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cannot perceive by him but that he doubts the King is well contented with this journey. Yet it is certain that M. Crèveœur, the Governor of Picardy, is at Peronne, and upon the passages, with all the forces he can make to hinder them; but as yet he has done no great exploit. Of other things the ambassador has written fully; which, as it belongs not to my charge, I will not trouble you till I have an audience. Only I beseech you to thank my lord here for his honourable usage of me, which is more than I dare take of him, but only by constraint of himself; but I know it is for your good recommendation of me. If I go forward to Monsieur, I shall be fain to take money here; therefore I beseech you to put Mr. Lane in remembrance, and if I have to borrow I must be assured to 'keep my day' at my coming home, for everything is dearer here than I looked for. Howbeit, as long as I am in Paris, I shall not need to care, for my lord will neither let me nor any of mine go from his house.—Paris, 23 May 1578.

*Add. Endd.* 1 p. [*Ibid.* II. 45.]

May 24. 910. COUNT LALAING to the PRINCE OF ORANGE.

I have received yours of yesterday, instructing me how to re-distribute the companies that have come out of Philippeville, viz., two at Tournay, two at Valenciennes, and the fifth at Condé. Your letter came at the right moment, for the captains were here, and I communicated it to them. They said that it would not be reasonable to send them into any towns to rest without money or means of maintaining themselves, and I am sure that the towns will make difficulties about receiving them as they are. As the captains have gone towards Antwerp to report to his Highness and yourself the surrender of Philippeville, I refer you to the representations which they will make touching their companies, requesting you to take order thereon. I do not yet know where the enemy means to go for the summer; as soon as I have any news I will send it.

I have nothing else to write, save that those of this country are much surprised that no arrangement has been come to with the ambassadors of the Duke of Anjou. They have dispatched some gentlemen to the Estates to set before them the reasons, which make them think that at this juncture we cannot do without the friendship of the French. I am sure they will say all that is to the purpose, and refer you to them for the sake of brevity, hoping that they will receive due attention.

Lastly I request, as in former letters, that you will take steps for the payment of the soldiers here and those of M. de Montigny, who are at Avesnes; failing which, as I have already said, they will be obliged to quit their garrisons. You know how important these places are and what inconveniences will follow unless matters are promptly remedied.—Mons, 24 May 1578.

*Copy. Endd. by Burghley's secretary. Fr.* 1 p. [*Holl. and Fl.* VI. 85.]