

A.D. 1568.

July 20. **2252.** DECLARATION of the PRINCE OF ORANGE.

Declares his loyalty to the King of Spain, and protests that he has only taken up arms to defend his country from the cruelties of the Duke of Alva and the Inquisition, which he characterises as horrible and execrable.

Endd. Fr. Pp. 18½.

July 23. **2253.** LORD COBHAM to SIR WILLIAM CECIL.

Gives an account of the movements of the Duke of Alva, and of the defeat of Count Ludovic at Jemminghem, near Emden, with the loss of 1,500 men and his artillery.—Groningen, 23 July.

Add. Endd., with seal. Pp. 1¾.

Aug. 8. **2254.** JOHN MARSH to SIR WILLIAM CECIL.

Sends a book set forth by the Prince of Orange of the cause of his taking of arms. The Duke bestows his soldiers in the towns. Much talk of the Prince setting forward. Complains of the stay of their ships in the Low Countries. Beggings that the goods of the merchant adventurers may not be searched, as it is a greater hindrance to them than commodity to the Queen.—Antwerp, 8 August 1568. *Signed.*

Add. Endd. Pp. 1¾.

Aug. 15. **2255.** JOHN MARSH to SIR WILLIAM CECIL.

1. The Prince of Orange is in great forwardness for the field ; he has 7,000 horse and 20,000 foot, besides 2,000 horse which the Duke of Brunswick sends at his own charges for three months. There are many apprehended in this town in the night, especially scholars. The Italians report that there are coming to the Duke 2,000 horse out of Germany, and 3,000 Italians out of Italy. There have come to the Prince 5,000 Gascons. They proceed here very fast against Starkey and Knightley, notwithstanding Her Majesty's letters.

2. P.S.—Has received a letter from Cologne, where it is reported that within ten days the Prince will set forward to take possession of Breda. — Antwerp, 15 August 1568. *Signed.*

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2256. Names of such as have charge under the Prince of Orange and also of the German Princes who favour his cause.

P. 1. Enclosure.

Aug. 20. **2257.** The DUKE of ALVA to MAXIMILIAN II.

1. Does not think that any man under pretence and colour of the Trierish cause may take just occasion with a whole warlike expedition of the Empire to assault and set upon him ; for he has not in anything meddled with that matter other-

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