

A.D. 1577.

Liege, and found him a very grave, wise man, and after congratulating him on the peace, prayed him to have regard to certain evil strangers that lurked within his territories at Liege, Hoye, and other places. He answered that there were some English in some of his towns. Wilson told him that they had committed actual rebellion in their own country, and continued still in the same lewd mind without repentance or seeking for grace, and therefore prayed that he would not allow such evil-disposed people to be cherished within his government. He said that such people were not fit to dwell among Christians, being enemies to God and all good policy, and desired to understand who they were that he might cause them to remove out of his country altogether. Recommends the Queen to write to the Bishop, whom he hopes will be as good as his word, as he seems a marvellously discreet and godly man. This evening Champigny and a councillor named Endevilde came from the Council of State to declare this joyful news of the peace, and to express their thanks to the Queen, as the chief cause of the peace, by aiding them in their most need, which feared others from attempting to quell them. As they confessed this goodness, he desired them to remember it, and when Don John came to endeavour to procure the banishment of the English rebels, which they promised to do. Has been with Count Barliamont, Count Mansfeldt, M. Dassonville, and Boissot, declaring that he had been sent here from the Queen to know the cause of their imprisonment, and to procure their enlargement, who, being now all at liberty, thank her for her princely dealing—Brussels, 18 Feb. 1577. *Signed.*

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Feb. 16 & 19. 1281. ENGLISH MERCHANTS in the LOW COUNTRIES.

1. Request of certain English merchants to the Prince of Orange that as they have already discharged the customary dues at Antwerp they may be allowed to proceed on their voyage without further detention or charges.

2. Note in margin to the effect that they may be allowed to proceed on giving caution for the payment of any further dues for which they may be found lawfully liable.—Middleburg, 16 Feb. 1577.

3. Extract from the treaty of 1507, defining the tolls to which the subjects of England trading in the Low Countries are liable.

4. Note in margin by the Council.—Middleburg, 19 Feb. 1577.

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Feb. 19. 1282. DR. WILSON to WALSINGHAM.

Informs him of the proclamation of the peace at Brussels, and of the mission of M. Swevenghem and Adolphe de Mertekirke to the Prince of Orange. The greatest matter which will trouble the Prince is the article of religion, which is