

A.D. 1582.

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**270.** REPLY of HIS EXCELLENCY to the EARL OF LEICESTER'S LETTER

I could not express in words the satisfaction which your letter has given me, for although I had before no doubt of your goodwill and affection towards me, of which you have assured me by so many proofs, yet in this my deliverance from so extreme a danger I have been glad to receive this further testimony of your solicitude on my behalf. I feel myself greatly obliged to you, and beg you to believe that throughout my life, when I shall have an opportunity of serving you, no man will do it more cordially. But meanwhile you have added, as the crown of this obligation, by offering yourself to be employed to your power in the aid of this cause; for which indeed I very humbly thank you, begging you to employ your credit, as you have up till now.—Ghent, 22 August.

*Copy. Fr. 1 p. [Holl. and Fl. XVI. 116.]*

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**271.** The DEPUTY and ASSISTANTS of MERCHANTS ADVENTURERS to WALSINGHAM

We have written to the Lord High Treasurer touching a certain English book, whereof it may please you to receive one herewith. It is made by one Browne, an Englishman now at Middelburg, where, as it is said, he exercises a ministry in a corner, deluding certain of her Majesty's subjects that to follow him have left their ordinary calling in England. Of this book divers were brought to this town by one William Pagett, sometime a brewer's clerk in London, who on the English 'burse' publicly offered them for sale to the merchants of our company. Which being understood, the books were here examined by our minister, and found for sundry points of doctrine to be erroneous, and the whole scope thereof (specially the epistle) tending not to the peace nor edification of the Church; so that we caused Pagett to be apprehended, with purpose to have sent both him and the books into England. Howbeit, requiring the magistrates' assistances therein, because our jurisdiction in this case stretches not so far, it was answered that neither we, nor they themselves, have authority to send him out of Brabant, being a thing clear against the privilege of Brabant. But they promised that if he should here utter any of them, he should be punished and banished the town, and gave us consent to take these books from him; which we have done, and withal have given him such sharp admonition that we trust no more of them will be brought hither, besides that we account to procure the suppression of them in Zealand.—Antwerp, 22 August 1582. (*Signed*) Richard Godard (*and apparently written by him*).

*Add. Endd. 1 p. [Ibid. XVI. 117.]*

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**272.** The DUKE of ANJOU to WALSINGHAM

It is no new thing for me to recognise the effects of your good will, of which I have heretofore had so much experience; but what you have added to what is now past redoubles my obligation, though not my good will to you, to which nothing can be added.