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learned and godly of life, and a man altogether void of malice or spite, he declared to him these hard dealings in Spain, who showed himself very sorry therefore, and said he would speak to the Commendator. This Arias Montanus is he that set forth the great Bible in eight volumes in the sacred tongues, which cost Wilson 25^{li} Flemish, a man of great estimation with King Philip, and generally beloved here as well for his good life as his great learning. Has had him and Don Bernardino twice or thrice at his house, and knows that no books passed the printers but such as he allows. Hopes to know through him the printer and author of the Treatise of Treasons. Arias Montanus told him that he would not allow the seventh book of Saunders' Monarchia to be printed within King Philip's dominions, so that Fowler printed the rest of the book at Louvain, and the seventh was printed at Cologne, and so joined to the rest. Tarries the longer because he would see the rebels gone out of the country. Is working to win the Earl of Westmoreland homewards to put himself to the Queen's mercy. Would not have given Muffet any money, but that the Earl of Leicester required him so to do.

3. Goes to-morrow to Brussels. Hopes to be at Dunkirk on Saturday. Councillor Boischot comes over with him. Catelyne and Poole are the parties that conspired the Prince's death, two known evil men for their lives and lewdness. Yesterday the Duke of Arschot went to Breda to deal with Count Swartzenburg for a conclusion of quietness. Is sorry to hear that he is very sick, and prays him for his countrys' sake to have regard to his health.—Antwerp, 13 March 1574.
Signed.

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March [14.] 47. DECLARATION BY THE PRINCE OF ORANGE AND THE
ESTATES OF HOLLAND AND ZEALAND.

Have received the writing delivered to their deputies at Breda on the 14th March, and expected a different reply to their requests, which tended to the pacification and prosperity of the Low Countries. Complain at length of the tyranny and oppression of the Spanish soldierly, and recapitulate the services rendered to the crown of Spain by the inhabitants of the Low Countries in various wars. Those of Holland and Zealand have been constrained to call in various strangers for their defence against the Spaniards, whose withdrawal they earnestly demand. Recommend the King to rule by the advice of the Estates General of the country, and point out the unreasonableness of banishing all those of the Reformed religion, and requiring them to sell their possessions at a loss.

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