John's faithful dealing hereafter. Sends copies of the States' letter to Don John, their instructions to their deputies to the Prince, and their safe conduct for Don John. Thinks it will