

A.D. 1575.

March 14.

48. The COMMENDATOR of CASTILE to the QUEEN.

Complimentary letter on the occasion of the return of Dr. Wilson.—Antwerp, 14 March 1574. *Signed.*

Add. Fr. Broadside.

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49. The COMMENDATOR of CASTILE'S answer to the DEPUTIES of the PRINCE OF ORANGE.

1. Has seen their writing of the 12th instant as to the first article touching the avoiding of all strange nations wherein the Spaniards are comprised, it seems very strange considering that they are natural subjects to the King, whilst the French, Gascons, English, Scotch, and Dutch [Germans], by whom they strengthen themselves, be indeed mere strangers and outlandish, nevertheless this being granted, and his Majesty being not minded to keep the said Spaniards in these countries any longer than necessary, he ought not therein to be any further required. Touching the second point for the assembling of the Estates, his Majesty is well content upon humble request to be counselled and assisted by his Estates, and considering the assembly of the general States requires long tract of time, and cannot be brought to pass without great grievance and trouble, these articles following are set forth and propounded,—

2. That the knights, gentlemen, and towns of Holland and Zealand shall have all their rights, privileges, and customs in like manner as they had before these troubles.

No man shall lay to the charge of another anything that may have happened by reason of these troubles. All sentences of banishment and confiscation shall be cancelled. All goods taken by either party shall be restored to their owners. All prisoners to be set at liberty without ransom. All other causes which shall arise shall be ordered and pacified. All castles, towns, forts, and ships with their ordnance to be delivered up to the King. The King means that the Catholic Romish religion in all his lands shall be maintained and kept freely and peaceably. Such as will not live with the Catholics shall have leave to sell their goods and depart out of the country within a certain time, provided they make no exercise of their religion. Albeit his Majesty's word alone ought to be sufficient assurance, it shall be lawful for them to set forth what further surety they will further require.—Breda, 14 March 1574. *Stilo curiæ. Signed: J. de la Torre and P. Broys.*

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50. Translation of the above.

Corrected by Burghley. Endd. Pp. 7¼.

March 18.

51. DR. DALE to LORD BURGHLEY.

1. The deputies for treaties of peace are looked for at the end of this month; the King has sent them more large safe-