

A.D. 1577.

Council shall determine. They have written to the magistrates of Antwerp for some money for his soldiers.—Brussels 17 March 1577.

*Endd. Copy. Fr. P. 1. Enclosure.*

March 7. 1577. *The Prince of Orange's instructions to the Sieur de Mansarde, sent to Brussels.*

He is to address himself to those to whom he has letters of credence, and impress upon them the necessity of using the present opportunity for more effectually obtaining and preserving their liberties, of demanding the destruction of castles and fortifications, of obtaining an honourable governor for the castle of Antwerp, who should be a gentleman of Brabant, such as M. d'Egmont, M. de Heze, M. de Merode, or M. de Borsele, of securing the independence of the Estates General, so as to be a check upon the Council of Estate and the designs of Don John, and of agreeing to a strait league to break off all negotiations with the Spaniards should they not quit the country at the time agreed upon.—Middleburg, 6 March 1577.

*Endd. Copy. Fr. Pp. 4½. Enclosure.*

March 8. 1578. *The Prince of Orange's instructions to M. Calvart, sent to the Magistrates of Bruges.*

He is to address himself to those whom he believes to be well affected towards their country, and to ask them whether they would think it ill if the States of Holland and Zealand were to put forth a protest against Don John if the Spaniards should not leave the country at the appointed time. He is also to show them the danger there is to the States of Holland and Zealand even if the Spaniards do quit, and to ask them if they intend to abandon these States to the mercy of Don John, who will certainly carry war there, so as to possess himself of the seaboard. He is in a word to do all that he can to provide for the more effectual security of these Estates.

*Endd. Copy. Fr. Enclosure. Pp. 2½.*

March 22. 1579. PHILIP SIDNEY to BURGHELY.

1. Has no matter worthy of sending, but expresses his readiness to serve him.—Heidelberg, 22 March, 1576.

2. P.S.—The division betwixt the Palatines is not yet perfectly made, and it is feared some jar will fall betwixt them. Ludovic has hitherto kept Casimir's subjects from swearing unto him, and gives out that it is in respect he will bring his brother from Calvinism. Livonia have given themselves to the Muscovite, and in Dantzic war is sorely begun again. Of the other side, the Emperor fears revolt in Hungary to the same King of Poland. *Signed.*

*Add. Endd., with seal. P. 1.*

March 22. 1580. WILSON to the EARL OF LEICESTER.

Has sent Mr. Rogers to report to him of the departing of the Spaniards. It was five o'clock at night before the