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And in case she shall need the help of military forces, in such cause as may arise any day, they will if called upon supply her with an equal number of men on like terms;

And whereas any sort of discord in a body is its ruin, and no alliance between two bodies can remain firm if it be not settled and solid in itself, the Estates will not attempt or practise anything against one another without first submitting the case to her Majesty, and obtaining from her such counsel as upon knowledge of the case she shall deem to conduce to the common weal of the country.

They will, on being duly advertised, make a point of expelling all her Majesty's rebels as enemies to the common cause, if she will do the same to their enemies.

During the troubles, no tolls or duties shall be levied on English merchants contrary to their privileges, provided that reciprocal treatment is shown in England to merchants from the Low Countries.

These above shall be caused to be ratified and approved by those who are at present or shall hereafter be admitted to the Government.

Windsor, November 19, 1577.

En. Id. by L. Tomson: The States' ratification of the Marquis [Havrech, added in another hand] negotiation to her Majesty; and in a later hand: Hereby is promised that all that shall come after into government shall confirm all that is herein promised. *Fr.* 4½ pp. [*Ibid.* III. 113.]

442. *Copy of the above in Entry Book.* 2 pp. [*For E.B., Misc. II.*]

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443. Notes by the PRINCE OF ORANGE on the proposed treaty between the ESTATES and the QUEEN OF ENGLAND.

Having seen the articles of the proposed treaty, the Prince gives, under correction, as his opinion:

On the 1st article: It will be well to accept her Majesty's offers with thanks, begging her that, looking to the connexion between the defence of the Estates and the protection of her own crown, she will be pleased to dispense with the repayment of the loan till some term more indulgent than eight months, on condition that like aid whether in man or money shall be made to her in the event of her desiring it. If her Majesty adheres to her offers without extending them, looking to the present necessity, the Prince thinks they should be accepted, namely, at any reasonable price. He cannot think it unreasonable that the lord commanding the contingent should have admission to and authority in the Council, where matters of peace and war are under discussion.

On the 3rd article. The Prince does not think it necessary to renew the ancient leagues and alliances, as the Estates intend to maintain them.

On the 4th and 5th articles he agrees with the Estates.

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On the 6th and 7th articles. It seems that the envoys might be commissioned respectfully to offer her Majesty all good and neutral correspondence, and in case they find this proposal well received to beg her to explain her intentions in respect to an offensive and defensive league, and to have suitable articles drawn up by her Council for the security of both parties.

The Prince agrees with the Estates upon Acts 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

Copy. Endd. in French. Fr. 1¼ pp. [Holl. and Fland. III. 114.]

Nov. 19. 444. *Another copy of the above. Endd. by L. Tomson. 1¼ pp. [Ibid. III. 115.]*

445. *Copy of the above in Entry Book. 1½ pp.*

Nov. 19. 446. **POULET to BURGHELY.**

Recommendation of M. de Ségur-Pardaillan, envoy from the King of Navarre. "As our enemies increase daily in fury, so it is to be wished that our other friends were confirmed and more procured."—Paris, 19 Nov. 1577.

Add. Endd. ½ p. [France I. 50.]

Nov. 19. 447. **POULET to WALSINGHAM.**

Marshal Montmorency has been expected here these four or five days, but is not yet come. Men talk diversely of Danville, who remains at Pézenas in Languedoc, and some doubt what will become of him. It is feared lest there be some mutiny in this town, of which there has been some beginning already, the people being much discontented, especially about the intended fall of money. Chemerault is dispatched from the King to the King of Navarre, and another is gone to the Queen of Navarre. You must allow them a month or two to talk of the matter. Some bad matter is in brewing, and some mischief is likely to fall out among themselves. It is said that the Elector Palatine has chased 140 ministers out of his dominions. [*Cipher, deciphered.*] Three traitorous plots have been set down against the Queen and her state, whereof one only hath been discovered, and the other two remain uneffectuated. [*Cipher ends.*] I cannot impute the let hereof to any other thing than to the hope conceived that the stay of these ships of both sides might breed war between these two realms. Mr. Copley came to this town 14 days ago or more. He told me some things that had passed between Mr. Wilson and him and pretended to bear a true and faithful heart to her Majesty and his country, although he could not dissemble his singular affection to Don John. He seemed to depart from me very well content, promising to see me again, but I hear no more of him, and understand that he is daily conversant with De Vaulx, ambassador for Don John. There is a bad nest of these fellows in this town. Denny and Williams are recommended to Don John by the Duke of Guise, and serve in the Castle of Namur, where are also Wiseman, Blom-