

A.D. 1578.

by race an Italian, in disposition Spanish, in religion a Jesuit, in credit great with the Empress, and one that has heretofore done very ill offices in Germany, makes some wise men suspect the worst. He now accompanies the Archduke to Brussels, and will there await the other Commissioners; whose long abode by the way likewise increases the jealousy conceived of them and their negotiations.

The Prince's going to Brussels is much disliked by some of his well-willers, who, considering that with the peril of his person, is joined the danger of the whole State, wish he had stayed at Ghent or Antwerp; the rather because the time of his abode there cannot be much less than a month, during which a defeat of the States' camp, a thing not utterly undreaded, would not a little alter the condition of things; which God forbid.

On Monday last, the camp moved from Templon to a hill near Namur; where certain companies issuing from the town gave them a hot skirmish, with loss on both sides.

Elsewhere there has been little alteration since the succouring of Ruremonde, save that Mondragon on his return thence meant to have attempted Maestricht; wherein it is thought he would assuredly have prevailed, if M. de Hèze, sent by the States with a regiment of foot and some horse, had not entered the town.

There is little other news, save that the States have heard that M. de "Esselles," brother to Noircarmes 'that dead is,' is on his way hither with the King's answer to the letter sent 3 months ago. But what answer he brings is as uncertain as they are hopeless of any good from thence.

1½ p. [*Ibid.* V. 20.]

600. Another copy.

1 p. [*Ibid.* V. 21.]

Jan. 19. 601. WILSON to DAVISON.

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I am requested by the Lord Admiral to get the enclosed letter safely conveyed to Mr. Leighton. I know not the contents; yet I pray you for my word's sake to take some especial order that it may be safely delivered.—Hampton Court, 19 Jan. 1577.

Add. in Fr. Endd. 10 lines. [*Ibid.* V. 22.]

Jan. 20. 602. OATH taken by the PRINCE of ORANGE on appointment as LIEUTENANT-GENERAL to the ARCHDUKE MATTHIAS.

Endd. and corrected by Daniel Rogers. Latin. 1 p. [*Ibid.* V. 23.]

Jan. 21. 603. The PRINCE of ORANGE to BURGHLEY.

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As Mr. Rogers was here a little time after the departure of M. de Famars, he will be able to let you know what passed here a few days ago, from which you will recognise that I have more good friends to do with than I ever had; which makes me beg that you