

501. *London, Sunday, 15 September 1577. The Consistory of the Dutch Church, London, to William, Prince of Orange*¹.

[*Original in Dutch.*] Your Princely Excellency's Letter to our brother D. Jacobus Regius (in which you urge him to accept the ministry among the Commu-

¹ See above, Letters Nos. 487—489, 494, 499, 500, and the Letter following.

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nity of Haerlem) was shown to us on the 8th inst., as he had not received it earlier. We cannot comply with his request to be permitted to obey the call if this could be done without injury to our Community, having regard to the present need of our Congregation, whose wants the only Minister who would be left to us, if we parted with Regius, cannot adequately supply on account of his age and other infirmities. The importance of this London Community, as long as the freedom of worship in our Fatherland is not greater than it is now, will induce your Princely Excellency to take our refusal in good part.

Te Londen in onser consistorie den 15^{en} Dach Septembris Anno 1577. 2

Endorsed: Aen den Prince...aengaende Jacobum Regium.
